



Now We Are 10 ~ The Archer 1993 - 2003

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Policing East Finchley

What a dangerous area we live in, no wonder the Insurance Companies treat East Finchley as a high risk area.

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A lot of the information was given on background and not the point because the people concerned have all been dead. However I might see some reports in the future, and remember, all this was over one week, not an entire month.

Kept in East Finchley - Total loss in 1992. Domestic violence - death may occur - N2. Children Way, two fifteen year olds were smothered by a 45 year old man in a nearby car who was holding himself with both hands.

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Issue 1 - The Archer A4 pilot in January 1993

Why the strange name?

Deciding to create a new community newspaper is one thing, but giving it a catchy and meaningful name is something else. This was the predicament that a small band of volunteers found themselves in just over ten years ago.

What is different? Well, consider this. THE ARCHER is produced by local volunteers; nobody gets paid for any aspect of the newspaper, except the commercial printing firm that actually produces it on Newsprint.



Archie photo by David Tupman

standing proudly on our tube station came to our attention. No one knew the name of the statue; it was, simply, 'The Archer'. A brief silence ensued, followed by several pairs of eyes lighting up with enthusiasm.

Seems like a long time - a brief history of THE ARCHER

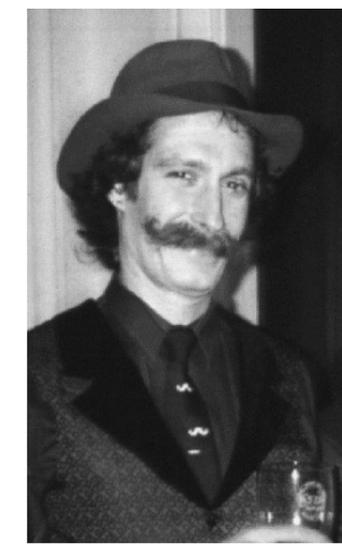
Former Editor, David Hobbs, takes a personal look at ten years of THE ARCHER. Is it really ten years since that first conversation in the pub that led to the start of THE ARCHER?



Issue 2 - March 1993

January Andrew Taylor founds THE ARCHER. The first issue is a small, A4 paper printed by J.G. Brysons of East Finchley. We call for "someone in every street to be our street representative".

Andrew Taylor leaves. Paul Savill takes over as editor, Kevin switches to advertising and Peter Maslen becomes Chairman. We start our long war on the pigeons.



Mark Penfold photo by Frank Tytmkov

September It's the last chance to save the lido and the brothers Chivers celebrate 25 years in East Finchley. October Designer Malcolm Griffiths sets up his own paper, the Muswell Record.



July 1994 - The paper gets a facelift.

local elections. Local residents object to plans to convert Park Lodge into a centre for the homeless. April We become the official festival newspaper; report on protests against plans for Park Lodge and Daniel Atrill gets a facial.

June Redevelopment of the Lucas site announced. July Festival fever, protesters win their battle against the homeless centre.



Making a point or taking the pee? May 1994. Photo by David Tupman

August Alison Roberts and Pete Maslen take over production of THE ARCHER and the Cats' Protection League complains about our editor's gardening methods.

Michael Kreisky remembers The Goons and proclaims that "Blue-bottle was here". October Helen Davis wins our sunflower competition with her 11-foot high monster.

Advertisement for Josephine's flowers, featuring a logo and contact information for Mike, Tricia & Jimmy.

Advertisement for Hens Teeth Antiques, offering restoration and polishing services.