



YOUNG ARCHER



Molly, Rose and Florence with their best-selling cushions. Photo by Tracey McCarthy.

Homemade wares raise a fortune

Three friends worked hard to sew owl cushions and make cupcakes to raise money for children in Somalia. Budgens gave space to Rose Windust, Molly Windust and Florence Wood to set up a stall inside the supermarket to sell their homemade wares.

The girls had set themselves a goal of £100 to send to Plan UK specifically to assist with the famine, and were over-

whelmed by the generosity of East Finchley residents who bought the cushions, or donated money to a total of £256.

Rose, Molly and Florence were delighted with the results of the stall and would like to thank Budgens for allowing them to use their premises on the day.

Martin Primary gets set for 2012

Pupils and teachers at Martin Primary are celebrating after they were officially welcomed into London 2012's Get Set network in recognition of their commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Locog) awarded Martin Primary a plaque and certificate to acknowledge their involvement in the London 2012 education programme.

Martin Primary now joins other schools and colleges across the UK as members of the special London 2012 community, the Get Set network, and will receive access to exclusive competitions and 2012 Games-related opportunities over the coming years.

Sebastian Coe, Locog chairman, said: "When London won the right to host the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, we made a clear promise to use the power of the 2012 Games to inspire young people. I am proud to welcome Martin Primary into the Get Set network for their exciting work around the Olympic values of friendship, excellence and respect and the Paralympic values of inspiration, courage, determination and equality."

Helen Morrison, headteacher of Martin Primary, said: "We are looking forward to the start of London 2012 and have already started our countdown. We have many exciting events planned for the year ahead, which will incorporate the Olympic and Paralympic values and our global partnerships with other schools."

School parking clampdown

Barnet Council has warned that its parking enforcement offices will continue to make unannounced visits to schools across the borough to crack down on dangerous parking.

Illegal parking at the start and end of the school day can restrict traffic flow and pose a serious danger to children walking to and from school.

The council says penalty charge notices will be issued to vehicles parked on double yellow lines, zig-zag and cross-hatch markings, kerbs and verges, bus stops and private driveways.

Martin Primary School tours

For any parents wishing to look round Martin Primary School before making their choices for Reception the headteacher, Helen Morrison, will be running tours of the school. Please call the office on 020 8883 1455 to book.

Debate on future of health and social care

An important date in the calendar of events for older people in Barnet is 20 October when an event at Hendon Town Hall, The Boroughs, will bring together individuals and representatives of organisations in a challenging exchange around what the future health and social care services will be in Barnet.

The debate will have a very strong emphasis on what integrated services means in practice and will hear what plans the council has made already. A committee from Barnet Older People's Assembly, which is made up of older people, will say what they think should be in the final plan.

In the NHS and social care departments at Government and local level this has become a central issue which will have an impact on older people's lives in the future. The organisers appeal to anyone interested to apply to join the debate on the day by calling 020 8447 0379 or 020 8359 4366.

N2 Cricket Club reaches the finals

By Nick Young

N2 Cricket Club recently reached the final of the Mill Hill Sixes Cricket Tournament. The Mill Hill Sixes is an annual six-a-side tournament, which is held every September at Mill Hill Village Cricket Club on Burtonhole Lane, NW7.

This year, eight teams from across North London took part. N2's seven-man squad consisted of captain Shai Bhatt, Ryan Barney, Simon Dyer, Bobby Moore, Josh Newham, Anil Shah and Nick Young.

Six-a-side cricket is somewhat different from a regular game. Each match consists of two five-over innings in which every team member apart from the wicket-keeper must bowl one over. Batsmen are more inclined to hit out in this form of the game, so the rules state that anyone scoring 25 runs must retire. As it

is played on a full-size pitch, fielding is certainly not for the faint-hearted.

N2 progressed from the group stage of the competition by winning two matches and losing one. Victory in the semi-final saw them facing hosts Mill Hill Village in the final, the one team they had lost to at the group stage. Sadly, a reverse of the previous match was not to be and N2 finished the day as tournament runners-up.

N2CC is a family-friendly club, which always welcomes new players of all ages and abilities. Find more details at: www.n2cc.co.uk



Spin doctor: Simon Dyer bowls for N2CC.. Photo by Nick Young.

Power saving

Muswell Hill fish and chip restaurant Toff's was honoured at Haringey Council's Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone (LCZ) Green Awards. Toff's won a Gold Award for its outstanding commitment to reducing their carbon emissions and environmental impact. Leading environmental behaviour change charity Global Action Plan visited Toff's to carry out an eco audit and help the restaurant create an action plan to improve its environmental performance.

Global Action Plan's suggested changes could help Toff's achieve savings of £1,900 a year and reduce its energy footprint by 16 tonnes of CO₂ per year, which is enough energy to power street lights from Toff's all the way to Alexandra Park FC for a year.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Newstead Parent & Toddler Group, Thurs 9-12-30, Green Man Ctr. Sajni 8359 3460.
- ❖ Parent & Toddler Group, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ Stepping Stones, interactive play session for under 3s. Karen 07957 278860.

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