



Tell us what's so great about East Finchley

There's still time to take part in our survey to find the highs and lows of living in East Finchley and give yourself a chance of winning £25.

Last month, *THE ARCHER* asked you to send in your top three reasons for loving East Finchley, plus the one thing you'd like to change.

Is there a club, a pub, a restaurant, a shop, an open space or something that happens in the community that makes it special for you?

Send your responses to us by 18 January and we'll enter you into our prize draw to win £25*. The results of the survey will be printed in next month's edition.

You can email us at: the-archer@lineone.net, or write to The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 8JA. Thank you.

Here are some of the survey responses we've had so far:

Frances Cooper, Richmond Road:

- 1. Bumping into everyone I know on the High Street, I get a real sense of belonging to a community - safe and cosy!
- 2. Being within running distance of Highgate Wood and Hampstead Heath on a crisp winter's morning.
- 3. Our fabulous coffee shops (Da Vincenzo, the Big Chef, Chorak) where you can sit for hours gossiping with mates.
- What I'd change: The Northern Line where even the most patient person can lose the will to live.

Luisa Cotardo, writer for The Archer:

- 1. The atmosphere of the village, the joy of the shops and cafés, and to be so far from Tesco.
- 2. The Phoenix Cinema.
- 3. The cakes at Chorak.
- What I'd change: The 143 bus when it does not arrive.

Gaynor Spry, Lazooli clothes shop:

- 1. The variety and number of places to eat and drink and take a moment for yourself, especially Da Vincenzo and The Old White Lion.
- 2. The support of the strong and well-organised local NCT. Tea can be a lifesaver in those early days when you're all at sea as a new mum.
- 3. The willingness of the stylish women of East Finchley to embrace a new idea! Thank you, ladies!

* One winner of the £25 cash prize will be drawn at random from all entries after the closing date on 18 January 2007. Please include your contact details so that we can tell you if you've won.

A word from our sponsors

By John Dearing

The more eagle-eyed among our readers will have noticed that East Finchley has been sponsored. The "Welcome to East Finchley Village" signs that are located on East End Road and Fortis Green have gained an extra section proclaiming that our community now has commercial connections.

Interestingly, both of the firms sponsoring us – an estate agent and a car dealer – are located in Regents Park Road and have no obvious connection with East Finchley.

THE ARCHER has asked a fairly random sample of residents and business people how they feel about being sponsored. Reactions vary from the positive "It's nice to see that East Finchley is being promoted, for once",

through weary indifference "So what?", to annoyance at the thought that East Finchley is in some way "For sale".

Barnet Council has confirmed that the new signs were installed by the council as part of a borough-wide initiative.

What is **your** opinion about this? Why not write to us at The Archer, PO Box 3699, London, N2 8JA, or email the-archer@lineone.net

Snowdrops in memory of the children of the Holocaust

Children from Holy Trinity School and Brooklands Junior took part in a special day to plant 10,000 snowdrop bulbs in memory of the children who died in the Holocaust.



Lauren Daymer (front left) and Millie Kellaway (front right) from Holy Trinity School join the snowdrop planting in Sunny Hill Park, Hendon. Picture courtesy LB of Barnet.

They were among a group of pupils from many schools in the borough, along with teachers and parents who joined the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Eva Greenspan at Sunny Hill Park, Hendon, in November.

The Mayor said, "It is fitting that the young people of the borough, representing all religions, cultures, nationalities and races, will, by this simple act, bring home the scale of the Holocaust

and the importance of living together in harmony, while keeping alive the memory of those lost children."

The Snowdrop Project was started with the aim of planting a snowdrop in memory of every one of the 1.5 million children killed in the Holocaust. This

year's 10,000 bulbs will take the total planted so far to over 23,000.

Bulbs have previously been planted at Hendon Park, Edgwarebury Park, Friary Park, the RAF Museum in Hendon and the Old Court House Recreation Ground.

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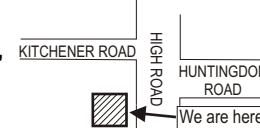
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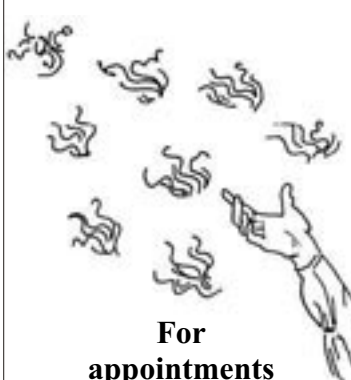
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