



All together now: Neighbours in Cherry Tree Avenue enjoy some of their afternoon entertainment

From The Archer archives...

By Jane Marsh

10 years ago:
October 2014

A host of celebrities turned out to celebrate the unveiling in the grounds of Stephens House, East End Road, of a bronze statue of Spike Milligan. The statue has Spike sitting on a bench as if to engage whoever might sit next to him in conversation. Among those present were Maureen Lipman, Roy Hudd, Dennis Norden, Sir Michael Parkinson and the Mayor of Barnet, who congratulated everyone concerned for bringing home a comic genius.

15 years ago:
October 2009

Local businesswoman Wendy Hallett was named Innovator of the Year in the Specsavers Everywoman in Retail Awards, for her dynamic approach to her retail clothing business. Wendy credited her success to a passion for and thorough knowledge of the retail sector and, at the time, she employed 400 staff in over 200 sites.

23 years ago:
October 2001

The current plans for improving the pavement space outside Budgens are not the first attempt to give the area a facelift. Barnet Council made £35,000 available for the purpose this month and held a meeting to canvas local residents' views under the Local Agenda 21 initiative, which aimed to promote sustainable development at a local level. Sadly, very little improvement emerged to what was then generally called "Pigeon Corner" from the LA21/East Finchley partnership.

Last of the summer street parties

By Diana Cormack

What may have been the last few rays of summer sunshine shone on the residents of Cherry Tree Road for their street party on Sunday 8 September. The afternoon event gave everyone the chance to meet new neighbours, admire new babies and to wonder at how the other children had grown in the last couple of years.

Some of the youngsters helped in the setting up, took round the cake for its weight to be guessed and the jar for estimating how many sweets it contained. Others helped the smaller ones to blow and burst giant bubbles and to participate in street games, whilst three

girls bravely (and sweetly) sang in the entertainment section.

Delicious dishes, savoury and sweet, were contributed for all to share and pizzas were made freshly at the roadside. Also made was a 'Know Your Neighbour' chart, with the names of the residents being written in their house shapes. The rain held off until the very end!

Even those yet to move in were included and afterwards everyone showed great appreciation to the organisers on the street's WhatsApp.

October car boot sale

The regular Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale takes place this month on Saturday 26 October from 10am to 1pm in its usual venue of Hornsey Parish Church Hall, on the corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10 3AH.

Buses W7, W3 and 144 stop nearby. Admission is 50p and refreshments are available. For more information, call 020 8368 8180.

Silver Sunday

Anyone in the upper age bracket is invited to join in the Silver Sunday event at Middlesex University, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BT on Sunday 6 October, with music, entertainment, wellness talks and health checks to celebrate ageing well.

Last year, more than 600 people went along to enjoy the day, which includes a free light lunch and refreshments. Register by searching 'Silver Sunday' on the website ageukbarnet.org.uk

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New ventures for coffee shop in anniversary year

By Yasemin Delen Mokhtari

Coffee shop Dan & DeCarlo celebrated its 15th anniversary on the High Road last month with the opening of a new delivery operation at King's Cross and the launch of a sister company called Bart's Burgers.

Since taking over at Dan & DeCarlo eight years ago, owner Mikki Bartell and his staff have nurtured the business opposite the Tube station. After only a year of ownership, Mikki transformed the kitchen space, and hired chefs who he says had "a passion for their career".

Mikki expressed deep pride in being able to support the community during this period of uncertainty and offered his thanks in return. He said: "It is the community and loyal customers that keep us alive." "Dan & DeCarlo has launched Islington-based Brood Roastery



Milestone: Mikki Bartell marks 15 years of his Dan & DeCarlo coffee shop on the High Road. Photo Mike Coles

Lockdown deliveries

When the first lockdown struck in March 2020, nearly 95% of coffee shops nationwide closed down but Mikki and his team kept going by working with their Covent Garden Market supplier to open an impromptu delivery service.

From March to August 2020, Dan & DeCarlo delivered a wide range of fresh produce and supplies to the local community amidst supermarket shortages. Staff worked tirelessly organising orders into the early hours to ensure next-day deliveries. At their height, deliveries were sent as far as Crouch End and Finsbury Park.

coffee onto its shelves, and deliveries will also be available on Uber Eats and Deliveroo.

Expanding business

Learning from the whole lockdown experience, Dan & DeCarlo last month opened a delivery kitchen in King's Cross, which will send orders out across the area. The delivery kitchen is also home to Mikki's second new venture, a food truck called Bart's Burgers, which will serve as a mobile catering service and is available for events like corporate and birthday gatherings. Keep an eye out for it at the 2025 East Finchley Festival.



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