



## The Archer

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Papers all round: Abe at Long Lane Supermarket

## Pride of place

By David Melsome

**Missed a copy of *The Archer* or need another one? Then you'll be pleased to know that, besides being delivered to almost 10,000 homes and businesses across East Finchley, our newspaper can also be picked up for free in a number of shops and venues.**

One such is the excellent Long Lane Supermarket in, you guessed it, Long Lane, where manager Abe keeps it on the counter so his customers can collect a copy as they buy. "People want to know what's going on in East Finchley. We never have a problem getting rid of our copies," he said.

Subject to availability, *The Archer* can also be picked up at Ella Food Centre, Sainsbury's, Pacey's newsagents and Budgens in the High Road, along with the foyer of the Phoenix Cinema, the High Road entrance to the tube station and the Cherry Tree Café in Cherry Tree Wood.

If you run a shop or meeting place in East Finchley and would like to stock free copies of *The Archer*, contact [news@the-archer.co.uk](mailto:news@the-archer.co.uk)

## Phoenix squeeze

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Customers can help by renewing or registering for membership, by adding a small donation to their ticket price, and by buying refreshments in the cinema. Donations are non-taxable and can also benefit from Gift Aid.

### Special events

The Phoenix is also helping itself by holding special events to raise funds, such as the recent morning of Hungarian poetry and music featuring the work of local young poet Peter Noblet and the UK premiere of an independent Japanese film called *Almost People*, followed by a Q&A with members of the creative team who had flown in from Tokyo with minutes to spare. Other events are promised.

# Shock at housing scheme for hidden tennis club site

By Diana Cormack

**Residents living in and close to Southern Road, N2, were surprised to receive a hand-delivered leaflet last month from a property company outlining plans for redevelopment of the nearby Fortis Green Tennis Club.**

The long-established club has four clay courts set in pleasant natural surroundings on land owned by Muswell Hill United Reformed Church. Cherry Tree Wood forms the club's southern edge while its other three sides back on to the gardens of Cherry Tree Road, Summerlee Gardens and Shakespeare Gardens.

According to the leaflet from the Capstone Group: "The courts have fallen into disrepair and are in urgent need of replacement and enhancement to safeguard the future of the club." The developers plan to build eight new homes on the site, reduce the number of tennis courts from four to three and provide a new clubhouse with some modern facilities. Visit [www.fortisgreen.net](http://www.fortisgreen.net) for full details of the proposal.

### Club statement

In a promotional video on that website, Capstone's James Winston says his company has been working closely with the church and with Fortis Green Tennis Club to redevelop the site. However, a statement from the club claims they were only involved "under lease pressure" and were not actively promoting the housing scheme.

"Our courts receive regular maintenance and our members are happy with the facilities," said the club. "The club will remain in discussion with the developers in case a site plan can be found that it is able to support."



State of play: How Fortis Green Tennis Club looks today. Photo Mike Coles

### Praise

A recent inspection by the Lawn Tennis Association praised the club, especially for its general set-up and the children's coaching. Concerned locals who object to the scheme are working together

border between boroughs which includes a ransom strip of land, the status of which is at present unresolved. At the time of writing no planning application has yet been made to Haringey Council.

to fight it, organising ongoing meetings with interested parties including local councillors and MPs.

The club lies in Haringey, with the eastern edge bordering Barnet. The only public entrance is a single narrow pathway off Southern Road. Any construction traffic would need to gain access via Cherry Tree Road, crossing the



Side by side: Homes and a new club house would sit alongside three of the current tennis courts. Image [www.fortisgreen.net](http://www.fortisgreen.net)

## A gem of a show

The annual Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show hosted by the Amateur Geological Society Finchley takes place on Saturday 25 November from 10am to 4pm at Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12.

This is a lively show in a large hall with fossils, jewellery, gems, rocks and mineral stalls to browse and buy, along with refreshments and a children's lucky dip. Entrance costs £2 with under 12's free.

The society itself meets on

the second Tuesday of each month in Finchley Baptist Church, East End Road, N3. A guest speaker gives an illustrated talk each time and there is a programme of regular field trips. Find out more at [www.amgeosoc.wordpress.com](http://www.amgeosoc.wordpress.com)

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

**Ground Floor Flat, 39 Chandos Road, N2**

Changes to ground-floor rear extension fenestration.

**12 Elmfield Road, N2**

Single-storey rear extension with roof lights.

**Land rear of The Bobath Centre, 250 East End Road, N2**

Details of condition 15 (air quality assessment), pursuant to planning permission.

**61 - 63 High Road, N2**

Conversion of rear part of existing ground floor shop and ancillary first floor C3 unit into three self-contained flats. Associated alterations and amenity space, including ground and first-floor rear extension and roof extension to two-storey flat roof, to create new pitched roof and side facing roof lights.

**238 High Road, N2**

Change of use from vacant office (Class E) to Dwellinghouse (Class C3).

**401 High Road, N2**

New antenna onto existing pole. Further ancillary kit (cabinets) within existing compound.

**56 Huntingdon Road, N2**

Single-storey side/rear infill extension.

**First Floor Flat, 98 Huntingdon Road, N2**

Roof extension, including one rear dormer window and new rear window (amended plan).

**1 King Street, N2**

Single-storey rear extension.

19 Lankaster Gardens, N2

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

**Ground Floor Flat, 77 Leicester Road, N2**

Single-storey side and rear extension to existing rear outrigger.

**23 Summerlee Gardens, N2**

Bi-folding doors to rear ground floor, to replace existing windows and doors.

**Tarling Road Community Centre, Tarling Road, N2**

Two front extraction and ventilation units.