



Letters

Prescription problems

Dear Editor,

Over the Jubilee weekend I needed unexpected medical attention and was prescribed medication by a doctor at the Finchley Memorial Hospital walk-in clinic. I tried to collect it in Tesco, Finchley Central pharmacy which appeared to be open but was told by a security guard that the pharmacists had gone to the Jubilee. I wondered why they didn't have a clear notice saying when they would next be open and perhaps where the nearest pharmacist could be located.

Similarly the N2 closed pharmacists no longer have a notice outside with relevant information so that patients know where/when to go. I now understand that the London Borough of Barnet no longer fund an N2 rota (apparently since large supermarkets have in-store pharmacies).

I consider this a serious omission and would like to see this urgent matter rectified. Especially as we now have a Barnet Labour majority it should be possible to reassess this.

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Gigs at Madden's

There are free Saturday evening music gigs at Madden's Bar in the High Road, N2. On Saturday 2 July, the Odyssey Blues and Soul four-piece band will be playing from 9.30pm. On Saturday 9 July and Saturday 6 August, the covers duo In Recovery will be on stage.

Tennis for anyone

By Diana Cormack

The café in Cherry Tree Wood now has a supply of tennis equipment which can be borrowed for use on the tennis courts there when they are not occupied. Better still, many of the racquets are child-size, which will encourage youngsters to try their hand at the game.

Sharon Harding, of the Cherry Tree Café, told *The Archer* that they had been kindly donated by local resident Linda Jones who has been a tennis coach at David Lloyd Club, Finchley, for many years. Former international player Linda has been very much involved in children's tennis and it was her suggestion that the club could donate the equipment.

This has been added to some already generously provided by local residents Liz Hanchet and Helen Doran, making tennis possible for people who may never before have had the chance to play.

Charity concert

A charity concert for Ukraine, a full orchestral concert and three chamber music recitals with award-winning artists make up this year's High Barnet Chamber Music Festival which runs from Saturday 2 to Sunday 17 July.

The concert series was set up to provide a platform for young professional musicians and to stimulate arts and music education in north London and Hertfordshire. There are discounted tickets available for those aged eight to 25.

For details visit www.hbcmf.co.uk



Hills and valleys: Jean-Paul midway through his trek along the Dutch Mountain Trail

Mountaineering in the Netherlands

By John Lawrence

When father-of-three Jean-Paul Jaegers was searching for a personal challenge to raise money for the hospital that had transformed the life of his son, he turned to his home country of the Netherlands.

He decided to take just one day to walk the Dutch Mountain Trail, a 101km path that covers seven summits in the southern part of the country bordering Belgium and Germany.

Jean-Paul, of Sylvester Road, N2, tackled the route to raise cash for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), where his seven-year-old son Oliver is being treated successfully for a condition that had left him badly affected by severe migraines and flashing lights in his eyes.

Seven summits in 25 hours

Now, the Netherlands is not known for its mountain peaks but its border country does have rolling hills as high as 300m and you certainly need to be an experienced hiker to cover the seven highest in one day.

Jean-Paul trained for three months by walking long-distance routes around north London. Then friends and family met him on the Dutch

Mountain Trail itself to accompany him at different points.

With only short recovery breaks, he walked for 25 hours, using a head torch for the night stages, and arrived at the end point in Maastricht at 6pm, complaining only of 'sore feet'.

Thanking GOSH

Jean-Paul said: "A 100km in one stretch, under the conditions of some parts of this landscape, is not a walk in the park. The trail covers the area where I grew up as a child, which made this challenge extra tempting.

"So far, fortunately Olivier's condition has been improving to a level where it doesn't interfere with his education and life-style anymore. We have therefore witnessed first-hand the great work the Great Ormond Street experts can do for young children." You can make a donation in support of Jean-Paul's walking challenge and the GOSH Charity here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jpj2022

Masterworks in concert

Finchley Chamber Choir and Finchley Symphony Orchestra come together for the final concert of their seasons on Saturday 9 July. With conductor David Lardi they will perform two 19th-century masterworks.

Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony* pushes the boundaries of the form, not least in the scoring which includes trombones and a piccolo. Brahms' *German Requiem* is the most substantial choral piece he wrote, and it focuses on the living rather than the dead.

All this music can be enjoyed at 7.30pm at Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley. Tickets cost £18, £15 for concessions and £7 for under 18s, and you save £2 a ticket if you book online in advance at www.finchleysymphony.org.

From The Archer archives...

By Jane Marsh

10 years ago:

July 2012

This was the year we reported that the Community Festival had to be cancelled after weeks of rain left Cherry Tree Wood completely waterlogged, much like it has been for the past few winters. Fortunately the festival returned bigger and better in 2013 and continues to be the highlight of East Finchley's year.

15 years ago:

July 2007

East Finchley High Road welcomed independent bookshop Black Gull, opened by Chris Overfield. When interviewed, Chris said he chose East Finchley as it had more of a community feel to it and he had never before experienced this kind of enthusiasm and support.

25 years ago:

July 1997

We reported on the end of the long-running 'McLibel' case involving fast food chain McDonald's, who were awarded £60,000 damages, later reduced to £40,000 on appeal, against environmental activists David Morris and Helen Steel over a pamphlet they had distributed about the company's practices. The case had led to frequent protests outside McDonald's headquarters next to East Finchley tube station by supporters of the pair.

Festival in the woods

Everyone is welcome to the Coppetts Wood Festival on Sunday 3 July from 1pm to 4pm. There will be live music, a puppet show, treasure hunt, tombola, arts and crafts and a chance to explore the conservation work under way on the site between Colney Hatch Lane, N11, and Porters Way, N12. Entry is free.

Car boot sale

This month's Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale will take place on Saturday 30 July from 10am to 1pm at Hornsey Parish Church Hall, on the corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10 3AH. #

Admission is 50p and refreshments are available. Information from 020 8368 8180.

All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England

You are welcome to join us for:

Sunday mass at 10.00 a.m. and Weekday masses as advertised on the website.
Face masks must be worn for the time being.

Or join our live-streamed services on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsef/>

The church is also open for private prayer as advertised on the website.

Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

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