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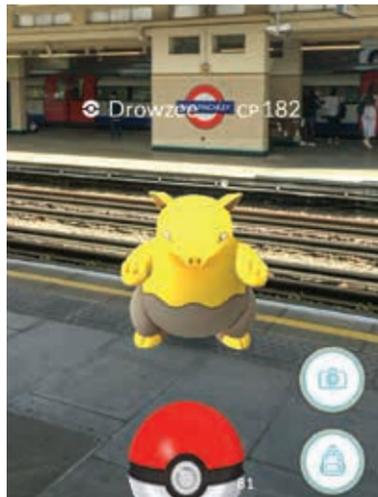


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P-p-pick up a Pokémon

By Jason Bankes

Pokémon Go has become a smash hit and set a record for the fastest free app to become number one most-downloaded a day after its release. The aim of the game is to collect creatures called Pokémon, 150 of them in all. They can be found everywhere, even on our tube station platform... but don't fall off!



Drowzee on the tube station platform

You can then fight with other Pokémon to contest gyms. There are four gyms in East Finchley including the library and the East Finchley Village Centre sign on Fortis Green.

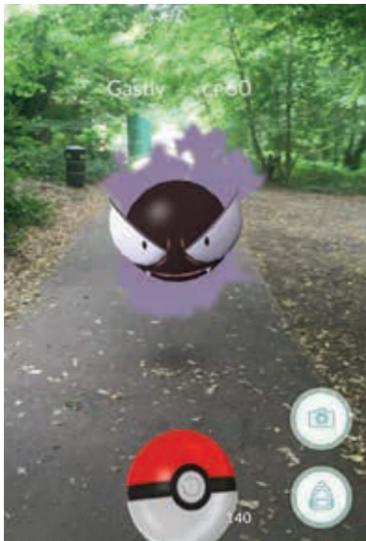
At Pokéstops you can collect free items like Pokéballs and potions. There are also several Pokéstops which include an old advertising sign, the Phoenix Cinema, a pub and two churches.

The station is definitely a hotspot for Pokémon to gather as you will always see at least one when you go there.

The game gets you active and allows you to experience places which you have never been to by exploring the local area. The downsides to the game are how bad the servers are (they get really busy) and the way flying Pokémon are caught (they move around a lot and they are difficult to catch).

All this intense gaming will make your battery 'Go' down. A quick trip to one of the many cafés to recharge will have you on your feet in no time. Pokémon Go will bring you joy and *Pokéfrustration* but getting up earlier to catch this new wildlife is worth it.

Police are urging all Pokémon Go players to stay aware of their surroundings at all times, particularly close to busy roads, and to make sure they don't fall victim to phone thieves.



Gastly in Cherry Tree Wood

Ciao Italia da tutti i Londinesi*

By John Lindsay and Rebecca Hawkes



Searching for Ricky Savage? Photo by John Lindsay

In a small hill town in Italy, the centre of an ex-mining community, THE ARCHER is a popular newspaper. The town is Massa Marittima in southern Tuscany, and the mining area is known as the Colline Metallifere, the Metallic Hills. The last mine closed some years ago but the beauty of the hills remains intact.

The readers are adult students of Annarita Tiezzi, a retired schoolteacher of English, a fluent English speaker and a friend of ours. Annarita

first saw *THE ARCHER* on a visit to see us in Cherry Tree Road and now whenever we visit her we take a supply of recent editions with us.

It's likely that quite a few people in Massa Marittima now know more about the battle of the East Finchley Library than the few residents of N2 unfortunate enough not to read *THE ARCHER*.

Local crime is of course always a source of interest, but

so are the stories of the achievements, courage and kindness of the people of East Finchley.

Ricky Savage (page 9) arouses particular interest. Who is this person? Male or female? Young or old? What work does or did he/she do? In fact does Ricky Savage actually exist? Try discussing that in a foreign language which you've just started to learn.

*Hello Italy from all Londoners

Chelsea Jim to judge

Chelsea Flower Show judge and TV gardening personality Jim Buttres will judge the exhibits and stay on to open Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society's 282nd flower show on Saturday 10 September at 3pm.

The show takes place at the Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11 6PB, where Grimsdyke Brass will also pay a return visit to play in the garden, and home-made teas, a prize raffle and spring bulbs will be on offer.

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