



Tech start-up for spaces going spare

By John Lawrence

A tech start-up company headed by an East Finchley man is aiming to connect people with the local venues they can hire out for leisure activities and special events.

Sharesy.com has been founded by Felix Atkin and has launched in Barnet, as well as starting to spread its network across the wider area of north London.

Church in Church Lane, N2, which hires out its gallery and reading room. Other spaces available to hire through Sharesy include football pitches, dining halls, classrooms and soft play rooms.

Investors approve

Felix, who lives off East End Road, N2, said it was a way of helping venues generate sustainable revenues from under-used spaces. By combining everything on the Sharesy website, they could save time and effort. He said: "We know how time consuming it can be to manage hire spaces, so we have designed Sharesy to be a 'self-service' solution combining listing, scheduling and payment in one secure place."



Founder: Felix Atkin

Essentially, it's an Airbnb for sports and community venues, which lets them control the listings for the space they hire out, including prices, availability and terms of use. Among more than 40 locations already signed up are Brookland Junior School in Hill Top, NW11, which rents its lower playground, and Holy Trinity

Felix calls his company a 'tech-for-good' start-up. It is investor-funded and has raised almost £1million to date from high-profile investors, including Philip Bier, the founder of Tiger stores. This funding has meant Felix and his team are able to work for free with their Barnet venues for the whole of 2021.

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The tide is high: Water flows down Fortis Green and past the Everyman Cinema.

Water, water, everywhere

Thanks to Archer reader Lesley Hales for sending us these photos of the burst water main which sent a torrent of water flowing down Fortis Green Road in Muswell Hill on the afternoon of Tuesday 10 August. The burst occurred halfway along the road, causing some disruption for traffic and parking, until workmen arrived later in the evening to make repairs and stem the flood. Although not legible in Lesley's photo, how suitable that two of the films showing that day at the Everyman Cinema were *Stillwater* and *Jungle Cruise*.

Helping hand with technology

By Toni Koppel

The Five Bells Computer Club has been running since 2016, and is a fun, friendly and free way for everyone to get help with their computers, tablets or phones. We began in a sheltered housing complex, but soon grew too big for their common room, and moved to the Five Bells pub nearby in East End Road, N2. We now have over 260 members.

Luckily they don't all turn up at once! People tend to come for help with something they find tricky, and then we don't see them again until they encounter something else that they can't manage on their own. Or people come along for a chat and a cup of tea.

We have a core of around 12 volunteers with varied skillsets who are so kind and patient with everyone, taking the time to help and explain everything clearly.

New venue

We send out a newsletter every Tuesday morning with a



Screen time: Members of the Five Bells Computer Club in their temporary home in the transmitter hall at Alexandra Palace.

reminder that the club is happening in the afternoon. After our summer break we'll be starting up again on Tuesday 7 September at a new temporary location at Alexandra Palace. We decided to move to this location whilst there is still a threat of Covid, as the spaces are large and airy with plenty of room to stay socially distant, easy access, ample parking and a bus stop almost at the door.

We plan to run a Zoom session at the same time as our face-to-face sessions, so that our housebound members can continue to join in. Some of our members have offered lifts to others, so please get in touch via email ([fivebells.computer-](mailto:fivebells.computer-club@gmail.com)

club@gmail.com) if you'd like to join us and need a lift.

If you would like to join us, you can find our sign-up form on our newly created website: <https://five-bells-computer-club.mailchimpsites.com/>. Everyone will be welcome whether you need help with your smartphones, computers or tablets, or you just fancy joining us for a chat and a cup of tea.

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