

A community newspaper for East Finchley run entirely by volunteers.

Stay safe

Turn to pages 6-7 for essential information and advice on staying safe and well, and caring for others, as East Finchley pulls together in the virus lockdown

The front of the temporarily-closed Phoenix Cinema says it all: "Stay safe & stay tuned." There couldn't be better advice as the whole of East Finchley comes to terms with a new way of living that could possibly last for months.

The situation has been extremely fast-moving with new rules and guidance emerging daily on our news programmes and social media. As a monthly newspaper, The Archer cannot compete, but we hope our round-up of advice and information inside this edition is a useful reference guide to what's happening on a local level here in N2.

Inside you will find information on shopping hours, food takeaway services and pharmacies. We have useful numbers for local help groups here, appeals from organisations looking for donations and volunteers, and recommended sources of the most up-to-date information online. Turn to pages 6-7.

#### Support our traders

Now, more than ever, our hard-working East Finchley traders and business owners need our support wherever we can give it. We must all shop locally if we can, and continue to order food from the cafés and restaurants that have set up takeaway and delivery services. If we do, those shops and eateries will still be there for us when all this is over.

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members of our community. Every connection and every offer of help will be absolutely vital in the weeks ahead.

### **Pick up The Archer**

Here at The Archer, we are making every effort to keep publishing. Thank you to all our doughty deliverers who told us they would carry on putting the paper through letterboxes but unfortunately tighter restrictions on movement have overtaken us.

So this edition is being made available to pick up for free in many of the shops that remain open in the High Road, East End Road, Long Lane and Aylmer Parade. We thank them sincerely for their kind co-operation. Please take extra copies home for your neighbours if you can.

#### Send us your news

Finally, don't stop sending us your news. Tell us about the amazing community support that is happening in your family, in your block of flats or in your road. And let us know about any useful local services we have missed, and any local businesses who are battling on. Email us and send photos to: news@the-archer.co.uk or leave a message for free on our

from everyone on The Archer



# **The Phoenix** needs you

The Phoenix Cinema has been forced to close its doors along with every other cinema and theatre in the country. The 108-year-old independent picture house is run by a charitable trust and relies on filmgoers coming through its doors to pay its staff and cover its costs.

Like so many local organisations without their regular income, the Phoenix has been thrown into a very uncertain situation. You can help this beloved entertainment venue and cultural gem to survive the virus crisis by making a donation, large or small, at www. phoenixcinema.co.uk

The Phoenix trustees say: "This is a challenging time for

## **Don't miss The Archer**

We will continue publishing The Archer for as long as there is news to share among the community of East Finchley. Please get in touch with us if you have useful information about local services and help groups, or any ideas that will help us all cope with living in the lockdown. Get in touch with us by email at: news@the-archer.co.uk, or ring free and leave a message on 0800 612 0748.

Each edition is printed on the first Wednesday of the month and, while our deliverers are staying safe at home, we hope to have it available to pick up in the food stores and newsagents that remain open around East

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small arts organisations like the Phoenix. We are a registered charity and a not-for-profit organisation, and this situation significantly threatens our ability to keep our doors open in future, and to support the livelihood of the cinema's staff. "We want to ensure that the Phoenix is here for the community and for generations to come. If you are able, please consider supporting us by making a donation, buying a membership or a gift voucher."



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