



T and Carolyn keeping up to date. Photo by Kevin Finn

Love in a Hot Climate

In the mid 1990s the Bald Faced Stag was managed by Carolyn Blair assisted by, then established East Finchley resident, 'T' Roberts. They managed to turn the pub into a regular venue for local business lunches, and improved it considerably during their tenure. New opportunities meant they moved on, and we have seen several changes at the Stag since.

Whilst working with Carolyn, T fell in love with her, and they sealed the knot by marrying at Hastings registry office on

31 August. This was followed by an intimate wedding blessing (carried out by none other than our very own editor (Kevin

'Kev-the Rev' Finn) in a beautiful 'Taberna' in Porto Rico, on the island of Gran Canaria. The couple now run a number of businesses in southern England and have plans to expand their 'empire' to include a new night-spot on the popular tourist island where they had their marriage blessing.

The picture shows the happy couple at the wedding reception, where, apparently, the latest copy of *THE ARCHER* was avidly read by Carolyn, T and their guests. We are sure that readers will join with us in wishing them every success in their marriage as well as their business.

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By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility

Top of the Pops

Nostalgia is a very dangerous thing and I think I'm starting to suffer from it. Last month I got caught up in a Bond fixation and before that I had dead Elvis syndrome and this month it's getting worse. Why? Because 14 November marks the 50th anniversary of the New Musical Express publishing the first ever British singles chart and without that we wouldn't have had The Beatles and we wouldn't have to put up with Will'n'Gareth.

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Everyone knows that the average week in the 50s saw brilliant records by Presley, Little Richard, Chuck Berry and Buddy Holly battling over the number one. Well sorry, it wasn't quite like that. Let's take February 1958. OK, you had Elvis doing his Jailhouse Rock and Jerry Lee Lewis' Great Balls of Fire, but you also had Pat Boone and Perry Como - about as rock'n'roll as a dead sheep.

The 60s? No, it wasn't wall-to-wall Beatles, Stones and The Who, January 1965 might have the Beatles at No. 1, but you also had Val Doonican, Freddie and the Dreamers and the inevitable Cliff Richard. Classic? Not quite.

The 70s weren't much better, 1972's best selling single was the Band of the Scots Guards murdering Amazing Grace. It may have been the decade of Bowie and the Sex Pistols, but it was also the decade of The New Seekers and Gilbert O'Sullivan and don't forget that David Soul had the best selling single of 1977.

Do we really want to talk about the 80s? Not if it means the Goombay Dance Band or Bucks Fizz. And the 90s had their own unique brand - Jason Donovan anyone?

The green green grass

See what I mean, it's so easy to remember the classics and forget the rubbish: any quick trawl through the 50 years of singles charts will throw up more sows ears than silk purses. All that's changed is that no one pretends that Will'n'Gareth came up via the pub circuit or that The Spice Girls were the result of five girls getting drunk and deciding to form a band. Like I said, the grass was always greener yesterday, even if the reality looked more like a ploughed field.

Going up in the World

By Diana Cormack

There has been an Air Training Corps squadron in Barnet for over sixty years. It was instigated by Councillor Herbert Wilmot, who was an enthusiastic lifelong supporter of the organisation.

Today the ATC is still going strong and our nearest group is the 393 (Finchley) Squadron. They meet twice a week in their building behind the Territorial Army Centre, 444 High Road, N12 (next to the Warner Leisure centre).

Nationally there are about 43,000 members in 1,000 squadrons, with London and the South East having some 8,000 cadets in 150 squadrons. Boys and girls from the age of thirteen can join and take part in a variety of activities, both at home and abroad. These can include powered flying, gliding, sport, rifle target shooting, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, adventure training, overseas visits and exchanges.

or sailing. Canoeing is done at the Welsh Harp and other sporting facilities, including those at RAF Uxbridge, are used for a variety of activities. You don't have to promise to join the RAF, even though you can learn basic navigation and gain a glider or a private pilot's licence. Everything cadets do is recorded on their ATC National Record of Achievement. How impressive would that be when applying for a job or a place at college?

Citizenship and the development of the individual is a basic aim of the Corps. Thanks to the training given, then put into practice at weekend and summer camps, the cadets



393 Squadron group. Photo supplied by Andrew Bryson

In Finchley the 38 cadets are trained by a voluntary staff, led by Flt Lt Mike Albane RAF VR (T) with his Warrant Officer Jim Olney, better known to us as Jimmy of Josephine's the High Road florists.

"We can give the kids things they can't get outside," he told *THE ARCHER*, "And we only close at Christmas."

High flyers

With Flt Lt Clare Thomson-Clark (a former RAF child) and Adjutant Colin Moats (who was in the RAF himself) 393 Squadron meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7.30-9.30 pm. They often spend weekends away camping, doing adventure and leadership training, walking

become self sufficient and gain the confidence to make decisions, develop their skills and the ability to work and survive as a team. If you are interested in finding out more, telephone 020 8444 9861 during meeting times or drop in to see them.

Curbing Noise Nuisance

Barnet's noise busters have a new tool in their armoury following the signing of a joint agreement with the Metropolitan Police.

The document, called the Noise Pollution Protocol, provides guidelines for responding to complaints from local residents about noise, whether from licensed premises, private property or unlicensed 'raves'.

When a complaint is received it will be investigated by the council's noise and nuisance officers and, if the law is being breached, will try to resolve the problem informally. If that does not work, then a notice will be served which, if it is not complied with, could lead to confiscation of equipment, closure of the premises or event or prosecution of the offenders.

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