



Happy Birthday

This month, Holy Trinity School, East Finchley, is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The school began its life at the old building in East End Road, near the Bald Faced Stag public house. The date 1847 can be clearly read on the belfry. It was created by the combined efforts of the local church, local worthies, and the Bishop of London. It provided an academic and vocational education for the local children, many of who were destined to follow their parent's footsteps into jobs such as servants, farm workers and gardeners.

Holy Trinity in fact became the first "Industrial School" in the country. Girls were taught how to cook, do needlework and household work, while the boys were taught how to do gardening and to rear domestic fowls and animals, including bees.

Margaret Thatcher opened the present school building in the Market Place in 1975. Today Holy Trinity has seven classes and a Nursery as well as a Library, Hall and Kitchen, and its own playing field. Gone are the

slates and inkwells, in are the computers and National Curriculum.

The school celebrated with a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, July 6th at which the Bishop of London presided. The mayor was also present along with Ted Davis headmaster between 1964 and 1976. On Thursday and Friday July 10th and 11th the school Drama Club with the help of the staff and parents presented the musical play "Oranges and Lemons", specially written for the occasion by Carolyn Pickles, the well known TV star who is also a parent at the school.

Another gifted parent, Cherrell Avery, a local calligrapher, has created a panel of information about the school which will become a permanent exhibit at the school.

A book "The Life and Times of Holy Trinity and Memories" recording the history of the school is in preparation. The oldest contributor is a Headteacher who was at the school until 1940, Miss Nora Ponting. Now Mrs Nora Jones, she is 94 and lives in Wales.

Raising the Temperature

By Diana Cormack

Five students from Fortismere School have won £2,000 in prizes for their invention, a battery operated floating thermometer. Three of the team are from East Finchley.



Inventors Alec Davis, Alexander Duthie and Rachel Kuhn of East Finchley's County Roads. Photo: Diana Cormack.

They beat eight other secondary schools in the second annual Brindisco Educational Challenge, a new products competition run in conjunction with Haringey Educational Business Partnership, an organisation which develops links between schools and industry.

Alec Davis, 13, of Huntingdon Road, Alexander Duthie, 12, of Leicester Road and Rachel Kuhn, 12, of Bedford Road, along with Seth

Thevov, 12, of Church Vale and Alexander Marianski, 14, of Muswell Hill started working on the project last October. Every Tuesday at the school's technology club they have worked hard on developing and marketing a novelty floating thermometer.

The event was held at Alexandra Palace, with representatives of local industry judging the new ideas from across the borough. It was sponsored

by Brindisco and North London Training and Enterprise Council. The teams received £100 worth of electrical goods and a video camera for their schools just for entering.

Pond Life

Fortismere team's idea was a battery operated electronic thermometer encased in a thermo-plastic novelty shape. It could be a starfish for a baby's bath, a frog for a garden pond, a starfish for an aquarium or a smiley face for classroom work on water temperature.

Not only did the Fortismere team win the overall prize for their invention, but they also won the prize for marketing! They gained more than £1,500 worth of electrical goods for their winning invention and £500 worth for their marketing of it. So many congratulations to them and to their supportive teachers, Mr Hawkin and Ms Allaway.

The team have yet to decide whether to get the thermometer sold on the open market or not. Should they go ahead and patent their idea successfully, we could soon be delivering "The Archer" to them in Bishop's Avenue!!

SHOP OF THE MONTH

Hair extensions

By Sue Holliday

Colin Attwood and Richard Hime who opened Richard Anthony, the hairdressers, in 1993 on the High Road, have opened a second salon in Squire's Lane.

Along with the shop now called Squires Cut, they have acquired the staff and clients from Elizabeth Hairstylist. This has worked well for all concerned and Elizabeth can take things easier after nearly 30 years of running her own business.

Colin was a West End stylist with his own salon until the late 80's when he opted for a quieter life and moved back closer to his home in Hertfordshire. He trained Ricahrd, whom he met in the early 80's. Richard who recently became a father, has a real affinity with children and always manages to make the experience fun.

In The Chair

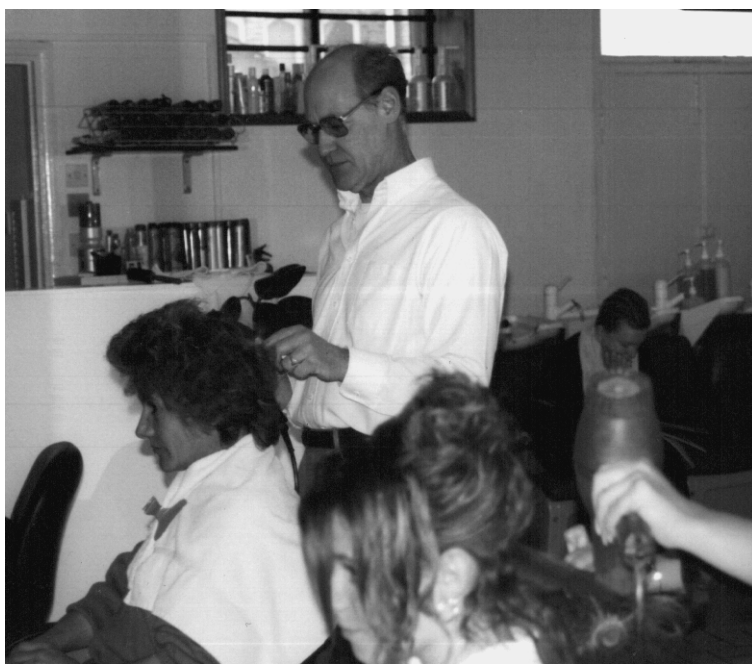
Colin said that he takes pride in styling the hair in the way the customer chooses. "Of course," he added, "all our stylists will give advice if the customer asks". Many of Colin's long standing clients have travelled some distance so that he can continue to look after them, and many have become friends.

I asked Colin if, after nearly 35 years in the trade, he would tell me if it was true that some ladies tell their hairdressers their most intimate secrets. He replied "Yes it is true, and some of them have been very amusing stories". However Colin said that to him his chair is like a confessional and his lips would remain sealed even though I did notice a slight smile.

Any mistakes? Yes, Colin recalls a time when he took a call from a mother making an appointment for her son, stating that he should have a long crew cut.

The door opened and in walked a young lad with shoulder length hair, so Colin sat him down, got out his clippers, and proceeded to clip off the young lad's hair until it resembled a long crew cut.

The young lad looked a bit forlorn but said nothing, just paid his money and left. Then



Clip joint - Colin Attwood at work.

five minutes later another young lad walked in and said his mother had phoned earlier for an appointment...

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