The Archer

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Our 300th edition and still going strong!

The Archer has been called 'the glue of the community' and we are often told by local people how much they love and value their monthly paper. As we enter our 26th year and our 300th edition hits the streets, ***Diana Cormack*** *has been taking a look back at our other landmark issues to discover how much has changed in East Finchley over the years.*

100th edition, September 2001

Tenders were invited for the derelict pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood to be made into a café. No agreements were ever reached and now in 2019 the pavilion is scheduled for demolition.

Barnet Council launched a new recycling service which did not include food waste then. Brown bins for food waste were introduced in the intervening years and then scrapped last year. Now we hopefully await their reinstatement.

We printed an article about Manor Park Road shoe repairer John Omar, then in business for more than a decade. Recently we have carried the news of his retirement after 30 years.

200th edition, June 2010

The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood announced their revival in 2010 in an effort to look after our glorious local park. In 2019, they are having another recruitment drive and launching new activities.

The Phoenix Cinema was closed for refurbishment after raising more than £1million for a massive refurbishment and renewal programme. Nine years on, the cinema is urgently fundraising for its survival and continued independence.

Problems about the crossings at the junction of the High Road and Fortis Green were raised in 'Letters to the Editor'. These are yet to be resolved.

It is gratifying to see the Young Archer page still thriving and to realise that babies born in the year of our 100th edition could soon be off to university or entering the world of work!

You can time travel back to East Finchley in any year since 1993 by browsing through the archives on our website www.the-archer.co.uk where you can read all our available editions.

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Summer courses for people with little time to spare

A new summer initiative is being launched by the Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution (HLSI) for people who would like to sign up for its popular courses but can't commit because of their holiday plans or work commitments. The Institution's new collection of short summer courses lasting just one, two or three days includes a crash course in Italian for holidaymakers, a two-day course on Samuel Pepys, and hands-on art and craft classes.

The programme which ranges through literature and science to garden history, music and embroidery will run throughout June at the HLSI in South Grove, Highgate. It includes London walks and gallery visits.

Chair of the HLSI Education Committee Anne Jamieson said: "We know that many people don't want to commit to long courses in the summer because of their holiday plans, and others can't take more than a day or two off work. So as an innovation we have reorganised our programme and devised a wide palette of short courses, which we hope will appeal to all tastes."

The courses are open to all with general enrolment open now. Details are available online at www.hlsi.net or from the HLSI office on 020 8340 3343 and there is also a printed programme.

Above left: Inspiration: An art course at HLSI.

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