



Oliver Walsh (back, left) with the team. Photo by Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity School makes History!

By Diana Cormack

Having come top of their league last season, Holy Trinity School sent ten footballers (including two girls) to the six-a-side competition playing for The Pat McNicholas Trophy.

This particular trophy has only ever been won by large schools that obviously have more players to choose from. Holy Trinity is a one-form entry school, but this did not prevent them from fielding a superior side.

They won through to the semi-finals where they succeeded in beating Woodcroft, a much larger school, by a golden goal after extra time. The final against Brookland School also went into extra time and was again won by a golden goal. Holy Trinity now go on to represent Barnet in the Middlesex regional six-a-side competition which is for all London boroughs.

Headteacher Duncan Mills is immensely proud of the team, not only for their football skills but also for their sportsmanship and good behaviour. Their win is a first for Barnet and for the school. Amazingly, it was achieved by a group who had never played as a six-a-side before and in a term when all their football matches were called off due to the bad weather!

Oliver Walsh, a Year 6 pupil at the school, deserves a special mention. He has been picked to play for the London Borough of Barnet Primary Schools' football team. Well-done Oliver!



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Get Your Skates On!

By Diana Cormack

Thirteen year old Kelly Artemiou, of St. Mary's Green, Thomas More Way will be following the star to Never Never Land this Christmas.

She is playing the part of Wendy in the Alexandra Palace Ice Rink's production of "Peter Pan". In her five years of skating Kelly has followed in her sisters Katie and Lisa's footsteps, winning many awards and competition places.

Two other East Finchley girls, sisters Charlotte and Catherine Lea-Robbins of Park Hall Road are also in the show. Performances are taking place on Friday 15 December at 7.30pm and on Sunday 17 at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6.50 adults (£5 concessions).

Monday Club celebrates

The Fairacres Monday Club celebrated its thirteenth birthday at 164 East End Road on 23 October.

Among the guests in its 'Barmitzvah year' were the Deputy Mayoress and her escort and local M.P., Rudi Vis as well as representatives from the League of Jewish Women.

After a few short speeches the members and guests were entertained by the 'Bagatelles' before the afternoon ended with refreshments being served. Everyone present agreed that it was a great success and looked forward to the club's continuing success in the next twelve months.

Haringey Democracy "Pure Sham"

By Paul Savill

Haringey Council's democratic procedures are "pure sham" and it will impose a controlled parking zone whatever local residents say . . .

This is the fear circulating the Fortis Green district of East Finchley where several streets are to be included in Haringey Council's CPZ scheme, planned soon for Muswell Hill.

In fact, a recent door-to-door survey in the threatened East Finchley roads showed that 82 per cent of households have said "no" to the CPZ. However, the Labour-controlled council approved the scheme some time ago and most councillors still want it.

The good thing about the whole issue is that it has "galvanised the whole local community" according to Martin Brophy, leader of an action group set up to oppose the scheme.

Snappy title

Called "Muswell Hill Against the CPZ", the group has already held meetings, carried out surveys and organised petitions.

"It is the council's lack of democracy which is under scrutiny here," says Martin.

The council distributed consultation forms to households in the summer, but in effect it said the CPZ was a fait accompli.

Loaded dice

The form included "loaded" questions, for instance: "In order to address parking stress a controlled zone is required . . . what days of operation would you like to see?"

So, by answering the question, respondents are unwittingly condoning the scheme!

"The point is," says Martin, "we do not feel a CPZ is the answer to all known problems."

CPZ at bay

The action group wants to see

the following:

* The scheme postponed for a year at least.

* The setting-up of an independent organisation to survey people's views - residents, shoppers, visitors - and to identify the real problems.

* Following the survey there should be a period of consultation.

"The council wants to implement a CPZ whatever," continues Martin. "It says it is following the wishes of central government to reduce cars and pollution."

Brass tax

"It is, of course, a lucrative tax for the council and they have already done the book-keeping."

He believes the council will soften their proposals to get the scheme in by leaving out roads and reducing parking restrictions to a few hours a day.

That is, however, just the start and the thin end of the wedge. "Within a year or two," says Martin, "more roads will be included and parking times increased."

Pocket borough

"The CPZ will undoubtedly increase the complexity of local residents' lives and hit their pockets," adds Martin.

Car vouchers for visitors, for instance, will have to be purchased in advance from a parking office in Wood Green. To do this, all relevant papers will have to be produced! The standard rate for Haringey parking permits already in force are £50 per vehicle a year, short stay visitor permits are £10 for 40 vouchers, weekend visitor permits - only 12 a year allowed - £10 each. Pay and display £1 per hour. Fines £60!

N2 Haringey - targeted CPZ roads:

Fortis Green - eastwards from Springcroft Avenue, Springcroft Avenue, Western Road, Eastern Road, Lynmouth Road, Southern Road, Shakespeare Gardens.

Lighting up our Christmas

By Diana Cormack

Once again the High Road provides a sparkling reminder of what is a very special time of year for many people.

Both East Finchley residents and folk travelling through can admire what has undoubtedly become one of the best displays of seasonal lights in the whole of Barnet.

The power behind all this is Lawrie Chivers of A1 Motors, 113 High Road, East Finchley. Over the years he has begged, borrowed and saved to raise the necessary money. Some of it comes from the borough but their contribution has been smaller this year, making Lawrie's task even bigger, so he is hoping the response from local traders will be as good as last year's. Hopefully, an attractively decorated High Road might encourage new businesses to move here too.

It certainly brings compliments from many local people and, if any of them want to help, they can always pop into the shop to make a donation. There is no official switching-on ceremony because each lamppost has to be individually decorated and lit. But if there was, I know who I would choose to do it!