



YOUNG ARCHER



All ears: McFly's Tom Fletcher and his author wife Giovanna, both left, feature in the book with Noah's Ark family Aga, Lucas, Borys and Wiktor.

Hospice hand-in-hand with Disney

Noah's Ark Children's Hospice families from across north London have joined some of the world's most famous faces in a new book celebrating 90 years of Mickey Mouse. *Mickey Mouse & Me* by celebrity photographer Rankin features over 30 well-known names such as Kate Moss, Mark Hamill and Phillip Schofield alongside families of children with life-limiting conditions.

Three hundred collector's edition copies went on sale on eBay in August, with all proceeds going to children's hospice charity Together for Short Lives, who invited Noah's Ark

families to take part. And last month Noah's Ark was awarded £15,000 from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation to support its drama and music therapy sessions for 65 seriously ill children

with complex individual needs in their own home, hospital or the community.

Its new hospice building, The Ark, opens in spring 2019 to families in north and central

London. Visit www.noahsark-hospice.org.uk for info.

Hallowe'en humour

Here are some witch jokes for Hallowe'en chosen by Tom Evans, from Highgate Primary School.

Q: What happened to the naughty witch at school?

A: She was ex-spelled.

Q: Why do witches wear name tags?

A: So you can tell which witch is which!

Q: What do we call a witch who lives on the beach?

A: A sand-witch.

Q: What did the witch's cat have for breakfast?

A: Mice Crispies.

Q: What is the favourite lesson at witch school?

A: Spelling.

Q: How do you make a witch itch?

A: Delete the W.

School waves the green flag

Pupils and staff at Coldfall Primary School have been awarded a Green Flag award by global programme Eco-Schools for their work in looking after the school grounds and raising awareness of environmental issues.

Children at the Muswell Hill school have learned about air pollution and global warming as part of the school curriculum and take part in the Star Squad, which meets every week to discuss how the school can be more sustainable.

My camping trip

By Tom Evans

This summer holiday I went camping with my brother, my daddy and my Highgate Primary school friends. My daddy and another daddy of my friend helped put up our tent. At first it was quite empty inside but then there was less and less room because my daddy put up our blow up mattresses.

In the night I rolled off the bed and ended up sleeping on the floor lying on a duvet with lots of rugs over me, so it was quite cosy!

During the day I had breakfast, got dressed and played with all my friends. But the night was the funnest part of all because I prowled around with torches and got to stay up very late. There was a camp fire and we had chocolate digestives, marsh-

mallows and hot chocolate. One night we watched a film called Lego Ninjago Movie in one of my friend's tents. That was fun.

The best bit about camping was finding a tree that could be a tree house and the night times when we had our adventures. The worst bit was waking up early in the morning and having to wait so long until night time came again!

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 during term time)

(Coffee served after mass on Sunday and Thursday)

Join us
on Wednesday 1 November at 8.00 p.m.
for our Feast of Title: All Saints' Day
(followed by wine and refreshments)
and on
Sunday 4 November at 6.30 p.m.
for "In Loving Remembrance"
Remembering a loved one, finding comfort,
sharing peace
(followed by refreshments)

The Parish has a flourishing social life.

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

New singers are always welcome.

Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy, on 020 8883 9315.

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>

Get your hands on the talent trophy

North London's Got Talent is set to return for a fourth year and applications are now being taken from acts hoping to win the coveted glitter ball trophy.

So whether you're a dancer, a singer, a magician or a comedian, like to perform solo or as part of a group, organisers are looking for a stellar line-up of performers to appear on stage at the North Finchley artsdepot on Saturday 2 February 2019. Twelve acts will be shortlisted to entertain the audience at the event, which is run by North London Hospice with all proceeds going towards funding patient care in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey. Applications can be submitted online at www.northlondonhospice.org/nlgt or by calling the fundraising team on 020 8446 2288 and must be in by the closing date of Monday 22 October.

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How we used to do Hallowe'en

By Diana Cormack
Children used to try to spook their neighbours long before dressing up and knocking on doors for a trick or treat took over as the main activity on 31 October. We did it with a home-made Hallowe'en lantern.

I can remember carefully slicing off the top of a swede or turnip before hollowing out the inside of the vegetable to create a head. That wasn't easy, but more difficult was cutting out the three triangular shapes for the eyes and nose plus a mouth if we could manage it.

Then two holes had to be carefully made near the top edge and another two through the sliced off top, which made a covering lid. String was poked through these holes to make a handle. Finally a candle had to be fitted inside.



Kids only

Outside in the dark (without our parents) when the candle was lit we would wave the 'head' about. With its eyes, nose and mouth glowing, we would moan and scream eerily as we tried to scare passers-by. That didn't always work and neither did the lantern.

Firstly because there was often an autumn wind which blew out the match as soon as we struck it so we couldn't light the candle. Or the wind blew out the candle if we did manage to light it for a while. The candle itself would often topple over because fixing it inside was never wholly successful, nor was the string handle very stable. The holes for the string would sometimes split and the lantern would end up rolling away in the dark with us running after it.

Hallowe'en is now a much more organised and full-on occasion. What we did would probably not be tolerated today mainly because it was full of health and safety issues. Read this again and see how many you can find!