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The Fox Inn







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Welcome

This year seems to have flown by incredibly fast! The sales market continues to be busy despite the end of the stamp duty holiday and we have maintained our position as the most chosen estate agent in our patch - thank you to the community for

We have seen a greater demand than usual in lettings for larger family homes and a boost in enquires from tenants returning to the market as restrictions end and they return to offices in town. This has helped bring rents back up to pre pandemic levels.

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It gives us great pleasure to announce that we have won a silver award in the 2021 Enfield in Bloom competition, sponsored by Tottenham Hotspur. The emphasis of the 'In Bloom' campaign focuses on the environment and sustainability issues that encourage communities to 'green



up and clean up their neighbourhoods'. I would like to thank Martin's wife, Suna for planting up our boxes and Mick Lawton for the installation of our irrigation system and hanging baskets!

In September we said goodbye to two of our office assistants, Harry has gone on to study politics at Southampton University and Zack who will be studying business at Greenwich University. We wish them well on their next endeavours.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.



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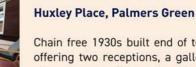












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The Fox by Ellie Sales

This article was ordinarily published in October 2013 and has been updated to reflect the new development

'The Fox' pub is one of the most recognisable landmarks in Palmers Green, but when you pass by you may not be aware that in its various forms it has a long, varied and interesting history.



The old 'Fox Inn', the original village 'local', started life as a country cottage in harmony with its surroundings, a twostoried brick building with sliding sash windows and a pillared entrance looking out onto a guiet and leafy Green Lanes. A sign board on the upper story showing a fox looking eagerly across Green Lanes was used to advertise its wares and to try and persuade weary travellers to stop and take a drink. At one time lanterns illuminated the frontage and billboards were propped messily along the front wall next to a sweet vending machine. At the rear there was a coach house and stables for up to 11 horses.

'The Fox' was one of 26 inns in Edmonton in the mid-18th century, and one family that had a long association with it at that time was the Storey's. In 1722 Joseph Storey took what might have been the fairly controversial step of changing the name to 'The Doe'. It must have proved to be an unpopular choice in the long run because over the next thirty years the name reverted back to 'The Fox and The Doe' before reappearing again in 1752 back as 'The Fox'.

In 1801 the inn was the freehold property of R.T.Williamson. Requiring a corn rent of 1s 7d per annum, payable to the Vicar

of Edmonton, by 1834 its rateable value was £48, second only to the 'Kings Head' in Winchmore Hill. Its clientele was almost certainly a varied bunch because it was able to boast a licensed tea room alongside serving as the meeting place for the 'Society of Tradesmen and Labourers'.



By modern standards the mid nineteenthcentury provision of pubs in the area was extensive and so it was no surprise that a large number of local court cases were drink related. Driving under the influence was sadly no stranger to the courts, although in those days charged as "drunk in charge of a horse and cart"!

In June 1870 Belinda Davey became licensee, paying a rent of £70 per annum for the privilege. It was Belinda's enterprising husband Robert Davey that had the bright idea of taking the drink to the people. Every Sunday he used to hitch up a wagonette to an old black horse, fill it with ale and take it on a circuit selling to thirsty customers on the main road, Hoppers Lane, Dog and Duck Lane, Bourne Hill and then back home.

In those days the service we expected of our local publican did not stop at the saloon door. Long before any motorised transport or the coming of the railway, public transport relied much on the enterprise of innkeepers. The prestigious 'Illustrated London News' of June 1860 included in its columns an article. complete with an illustration, of an omnibus run by Robert Davey at 'The Fox' and housed in one of the large wooden sheds at the rear of the Inn. Indeed with his keen entrepreneurial eye, Robert Davey was the first operator to order and run a bus designed with a spiral staircase for access to the top deck, gradually replacing the slightly precarious older method involving a straight iron ladder at the rear (Of course this is not the only famous bus connected to the pub as keen eyed cinema-goers would have spotted 'The Fox' in the Hollywood block buster 'Harry Potter and The Prisoner of Azkaban' when Harry travels through Palmers Green in a three story omnibus!).



The Davey family established themselves in the area through several generations. Arthur Davey was born in 'The Fox' and he went on to become a highly respected and popular member of the community. His rise culminated in him being elected as a member of the Southgate Urban District Council in 1901 and upon which he served for 18 years.

In 1902 'The Fox', at around 200 years old with about 1 1/2 acres of land, was sold for the princely sum of £11,020 to brewer Huggins and Company. In 1903-1904 Arthur Davey as landlord witnessed the demolition of the old inn to make way for the grand Edwardian Public House that graces our High Street today. This was an action entirely in tune with the sprint of its time, great change was abreast and the growth of Palmers Green was well underway.

Arthur's community spirit remained strong for many years, and so it was that at the end of the Second World War his son-inlaw Leo Whalen arranged charity billiards matches to raise funds for the Royal Northern Hospital annexe in Grovelands Park, then being used as a convalescent

The Davey's family association with the pub finally ended in 1967, and in 1973 the function rooms were extended and turned into a restaurant. It was into this space that a fringe theatre group moved and at the end of the 1980's a group called the



'Company of Wolves' were performing 5 nights a week.

In 1994 the old function rooms were extended once more to create a theatre and the pub maintained a strong association with live entertainment encompassing theatre, music and comedy.

Of recent years the pub has seen an extensive development programme transform the site whilst maintaining many of its exterior features. One Fox Lane is due to be completed in December 2021 and will offer 54 luxury apartments surrounding an internal landscaped courtyard, a refurbished gastro pub along with a gym on the ground floor.

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"Inside the Fox Inn" prior to its demolition in 1903 from "Southgate & Edmonton Past"





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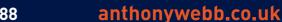














The Basics of VAT for UK Businesses

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AN OVERVIEW TO THE MAIN **BUSINESS TAX**

VAT is a business tax on the supply of goods and services. It is charged at varying rates depending on what is being supplied, who it is being supplied to and where it is being supplied to. But with Brexit, temporary rate changes due to COVID-19, the rollout of Making Tax Digital for VAT and new rules relating to the reverse charge and subcontractors, this is a complex time for a business grappling to ensure VAT compliance.

Who should register for VAT?

Any 'taxable person' who makes 'taxable supplies' of goods or services, generally within the UK, will need to consider whether they should be registered for VAT. Since the criteria for VAT-registration is based on

taxable supplies being made, it is important to be able to identify what the taxable supplies are. As with all things VAT, this is not quite as straightforward as it may sound.

When to register for VAT?

Having identified the value of your business's taxable supplies, how do you determine whether your business should be registered for VAT? Keeping accurate up-to-date accounting records will be key to ensuring the business complies and is able to identify the point at which it must be registered by. You must notify HMRC of the liability to register for UK VAT if your taxable turnover has exceeded £85,000 in the last 12 months, or if you believe it will exceed £85,000 in the next 30 days alone (ignoring past turnover).

VAT & COVID-19

With the challenges that COVID-19 has brought to the business community, the Government has brought in some temporary measures to help ease the road to recovery. This began with the initial announcement that businesses could defer payment of VAT liabilities due between 20 March 2020 and

In Spring Budget 2021, rather than returning to the standard rate of 20% from 1 October 2021, it was announced there would be a new temporary reduced rate of 12.5%. This will cover supplies with a tax point between 1 October 2021 and 31 March 2022, with the purpose of easing these businesses back to the application of the standard rate of VAT on their supplies.

If you have an accounting question for Alex please e-mail him directly he will be happy to assist you, alternatively Alexander Associates offer an initial free consultation please contact them to find out more.

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Palmers Green Action Team: Who We Are and What We Do...

We formed our volunteer group in 2018, strangers united by a common desire to improve Palmers Green high street and make it a better place to shop, work and socialise. We all see the area's potential; great schools, parks, architecture and an incredible community.



Currently a committee of six and a volunteer group of over fifty people, in a few short years we have been busy! Starting with a Christmas window competition in December 2018, we worked with the Costas and the Green Lanes Business Association (GLBA) to encourage businesses to festively dress their windows. Following this, we were awarded a grant and held our first Spring Clean. Over 100 locals joined us to weed flower beds, litter pick and scrape off stickers and we began installing potted trees outside local businesses. We've also transformed and continue to maintain various flowers beds in the area.

In late 2019 we held our first Vintage Flea with local trader Cara McDonagh, in the former Iceland unit; filling it with stalls, entertainment, food and drink. Over 4,000 local people attended and the event was a huge success.

During 2020/2021 we have focused on applying for more grants and earlier this year were thrilled to be awarded a grant from the Mayor of London's Make London fund, as a result we will soon have several mature trees in large pots along the high street.

Palmers Green is full of creatives and we're constantly seeking opportunities to showcase this. We were delighted to partner with Great Northern Rail to commission three art installations for the station; mosaics from local artist Alex McHallam, a bespoke planted sign and a mural from renowned artist ATM. We also commissioned a mural painted by local business Ginger and Green and there are more art projects in the pipeline.

A cornerstone of our work is bringing successful businesses to our high street; so far we have brought Stitch! and Holtwhites Bakery and Deli to PG and we have two new exciting tenants on Green Lanes which we hope to announce soon! We have also used our reach on social media to help existing businesses, we did this for My Time Cafe who wanted to pivot their business to a delicatessen selling organic and artisan



You can find out more on Instagram and Facebook @palmersgreenactionteam or visit, www.palmersgreenactionteam.org















Property Licensing in Enfield SELECTIVE LICENSING **SCHEME**

From 1 September 2021, properties that are privately rented to one or two persons or one family households in 14 areas in Enfield need to be licensed by the landlord.

Landlords and letting agents need to check if their property is in the part of the borough that needs a licence by visiting the Enfield Council website www.enfield.gov.uk/propertylicensing

If you rent a property to three or more people, living in two or more households, sharing facilities you are committing an offence if you have not applied for a HMO licence.

For more information about Property Licensing in Enfield, go to our website www.enfield.gov.uk/propertylicensing



New regulations are now in force for **Enfield landlords** by Fariz Uvais





Fariz Uvais is a consultant solicitor at Fahri LLP based in Whetstone North London. With a modern and forward-thinking approach, their team of highly qualified legal experts are all committed to giving you the very best advice and exceptional service. Fariz is on hand to answer your legal gueries, please send your questions to Fahri LLP, 1268a High Road Whetstone, London N20 9HH or by email to fariz@fahrillp.com.

The government has approved Enfield's application to introduce a selective licensing scheme. The licensing scheme came into effect on 1 September 2021.

The London Borough of Enfield covers an area of 32 square miles. It is bordered by the boroughs of Barnet to the west, Haringey to the south, Waltham Forest to the east and with Hertfordshire and Essex to the north.

Selective licensing now applies to all privately rented residential properties occupied by one or two persons, or one family households, located in 14 wards (areas) across the Borough.

The wards covered by the selective licensing scheme are:

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- Bowes
- Edmonton Green
- Enfield Highway Southbury
- Enfield Lock
- Southgate Green Haselbury Turkey Street
- Jubilee
- Upper Edmonton

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Failing to obtain a licence and ignoring the law could leave you at risk of being prosecuted by the Council, and if found guilty the Landlord may then hold a criminal record, be fined an unlimited amount and ordered to pay court costs and a victim surcharge. Following a successful prosecution, Landlords may then fail a fit and proper person assessment, therefore making it very difficult for them to obtain a property licence in the

In the alternative, the Council may issue Landlords with a civil penalty notice of up to £30,000 for failing to obtain the correct licence and this penalty notice may be served without any prior warning being given.

Landlords could also be subject to a Rent Repayment Order and may have to repay up to 12 months rental income back to the Tenant as a result of failing to obtain a

Additionally, whilst the property is unlicensed, it will be impossible to use a Notice of Seeking Possession under Section 21 Housing Act 1988 to evict tenants. This is the only "no fault" low cost option available to Landlords seeking to evict tenants after the fixed term expires.

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- Wednesday 4.30 5.30pm
 Sunday 10.00 11.00am

Junior Tennis (School Years 5 - 6):

- Monday 5.30 6.30pm
- Wednesday 4.30 5.30pmThursday 5.30 6.30pm
- Sunday 11am 12pm

Sign up for special block booking price (7 weeks) £53.90 or £7.70 per hour.

Junior Autumn Half Term Camps (25-29 October) 9.30am-3.30pm (Mon-Fri) - early drop off & late pickup available to book. Juniors aged 4-15 yrs (all abilities) £25.50 per day / £110 per week.

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When you sell a property that you have not used as your only or main home for the period you owned it, you may have to pay tax. You must tell HMRC about it, and you must do so within certain time limits. If you do not do this, HMRC call this a 'failure to notify'.

HMRC collects information from multiple sources to make sure you have reported property disposal through your personal self-assessment or through direct reporting. They also have an access to the record to confirm if you have lived in this property or not.

If someone does not report such gain on the disposal of a property, HMRC usually write to the seller to check the details of the property disposal to decide whether

you have to pay Capital Gains Tax.

If you strongly believe that you do not have any Capital Gain Tax to pay, for example, if this is your main home or you have a separate property trading business and you have sold the property as a part of it, then you do not need to do anything. If you are not sure, you should check with your accountant and tax advisor. If you find that you have tax to pay then you are required to report back to HMRC by a certain date which is usually communicated to you by HMRC in writing.

If you receive such notice, it is advisable to seek help from professionals as they might be able to save you in tax, penalties and surcharges and advise you on what could be the strong grounds and reasons for not

reporting it on time. You can also make such declaration with due care online by visiting HMRC disclosure service page.

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your property and other taxes.



The Ark at St Johns, Palmers Green

by Rev Julie Coleman

St John the Evangelist 1 Bourne Hill, N13 4DA

The Ark has been running since March 2020. It was initiated following the first Covid-19 lockdown.

Over the last 18 months some members of the community have become tired, afraid, anxious, and vulnerable and a lot more people have come onboard to volunteer or seek assistance from our services. St Johns would not be able to sustain this initiative if it was not for the help of the people in the local and wider community who have become the resource for food and clothes donations as well as a listening ear. I will never be able to thank you enough.

What takes place on The Ark

The Boutique supplies clothing items for people of all ages. It also supplies nappies, baby milk, items for pregnant women, etc. Plus, a suit or outfit to assist people attending interviews.

Heart Rock Café runs a takeaway service from the Parish Centre door every Friday between 12noon and 2pm. It offers packed lunches, soup and a roll and a hot meal and

bags of food. We have been able to help up to 84 every day.

St Johns Food Pantry - A bag of food is given to every person who comes to the Ark on a Friday. If more is needed for a family, it is offered and toiletries are also available.

Food parcels and deliveries - Home delivered food bags are prepared on a Thursday. The deliveries take place on a Friday at 10.30am and 2.30pm to prevent overcrowding. Our food parcels currently support approx. 168 people.

Youth Provision – Our provision supports young people aged 11 to 17 years. We also offer a six-week life skills course.

Breaking Point and Mentoring – Often people are sign-posted to us via specific agencies. We work with parents of young people looking to leave gangs or those suffering with additions such as drugs and alcohol. We support young people through

mentoring sessions including access to an organic garden.

Men and Women refuge centres are supported by The Ark in a way that maintains the confidence of the centre and its individuals. We are presently engaged in obtaining and delivering resources for the Afghanistan refugees.

Conclusion - You will always find the occasional person who will grumble and moan about what you are doing or what you are not doing but we have risen above that. The Ark is a marvellous witness of community and faith actively working together to make a difference.

If you can help with food donations we would be very grateful. Please drop items off at St John's Parish Centre or ring me on 020 8886 9557 and we can arrange collection.

With love in Christ, Rev Julie Coleman









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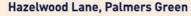




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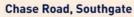




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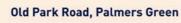












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4 things you should know about dementia

- 1. Dementia is not a natural part of ageing Dementia is not a natural part of ageing and it doesn't just affect older people. Over 40,000 people under 65 in the UK have dementia. This is called early-onset dementia.
- 2. Dementia is caused by diseases of the

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- 3. It's not just about losing your memory When most people hear the word dementia, they think of memory loss, but dementia can also affect the way people think, speak, perceive things, feel and behave.
- 4. People can still live well with dementia Until a cure is found, support and treatments are available that can help with symptoms and managing daily life. These can allow people with dementia to lead active, purposeful lives and carry on doing the things that matter to them most.

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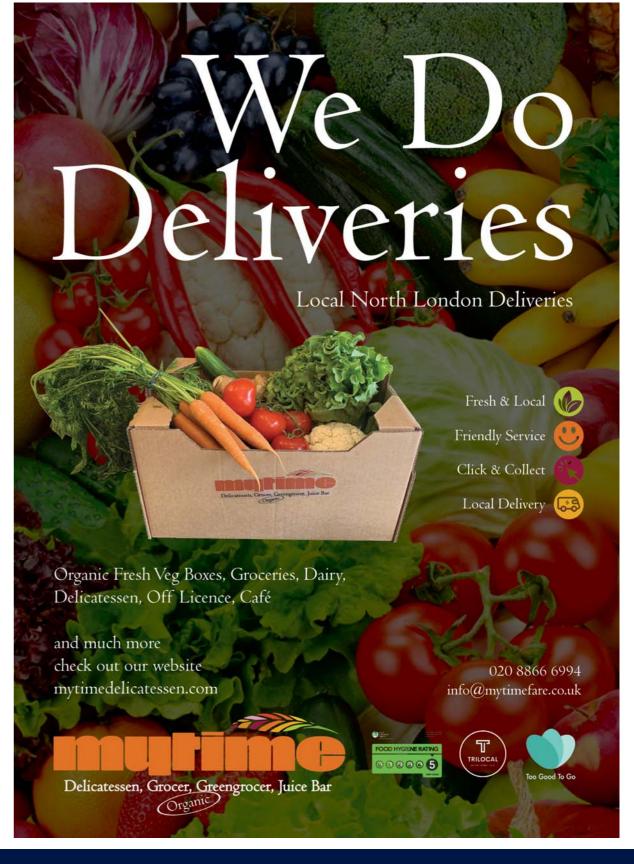


















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Broomfield School – part of our community Working with local businesses and initiatives



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During the 2021 summer term pupils were given the opportunity to learn how to reuse, upcycle and repair clothes with the help of staff at Stitch!



Year 7 pupils were invited to design and build a new "chill-out" area in Broomfield Park. This exciting project was in collaboration with the Palmers Greenery community café who funded the project,

the Friends of Broomfield Park, and the charity Build Up. The new seating area is located in the Community Growing Space, and we invite you to take a look!

Question time with our new Head Teacher Mrs Seymour

What are the best things about **Broomfield School?**

The best things about Broomfield School are



the pupils and its staff. We are a small community school, so it has a real family atmosphere. Our dedicated and experienced staff always work hard to make sure our pupils achieve their potential.

What are you most looking forward to as Headteacher?

I have been Deputy Head at Broomfield for several years and it will be a real privilege to be the Head Teacher. I look forward to the easing of lockdown so we can resume our extensive program of extra-curricular activities, school visits and learning outside the classroom.

What are you most proud of about **Broomfield School?**

I am proud of our pupils. When I walk round the school, I see focused and ambitious young people working hard, rising to new challenges and taking on new responsibilities. We are a diverse and dynamic community united together in our

What advice do you have for prospective families?

Children are all individuals. It is important to make sure you get the right school for your child where they will feel safe, supported, and are able to thrive. I would always advise families to visit the school (when Covid restrictions allow), to look at the information available and ask questions. Broomfield School is an Ofsted rated Good School and we would love you to join us on our journey and be part of our success.

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- London 1981; Brixton riots, Spurs win FA Cup, 1st ever London Marathon and with it the start of the jogging boom • North London 1981; Edmonton Joggers is formed.



Originally formed in a shop in Bounces Road, Edmonton, the club is celebrating its 40th year of running in 2021. Over the intervening years, along with a few changes of venue, a change of borough and a subtle name change to recognise we are now runners, Edmonton Running Club is now based in Winchmore Hill at the Hazelwood Sports Club. Some of our original founders are still members and still running. Many of the impressive club records are held by the early members of the club from the 80s-31:20 for 10k anyone?

Whilst much has happened in those 40 years what hasn't changed is our passion and enthusiasm for running be it for the fitness, the racing or simply the camaraderie. We thrive on being a friendly and inclusive group with a welcoming atmosphere rippling through the club. We are serious but always have fun, whether it be a gruelling hill rep session, or drinks in the club bar afterwards.

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We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays on the streets and trails in the surrounding area. On Sundays we venture further afield, usually running around Whitewebbs Park.

So, don't think you could run 10k, let alone a marathon? then why not come down to the club and try us out for a while on our Tuesday runs. Just email us at enquiries@edmontonrc.co.uk or visit the website at https://www.edmontonrc.co.uk and who knows you could be part of the journey of the next 40 years of Edmonton Running Club!





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In the garden with Outside Designs

by Paul Knight

Contact Paul on 07957 942728 info@outside-designs.co.uk www.outside-designs.co.uk







Autumn is fast approaching and here are some plant ideas that will add colour and interest at this time of year.



There are many different species of anemones but the ones that offer beautiful colour through autumn are the 'socalled' Japanese types. With most standing at nearly a metre high, their flowers, which can vary from purest white through to deepest pink, provide beauty and elegance in the garden from early September into October.



Cvclamen

C. hederifolium is a hardy autumn flowering species that survives in the UK climate. The attractive, patterned, ivy-like foliage follows to give interest through much of winter. They do well in dry shade so planting them under established trees and shrubs helps brighten darker spots.



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Pennisetum

Known as the fountain grass, there are many different species of pennisetum, but all have the same distinctive bottle-brush flower. These clump-forming grasses do best in full sun but require varying soil types. Lovely throughout autumn, especially amongst herbaceous perennials flowering at the same time.



Helianthus

In particular, H. 'Lemon Queen'. This perennial can give an amazing colour through late summer and into early autumn. Lemony-yellow flowers with slightly darker centres provide a rich source of nectar for bees late in the season. This plant does best in a sunny position at the back of the border.

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Boost your language learning by reading

by Laura Scaramella of Parla Italiano

Are you stuck with learning a foreign language? Perhaps you have reached a plateau and cannot get going? You have tried everything and are starting to lose your motivation?



Well, reading is one way to get unstuck, learn guicker and discover more than the language. Joining a reading class or a book club might be just what you need!

The power of reading in context and storytelling

If you have been trying to learn a language by memorising lists of words, you might know by now that this does not work. Our brain and our memory function through connections and pathways. If you wish to store a new word in your memory it is more beneficial if you 'anchor' it to something already there. A list of words without connection to each other will soon be forgotten. This is because our brain has evolved to retain only information that is meaningful.

The power of context and stories does not only lie in making vocabulary memorable, but also has the power of contributing meaning to a word, even a new word that the student has never come across before. Storytelling is the natural human way of passing on information and experiences, that is why it is so powerful as a means for learning a language.

For reading in a foreign language you need some techniques and tips. If you wish to learn these techniques, please read a more extensive blog found here: www.parlaitaliano.co.uk/blog/

Why to join a book club or a reading class

Joining a book club or reading class helps with motivation, sharing the experience with others increases your enthusiasm and gives you more learning options: you can learn from your peers, as well as from the teacher running the club.

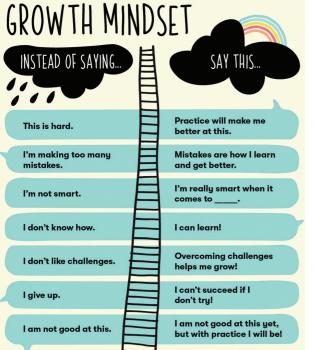
If you wish to learn Italian, as well as the book club, we also offer classes at all levels including for complete beginners.

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An extract from 'If At First You Don't Succeed

by Sian Wright, Tutor Doctor Barnet





"The way we talk about learning, mistakes, and failures at home has a significant impact on the type of mindset that is cultivated. Try to talk about errors positively, emphasising the learning that has taken place as a result. Some studies are also starting to show that focusing praise on effort rather than outcome can help to build a growth mindset. Praising the small steps taken towards learning emphasises that the learner's actions (something they can control) are more important than the result (which may be outside their control to some degree). For example, after a disappointing test score, you could praise the way that the learner planned a revision timetable and then encourage them to find a way to practice elements of the test again. Try to avoid commenting that some subjects are just 'hard' or that you weren't good at them at school, even though it's very tempting to empathise! Mindset changes take time and effort to embed, but the rewards of a growth mindset are worth striving for."

About the author: Sian is an experienced secondary school teacher who also runs a local tutoring organisation, Tutor Doctor Barnet. The tuition is overseen by experienced, qualified teachers. Tutors are hand-picked for their skills and relationship with students and matched to the learner's personality and goals. They also offer academic coaching to improve mindset, build self-belief and help with organisation and motivation at school.

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It's rodent season, are you prepared?

by Sparta Pest Control

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With winter approaching we will see a huge spike in the number of unwanted furry visitors in the form of rats and mice! With cold snaps on the way, these conditions will drive rodents into buildings and gardens in search of shelter and food. An unwanted infestation has the potential to lead to challenges for residents and businesses alike.

Since the introduction of fortnightly waste collections in Enfield, we have already experienced challenges managing rubbish, with overflowing bins and fly tipping in public areas.

A typical home may have several potential entry points for rodents, which can transmit a variety of diseases to humans. They get through gaps as small as 2cm, often using plumbing pipes and unscreened air brick vents or gaps in the eaves and roof edges.

The first evidence of rodents in a home is often noises under the floor, in the walls or loft as that's where most will head to once they are inside. Quite apart from the health risks, they will foul water tanks and chew on wood or electrical wires which can cause a lot of damage and pose a fire hazard.

Rodents breed rapidly so it's vital to act as soon as any evidence is found.

Our tips to help prevent rodents:

- Inspect properties thoroughly and seal up any external gaps, holes or crevices that could provide an entry point. Never use foam, rats will comfortably chew through this, and it can provide a food source.
- · Remove potential nesting sites by keeping gardens clean and tidy, cut back overgrown areas and clear piles of wood, leaves or debris. Check your sheds for any gaps or rodent gnaw markings, usually where the wood has rotted away.
- Ensure doors and windows can be closed properly and that drain inspection covers are well maintained.
- Keep bins well maintained with their lids

closed. Compost heaps should be covered.

Don't leave food in easy reach.

Prevention is the best method to stop an infestation rather than repair the damage after it has happened. Simple precautions can be taken to reduce the risk of rodents in your property and business. Contact us if you have any concerns or need help.



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Fab Hair London has joined the **Green Salon Collective**

by Kiri from Fab Hair London

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How green is your hair salon? Hair salons are notorious for throwing away single use items like foil, plastics, disposable towels and many more items. There is no doubt that hair salons are a major contributor towards waste in the UK, this has been a growing concern for us at Fab Hair, and something we have been determined to address.

The Green Salon Collective was founded by environmental experts, hairdressers and eco campaigners, they are the original authority on salon sustainability throughout the UK and Ireland. We are very proud to be among the first hair salons in North London to join their

Certain items such as hair and contaminated foils are not items traditionally accepted by recycling companies, but the Green Salon Collective accept almost everything. Once our waste has been sent off, the Green Salon team will divert everything to the right place so that it can be recycled - significantly reducing the amount of waste our salon sends to landfill. As a business, we are always trying to find new ways to be more environmentally friendly and are proud to be taking our next step in becoming a more sustainable salon.

"Did you know your hair can be used to mop up oil spills, clean waterways and helps to grow food and plants?"

Any questions that need answering quickly, please email me kc@fabhair.london and I will get back to you soon as I can. If you enjoyed my article, let us know, you can also like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram @fabhairlondon.



"No back pain for 5 years and I still don't understand how Amatsu works!"

by Nicola Forward, your local Amatsu Practitioner

This comment from regular client, Margaret, plus a very similar one from new client, Jean, got me thinking. And to be honest, after over a decade practicing Amatsu, I still find it difficult to explain. What follows is my best attempt.

Your body tells the story of your life. Over time it adjusts itself to accommodate your postural habits, any accidents, surgeries or emotional stresses you may have experienced and even to medications and lifestyle choices. But all these adaptations and compensations can lead to imbalances and creates the body you find yourself in today, together with its accompanying

This is the body you bring into my clinic. For Margaret, who I first met in January 2017, it was a body which, for the preceding ten years, had "sudden debilitating back pain that can last up to ten days." And for Jean it was a fifteen year old knee injury that resurfaced when she "tweaked it putting on a spurt to cross the road."

However your body express its imbalances, my training as an Amatsu Practitioner helps me "read" your life story as torsions and tensions in your body and then, with you lying fully dressed on my therapy couch, I use soft touch, gentle pressure and natural body movement to help your body find its own balance which in turn can reduce your

Initially Margaret and I worked together weekly until she felt her body was more stable and we have continued on a roughly monthly basis as a form of "maintenance" as these sessions "always leave her feeling lighter and more comfortable walking."

Jean contacted me within three weeks of her "tweak" which was "causing considerable discomfort" and interfering with her work and her family life. After three sessions she commented that "I don't even think about my knee any more, unless I kneel down. don't know how Amatsu works, but from my experience, I can tell you it does!"

Call me for an informal chat about how Amatsu could work for you.



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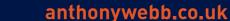












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Tottenhall Recreation Ground and Boundary Fields

It may not be considered as one of the "Crown Jewels" of Enfield's green spaces but Tottenhall Recreation Ground is a gem nonetheless. Tucked away in the south east corner of Palmers Green, on the Enfield/Haringey border, this wide open recreation ground is much loved by the community.

The recreation ground, originally a farm, was all that remained of the original open space after rapid building in the 1930s. The park was home to a number of sports clubs in the early years including the Weselyan tennis club and Southgate Athletics club; both tennis courts and athletics track have now disappeared but it remains home to the North London Shamrocks Gaelic football club and hosts excitable young football players each weekend.

The park already has a lot to offer local residents with an outdoor gym. playground and plenty of space to give the dog (and children) a run. However, it could still be so much more to so many more

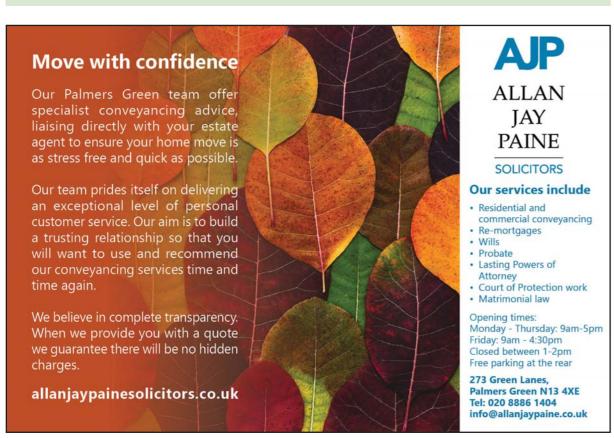
people so, in the midst of the pandemic, a group of local residents joined together to form Friends of Tottenhall Recreation Ground and Boundary Playing Fields to help do just that. This little group has big plans for the park; whilst they started small with regular monthly litter picks, there are hopes to reinstate the tennis courts, improve accessibility and open a community café.

The first changes came with an inaugural "Love your Park" day on 25th September with lots of activities to get local children invested in their park building bird feeders and bug hotels. For the grownups, there was more strenuous work involved digging a new wildlife pond to attract

frogs and dragonflies. This month, the park will be receiving a donation of over one hundred saplings from the Woodland Trust to make even more wildlife habitat in the future. The group have also applied for a grant to upgrade the playground to make it more accessible and install new benches to rest weary legs.



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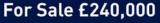
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Afghanistan and Britain's history of supporting refugees by Bambos Charalambous, Labour MP

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In August, the situation in Afghanistan reached breaking point. Following the US decision to withdraw from Afghanistan, the Taliban's return to power created a heartbreaking humanitarian and refugee crisis. This directly impacted many people and their families here in Enfield Southgate.

I have been supporting constituents affected by the crisis, including UK nationals and their families stranded in Afghanistan, interpreters, and government and support staff who worked alongside the British in Afghanistan. It has been a privilege to help those affected.

I would also like to pay tribute to our community. I continue to be deeply moved by the strength of feeling from constituents about the crisis. My office has received hundreds of e-mails, letters and phone calls about Afghanistan, and it has been wonderful to see local people come forward to support those in need. I would like to thank everyone who has got in touch, donated to aid organisations and charities, delivered clothing and essential items locally, or simply kept the conversation going with friends and family.

Let me be clear. I, like many others, was opposed to the American-led mission in Afghanistan in the aftermath of 9/11. Indeed, the last few months have shown the impact war can have on local communities like ours, thousands of miles away from the conflict.

We nonetheless had an important role to play in Afghanistan, in both supporting the Afghan forces against the Taliban and protecting the hard-won human rights of women, children and activists in the country. The rights of women and children matter, at home and abroad - and we therefore continue to have a responsibility to the Afghan people.

That's why I believe the Government's response to the crisis was severely lacking in planning, competence and compassion.

As Shadow Immigration Minister, I have seen the impact of this Government's hostile environment; there has been an absence of empathy towards refugees and asylum seekers among Conservative Ministers - and this is not British. The UK has a long and proud history of helping those fleeing violence and persecution abroad, from

rebuilding a shattered Europe after WW2 to the thousands of Cypriot refugees who came to the UK and settled in communities like ours in the 1970s.

This legacy goes hand in hand with the British values of fair play, decency and respect for international law.

Parliament has been in session since September and this month I am involved in the committee stage of the Nationality and Borders Bill. The provisions in this Bill will criminalise and punish many people seeking protection in this country – including Afghan refugees - while failing to get to grips with our broken asvlum system. I believe it is a dangerous and draconian piece of legislation that diminishes the UK's international standing in the world.

As the Afghan refugee crisis shows, we need to introduce safe and legal asylum routes for those fleeing persecution abroad. We also need avoid the desperate hostile environment politics that created scandals like Windrush. I'll be making these points clear to Ministers this month as I oppose the Nationality and Borders Bill.



Local Politics is changing!

by Councillor Joanne Laban

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The Local Government Boundary Commission prior to the Coronavirus pandemic undertook a review of the current ward structures in Enfield. The final proposals were published in March 2020.

The Local Government Boundary Commission carries out periodic reviews to ensure local politics remains representative as the borough's population continues to grow. It can recommend changes to ward boundaries, the number of councillors on an authority, the number of councillors per ward, the names of wards plus the creation and abolition of

The result of the review carried out means that Enfield's 2022 local elections will be fought on new wards set on different boundaries to the existing ones. Residents

and business owners may find out that the name of the ward they live or work in may have altered.

Enfield will still have sixty-three councillors in total as it does now. The number of wards will increase. At present, there are twentyone wards in Enfield but from next May there will be twenty-five meaning an additional four wards.

The new wards include a Highfield ward which will cover the area east of Palmers Green. Southgate Green is being replaced by new wards called Arnos Grove and New Southgate. Carterhatch, Brimsdown and Bullsmoor will replace Turkey Street and Enfield Highway wards. Two new wards called Whitewebbs and Ridgeway replace the current Chase and Highlands wards.

There are currently three councillors per ward across the borough. However, this will change at the next election with twelve wards out of the twenty five including Arnos Grove, Bowes, Bullsmoor, Carterhatch, Cockfosters, Grange Park, Highfield, New Southgate, Oakwood, Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill being represented by only two councillors.

Political literature starts hitting the doormats leading up to an election so hopefully this article helps explain why some of the usual information on them has changed. Your current councillors remain in office until the election so please contact them if you need help with a council related issue.













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