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First steps: East Finchley station could have lifts installed to improve accessibility. Photo Mike Coles

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

• **Finchley Foodbank**, based in East Finchley, is looking for more volunteers to support their vital work. Under the supervision of a session leader, tasks will include sorting food donations, restocking shelves and giving a warm welcome to clients. If you are over 18, have a few spare flexible hours every month and want to take part in a really valuable service, please contact Anna Maughan at finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com

• East Finchley's **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 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

• **Number Champions**, also 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.

• **U3A** (hgsu3a.uk), based in Hampstead Garden Suburb, offers its members a diverse selection of courses, talks and events. They have two volunteer requests: one is to recruit someone for social media and public relations. Get in touch with Carole: chair@hgsu3a.uk. They are also looking for someone with reasonable computer skills to manage their Zoom accounts. If you can help please email: groupsorg@hgsu3a.uk

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.



Tube station to be assessed for step-free access

By Ruth Anders

Many of us would welcome step-free access to the platforms of our underground station, and Transport for London (TfL) have now prioritised the next group of stations where it might be introduced. East Finchley is among them.

However, many steps (forgive me) must be taken before any work can begin, not least feasibility studies and corresponding cost calculations. Following the completion of such studies, design work is already starting at Alperton, Arnos Grove and Eastcote stations, all on the Piccadilly line.

A further seven stations will undergo assessment for step-free access. They are: Croyley (Metropolitan line), East Finchley, Colliers Wood and Tooting Broadway (Northern line), Neasden (Jubilee line), Northwood (Metropolitan line) and Turnham Green (District/Piccadilly lines).

No barriers

John McGeachy, Campaigns Manager for Age UK, said: "Step-free stations have the potential to transform the daily lives of older and disabled

Londoners, as well as many others. Increasing the number of step-free stations on the Underground network will make life easier for people who have faced too many barriers for too long." When I spoke to three members of staff at East Finchley Tube station, they knew nothing about any plans for accessible platforms. However, one of them did tell me that because East Finchley station is a listed building, any adjustments would be especially complex and costly.

More than a third of Underground stations across the city now provide step-free access, with the Mayor of London's ambitious goal of making 50 per cent of Tube stations step-free by 2030.

While continuing to increase the number of Underground stations with step-free access, TfL stresses that progress will

depend on deliverability and TfL's future funding position, with schemes prioritised where third-party funding is available.

Turn your negatives to positives

Neuroscientist Professor Catherine Loveday is giving a talk on how we can use sadness, anger and frustration to actually make us feel better.

To book your free place at the event on Wednesday 11 September at 8pm at Age UK's centre in Oak Lane, N2, contact Teresa on 07502 989403 or email teresa.gallagher@ageuk-barnet.org.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

217 East End Road, N2

Alterations to the existing ground-floor rear extension including new windows/doors to rear elevation and insertion of one roof light to replace existing three roof lights

41 Chandos Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension

352 High Road, N2

Submission of details of conditions 4 (Refuse) and 5 (Means of Enclosure) pursuant to planning permission 17/4081/FUL dated 17/10/17

231 Creighton Avenue, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension with three rooflights. Roof extension including hip to gable,

rear dormer window with two Juliet balconies, three rooflights to front roof slope and two side gable windows

21 Beresford Road, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable rear dormer with Juliet balcony and four front-facing roof lights

11 Park Hall Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension with strip roof lights, erection of a rear garden room and associated landscaping

52 Lincoln Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension with eight rooflights. Roof extension including replacement of existing rear dormer window and one front-facing roof light. Changes to side and rear fen-

estration

Strawberry Vale Play Space, N2

Regeneration of existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) including new boundary treatment, new seating, new pathways

Haringey Council

30 Fortis Green Avenue, N2

Construction of single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension and garden decking

19 Southern Road, N2

Demolitions, new side and rear extensions to ground floor, remodelled ground, first and second floor, replacement windows, structural works, amended electric, gas, water, heating services and amended drainage.



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