



Watch out for your new bin

You may have yours already but, if not, keep an eye out because Barnet Council has started delivering its new blue recycling bins to homes in East Finchley.

From 14 October, residents will be able to put all of their mixed recycling in their new blue bin instead of sorting it into different boxes.

Residents will also be able to recycle much more than they used to, as the new service will allow the recycling of more plastics such as yogurt pots, margarine tubs and food trays.

However, there have been concerns, not least in our letters page last month, that our front or back gardens will have to accommodate another large recycling bin, replacing the smaller boxes that were easier to tuck away out of sight. The blue bins will be in addition to the existing black general waste bins and the green garden waste bins.

Brown bins too

Also this month, the council will be launching a new food waste collection service. Residents will use a brown food waste bin, a brown food waste caddy for their kitchen and a sample of 10 biodegradable bags to recycle their food waste. Houses and small flat blocks will see the changes first, while larger block of flats will receive the new food waste service in early 2014. Once the new service has been launched the majority of residents will have their refuse, recycling and food waste bins collected on the same day as part of a weekly collection. Find out more information by visiting www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling



The artisan market in full swing at Avenue House.

Martin School celebrations

Martin School is inviting all former pupils, staff, parents and governors to help them celebrate the school's 100th birthday, with a Tea Party on Monday 7 October (2-4pm) and an Evening Reunion Party on Friday 11 October (7.30-10.30pm - over 18s only).

The organisers are keen to gather as many former school related folk as possible, so it's a good chance to ask your neighbours, customers and colleagues if they know anyone who had connections with the school in the past hundred years, and get them to come along! It'll be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and visit the school's centenary exhibition.

To book your free ticket email martinprimary100@gmail.com or Tel: 020 8883 1455 www.martinprimary100.org

Do you remember this man?

Ray Weedon would like to make contact with anyone who remembers him. Born in 1945, he was brought up in Grange Avenue, North Finchley, and went to Northside and Hillside schools. His older brother, Mick, was a friend of David White (better known now as actor David Jason). Another friend was Brian Barnicote.

Ray did a paper round for a shop at the junction of Lullington Garth and Walmington Fold. After leaving school, he worked as a gardener at a nursery near Hillside School and at Victoria Park. Later, he trained as a groundsman at University College Sports ground in Mill Hill, and then worked in North Finchley Post Office. After marrying, he lived for a year or so in Squires Lane.

Ray is in Cambridgeshire now. If you would like to get in touch, please contact The Finchley Society at finsoceditor@hotmail.co.uk or 020 8368 1620.

Food and craft market inspired by the best of France

A new food market has set out its stall at Avenue House in East End Road with a clear purpose to champion local shopping.

The North London Artisan Market has found a home in the historic stables of the house, chosen by organisers Beulah and Cindy for its strong history of community involvement.

Started last March, the market brings together a wide range of traders including a fruit and veg grocer, British and continental cheese sellers, artisan bread makers, charcuterie specialists, olive selections and a variety of street food.

With Cindy being French and Beulah marrying into the

French culture, both are familiar with their local markets in France and believe that London should have its own borough by borough market scene.

The market is also a platform for enthusiastic foodies just starting out in business. For example there is the Secret Garden Confectionery stall run by Belinda who makes chocolates with Fairtrade and ethically sourced ingredients, and Silmar Taste run by Silvia who sells Portuguese sweet and savoury bakes.

Shoppers can buy lunch from the street food traders who cook on site. Other creative traders include arts and crafts people such as painters, tea cup sellers and silk scarf makers.

A special Christmas market is on the cards when the season comes around. Meanwhile the market runs every first and third Saturday of the month from 10am to 3pm. For more information visit www.northlondonartisanmarket.co.uk

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