



Letters to the Editor

Rogue trader alert

Dear Editor,

They are still out there! Recently we have had cold callers offering to repair the roof and resurface the drive. Neither needed attention! Remember that even in these difficult times reputable tradesmen are busy. You call them, they don't call on you!

The minimum requirements for any work are a landline phone, a verifiable address and a written estimate. Ask neighbours, friends and family for recommendations. There are many excellent tradesmen in our area.

Yours faithfully

Mike Holt

Chandos Road, N2.

A concerted success

Dear Editor,

You kindly advertised in your newspaper a gala concert to celebrate St George's Day. The concert took place on Saturday 28 April in the URC church, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill. The local artists were Dr Jennifer Bate (organ), Margaret Lion (piano), The Finchley Children's Music Group Choir, Alastair Hamilton

(baritone) and Bonnie Taylor (jazz and blues singer).

The concert was well attended in spite of the inclement weather and we raised a total of £1,439. This has been divided between Cancer Research and Parkinson's UK.

You have featured Alastair in your paper before in October 2009 when he shared a concert with Channing School and raised over £1,200 for the Dyspraxia Foundation (Alastair is very dyspraxic). You also did a report on how young people with disabilities find it hard to get a job. He has a job now. He used to do voluntary work for the Barnet Association for the Blind and this has led directly to a paid job with Deafblind UK. He enjoys this work and finds it very satisfying.

Yours faithfully,
Patricia Hamilton,
Twyford Avenue, N2.

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**Obituary:
Laura
Davies**

Laura Davies, wife of former East Finchley councillor John Davies, died suddenly of a brain haemorrhage on 11 May at the age of 62 while on holiday in Wales. John and Laura had lived in Manor Park Road for 35 years.

John said: "Laura was a huge support to me in my work for the community and throughout my whole life. People will remember her organising a committee room in our home at election times. Laura was a great admirer of *THE ARCHER*, read it avidly and said that it provided a great service for the people of East Finchley.

"One of my main reasons for retiring from the council in 1994 was to spend more time with Laura. It is sad that this time has been so tragically cut short."

John has won first prizes in national competitions for verse writing. He frequently used verse to emphasise his points at council and became known as the Bard of Barnet. At Laura's funeral, he read the verse that will be placed on her tombstone:

*"May earth be gentle
to the touch
Of one who loved
so very much
And hope that on bright days
the skies
Will sometimes shine like
her warm eyes."*

**Summer
movie-
making**

The Phoenix Cinema is setting up its own pop-up studio over the summer to help youngsters get behind the scenes in the world of movie-making.

Children aged 11-14 can spend two days writing, directing and starring in their own short film with the help of film makers Hannah Prior and Rohan Wadham on 16 and 17 August from 10am to 3pm. The price is £65.

Children aged 7-11 can come and see the great silent movie and slapstick stars of early cinema on screen and explore the techniques of mime and clowning on 20 and 21 August. The price is £45.

Places are limited and booking for both courses must be done in advance by Friday 10 August. Concession places are available for children on free school meals or families on income support. To book, call the Phoenix on 020 8442 0442 or email education@phoenix-cinema.co.uk



Onward Christian walkers: the St Mary's parishioners walk for peace. Photo by Jean Bailey.

Parishioners walk for peace

By Tina McNaughton

Members of the congregation of St Mary's Catholic Church in East Finchley got together on 7 July to mark 100 days of peace, 50 of them before the Olympic Games and 50 after the end of the Paralympics. The occasion was marked by a guided walk along a section of London's Capital Ring.

The walk was just one of the events organised by the Diocese of Westminster's Justice and Peace Commission to mark the Olympics. Others included an all-night vigil, a family fun day and music for peace concerts.

As well as marking the message of peace carried by the Olympic Games, the walk gave parishioners the chance to discover parts of North London that few people realise are there.

The journey from East Finchley to Finsbury Park can, believe it or not, take you almost exclusively through woodland and natural landscapes.

The Capital Ring runs round the whole of greater London, providing a scenic route for walkers, away from the capital's hustle and bustle. The weather, true to form this year, did not cooperate, but everyone enjoyed splashing through the mud and sheltering from the odd shower.

Wall of words

Do you write poetry or fancy trying your hand? Barnet Libraries are calling for entries to a poetry competition, with prizes on offer and a chance to see your work in print.

Poet Yvonne Green will be judging. She was recently nominated for the Buxton Prize and her publications include *Boukhara* (a Poetry Business Pamphlet Prize winner), *The Assay* and her most recent collection *After Semyon Railevich Lipkin*.

Anyone over 16 can enter up to two poems of no more than 40 lines each. They must be the original work of the author and must not have been published elsewhere. The subject of the poem is up to you.

Deadline for entries is 31 August. The winner will be published in the Barnet Libraries What's On magazine and commended poems will be displayed on the Wall of the Words in Hendon Library. First prize is £100 in vouchers and

second prize is £50 in vouchers.

More details from any library or send your entries to Wall of the Words Poetry Competition, c/o Hendon Library, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BQ, together with a donation of £2 per poem to cover costs, with cheques made out to the London Borough of Barnet.

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