



YOUNG ARCHER



Outdoor life: Guides look after a young visitor at their summer camp

Room for more at Guides group

For eight years now, the 4th East Finchley Guides has been a vibrant group for more than 100 local girls and the group has places for any new members who want to join.

The group meets every Thursday during term time from 7.30pm to 9pm at St Mary's Church in the High Road, East Finchley. Their activities include computer coding, making items to sell for charity, learning about global issues, trying science experiments, Zumba and plenty of parties.

During the summer the group goes camping and has outings including ice skating, community service and the Big Gig concert at Wembley Arena.

Co-leader Toni said: "Some of our original Guides have

just started university this September. It's an amazing feeling knowing that Girl Guiding was part of their journey there. Sometimes girls stay for a short time, but often they stay for years. This has meant that we usually have a long waiting list to join our unit, but we now have a number of spaces."

Toni said Guiding builds lasting friendships, teaches new skills and builds self-confidence. Girls wishing to join should live in N2 and be aged 10-14. To register your interest search online for 'girl guiding register your daughter'.

Young people's fund

takes off

Beneath the wings of the planes at the RAF Museum Hendon in December, the Young Barnet Foundation launched a £50,000 grants fund for grass roots children's and young people's organisations in Barnet to help them deliver services and activities.



CEO Janet Matthewson (pictured) said the current round of funding is open for applications until the 12 January. The fund is also open to receive donations from residents and businesses. Full details can be found at www.youngbarnet-foundation.org.uk.



The former Barracuda cafe is now Nineveh Photo Mike Coles

New name and ideas at High Road cafe

By Nick Allan

Many of us will have noticed by now that the former Barracuda cafe in the High Road is under new management and sporting its new name, Nineveh. New owner Majid continues to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner in the refurbished premises.

Married with three daughters, Majid trained as a mechanical engineer in Holland where he lived for 11 years after moving from Iraq, and worked as a hairdresser to cover his tuition fees. He told *The Archer*: "I enjoyed hairdressing during my studies so was pleased to end up with a salon in Knightsbridge but I've always been keen to develop my skills. I had been looking around for a new cafe business and have always appreciated the people and area of East Finchley where my best friend was one of the chefs at Barracuda."

Majid operates the cafe from 8am until 10pm every day. He originally wanted to call it 'Babylon' after his birthplace but thought the name of neighbouring city Nineveh

sounded better.

The cafe is still undergoing change but now includes a covered, heated patio area seating over 30 which is proving very popular with customers in the colder winter months. There is room for a further 40 customers inside and a delivery service is offered from 5pm.

Stranglers in 1977

Did anyone see *The Stranglers* when they played East Finchley in 1977? We'd love to hear your memories for a future article. Email us at the-archer@lineone.net or leave us a message on our freephone number 0800 612 0748.

Songs and comedy at special party

By Caitlin Whitelock, Year 9

On Tuesday 6 December we held the Archer Academy's first ever Archer Gold party, a lovely event organised by Mr Lia with the help of some Year 9 students. We invited more than 60 seniors from nearby care homes to come and enjoy a Christmas celebration with us.

As well as a delicious afternoon tea, our guests were treated to poetry readings, a number of songs from our Christmas Choir and a hilarious sketch from Fawlty Towers, all performed by students in years 7 and 8. The scones were delicious but the highlight of the afternoon was the response from our guests, one of whom said: "I enjoyed every minute; it's the best thing that's happened to me this Christmas."

We really enjoyed talking



Students look after their party guests

to our guests and would like to say thank you to Mr Lia for all the work he put in.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- **Baby & U baby massage.** Contact Ruth at babymassagewithruth@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/babyandubabymassage
- **Musical Tots:** Wednesdays 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. Katemusicaltots on facebook.
- **Phoenix Cinema activities,** Bringing up babyscreenings, Weds, 11am; Kids Club, Sat, 12pm; Toddler Time, Tues, 11am. Full details from box office on 020 8444 6789.
- **Stepping Stones** music and play for 0-3 Tues 10am, EF Baptist Church. Liz 07836 284538.
- **Teddy Bears' Music,** singing for 0-3s in Holy Trinity Church, N2; Thurs 9.45am & 10.45am. Camilla 07900 988149.

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