



## Old Barn campaign takes off

By Janet Maitland

The campaign to bring the Old Barn Community Centre back under the control of local people is fast gathering momentum. Nearly 100 people have applied to become members so that they can have a direct influence on how the building in Tarling Road is used.

The centre used to be a hub of activities for children and young people. But after a change in management last year, many community groups moved out and an after-school club was shut. The centre is now used mainly for a religious meeting on Sundays.

The Old Barn Action Group (OBAG), set up last year to bring the centre back to life, has carried out a survey of local people. The biggest concern of respondents to the questionnaire was the lack of provision for young people. The services that people thought were most needed were before and after school clubs, children's sport, fitness and leisure activities and a community café but a wide range of other community activities were suggested.

"We want to safeguard the

Old Barn for generations to come," said Will Hudson, who leads the action group. "The local people who've applied to become members of the Association have signed statements in order to put pressure on the management committee to recommence community services in the building. If necessary, we will take back control of the Association."

The Association leases the building from Barnet Council, who have said that they are reviewing the position in respect of the lease and the building.

The next open meeting of the action group will be held at the Green Man Community Centre at 7.30pm on 10 May. To get involved in the campaign, contact [endofstrife@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:endofstrife@hotmail.co.uk), call 07870 647284 or see OBAG's Facebook page.



Wingate & Finchley celebrate their cup win. Photo by Martin Addison

## Silverware for Wingate & Finchley

Wingate & Finchley won their first trophy for 16 years, with a 2-0 victory in an enthralling Cup Final over Dulwich Hamlet in March. The opening goal came for Wingate three minutes before half-time and the second came an hour into the game. Wingate & Finchley defended their lead well to take the trophy and the man of the match award went to their goalie Gavin King.

## Father and daughter raise funds in memory of Ann

Antonio and Caterina Incisa recently raised over £15,000 for the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit at UCLH in memory of wife and mother, Ann Vautier-Incisa.

Ann Vautier-Incisa was treated for non-Hodgkins lymphoma at UCLH but sadly died in May 2009. She was an incredibly active member of the East Finchley community: she regularly delivered The Archer and was involved with the East Finchley charity Neighbourhood Contact.

The Incisas raised the money through a fundraising event on 28 March at Christie's auction house in King Street, London. The evening began with a showing of the new Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit fundraising video, which was sponsored by Antonio Incisa and produced, written and directed by Peter Chipping of East Finchley. This was followed by two short comedy animations, a charity auction and a raffle.

Sara Goldman, fundraiser for the charity, was extremely pleased with the event and told The Archer: "The money raised for the unit goes to improve the experience and environment for patients having treatment." Current projects include



Ann Vautier-Incisa in her garden. Photo by Antonio Incisa.

complementary therapies, such as reflexology, for patients and their families, specialised education for nurses, and Ambulatory Care backpacks, which allow eligible chemotherapy patients to leave the hospital while having treatment, resulting in more freedom and independence for the patients.

Antonio and Caterina hope the money raised will also help keep the memory of Ann alive in the community. Further information about the unit and how to

donate can be found on this website: [www.uclh.nhs.uk/aboutus/campaignsandcharities/llu/pages/home.aspx](http://www.uclh.nhs.uk/aboutus/campaignsandcharities/llu/pages/home.aspx).

## Henry Van Emden

By Paula Sanders

On 22 March I lost my beloved partner Henry Van Emden, a wonderful man loved by all who knew him. He was a brilliant musician, as many people know from the numerous concerts he gave for charitable events for many years. Rest in peace. Paula, Sharon, James and family.

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By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility

## Gordon, Iceland and Boris one year on

Is it only a year since Brown Gordon, 'a new kind of super hero,' flew high over London as he embarked on yet another mission to keep the country in the brown? Was it only 12 months ago that Icelandic humour took over as one of its fun-loving volcanoes decided to do its bit for air travel? And did anyone realise that the Eton Rifles idea of running the country would be so retro it would be just like the early 1980s. You know, mass unemployment and a Royal wedding.

Let's start with Brown Gordon, a man who stared victory in the face and watched it turn into defeat. Now he watches impotently as Diddy David Cameron, Slasher and Fag revive good old-fashioned values like poverty and gunboat diplomacy. Brown Gordon saved the world, Blue David saved the rich.

In the weird world of total weirdness no one can match Iceland. The place that nearly bankrupted itself, most of its banks, half our local councils and several airlines still retains its sense of humour. So when they held a referendum on paying some of it back the Icelanders got drunk, celebrated with a meal of fermented shark's head and voted no. Well, if your traditional cuisine includes burying a shark's head for a couple of months, digging it up and eating it, then a bit of bankruptcy is always good for a laugh.

When it comes to jokes there's no one like Blond Boris, a man who thinks that retro is the way to go and wants to reintroduce the ancient Routemaster to London. And it's now a year since he showed off a prototype and gave us all the chance to look forward to retro experience. Why bother? The Routemaster was uncomfortable, noisy, slow, cold and a product of the 1950s. A bit like Boris really.


It's all a bit like the Titanic. It was launched on 31 May 1911, hailed as the great, unsinkable luxury liner. Ten months later it hit an iceberg, sank and gave something new to the English language. Can't see Brown Gordon, Iceland or Boris doing that...

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