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10-year-old Daisy Moore holding her Best All-Rounder Award from Middlesex County Cricket Girls under-11s. Full story on page 8. .
Photo by Bob Moore

What's happening about Stanley Field?

By Daphne Chamberlain

Many of you have been asking about the state of play (or otherwise) around Stanley Road Field. The expected Council decision at the beginning of the year did not materialise, and Barnet has requested another meeting with the East Finchley Community Development Trust. Roger Chapman, Development Trust Chair, reports encouraging interest from outside organisations in saving the field and developing it as a community recreation centre.

Now the Stanley Field Committee is asking the people of East Finchley to show once more how important its future is to us. As officially one of the most deprived areas in the borough, what sort of development do we need most: recreational space or more buildings?

There will be opportunities to demonstrate your belief and involvement in the next few months. Watch for details in the next edition of *THE ARCHER*.

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Your festival needs you!

By John Lawrence

The biggest date in East Finchley's community calendar is fast approaching - and this year there's a louder call than ever for new volunteers.

Sunday 24 June is the date to put in your diaries for the 2007 East Finchley Community Festival to be held in Cherry Tree Wood.

Details of this year's programme are still being confirmed but it promises to be a fantastic mix of top bands and local acts on the two main stages, along with fun and activities on more than 60 stalls.

Organisers say they are urgently on the look out for volunteers with new ideas to make the festival bigger and better than ever. People with finance, legal and business skills are sought, as is anyone who can help with sign writing, artistic activities, health and safety, administration and web design.

There are vacancies on the festival committee and it is also vitally important that enough volunteer stewards are on duty on the day. Without their help, the organisers would be forced to employ professional stewards at huge expense.

Don't forget: the festival is run entirely by local people for the benefit of the local community, so do get involved if you can.

The event is part of the East Finchley Community Development Trust and has been running since 1974, making it the longest-standing free festival in the borough. It receives no funding from Barnet Council but costs £14,000 to stage each year.

Money is raised through selling advertising space on

the programme, sponsorship, the raffle, stalls and refreshment tents. All profits are ploughed back into the next year's event.

The 2007 festival will run from 12 noon to 6pm but as usual the day will start at 11am with a carnival parade from the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, along the High Road to Cherry Tree Wood.

Full details of the programme will be updated as they become available at www.eastfinchley.co.uk/festival.

If you can lend your skills, or if you'd like to join the festival committee or be a steward on the day, give Nick a ring on 020 8883 4916 or drop an e-mail to info@eastfinchley.co.uk.

The Kinks rock on

By Diana Cormack

Dedicated followers of The Kinks will be relieved to hear that the new owners of the Clissold Arms are not going to get rid of the memorabilia displayed in the Fortis Green pub where the group gave their first public performance. Reportedly, the Clissold will reopen in the summer after a major refurbishment but there is no intention of removing the collection of signed photos, record sleeves and discs donated by admirers.

So fans from all over the world will still be able to visit the site, which has become a shrine to the 1960s band, originally from Muswell Hill.

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