



LETTERS

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Jam tomorrow

Dear Editor

East Finchley CPZ
The excellent article in your October issue about the East Finchley CPZ will soon be out of date. Already the London Borough of Barnet have extended it deep into the suburb, so that additional permit holders can now take the parking places vacated by commuters.

Also, plans submitted for the HGS Institute to move next to the station will bring 6,000 students with only 30 car spaces. If only one in ten uses a car, the demand for short-stay parking will be insatiable from morning until late in the evening.

On top of all this, Waitrose proposes a new store opposite the station with an underground car park! Has the world gone mad? Traffic chaos will ensue as East End Road, Deansway, the High Road, Fortis Green, Cherry Tree Hill, The Bishops Avenue and approach roads become grid locked from morning until late at night!

East Finchley VILLAGE? Goodbye! CPZ? RIP!

Residents and shopkeepers unite, you have nothing to lose but your traffic jams! Bombard the London Borough of Barnet with your protest letters.

Yours sincerely
Norman Pample
Edmunds Walk, N2.

Overseer overlooked

Sirs,

I am disappointed at the wrong spelling of the name of my ancestor Daniel Clewin, who was overseer of the poor at St. Mary-at-Finchley and even donated a bell there. He was also a farmer and lived at Oak Lodge. I believe the Newgate calendar refers to him being 'Burglarised' and his watch being later found on the miscreant that was topped at Tyburn. The Newgate calendar also has a drawing of the event with Mr Clewin in his night cap in bed.

Regards
Edmund Clewin Griffith

Thank you, van driver

Dear Friends and Readers,

On 26 July a lady fell on the bridge in Church Lane, sustaining serious injuries - a broken wrist and a broken hip.

I would like to trace the driver of a blue van, who was so very kind. He dialled 999 for an ambulance, and a lady who was with him alerted me. He kindly produced a towel, which I could place under her head.

We want to say a big thank you for his kindness, and for the paramedics' perfect procedure.

Nine weeks later, Marie is home and coming on nicely.

R. Perkins,
Church Lane, N2.

Slippery slope

Dear Archer

I felt I had to write to you to express my sympathy at the decline of Muswell Hill.

Having moved away five years ago after living there for 35 years, I returned for three days to attend the funeral of a friend.

Straight away I noticed the decline in the cleanliness of the streets, the broken pavements and the potholes in the roads. I was amazed at the graffiti that was sprayed on the shop fronts and, it seems, any available space.

The shop attendants were surly and unhelpful in most of the shops I went into. In Marks and Spencer I was queuing to pay for some items when an elderly woman pushed past me causing me to stumble. When I turned to look at her, she tutted at me and said, "Well, I was trying to get through". This, I thought, summed up everything that seems to have changed. Where have all the pleasant smiling people I remember gone?

Muswell Hill is now just like any other dirty run-down London borough, the only difference is that the houses are more expensive.

Yours sincerely
Heather Cooke
Oxford

Shout For The H3

Dear Archer

Let me be the first to join your proposed SHOUT for the H3 to be extended throughout the day at the same quarter hour intervals as the H2. Now that the bottleneck at Brim Hill has been eliminated by the extension of the CPZ scheme, the bus is assured of a free passage.

Who better than THE ARCHER to discover the level of demand by inviting your readers to e-mail/phone in their request for a long neglected service to the residents on the "wrong side" of the Suburb. With the advent of the Institute and Waitrose, surely it will be an urgent requirement.

Yours sincerely,
Michael. N. Fishman.
Devon Rise, N2.

For many years he was top dog, so to speak, in the animal world in the Lauradale Road area, fearless, feared and affectionate.

Yours sincerely
Martin Page
(Address supplied)

Competition

To the Editor and Mr Scott Laban,

With reference to L.Chivers' opposition to a Tesco minstore in Leopold Road, I think it would be a great service to the large number of

people of older generation in East Finchley. It would also help young mums, all of whom cannot get on a bus to the North Circular or North Finchley.

We all want East Finchley to thrive. We are overloaded with eating-places and estate agents. It would be good to have a bit of competition for the other two larger stores, which would keep people in East Finchley.

Good luck, Tesco.
Margaret Cartwright,
Leicester Road, N2.

Lonely?

By Mal Jacobs

Loneliness is something that affects most of us at some time. It's not exclusive to elders but mature people tend to be more prone to it.

The causes are many and varied: loss of loved ones in war; personal family stress; generation gap; inadequate pensions; fear of muggings; loss of friends; poor housing among others. Plus a feeling of isolation from the mainstream of life and being overlooked by society. Many people feel that in our society there is too much preoccupation with "AGE" and that in itself is one particular cause of loneliness.

people. Whatever level we are at in life, some form of incentive is required. There is no such incentive for pensioners, but it is surely needed as a first line of defence against loneliness.

Get involved

Also consider the people hospitalised or housebound - they all require encouragement and help to participate in as many things as possible. Just as there is no one cause of loneliness there is also no one cure, but we do know some of the things that can act as an antidote.

Things THEY can do

- \*Visit relatives more frequently
\*If people want to work longer - let them
\*Create more incentives in life
\*Free installation of phones and local phone calls for pensioners
\*Free TV licences for all pensioners

Things WE can do

- \*Don't retire and die!
\*Get involved with local voluntary or charity work and make new friends
\*Do something new or take up an old hobby
\*Just get involved, don't moan, complain properly about things you don't agree with. It will raise your self-esteem.



Sylvester (aka Tom) the cat
Dear Sir

I invite your readers to join me in mourning the passing of my beloved pet cat, Sylvester, who died peacefully on 28 September at the grand old age of about 20 years.

He appeared to be a stray when he happened to pass our open front door one cold day around Christmas 1987 or 1988.

My wife and I offered him food, drink and shelter; he came in and decided to stay.

We called him - surprise, surprise - Sylvester although many months later we discovered that he was known as Tom to a family round the corner in Fortis Green Avenue. Our neighbours were content for us to keep him.

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