



The Archer says thanks to all our distributors. Photo by John Dearing

Now we are twelve

Happy Birthday to us! Yes, some of us can hardly believe that we were 12 years old earlier this year. Due to various circumstances we did not celebrate until 10 March at Maddens, the meeting place of THE ARCHER team and the place where the paper was conceived.

For several years we celebrated the fact we were still able to produce a paper, as at the beginning it was very hard work. We all stuck at it and now, with all the wonderful support from our advertisers, we can relax a little and enjoy the production of this paper which we hope you enjoy reading.

Take a bow

Our main reason for the party, however, was to show our gratitude to our distributors who deliver to your door month in, month out. Without their help, we'd never get the paper out. So it's a very big thank you to all those people behind the scenes who do a wonderful job. Like all of us on THE ARCHER, they do it for free - our only income is from our advertising revenue.

This year was a slightly quieter event, as we did not arrange for any music,

therefore we were able to sit and chat and discuss various topics. Once again we were able to enjoy a few drinks and some delicious food, kindly donated by Kieran and Margaret Madden.

Aiming high

Our aim is for THE ARCHER to reach all the letterboxes in the N2 area so with the good weather approaching would you be able to give, say, one hour per month to help us reach our aim?

We need more distributors, mainly on the Grange and Strawberry Vale estates, but also to fill the gaps in other roads around East Finchley. If you can set aside an hour or so once a month to help, please contact us at distribution@the_archer.co.uk or call 08717 33 44 65 (voicemail). Or you could use the good old fashioned postal service by sending a note to THE ARCHER, PO Box

3699, London N2 8JA. Then you too can join us on one of our party nights.

The Archer requires distributors for the following areas:

- Strawberry Vale – 2 rounds
- The Grange – 3 rounds
- Taunton Drive
- Church Lane
- Thomas More Estate
- Deanery Close
- Aylmer Road
- Lyttleton Road

See left for contact details

A night at the castle

By Sue Holliday

A few of THE ARCHER team were intrigued enough to take up the promotional offer that The Windsor Castle gave in January and February.

The Windsor Castle pub is tucked away in The Walks off Church Lane. None of us really knew what to expect, except for the buffet as we had seen the menu, however we were all up for a social gathering on a Friday evening.

We had a very enjoyable evening. Rachel and Steve did an excellent job with the food, which was presented very well. They were also very good hosts ensuring that we were comfortable and had all that we needed. They do lunchtime specials available from 12-3pm and a full menu from 12-9pm with, on a Sunday, a roast dinner from 12-9pm.

A quiet drink

And we were able to sit and talk, putting the world to rights, without being interrupted by the

noise of a television; that was a very pleasant change. We noticed other people enjoying a game of cards and an overall friendly atmosphere.

Future plans

On the last Saturday of each month there is live entertainment. On Thursdays there is a jackpot quiz night with a free buffet. Rachel and Steve took over the pub in October last year. They have plans to improve the small garden at the side of the pub for the summer so that people can enjoy a pleasant drink in the sunshine. They hope to enter the Barnet pubs in bloom competition; there's a lot to live up to as the pub has won awards in the past.

THE ARCHER would like to wish Rachel and Steve best of luck in their new venture.



L-R: The Archer's Debby, Sue, Toni, Sheila and Betti enjoy a drink in The Windsor Castle. Photo by John Dearing

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