



YOUNG ARCHER



The victorious Coldfall Primary football players.

Football firsts

Coldfall Primary School were the winners in the Haringey Boys Football Tournament. The year 5 and 6 pupils came out on top of 36 local schools after battling their way through to the finals, winning two of their matches and drawing one. Not only are they Haringey champions but they have now qualified to represent the borough at the prestigious London Youth Games at the Crystal Palace National Athletics Stadium in July 2014.

Tigers are ready to roar

A father is trying to set up a new youth football team for East Finchley and is looking for young players to join up.

David Pang, of Church Lane, got the bug for youth soccer after watching his 13-year-old son play in Muswell Hill in recent years. He gradually got more involved as a parent and now has an FA qualification in coaching.

His idea is to set up a team closer to home that would be open to all youngsters aged eight and over. The strip has been chosen (dark blue tops) and the team already has a name... the East Finchley Tigers.

David said: "I'm just an

enthusiastic volunteer but I'd really like to get this off the ground. There aren't a lot of facilities or things for young people to do in East Finchley, so hopefully a new football team will be popular."

Training options

There are a few local teams, some of them playing in the Watford Friendly League, but many have to travel some distance for fixtures. David wants the Tigers to play in the Camden and Regent's Park Youth League, which holds matches in Regent's Park on Saturdays.

Training would take place on Lyttleton Fields in Hampstead Garden Suburb or possibly on the pitches behind the David Lloyd Centre in North Finchley. There's also the future option of using Stanley Field once it is opened for community use by the Archer Academy.

David's plan is to have the team up and running by April so that players can have a long period of training ahead of the new season in September 2014. If you are interested, you can get in touch with David via the Contact link on www.clubwebsite.co.uk/eastfinchleytigers

How your car could be tracked

By Janet Maitland

You may have seen warning signs about the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras that are being installed across the borough. ANPR is a surveillance method that uses optical character recognition on images in order to read vehicle number plates. Any vehicle can be tracked, in very close to real time.

ANPR has wider uses than crime prevention and detection. Transport for London already uses ANPR to charge motorists entering the payment zone of the London Congestion Charge. It can be used on toll roads, for security at border controls, and for traffic management and planning.

Its use is not without controversy. The fact that mass ANPR surveillance is capable of tracking and recording all vehicle movements across the whole country means that there are some concerns about individual privacy.

"I've campaigned to have ANPR introduced since I first became an MP," said MP Mike Freer, "so I'm delighted - it's another way to make Barnet safer." Paul Hammond of Barnet Boroughwatch is also very positive about ANPR, saying: "It's a highly efficient way of deterring criminals and sends a signal that they are not safe in Barnet."

The police and Barnet council are developing the ANPR network and they hope the whole system will be up and running by 2014.

Cookies for Santa

By Allison Goodings

It wouldn't be Christmas without cookies for Santa, and who wouldn't enjoy making these fun peanut butter biscuits in the likeness of Rudolph and his friends?

Ingredients

220g plain flour
1tsp bicarbonate of soda
¼ tsp salt
60g softened butter
150g brown sugar
55g granulated sugar
195g smooth peanut butter
1tsp vanilla essence
1 large egg
Chocolate chips or M&Ms

Whisk together the flour, bicarbonate of soda and salt in a small bowl and set aside. Using an electric mixer on medium speed, cream the butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar, smooth peanut butter and vanilla essence in a large bowl. Beat until light and fluffy for two to three minutes, scraping down the bowl a few times.

Add the egg and mix until just blended. Add the dry ingredients on low speed and mix until just blended. Blend until smooth. Roll teaspoon-size mounds of dough into balls and place three inches apart on baking sheets lined with parchment paper.

Dip a flat-bottomed water glass into a small bowl of granulated sugar and flatten dough balls to make 1/2-inch-thick round cookies. Gently stick two small pretzels into the dough at the top of each cookie to make antlers. Use two chocolate chips for eyes and a red or green M&M near the bottom for the nose.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes at 190C, or until cookies are light gold in colour. Let cool on the baking sheet for two minutes, then carefully transfer to a rack to cool completely.



Message in a bottle

By Neville Robinson

The Rotary Club of Golders Green is running a Message in a Bottle scheme to help people who fall ill at home.

The idea is simple: vulnerable people are given a plastic bottle inside which are two self-adhesive Green Cross stickers and also a two-sided sheet of A4 paper. On one side are the instructions and on the other a data page for the recipient to complete.

One of the self-adhesive stickers is put on the inside of the front door and one on the refrigerator. If a person collapses, and is found, the emergency services are called

and will see the Green Cross on the front door, telling them there is a 'bottle' in the fridge.

Inside the bottle will be details of the patient, including doctor's name and address and telephone number, next of kin and medication.

The scheme has been run elsewhere in the country by other Rotary Clubs and I understand that over the last four years, some 19 people have been 'saved' because of the Message in a Bottle.

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- **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 east-finchleyncct@googlemail.com
- **Muswell Hill Toy Library** story time, singalong and other events. 8444 0244/ 8489 8774, www.muswellhilltoylibrary.com
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