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The Archer calendar 2010 is on sale now. Dave Pearson's photo of East Finchley Station in the snow is January's picture. Turn to page 3 to find out where you can buy your calendar.

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year

The Archer team would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a very merry festive season and a happy and prosperous 2010.

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People's protest heads off parking changes

By John Lawrence
The force of the protests against plans to extend parking restrictions around East Finchley High Road has led Barnet Council to scrap the proposals and leave the Controlled Parking Zone unchanged.

More than 2,000 people signed a petition against the plan to extend parking restrictions from one hour a day to eight hours a day. Dozens more wrote directly to the council to complain, and many traders and residents voiced their concerns at a local forum meeting.

Barnet Council says it recognises the strength of feeling against the changes and the claim that they could seriously affect businesses in the High Road, and will therefore keep the status quo.

Lucky Friday 13
Dino Loizou, of East Finchley Electrical, who spearheaded the campaign, said: "Everyone is ecstatic and so relieved. If this had come in, it would have made life difficult for shoppers and residents, and wrecked the livelihoods of many traders."

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Archie's Olympic status

Archie has been chosen as a London landmark for the 2012 Olympic Games. Your votes meant the much-loved statue atop East Finchley station beat three other famous Barnet buildings and icons.

Six million people pass under Archie every year to use the station and he's one of the most dynamic statues in London so it's fitting that he won the public vote. He will be featured in a set of Landmark London pin badges, along with other icons from the capital. They go on sale next year in time for Archie's 70th birthday.

The Archer statue topped a shortlist that included the Royal Air Force Museum in Hendon, St John the Baptist Church in Barnet and the Ancient Yew Tree in Totteridge.

Giant huntsman
Unveiled by sculptor Eric Aumonier in July 1940, Archie points his arrow towards the 17.3-mile Northern line tunnel, which runs all the way to Morden. Originally there was a matching arrow at Morden station, but it was stolen not long after the station was opened.

Standing 10-foot tall, Archie was intended to commemorate



Iconic Archie. Photo by Rob Steinberger

Finchley's ancient association with hunting in the nearby Royal Forest of Enfield.

Barnet's Cabinet member for Community Services, Cllr Richard Cornelius, said: "I think Barnet's residents have made a very appropriate choice to mark the London Games. They have chosen a well-loved local landmark seen by thousands every day, which depicts one of the oldest sports to be represented at the Games."

Jeff Ellis, general manager for the Northern line, London Underground, said: "We're very proud that a landmark on top of one of our London Underground stations is going to celebrate the London 2012 Games."

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