



World cuisine to help the hungry

By David Melsome

Two friends from their school days have gone into business together running supper clubs and have decided to donate money from their next event to a charity for refugees.

East Finchley resident Shanit Marshall-Strang and her friend Danielle Levinson, a cookery teacher from Crouch End, host Eat the Globe, a series of supper clubs presenting cuisine from around the world. They started with a South Indian theme and the next will be called Middle Eastern Promise, with an array of Levantine mezze and mains.

For this event, the pair decided to give 10% of all proceeds to the Refugee Community Kitchen in Camden, where Shanit volunteers. The charity project uses surplus food to create nutritious home-cooked quality meals for hundreds of people in various locations around London.



Global gastronomy: Shanit Marshall-Strang and Danielle Levinson in the kitchen

Shanit said: "Danielle and I are school friends since 1981 and have enjoyed cooking for each other for many years. I am the first generation in my family to grow up here and feel extremely fortunate to have a roof over my head and the comfort of not having to worry about where my next meal is coming from. In these fragile times, this feels like a blessing." The Middle Eastern supper club takes place at the Rosemary Café, Park Road, Crouch End, on Thursday 2 May from 7pm, and will include three courses plus a free cocktail. Book tickets at eventbrite.co.uk by searching 'Eat the Globe supper club'.



Wood work: North London Beavers practise their fire making skills

Beaver Scout group restarts sessions

By Derek Chambers

224 North London Air Scout group is relaunching its Beavers programme for six to eight year olds.

The group will meet at its Sheldon Avenue base on Saturday mornings during term time, starting from 20 April.

The sessions are packed with fun and learning and last about an hour to make them convenient for youngsters and their families on the weekend. Safety and security are also top priorities with all adult volunteers being first-aid trained and DBS checked.

For more details or to secure space, contact Del on 07707 763344 or email gsl@224northlondonscouts.org.uk.



High-kicking: Dancers from the Celtic Heart Irish Dance School entertain customers at the Cherry Tree Café. Photo Mike Coles

Celtic celebrations at café in the wood

Despite the dreary weather, St Patrick's Day was happily celebrated by many at the café in Cherry Tree Wood. It has become traditional for the two Sharons who run it and are of London Irish extraction to offer all things Irish on 17 March.

Decorated with suitable bunting and balloons, the Irish theme was reflected all day in the menu. An impressive list of Irish food and drink was on offer. Along with this, participants could admire the dancing skills of talented youngsters from the Celtic Heart Irish Dance School.



Winners: Pat Leacock, second from right with London Mayor Sadiq Khan, celebrates the culture award with the rest of the Barnet team

Culture award for Barnet team

Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock, host of the forthcoming East Finchley's Got Talent show and regular compere at the East Finchley Festival, was part of the Barnet Council team that won a £200,000 Cultural Impact Award bid last month.

The award was part of Mayor of London Sadiq Khan's London Borough of Culture Awards initiative, which was held at City Hall on Monday 11 March.

Pat says "I was truly honoured to have been asked by Barnet Council to represent the borough as the presenter on the five-minute film. It showcases the outstanding array of inclusive arts and cultural events that the incredible residents, volunteers and organisations within the Borough support every single day."

Organisations featured included Artsdepot in North

Finchley, carnival group Just InCarnival, young person's support group Unitas and Edgware-based church community One Stonegrove.

"Every person I had the pleasure of interviewing exuded pride and commitment to pro-

moting inclusivity and diversity in all forms," added Pat.

The London Borough of Culture award went to Haringey but winning the £200,000 Cultural Impact Award for Barnet will help Barnet to continue supporting arts and culture.

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