



Pop writer: Clissold Arms landlord George Karageorgis, left, with Ray Davies, centre, and Mick Avory of The Kinks.

## George wants your Kink-y stories

With the Kinks musical *Sunny Afternoon* running in the West End to rave reviews and a film about the band due to be released next year, the Sixties rockers can certainly be said to be enjoying a major revival.

Our own Clissold Arms on Fortis Green is well-known for being the venue where The Kinks performed their first and last official gigs, in 1960 and 1996. The pub and Muswell Hill are a big part of the history of the band.

The Davies brothers Ray and Dave were born and brought up right across the road in Denmark Terrace. Their dad Frank was a regular at the Clissold and many family parties were held there.

Now the pub's landlord, George Karageorgis, has decided to write his first book and he's making it one about The Kinks and their links to the Clissold. He's looking for help to fill it full of stories, photos and anecdotes about those heady days.

### Can you help?

George says: "I'd be very grateful if anyone has any first-hand memories of knowing the Davies family or of seeing The Kinks in their early days and later years. I'd be happy to meet anyone who can help with my

research or, if you have pictures or sketches or memories, please send them my way."

George can be contacted by

phone on 020 8444 4224, by email at info@clissoldarms.co.uk or by popping in for a chat at the pub in Fortis Green.

## Clissold wins national pub award

The Clissold Arms at 105, Fortis Green, is joint winner of the Best Family Pub of the Year for the London and the South East region in the Great British Pub Awards 2014.

The awards are organised by the leading pub industry magazine The Publican's Morning Advertiser and participants come from seventeen regions of the UK. The Clissold also reached the top six in the national Great British Pub of the Year 2014 category in the awards.

## Burglary at the Pavilion

By Janet Maitland

There's been a setback to the renovation of the Pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood. Work was underway to convert it into a café, but burglars broke in and stole power tools and building materials worth £10,000 overnight on 14 November.

They got inside by cutting a chain from a padlock that was secured to the metal hoarding that was protecting the Pavilion.

Police think that more than one burglar was responsible and that more than one vehicle was used to remove what was stolen.

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## What's to become of the old Post Office?

Six months after shutting its doors for the last time, our old Post Office on the High Road still stands unused and unloved. Many people are saying it's a shame to see such a prime site go to waste for so long.

So who or what would you like to see move into the old Post Office? Tell us by emailing the-archer@lineone.net or by post at The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE.

Thanks to everyone who's already shared their ideas with us on Facebook and Twitter @TheArcherN2 where another supermarket is a hot favourite. Aldi or Lidl, suggests Ian Tutton on Twitter. The Old White Lion team want a local Waitrose, whereas Richard Cayon pleads: "Anything but a Tesco..."

"How about Woolworths?" suggests Man in East Finchley, nostalgically. "A knocking

shop," says Tony Barrett (hmm, planning permission could be problematic).

Georgina North would like to see it become a health food shop or an artist's studio with craft activities for children. Maria Letizia likes the idea of a studio gallery too and Julia Zanghieri wants an indoor play area for toddlers.

Madeleine Oakley finds it difficult to decide, saying it was shameful that it stopped being a Post Office. But Diane Johnson and Annabella Shergold are quite clear, saying: "Anything but a café, estate agent or betting shop!"



What's next? The Post Office building still has a 'To Let' sign up.

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