



# Wear your Archie badge with pride

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) has revealed the design of the Archie metal pin badge, and it's on sale now.

Eric Aumonier's Archer statue on East Finchley station is 70 years old this year. It was chosen by public vote as Barnet's most popular landmark to be part of the Landmark London pin badge series representing every borough in London.

Sebastian Coe, Chairman of LOCOG, said: "London is a fantastically diverse city and the variety of landmarks chosen by Londoners to represent their local areas highlights this perfectly. These pin badges are a fantastic way to showcase to the UK and the rest of the world what a wonderful city London is and I am delighted to see how proud people are of their city and specific borough. I hope they will wear their pin badges with pride."



Sculpted by Eric Aumonier and located outside East Finchley tube station, the archer points his arrow to the opening of a 17.3 mile tunnel running all the way to Morden.

Other north London landmarks made into badges include Alexandra Palace for Haringey, Neasden Temple for Brent, Forty Hall for Enfield and St Pancras Station for Camden.

The Archie badge is on

sale from branches of Runner's Need (nearest shops in Camden and King's Cross), Crest of London, World Duty Free and the Museum of London. We'll keep you posted if we hear of any local stockists.

What do you think of the Archie pin badge? Tell us at [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net) or The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 8JA.

## What next for road junction?

In February's issue, we reported on Barnet Council's plans to make changes to the High Road and Fortis Green road junction in response to congestion and safety plans. Your letters to THE ARCHER raised concerns about removing the pedestrian island in Fortis Green and the bollards and railings that line the junction.

Barnet Council says it has taken these concerns into account. The pedestrian island has been retained, along with the bollards and railings. The pavement outside Domino's has been moved back to give large vehicles more space to turn left into Fortis Green and other minor changes have gone ahead as planned.

We asked the council whether it would be acting on residents' requests to consider a dedicated right turn for traffic on the High Road turning into

Fortis Green. A spokesman said this option would be investigated but gave no timeline.

Your letters also stated that the pedestrian crossing time at the junction was too short to be safe. In response, the council spokesman said: "The crossing times are calculated using the longest crossing distance at the junction, which is at the southern arm of the A1000. The time is considered adequate for this distance and the current scheme does not affect the crossing time currently allowed."

## Join us on a celebratory walk

THE ARCHER's 200th edition will be published next month. To mark this occasion we are holding a free guided walk. Instead of learning what's happening in East Finchley today from THE ARCHER, come and find out about what happened in the past. Tony Roberts, an experienced leader with a wealth of local knowledge, will be our guide.

Because of the terrain, East End developed as a series of scattered settlements. Most of these were strung out along either present-day East End Road or along the track beside the common, today known as Market Place and The Walks. Between the two were fields, and the High Road was hardly built on. The south-facing slopes along East Road became a favourite location for some fine middle class houses, while

Market Place was home to the workers that serviced the trade in and out of London.

Our walk will take us out along East End Road and return along Market Place. Old photos and maps will be used to illustrate some of the history associated with locations along the way.

The walk will start at 2pm on Sunday 13 June. Meet at the Causeway exit of East Finchley tube station.



Ken Carter's Smart car was left on bricks when thieves stole all four wheels. Photo by John Lawrence

## Lock up your wheels

Leaving your house in the morning and finding your car has a puncture is bad enough. Finding all four of its wheels have been stolen is plain aggravating.

Our music reviewer Ken Carter came out of his house in Leicester Road to find his snazzy little red Smart car had been left high and dry on two piles of bricks.

Ken said: "It was an efficient, professional job, pre-planned. They must have brought a vehicle with them containing the bricks

and to carry away the tyres and wheel-holders. No one heard anything. Even next door's dog slept through the operation."

Ken was insured and the wheels have been replaced but he is warning everyone with potentially valuable wheels, alloys particularly, to fit locking wheel nuts to deter thieves.

## Asbestos scare disrupts Fortismere

Students at Fortismere School have been facing severe disruption to their school week after building work uncovered asbestos on the premises.

Many pupils have been kept at home or asked to attend school on alternate days so that the school can accommodate attendees in the available safe areas. Priority is being given to students who are about to sit their GCSEs or A levels. AS THE ARCHER went to press, parents were being told that the disruption could continue for some weeks.

## Tea party contact

Following on from our story last month on Contact the Elderly inviting guests to take part in tea parties, please note that the correct telephone number to contact is 020 8361 6314.



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