



## Cross over crossover

By Diana Cormack

A proposal to construct a vehicle crossover by dropping the kerb to allow access for parking in a front garden has upset many residents in Summerlee Avenue. They feel that Barnet's statutory consultation has ignored their objections and that the Council is prepared to progress the application despite a local petition against it.

### Health and safety

The area in question is at the southern end of the avenue, near the main entrance to Cherry Tree Wood. Being close to a popular park, the road can be very busy at times. Objectors claim that cars exiting from off-street parking would be a danger, particularly to children running along the pavement ahead of their parents. The health and safety aspect was presented at November's Finchley and Golders Green Area Forum.

There is also the fear that, if the proposal is approved, other residents might be encouraged to do the same and spoil the street scene further as well as reducing the number of parking bays available. As yet, no other residences here have a dropped kerb.

### Parking space concern

Barnet Council believes adequate parking space is available because there are 77 resident parking bays but only 69

resident parking permits issued. This ignores the bays used by visitors. One resident asked: "If there are so many parking spaces, why does one house need a driveway?" Current ecological thinking has brought about a recent change in the law which now requires planning permission if homeowners want to cover a lawn with anything other than specially designed porous paving or gravel.

### Prolonged analysis

Summerlee Avenue is part of the Controlled Parking Zone operating Monday to Saturday 10am - 6.30 pm. Barnet issued a questionnaire on East Finchley's CPZ, to be returned by 31 July 2008. The objective was to see if local people's needs were being met. When *THE ARCHER* enquired about the outcome the Council said: "The data is currently being analysed and results should be available to view within the next month."

## Spooktacular success

By Yvonne O'Reilly and Liridona Ahmeti

A Halloween party was the first event organised by the East Finchley Youth Panel and was held at Martin Primary School on 31 October with the support of the local police and the Finchley Community Development Trust.

The East Finchley Youth Panel is a group of 15 to 17-year-olds who live in East Finchley and organise local youth events. Tickets were £3.50 for ages 12-17 from the Finchley area but others were more than welcome to come.

With a live DJ playing all the latest and greatest hits, a chocolate fountain and hoards of delicious food and drink, including a Halloween punch, there was much to celebrate. The hall was covered in spooktacular decorations which continued to amaze the party goers throughout the evening.

The night was a success with a great turnout, brilliant costumes with prizes and rosettes awarded to the best dressed. The panel are hoping for an even better turnout to their next event at Christmas which will include a spectacularly comic and entertaining pantomime. For more information on the panel contact Moe on 020 7161 9014. A very special thanks to Robina, Tristan and Stan who are much appreciated for all their help.

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## Rugby trio in top three

By Lisa Omar



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Three pupils from St Theresa's RC Primary School, East End Road, took part in the Annual Grasshoppers Mini Rugby Festival hosted by the Grasshoppers Rugby Club at Chiswick, south west London. These boys were representing Finchley Rugby Club in Summers Lane, Finchley, where they enjoy playing rugby every Sunday morning.

Emmett Galvin and Stephen McCarthy played for the Finchley Under Nines and Mo Galvin played for the Finchley Under Eights. Both teams played very well and both finished third overall which was a great achievement given the number of clubs there were from London and Middlesex. Well done, boys.

## Art for sale

On the first weekend in December four local artists will be joining forces to display and sell their work under one roof.

On show will be paintings, prints and cards by Tark Butler, of Bedford Road, ceramics by Daphne Carnegie, of Lewis Gardens (whom Terence Conran puts in his top ten of ceramicists), wood turning using local sources by Barry Jackson, of Park Hall Road, and jewellery hand made by his daughter Lucy Spratt.

Enjoy a glass of wine and browse. You may well be able to find something suitable to buy for Christmas, including *THE ARCHER* calendar, which is being sold to raise money for the local charity Contact. The event will be held between 11am and 5pm on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December at 17 Park Hall Road. Call 020 8883 0806 or 020 8442 0283 for further details.

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*Comfort & Joy* is the work of Jennie Cassidy, a professional singer whose daughter Martine attends the centre for treatment. She and her musician friends recorded 24 of their favourite seasonal songs including *Ding Dong Merrily on High*, *Away in a Manager* and *In the Bleak Midwinter*.

The CD costs £9.99 and can be purchased at selected shops in East Finchley and Muswell Hill including Les Aldrich, or from the Bobath Centre at 250 East End Road, N2. It can also be ordered by going to [www.bobath.org.uk](http://www.bobath.org.uk) or by calling 020 8442 2275.

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