



Letters

Show some respect

Dear Editor,

I have had the great fortune to live in East Finchley for almost 12 years, in Church Lane, and very close to our beloved Italian restaurant, Il Piccolo Villaggio, formerly La Rugoletta.

Yesterday I picked up no fewer than five separate dog poos from my front garden. This afternoon, whilst preparing lunch, from my kitchen I spotted another 'lingerer' outside in that all too familiar, stationary pose, a lead in one hand and a mobile phone pressed to the ear in the other.

I ventured outside to express my displeasure at people who allowed their dogs to poo in my garden, an off-street parking space at the same level as the public pavement. He accused me of shouting at him without justification as he would "never allow his dog to do that sort of thing".

Whereupon his dog spread its rear legs and prepared to do

exactly that! Had I not been there, there would have been yet another stinky deposit for me to dispose of. And yet I was made to feel as if I was the bad person.

I thought we were a respectable lot in East Finchley but clearly that is not the case. Why do dog owners even allow their pets to poo in someone's garden if they are not prepared to pick it up and take it away? Am I supposed to install CCTV? Put up signs? Install a poo bin?

Come on guys, show a little respect. How would YOU like it if it was done to you?

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**Send your letters to:
news@the-archer.co.uk**

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Music prize

The Youth Music Centre is holding a special memorial prize festival at Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church on Sunday 7 and Sunday 21 June in honour of its former patron Georgy Pauk.

Young musicians will play in front of distinguished judges before all prize winners perform with a professional orchestra.



Inspiring: Georgy Pauk

Georgy Pauk believed that children and young musicians need to be exposed to meaningful and high-quality compositions early in their lives.



Georgy Pauk

The Concerto prize day on the afternoon of 7 June, and the prizewinners' concert on 21 June at 5pm, are open to the public. For more information visit www.youthmusiccentre.uk.

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Get to grips with the news



Thanks to former Leopold Road resident and Archer deliverer Bettie Cude for sending us this photo of her great-grandson getting a grip of all the news from N2. Five-month-old Atlas lives in Camborne in Cornwall but enjoys catching up on the latest from East Finchley when Bettie sends a copy of the paper to his grandad and her son Colin every month.

Bettie lived in the same house in Leopold Road for more than 60 years and delivered The Archer for about 30 years.

She has moved back to her roots in Wales now but still has many connections in East Finchley and makes sure she still gets her copy each month.

Ask Joy: Why do I have a low libido?

Joy is a trained counsellor and she can help you tackle issues that matter to you. No problem is too big or too small to be shared. Every email will be answered by Joy, and we will anonymise those that go into print, so confidentiality is assured.

Joy trained as a counsellor in the 1990s and worked in education for 20 years with young people and parents. She has many years' experience of listening and problem-solving. It's always good to talk, so don't hesitate to reach out.



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Email Joy at askjoyatthearcher@gmail.com.

Dear Joy,

I hope you can help me. I'm a 55-year-old man and over the last year I've gone off intimacy completely. My wife is attractive and I still love her, but I'm just not interested in her sexually. She's getting fed up with me making excuses and I'm worried she'll start looking elsewhere.

I think maybe she suspects me of being unfaithful but although I've had plenty of opportunity, I haven't acted on it.

I never imagined I'd become so uninterested in sex and I'm unhappy about it. It makes me feel less of a man. I'm also worried that if nothing changes, my marriage will be over and I really don't want that to happen. L.

Dear L,

Please know that you're not alone – it's such a common issue, but also a hard thing to talk about, particularly for men. The message society gives us is that men are always up for sex, which may add to the sense of shame and inadequacy surrounding this issue.

I'm unclear whether you've tried to have a conversation with your wife, but I think that really needs to be your first step. She may be imagining all sorts of scenarios, none of which will come close to the truth. It can be difficult to start the conversation, but once everything is out in the open, you might feel a little better.

I would also urge you to speak to your GP. There are many medical conditions that can impact on your desire and ability to have sex,

so eliminating these is important.

If there isn't a medical explanation for your low libido, speaking to a therapist could be beneficial in helping you get past any mental blocks that may be causing the problem.

I know that none of these conversations is easy, but with a little courage and a lot of honesty, I believe you have a good chance of turning this situation around. Good luck!

Useful resources:

Go to the website www.nuffieldhealth.com and in the search bar type 'low libido in men' for a helpful article.