



Final word on the future of our library

By Daphne Chamberlain

So what is going to happen to our libraries? Barnet Council have broken their silence following the long campaign to save them. The big changeover is set for 1 April next year. Rumours and speculation are over. Drop into East Finchley Library from 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday 9 November to find out exactly what is proposed for us.

Alterations and reductions

This is one of the information sessions planned for every library, with the aim of seeing proposals and providing feedback before planning applications. From this we can deduce that most of the proposals will be about alterations to the buildings. This is particularly relevant to us, as our building is listed.

Barnet Council say they are keeping all 14 libraries open, and retaining their sites. They also say there will be two brand-new sites, though no details are provided in the statement. However, they will all be reduced in size, and will have fewer staffed opening hours. An overall increase in

opening hours will be achieved by running the controversial computer-operated sessions, pioneered at Edgware, in 10 branches.

We can expect commercial use of buildings, and widespread use of volunteers. Timelines of building works and details of associated temporary closures will be available in each information session.

Home, mobile and digital services will all be retained.

Come and have your say

The proposals will be available to view on www.barnet.gov.uk but Wednesday 9 October from 6pm to 8pm is the time to make your views known in our own well-loved library.



Open welcome: Nazareth House in East End Road.

Family fayre at Nazareth House

On Saturday 10 December from 2-5pm there will be a Winter Bazaar at Nazareth House in East End Road. The whole family is welcome to come along and enjoy music, teas and cakes, games for children, a tombola and raffle with stalls selling bric-a-brac, good quality clothes, cakes and a book stall.

Nazareth House is a well-established residential home to 84 elderly residents. It is run by not-for-profit Nazareth Care Charitable Trust and is open to all faiths.

In order to keep fees to a minimum, there are very few funds to provide extras and luxuries for residents, many of

whom are wholly dependent on state funding, such as outings, entertainments and treats.

The Winter Bazaar is therefore being hosted by the Friends of Nazareth House, a voluntary group which raises funds for the benefit of residents. Entry is £1 for adults, children free.



Words of wisdom: Sir Lenny with Archer Academy students

Sir Lenny makes impression with serious lessons for life

By Anjola Oluwo

A group of Year 10 students from the Archer Academy were fortunate enough to be invited to a masterclass put on by Creative Access at the law firm Herbert Smith Freehill where the guest speaker Sir Lenny Henry talked to us about his experiences as a black person in the creative arts industry.

I found this very interesting because I was not aware of the hurdles that people within this industry have had to overcome. He said that one of the biggest issues he had to face was not being taken seriously and being listened to. This is a very important matter to me as I believe that everyone's voice should be heard, no matter what they look like.

Sir Lenny also spoke about how, when he came up against racism, he used humour to deflect the situation. I have found this useful and it is something I try to do now and will definitely use in the future.

Although I do not want to work in the creative industry and prefer to follow a path into medicine, I hope to never face racism in my career but if I do,

I have some helpful tips from Lenny Henry.

Holy Trinity Church
Autumn Fayre
Church Lane, East Finchley
Saturday November 12, 12-3pm
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