



Tony Roberts (wearing black cap) leads the walk. Photo by Diana Cormack

Archer walk a runaway success

More than 60 people took part in a guided walk held to celebrate the 200th edition of THE ARCHER. It was led by former editor Tony Roberts, who was able to share his wealth of knowledge about the history of the area with youngsters from the local Girl Guide pack through to pensioners in their 70s.

Tony had made excellent preparations and provided maps and old photos to illustrate many points along the way. From the start at The Causeway exit of East Finchley tube station he encouraged the group to contribute to his commentary, thus enabling everyone to learn more and to share unique memories of the locality.

The walk on Sunday 13

June covered part of East End Road before crossing over to go down to Long Lane, then through The Walks and along Market Place before finishing beside the Bobath Centre. Everyone enjoyed the experience and expressed their thanks to Tony at the end. In fact, many people were so impressed that they asked if this could become a regular event.



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Stab victim escapes by bus

By Janet Maitland
A 19-year-old man escaped by bus after being attacked and stabbed at Tally Ho Corner in North Finchley on 24 May.

The victim had been travelling on the 263 bus. As he was getting off at the stop outside the Aldi at about 5pm three young men on the lower deck barged past him. When he told them to 'relax' they followed him off the bus threatening him.

One of them grabbed him round the back of the neck and stabbed him in the upper right side of his chest, while another man kned him in the back and ribs. The men then made off down the High Road heading south.

The victim got on another bus to escape, getting off at the stop opposite Oak Lane in East Finchley, where he called for help.

He was found to have two stab wounds. His condition was declared not life changing or threatening, however, and he was able to leave hospital at 3am after treatment.

The suspected attackers are described as black and between 18 and 20 years old. One was wearing a dark blue T-shirt and three-quarter-length trousers and carrying a black shopping bag. One wore a white T-shirt and cream combat trousers. The third man wore blue jeans and a white T-shirt.

If you have any information about this crime, please contact Barnet police on 0300 123 1212. If you want to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

The Kinks could return to Clissold Arms

By Diana Cormack

After a family fun day on Spring Bank Holiday Monday the Clissold Arms donated £200 to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice appeal. George Karageorgis, who has been running the gastropub for the last seven months, told THE ARCHER he intends to make these fun days a regular feature throughout the year.

He is also keen to restore the pub's famous link with The Kinks. Many readers will know that the Clissold Arms, 115 Fortis Green, is renowned as the place where the group first performed and that one of its walls became a shrine to the "Muswell Hillbillies".

Kinks Room

Sadly, when the pub was revamped three years ago memorabilia such as signed records, record sleeves and photos went missing and, despite a public outcry, did not reappear (see THE ARCHER April 2007). A few small photos of the group were no compensation, particularly as fans from all over the world visit on a weekly Rock 'n Roll Tour.

George told THE ARCHER he feels the link should not be ignored so he is planning to establish a Kinks Room. Contact him on 020 8444 4224 if you have anything that could be put on display there.

Due to poor Bank Holiday weather, the Clissold's fun day had to take place indoors instead of a fresco in what used to be the beer garden. A children's entertainer and a face painter proved popular in the two packed dining areas where £1 per person was donated to the charity. George wants people to feel they can use the pub's facilities to suit their particular needs, so whatever the function, whether indoors or outdoors, formal or informal, there are no set rules.

Vigilant neighbours can be lifesavers

By Sergeant Andy Matthews

Thanks to a caring neighbour, the life of an elderly resident was saved in May. Anne Haike, who lives at Prospect Ring, contacted us because she hadn't seen her neighbour for about two weeks. PCSO Jan Lovell and I made enquiries with other neighbours, none of whom had seen her recently.

Fearing for her safety, I made a forced entry to her flat, and found her on the floor in the corridor in a very poor state physically and mentally. An ambulance took her to hospital where she is still recovering.

It's thanks to Anne that her neighbour, who has no friends or next of kin, was able to get the medical help which undoubtedly saved her life.

Shielding the vulnerable

Last autumn we set up the Shield Project, which focuses on elderly and vulnerable people in the community. We keep a database of vulnerable people and visit them regularly to prevent crime and check on welfare. It is nearly always the more isolated elderly and disabled people who need the most help



and it is worth thinking about any neighbour you might have in this position.

An elderly person can go downhill quickly at any time of year, not just in the winter. Let us know if you want us to add someone to the database. If you have immediate concerns about someone, always contact the police.

We've also set up a new initiative called E-WATCH, which will alert you if an incident such as burglary or vehicle crime has happened on your street or very nearby. An added bonus is that a resident or business can use E-WATCH to feed back to us anything you think we should be aware of.

We now have many email addresses from residents right across the ward. We will call on all residents, giving X Marks the Spot cards and offering to take email addresses to add to our list. This will take some time, so don't wait for us to call: send us your email address, your home address and your name. The addresses will be filed under street name and will be used only to get in touch with you; they will not be passed to any third party.

The Safer Neighbourhood office is at 113 East Finchley High Road, N2 8AG. You can phone us on 020 7161 9014 or 07887 632767, email us at EFinchley.snt@met.police.uk or talk to the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) you see on patrol.

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