



At the bar: Enda Murray

Madden's lives on in new hands

By John Lawrence

Many will know that there is a new man behind the bar at Madden's on the High Road after Enda Murray took on the running of the pub from previous owners Kieran and Margaret Madden. The name stays the same and Enda is promising to preserve the character of the tavern while at the same time bringing in more live music acts and planning a small refurbishment next year.

Madden's was for sale on the open market earlier this year after Kieran and Margaret decided to retire but in the end the couple retained ownership and sold the lease to Enda. At the time, many feared that the premises might have been bought and swallowed up by the new neighbouring Sainsbury's Local store.

Enda said: "When we came in people were concerned what was going to happen to the pub. The first reaction we got was relief that it wasn't going to be an extension of Sainsbury's. We want to continue the good work started by Kieran with a community pub open to everyone."

Keeping that 'good feeling'
Enda, who has been in the

pub trade for 10 years in Dublin and London, has started a pub pool team at Madden's, a poker league every Thursday and kept the popular Thai Kitchen food service. There is live music every Saturday evening and, on alternate Sundays, a live house band with a guest vocalist. Keep up with the latest acts by following Madden's on Facebook. So as a newcomer, how does East Finchley compare to his previous pubs? Enda says: "It's got a good feeling to it. Everyone has been really supportive. A lot of people grow up in East Finchley and still live here so they bring their sons and daughters in. That kind of thing makes a big difference to the atmosphere of a pub."

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Letters

Phoenix must face commercial reality

Dear Editor,

Like many East Finchley residents I value the Phoenix as a cinema, as a piece of London history and as part of the fabric of life in N2. It is however also a business. Based on the financial details printed in November's Archer I do not see how a £20,000 one-off funding campaign can safeguard the future of an enterprise that is losing £60,000 in a half year.

Rather than fighting against the Curzon group's rescue plan, I believe it would be much better to spend time working with them and the trustees to make sure that the unique character of the Phoenix is properly understood and reflected in the terms of the proposed relationship.

Yours faithfully,
Colin Turner,
Huntingdon Road, N2.

Difficult decisions for Phoenix

Dear Editor,

Despite being a much-loved part of the East Finchley community, The Phoenix cinema is clearly facing significant financial difficulties which could put its future at risk.

I completely understand the strength of feeling about keeping the cinema independent and now see that the partnership with the Curzon cinema has been put on hold.

I am concerned that the amount of fundraising needed to keep the cinema afloat year after year will be extremely difficult to achieve and sustain. The worst possible outcome would be that the cinema closes.

The trustees are community-minded volunteers who want The Phoenix to have a future. Inevitably, there are difficult decisions to be made ahead. We need to give them our support as they try to negotiate these uncertain times.

Yours faithfully,
Rachel Ellis,
Address supplied.

Parking will get worse

Dear Editor,

I do hope you'll give some space to allow responses to Mr Myerson's letter on the East Finchley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the November issue.

Barnet Council has accepted that parking within the all-day CPZ in East Finchley remains extremely difficult and that the zone, as originally devised, was too large to work efficiently.

The various educational institutions in Park House seem to

be thriving but they generate significant extra traffic and parking demand in Baronsmere, Park Hall and Ingram Roads.

In addition, around 15-20 commuters from Hampstead Garden Suburb, who must live within the CPZ, drive across East Finchley every morning to park legally in the all-day zone, avoiding a walk to the station.

This has serious consequences for East Finchley and the residents of the all-day CPZ, in addition to finding a parking space. Air pollution is increased, with up to an extra 10,000 trips a year across the area, dumping 1,500 kilos of carbon dioxide on our streets. Visitors can't park close to our homes even though we have to pay the council £1.

The lives of neighbours with mobility problems or young children are made more difficult and homebuyers or tenants are put off because of the chaotic parking. Double parking often blocks our roads, as there is simply nowhere to pull in. Care workers and health visitors find it difficult to park.

This situation can only get worse due to the development of 21 flats with one parking space on the old GLH site.

Yours faithfully,
Michael McGrath
Ingram Road, N2.

Parking is too restrictive

Dear Editor

I could not agree more with the letter in last month's issue regarding the onerous parking restrictions operating in the roads south of the junction of East End Road and Fortis Green Road - 10am to 6.30pm six days a week.

I lived in Baronsmere Road for nearly 30 years until March last year with, as your reader said, these completely unnecessary parking restrictions applying for most of the time. In 2017 there was a questionnaire issued to residents to consider various ways in which the parking restrictions could be altered and although I am sure most people would have asked for the restriction to be amended to just one hour a day, nothing more was heard about it.

In March of last year I moved to a flat in a small block on the Great North Road just round the corner from The Bishops Avenue, which is in the same CPZ area as Baronsmere Road so has the same totally restrictive parking problem six days a week.

The resident parking bays here on the Great North Road are empty virtually all day every day except

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on Sundays, and to add insult to injury Barnet Council have been refusing to allow us in this block to purchase Visitor Parking Vouchers for the last 18 months, giving us various somewhat ridiculous excuses, despite the fact that their website quite clearly states that if you live in a CPZ area you can purchase vouchers.

Barnet Council really do have to have a re-think a) about reducing the hours of operation of this CPZ area and b) about allowing everyone who is entitled to purchase visitor vouchers to do so. This would generate more income from the sale of vouchers which would mean that the Council would have more money to spend on much more needy causes.

Yours faithfully
Kate Barnett,
Great North Road, N2.

Don't change parking rules

Dear Editor,

Eugene Myerson's letter in November's *The Archer* takes no account of the needs of the residents of the southern part of the East Finchley CPZ, known as the 'Cherry Tree Wood Area'. We badly need to keep the restriction from 10.30am to 6.30pm and responded strongly to Barnet's Parking Review in 2016 in favour of this. Our small parking area is already open to residents of the more northerly part of the zone who drive from their houses a few streets down to be nearer to the tube station, and take up the places in our streets, rather than walk the short distance.

We have our share of elderly residents and those with young children, who need to be able to park in the streets they live in, but are often displaced. All other areas in London close to tube stations have an all-day zone, and there is no reason why East Finchley should be any different. **Yours faithfully,**
Claire Pozner,
Fairlawn Avenue, N2.

Budgens not bad

Dear Editor

I write in response to Norman Kessel's strident views on the recent Budgens takeover (Letters to the Editor, *The Archer*, November 2018). Whilst I can empathise with the principal point raised, I would ask Mr Kessel to show a similar understanding. Some people in East Finchley would like a higher quality of food options and it's great to see Budgens improving their offering. I'm a big fan of the makeover and look forward to what else they'll be doing.

Yours faithfully,
Name and address supplied.

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