



Letters

Happy reading

Dear Editor,

When I read the article on the community bookstall at East Finchley station, it placed a smile on my face. I first came across the bookstall last week and I thought what a wonderful idea; I will definitely be contributing to the bookstall. I would like to thank Lynn Winton for coming up with the idea; reading is a passion of mine. Also I would like to thank Amanda Walker for sponsoring this fantastic idea and to London Underground for supporting this project.

Yours faithfully,
Kallistheni Papadopoulos,
Address supplied.

Good riddance to bad rubbish

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Veolia for addressing the problem of fly tipping outside the Linksview apartments on the Great North Road, N2 (*The Archer*, July 2017).

I noticed that the recycling bins were removed a week or so ago, since when there has been very little rubbish left in the area, making it far more pleasant for those walking by or waiting at the adjacent bus stop. Hopefully the removal of the bins will put a permanent stop to the fly tipping.

As a Haringey resident, it is reassuring to know that such issues are taken seriously and measures put in place to resolve them.

Yours faithfully,
Tim Fox,
Great North Road, N2.

Grateful gardeners

Dear Editor,

A big 'thank you' to those who visited our Open Garden on Sunday 30 July in aid of The National Garden Scheme caring charities. With their help we raised a record donation of £1,320.00. We welcomed over 200 visitors and served over 100 afternoon teas. We even ran out of cake half an hour before the garden closed. Thank you so much for coming along and supporting the NGS. Be sure to put next year's Open Garden date in your diaries for 29 July 2018 and we'll make sure we don't run out of cake again!

Yours faithfully,
Caroline & David Broome,
Church Lane, N2.

Time of day

Dear Editor,

Regarding Janet Maitland's alarming story about mopeds being used to steal mobile phones from passers-by (*The Archer*, August 2017), it would have been informative for readers to know the time of day on 7 July when the incident outside Genzo's occurred. Late evening? In broad daylight? Obviously vigilance is the answer, especially if the answer is the latter.

Yours faithfully,
David Gritten,
By email.
Janet Maitland replies: The police were called to the scene at 7.40pm on Friday 7 July. So it was daylight, though not of the broad kind.

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Odeon wartime bomb

Dear Editor,

In February 2012 you published a Letter to the Editor from Mr Ken Palmer, entitled 'The Odeon, my wife and Mrs Davies'. In it he mentioned that when he was working as a projectionist at the Ritz Cinema in Muswell Hill, around 1944 at the age of 15, the entire screen and stage area received a direct hit from a V2 rocket.

At that time, I was a very small baby living with my parents in Hillfield Park, Muswell Hill. I am now studying at the University of Tasmania and writing about family histories. For my final assignment I have included the rocket event but I don't have the month that this happened. As I was born in July 1944, I know it had to be between then and December.

Is there any chance that one of your readers will know the date of the bombing? Hoping you are able to help.

Yours faithfully,
Ruth Holt,
Beauty Point, Tasmania.

Editor's note: Please email us at: the-archer@lineone.net or write to us at The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE if you can help Ruth.

Runner Ed's incredible feat

By Chris Stavrou

East Finchley's very own Ed 'Run Doctor' Kerry was cheered on by wellwishers as he began his 1,130 mile mega-challenge to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Ed passed through the High Road on 5 August as he powered through the first leg of his "Castle to Castle" challenge. Starting earlier that morning at the Tower of London, he was soon in his local stomping ground where he was met by family, friends and fellow members of N2 United business network, pictured right.

Supporters expecting only a fleeting window of opportunity to cheer him on were excited to have him for a moment longer when he and a few fellow runners, who accompanied him for a number of miles, stopped to refuel.

Ed was setting out to run and cycle over 1,100 miles, visiting all the castles of UK and Ireland's capital cities to raise as much money as possible in memory of his sister who he sadly lost 14 years ago. You can find out about his endeavour and continue to donate on his website www.castletocastle.co.uk

The next N2United meeting will be on 14 September at the Clissold Arms in Fortis Green, N2. If you have a local business N2United would love to see you there. They are also looking for speakers for future meetings which is a great opportunity to promote your business.



New vet practice opens its doors

Experienced veterinary surgeon Dr Andrew Monchar has realised his dream by going into business for himself and opening a new practice in Long Lane, N3. His independent Two By Two Veterinary Centre offers spacious facilities and state-of-the-art equipment to diagnose and treat all shapes and sizes of pets, whether they have fur, beaks, scales or feathers.

Dr Monchar said: "Launching my own veterinary centre is something I have wanted since graduating from The Royal Veterinary College. Through this venture, I look forward to welcoming our first clients and serving the needs of local residents and their pets."

The practice currently has two special offers: new kittens, puppies and rabbit kits are invited in for a free health check, whilst the first 100 clients receive 10% off all veterinary services for 12 months. Find the centre at 178-180 Long Lane, N3. Opening hours are



In business: Dr Monchar
9am to 7pm Monday to Friday
and 10am to 2pm on Sundays.
More details from www.two-by-two-vets.co.uk.

Mike Bassett, 1942 – 2017

By Michael Harris

My friend Michael (Mike) Bassett, who died on 20 June after a tedious spell in hospital, was a person of many skills and qualities and it is appropriate that these should be celebrated in *The Archer* for which he walked many miles over many years as a volunteer distributor.

Early in life he showed a taste for rock climbing and deep-sea diving as well as music, becoming an oboist and developing an increasing interest in the work of Richard Strauss. However, his main career path was as a metallurgist and engineer, a profession through which he made many friendships which lasted up to and through his final illness.

Soon after qualifying in this field he moved to Switzerland where he was employed in the engineering trade. Mike was never averse to the idea of living and working abroad. During the early 2000s he bought a substantial if rather ramshackle property near Chinon in France. His idea was partly to set up, in this isolated spot, a studio where he could practise his growing skill as a book binder.

Books were always a key theme in his life and it was through books that we first met, pursuing subsequently a parallel and to some extent inexplicable interest in collecting. Mike used these books as a starting point for his detailed and highly creative study of Hampstead and its environs, *Hampstead Surveyed, 1700-1762*.

Born in Hampstead he lived and died as an active member of the community of artists, craftsmen and writers who have characterised this neighbourhood from the start. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

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Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m.
followed by refreshments
and

for "Harvest Thanksgiving" on 24th September:

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East Finchley Food Bank

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Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy, on
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