



YOUNG ARCHER



Cup winners: The triumphant Christ's College cricket team

Cricket final face-off

Two local schools faced each other in the final of the Barnet Cricket Cup. Christ's College Finchley and Fortismere were both unbeaten on their path to the final.

Fortismere won the toss and decided to field first. CCF got off to a flying start with Billy Blyghton hitting four boundaries within the first two overs. CCF lost wickets at regular intervals but managed to keep the scoreboard ticking throughout the 20 overs and finished on 128 for 7. Fortismere then took

to the crease and unfortunately lost their opening batsman in the first over before going on to make a steady scoring effort through their middle order.

With Fortismere finishing on 89 for 9 off the 20 overs, it was Christ's College who won by 39 runs. Well done to both sides for a thrilling game.

Tree climbing days

When did you last have the fun of climbing a tree? Would you like to learn how to do it? On the four Saturdays in September two highly skilled and friendly instructors will be in Alexandra Park to help all ages from six upwards reach new heights in a fantastic tree.

You can learn how to enter a tree's canopy using ropes, knots and karabiners while being securely attached in a harness at all times. Once at the top of the tree you'll gain an experience which can't be found on the ground. If

you're feeling brave you can take the zip wire back down.

Sessions take place in the upper field by the deer enclosure between 10am and 4pm. For prices and further details visit www.alexandrapalace.com

Life on the home front

Daphne Chamberlain visits an exhibition at Stephens House in East End Road about the home front in the First World War.

In September 1915 an East Finchley schoolgirl named Phyllis Wren "died of fright during the night of the air raid by Zeppelins". Martin School (then the Great North Road School) recorded that 30 of its girls attended her funeral.

In February 1918 "a brass nose, weighing one and a half pounds, of an anti-aircraft gun shell" was found in the Marylebone Cemetery in East Finchley. This was reported in the local newspapers.

on their next bottle if they returned the empty one. The Treaty of Versailles, which formalised the end of the war, was signed in the same Stephens ink.

From home to hospital

At the beginning of the war, local papers reported that Mr Stephens had once again opened his gardens of Avenue House to the public of Finchley on Thursday afternoons in summer. By the end, his house had been requisitioned as a

could see one of the hospital beds, diaries and letters from VAD nurses who told how their feet "ache, ache, ache", nurses' costumes worn in the BBC drama *The Crimson Field* and a recipe for preparing, cooking and serving a calf's head. This was a classic recipe for invalids, but definitely not for the squeamish.

We saw a violin, one of the many musical instruments, books and games donated to patients, and a battered tin



'Crimson Field' costumes on display at the WWI events at Stephens House. Photo Mike Coles

Meanwhile, Stephens blue-black ink bottles carried a wartime economy label, telling users that stationers would give them "a generous allowance"

hospital for injured servicemen. From 1919 until 1925 it was the Central Hospital of the RAF.

For a week last month we

helmet belonging to P. "Nutty" Almond of Curzon Road, Muswell Hill.

Playing softly as we looked at all these artefacts and many more were music hall songs of the time. At the door was a recruitment poster, "The Veteran's Farewell". It showed a Chelsea Pensioner waving off a young soldier with the words, "Goodbye, my lad! I only wish I were young enough to go with you".

Two-wheeler thefts double

By Janet Maitland
Police are warning N2 residents to take extra precautions following a sharp increase in the number of thefts of bicycles, mopeds and motorbikes. Eight were stolen during May and June compared to just four in the three months before that.

"Unlocked mopeds and motorbikes have been lifted from side alleys next to houses and carried into or onto vehicles," said Jan Lovell from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

"Don't rely on them being on your property, lock them by a shank to a strong post or put them in a garage if possible. Think about installing a ground or wall mounted anchor lock."

The SNT also advises you to register your bicycle at www.bikeregister.com, the police-approved cycle database, which not only makes it easier to trace your bike, but reduces the chances of having it stolen because would-be thieves can see the registration mark.

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday
8th October 2014
6pm-9pm

OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday
22nd October 2014
1.30pm-3pm

To find out more and book a timed ticket to hear headteacher Mick Quigley speak, visit www.thearcheracademy.org.uk



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PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- ⊙ **Baby & U baby massage.** Contact Ruth at babymassagewithruth@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/baby-and-baby-massage
- ⊙ **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-finchley.nct@googlemail.com
- ⊙ **Muswell Hill Toy Library** story time, singalong and other events. 8444 0244/ 8489 8774, www.muswellhilltoylibrary.com
- ⊙ **Musical Tots:** Wednesdays 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. www.katemusicaltots.com on facebook.
- ⊙ **Parent & Toddler Group,** Green Man Centre, Sajni 8359 3460/Julia 8444 2276
- ⊙ **Phoenix Cinema activities,** Bringing up baby screenings, Weds, 11am; Kids Club, Sat, 12pm; Toddler Time, Tues, 11am. Full details from box office on 020 8444 6789.
- ⊙ **Stepping Stones,** interactive play for under 3s. Tues 10am, East Finchley Baptist Church. Liz 07836 284538.
- ⊙ **Teddy Bears' Music,** singing for 0-3s in Holy Trinity Church, N2; Thurs 9.45am & 10.45am. Camilla 07900 988149.