



The Italian Job

Story and photo by Diana Cormack
A new patisserie has opened at 111, High Road, East Finchley (where the Carpet Shop used to be). "Dolce Italiana" is run by Lina and Nino Di Palma (pictured right).

Along with Lina's mother Maria, they serve a range of delicious cakes and sandwiches plus coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cold drinks. It must be authentic, because Nino and Maria are both Italian born.

So they cater for Italian tastes and customs, selling traditional bonbonieres for weddings and a variety of china ornaments, frames, clocks, etc. for special occasions. They also make cakes to order for weddings, birthdays or for any event you choose.

If you fancy a taste of Italy, they are open Tuesday - Saturday from 9am - 6pm and on Sunday from 11.30am - 3pm.

New Headteacher



Photo by Diana Cormack

Pictured is Mr Duncan Mills, who has taken over the headship at Holy Trinity CE School, Egan's Close. Duncan used to live in East Finchley, spending four years as a resident of Leslie Road, so he is already a fan of THE ARCHER! We wish him well.

New festival date

Yes, it's true, next year East Finchley Festival will be held on Sunday, 18 June.

The annual general meeting, recently held at the Church Lane neighbourhood centre, decided to change it from Saturday after consulting local merchants and residents. The move to Sunday will be the tried for one year, and then East Finchley will be asked which day it prefers.

The event will otherwise follow the same successful format as ever, with loads of entertainment, stalls and refreshments - and it will still have free admission!

The festival 2000 committee was appointed at the AGM,

which was attended by a number of supporters, including Rudi Vis MP. Work has already started on booking new acts, ordering rides and equipment, contacting local groups and co-ordinating the thousand and one activities that make the festival possible.

Do you want to get involved in the first festival of the new millennium, either on the big day itself or during the off season? If so contact the East Finchley Festival Secretary Helen O'Toole on 020 8444 8461.

Memories for the New Millennium

By Diana Cormack

Do you know how The Bald Faced Stag got its name, why elephant bones were dug up in some back gardens or where Maggie Thatcher took over two houses to use as a base on three election days?

If you like to find out about East Finchley as it used to be, a booklet published to mark the Millennium will provide you with such interesting and intriguing information. From mediaeval times up to the present day, some of the history of one corner of our area is presented in a readable and enjoyable manner.

"Collected Memories of our Neighbourhood" is published by Cromwell Hall Residents' Association which comprises Abbots Gardens, Cromwell Close, and parts of Deansway and East End Road.

It sets out to tell of the changes from a small village in the Middlesex countryside to an important part of London's suburbia. In particular it describes the life and style of the Butler

family, who lived at Cromwell Hall until 1909 and of the family of Percy Henri, the music hall entertainer, who lived there until 1933. It is illustrated with 27 photographs, mostly previously unpublished, and four maps. There is one murder, one violent death, a coach accident and two ghost stories!

The author David Smith, who was born and bred here, is to be congratulated on this piece of work, throughout which his interest in and love of East Finchley is evident. It is very well written and his closing sentence could be applicable to us all:

"The past lies at our feet, the present runs like sand through our fingers and the future waits tantalisingly round the corner."

Residents of the Cromwell Hall estate will receive a free copy of the booklet. Otherwise it can be obtained for £5, which includes postage, from: Ralph Eshwege, 117 Abbots Gardens, East Finchley, London N2 0JJ.

Marshalling support

Barnet Councillor John Marshall has been selected as the Conservative candidate for Finchley and Golders Green at the next General Election.

Mr Marshall, former MP for Hendon South, is well known in the borough. When the Parliamentary constituencies were altered, he contested the new Finchley and Golders Green seat, but was defeated by East Finchley's Labour candidate, Dr Rudi Vis.

Sue Ben-Bassat, the local Conservative agent, told THE ARCHER that John Marshall is "concentrating on listening to what the people of Finchley and Golders Green want".

My New Year wishes

By Helen O'Toole

My wishes for the new millennium are that shops will become accessible overnight and dropped kerbs will suddenly appear all over East Finchley. Also that all drivers new year's resolutions will be to stop parking across dropped kerbs as this means I can't cross the road.

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Fire engine

East Finchley residents Kirsti Bettiss, 24, of Cecilia Close and Sarah White, 25, of Long Lane appeared on ITV's Your Shout at the end of November regarding an appeal to save Finchley's second fire engine. You can join the campaign by contacting Kirsti on 07050 305534.

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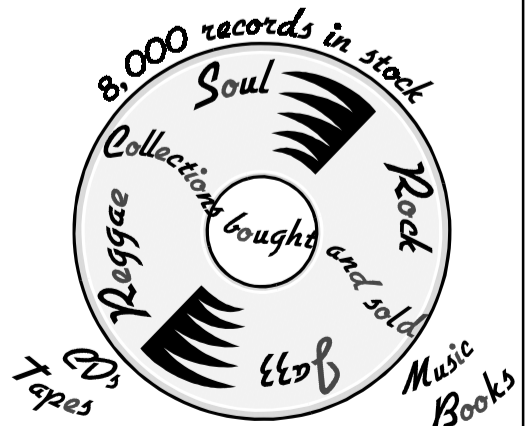
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