



Above and top right: The only entry requirement for the 7k fun run was to wear a Santa hat.

Photographs by John Lawrence.



Above: Roger Chapman, one of the organisers from the East Finchley Community Trust, took his health and safety role very seriously.

Below: Singer Mari Wilson, a long-time resident of Crouch End, performed some festive favourites to a large crowd.



Coronation Street star Michelle Collins waved her fairy wand to turn on the festival lights.

Not quite all lit up

Actress Michelle Collins switched on the festival's own lights festooning the front of Viceroy Parade. Sadly, the High Road lights were not illuminated until Monday 10 December. A council spokesman told *THE ARCHER* why.

"Our engineers visited East Finchley High Road on the evening of 3 December to switch on the Christmas lights and set the timers to switch the decorations on from 4pm to midnight each day," said the spokesman. "Everything appeared to be working

as programmed, so we were surprised and disappointed to hear the lights hadn't come on during the festival.

"Normally we would have engineers on site for a festive lighting switch on to make sure everything goes according to plan for the event, unfortunately we didn't receive any such request for this event. We are looking into this matter and apologise for any disappointment caused."

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