



Eye catching: Jake Moss behind the lens

Jake is a natural behind the camera

Film maker Jake Moss has been named runner-up among hundreds of entries in a national competition that asked young people to capture what nature means to them in their neighbourhood.

Jake, 13, of Lincoln Road, N2, filmed, edited and wrote the music for a short film called *Contrast*. By mixing busy and chaotic scenes of shopping on the High Road, and even the Black Lives Matter protests, with tranquil scenes from Hampstead Heath, it certainly lives up to its title.

The competition was organised by UK film education charity Into Film at the beginning of May as a response to school closures and as part of a home-learning campaign for teachers and young people.

Jake said: "I was bored so I thought I'd give it a go. I

wrote the music on computer first and then filmed and edited to the music. I didn't have a script, I was just trying to concentrate on how it felt to me. "I was thinking how stressful and overwhelming just being on the High Road was at that time with coronavirus around. I wanted to show how being in nature is so different and can really help."

Jake got his first taste of film making at a summer camp four years ago and has kept it up at a weekly club in Highgate. You can watch his 90-second film at vimeo.com/429226761

School and college in maths partnership

By Daphne Chamberlain

Imperial College London has been given the go-ahead by the government to set up a maths school on the campus of Woodhouse Academy in North Finchley. The school will be for sixth-form students learning maths, further maths and other science A-levels. If all goes well, it should open in the autumn of 2023.

It is the first time that a world top ten university has partnered with a school in this way. Imperial College greeted the decision as "wonderful news", with the opportunity to transform lives by seeking out the most able students from the widest range of backgrounds, including female students, BAME groups and those from disadvantaged and under-represented communities.

They are hoping that a specialist school will help discover talent, and open up the path to careers including technology, computing and financial industries.

Woodhouse College, rated outstanding by Ofsted, has become an Academy to facilitate this. It is consistently rated as one of the best sixth form colleges in the country, drawing

its pupils from over 180 North London schools. All the students study A-levels.

National network

Working together, Imperial College and Woodhouse hope to "improve social mobility and diversity in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)". The new school will also be part of a growing national network of Maths Schools aimed at increasing STEM graduates, including those linked with the universities of Cambridge, Durham, Exeter, Lancaster, Liverpool, Surrey, and King's College London.

To find out more, e-mail enquiries@woodhouse.ac.uk or call 020 8445 1210. For admissions enquiries, e-mail admissions@woodhouse.ac.uk. You can follow the project on Facebook @WoodhouseAcademy.

Bin it or take it home from the woods

By Ann Bronkhorst

As lockdown restrictions ease, more and more people are using parks for recreation so litter appears daily rather than mainly at weekends. Last month *The Archer* highlighted litter problems in two local open spaces, Coldfall Wood and Cherry Tree Wood.

Now Haringey, the borough which manages Coldfall Wood and Muswell Hill Playing Field, has launched a campaign called 'Bin it or take it home' with banners, bin stickers, floor stencils, even new bins all promoting the message.

The campaign is designed to encourage lasting behavioural change. Sarah Jones, who works for Haringey, points out that staff and volunteers "are working incredibly hard, in extreme heat, picking up rubbish others have selfishly left... This is a problem that we as a council can't solve alone." And the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy has warned of "a littering epidemic as lockdown eases" unless people change their habits.

Haringey plan some as yet unspecified "publicity stunts" to generate interest and "face to face engagement" with park users. Tougher action will follow with enforcement officers visiting parks and with the use of fixed penalty notices as a last resort.

Wherever you live you can carry out your own litter pick. Check out www.cleanupuk.org.uk first for guidance on health and safety and risk assessment. In Haringey, litter pickers and bags are available on loan for community-minded residents and the council can remove the collected litter. Further information from parkprojects@haringey.gov.uk or from the council's website www.haringey.gov.uk/bin-it-or-take-it-home

Search for teachers

A former student of Christ's College Finchley is hoping to make contact with two teachers who worked there in the 1980s. The student is trying to locate Ms Taylor and Ms Maitland, who both taught English at the school in East End Road, N2, from 1984 to 1989. Anyone who can help is asked to email the student's partner at: melaniavicario@hotmail.com



Sweet treats: Huxley, Roni and Jemima at their cake stall

Children host cake sale

A charity cake sale is a fun and delicious way to raise money for worthwhile causes and a great way to meet your neighbours.

East Finchley residents Huxley, Roni and Jemima baked black sticky gingerbread, apple pie bites, apple and cinnamon crisps, with blackberry and yoghurt ice lollies for their cake sale.

"We picked the blackberries in Coldfall Woods," said Roni. "And all the apples are from my garden," added Jemima.

The children came up with the idea for hosting the cake

sale, chose the recipes, did all the baking, decorated a tablecloth, and even made a cake sale sign out of Lego.

The glorious sunshine turned to drizzle and finally heavy rain, but friends and neighbours turned up with umbrellas to support the children, who raised £36 for the NHS. "We like making cakes," said Huxley, "and our neighbours like eating cakes, so it was easy."

Senior learners adapt to classes online

By David Melsome

The Hampstead Garden Suburb branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) reports that it has responded to the challenge of its leaders and members being in lockdown by shifting most of its programme online.

Almost 40 online groups are now active, sharing skills and knowledge among members, who are mainly of retirement age. Some groups that previously could hold only a limited number of members in their leaders' homes can now welcome many more members via the internet. Classes include Play Reading where the 'cast' had great fun acting in classic plays such as *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Divine Laughter* and *Pygmalion*.

Crafting took on a new impetus with members making protective masks and hospital scrubs, alongside their regular knitting, crocheting and sewing.

Staying connected

Groups co-ordinator Daphne Berkovi said: "Online learning is not impeding the continuation of our U3A. Indeed, it is in many ways enhancing the opportunity to have larger group meetings and develop groups with a diverse range of topics."

"We do hope that at some point in the future we will be able to meet in a more personal way, rather than just virtually. Nevertheless, we are filling the void by staying connected, which is the most important aspect."

The HGS U3A also welcomes new members and new ideas. A virtual Open Day is planned for the autumn. Find more details at <https://hgsu3a.uk/>

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