



Good cause: from left to right, Jessica, Sophie, Amber, Ava, Aitana, Francesca and Saskia.

## Magnificent Seven make mark for Alzheimer's

Seven young friends took a stall at the East Finchley Festival back in June and raised well over £200 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Aitana, Ava, Jessica, Francesca, Sophie, Amber and Saskia, all aged 10-11, are part of a group called Professional Junior Fundraisers (PJF). They chose their charity because they know a number of family members with Alzheimer's, or who have died with it.

Many of the visitors to the stand found out more about Alzheimer's and how they can

help support the charity. Others were sharing their stories of friends and family members whose lives have been affected by the illness.

"I was amazed how many people told us their Alzheimer's stories at the stand. I'm so glad we chose this charity," said Sophie. The total raised was £236.

One visitor expressed her frustration at not being able to

help a relative who was suffering from Alzheimer's and not being treated properly. So, one possibility for the next PJF fundraiser would be to raise awareness and funds for an advocacy charity to help those who can't speak out for themselves.

For more information about Professional Junior Fundraisers, email: [saskiarahughes@gmail.com](mailto:saskiarahughes@gmail.com)

## Police called to reports of shooting

By Janet Maitland  
Police were called to reports of a gun being fired in William Close, N2, on the edge of the Grange estate, at about 6pm on Wednesday 17 June.

Officers were unable to find any victim when they arrived. A knife was recovered from the scene, but police don't yet know if this was linked to the incident.

Police are continuing to investigate. If you have any information, call the police on 101, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you want to remain anonymous.

## Shop Assistance: thanks very much!

East Finchley Altogether Better (EFAB) has heard from many kind local people who are keen to be involved in their new Shopping Assistance programme, helping others who are less able to do their own shopping.

### Can you help?

If you can offer some of your time on a regular basis to help someone with their shopping, either by going out to do the shopping, taking the person shopping, or simply helping with an online shop, you are invited to get in touch.

All EFAB Shoppers will be given training and support, along with Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, with no cost to themselves. To join up to become an EFAB shopper, or to register your interest in receiving the service, please contact Lisa Smith on 07909 998453 or

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## Mounting worries over shisha bar

By Janet Maitland

A growing number of residents are concerned about plans to open a restaurant and shisha bar in the Old Alexandra pub at the end of Church Lane, N2, even though the owners have withdrawn the original planning application, amended the design of the building and then resubmitted it.

### Open-sided extension

The changes to the design are described by one Leopold Road resident as only "small modifications". Seventeen people have objected to the council about the new plans. Eleven residents objected to the original design, which included a large extension, made up of 'canopy structures' backing onto Leopold Road (The Archer, July 2015).

These structures, which were originally not fully enclosed or covered, were intended for restaurant seating and a bar where customers could smoke tobacco in hookah pipes. In the new plans, these structures will be replaced by a single canopy structure with a Perspex roof, which will be also used for a restaurant and tobacco bar. The sides will still be open.

### Effect on children

Some residents have no objections. Others are very worried about the tobacco smoke from the hookah pipes, the smells from the kitchen,

the noise levels and the pressure on parking. There's also the issue of whether a tobacco bar should be so near to Martin Primary School, less than 100m away.

"This smoking den will be opposite a primary school," said one Leopold Road resident. "How will staff and parents feel about walking past that, being open morning to night?"

The other main change to the application is the replacement of the sign of a pink hookah pipe, already attached to the side of the building, with a sign advertising that the new restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"The application is being recommended for approval by planning officers," said a council spokesperson.

To see the plans (the consultation is now closed) go to <https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications> and enter the application reference number 15/02918/FUL.

## What could Ray possibly mean?

Ray Davies of The Kinks, who lived on Fortis Green opposite the Clissold pub when he was growing up, was recently interviewed in the Evening Standard. The group's frontman and writer of timeless hit songs such as Waterloo Sunset said that New Orleans, which he left after being shot by a burglar in 2004, reminded him of East Finchley. We wonder in what way?



Any suggestions? Or have you been anywhere that reminds you of East Finchley? Email us: [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net) or find us on Twitter and Facebook @TheArcherN2.

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