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Xmas lights

By Erini Rodis How many shopkeepers

does it take to change a lightbulb? Ask Lawrie Chivers!

No stranger to a Santa costume, he's been pounding the streets organising the Christmas lights in the High Road since 1997. With the help of local residents, Barnet Council and donations from local businesses he is now at the helm of a lighting project which illuminates our High Road every festive season.

This year Lawrie (above right) has been joined by George of Koko's Shoes, and



Light of my life: Traders Chris, Lena, Dino, Roger and Lawrie. Photo by Erini Rodis

(pictured L-R) Chris Athanasiou of Tony's Continental, Lena of Dolce Italia, Dino Loizou of East Finchley Electrical and his brother Roger Chivers of A1 Motors. Costing

several thousand pounds, this year's display will include some animated treats, plus a Christmas tree outside McD's HQ, seeing as they stumped up a tidy sum when the project first started. If they manage to raise the funds this year then they're planning to

> light up the High Road up from the Tube Station, plus Martin School - but they might need a little help! Pop into A1 Chivers Brothers or East Finchley Electrical to make a contribution so that these bright sparks can continue to light up our lives!



Switching on the first East Finchley Xmas lights outside Martin School. Photo by Erini Rodis



Waiting for that magic moment... Photo by Danni Ferri

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