



Adolph Burger (second left) signs copies of his book, *The Devil's Workshop*, at the Phoenix. Photo by Daphne Chamberlain

Survivor of the Devil's Workshop

By Daphne Chamberlain

On a Sunday afternoon in February at the Phoenix Cinema, a small, 92-year-old man with bright hazel eyes showed the audience a piece of paper he described as "a genuine forgery". It was a 1945 counterfeit banknote, and he was Slovakian-born Adolf Burger, one of the last surviving concentration camp prisoners forced into forgery to finance the Nazis' war (though, in fact, they managed to stall the operation for some time).

The film, *The Counterfeiters*, told their story, returning for a special showing that afternoon with a question and answer session by Mr Burger. It was a good film, he said, and he had been allowed input, but the end was different, and it didn't make clear that they had never been intended to survive the war. "Every night", he said, "I went to sleep knowing that I was a dead man on vacation".

Bearing witness

Adolf Burger was in this country to talk about the English translation of his book *The Devil's Workshop*. Drawn from many sources and crammed with illustrations, including photos he took himself after liberation, it records not only life and death in the camps, but also details the whole incred-

ible forging programme. This included postage stamps and passports as well as banknotes.

Since the war he has devoted himself to telling later generations, including over 95,000 German students, about the murder and cruelty he witnessed, and warning that the ideology is being repeated in one form or another in some parts of the world today. "That is my responsibility. That is why I am still alive."

His appearance raised £1,078 at the Phoenix, half of which went to the Holocaust Education Fund. *The Devil's Workshop* (ISBN 978-1-84832-523-4) is published by Frontline Books; Tel: 01226 73455, email info@frontline-books.com, website www.frontline-books.com.

Search for a carer

An East Finchley woman is looking for a female personal assistant or carer who's willing to cope with a flexible and varied workload.

The middle-aged woman has a rare incurable medical condition which requires daily medication and, at times, life-saving injections. She also has a disability called Aphonia, which leaves her without a voice. She uses British Sign Language wherever possible.

Despite all this, she is a fairly outgoing person who likes walking and is currently studying classical guitar and music theory.

Being a personal assistant would involve shopping, light domestic duties, aspects of personal care, and escorting to social activities and appointments. Nursing experience and knowledge of British Sign Language, or the willingness to learn, are required too.

The job would be a long-term arrangement for eight hours per week at £9 (net) per hour. For a job description and application form, apply to: Carer, PO Box 63269, London N2 2AS.

A new network

Are you looking to share ideas and information about East Finchley with a friendly online community? The East Finchley Community Network has been set up to help people do just that.

A recent survey by The Labour Force Survey shows that more than a quarter of successful job seekers found work through word of mouth. Charities and voluntary groups rely on local community support to help vulnerable members of society. Personal networks can help people gain confidence and control over their lives.

The East Finchley Community Network aims to help in all these ways. Like *THE ARCHER*, it is a totally free service run

by volunteers. And it's also an ideal place to communicate instantly with people living nearby.

Discussions on the site at the moment include: "If there was one thing you would change in your neighbourhood, what would it be?" and "Which is the best boozer in East Finchley?"

Anyone can join. So, to meet new people, share ideas, and create new networks visit <http://eastfinchley.ning.com>.



Yvonne Millar receiving her MBE from the Prince of Wales

Yvonne is honoured for work with children

By Daphne Chamberlain

Yvonne Millar, of Park Hall Road, needed to buy a hat a few weeks ago. On 27 February she had a date at Buckingham Palace to pick up an MBE. Yvonne, a clinical psychologist, was given her award for services to children and families. Her own three children were accompanying her, with one travelling over from the US for the occasion.

Yvonne has spent 22 years working for both the NHS and the local authority in Islington with children from birth to 18. Starting from one clinic at Highbury Grange and one at Manor Gardens specialising in sleeping problems, Yvonne and her team now run 38 clinics each week. They provide a family self-referral service in all Islington's health centres, and maintain links with every primary school and children's centre in the borough.

Yvonne told *THE ARCHER* that she encounters a high level of mental health problems, and a growing number of situations caused by alcohol and drug abuse and domestic violence.

Unusually, Yvonne also provides an adult service within her children's service, helping mothers to overcome postnatal depression, which can lead to

serious problems within the family.

Congratulations

Many of her ideas and methods were inspired by Professor Alan Clarke from Hull University, where she studied psychology. So it was a very pleasant surprise when he tracked her down through professional channels to send congratulations on her MBE. An added bonus was discovering that he now lives in Barnet.

Yvonne also gained an MSC in Clinical Psychology from Leeds, and a Diploma in Adult Psychotherapy. She says, "People often ask if my work depresses me, but I'm fascinated by the variety of interesting people I meet, and by the power of people to change their lives."

Ofsted success for Martin Primary

By Helen Drake

Pupils at Martin Primary School enjoy school, are healthy, have "positive attitudes to learning" and make an "outstanding" contribution to the community. That is the verdict of a team of Ofsted inspectors who visited the school in February. "Your behaviour is excellent," said Pritiben Patel, the Lead Inspector, in her letter to the children.

Relationships

In this first Ofsted inspection since the creation of Martin Primary School, inspectors graded the quality of teaching across the school as "good" and "outstanding" with children making good progress. Lessons in the Nursery were found to be "often outstanding", with the inspectors making special mention of the Early Years Foundation Stage Leader Wendy Diamant, for the clear "vision and quality" she has brought to the provision.

The school scored the highest rating of "outstanding" for the personal development of pupils, with inspectors making reference to the strong relationships between pupils and staff and the "outstanding" partnership with parents, who hold the school "in high regard".

Leadership

Ofsted praised new headteacher Helen Morrison for her "positive impact on the quality of teaching and learning" at the school, and said she had provided "strong leadership and clear direction".

Mrs Morrison said: "I knew when I became Headteacher at Martin Primary School that I was joining a school with exceptional pupils and a committed and professional staff team, and I'm delighted that Ofsted has recognised these qualities. This report gives us a firm foundation on which to take the school forward into the future".

To see the full Ofsted report, go to www.ofsted.gov.uk

Organic all the way

By Betti Blatman

Organacia, London's only organic take and bake pizza, is attracting customers from far afield to its premises at 152 East End Road.

Founding director Syed Shah did research for one year to source organic ingredients prior to opening the shop. The main ingredient is 100% natural yeast, which comes from Italy and is mixed with organic flour from Canada. Organic pizzas are said to be much healthier as they do not cause bloating

or discomfort.

Customers within a three-mile radius can choose to have their pizzas delivered for free, or anyone can drop into the shop and take home their favourite to bake for 10 minutes. In addition to a wide range of 12" pizzas, salads, desserts and drinks, there is also an organic curry corner.

EGGstravaganza

Saturday 11 April, 12-3pm at Capel Manor Gardens

Join us for some Easter Fun and help us find some chocolate goodies! The entrance fee to Capel Manor Gardens in Enfield will include entry into our Easter Egg Hunt - which you can join anytime between 12pm and 3pm - see their website for prices.

There will be lots of activities to take part in too, like face painting, lucky dip, hook a duck, an Egg & Spoon race and lots, lots more.

Plenty to keep your little bunnies busy this Easter Bank Holiday weekend!

A fundraising event held in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. For further information, please call us on 020 8449 8877.

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