



Objections grow to houses plan

By Mandy Rabin

Fortis Green Community Allotments Trust (FGCAT), with some local schools and hundreds of residents, have objected to an application to build two houses north of the allotments by Fortis Green's covered reservoir, first reported in *THE ARCHER* in September.

Residents are concerned that the resulting increase in vehicle traffic on the narrow path that contains an entrance to Tetherdown School would endanger children and their parents walking to Tetherdown, St James and Treehouse schools.

Residents also fear that building houses on this plot will serve as a precedent for further development on reservoir land.

Haringey Council's highways and transport department say they have "no highways and transportation objections" to the building application. Residents say they weren't officially consulted.

Previous application rejected

A spokesperson for FGCAT said three years ago it successfully fought to save the site from

development with the support of both the local community and Haringey Council.

"The proposed new houses would dominate the skyline to the north of the allotments and have many other adverse effects. Only last year the national Planning Inspector vetoed the previous application because of the damaging effect on the area's status as Significant Local Open Land, so FGCAT can see no reason why the current application should go ahead," said the spokesperson.

Haringey's planning department is currently studying over 280 comments on the building application, in order to make a recommendation to the planning committee. For updates on the residents' campaign visit www.85woodside.com

Bobath's new appeal

The Bobath Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy in East End Road has launched a new fundraising campaign aimed at breaking down the barriers faced by families trying to get specialist therapy for children with cerebral palsy.

Sixty supporters, MPs and grant-makers attended an evening reception at the House of Commons in October to launch the Reaching Out Rising Up appeal. It was co-hosted by Finchley and Golders Green MP, Mike Freer and Paul Maynard, MP for Blackpool North and Cleveleys, who has cerebral palsy.

Among the speakers was Steven Boyle who spoke passionately about how the charity in East Finchley had made a difference not only to his son, Tom, but also to the rest of the family.

He said: "The Bobath Centre is unique and has changed our lives for the better. I can remember how nervous my wife and I were on our first visit, how apprehensive we were at attending a world-famous clinic, and how worried we were about whether our son would benefit. From day one we were made comfortable."

Therapy funding set-backs

But he went on to say how the changes in NHS funding had left Tom without therapy for a year. Jayne Pearce, Centre director, said: "Children with cerebral palsy and their families are facing ever-lengthening struggles to get approval for therapy funding from their local health service. These delays can have serious consequences for a disabled child's future health, as therapy is most effective when introduced as early as possible."

To find out more about the appeal, call Kevin Gillespie at the centre on 020 8444 3355.



Rosie meets some odd creatures in her adventure.

Gruesome twosome

Witches, zombies and vampires stalked the Clissold Arms in Fortis Green when the pub transformed two of its rooms into a haunted house to raise cash for charity.

Youngsters enjoyed getting made up in gruesome style for the Halloween event. Make-up artist Mercedes Hayward was there to make visitors unrecognisable and our photo was taken by Caron Westbrook, of Westbrook Photography in Muswell Hill.



Ghouls just want to have fun

Leading up to Halloween, Sainsbury's Muswell Hill staff and children from their partner charity Action for Kids had a phantom-tastic time raising funds and awareness for their cause.

Scaring customers, bag packing, a Halloween quiz and a Taste and Donate stall all combined to raise a magnificent £545. Pictured here from left to right are fundraiser Lucy Duxbury, students Shruti Gadhvi and Siobhain Nolan,

all from Action for Kids, with Catherine Ling from Sainsbury's. The store also used one of the company's community grants recently to buy a cross-trainer exercise machine for the Ambitious for Autism charity.

Our chef v Masterchef

What does *THE ARCHER* have in common with the BBC's *Olive* magazine? The answer is that both have featured contributions from East Finchley resident Allison Goodings.

Allison applied to write for *Olive* magazine's regular 'Pro versus Punter' feature, in which a restaurant is reviewed by both a TV cookery personality (the pro) and a regular reader (the punter).

Allison was tasked with reviewing Chicken Shed in Kentish Town, which was also reviewed by *Masterchef* presenter John Torode. The reviews have been published

in the magazine's December 2012 edition.

Allison's recipes for *THE ARCHER*, which are inspired by family recipes and recipes from her collection of cookbooks, use ingredients sourced from local shops. She is also a regular contributor to the US-based cooking website Recipe Relay (recipere lay.com), as well as having her own food blog (odetoanarti-choke.wordpress.com).

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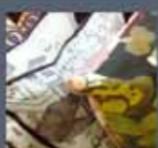
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