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Carson the butler (Jim Carter) brings in Angela's Christmas pudding in Downton Abbey. Photo courtesy Carnival Films

## Angela's pudding watched by millions

By Allison Goodings & Nick Young

**Local resident Angela Corbo spends the weeks leading up to Christmas making many festive puddings, which she sells in and around East Finchley. Last month one of her puddings became famous when it featured in the Christmas Day episode of *Downton Abbey*.**

Elstree-based Carnival Films, the makers of the hit ITV1 drama, contacted Angela after they found her company Angela's Handmade Limited ([www.angelashandmade.co.uk](http://www.angelashandmade.co.uk)) online. They asked her to make not one but seven four-pint-sized puddings for filming. Viewers saw a pudding being brought to the festive table by Carson the butler, played by Jim Carter.

Angela explains that four-pint puddings are an unusual size today, but they would have been common in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when the show is set.

She said: "They said it didn't have to be edible... I didn't have to put in all the best ingredients, like brandy, but I did put some in to make it smell good as I thought that would be nice for the actors!"

The pudding recipe was based on one by the Victorian cook Eliza Acton, but mostly Angela makes cakes, cookies, preserves and pickles using Italian family recipes. Her ingredients are all locally sourced, including apples from her garden and the nearby allotment.

Angela works from her home on Fortis Green and her product range is sold in W Martyn of Muswell Hill Broadway and The Hampstead Butcher & Providore. Angela also offers free delivery for all orders within the N2 postcode.

## Stanley Field sports plan: what next?

By Daphne Chamberlain

**Barnet has not agreed to Sport East Finchley's proposal for Stanley Road Playing Field, but has asked three other bidders to see if they can work with our community to provide a mixed development scheme.**

Roger Chapman, who represented Sport East Finchley at last month's Cabinet Resources Committee, told *THE ARCHER* that Barnet's position was not clear. He said, "As we understand it, we are not considered a specific bidder, but one that has to do a deal with one of the three others. This is an outstanding question we have to resolve".

Sport East Finchley submitted a business plan for multi-sports use. The other bidders are proposing residential development plus some community facilities.

Because details are not in the public report, all we know is that one would offer some open space with a children's play area, another off-site sports provision, and the third a sports area covering 1.4 acres (just under half the site).

Roger Chapman has agreed to talk to these bidders to find out exactly what is on offer. He told the Council meeting that, as the East Finchley proposal is community-driven, he has to ask local people about proposals as they emerge. At the time of writing, though, he doesn't know whether Barnet will try to set conditions

covering negotiations.

The position regarding Sport East Finchley's backers is now unclear too. The London Marathon Trust, for example, were prepared to purchase the site and contribute towards facilities, but only if all the land was available.

A recent Sport England survey found Barnet third from bottom among the London boroughs for residents' satisfaction with sports facilities, and East Finchley has been highlighted as an area deficient in open space and playing fields. Roger Chapman told Councillors that the local proposal offered Barnet a £2 million modern sports facility at no cost to the Council.

Barnet state that they have a duty to sell the land to whoever makes the best offer, but they know that there are "significant levels of public concern and involvement".

East Finchley's archer is an Olympic logo, but the public are still waiting for their Olympic legacy. There will be a public meeting, probably in February.

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