



The Archer

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Save a life today: A flash mob of blood donors at a health centre in east London. Photo NHS Blood and Transplant

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Citizens Advice Barnet or CAB is an independent charity based in Hendon looking for advice team volunteers who can ideally commit to two days per week. This will include training so you can advise on a range of problems, such as with work, debt, benefits, immigration, housing and more. Contact Naomi at nbielak@barnetcab.org. More details can be found at <https://barnetcab.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/>

Food Bank Aid urgently needs volunteers. Flexible shifts means you can volunteer when you want. The team is waiting to welcome you to their hub where they sort, pack and deliver donations to food banks. It is a fun place... and there's always tea and cake! Food Bank Aid provides essential goods to 32 North London food banks who help more than 16,000 people every week. Please email volunteering@foodbankaid.org.uk and put 'The Archer' in the subject line.

Number Champions, based in N2, is an award-winning charity that helps young primary school children who are struggling with numeracy or lack confidence in maths. Its trained in-school volunteers use games and other creative activities in one-to-one sessions with children. If you have good basic numeracy, plenty of enthusiasm, 1.5 hours/week during term time and you're interested in volunteering from September, please have a look at www.numberchampions.org.uk and then contact volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk. The charity is especially looking for local volunteers.

Community Gardening Project needs new volunteers. There is a small sloped garden near the entrance to East Finchley Station, known as Station Bank. It has been tended under supervision by volunteer gardeners since 2012. It currently grows a mixture of flowers and fruit but could grow vegetables too. This would be an ideal project for flat dwellers who enjoy gardening. Contact Kate at k.brown@btinternet.com

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column and listed on the East Finchley community website, please complete the form at www.iloveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it.



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Blood donors of Black heritage

The NHS has issued a plea for more donors of Black heritage as three quarters of blood needed for sickle cell patients is used in London. Around 160 donations of blood are needed every day for treating patients with this disease in the capital's hospitals. Sickle cell is the UK's fastest growing genetic disorder. It is more common in people of Black heritage and blood from donors of the same ethnicity provides the best treatment. But the shortage of Black heritage donors means sickle cell patients do not always get the best matched blood they need.

Geraldine Parker-Smith, National Partnerships Manager for NHS Blood and Transplant, says: "Giving blood is easy, quick and safe. By giving just one hour of your time, you can save up to three lives with every donation."

To register and book an appointment to donate, visit www.blood.co.uk, use

the NHS GiveBlood app or call 0300 123 23 23.

Medics help stab victim

Two doctors and a shopkeeper gave emergency care after a man was stabbed in the area of Church Lane, N2, on Thursday 12 September.

The 30-year-old victim entered the King Street Food and Wine store at around 8pm to say he had been attacked. Owner Emre Bora rang for the emergency services while a husband and wife who happened to be doctors and were in the shop at the time gave first aid.

Mr Bora said: "Together they worked to stabilise him until paramedics arrived. I am grate-

ful for the presence of the doctors, as their skills likely contributed to saving the man's life." Met Police said the ambulance service and the London Air Ambulance responded to reports of a stabbing. The victim's condition was later assessed as not life-threatening. Enquiries are ongoing. If you have information, call 101 or post to @MetCC re CAD 6603/12Sept

Covid jabs

Pharmacy CW Andrew, at 32 High Road, N2, will be offering a Covid vaccination service alongside its regular flu vaccination service starting this month.

This will be the first time there will be an East Finchley provider for Covid jabs and the service will be open to all eligible patients who have been notified by the NHS. Patients will be able to book online at www.nhs.uk/nhs-services or via the NHS app on their phone. The pharmacy team have also offered to help those unable to use the online booking service.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

58 Church Lane, N2

Non-material amendments to planning permission reference 24/0590/HSE dated 10/04/24 for 'Single-storey side/rear extension.' Amendments include changes to materials from render to facing brick and change glazed roof to slate with two roof lights, removal of bi-fold doors to rear elevation to be replaced with french doors window, alterations to internal layouts

S/o 2 Taunton Drive, N2

Installation of Virgin Media fibre grey equipment cabinets

65 Brackenbury Road, N2

Single-storey rear infill extension. First floor rear extension. Inser-

tion of two front-facing roof lights

Flat 3, 60 Fortis Green, N2

Insertion of four roof lights to rear outrigger roof

247A East End Road, N2

Roof extension involving side dormer window, one front-facing and two rear-facing roof lights and new side gable window

5 Leicester Mews, N2

Submission of details of conditions 4 (Cycle parking/storage) 5 (Refuse/recycling) 7 (Boiler details) 8 (Noise mitigation) pursuant to planning permission 24/1469/PNE dated 16/04/2024

121 High Road, N2

Mansard roof extension with terrace area and two rear-facing roof lights to create one studio flat

31 Elmfield Road, N2

Roof extension involving L-shaped rear dormer window and two front-facing roof lights

31 Leicester Road, N2

Non-material amendment to planning permission 23/3755/HSE dated 31/08/2023 for 'Single-storey rear extension with four roof lights.' Amendments include bricking out and plastering the rear door

161 East End Road, N2

New car port in the rear of the garden

Haringey

1 Springcroft Avenue, N2

Certificate of lawfulness: proposed use rear dormer extension and insertion of roof lights.