



YOUNG ARCHER



Race to the top at Bishop Douglass

Hoping to learn exactly what makes Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg drive so fast, Bishop Douglass physics and engineering students enjoyed a day at the Mercedes Formula 1 engine factory in Brixworth, Northamptonshire.

Few people ever see into the secret world of Formula 1 design and testing and students were privileged to see an engine put through its paces under

conditions replicating the Italian Grand Prix. Following this visit, five students have been invited to participate in work experience at the company.



Peter Hale, left, chairman of East Finchley Open artists, presents the cheque to Roger Chapman, second left, chairman of the Friends of Finchley Youth Theatre with Ken Osborne, centre, Catherine Nolan and Marley Seville. Photo Mike Coles

Grand help for youth theatre

Peter Hale, chair of East Finchley Open Artists group was delighted to be able to hand over a cheque for £1,000 to the Friends of Finchley Youth Theatre, the EFOA charity of 2015, to support their work with young people.

The local artists group raised money through the prize draw at their Art Fair last November. East Finchley Open Artists would like to thank all the visitors to the Art Fair who contributed to the draw and raised over £600. EFOA

enhanced this contribution from other events held during the year.

The East Finchley Open Artists are planning another busy year of events so look out for details in future editions of *THE ARCHER*.

Cricket for her indoors

North Middlesex CC Girls were successful in the 2016 Middlesex Indoor Cricket Competitions. North Midd Under-11 Girls won their final against Stoke Newington, and North Midd Under-13 Girls were runners-up in their competition. North Midd Under-13 girls also had four of the top five players in the Most Valued Player table.

The teams will practise on Saturday mornings from 9am to 10.30am at the club's ground in Park Road, N8, starting on 23 April. New members are welcome. Anyone interested should contact nmcc.colts@gmail.com

Library landmark

Four years ago volunteers took over the running of the Garden Suburb Library in The Market Place, NW11, and they recently reached the milestone of signing up their 2,000th member.

The volunteer librarians had been waiting for that 2,000th person for some days and it turned out to be one-year-old booklover Iliya who arrived in his pushchair and was signed up for his own library card by his mother.

"Serving the community of all ages, but particularly encouraging young people to find pleasure in books and reading, was exactly why this community fought so hard to keep the library open in 2012," said spokesperson Marjorie Harris.

Toddler groups meet there for weekly sing-songs, there is a monthly reading group, evening author talks are popular and the organising committee prides itself on providing the public with new books to read nearly every week.

If you need a library on a Tuesday from 10am to 5pm, when East Finchley Library is closed, you can find this neighbouring service down the bottom of Ossulton Way.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

• **Baby & U baby massage.** Contact Ruth at babymassagewithruth@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/babyandubaby-massage

• **Musical Tots:** Wednesdays 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. katemusicaltots.com on facebook.

• **Phoenix Cinema activities.** Bringing up babyscreenings, Weds, 11am; Kids Club, Sat, 12pm; Toddler Time, Tues, 11am. Full details from box office on 020 8444 6789.

Crafty Saturdays

By Sheila Armstrong

In a room resplendent in red in readiness for Valentine's Day, local artist Joan Podel ran another of her successful Eco-Art workshops for children under 12 at the Clissold in Fortis Green. There was a small charge for children which went to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The theme for the morning was Beauty and the Beast and the Disney film of that name was showing to inform and inspire the making of models or paintings. Joan believes in each child developing their art work on their own but is there to advise if needed.

And in the way of the primary aged child no additional help was needed as they all set to at once enthusiastically embracing the old cornflake packets, cardboard cylinders, glue and paint. A great example of recycling. There was some great work done during the session, which could be

seen on the Clissold website a couple of hours later.

Joan is an experienced facilitator of art for kids and has done extensive outreach work at the Park Theatre and in schools in Finsbury Park. Her Saturday sessions are part of a varied programme for young children at the Clissold, including the Kids Movie Club and the Muswell Comics Club.

The next workshop based on the story of Rapunzel is on 12 March. For details of this and Joan's other themed monthly workshops go to www.clissoldarms.co.uk.



'Art on the table: Joan Podel lends a hand. Photo by Mike Coles

Cultural champion

North Finchley's artsdepot won the title of Independent Cultural Venue of the Year in the inaugural Dot London Small Business Awards.

Nominees were narrowed down by a panel of judges that included some of London's most successful businesses, such as restaurant chain Leon, Brompton Bikes and Made.com. The winners of the 12 categories were then decided by public vote.

Tracy Cooper, chief execu-

tive of artsdepot, said: "artsdepot has been on an incredible journey in the past few years, transforming from a venue nearing closure to a buzzing cultural hub enjoyed by all sections of the community. We would like say a huge thank you everyone who voted for us."

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Easter Services

24th March 7.30p.m. Maundy Thursday United Service (at Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane N2) - Holy Communion

25th March 10.30a.m. Good Friday "Reflections on the Cross"

27th March 10.30a.m. Easter Day Celebration Service - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Church Church Lane, East Finchley Church of England

We're a warm and friendly congregation who look forward to welcoming you

Sunday Parish Communion at 10.00 am

Children's Sunday Club ♦ Meet over coffee after church
Fr. Gray Featherstone is happy to answer any enquiries:

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