



# International stars visit Finchley Rugby

Former Finchley Rugby junior player Kelsey Clifford, now a World Cup winning Red Rose and Saracens prop forward, opened the club's Centenary gym in Summers Lane, N12, in front of an enthusiastic gathering of parents and club members in March.



New facility: Saracens player Kelsey Clifford with Finchley Rugby juniors outside the club's new gym

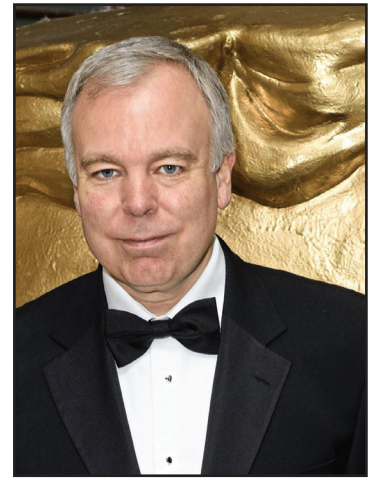
Designed and built by club volunteers, led by Chris Grilli, the gym will support the development of players across the club and offer facilities to all

club members. Later the same month Ugo Monye, broadcaster and former England and Harlequins winger, put a group of current and former Men's and

Women's players through their paces for an energetic training session.

Ugo's visit was aimed at supporting players' injury

prevention and remaining active. It was filmed by Arthrosamid, a company providing alternative, non-surgical solutions to knee osteoarthritis players.



Phoenix date: Steve Pemberton

## Steve Pemberton at the Phoenix

Stand by for a very special fright night at the Phoenix on Saturday 16 May, when local celebrity Steve Pemberton will host a showing of the 1973 horror comedy *Theatre of Blood*.

Starring Vincent Price and a cast of other famous names, the cult classic was one of the inspirations behind the long-running BBC TV series *Inside No 9*, written by Steve and his partner in crime Reece Shearsmith. Steve will be there for a Q&A at the end of the movie, and the event will also see the launch of the cinema's exciting new fundraising campaign. Keep an eye on [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk) for further details of what promises to be an unmissable evening.

## Awards and inspiration at the Academy

As another school year approaches its end, two Year 7 students at the Archer Academy, Suki and Joe, reflect on their attendance at the school's annual prize giving ceremony.

Every autumn, Archer hosts its annual Prize Giving Ceremony to celebrate students' achievements from the previous academic year. This year, we were thrilled to be part of the 'Year 7 Young Reporters' team, where we not only attended the exciting ceremony but also had the opportunity to interview award winners, their families, and special guests.



Ready to report: Year 7 journalists at the Archer Academy prize giving

The ceremony featured an impressive line-up of guests, including local councillors and the incredible actress Carolyn Pickles, best known for her role as the Muggle Studies teacher in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Prize Giving is a celebration of hard work, talent, and dedication. We watched students proudly receive their awards, enjoyed beautiful dance performances, and had the chance to speak with some inspiring people.

We asked Carolyn Pickles what skills she thought were most important for young people to develop and what inspired her to become an actor.

She told us: "I think that listening is very important, as is nurturing friendships. People's stories and working with a variety of people really inspired me, as well as working on plays that solve problems."

We asked a student who won the dance award what advice they would give to someone in Year 7 like us. They said: "I am

passionate about dance, and I put a lot of effort into it. Never give up and always try your best."

We asked a school governor how they helped the school. They said: "A school governor makes the school a better place and supports staff."

Prize Giving is important because it ensures students are recognised for their achievements and hard work. Recognition motivates them to keep striving for success. For us Year 7s, it encourages us to aim high for the future. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience; it was eye-opening, exciting, and something we will never forget.



Star guest: Carolyn Pickles

## Stay all night at the school!



Sleep in: Holy Trinity pupils bed down in the school hall for the fundraising event

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and teacher volunteers slept overnight at Holy Trinity Primary School on a Friday night in February to raise money for the Church Urban Fund, which supports homeless people by giving them food and temporary shelter overnight.

The youngsters listened to a talk about homelessness from school priest Father Marius and also created artwork based on homelessness before sleeping on the floor on PE mats.

The children also completed some artwork based on homelessness to raise awareness, as well as writing poems and acting.

The heating was also controlled by the supervising staff to help everyone understand the feeling of sleeping without choice on the streets. The whole event raised more than £1,000 for the charity and you can still boost the total by donating at [www.justgiving.com/page/holytrinity-sleepout2026](http://www.justgiving.com/page/holytrinity-sleepout2026)