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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

"Why's this man got us holding trees like this?"

Tree and branch

Martin Schools in the High Road celebrated National **Tree Week by holding a mass tree-planting round their** plaving field recently.

The children and their teachers planted what will become a border of green hazel and hawthorn hedge around their field.

Starting Blocks

By Daphne Chamberlain

Seen any good flyovers lately? It would be interesting to know why Barnet Council chose construction toys as the theme for the latest exhibition at Church Farmhouse Museum.

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Cycling short

An East Finchley woman who had been fined £30 for cycling on Hampstead Heath commented: "We need more cycle routes across the Heath, which at present has only two. I have been treated like an inconsiderate motorist who may pose a danger to the public".

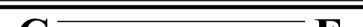
She was fined for riding on part of the Heath which was not an official cycling route.

The bye-laws which govern the Heath say that cyclists must use the designated routes provided, on which there is a 12mph speed limit.

What the papers say...

Muswell Record, 16th December 1996.

"Do you also sneer at the self-indulgent (although well-meaning), but rather crass efforts by other local community publications that are usually the preserve of pseudo-inntellectuals?" (sic). Note to Archer readers: If you find any other amusing snippets in local papers, please send them to the editor.



SERVICES for East Finchley

Councillors' Surgery. Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane - Saturdays - 10:00-11:30am General Advice. Advice Service. 42 Church Lane - Monday to Friday - 10:00am to 12:30pm and 1:30-4:00pm

Immigration Advice. Advice Service, 42 Church Lane (by appointment only) (0181-444 6265)

Legal Advice. Advice Service, 42 Church Lane - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm.

Greener **Parks**

By Daphne Chamberlain "Team Barnet" - the Counin-house cil's own workforce - has just won a new 5-year contract to maintain East Finchley's parks and open spaces.

"Team Barnet" will be responsible for grass cutting, maintaining roadside verges, sports grounds, public parks, school and housing estate grounds, shrubs and flower beds.

The promise is that "Team Barnet" will be quicker and more flexible, and also more concerned with the environment and the recycling of waste materials. It has also been promised that their performance will be monitored closely.

If anyone has contacts in Mill Hill, it would be interesting to compare performances. The maintenance team there will be Continental Landscapes, from the private sector.

Your contributions

If you have a news item, memory or anecdote please send it in to us at the above address or call our voice mail on 0181 914 7280 and we will contact you.

The Archer aims to publish on the first weekend of every month. So to maximise their chances of publication, all contributors are urged to get their pieces in early the preceding month: The 20th day is the deadline, but the 14th is preferable.

The Archer team wishes to thank all the generous people who give up their spare time, in all weather, to deliver the paper for us.

The exhibition traces the development of building blocks, from their simple wooden origins in Germany in the late 1700s, to the plastic sophistication of Lego.

In between, children have played with Samlo (made from card and paper), Lotts Bricks (artificial stone bonded with resin) and Minibrix (which were rubber). By 1933, Bayko had appeared. This was a combination of bakelite bricks and metal rods.

Meccanosation

All of these produced some splendid and quite elaborate edifices, but the mini-building industry really started to move with the development of

Meccano. Introduced in 1907, it was slow to get under way (like other construction projects we can think of), but, once established, it reigned supreme until the 1950s.

The king today, of course, is Lego. Many adults have cursed those ubiquitous little pieces, but even more children have experienced hours of creative pleasure linking them together.

The exhibition features special models made by Sunnyfields JMI School, Hendon.

The Construction Toys Exhibition is at Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon till 2 February (closed Fridays), and the completion date will not be moved back!

