



ECO-FRIENDLY EAST FINCHLEY

Recycle and reuse: more drop-off points for unwanted items

Emma Frampton, of the Bin There Donate That project that seeks to reduce waste in East Finchley, updates us on the range of donations to local shops and, first, makes a request.

Blister packs

It is great that so many people are handing in old blister packs. However, it is vital that pills and tablets are removed first. Any unused, unwanted or out-of-date medication needs to be given separately to the chemist for safe disposal. The plastic pill packs can then be left with Oakdale Pharmacy in the High Road and, from this month, at Links Pharmacy in East End Road for recycling.

Make-up

Old, unwanted makeup can now be given to Oakdale Pharmacy too. In light of the above comments, please ensure that the makeup is in a separate bag to the pill packs. For now, this will be recycled, but in time we may look at reuse schemes.

Toothbrushes and toothbrush heads

Old toothbrushes and electric toothbrush heads can be dropped off at Cavendish House Dental Surgery on East End Road. Nova Dental Surgery nearby is unfortunately no longer able to collect, so we are grateful to Tracy and the team at Cavendish for being able to do so.

Cycle inner tubes

Cycle shop Bike and Run, on the High Road, has independently started recycling inner tubes. This is sent to a group called Green Concept and more information is available from them. So next time you change a tube, take it to them for recycling.

Soft plastics petition

At The Town Teams Sustainability Event we will have a petition for people to sign, aiming to encourage at least one of our three High Road supermarkets to take soft plastics (a facility currently only taken at big out-of-town stores). If you would like to sign add your name to the petition, please email bintheredonatethat@gmail.com where you'll find a link in our out-of-office message.

Old shoes

You may recall that there used to be a shoe recycling bin outside Bike and Run. It was unsurprisingly stopped as all sorts of rubbish was dumped in there, instead of just shoes, which is such a shame. Maybe we could get it back some time.



Volunteers and ideas

We are a new, voluntary initiative aiming to reduce waste in East Finchley and we always welcome volunteers and new ideas. Contact us any time at bintheredonatethat@gmail.com

What and where to donate

- Batteries to EF Electricals and Sainsbury's, High Road
- Bicycle inner tubes to Bike & Run, High Road
- Blister packs to Oakdale Pharmacy, High Road, and Links Pharmacy, East End Road
- Bras to Aliya J Boutique, High Road
- Cables and small electrical items to EF Electricals, High Road
- Crisp packets to Cherry Tree Café, Cherry Tree Wood
- Electrical wires to Everything Electrical, High Road
- Ink jet cartridges to UOE, High Road
- Lightbulbs to Amy's or EF Electricals, High Road
- Make-up to Oakdale Pharmacy, High Road
- Paper, cork, ribbon, foil, wood off-cuts, buttons, stationery, sequins, carpet samples to Amy's, High Road
- Spectacles to Stewart Duncan Opticians and David Hillel Opticians, High Road



Never too old: The Age UK learners get to grips with new technology

Nonagenarians tap into tech

Raff, Pete and Dorothy, all aged in their 90s, attend computer sessions run by Age UK in East Finchley to pick up some tech skills. "It takes a while for things to sink in, but I'm learning, thanks to lovely volunteers," says Dorothy.

The charity says its IT classes can help anyone over 55 get set up online, learn how to do everyday tasks, keep in touch with family and friends, find out what's happening close to home and around the world or even research a family tree. For more details, contact Howard on howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone him on 020 8432 1415.

Blue Badge crime falls

Haringey Council has reported that the number of crimes involving Blue Badge parking permits has fallen by 65% since it introduced a virtual system 14 months ago.

In the first six months of 2021, Haringey police recorded a total of 528 crimes relating to Blue Badges, including cars being broken into the badge stolen. This number fell to 185 for the same period in 2022.

Under the new virtual system, those entitled to a Blue Badge can register online for a free permit and traffic wardens are able to check their vehicle's status using the number plate, with no need to display a permit.

RICKY SAVAGE ...

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When the 60s really started

They say that if you remember the 1960s you weren't there, which is why we have historians to delve into the back pages of time and find you the truth. And the shocking fact they have come up with is that the 60s started later in 1962.

Except I can do better, I can get it down to a few days. The weird truth is that the 60s started 60 years ago this month, in the first week of October 1962, because that's when two things happened that changed everything.

On 2 October the great and the glamorous gathered in the West End for the premiere of something new in the movies, *Dr No*, the first James Bond movie. From now on spies would be glamorous and smartly dressed with a taste for quips, girls, guns and Martinis. It might have been cheap to make, but it made Sean Connery a star and the producers a fortune.

From then on, any new Bond movie would be an event. They showed just how cool and suave us Brits could be while still pretending that it was normal for girls to have names like Holly Goodhead and Pussy Galore. And that's before you mention the fact that Bond always won, got the girl and saved the world. But Bond alone does not make a decade, you need music for that.

Music in the early 60s was dying. Elvis had gone middle class and safe, Buddy Holly was dead and the best that we could offer, Cliff Richard, was looking as though his sell-by date was fast approaching. He'd even discovered religion. But on 5 October that changed because four blokes from Liverpool released their first single.

Love Me Do only made it to No 17 in the charts, but it was a start. Within 18 months The Beatles were as famous as James Bond and more famous than the Queen. The rest of the British invasion was on the way with the likes of the Stones, The Who and The Kinks hanging onto the speeding train. And poor old Cliff really struggled to keep up.

London was swinging to beat music, wearing miniskirts and driving Minis. So I guess Philip Larkin got it right, because the 60s did start between the Lady Chatterley trial and The Beatles' first LP and that's good enough for me.



Feline fine: N2United members welcome neighbourhood cat Yoshi, who gatecrashed their monthly meeting at the East Finchley Constitutional Club

N2United back in the swing of things

By Chris Stavrou

The September meeting of business and community network N2United hit the ground running with members hearing about a number of exciting new projects in the N2 area. Giuseppe Sollo, of the N2 Food Project, has started a Sunday league football team that is affiliated with the FA, this being the first time that East Finchley has had a professional 11-a-side male football team taking part in an official league. A couple of local businesses have already sponsored the team, but there is still lots of opportunity for others to get involved with sponsorship.

Phyllida Mills, of Mill'sPower Architecture, updated us on the refurbishment to the underpass between Manor Park Road and Trinity Road. Grange Big Local has collected more than 500 signatures on its petition to the area committee to move the refurbishment project forward, but they are also looking for volunteers to share ideas, join project-based task groups and lead projects in the area.

Over August, the Phoenix Cinema hosted a range of events, including a successful wine tasting in conjunction with Bottles 'N' Jars. Kate Brown of the Town Team inspired everyone with the future plans for an arts and music event to be held next January and a food festival to be held in March, and the East Finchley Festival team announced a collaboration on two East Finchley winter

markets, to take place on 27 November and 10 December. More details next month, so watch this space!

To keep up to date with the local goings on, check the community calendar at n2united.co.uk and if you would like to get involved further or just get to know other locals who care about N2, join us at the next N2United meeting which will be held on Thursday 13 October at 8pm.