



Letters



Casualty: The fallen tree in Chandos Road.

Another fallen tree

Dear Editor,

When we saw the picture of the fallen tree in Twyford Avenue in the May issue of THE ARCHER, we did not expect to see a repeat incident in Chandos Road. On 5 May another cherry tree fell on a neighbour's front garden, completely blocking the entrance.

As soon as a telephone call was made, however, the council promptly sent their contractors who cleared the debris efficiently. As the trees are no longer regularly pruned, they are getting top heavy. Could this be the reason for this frequent occurrence?

Yours faithfully,
Manju Mitra,
Chandos Road, N2.

Thank you, driver

Dear Editor,

Recently on the bus I noticed the attitude of the young people towards the bus drivers. No matter they're the ones who are entitled to travel free without tapping the machine or not there is NO SENSE of appreciation to the driver, NO THANK YOU, NO LOOKING TO THE DRIVER AT ALL. I thought England is a land of gentleman-ness or lady-ness, where have they gone to? Can the education, parental teaching & modelling, and the media broadcasting all act to bring the nation to be friendlier and respect each other, PLEASE?! Yours faithfully,

Lily Fok,
Address supplied.

Ugly cover-up

Dear Editor,

I would like to draw to your attention the complete waste of council funds on the recent pavement replacement in Fortis Green.

As a resident there I was incensed to be told a few days before works started that they were going to be tearing up all the perfectly good paving in Fortis Green.

This caused massive inconvenience to residents and people using the bus stops (which have been not

in use) for no good reason. As far as I could see the paving was in good condition and did not need replacing.

Having suffered the weeks of drilling and smashing up paving, you can imagine my shock when I walked out of my front door one morning, not onto smart new paving stones but onto an ugly Tarmac surface. It seems that they have replaced the good quality paving with a cheaper and unsightly alternative.

I feel that whoever is responsible for this appalling waste of public money should be held accountable.

Yours faithfully,
Caitlin Small,
Fortis Green, N2.

Moving shapes

Five days of dance, design, music and storytelling workshops are on offer in August as a summer camp for youngsters aged five to 14.

Moving Shapes will be held at Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, N2, from 3-7 August. Each day will run from 8.30am to 4pm, during which time participants will be able to explore dance movement, geometry, stories and sound. The end goal will be a performance created by the youngsters to share with friends and family.

The project is led by Diana Le Quesne, who previously presented dance and design installations in Rome and Milan. Her summer camp has attracted a collective of talented dance teachers.

Spaces are limited. For bookings and information, visit <http://movingshapes.tumblr.com>, email info@aereoballet.com or telephone 07580 041270.

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Know your place

Dear Editor,

Regarding the vacant Post Office site, those residents bleating about wanting Waitrose can get in their 4x4s and drive to North Finchley, Mill Hill East, Temple Fortune or Brent Cross. For us lesser mortals Lidl, Aldi, Netto or Poundland would be most welcome!

Yours faithfully,
Mike Holt,
Address supplied.

Big fund walker

Dear Editor,

I thank all my friends who sponsored me on the Big Fun Walk on behalf of the North London Hospice on 22 March. Their generosity encouraged me to finish and enabled me to raise £845 for the hospice! Thank you all again.

Yours faithfully,
Rosie Godfrey,
Address supplied.

Could you lead a meditation group?

If you have some experience with mindfulness meditation and feel you could lead a community group session playing recorded guided meditations, and support people attending the group by answering their questions, EFAB would like to hear from you.

EFAB Friend Laura has been running successful Monday morning sessions in East Finchley Library for the past few months, but due to new commitments needs to hand over the mantle.

Please contact Laura on 07976 511506 or email laura_roberts79@yahoo.co.uk

Frances Loveday

By Daphne Chamberlain

Family, friends and colleagues have paid tribute to Frances Loveday, whose sudden death last month was a great shock to us all.

She was a member of The Archer team: a former sub-editor and long-time deliverer. But Frances was involved in many aspects of East Finchley life, most recently the ongoing campaign to save Barnet libraries.

She was a member of East Finchley Library Users Group almost from the beginning, and the group's Polly Napper described her as one of their most committed campaigners, quietly but firmly supportive. She said: "Frances visited nearly every library on our marches this spring, and stood for hours on some really freezing street stalls last winter. We will miss her very sadly."

Frances loved books, and contributed to several reading groups, where she could always be relied upon for an honest opinion. If she didn't like something, she always said so. During her career as a primary school teacher, she worked for a time at Martin School, and older readers may remember her involvement with EFNA (East Finchley Neighbourhood Association), the group which started our annual festival in Cherry Tree Wood in the 1970s.

Gardens were important to



Frances at a recent library protest march

her: her own at home, Long Lane Pasture, where she worked as a volunteer, and her allotment next to it. It was in her allotment that she passed away very suddenly, on 3 June, with her son Hector beside her.

Friends remember her kindness, hospitality, zest for life and interest in exploring new places and her devotion to her family. Her husband Chris, her five children and her grandchildren were the centre of her life. We send our deepest sympathy to them and her two sisters.

Golders Green Crematorium was packed for her funeral service, with several people standing, and so was the Old White Lion pub back in East Finchley for the reception. *Thank You for the Days* was sung after the service. Thank you, Frances. We will always remember you.

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