



Letters



Don't encourage me: Yoshi the cat invites himself on to the laps of N2United meeting attendees

Underpass on the up Dear Editor

I use the Northern line underpass between Trinity Road and Manor Park Road nearly every day and I've been very impressed with the way local people have cleaned it up recently (*The Archer*, October 2022). The litter has gone and the paintwork is cleaner. Let's hope that more work can be done to make it even better and safer for everyone to use.

Claire Evershott,
Long Lane, N2.

Yoshi has a home Dear Editor,

We were very surprised to see a picture of our cat Yoshi in your last edition (*The Archer*, October 2022, p9). While it's lovely to see people in the community enjoying him, he's not a 'neighbourhood cat' as such, he belongs to our family on Sedgemere Avenue.

Unfortunately, many people in the area feed him and let him stay over in their homes, which means he often forgets where he actually lives. So if you see Yoshi out and about, please give him as many strokes as you like, but shoo him out of your homes and don't feed him.

Timothy Love
Sedgemere Avenue, N2.

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Shocking headline Dear Editor

I am one of your volunteers who delivers *The Archer*. I was quite shocked by the headline on the last issue 'Cycle lanes: keep them or kick them out?' The choice of the words 'kick them out' was unbalanced and unjustified.

'Remove them' would have used the same space and been less offensive. Your headline panders to car-driving shoppers who believe they should have priority on the roads, not other users, like cyclists.

I used to think *The Archer* had a balanced view that reflected the interests of all its readers but now doubt its values and fairness. I drive a car but I also cycle, walk and use public transport.

Laurence Williamson,
Chair, Strawberry Vale
Residents Association.



On the walls: Art lovers enjoy the Connections exhibition by East Finchley Open Artists. Photo Mike Coles

Open artists out and about again

By Mike Coles

Artists from the East Finchley Open group staged their first major themed exhibition since lockdown, called 'Connections', at the Original Gallery at Hornsey Library, N8, last month. They also held a show called 'Peace' at the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley. Both follow a summer when the artists' group restarted its annual Open House event exhibiting works in studios and homes around East Finchley and Muswell Hill. Plans are advanced for a Christmas art fair too. Find the latest information on their website at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Gifts and giveaways at Winter Market

On Sunday 27 November the forecourt outside Hexagon Classics on Great North Road, N2, two minutes' walk from East Finchley Station, will be transformed into a winter market packed with stalls for Christmas shopping.



North London's finest: Just some of the local makers taking part in the East Finchley Winter Market

Forty local artisan makers and crafters will be selling seasonal gifts, including ceramics, handmade candles, hand-blown glass, textiles, knitwear, jewellery, prints, toys and board games. There'll be entertainment and activities, plus tasty hot food and drinks to keep everybody warm.

Festival connection

The event is being run by HR Events in association with East Finchley Festival, so you can expect to see some familiar stalls from the summer festival.

Wine tasting and samples

The Bottles'n'Jars shop will be offering seasonal treats, delicious bites, wine to taste and all things mulled, plus samples from some of their producers, who will be showcasing their products. In addition there will be giveaways and a raffle, with a chance to win a vineyard tour.

East Finchley Winter Market will run from 11am to 6pm on Sunday 27 November and entry is free. For more information see www.ILoveN2.co.uk/winter-market

Artists' winter fair

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Art group is holding a Winter Gift Fair on Saturday 26 November from 11am to 5pm at Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. There will be range of unique and handmade gifts by local artists, and entry to the fair is free.

Christmas car boot

The last Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot sale of the year takes place on Saturday 26 November from 10am to 1pm at Hornsey Parish Church Hall, on the corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10 3AH.

Admission is 50p and refreshments are available. For more information, contact 020 8368 8180. The next boot sale will be on Saturday 28 January.

Christmas goodies

Carolsinging, home-bakes, advent wreath making, a hamper stall, toys and a tombola will all be on offer at the St Mary's Catholic Church Christmas Fair on Sunday 27 November from 11am to 3pm. Entry is free and there will also be a Santa's Grotto, with gifts for children, for a £2.50 entrance. Find the church at 279 High Road, N2 8HG.

WI frost fair

The Finchley WI is returning with its popular Frost Fair at Stephens House in East End Road, Finchley Central, and this year it is extending its opening times, running from 10.30am to 5pm on Sunday 27 November.

There will be more than 30 stalls selling handmade and locally sourced products, including honey and jams, cakes, knits, plants and artwork. There will also be face painting and hair braiding for children. Entry is free.

Songs for pleasure

The next free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church in the High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, is a programme of songs for everyone to enjoy in the company of Bel Canto. It takes place on Sunday 13 November at 7.30pm with a collection in aid of the church's 200th Birthday Appeal. The venue is fully accessible.

All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England

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Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

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