



A couple of tables full of Archer volunteers celebrating joint birthdays in 2002. Photo by Erini Rodis

Workers' Playtime

By Sue Holliday

Happy birthday to us. Yes, we are 10 years old. We, the Archer team, think this is a great achievement, as we are a group of volunteers from all walks of life who get together to produce this monthly newspaper. Our only source of income is from our advertisers – all local traders – and we thank them very much for their support.

We think this is truly something to celebrate, so we are going to, on Saturday 1 March at Maddens. And we would like you to come and party with us.

Yes, it can be hard work at times but it really is enjoyable – especially when we get praise from you, our readers. We do enjoy receiving your letters and emails, even if they are to complain.

We also have lots of social events; in the summer there are barbecues and we all have great fun at the festival. We have even organised a guided walk around East Finchley. Then there are

those meals out where we try to go to different local restaurants to sample their menus. Several of us have been to various concerts together. So you can see it is not all work.

Come and join us

The main team who meet each Saturday are a group of about a dozen people, none of whom have any professional knowledge of the newspaper world. So, if you are thinking of joining us and are not sure what skills you have, let me just say that any are valuable; we may even be able to teach you some.

Then there are our

invaluable deliverers, over 80 people who go out in all weathers to deliver the papers to your door. To them we are so very grateful as without them we would not reach you.

Social circle

So if you are new to the area why not come and join us, widen your circle of friends, and help produce something that is appreciated by the community.

We meet at Maddens on the High Road every Saturday, at 11am or, if you'd like to know more, look us up on the website, www.the-archer.co.uk.



Fun at the Community Festival.



Editor Kevin Finn working hard on the stall. Photo by Toni Morgan



Party time in Maddens. Photo by John Dearing



Barbecue in the moonlight. Photo by Sue Holliday

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