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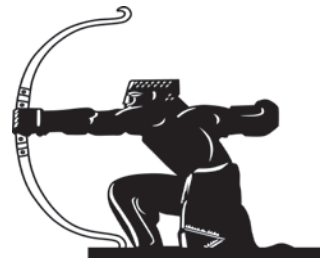
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Real men have a medallion! - Tee Tarjan at Mightteefit Photo Mike Coles

Archer medallion: where will you hang yours?

Our Archer 25th anniversary souvenir medallions are selling well and every penny of the £5 price is supporting the work of Barnet Young Carers in helping young people whose lives are dominated by caring for a sick or disabled parent or family member.

Tee Tarjan, who runs the Mightteefit fitness studio in Fortis Green, modelled his like an Olympic medal while the staff at the Black Gull Bookshop on the High Road found theirs made an excellent bookmark in some of their largest tomes.

Please help us support young carers by buying your own medallion and send us photos of where you've hung

yours (remembering this is a family newspaper) or what uses you find for it. Email your name, address and photo to: the-archer@lineone.net Our birthday medallion is kindly being sold by High Road outlets Black Gull Bookshop, Budgens, The Phoenix, Ryker Kids and Tony's Continental plus East End Road's Margot Bakery. There are estimated to be

4,000 young carers in Barnet, many of whom are hidden and unacknowledged, so any amount of financial support for the Barnet Young Carers charity can make a massive difference. They are based at Barnet Carers Centre at 303 Ballards Lane, North Finchley. Contact them on 020 8343 9698 or find more information at www.barnetcarsers.org/young-carers.



Search is on for the oldest business in East Finchley

By Diana Cormack

During the last 25 years *The Archer* has become an established part of East Finchley, so much so that it has been described as 'the glue of the community'.

Reaching this quarter century has made us think about the length of time local businesses and traders have been active in the area. Over the years we have often featured those who have reached a particular milestone.

For instance, in November 2017 Stewart Duncan Opticians looked back at 55 years on the High Road. In the summer of 2015 Josephines the florist notched up 65 years of business,

with the possibility of a flower shop having been there prior to the 1950s.

Then there's C W Andrew Pharmacy, which was established in 1884. Estate agents Prickett and Ellis celebrated a massive 250 years of trading last April, though much of that was beyond East Finchley's borders.

Raise a glass to the pubs

We mustn't forget the Phoenix Cinema, where films have

been shown since 1912, but not surprisingly the main contenders for local longevity are public houses such as The Old White Lion, The Bald Faced Stag and The Five Bells, all having been licensed in the early and mid-18th century, though the Five Bells was mentioned as far back as 1484.

Many readers will remember other old pubs which disappeared under redevelopment, as well as old-fashioned businesses now long gone.

Let us have your memories about them and tell us about those which have continued and survived to the present day. We'd really appreciate your input to establish which business is the oldest in East Finchley.

Write to us at *The Archer*, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE or email the-archer@lineone.net. You are also welcome to leave a message on our free voicemail line 0800 612 0748. Thank you.

Left to right: An Archer medallion makes an excellent bookmark at the Black Gull Bookshop, enhances the good looks of Michelangelo's David and adds to the medal tally of Admiral Lord Nelson

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