



Lie back and think of clouds

By Diana Cormack

Just weeks on from Cherry Tree Wood being a favourite gathering point for viewing the partial solar eclipse, sky-watchers returned to the park, this time to contemplate the beauty of clouds.

Lying flat on mats and picnic rugs, they peacefully observed the shapes and patterns of the ever-changing vista above in a Cloud Appreciation Hour hosted by the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood.

The group's Roger Chapman said: "We offered a little guidance on the different types of clouds overhead, but otherwise there was deliberately very little to do. We just invited people to lie back, slow down and watch the sky."

Clouds were also the theme for Nature Club youngsters who met next to the park's playground earlier the same afternoon. Led by Kate Brown with the support of Jan Hogan and Andras Szabo from the Friends group, the children were kept well supplied with

cotton wool, glue and felt-tipped pens for their artistic interpretation of the subject.

When they looked at the pictures through the ever-popular story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, this grandmother asked herself what has that got to do with clouds? Well, the next time I read it to my grandchildren I will be sure to point out the wonderful drawings of clouds throughout the book that I confess I have never noticed before. Maybe they'll tell me that they already have noticed them!

The last Children's Nature Club meeting of the year is on Sunday 4 October from 2-3pm in the same place. This is a free event for eight-year-olds and under, accompanied by an adult. The theme this time will be autumn.



Blue sky thinking: Cloudwatchers enjoying the overhead vista in Cherry Tree Wood. Photo Mike Coles

Supermarket sticks with its wholesaler

Managers at the Budgens supermarket in the High Road, N2, have told The Archer that they have decided against switching to an alternative food supplier.

Budgens manager Ripon Shaha informed us last month that his store was considering the wholesale arms of Waitrose, Morrisons and Marks and Spencer as possible replacements for their long-term suppliers Booker.

However the store has since decided not to make any changes after testing the market as part of a regular review. Ripon has confirmed that Budgens will continue to be supplied by Booker. And Budgens owner

Paul Gardner told us: "The most important thing for me is to maintain my independence. Booker will continue to supply mainstream lines and, whilst they might not tick all the boxes, I have the freedom to buy plenty more elsewhere."

The Budgens franchise model relies on independent retailers working with a regular supplier. Booker supplies stores across the UK under brands including Budgens, Londis and Premier.

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David Smith

The Finchley Society has paid tribute to David Smith, its former chairman and a founding member more than 50 years ago, who has died aged 87 after living in East Finchley all his life.

David was also a long-serving churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, N2, where his funeral takes place on Wednesday 7 October at 11am. All who knew him are warmly welcome to attend to celebrate his life and say a final goodbye.

We will publish a fuller tribute to David in our next edition. Please send any of your memories to news@the-archer.co.uk

