



6th Finchley Cubs enjoying themselves at camp.

## Calling all Cubs

By Sarah Leaman

Are you worried that your child spends too much time in front of a screen and would rather they were outside doing something more interesting? Have you thought about them joining a Cub troop?

According to one Cub, "the best thing about Cubs is the games we play and learning all about science for our Science badge". However, nearly 80 years of scouting history at Avenue House in East End Road are under threat following the 6th Finchley troop's struggle to find new members.

The 6th Finchley has met in the hut at Avenue House since 1932. A plaque commemorates its opening as a scout headquarters by Reverend Stewart Bernays, the Rector of Finchley, on 20 February that year.

The number of Cubs has fallen to just eight this year after the families of several former members moved out of the area. That number is unsustainably low for a troop, and makes it difficult for scout leaders to arrange outside activities, including its annual camp.

### Ideal for activities

Peter Blayney, Akela for 6th Finchley, said: "It would be a real shame if we cannot attract more members. It's an ideal location, particularly in summer, when we are able to make full use of the beautiful park at Avenue House."

The Cubs can complete activities for up to 20 badges, including Air Activities, centred round a visit to the RAF Museum at Hendon. The annual cub camp takes place near Watford, and includes archery and rock climbing.

Anyone interested in joining should drop in to the hut for the regular Monday evening meetings between 6.30pm and 8pm. The age range is six to eight for Beavers, eight to 11 for Cubs and 11 to 14 for Scouts. Beavers meet at 5.30-6.30pm and Cubs at 6.45-8pm, both on Mondays.

## Easter Services in East Finchley

### East Finchley Baptist Church

Good Friday, 2 April: 10.30am, Combined Good Friday Communion Service, with Wilton Community Church Coppetts Road. Easter Sunday, 4 April: 10.30am, Easter All-Ages Together service (creche provided).

### All Saints Parish Church

Palm Sunday, 28 March: 10am, Solemn Mass with Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Passion. Maundy Thursday, 1 April: 8pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch until Midnight. Good Friday, 2 April: 3pm, Sung Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Holy Saturday, 3 April: 8pm, The Easter Vigil. Easter Day, 4 April: 10am Parish Mass of Easter Day.

### St Mary's Catholic Church

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, 28 March: Blessing of palms and procession before each Mass, 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon. Monday of Holy Week, 29 March: 10am, Mass with Morning Prayer, 7.30pm, Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconcili-

ation. Tuesday of Holy Week, 30 March: 10am, Mass with Morning Prayer. Wednesday of Holy Week, 31 March: 10am, Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday, 1 April: 8pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm. Good Friday, 2 April: 3pm, Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7.30pm, Stations of the Cross. Holy Saturday, 3 April: 8pm, The Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday, 4 April: Mass at 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon.

### East Finchley Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday, 1 April: 8pm, Maundy Thursday United Service (at Ballards Lane Methodist Church) Holy Communion. Good Friday, 2 April: 10.30am, Reflections on the Cross. Easter Sunday, 4 April: 10.30am, Easter Day Celebration Service: Holy Communion, crèche, Easter egg hunt, refreshments.

### Holy Trinity Church

Sorry, no information available at time of going to press.

## YOUNG ARCHER

### School pupils help the children of Haiti

By Julia Bramson

Moved by the plight of children whose lives have been shattered by the earthquake in Haiti, many of our schools have gone all out to raise money. Manorside Primary School in Squires Lane, for example, had a target of £1,000 to be raised for aid charity UNICEF and every class proposed their own fundraising activity.

Reception was one of the first classes to launch their initiative by selling cakes, scones and pizza. Year 1 held a book, DVD and games sale on two afternoons, managing to recycle as well as raise money. Year 2 sold bookmarks and customized T-shirts with a unique design for the bargain price of 50p.

Year 3 offered the chance to win a jar of sweets AND a teddy bear for the closest estimate of sweets in the jar. A very successful penalty shoot-out involving children vs. teachers was organized by Year 4. The Year 6 raffle and cake sale was also a huge success.

One week before half term, the school had raised over £1,050, and that was before Year 5's non-uniform day that will raise £1 per child and, better still, £5 for every



non-participating teacher.

Commenting on how this fundraising effort had surpassed all others during his time at the school, headteacher Steve Hilborne said: "The children have led this, not

the teachers. The response of each class is fantastic, and that's not to mention those who have gone round door-to-door to their neighbours collecting money, or donating their pocket money."

## Choral masterpieces and a choral disaster-piece

By Marian Bunzl

Rehearsals are under way for the North London Chorus's next concert, a trio of Baroque masterpieces accompanied by a small ensemble of specialist period instrumentalists.

The central work is Handel's astonishing work of choral virtuosity *Dixit Dominus*. The concert opens with an undeservedly little-known mass by JS Bach, the *Lutheran Mass in F Major*, and includes three extracts from Buxtehude's exquisite *Passiontide* cantata *Membra Jesu Nostris*.

The concert takes place on Saturday 20 March at 7.30pm at St. James Church, Muswell Hill, N10. Tickets are available on 020 8351 8774; from Les Aldrich Music Shop, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10; and on the evening at the door. Visit [www.northlondonchorus.org.uk](http://www.northlondonchorus.org.uk).

Meanwhile, I would like to share with you a meditation on the dark night of the soul that comes to all choral societies, particularly at their final rehearsal, by which time the choir has lost the plot and the musical director has lost the will to live. Ladies and gentlemen, I present *Black Thursday*, to the tune of *My Way*.

*And now, the concert's nigh, and we have reached the final practice.*

*Theave a heavy sigh, and curse and screech, because the fact is I tried, I even cried, and sank my pride, in every which way But you, dear choir, will not do it my way.*

*You forgot all that I taught, the blooming lot has left your senses.*

*You sing in all the rests and you breathe when what I said is Sing through and don't boom out, when what I want is molto dolce. I pray, I say Oy Vey, don't sing it your way.*

*Sometimes you disagree with speed or key while I'm directing But I'm the boss and I get cross when you don't follow my correcting.*

*I'm not in a good mood, in fact I'm in a very bad way.*

*Oh please, on bended knees, just do it my way.*

*At last, the concert's come, the church is full, I raise my baton.*

*Tomysurprise, I see your eyes, they are on me with full attention.*

*And at the last amen, when from the hall, the cheers rise skyway,*

*Dear Choir, I love you all, you did it MY WAY.*

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- ❖ **Coffee & Kids**, Fri 9.15-11.15, Green Man Ctr. Rachel 8343 6147.
- ❖ **Dads' Club**: Get-togethers for dads looking after young children in East Finchley. Adam 07957 441435.
- ❖ **EF National Childbirth Trust** contact Ruby Yang or Patrizia Canwell at [eastfinchleynct@googlemail.com](mailto:eastfinchleynct@googlemail.com)
- ❖ **Newstead Parent & Toddler Group**, Thurs 9-12-30, Green Man Ctr. Sajni 8359 3460.
- ❖ **Old Barn pre-school club**, contact 8349 4613/1961
- ❖ **Parent & Toddler Group**, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ **Stepping Stones**, interactive play session for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

35a Durham Road, East Finchley, London N2 9DP

#### Palm Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass with Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Passion

#### Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch until Midnight

#### Good Friday

3.00 pm Sung Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### Holy Saturday

8.00 pm The Easter Vigil

#### Easter Day

10.00 am Parish Mass of Easter Day

Vicar: Fr Christopher Hardy SSC  
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