



Out & About...

with Noel Lynch

Wellington Place

The problem of lack of pavement-sweeping in this area has been solved (see February's edition of The Archer). The council official was quite sympathetic when I explained the position to him, and the clean-up was done next day!

Parking

At the recent meeting of Traders & Residents (see the report elsewhere in The Archer), a resident suggested that McDonald's should be turned into a car park! This proposal had wide support, but was considered impracticable.

Visit

Strawberry Vale had a visit from a government minister recently.

Boxer

East Finchley's super middleweight Azeez Alan Aluko has his next fight at the Harrow All Stars Gym on 24th March. He hopes that many locals will come along and support him.

Super Rich

Bishop's Avenue resident, Lakshmi Mittal, has been named as Britain's richest Asian, worth over £1,500 million.

Peoples Bank

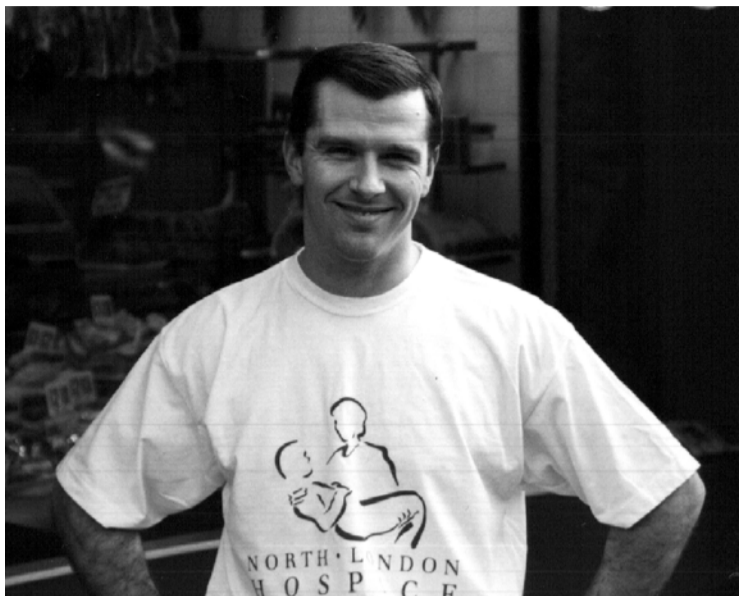
A public meeting to form a Credit Union will be held at the scout hut, New Trinity Road, on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm. Credit Unions are not well-known in London, but I can state from experience that this will be one of the best things to happen to East Finchley!! Credit Unions are owned by the community and provide loans at a fraction of the cost of banks. They make an incredible difference to the good of a community. Come along and help.

Forum

The projected meeting of the Finchley's Forum at The Old Barn on 13th February did not take place. Someone in the council forgot to get the keys of the premises.

If you have anything of news value suitable for this column, please contact Noel at The Bargain Centre, 212 High Road or phone 0181 883 0234.

Second time running



Bobby - over £1,000 so far.

Bobby, of Tom's Butchers in the High Road, will be running the 26 miles of the London Marathon to raise money for the North London Hospice.

This will be his second London Marathon and already he has raised £1,040 from sponsors and with two months nearly to go before the big day on 13th April he is aiming for the highest-ever figure raised for the hospice by sponsorship.

Bobby, who has been training throughout the long winter months said, "I am really looking forward to this, I really enjoy it and it is great to be running for such a worthy cause."

If you wish to sponsor him, call 0181 446 2288.

The Archer Auction

The Old White Lion was recently the scene of great excitement as The Archer Auction finally got underway.

Bidding was swift, under the very professional control of Noel Lynch, and some of the lots exceeded £70. The final grand total was over £600.

Many thanks to members of The Archer team who did the begging and organising; to Noel for his invaluable auctioneering; to the Old White Lion for lending us the venue; to all local traders for their contributions;

and, of course, to our generous readers for their bids.

As The Archer's only revenue comes from our advertisers, we are constantly looking for ideas to raise further funds. Any future events will be mentioned in The Archer; so please look out for these and continue to support us - the only community paper, purely for East Finchley.

Schools before 1918

By Daphne Chamberlain
There was a school strike in 1911 - or was it 1912? Memories of our schooldays often remain vivid all our lives. An independent television company is interested in using some of these recollections in a series of programmes about education up to 1918.

If you were at school at any time up to and including 1918, do consider sharing your memories. Something which may seem trivial to you, could well be of historical value.

If you are interested in helping with these programmes, please either contact me through The Archer or write direct to School Days, Suite 2, Grand Union House, 20 Kentish Town Road, NW1 9NX.

By the way, The Archer is always interested in your recollections!

In Memory of Cyril Crome



Cyril Crome

One of East Finchley's much-respected characters, Cyril Crome (known to his family and friends as Tommy) has died at the age of 89.

His family moved to East Finchley when he was three and they lived in Aveton Road which is now the area known as Prospect Place in the Market Place, East Finchley. He married Violet, who had lived in the same

road, and they had six children - four girls and two boys.

In his early years he was a member of the 81st North London Scout Group with its headquarters in the Market Place and the Group is now known as the 1st East Finchley which is situated at The Better Ole in New Trinity Road.

He attended Holy Trinity Primary School and later attained a place at Woodhouse Grammar School. After leaving school he tried his hand at various jobs: a boy billiard marker for a snooker hall on the site of the old Railway Arms in Church End, Finchley; a pharmacist and a taxi mechanic.

At that time the family firm, under his father Fred, was dealing in second-hand furniture using a horse and cart from a yard in Chapel Street in the Market Place.

Racing start

He used to be up at 3am and arrive at Covent Garden to collect the fruit and vegetables for

Walters the greengrocer, which is still in the High Road, and after this he would pick up racing pigeons from the Five Bells public house in East End Road, and from Friern Barnet to transport them to Kings Cross station.

Later in his life he became a keen allotment holder in the Fuel Lands Allotment Society.

Breathe Easy

Clive Rosser, who lives in East End Road, is starting a support group to help and give advice to sufferers from asthma.

The group, which is being run with the help of the National Asthma Campaign, will try to increase public awareness and help to raise funds for more research into asthma.

To find out more, contact Clive on 0181 444 6495.

Bought the farm?

It looks like the end for College Farm, one of the area's biggest attractions.

Department of Transport planners are hoping to sell off some of the land and its buildings.

Farm manager, Chris Ower, has received no assurance that this popular farm will be kept.

Mr Ower has said that he will fight to keep the farm going, but the Department is going ahead with plans for a residential development which could mean the end of the farm.

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