



YOUNG ARCHER



Team spirit: Joe Strong (far right) with the younger club group. Photo Mike Coles

10 – 0 to Monday Football Club

By Joe Strong

East Finchley's longest running free football club is celebrating its 10th anniversary and due to huge demand is expanding its operation by starting a special session for younger footballers aged 11-14.

The Monday Football Club has always been part of the popular Monday Youth Club and has put hundreds of older teenagers and young adults through their paces over the years at pitches around the area.

Parent Robbie Talwar recently joined and brought his two sons aged 12 and 10 down to the club, saying he liked the fact that they had the opportunity to participate and improve their skills in a friendly atmosphere.

What makes these sessions unique is that they are free and refreshments and food are provided at half time. Plus, the sessions are open to all abilities; in other words, you don't need to be an experienced footballer or very good at the sport.

Girls welcome too

Now with two age groups enjoying free football, there is one game for the 15 to 25-year-olds and another for the 10 to 15-year-olds. Football coaches Kieran and Joe are both fully

qualified and welcome young members of the community to attend on any Monday.

Presently the club is attracting in the region of 50 players every Monday but still has room for more and is particularly looking for female members. Sessions take place every Monday evening from 6pm to 8pm on the Astro turf pitch next to the Compton School off Summers Lane, N12, just across the North Circular.

Kids' cricket coaching

Southgate Cricket Club is holding coaching courses for boys and girls at the Walkers Cricket Ground, Waterfall Road, Southgate, N14 7JZ.

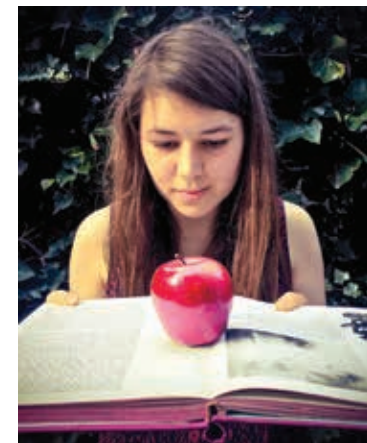
They started on Monday 24 April and run through to 17 July from 6pm to 8pm (including Bank Holidays). Booking is essential. Call 07796181286, email coaching@southgatecc.com or visit www.southgatecc.com

Zany adventure on stage

A modern-day Alice in Wonderland-like tale created by local teenagers is being performed at the Finchley Youth Centre, High Road, N2, on Saturday 6 May at 7pm.

The Little Book of Great Big Adventures will be staged by 12 to 18-year-olds from Fixation Theatre. It tells the zany story of a teenage girl facing some of life's scariest challenges while searching for her missing brother.

Fixation Theatre is a community devising theatre company open to all young people that meets weekly on Tuesdays



Book of adventures: Fixation's latest production

from 6pm to 7.30pm. To book a ticket for the show or to book a free taster session phone 07708 608 570 or email info@fixationtheatre.com.



Melody makers: young performers at the Youth Music Centre

50 years of music making

The Youth Music Centre is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a spectacular concert on 18 June at 6pm at St Jude-on-the-Hill in Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Everyone is welcome to join the audience for free and enjoy a picnic afterwards. YMC's Orchestras and Choir will perform a programme including the *Happy Birthday Variations* by Peter Heidrich, Handel's *Passacaglia* along with works by Albinoni, Bizet, fiery tangos and Haydn's *Toy Symphony*. The centre owes its existence to the late Emanuel and Kay Hurwitz and their friends who started it in their own house to give students the opportunity to play chamber music together.

Emanuel Hurwitz was one of Britain's great chamber musicians, orchestral leaders and teachers; Kay was a viola player in many major orchestras but is best remembered for her passionate work teaching young children.

Nigel Goldberg and his team of teachers are continuing their work in the spirit of the school they so loved. Each Saturday morning in Bigwood House based at Henrietta Barnet School in Hampstead Garden Suburb children can take part in voice, theory and recorder classes and larger scale music making.

All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England

Sunday mass at 10.00 a.m.

Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.

(11.00 a.m. on Wednesdays)

(Coffee served after mass on Sunday and Thursday)

Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

The Parish has a *flourishing* social life.

All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir.

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