



To the World Cup... the long way round



Top of the world: Nick's planned route to America, via Denmark, Iceland and Canada; Nick, right, with his fellow cyclist Pete on their ride through Finland last year



Delight at having got a prized ticket for England v Ghana at this summer's World Cup has given Nick Woodward the excuse he needed for another exciting bike trip after last year's two-month, 6,000km epic journey from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean, as reported in The Archer.

So on 11 May, Nick will get in the saddle in East Finchley and set off towards Denmark, hoping he can ultimately make it to the US with his bicycle in time for the match kick-off on 23 June.

Nick will first head to Harwich to take a ferry to the Hook of Holland. From there he will begin a couple of weeks of cycling across the flatlands of

the Netherlands and Germany before hitting the Hærvejen, the ancient 'Ox Road' through Denmark, to the northern ferry port of Hirstals.

From Hirstals, it will be a three-day ferry journey to Seydisfjörður in eastern Iceland. Here, Nick's cycling buddy Pete will join him, and they will head west across southern Iceland, passing glaciers and icebergs,

and more than likely having to stop to sit out the notorious 70mph headwinds that rage there. After a couple of days' break in Iceland's capital Reykjavik, Nick will fly on alone to Qaqortoq, southern Greenland, then three more days on a ferry to the capital Nuuk. From there, it's a short flight to Iqaliut on Baffin Island in Inuit Canada. Greenland has

no roads between villages, and sea ice in Canada will determine whether polar bears are still about, which will limit cycling! If everything is on track, Nick will fly on to see family in Montreal, then travel mostly by bike to get to Foxborough, west of Boston, for the match. All in all, as the raven flies it will be about 9,000km, with about 3,000km of cycling, 4,000km

on ferries and 2,000km on planes. That's a long way to go for a turgid 0-0 draw. Fingers crossed for Nick and England!

As always, Nick is pleased to highlight the work of the Wheelchair Football Association. You can find out more and donate at <https://donate.thewfa.org.uk/campaign/wfa/gift-aid/>

Keepsakes keep the recycling going round

Local artist Harriet Connides was delighted to read that The Archer newspaper is printed on recycled paper and she has a way of ensuring that once her copy is read there is still plenty of life in it.



No waste: Harriet's artistic creations

Harriet takes old newspapers, used envelopes, card and junk mail, and tears them up, mixing the strips with PVA glue to make papier mache before applying it to old yogurt pots and plastic drinks bottles.

She paints the results in acrylic, sealing them with gloss varnish, to make 'keepsake cups', vases for dried flowers and grasses, jewellery and as bases for Christmas baubles and pet portraits. She recently completed a commission of Mokey, a pet chicken.

"I'm constantly horrified by the waste that we generate, and the fact that many everyday objects, plastic pots and bottles, still aren't easy to recycle. This is my way of trying to save some



of them from ending up in landfill," said Harriet. You can see more of Harriet's work on Instagram @harrietconnides and on Facebook at Harriet

Represent Barnet at London Youth Games



Girls, do you have what it takes to represent Barnet Borough in the London Youth Games next month?

Finchley-based community football club Kick Action is looking for players in year nine or 10 to try out for their team in May.

Contact Coach Kafele on 07985 554838 or email kassfc@outlook.com

New puzzle: Re-Griddable

Re-Griddable is a twist on the free daily online game grid-dable.co.uk created by two East Finchley residents, Stuart Miller and Matt Robinson. There may be more than one solution to each Re-Griddable but there is definitely at least one, which comes from a maximum scoring game of Griddable.

If you get stuck the official Griddable word-checker may help (griddable.co.uk/word-checker).

If you like playing Griddable online, why not join the East Finchley Leaderboard? Go to Groups on the site and use code BUJRM4.

Re-Griddable
No.3

Place the letters to create eight 4-letter words (four left-to-right & four downwards).

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