



Colin Scclare (left) with his associate Bobby Genchev. Photo Mike Coles

Five-year milestone for property firm

By Nick Allan

Colin Scclare has been involved with property since 1991, working with many of the leading agents in the area, before opening his own company at 119a, East End Road, N2, which is now celebrating five years in business.

Colin, who grew up in Heathfield Close, N2, set up Scclare Sales & Lettings to capitalise on his experience and provide a "family approach" to doing business. Supported by letting specialists Bobby Genchev and Amanda Serjeant, Colin and his team say they respond quickly to time-sensitive issues as if properties were their own.

When Colin isn't managing the team or showing properties he is to be found walking his dogs Kiki and Lucy or at home with wife Suzy and daughter Zoe, tending to his collection

of exotic fish.

An active community member, he particularly enjoys the village feel of East Finchley and considers it the jewel between Muswell Hill and Golders Green, attributing this to its friendly, diverse people and of course, a mix of different properties. Colin provides his letting and sales service for the majority of North London.

The team at Scclare are always pleased to help so drop in, even if it's only to see the custom-made fish tank and collection of exotic fish!

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Jan Lovell, of the East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team, updates us on the latest crime news. Jan and the team can be contacted by email at: EastFinchley.snt@met.police.uk, or by phone on 020 7161 9014.

A red-haired boy

There have been several incidents of egg throwing at properties in Trinity Road, Manor Park Road and Church Lane. A distinctive boy was seen running away from two of the properties. The same boy was also seen by the Trinity Road/Manor Park Road underpass where he was trying to throw traffic bollards over the chain fencing on to the Northern line track. This is clearly incredibly dangerous and we want to speak to this boy and his parents.

The boy is 11-14 years and has short straight bright ginger hair and is well spoken. The suggestion is that this boy and a brown haired friend of a similar age are very local. If you think you may know who these boys are or where they live, please contact us or call 101.

Phone scams

Here is a very recent example of how phone call scams can work. Fortunately in this instance the victim realised something was wrong before handing over any private financial information.

The caller identified herself as Amalia and said she was a BT operator. The victim stated that the caller spoke with an Indian accent and the line sounded like it was a long distance call.

Amalia said there was an issue with the victim's computer and asked him to do some trouble shooting. He complied and shortly after doing these steps she informed him that there had been fraudulent activity on his BT account and asked him to get his bank statement to see if there were any extra charges from BT.

When the victim returned to the phone Amalia asked for the account number of the account along with the 16-digit card number and also the three-digit security number on the reverse of the card. He became concerned, remembering that he shouldn't hand these details over to anyone on the phone.

When he refused to give these details, Amalia started getting aggressive, saying that without them she would inform the Police and they would arrest the victim the following day. Amalia then "transferred" the call to the Met Police in MANCHESTER. When the victim stated that the Met Police are only in London, a male with an Indian accent came on claiming to be 'Sgt Michael' and demanding details for the bank account. At this point the victim hung up.

Get in the swing

East Finchley is one of the first places in the country to offer a new cardio fitness workout from a BBC Dragons' Den success. SwingTrain is a fitness regime accompanied by the vintage vibes of swing, gospel, rhythm & blues and jazz.

It has been developed by Scott Cupit, the award-winning dance teacher whose pitch for his dance school and events company secured investment on BBC Dragons' Den.

SwingTrain East Finchley

will take place on Thursdays at 6.30pm at Archer Academy, Stanley Road, N2. The cost is £7 or £6 concessions. For more information and to book a class see www.swingtrain.com.

Welcome to Probus!

Convivial Lunch Club with talks for semi- or fully-retired PROfessional & BUSIness men and women on third Wednesday each month at Stephens House East End Road N3. Next meeting **Martin Bell** OBE ex war correspondent and MP now UNICEF Ambassador talks about his career 19 April. Details from Eric (8449 0566).

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Why we're fans of EFAB

Allison Goodings and Nick Young have lived in the area for eight years and they've found their lives have been made a little richer by volunteering for East Finchley Altogether Better (EFAB).

Allison, who works for the Canadian High Commission, said they picked up the EFAB newsletter at the pub and wanted to get involved.

"We had previously volunteered with the Casserole Club, delivering meals to elderly people in the area, and really enjoyed it," she says. "Now I am one of the chefs at the Wooden Spoon and Apron Club. Teaching cooking skills to people in our community, especially those who might be living alone and cooking on their own for the first time, is a natural extension of my love of feeding people."

"East Finchley is the most community-minded neighbourhood I have lived in, but it's important to reach out to those that might not get involved as easily."

Nick, a writer and tour guide, says: "I've always volunteered; when I lived in Edgware I used to help run a Scout group and after I moved here I started writing for *The Archer*. Delivering the EFAB newsletter is an important way in which everyone can find out about what EFAB has to offer."

"There are always areas where we can improve, to make sure that everyone who might like to get involved in helping to make their community a better place can find out how to do so."

Allison enjoys developing skills through volunteering: "Managing a group of amateur cooks, planning recipes, budgeting ingredients, and teaching are all new skills, so I'm gaining something from giving my time."

"I come from a family of cooks, with Ukrainian ancestry, and it's been enjoyable to share family recipes. As a Canadian I've grown up cooking many cuisines including Italian, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and French. It's been brilliant to share these dishes with people in our community."

For more information, visit www.efab.org.uk