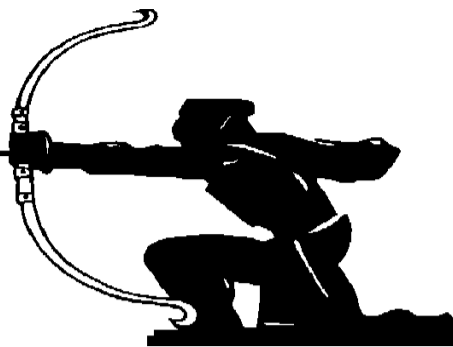


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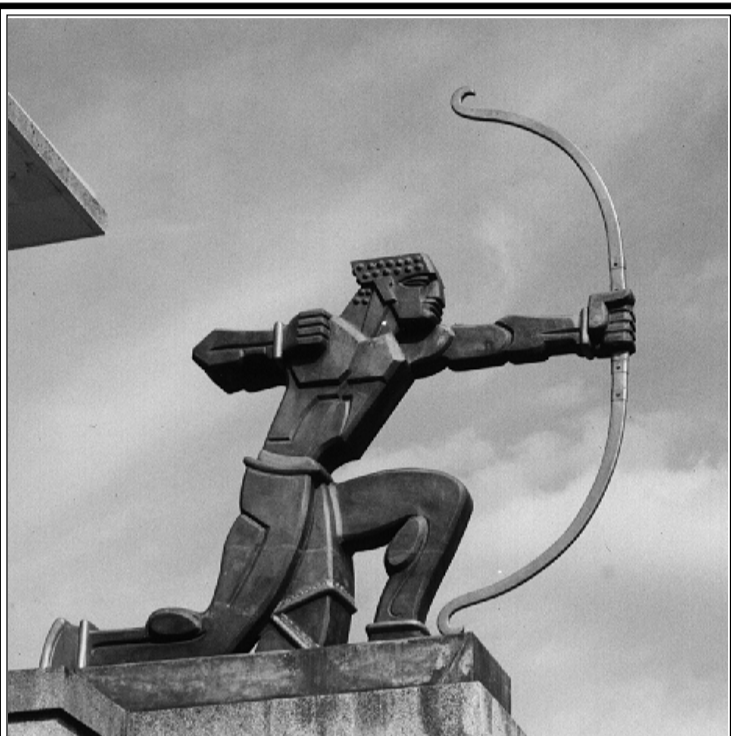


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## Four Years Old

The Archer community paper is four years old this month and despite its age readers still ask: "Why do you call it the Archer?" Simple. The name and symbol are taken from the statue by Eric Aumonier which crouches on the top of East Finchley station. That archer is 57 years old! May The Archer live as long! Come and help us. See page 3.

## Body found in woods

The body of a 48-year-old man with gun shot wounds to the head was found in Queens Wood, Highgate early on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> January.

A woman walking her dog made the grizzly discovery near to Queens Wood Road, just a few hours after local people report having heard a man shouting followed by a loud bang.

The dead man, later identified as Brandon Hale, married father of two and a compulsive gambler, had been beaten then shot at close range above the left eye.

The murder bears the hallmarks of a contract killing and it has since been revealed that Mr Hale received a six figure sum of money three days before his death and had lost £90,000 of it shortly afterwards.

Police believe the murder took place in the woods just a few hours before the body was found, but it is still not clear how Mr Hale came to be in the woods in the first place. They are appealing for any early morning commuters using Highgate tube station, who may have been in the vicinity of Queens Wood Road between 4am and 7am, to call the murder incident room on: 0181 358 1731.

# Local School in Film Controversy

Reports in the press that a video of a film about drug taking was shown to pupils at East Finchley's 'Bishop Douglass' school has been confirmed. The film entitled "Train Spotting", was said to have caused fury amongst parents when they learnt of the showing.

The headmaster of Bishop Douglass, Mr Meadows, told The Archer: "it is true the video Train Spotting was shown by one teacher for its anti-drug message but we think now this was an error of judgement, although so far we have not had one complaint from any parent."

"Of course the Drug Problem is everywhere and without fencing ourselves in it is always a danger, Here at Bishop Douglass we have a very strict code of conduct, any pupil who is found to be in possession of drugs or bring drugs into the school is expelled. Also any of our pupils in possession of a knife is expelled.

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