



Lights, camera... walkies!

By Sheila Armstrong

Pert, pretty, petite Peaches – surely the Ginger Rogers of the dog world – was talent spotted in a local charity shop, where she was browsing with well-known local Cavalier Spaniel Woody and their respective owners Rebecca Redhouse and Carmen Stevens. A local film maker recognised her good looks and talent and the deal was struck.

Peaches, a five-year-old Pomeranian Poodle cross with star quality, took to filming with gusto. The filming of her scenes took place in Cherry Tree Wood; the plot involved revenge and scorned lovers.

Peaches had to wear a Grayson Perry style dress at one point and in her last touching scene she was tied to the railings in the park, all alone. Most of the rest of the film was shot at Chriskitch café in Muswell Hill.

Details of the film maker and the final film are being kept under wraps at the moment, but if he reads this



Peaches and Woody

please let us know when and where it will be shown. Fame hasn't changed

Peaches: she can still be seen chasing squirrels in the park.

ODI World Cup captain is honorary local boy

By Diana Cormack

Did you know that England's team captain for this year's Cricket World Cup used to live in East Finchley? Although he was born in Ireland and played cricket for his country, 28-year-old Eoin Morgan made the move to England, thus giving greater scope to his obvious cricketing skills.

From the age of 16 he came from Dublin in the school holidays to train at The Middlesex Academy in East End Road. For the following five years whenever he was in London he lodged at Hamilton Road, N2, opposite Bishop Douglass School. This gave him a tenuous connection with *THE ARCHER* because his landlady was the late Pam Kent, proof reader and a stalwart member of our



Locally trained: England cricket captain Eoin Morgan. Photo courtesy Wikipedia

So...

For at least a couple of decades, a motley crew of vindictive criminals has been beavering away writing software designed to mess up our computers and steal our passwords. I spent 30 years as an information technology professional and still consider myself well-informed and experienced, yet I nearly got caught the other day.

To click ...

To enable their pernicious plans, these people have to persuade you to allow their malevolent creations onto your computer. The art of doing this is called 'social engineering' and it involves using confidence tricks to convince you to open an email attachment, or click on a link, something you should never do unless its provenance is crystal clear.

In my case, I had to make several lengthy and stressful telephone calls to a utility company, and as a result I needed to pay a one-off bill. The same day I received a well-formatted email purportedly from the same utility company, telling me to update their record of my payment details by opening the attachment, otherwise my account with them would be compromised.

... or not to click

This seemed extremely plausible so I started to open the attachment. Then just before I clicked the button, I broke into a cold sweat. Such emails always address you by your name and post code or account number. This one did neither. Genuine emails from utilities never ask you to open an attachment as this one did.

Then I noticed a spelling mistake, which is the 'smoking gun'. This email was fraudulent and the attachment was probably malware. I manually scanned it and sure enough, it was. I immediately deleted the email.

Why didn't the automatic email scanner pick it up? I don't know. How did 'they' know to send just the right message to me at just the right time? I don't know and I find it quite disturbing.

John Dearing

Winter nets

Would you like to play cricket this year? Perhaps you are hoping to get back into the game after a few years' absence? If so, you might like to know that winter nets have started for N2 Cricket Club. These are taking place in Mill Hill on Sunday evenings from now until the start of the regular season towards the end of April.

Established in 1982, N2CC is a family-friendly club that is the perfect choice for the 'casual' cricketer. Only friendly matches against teams of similar ability in the local area are played, at weekends, with home games taking place at Mill Hill

Village CC.

New players of all ages and abilities are welcome. Net sessions cost £6 per person. For further details, please contact club captain Shai Bhatt on shai-bhatt@talk21.com. The club's website is www.n2cc.co.uk.

team for many years.

In the cricket season Pam let the house she owned next door to hers to cricket players. You can read her piece "World-Class Lodgers" on page 6 of *THE ARCHER* April 2011 on our website www.the-archer.co.uk.

Eoin plays for Middlesex and another *ARCHER* article (page 7, July 2007) predicted his possible England future. Let's hope that includes captaining the team to 2015 World Cup victory!



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