



The science of deceit

How good are you at spotting whether someone is lying, and is it even possible? Neuroscientist Professor Catherine Loveday looks at the science behind deceit in an upcoming talk and reveals how to protect yourself when it really matters. She will also shed a light on how to reduce the spread of fake news and how to spot a scam.

The psychology of deception talk is free and takes place on Wednesday 13 September from 7pm to 8pm at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2 8LT. Organised by Age UK

Barnet, all ages are welcome and there will be refreshments. To register, contact Teresa on 07502 989 403 or email teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Word on the Wood

Everyone is welcome to the next Friends of Cherry Tree Wood meeting. There is much to catch up on, including the group's forthcoming events in the wood, an update on the new woodland management plan and also progress with dealing with flooding and drainage issues.

The meeting takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 September at Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery, Park House, 16 High Street, N2 (use the side door adjacent to the wood).

The Friends can be reached any time if there are any queries in advance, or you would like to get involved. Email friendsofcherrytreewood@gmail.com



Cabinet of delights: The new book library. Photo Kathy Batten

Bring a book, borrow a book

East Finchley has a new book cabinet to add to the one already in Creighton Avenue and the book exchange at the tube station. The new library, built by resident David Johns and curated by neighbour Valerie Teague, is in the Leopold Road Neighbourhood Garden at the junction with The Walks. Everyone is welcome to bring a book and borrow a book.

Head in the clouds

By Roger Chapman

When was the last time you looked up and smelt the clouds and can you tell the difference between cirrus, cumulus or nimbus? You may be able to after spending an hour or two on your back in Cherry Tree Wood at its forthcoming Cloud Appreciation Day.

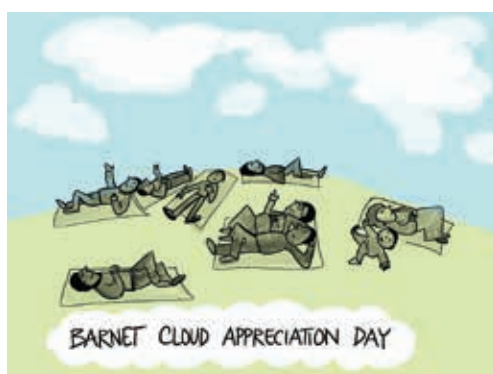
Those who come along to the family-friendly event on Sunday 10 September from 2pm to 4pm will also be able

to learn about north London resident Luke Howard, the man who named the clouds in 1802.

Ground sheets will be provided but you can bring your own blanket if you wish. The observation point will be on the field; keep an eye

out for a gazebo.

For more information, email: friendsofcherrytreewood@gmail.com



On the tiles: Debbie Singer with Councillor Alison Moore and Roger Chapman at the mosaic unveiling

Magic moment as final mosaic is revealed

By Debbie Singer

On a blustery afternoon in July more than 30 people gathered to witness the unveiling of my final mosaic in Cherry Tree Wood. It was heartwarming to see so many friends and neighbours come to this event hosted by the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood.

The group's chair Roger Chapman welcomed everybody and explained how the Friends are volunteers who take an interest in improving Cherry Tree Wood through gardening, litter picking and planning. I told everyone how he and Kate Brown, who coordinates the Friends' gardening volunteers, had offered me the opportunity to make the mosaics for the side of the toilet block opposite the café.

The artwork consists of ten tiles each featuring an aspect of the park: the core blimey apple and the green and yellow humbug pear which grow in the orchard opposite the café; the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood logo designed by a local teenager; the yellow iris found in the bog garden behind the tennis courts; a red admiral butterfly; a parakeet; cherry blossom, of course; the squirrel; and a wood anemone indicating that this is ancient woodland.

Finally, Councillor Alison Moore asked the children in the

audience to remove the cloth that was hiding the final mosaic tile. And what did they reveal? The archer! The design on the last tile is the archer, so familiar from this newspaper and East Finchley station. The idea had been Guy Redmond's, one of my neighbours.

Then it was Roger's turn to bring out the heavy duty glue and stick the tile to the wall. It was a proud moment for me to see the work completed after over a year working on it at the London School of Mosaics under the creative eye of teacher Catherine Parkinson.

Making the mosaics has been a hugely enjoyable challenge, encouraged by the supportive comments I've received from neighbours and passers-by.

The afternoon finished with the children drawing leaves and the adults joining a historical walk round Cherry Tree Wood led by Roger. And a welcome cup of tea from Sharon at the Cherry Tree Café for me.

All welcome at Town Team quarterly meeting

By Diana Cormack

The first quarterly formal meeting of the East Finchley Town Team is set for Thursday 14 September. All are welcome to participate at the Constitutional Club in The Walks, N2, where views will be expressed, opinions exchanged and ideas discussed. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start..

Whether you want to talk about how the High Road could be improved or have other local topics you think need an airing, the Town Team would

love to hear your suggestions. You can contact them via www.IloveN2.co.uk/Town-Team, email eftownteam@gmail.com or just turn up on the night.

From The Archer archives...

10 years ago:

September 2013

Problems at the Old Barn in Tarling Road came to a head when the Charity Commission intervened in the three-year battle over management of the centre. They had informed trustees that an AGM planned for 21 July could not go ahead as proper procedures had not been followed. The trouble stemmed from 2010, when a group of new trustees led by the Reverend Geoffrey Muhoro took over the centre, and the situation took several years to resolve.

15 years ago:

September 2008

Planning permission for a supermarket at Stag Court, a new block of flats in the High Road north of the Methodist Church, was refused. 506 local people had protested that a supermarket in that location would threaten existing shops, cause traffic and parking problems and spoil East Finchley's village atmosphere. Only 62 people were in favour of the proposal and the ground-floor space was subsequently let as offices.

23 years ago:

September 2000

The Windsor Castle pub in the Walks won the title "Best Bloomin' Pub in Barnet" with an impressive and colourful display of tubs, pots and hanging baskets. Pub managers David and Carole Shephard, who had won many other awards during their eight-year tenure, were assisted by regular customer and gardener Brian Davis.