



# Alarm over motorbikes in Cherry Tree

By Cobi Jacobs

A local grandparent has contacted The Archer with an alarming video of a motorbike being ridden through Cherry Tree Wood.



Anti-social: A motorbike rider is seen doing a wheely on a pedestrian path in Cherry Tree Wood close to the children's playground

The incident took place on 1 March, and the video appears to show the rider reaching speeds of well over 20 mph along footpaths, including close to the children's playground and café, and on trails throughout the woods.

Perhaps most alarming is that the video appears to show a young child estimated to be around six to eight years old sitting on the rider's lap.

The incident is reported to have lasted 15 minutes. No injuries have been reported and it is unclear whether anyone challenged the rider at the time. The incident was reported to Barnet Council, who have responded to the complainant stating that it intends to increase security visits to the Wood, but would

be unable to take any further action without being able to identify the rider.

Roger Chapman, co-chair of Friends of Cherry Tree Wood, confirmed to The Archer that this was not an isolated incident. He said: "The use of motorised bikes is prohibited in Cherry Tree Wood for reasons of safety. This is an extremely dangerous activity in such a popular park. It is our collective responsibility to report such anti-social behaviour."

If people think there is a threat to life, they should ring the police on 999. Otherwise report it to Barnet Council at <https://myforms.barnet.gov.uk/xfp/form/35> or ring Barnet Council on 020 8359 2000.

## New season at tennis club

Fortis Green Tennis Club is opening its new season with a special offer for new members as the club goes from strength to strength.



Court action: Fortis Green Tennis Club

As we reported last year, an application for housing development on part of the club's site off Southern Road, N2, was refused by Haringey Council.

So with the new season starting, the club is inviting new

members to join for £50 (normal annual fee £170). You should not have been a club member before and the offer price applies for the first year of membership only. The four clay courts are



Good deeds: Volunteers meet each other at the Archer Academy tea party

## Academy tea party to say thank you to volunteers who support school life

By Katie Ruback

Archer Academy in East Finchley welcomed volunteers and alumni for a special afternoon tea party, bringing together members of the school community to celebrate the many individuals who generously give their time to support students and staff.

Volunteers play a vital role at the secondary school. Their involvement includes helping at school events, reading with

students in the library, serving as Governors, working in the school garden, supporting the Parents' Association, delivering careers talks to students, and acting as class representatives. The tea party, hosted by head-teacher Lucy Harrison, also welcomed back several former students, who were recognised for their continued involvement, including mentoring current pupils, offering advice

about life after school, and supporting school events. Miss Harrison said: "As a school rooted in its community, we are incredibly grateful to everyone who generously gives their time and expertise to support our students and wider school life. Their contributions enrich and strengthen our school, playing an essential role in making Archer such a special place to learn and grow."

## Hospital expansion

Whittington Hospital in Archway has unveiled plans to expand the size of its busy Emergency Department (A&E) unit.

The department currently cares for around 110,000 seriously sick or injured adults and children each year, despite the fact that when it was opened in the late 1970s it was designed to treat less than half of that number.

The trust will open a new same-day emergency care unit next to the A&E department which will treat people who need urgent care but do not need to stay in hospital overnight.

bookable online. An inclusive policy uses a system of pre-arranged games, helping new joiners meet others and integrate quickly. The grounds are a safe environment for families and children. There is coaching available for adults and juniors (members and non-members), along with competitions and social events.

For further information visit the club's website [clubspark.lta.org.uk/fortisgreentennis-club](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/fortisgreentennis-club) or contact Liz on [lizhanchet@gmail.com](mailto:lizhanchet@gmail.com).

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