



CPZ campaigner vows to fight on

CPZ campaigner David Attfield, who leads the Barnet CPZ Action Group, has lodged an appeal against a Court ruling in February rejecting his legal action to overturn Barnet's Controlled Parking Zone parking charges. The aim of the appeal is to obtain an order from the Court of Appeal reinstating the challenge so that it can be heard at a full trial later in the year. The CPZ Action Group point out that the decision to carry on with the legal action has not been taken lightly but is strongly supported by legal advice.

"The important principle at stake," says Mr Attfield, "is whether a small group of residents should be made to subsidise services for the whole borough just by virtue of the type of area in which they live. Barnet's stance that this is lawful is at odds with the position of other boroughs; organisations like the RAC and the AA; and even the Department for Transport.

"If we stop now, Barnet will have succeeded in re-writing the rule book. There would be nothing to stop Barnet hiking CPZ charges again. By appealing, we stand to gain much more than we would lose. If we are granted an appeal hearing it would be a very positive sign that a senior judge recognises that something may have gone wrong at February's hearing." The decision to appeal comes a year after the increased CPZ parking charges were implemented. Many residents in East Finchley will be renewing their permits in April and will face paying the increased charges for the first time (£100 for a resident's permit and £4 for each visitor voucher).

New start for careers advisor

By Ami Patel

After taking voluntary redundancy from her role at Barnet Council, careers advisor Clare O'Boy was looking for a new start of her own.

The freelance training assessor and trained careers advisor has more than 13 years' experience in the industry and decided to launch her own career guidance and coaching service, called Career Time, based in East Finchley.

"My careers guidance training is based on the counselling model, helping and enabling people to explore their goals to take themselves forward," she says. Her service varies from simple CV polishing to conducting psychometric tests.

Clare hopes that her more focused and personal approach will appeal to those who want to change or improve their life by exploring the career opportunities that are available to them.



Clare also offers interview presentation awareness, CV writing, application form assistance and occupation/career choice guidance. She can be contacted at clare@careertime.co.uk

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Visitors always welcome

Get, set, go for the Bobath

By Tash Knight

On 27 May, tens of thousands of runners will take part in the BUPA London Run. This year, two members of East Finchley community are raising money at the event for the Bobath Centre on East End Road.



Rohit and Andreas are running to raise funds for the cash-strapped Bobath Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy.

Rohit Kumar Rajput and Andreas Patsalides will participate while dressed to impress in full costume. Their efforts are to benefit the children at the centre suffering from cerebral palsy, a condition that impairs coordination, sensory development and learning. The Bobath centre provides several therapies to improve a child's quality of life.

Rohit hopes to raise £1,000. The two 18 year-old students are currently at university and balancing their fundraising with a hectic studying programme. Last year they ran for the British Heart Foundation. They have been close friends since secondary school at Christ's College and their mutual passion for sport and charity work has aided many people. "We enjoy keeping fit," says Rohit.

The students became aware of the charity after reading about it in the March issue of *THE ARCHER*. The Bobath Centre is in desperate need of financing as NHS funding is dwindling. To support the boys on their run, visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/rohitrajput1>

We are now part of the Olympics

By Diana Cormack

As the Olympic Games and all they entail approach, there seems to be no let-up in complaints about how they will affect the locals, disrupt people's daily lives, foul up the transport system and generally be a huge expensive nuisance.

However, some of you may be heartened to read the following: "Well done to London. This is setting the tone. Hopefully an example of the welcome that will await most visitors."

To know what this refers to you'd need to look back to last August's *ARCHER* where John Fuller, Herts 2012 Ambassador, wrote about hosting overseas guests during the Games. This was not as a money earner but to help those involved, such as athletes and their families, who could not afford to stay in London. It was also, as he put it "a unique opportunity to be part

of the Games celebration".

We felt it was very much in keeping with the spirit of the Games, so offered our spare room.

Recently the person allocated to us, an experienced Australian volunteer who will be filling a vital role, contacted us and we're beginning to feel involved.

Welcoming strangers

Host places are still being sought. If you are considering it, the following comment from an organiser abroad might persuade you: "It is great that there are people willing

to participate in the London Olympic Games albeit in a somewhat unusual way. This generosity from families in the host city is crucial to the success of the history of any Games and therefore the perception of visitors that people living in the host city are very welcoming. I can assure you this didn't happen in Athens or Beijing except if visitors were a relative or friend of residents of the host city."

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