



Sainsbury's store stays on the shelf

It's now nearly two years since planning consent was granted to Sainsbury's to open a 'Local' store on the corner of the High Road and Leicester Road, N2, but after all this time there's no sign of the two empty shops there being redeveloped.

We made our regular call to Sainsbury's to find out if anything is happening. What we were told took us no further forward than the last statement from the company. A spokesperson told us: "We're working through our plans and timings so we can deliver our new store. We have had to revisit the works involved, as they are more detailed than we

first thought but we are working through this and hope to be in a position to update the local community in the near future."

The Archer will of course report any new developments as we get them. East Finchley Open artists continue to have permission from Sainsbury's to make use of the vacant premises with a pop-up photo display.



Run for it: Last year's Race the Neighbours gets under way in Cherry Tree Wood

Can East Finchley reclaim the crown?

By Nick Allan

Race the Neighbours is back on Sunday 1 July and this time East Finchley hopes to take back the trophy they lost to Muswell Hill last year.

The route takes runners from Cherry Tree Wood to Alexandra Palace and back and is often described as London's friendliest and most beautiful community 10K race.

Serious and not-so-serious runners compete on behalf of East Finchley or Muswell Hill, and those from further afield can choose which of the friendly rivals they want to run for. If the event sells out as expected, between them the 450 runners on the day will cover three times the distance from Lands End to

John O' Groats!

Local gym MighteeFit will again be hosting the warm-up before the race and are inviting every runner to book in for a free fitness assessment in the weeks afterwards.

Registration is now open, and places will go faster than the downhill section in Ally Pally... just don't think about that uphill bit! So get booking, and win back the Cherry Tree Cup for East Finchley! For more details and registration, visit www.racetheneighbours.com.

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First brick laid at hospice

Families, funders and the local community celebrated the laying of the first brick for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice on its new site in Byng Road, Barnet, on 16 March.

The Ark will be the first children's hospice building in north and central London serving the boroughs of; Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Islington, Haringey and Hertsmere. There are over 1,200 babies and children with life-threatening or life-limiting

conditions in the area.

The new state-of-the-art hospice building will offer a range of children's palliative care services that are not currently available, including sensory, music and wet play rooms, overnight stays to help

manage a child or young person's symptoms and 24-hour end-of-life-care, including specialised care for new-born babies. Find out more and help the cause by donating or volunteering at www.noah-sarkhospice.org.uk.

A dive into data protection

By Nick Allan

N2United, described as 'the fastest growing business network in East Finchley', lived up to that claim when nearly 30 enthusiastic business owners and leaders met for their monthly catch-up at the Clissold Arms, Fortis Green, on 12 April.

They heard Matt Connolly of Tunedin Technologies tell them more about GDPR, the EU's soon to be implemented General Data Protection Regulation programme. This important subject causes many to glaze over but Matt tackled it with refreshing candour and clarity. In an eloquent 20 minutes he summarised the action required by all those who hold other people's data and the steps required to comply before 25 May.

Local resident, Muriel Bouvier, a cognitive hypnotherapist and longstanding N2United member, then talked about the practicalities she had already applied in her own business,

circulating a valuable advice sheet for members to study at their leisure.

With a specialist speaker on the subject of social Media, the next meeting is on the 10 May.

N2United meets on the second Thursday of each month and the charge for attendance is £10 per meeting. Come along and join us – you will be made most welcome.

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