



## New Year's Eve Opening Times

### Pubs & Bars

- ★ The Alexandra, 98 Fortis Green, Tel 020 8883 3014  
Open until 4 am, the Alexandra will be providing a free buffet and drinks at normal prices.
- ★ The Alexandra, 1 Church Lane, Tel 020 8883 0922  
Open 11am-3pm, 8pm-3am. Entry by ticket only - available free in advance - includes buffet and champagne & OJ at midnight. Free taxi home (within reasonable distance).
- ★ The Bald Faced Stag, 69 High Road, Tel 020 8442 1201  
Open until 3 am, "invitations" in advance price £2, includes nibbles, disco and entry to prize draw.
- ★ The Clissold Arms, Fortis Green, Tel 020 8883 1028  
£10 ticket includes finger buffet and a free drink on arrival. A special celebratory punch will be available and other drinks will be at normal prices. Open to 4am (depending on demand).
- ★ Club XL, 114 High Road  
Admission by ticket only (£85 for members and £95 for non-members) includes food, drink and a DJ playing 60s to 90s music from 7pm to late.
- ★ The Dick Turpin, 383 Long Lane, Tel 020 8883 3494  
Open until 1 am. Entry by invitation only.
- ★ The Duke of Cambridge, Market Place  
Open all night. Normal prices and no admission charge.
- ★ The Five Bells, 165-167 East End Road, Tel 020 8883 1714  
Open until 2 am. Admission by ticket only (£25) which includes one drink, food and a disco.
- ★ Maddens Ale House, 130 High Road, 020 8444 7444  
Admission (£10) includes a buffet and two free drinks for the price, one on arrival and one at midnight. Open to 4am.
- ★ Manor Cottage Tavern, East End Road, Tel 020 8346 9610  
Possibly not open - check for details.
- ★ The Old White Lion, 121 Great North Road, Tel 020 8365 4861. £15 per ticket which includes a free buffet and a drink on arrival. Open all day with festivities from 8pm until 2am.
- ★ The Red Lion, Red Lion Hill, Tel 020 8883 2062  
Open as usual. Nothing special planned as yet.
- ★ The Weaver, High Road, 020 8883 1506  
Admission by ticket only (£10) Includes buffet, music and complimentary Bucks Fizz. Open 8 pm to 2.30 am.
- ★ The Windsor Castle, The Walks, Tel 020 8883 5763  
Open until 3 am. £5 admission includes a disco.

### Restaurants

- ★ Baldwin's, Denmark Terrace, Fortis Green  
Baldwin's café bar restaurant is laying on a five-course meal with a choice of three main courses and a champagne reception on arrival. All other drinks will be charged. There will also be live music. The price £85 and booking is essential. Ring 020 8802 2326 to book.
- ★ The Mandarin, 152 High Road, Tel 020 8444 0012  
Nothing special is planned for New Year's Eve, but do have plans for a major event in February.
- ★ The Old Europeans, 106 High Road, Tel 020 8883 3964  
Open with special Christmas and New Year's Eve meals.
- ★ Shanghai Shanghai, 132 High Road, Tel 020 8883 2138  
Special Xmas/New Year's Eve 3-course meal £18.90/person. Open until midnight/1 am.

## The Sisterhood

By Daphne Chamberlain

**"The Sisterhood of East Finchley Methodist Church is just celebrating its 93rd anniversary, having been founded in 1906. Is there any other group in East Finchley that can beat this?"**

That's how June James, the Sisterhood's secretary, approached *THE ARCHER*. Are there any takers?

Meanwhile, I went along to see the Sisterhood of '99. The name conjured up visions of a robed secret society, but it turns out to be the traditional title for a women's group in the Methodist church. (There used to be a Brotherhood as well, but that didn't survive World War II.)

Numbers have dropped recently, though I met one loyal 88-year-old lady who has been going along for more than 60 years.

What, I wondered, was the difference between the Sisterhood and the Wives' Club (as not all of the Wives are married)? "Not much," said June. "Some members overlap, but we are slightly more devotional."

### Friends and fellowship

The meeting began with a prayer and a hymn - but it was a rousing one. "We want to be cheerful," they agreed - and the afternoon certainly went with a swing. Pamela Smith had brought along some slides of London, accompanied by tapes of London songs and music.

"It's a really nice outlet for me," said one lady, who has been going along since her husband died. She appreciates the friendship and support of the group. However, if the Sisterhood is to survive for another 93 years, they know that they need new and younger members. June and her friends would welcome them warmly.

The Sisterhood meets every Tuesday, in the Fellowship Room of the Methodist Church (High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue). Please use the entrance in Park Road.



East Finchley Sisterhood members with visiting speaker.

Photo by Daphne Chamberlain

Meetings start at 2.15pm with tea and biscuits.

NB. There is no meeting on 28 December, nor through January. (The Wives Club will host an Open Afternoon at 2.30pm on Thursday 5 January at the same venue).

### Help for Hospice

I asked the Sisterhood

about the WI Alternative Calendar - or, as someone said, "You mean the funny one with the naked women?" The Sisterhood was impressed by the money raised for leukaemia research. Their own particular charity is the North London Hospice, with which several of them are involved.

## KALASHNIKOV KULTUR

By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility

### In the best possible taste

These are weird and dangerous times and nowhere is it weirder and more dangerous than in the cosy world of the Women's Institute. It all started when twelve of them in darkest Yorkshire decoratively stripped off and posed modestly amongst the cup cakes and home-made jam to raise money for leukaemia research.

Ever since then the most unlikely and unappetising people have been displaying their flesh in the hope that we'll all dig deep to have them on our walls. This new trend has seen firemen with hoses in poses that have zero to do with putting out fires doing their bit for charity, but in the best possible taste.

### Fox sake

Taste has got nothing to do with some of the other bizarre offerings for the year 2000 and you have to look no further than the unspeakable in pursuit of the inedible to discover how low you can go. In the cause of the right to ride roughshod across country behind a pack of hounds, some bunch in the home counties have got their kit off and posed amongst the jodhpurs and horses to raise money for the Countryside Alliance. So, where will it stop? Here are a few ideas to put you off your breakfast.

### Vague idea

What can the Boy William do to raise the profile of the Tories? How about a naked shadow cabinet calendar? John 'Martian' Redwood posing behind his flying saucer while Miss April in the form of Anne Widdecombe drapes herself decorously across the green benches of the Commons might be a start, or more likely a finish. Labour could go for it as well with twelve pictures of Tony Blair and his "approved candidates" (no space for Uncle Ken).

Then there are sportsmen, and I don't mean finely honed athletes like Linford Christie posing behind a pile of Tupperware sandwich boxes, I mean the third fifteen of the local rugby club posing drunkenly with a pint or several and a couple of funny shaped balls. Or the local cricket club, their modesty protected by nothing more than stumps and bails.

### Electric bill

What about the local coppers with their helmets and truncheons held in places that are not in the Met's guide to sensitive policing.

Maybe it's the millennium fever striking where it is least expected, but some genius has even suggested a naked *ARCHER* calendar where we can all prove that this paper covers parts that the local freesheets don't dare think about. I hope not. As Hunter S Thompson said about American journalists, if you stand the twelve best journos in the country up against a wall what you get is the sorriest bunch of unsightly misfits you could hope to find this side of chucking out time down the local pub. This madness must stop.

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