



Well, I never knew that!

How much do you know about East Finchley past and present? Test yourself with our 20 fun questions and see how many of the fascinating facts you can guess correctly. Our archives at www.the-archer.co.uk will help you out and you can find the correct answers at the bottom of the page.



Q1

1. Archie is the statue that stands atop East Finchley tube station, but how old is he?
2. Who designed Archie?
3. Which famous comedian and film star once lived at 211b High Road?
4. Where in East Finchley would you find the memorial garden to Octavia Hill, a founder of the National Trust?
5. Which superstar 1980s singer was born above the parade of shops in Church Lane, N2?
6. What crop was grown in the 19th century in Cherry Tree Wood where the playing field is now?



Q7

7. Which East Finchley pub has a plaque inside commemorating where *The Archer* newspaper started?
8. In what year did *The Archer* start?
9. Who opened Holy Trinity Church of England School in Eagans Close in 1974?
10. In which East Finchley road

can you still drop your letters in a Victorian pillar box?

11. Newsagent W H Smith and Son is no longer in East Finchley but its sign and shop door remain. Where can you see them?
12. At which East Finchley pub did bare-knuckle boxing take place?
13. The name of which broadcaster can be seen at the foot of the Phoenix Cinema steps?
14. Which building along the High Road did singing trio The Beverley Sisters open in 2004?
15. Where was a cherry tree



Q11

planted to mark *The Archer's* 10th birthday?

16. Which infamous highwayman is said to have hidden in East Finchley?
17. Where did he hide?
18. The readers of which magazine voted East Finchley 'The happiest place in London' in 2015?
19. London's longest continuous tube tunnel runs between East Finchley and Morden (via Bank). How long is this tunnel?
20. The station was renamed East Finchley in 1886. What was its previous name?



Q10

St Mary's Catholic Church

279 High Road N2 8HG

www.stmaryseastfinchley.org



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass with Nativity Play 6 pm

Mass for Midnight: 10 pm

Christmas Day

Dawn Mass 8:30 am

Christmas Day Mass 11 am



Joy of reading: The Archer Academy is launching a book-buying appeal.

A shelf of books for every student

The Archer Academy in East Finchley is taking part in a fundraising drive to support their literacy project called Building the Archer Bookcase. It's part of the national Big Give Christmas Challenge, running between 30 November and 7 December, which means the school will receive £2 for every £1 donated.

The project seeks to provide every student with their own 'bookcase' of at least 20 brilliant books, to act as a gateway to their imagination and develop critical literacy skills. As well as providing books for students who can't afford them, the money raised will fund in-school activities such as author visits and special sessions for students for whom English is a second language, or those with additional needs.

Headteacher Lucy Harrison said: "The impact of the pandemic on our young people has been huge. Isolation, anxiety, poor mental health... there's never been a time when children have so desperately needed the escapism and empathy that books provide. But some of our students don't have any books of their own, or the confidence and fluency with reading to get really lost in a story."

"The Big Give Christmas Challenge will help us provide them with a suite of fantastic books and the skills to access them, and inspire a love of reading that will set them up for life."

If you would like to support the campaign, and raise £2 for every £1 you give, please visit tinyurl.com/archerbookcase. The campaign closes at noon on 7 December.

Wrap up warm to seek and solve the clues in your walking shoes

Freddie from Year 5 at Holy Trinity CE Primary School has been out and about in East Finchley for the second year running designing a clue-finding trail to raise money for the school.

All students at the school are encouraged to take part, receiving a badge for joining in, and this year everyone in N2 is invited to download the Seek & Solve clues and join in the fun for themselves.

The trail is a simple concept which leads you around some popular sites in East Finchley, drawing your attention to details you may never have noticed.

The challenge will run between until Wednesday 15 December and the clues can be downloaded from the school website at www.holytrinityceschool.org.

Those who complete the challenge can either seek sponsorship for doing so, or simply make a donation to the school. Community members are encouraged to drop off completed sponsor/donation forms and much appreciated funds, to a member of staff in the school office in Eagans Close, N2 8GA.

Raising important funds

Items on the school's fundraising wishlist include: art supplies, resources for sensory spaces in classrooms, science equipment, playground equipment, laptops, music resources and forest school resources to name a few.



Quiz-setter: Freddie lays the trail

This year two local businesses are sponsoring the event. East Finchley Supermarket at 156 High Rd will be giving out treats to children solving clues along the trail and getting their clue sheet stamped there. And Dan & Decarlo at 20 High Rd are offering a 10% discount on coffees for grown-ups supporting the trail. Holy Trinity Parent Teacher Association said a huge thank you to both businesses for supporting the school.

Quiz Answers
 (1) 1812 (2) Eric Aumonier (3) Peter Sellers (4) Strawberry Vale, next to the Green Man Community Centre (5) George Michael (6) Watercress (7) Margaret Thatcher (8) 1993 (9) Margaret Thatcher (10) Western Road (11) At the Causeway entrance to East Finchley tube station (12) The Five Bells (13) Film critic Mark Kermode (14) Mulberry Court, on the corner of the High Road and Bedford Road (15) At the bottom of Summerlee Gardens next to the entrance to the Cherry Tree Wood (16) Dick Turpin (17) In an oak tree in what is now Oak Lane, N2 18 (18) Time Out (19) 17.25 miles / 27.8 km (20) East End station