



Don't look back in anger... look back in the Archer!

The Archer Quiz devised by Lynn and Adam Fidler
What went on in your local community this year? We test your memory.

1. Which growing global community did the Archer join at the beginning of the Year?
2. Where were the four concrete advertising display panels erected in February?
3. What, very appropriately, opened on 1st April and had to close eleven days later?
4. Who or what made it possible for the Elim Pentecostal Church to become a Jamathehara?
5. What does Colin begin to do every morning at 5.45 am. ?
6. Where in mid-June did you find a dragon, jugglers, a Pearly King and an array of painted faces?
7. Which celebrity opened the new Warner Brothers 8 screen cinema on 9th July?
8. Which "elderly resident" (aged 86) was given a special award in September?
9. In October in the High Road we said hello and goodbye to who?
10. What did the local traders get together to do towards the end of the year?
11. What did the sudden appearance of black arrows herald in mid-November?
12. Who arrived in East Finchley after being last spotted on the Eurostar heading for France?

Answers: 1. The Internet. 2. Outside Budgegens, end of Lincoln Road, outside the Phoenix Cinema and at the end of Kitchener Road. 3. The Finchley Lido. 4. The Aga Khan Foundation (UK). 5. Sweep the roads of East Finchley. 6. The East Finchley Community Festival. 7. Joanna Lumley. (Arnold Schwarzenegger did not open the cinema, he attended the British premiere of his film Eraser there.) 8. The Phoenix Cinema was presented with an award by the B.F.F.I. 9. Goodbye to Welch's and hello to Madden's. 10. Form the East Finchley Traders Association. 11. The opening of the bridge across the North Circular Road finally re-opening the link between East & North Finchley. 12. Michelle Collins, Cindy from EastEnders.

Church News

To mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity from 19 to 25 January, Churches Together in Finchley are holding a United Service on Sunday 19 January at St Mary's-at-Finchley Church, Hendon Lane, N3 with a Healing Ministry led by the Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Rev Graham Dow.

Churches Together will also be holding an Informal Social Evening at St Philip the Apostle RC Church on Gravel Hill N3 on Thursday 23 January at 8pm.

On Mondays 13 and 20 January talks will be given on the church's social teaching and reflections on the implications of their social document, "The Common Good". These talks will be held at St Mary's RC Church, High Road, N2 at 8pm in the church hall.

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CONTACT CONTACT, the East Finchley Neighbourhood Group, who support the elderly and housebound in the area, are appealing for **VOLUNTEERS** with an hour or two to spare to help with shopping and odd jobs. Expenses will be paid.
If you are willing to help a neighbour, please telephone co-ordinator Christine George on 0181 444 1162.

MEMORY LANE SINGING CLUB
Is looking for new members, male and female. The club is constantly in demand to provide entertainment for local charities. (Songs from the Roaring 20s-50s).
We meet on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, Finchley N12 (opp. Victoria Park) from 11-1pm and on Friday at St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley N3, from 12.30-2.30. For further details ring 0181-883 8501

18 plus free!

Barnet 18 Plus Group, a social and activities group for young people aged between 18 and 29, is holding a new members' month in January.

The group offers a chance for people to make new friends and enjoy a wide range of fun activities, locally and nationally. Some of the special events lined up during the next few weeks include:- Quick On The Draw, a Bingo Night, a Scottish-theme Food Night, 10 Pin Bowling and two Discos.

Bubbly people

Any active and outgoing person aged from 18 to 29 is welcome to join the group. As a special offer, membership for all prospective members during January is free for a month and the first person to join will get a free bottle of bubbly. If you want to find out more, ring Mark on 361 2827 or go any Sunday at 8.45pm to the upstairs room of the Bull & Butcher pub, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, London N20.

Sunday nights during January at Barnet 18 Plus Group:

12 January. Quick On The Draw - Budding Rolf Harrises, together with the more artistically challenged, attempt to communicate a concept to their team.
19 January. Bingo Night - The annual "work off your duff Christmas presents on someone else" night.

26 January. Robert Burns Food Night. We kill the fatted haggis (with vegetarian alternative) and have a Tartan Quiz.

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LETTERS

Not in our Backyard!

Dear Sir

The residents of Baronsmere Road have petitioned the Council to close off access to and from that road to the High Road. The benefits of this are obvious; less traffic equals less pollution, less noise - for the residents of Baronsmere Road that is.

If this scheme goes ahead other local residents will be exposed to more pollution, more noise - as cars denied access to and from the High Road here are forced to find alternative routes along Summerlee Avenue, Park Hall Road, Fortis Green, Fairlawn Avenue, Durham, Lincoln, Leicester and Huntingdon Roads.

The proposed extension of the traffic island in the High Road will add to congestion and local businesses will be adversely affected.

The movements of the emergency services will be hampered and slowed.

What we need is to have parking properly restricted and enforced. For instance double yellow lines around the corners of Summerlee Avenue with Southern Road, Baronsmere Road with Park Hall Road and Ingram Road (and on all roads in the neighbourhood); and limit parking on the High Road to one hour. (I have never, in my four years in the area, seen a traffic warden in East Finchley High Road).

T. Campos.
Cherry Tree Road, N2.

Apathy

Dear Sir

We are very busy too, but must correct the letter regarding "Apathy of Residents" in Issue 43 of The Archer.

The East Finchley Festival is not run by "a Village Society", but by a group of local volunteers with a core committee of around ten people, who meet solely for this purpose.

The Festival itself is testament to the non-apathy of local people; we are now in our thirteenth year, and last year's Festival attracted around 5,000 people. The stalls run by local trades- and craftspeople are a major focus of the day. Before the day itself, sponsorship by local businesses and local events such as jumble sales have provided the majority of funding for the event.

The writer of your earlier letter may be particularly pleased to hear about the Parade that traditionally begins the Festival. For a short time, we see traffic on the High Road replaced with musicians and children in fancy dress. The time and effort which these youngest members of our community put into their costumes must in itself show that some residents at least are prepared to forego their "apathy".

Yours faithfully
Suzie Bousfield
On behalf of the East Finchley Festival.

Ear Bashing

Dear Sir

Diana Cormack (November Archer) makes some valuable points on child discipline. In the category of actual blows "a clip round the ear" was a particularly nasty punishment inflicted both in schools and by parents.

It has recently been advocated as a suitable way to chastise young people who indulge in unsociable behaviour.

It is not children who deserve punishment for bad behaviour but their parents who are responsible for that behaviour.

But the consequence of "clip round the ear" is usually dealt with by the Ear, Nose and Throat Departments of our hospitals since this can often lead to malfunctioning of the ear and deafness and can also trigger the onset of tinnitus.

Physical assault on the young in any form by adults is bad and betrays an inability either to set good example or an inability in adults to curb their violence on those smaller than themselves which I believe is known as bullying.

Yours Sincerely,
Jack Shapiro
Vice-President, The Royal National Institute for Deaf People

Savage Criticism

Dear Sir

Reading your column by Ricky Savage, although often quite witty, I think he is wrong to discredit the widow of the late headmaster who was stabbed to death.

What has the fact that Mrs Lawrence's husband was headmaster of a Catholic school got to do with it, I detect an anti-Catholic bias in his writing.

What bugs me is what gives Ricky Savage the right to sneer at a very brave lady, one who after suffering a very sad family tragedy, went on to do her best, through the media, to help make people more aware of the danger and ease with which knives can be bought.

Her Christian values shine through when she states she feels sorry for her husband's murderer and forgives him.

I would like to add how I like your paper and look forward to receiving it.

Ms. Jane Allen
Park Hall Road, N2.

Supporting Role for Hospice

New members are needed by the North London Hospice for their Support Group to assist with plans for fund-raising events. Members meet every six to eight weeks. For information call 0181 346 6818.