



The Archer

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Councils		Help & Advice		Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Barnet Council	020 8359 2000	Childline	0800 1111	Health Info Service	0800 665544
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	MIND	020 8343 5700
Benefits	0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care	0800 8081677	National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711
Haringey Council	020 8489 0000	EF Advice Service	0300 4568365	Crime	
Recycling & refuse	020 88857700	Lone Parent Centre	020 3828 4834	Emergency	999
Benefits	020 8489 2800	Missing Persons Helpline	116 000	Police non-emergency	101
Leisure		National Debt Line	0808 156 7718	CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121	NSPCC	0808 8005000	Victim Support	0845 303 0900
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815	Rape Crisis helpline	0808 802 9999	Hospitals	
Everyman, Muswell Hill	0872 436 9060	Refuge Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247	NHS	111
Garden Suburb Library	020 8458 3301	Relate Helpline	0300 100 1234	Barnet General	08451 114000
Muswell Hill Library	020 8489 8773	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	Samaritans	116 123	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Vue, North Finchley	0345 3084620	SENDIASS Barnet	020 8359 7637	Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
		SENDIASS Haringey	020 3667 5233	Royal Free	020 7794 0500
Transport		Health Advice		Whittington	020 7272 3070
National Rail	0845 7484950	AIDSLINE	020 8363 2141	OAPs' Advice	
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
Heathrow Airport	0844 3351801	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Independent Age	0800 319 6789
National Express	0871 781 8181	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	Age UK	0800 169 2081
TfL	0343 222 1234	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777		
Thameslink	0345 026 4700	Drinkline	0800 917 8282		

School opens its playing fields to all

By Sandy Barker, from Grange Big Local

One of the many beautiful green spaces in East Finchley, which have been lying empty during the pandemic, are the playing fields at Bishop Douglass School. With support from Grange Big Local and their volunteers, the school made the fields available for local residents to use for play and relaxation.

It was a pilot scheme to see how it worked for everyone, especially the school, and to assess the demand. We had up to 80 people, mainly families with young children, on the field with bikes, scooters, footballs, and one day even kites.

The fields were open for two hours each afternoon for eight days last month, ending with the school holidays, but we hope that arrangements can be made for some further fun in August and September.



Play time: Families enjoy Bishop Douglass School field.

Mature trees under threat in Queen's Wood

By Ann Bronkhorst

In early July four mature, healthy oak trees in Queen's Wood were due to be felled. The reason? An insurance company would not meet the cost of underpinning a property nearby and was likely to sue Haringey Council, which owns the wood, unless they removed the trees.

Protest rapidly grew via local press, social media and a petition on Change, led by the Friends of Queen's Wood, who believe that, as a nature reserve and ancient wood, it should be protected in law from claims such as these. At the time of

writing protesters were on site daily and the trees had not yet been felled.

Supporting the petition, Professor Duckett of the Natural History Museum argued that preservation of ancient woodland is the top environmental

priority. Catherine West, MP for Haringey, and local councillors lent support, as did other amenity groups such as the Haringey Parks Forum and the Friends of Coldfall Wood as well as activists from Extinction Rebellion.

Now is a good time to advertise with us

By John Dearing

The Archer is East Finchley's community newspaper and is produced and distributed each month entirely by volunteers.

Despite the challenge presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, we continued to publish throughout and bring our unique focus on East Finchley events, issues and features to our readers.

Thanks to our brilliant team of volunteer deliverers, we have now



10,000 delivered each month.

restarted letterbox delivery to 10,000 homes and businesses in the N2 postal code area, starting on the first weekend of each month. As East Finchley comes back to life with the easing of lockdown, why not share in our success by advertising in The Archer?

Adverts in The Archer are interspersed with the articles and pictures throughout the paper, rather than being consigned to back pages that carry only adverts. Our rates are very competitive, starting from £20 for a small, single-column advert, with larger, multi-column adverts costing proportionally more, and with discounts for repeat orders.

You can commission your own artwork or ask us to provide simple layouts and we are happy to help you with either. Please look through this issue of The Archer to see examples of the different sizes and styles

of adverts that we can offer. For more details go to our website at: www.the-archer.co.uk.

Contact us for advice and a quote by emailing us on advertising@the-archer.co.uk, leave a voicemail on 0800 612 4027, send us a message on our website, or write to us at: The Archer, PO Box 3699, London, N2 2DE.

Snap happy

Amateur photographers across the capital are invited to submit photos that showcase the best of the people and places in their local area with the chance to win photography equipment and to have their work displayed on the Museum of London website.

The free competition runs until 21 August. Find out more and enter at www.photocrowd.com/becauseimalondoner

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

15 Beresford Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rear/side dormer windows and two front roof lights.

83 Durham Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer with French doors and Juliet balcony, and three front roof lights.

27 Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Addition of skylights.

44 Fortis Green, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window and three front roof lights.

18 Hamilton Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and two front roof lights.

78 Hertford Road, N2

Conversion of property from HMO to two self-contained flats. Associated amenity space, refuse/recycling area and cycle store.

339 High Road, N2

Single-storey side extension and two-storey rear extension. Roof extension, involving rear and side dormer windows and two front roof lights.

21 Huntingdon Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rais-

ing roof height and rear dormer window.

59A Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory.

86 Ossulton Way, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable space. Reinstating original garage door. Enlargement of side window.

34 Pulham Avenue, N2

Erection of two-storey dwelling. Associated parking, landscaping, cycle store, and refuse and recycling.

- Beginners -

Tai Chi & Qigong

** NEW COURSES ** in East Finchley

Wednesdays am & pm (Trial session: £5)

James Drewe is a qualified teacher and has been practising tai chi for 40 years. He is the author of 3 books on tai chi & is a member of the BCCMA.

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