



## Shopkeepers on show in pub gallery

By Julia Lawrence

A snapshot of social history in East Finchley – that's how photographer Dave Pearson describes a collection of portrait pictures, taken of local shopkeepers, currently on display in The Windsor Castle pub, in The Walks, N2.

The pictures on show are 20 candid, unstaged, black and white images taken by Dave over the course of three weeks late last year and include such well-known local figures such as Alan, from Alan's Records, Gus at Gus Hair Stylists and Mark from East Finchley Electrical Contractors.

Dave, who lives in Hertford Road, says the idea came as he was chatting to his good friend Hussein from HR Dry Cleaners. "He was standing there, steaming away with the sun coming through the window, and I said 'that makes a really good photo' and went off to get my camera.



Moments in time: Dave Pearson's atmospheric portraits of Hussein at HR Dry Cleaner's and Gabby at Amy's

Once I saw the result, I was inspired to do others and it blossomed from there." The pictures, he says, are an important part of East Finchley's history.

The Windsor Castle where they are on show, with landlords

Arina Piskunova and Eamonn England included naturally, has a lot of old photos of local scenes on the walls, and these bring the gallery up to date.

They are the shopkeepers and business owners of 2024/25

to be remembered by future generations. Some were more willing subjects than others, however, with a few pleading for a bit of notice and a chance to tidy themselves up. But an unpolished, unfiltered effect was what Dave wanted. Arina and Eamonn, who took over at The Windsor in 2022, are now

hoping to organise regular meet-ups at the pub for business owners to get to know each other properly, and share their unique place in East Finchley's community history.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 15 April at 6pm or as soon as possible after people finish work.

## Career change was anything but crackers for City lawyer

By Lynn Winton

Sweeping career changes are not unusual but I'll safely place a bet that Susan Gafsen is the only lawyer in a prestigious international City law firm who left it all behind to become a vegan cracker entrepreneur.

"The hours were just silly," explains Susan, "and I knew it was time to embark on something completely different. So in my 50s I successfully studied for an MBA and that gave me the courage to start my own business."

At the same time, Susan's son had become vegan whilst at university. "He wasn't eating well at all and was always tired," she remembers. "That gave me my business idea: to create ready-to-eat, nutrient-rich vegan snacks made entirely from kitchen ingredients that

were certified prebiotic, low sugar, high fibre and high protein."

And this was how her brand Pep and Lekker (pep for energy and lekker means tasty in Dutch) was born. The mixed seed crackers in two flavours taste delicious so it came as no surprise that two of our popular greengrocers are equally enthusiastic. You will find them in Tony's Continental on the High Road and Green and Blossom on Fortis Green selling for £2.75 per pack.

You can also find them on Ocado and Shopify but why not buy them in two of our loveliest local shops and



Career twist: Susan Gafsen with her vegan crackers

and say you read about them in The Archer! Find out more at [pepandlekker.com](http://pepandlekker.com)

## Cameras on fly-tippers

New AI-enhanced technology has been introduced in Haringey to tackle aerial fly-tipping on its estates. Motion-sensitive cameras have been installed and trialled on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham, with plans for more to follow.

Since their installation in November, the cameras have captured 11 incidents of aerial fly-tipping, resulting in Haringey Council issuing three fines of £1,000 each to the perpetrators.

The council says offenders have been caught throwing a variety of items from tower block windows, including gym

equipment, furniture, glass bottles, used nappies, and women's hygiene products, from heights of up to 17 storeys.

In our last two editions, we have reported on the problem of fly-tipping on estates and open land around East Finchley. It is not yet known if the same camera technology could be used by Barnet Council.

## Why swear?

Professor Catherine Loveday, a regular on BBC Radio 4's All in the Mind is giving a talk entitled 'Why we swear and how the use of taboo words can deeply affect the way we think, act and relate to each other'. It takes place at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2, on Wednesday 23 April from 6.45pm to 8pm. All are welcome and entrance is free. Register by calling Teresa on 07502 989 403 or email [teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org](mailto:teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org).



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