



Helping hands: Charlie and family with therapist Marie at the Bobath Centre.

Farewell and thank you from everyone at the Bobath Centre

The team at the Bobath Centre have just vacated their specialist treatment and training premises in East Finchley after 25 years of providing services for children and adults living with cerebral palsy.

The charity has left East End Road to embark on a new life 13 miles away in north Watford where they are renovating new premises with features that will better support those living with neurological conditions.

Chris Barber, Director, said: "We are very sad to leave this wonderful community. Over the years, it has formed a tremendous home for staff, clients and students. We thank everyone very much for their generosity and kindness, with special thanks to Sue White, our local long-standing volunteer of 10 years, and KOKOS Shoes & Repairs amongst many others. East Finchley has given us many memories to cherish."

Volunteer Sue White said: "The past ten years have given me an amazing insight into the work of the Bobath Centre. I have seen first-hand the wonderful commitment of everyone involved. The centre has been in the heart of East Finchley for many years and will be sorely missed, but the new location will bring a new energy and drive to help as many people with cerebral palsy as possible in the years to come."

Keeping in contact

Until the new centre is ready, the team will be providing therapy services from Finchley Memorial Hospital and Hornsey Neighbourhood Health Centre. For more information, please call 020 8444 3355 or email contact@bobath.org.uk.

You can continue to engage and support the charity by subscribing to their newsletter at www.bobath.org.uk and by following them on social media. Donations can be made via www.justgiving.com/bobathcentre.

Teenager stabbed

By Janet Maitland

A teenager was taken to hospital after being stabbed in Muswell Hill on Sunday 28 October. The injuries to the boy, who is believed to be 15 years old, were not life threatening.

Police were called at 4.40pm to reports of a stabbing near the Mossy Well pub. They found the boy lying on the ground outside 77 Muswell Hill, a block of flats next to the pub. The London Ambulance Service came to his help along with paramedics from the air ambulance who landed in Alexandra Palace Park.

No arrests have yet been made and enquiries continue. If you have any information call police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 500 111 if you want to remain anonymous.

Ding dong

North London chamber choir Voxcetera stages its Christmas concert *Ding Dong Merrily* at St Joseph's Church, Highgate Hill, N19 (nearest tube is Archway) on Friday 7 December at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from voxcetera.co.uk.

Academy kick starts £250,000 campaign for new library

By Diana Cormack

An impressive crowd of supporters gathered at the Archer Academy's Upper School building in Beaumont Close, N2, for the official launch of its £250,000 library fundraising campaign.

Headteacher Lucy Harrison thanked children's author Anne-Marie Conway, who is donating money raised from the sale of the first 5,000 copies of her latest book *Unicorn Girl*.

Anne-Marie, of Summerlee Avenue, expressed gratitude for what the academy had done for her son, who was one of its first intake in 2013. Full of praise too was *EastEnders* actor Steve McFadden. He told *The Archer* how impressed he was by the efforts of a group of local parents who set up the academy, thus enabling his daughter to attend a local school. He also described the significant role libraries had played in his career development.

Although happily housed behind East Finchley station in

a building designed specifically for the long-gone Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute, the academy's upper school lacks a library and resource centre. Lucy Harrison is passionate about the benefits this would bring to her students and encouraged parents of present and future pupils as well as the community at large to join in the campaign to 'Make Beaumont Brilliant'. There is already a suitable site at the front of the building which would link up with the present IT suite.

Unicorn Girl, the eighth of Anne-Marie's books, is published by Eponine Press and is available on Amazon. To contribute directly to the library fund, visit <https://tinyurl.com/archermbb>.



Books for books: Steve McFadden, Anne-Marie Conway and Lucy Harrison. Photo Diana Cormack

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