



The Archer

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Happy memories of a warm and friendly host

By Jenny Lumley

Asad loss to the neighbourhood is the passing away of Shoiab Khaleel-Ahmed, a gentle, unassuming man much loved by regular customers in his small friendly restaurant Shahi Pakwaan in Alymer Parade, N2.

I met Sho some years ago when he was working in a restaurant in Fortis Green. Being a regular visitor to India I often wore Indian-style clothes on which he commented. On the strength of that we became friends and on reading in *The Archer* of his opening a new restaurant in Aylmer Parade, I became a regular visitor.

My husband and I chose his restaurant to celebrate many occasions. We introduced friends to it, everyone being impressed by its warmth and casual atmosphere not to mention its excellent Indian cuisine. Sho's welcoming presence was always quietly appreciated. A shared joke was my love of Indian rice pudding which was not on the menu but, as long as I gave some notice, it was readily available for my friends and me with ample left for breakfast



Restaurant owner: Shoiab Khaleel-Ahmed

the next day.

I saw Sho not so long ago with what appeared to be a shaved head and presumed he was in mourning for a relative but "I have cancer" was his reply. He continued to appear at the restaurant between frequent hospital visits and intensive treatment and has always been supported by his caring, efficient staff.

I want everyone to remember Sho as a kind and loving man who leaves behind a wife and two very young children. Our thoughts are with them and his staff. We will miss him.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

38 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension.

118 High Road, N2

External seating area with awning to front and side. Repainting of existing shop front. Replacement of ventilation extraction duct.

340 High Road, N2

Single-storey side extension. Addition of two roof lights.

Market Place Playground, N2

Refurbishment of existing playground including: replacing play equipment; installation of one small child-activated drinking fountain; removal of all existing hard standing and existing site boundary treatments; removal of four trees; new path surfaces, boundary fencing and railings; planting areas with new trees and shrubs.

11 New Oak Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer and outrigger dormer and two front rooflights.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Councils		Help & Advice		Health Info Service	0800 665544
Barnet Council	020 8359 2000	Childline	0800 1111	MIND	020 8343 5700
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711
Benefits	0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care	0808 8081677		
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
		National Debt Line	0808 156 7718	CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Leisure		NSPCC	0808 8005000	Victim Support	0845 303 0900
Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121	Rape Crisis helpline	0808 802 9999		
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815	Refuge Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247	Hospitals	
Everyman, Muswell Hill	0872 436 9060	Relate Helpline	0300 100 1234	NHS	111
Garden Suburb Library	020 8458 3301	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Barnet General	08451 114000
Muswell Hill Library	020 8489 8773	Samaritans	116 123	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	SENDIASS Barnet	020 8359 7637	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Tarling Rd Community Ctr	02070186560	SENDIASS Haringey	020 3667 5233	Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
Vue, North Finchley	0345 3084620			Royal Free	020 7794 0500
		Health Advice		Whittington	020 7272 3070
Transport		AIDSline	020 8363 2141		
National Rail	0845 7484950	Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	OAPs' Advice	
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
Heathrow Airport	0844 3351801	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	Independent Age	0800 319 6789
National Express	0871 781 8181	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777	Age UK	0800 169 2081
TfL	0343 222 1234	Drinkline	0800 917 8282		
Thameslink	0345 026 4700	Drugs Helpline	0800 776600		



Wide and busy: The end of The Bishops Avenue is a danger point for pedestrians. Photo John Lawrence

Crossing The Bishops Avenue still doesn't get any easier

By Daphne Chamberlain

Crossing The Bishops Avenue at the junction with the High Road has been difficult and dangerous for a long time now. The situation came to a head in 2017 when local residents petitioned against Barnet Council's proposal to ban right-hand turns out of the avenue into the Great North Road.

Local people said that banning right-hand turns at that point could set up a rat-run through narrow residential roads nearby, but welcomed the other part of the plan to install a pedestrian island to make it safer to cross this wide and busy junction. Barnet Council said that the two proposals were linked, because the road was not wide enough to allow turning right once an island was installed. People then asked why the council was apparently not considering a zebra or pelican crossing or traffic lights. Pedestrians crossing the road at this point described it as "taking forever", "a nightmare" and "terrifying".

The Archer published several letters from local people around this time, and there was a strongly held opinion that an island would not offer proper protection to

pedestrians looking out for continual streams of traffic from all directions at once.

2018

In February 2018, *The Archer* asked Barnet for an update. A council spokesman told us Barnet officers had met with their counterparts in Haringey to discuss the scheme and were obtaining traffic and modelling data in order to determine the best option for the junction.

Haringey council was involved because its boundary is just south of The Bishops Avenue. A right-hand turn veto would mean drivers wishing to reach Muswell Hill would be more likely to carry on down the A1, before turning left back through narrow Aylmer Parade to reach the Great North Road and then having to turn right into Woodside Avenue.

2019

A year later, in May 2019, we published letters from local people regularly crossing The Bishops Avenue who were angry about the delay in doing anything to make their journey safer, and who complained of "a negative response" from the Council to their complaints.

Barnet Council told us then that they were monitoring traffic and were considering installing a controlled crossing with traffic signals. They said: "Transport for London have been engaged to investigate the feasibility of this. Haringey Council will be included in discussions, and residents and businesses will be consulted before any final decision is made."

2023 and counting

Four years later, still no decision has been made and we have asked Barnet, Haringey and TfL for an update.