



# Whetstone Hot Turkey?

By Daphne Chamberlain

**Barnet Farmers' Market is surviving – perhaps. “It will continue to trade as long as farmers and customers want it to,” Cheryl Cohen of London Farmers' Markets told THE ARCHER.**

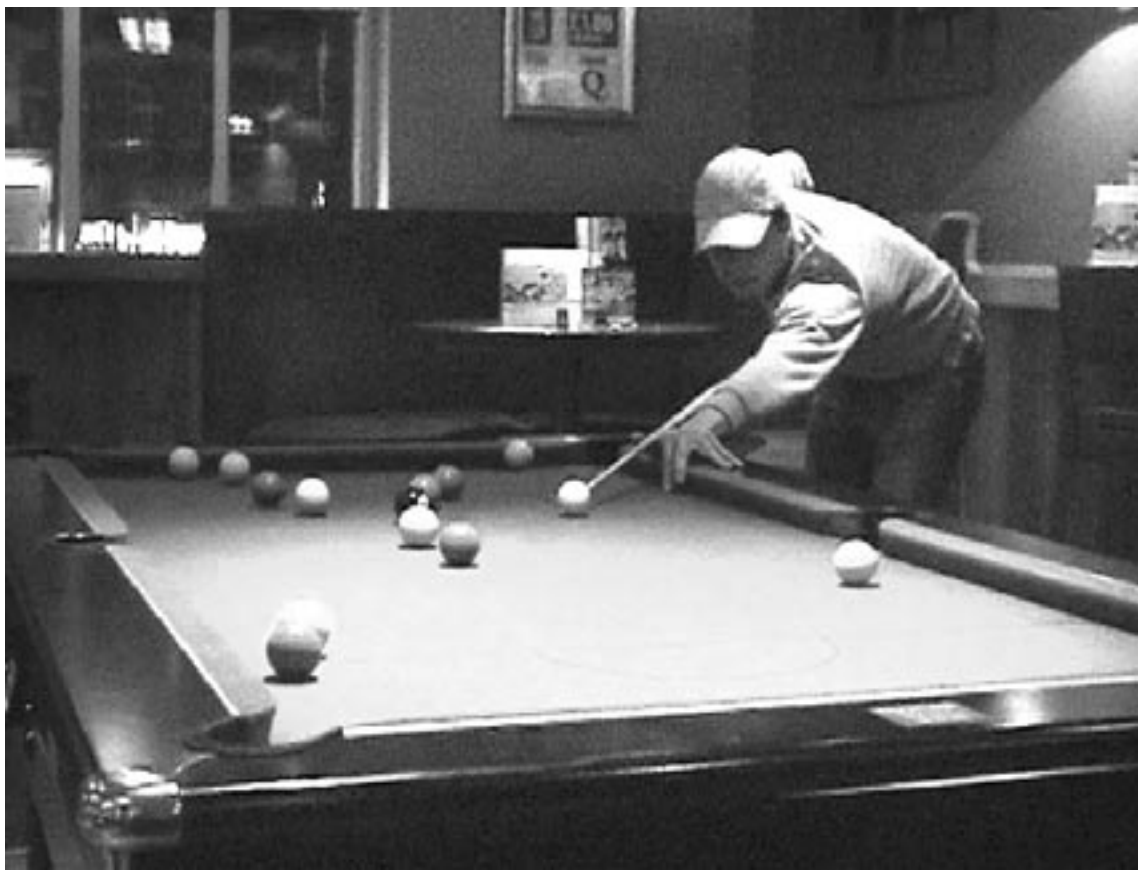
Like traders in general, the Whetstone stallholders are emphasising Christmas appeal. So if you're interested in free-range turkeys and handmade mince pies, you could go north up the High Road on a Friday.

Looking at the long term, Cheryl said, “We are aware that there are fewer stalls, and are looking for another meat producer.”

In October, Deputy London Mayor Jenny Jones launched a Green Party report called Building Bridges between

Farmers and London Shoppers. At present there are 30 farmers' markets in London, but the report suggests that there should be one every weekend in every major shopping area. It says that, despite a surge in demand, some markets are facing difficulties and need support from local authorities, the Government and consumers.

Barnet's market is at Whetstone High Road (opposite Waitrose) every Friday, from 11 am. To get the best offers, be there early.



Pool at the Bald Faced Stag. Photo by Erini Rodis

## EF ID

By Diana Cormack

**Most of us consider ourselves lucky to be living in East Finchley and are happy to tell others what we like about the place, but now we can even show people where we come from. Actually, it might not be that obvious at first, as demonstrated by my brother in law, who lives in Harpenden.**

“What's that sticker on your car bumper?” he asked, having followed us back to our house for many miles. Of course, I knew he couldn't mean the GB sticker and he felt a bit of a fool when I told him what the EF stood for.

Many people in my road have asked about it, so I am pretty certain that there are lots of locals who would like to have one too. They were ‘invented’ by Gerard Donnachie, who lives in Hertford Road and works in advertising. He produced them months ago as a way of raising money at a Holy Trinity School Fair, which is still their purpose. For a while they were on sale at Tony's Continental Store and, as I write, you can get them for £1 each at Chivers Bros. A1 Motor Store, 113 High Road.

The letters are in black on an oval, white background (someone has suggested adding the archer symbol to it). It's certainly different and is the sort of thing you could slip inside a birthday or Christmas card.



EF car sticker. Photo by Erini Rodis

## The Pain and The Glory

By Sam Grove

**For the past few months the Bald Faced Stag has hosted what many insiders are calling the most prestigious pool competition in East Finchley. This is an intense and fiercely competitive tournament with as many as 32 participants. There are even rumours circling around the jukebox that it is slowly but surely being hijacked by professional players.**

One guy I played in the first round some time ago had apparently represented Jamaica. I gave him quite a scare before ultimately losing by six balls. If there were any lingering doubts about how seriously the competition is taken, one had only to glance at the expressions etched on the faces of many of the contenders. One man just sat there, in between games, virtually motionless, occasionally sipping at a glass of water. Why not beer, you might ask. “Sam, pool is a game of many variables. The winner is the one who can take care of the most.” Variables, it seemed, contrived to knock him out in the second round. The fact that he probably

anticipated such a fall was little consolation. “The balls didn't break well. I wasn't able to play my attacking game,” he said, more to himself than anyone else. “Do you think you'll be back next week?” I enquired, as he slowly and meticulously packed his graphite snooker cue safely back into its velvet case. After a long and resigned sigh he conceded he would be – in a voice which indicated he probably didn't want to, but fate (or perhaps doom) would conspire to make it inevitable.

*If you want to chance your arm against East Finchley's best, arrive at the Bald Faced Stag from 8pm onwards every Sunday.*

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