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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

The **224 North London Scouts** group is looking for adults to help with its Beavers (ages six to eight) and Cubs (ages eight to ten). From games and crafts to cooking, outdoor activities, and trips, no two weeks are the same. You don't need experience, just enthusiasm and a willingness to join in. Whether it's a weekly commitment, occasional help, or support behind the scenes, you'll make a real difference and be part of a friendly team. Get in touch to find out more. Email del@224northlondonscouts.org.uk

Friends of Coldfall Wood & Muswell Hill Playing Fields are a small informal group of volunteers who share a common interest in protecting and enhancing these two green spaces. They are involved in a range of things to support the wood, such as arranging free guided walks and events and supporting its many users (human and animal!). They are always looking for new members, for just a handful of hours a month, to help with admin and liaising with other local groups and the council. For more information, please email: info@coldfallwoods.co.uk

N2-based Number Champions is an award-winning charity that helps young state primary school children who are behind in maths. It trains volunteers to use games and other creative activities in one-to-one sessions to help children achieve their educational potential. If you have enthusiasm to help children, confidence in basic numeracy, 1.5 hours/week available in term time, see www.numberchampions.org.uk or contact volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk.

Long Lane Pasture nature reserve is a wildlife haven and peaceful green space providing a home for birds, insects, trees and wildflowers in N2. It is a charity run by volunteers as an urban sanctuary that connects visitors with nature and supports local conservation. The team there is always looking for volunteers to help maintain the Pasture for two hours on a Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon so just turn up or find out more at longlanepasture.org

Finchley Foodbank is looking for a new kind of volunteer to help people with all things digital, such as searching the internet, sending emails and booking appointments. You will signpost people to help with the cost of living, employment, housing etc. You will need to be available for food bank sessions on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays between 11.30am and 2pm twice a month. To find out more about becoming a digital champion volunteer email: finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please email news@the-archer.co.uk

Project delays keep underpass closed off

By John Lawrence

Regular users of the pedestrian underpass between Trinity Road and Manor Park Road, N2, have asked why refurbishment work is keeping it closed for so long.

The walkway under the Northern line was originally closed in June for a projected period of six weeks for major improvements but, at the time of going to press, was still closed at the end of September.

The project is being spearheaded by the Grange Big Local regeneration team to bring new lighting, drainage and accessibility features to the underpass, making it safer and more welcoming for pedestrians to use.

However, The Archer understands that unexpected drainage issues and the complexity of co-ordinating the work between Barnet Council and Transport for London have led to the path staying closed.

Inconvenience

A Grange Big Local spokesperson said: "While GBL has supported the community engagement and design, the construction work is being managed by Barnet Council and permissions from Transport for



No entry: The pedestrian underpass between Trinity Road and Manor Park Road was still closed to residents in mid-September.

Photo John Lawrence

London have taken longer than expected due to the works being undertaken close to the main track lines.

"We know that this has caused inconvenience, and we want to thank everyone for their patience. We believe that, once completed, the underpass will be safer and more pleasant for everyone who uses it.

In the meantime, we appreciate the community's feedback and understanding as the work continues."

As part of the refurbishment, graffiti is being removed and new path surfaces laid. Mirrors and lighting will improve visibility for users navigating the tight corners.

Clissold Arms up for British pub award

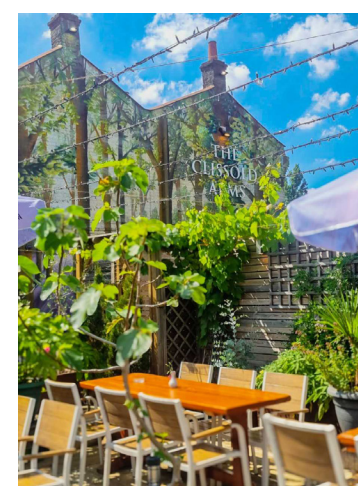
The Clissold Arms Gastro Pub in Fortis Green, N2, has been selected as one of the six national finalists in the Best Community Pub of the Year category for the Great British Pub Awards.

This recognition makes the Clissold, which serves authentic Greek food plus traditional British Sunday roasts, as the only London establishment to reach the final in this category.

Throughout its 175-year history, The Clissold Arms has supported a variety of cultural, educational and charitable initiatives by offering donations and providing space for meetings and events and is the main sponsor for the Chris Harmanda Foundation "Christmas Blue Jean Bash", which helps less

fortunate families during illness. The pub runs a range of events spanning live Greek and English music, quiz, comedy and open mic nights, wine tasting, chess, backgammon and choir evenings and a knitting club.

To celebrate their achievement, the Clissold team is organising a Community Party at the pub on **Sunday 12 October between 5pm and 9pm** with a complimentary glass of bubbly and homemade Greek hors d'oeuvres and baklava for all visitors to enjoy.



Nominated: The Clissold Arms

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

Land rear of Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Erection of a two-storey self-build dwelling with basement level including associated landscaping, refuse/recycling storage, car and cycle parking and amenity space

143 Abbots Gardens, N2

Erection of a new garage following the demolition of the existing, first-floor side extension, and changes

to the fenestration

45 Brackenbury Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension with two roof lights and new patio area

72 Hamilton Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension with a proposed depth of 5.2 metres from the original rear wall, maximum height of 3.2 metres and eaves height of 2.75 metres. Following demolition of existing

lean-to outrigger.

5 Brook Walk, Strawberry Vale N2

Installation of access ramp to front garden and alterations to garden wall and installation of new gate

19 Chandos Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension with two flat roof lights following demolition of existing extension. New side window

2A Fortis Green, N2

Change of use of the ground floor from commercial unit (Use Class E) to four studios (Use Class C3). Changes to fenestration. Associated refuse/recycling and cycle storage. External alterations including installation of new windows and doors.

13 Briar Close, N2

Installation of access ramps to front and rear of property with associated handrails and

and alterations to front and rear doors

65 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey side extension with glazed pitched roof and roof light. New rear patio doors and full height glazing

Haringey

1-6 Highgate Edge, Great North Road, N2

Replacement flat roof covering to Block A and associated works