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School opens its playing fields to all

By Sandy Barker, from Grange Big Local

One of the many beautiful green spaces in East Finchley, which have been lying empty during the pandemic, are the playing fields at Bishop Douglass School. With support from Grange Big Local and their volunteers, the school made the fields available for local residents to use for play and relaxation.

It was a pilot scheme to see how it worked for everyone, especially the school, and to assess the demand. We had up to 80 people, mainly families with young children, on the field with bikes, scooters, footballs, and one day even kites.

The fields were open for two hours each afternoon for eight days last month, ending with the school holidays, but we hope that arrangements can be made for some further fun in August and September.



Play time: Families enjoy Bishop Douglass School field.

Mature trees under threat in Queen's Wood

By Ann Bronkhorst

In early July four mature, healthy oak trees in Queen's Wood were due to be felled. The reason? An insurance company would not meet the cost of underpinning a property nearby and was likely to sue Haringey Council, which owns the wood, unless they removed the trees.

Protest rapidly grew via local press, social media and a petition on Change, led by the Friends of Queen's Wood, who believe that, as a nature reserve and ancient wood, it should be protected in law from claims such as these. At the time of

writing protesters were on site daily and the trees had not yet been felled.

Supporting the petition, Professor Duckett of the Natural History Museum argued that preservation of ancient woodland is the top environmental

priority. Catherine West, MP for Haringey, and local councillors lent support, as did other amenity groups such as the Haringey Parks Forum and the Friends of Coldfall Wood as well as activists from Extinction Rebellion.

Now is a good time to advertise with us

By John Dearing

The Archer is East Finchley's community newspaper and is produced and distributed each month entirely by volunteers.

Despite the challenge presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, we continued to publish throughout and bring our unique focus on East Finchley events, issues and features to our readers.

Thanks to our brilliant team of volunteer deliverers, we have now



10,000 delivered each month.

restarted letterbox delivery to 10,000 homes and businesses in the N2 postal code area, starting on the first weekend of each month. As East Finchley comes back to life with the easing of lockdown, why not share in our success by advertising in The Archer?

Adverts in The Archer are interspersed with the articles and pictures throughout the paper, rather than being consigned to back pages that carry only adverts. Our rates are very competitive, starting from £20 for a small, single-column advert, with larger, multi-column adverts costing proportionally more, and with discounts for repeat orders.

You can commission your own artwork or ask us to provide simple layouts and we are happy to help you with either. Please look through this issue of The Archer to see examples of the different sizes and styles

of adverts that we can offer. For more details go to our website at: www.the-archer.co.uk.

Contact us for advice and a quote by emailing us on advertising@the-archer.co.uk, leave a voicemail on 0800 612 4027, send us a message on our website, or write to us at: The Archer, PO Box 3699, London, N2 2DE.

Snap happy

Amateur photographers across the capital are invited to submit photos that showcase the best of the people and places in their local area with the chance to win photography equipment and to have their work displayed on the Museum of London website.

The free competition runs until 21 August. Find out more and enter at www.photocrowd.com/becauseimalondoner

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council**15 Beresford Road, N2**

Roof extension, involving rear/side dormer windows and two front roof lights.

83 Durham Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer with French doors and Juliet balcony, and three front roof lights.

27 Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Addition of skylights.

44 Fortis Green, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window and three front roof lights.

18 Hamilton Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and two front roof lights.

78 Hertford Road, N2

Conversion of property from HMO to two self-contained flats. Associated amenity space, refuse/recycling area and cycle store.

339 High Road, N2

Single-storey side extension and two-storey rear extension. Roof extension, involving rear and side dormer windows and two front roof lights.

21 Huntingdon Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rais-

ing roof height and rear dormer window.

59A Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory.

86 Ossulton Way, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable space. Reinstating original garage door. Enlargement of side window.

34 Pulham Avenue, N2

Erection of two-storey dwelling. Associated parking, landscaping, cycle store, and refuse and recycling.



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**** NEW COURSES ** in East Finchley**

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James Drews is a qualified teacher and has been practising tai chi for 40 years. He is the author of 3 books on tai chi & is a member of the BCCMA.

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