



Calendar raises over £2,000 for Contact

THE ARCHER Calendar 2009 raised an amazing £2,088 for East Finchley Neighbourhood Contact. The money will be used to help the charity in its vital work with elderly, disabled and isolated people in our community.

THE ARCHER's treasurer John Dearing and other members of the team handed over a cheque to Keith John, Contact's co-ordinator. They were joined by Mark Chapman, of Photobox.co.uk, who generously printed the calendar free of charge.

"Without the generous support of local people, Contact simply wouldn't be able to operate," said Keith. "As we try to offer a helping hand to local residents, we rely enormously on people's generosity and on the kindness and dedication of volunteers."

Contact's crucial work

Contact was set up in 1985 to help vulnerable or isolated people in and around Finchley and offers a range of services to its clients. Through Contact, people can get help with their gardening, have volunteer help with transport and odd jobs, be visited at home by a regular befriender, or be taken by mini bus to a local supermarket for help with their shopping.

Contact also runs two lunch clubs, both offering wholesome food at a very reasonable cost. One lunch club is designed in particular for Muslim women and offers good halal food.

You can find out more about how Contact can help you, or

about how you can become a volunteer, by phoning Keith on 020 8444 1162 or by emailing Contact on efncontact@dsl.pipex.com

Thanks also to everyone who bought a calendar and to everyone who contributed photos. Start saving your photographs because we're already planning *THE ARCHER* Calendar 2010. Look out for more details later in the year.

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Offering a helping hand

THE ARCHER team would like to say a special thank you to these shops and outlets, who volunteered to sell the calendar: *Black Gull Bookshop, Budgens, Casa Pepe, Cherry Tree Gift Shop, Coral's the Chemist, Culture Vultures, Denise Blake, East Finchley Clinic, East Finchley Electrical, Kokos, Lazooli, Lazy Sally Café, Phoenix Cinema, Tony's Continental, 2 Destino, the EFO Art Fair and Holy Trinity School Fair.*

On trial for their lives

By Ann Bronkhorst

Last winter we outlined the so-called 'babyfarming' case, which made East Finchley notorious. Amelia Sach, of Hertford Road, and Annie Walters, from Islington, were tried at the Old Bailey in January 1903, found guilty of infanticide and hanged at Holloway a month later. Now you can read the court proceedings on the Old Bailey website.

The case was described in two articles (*THE ARCHER*, November 2007 and February 2008), which drew largely on published material and newspaper archives. The transcript on the website provides fascinating detail about the trial itself, including cross-examination of witnesses and references to local people and places.

The final part of the transcript consists of a long statement by Annie Walters. Strangely, its uneducated use of English and its naivety make it

quite touching to read. Annie's own voice, about to be silenced on the gallows, comes through to us a century later.

To read the transcript, go to www.oldbaileyonline.org and put in the name Sach and the year 1903.



The Method are hoping to make it big

Follow this Method for success

By Adam Castledine

Fortismere school indie rockers Jonny Wickham, Jamie McGowan, Oscar Barany, Felix Pocock and Connor Weinstein followed many a young teenager's dream at the beginning of the year when they formed a band.

Not content with simply having the added kudos of being in a band, they have tackled that most difficult of next steps; they are good and they are a roaring, or should that be rocking, success.

Influenced by such luminaries as The Smiths, The Libertines and Led Zeppelin, The Method are clearly a young, progressive, alternative group with a sound that looks to encompass musical styles ranging from grunge to Blues.

"We don't like the music in the charts," says keyboardist Felix, and their music is certainly a departure from the stereotype associated with 14-year-old boys. McFly this is not.

On the rise

Not content with entering a Live and Unsigned competition recently as the contest's youngest band, The Method went ahead and won. Playing their own compositions, the band is moving on to the regional final at the Beck Theatre in Hayes on 29 March before a possible nationwide final in Portsmouth this June.

Their meteoric rise to regional fame is almost fright-

ening, but The Method remain proud local students. They aim to put on a local gig towards the beginning of March as they continue to work on their material.

Check out tracks such as 'AVID' and 'Little Timmy'

as well as their latest gig information via their web page, www.myspace.com/methmeth42. Do not let their youth prejudice your judgement of their music. The Method are a raw, relevant and infectious local product.

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