



From The Archer archives...

10 years ago:
October 2012

We reported the death of local character Horace White, a familiar sight along the High Road for many years, often pulling a suitcase and well known for his high-volume catchphrase "The best of luck!". Horace lived on The Grange estate and was a past pupil of Martin School. A seat placed in his memory can be seen outside Sainsbury's in North Finchley.

15 years ago:
October 2007

Newly amalgamated Martin Primary school opened its playground to East Finchley's first farmers' market, organised by the Green Artisan company. We also reported on a failed lottery bid for £875,000 to fund the upgrading of East Finchley Library and an extension of its community activities. Adam Gee, Chair of the Library Users' Group, said they were "gutted" but still hoped that, by working with the local community, more library activities could be provided.

22 years ago:
October 2000

Controversy surrounded the new traffic island constructed at the junction of Baronsmere Road with the High Road, N2. It had been installed to stop Baronsmere Road being used as a rat run by northbound vehicles trying to avoid traffic lights further up the hill. Local traders claimed it was affecting their businesses, as well as causing irresponsible drivers to undertake dangerous manoeuvres to get round the obstruction.

Bargains for sale

Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale will be held on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 1pm at its usual venue at Hornsey Parish Church Hall, on the corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10 3AH. Admission is 50p and refreshments are available. For information, phone 020 8368 8180.



Fringe performers: Folk group Buenos Klezmer

Jewish Fringe is back

The Jewish Fringe festival Tsitsit is returning to Finchley, Highgate, Hampstead in November with an array of 11 music, theatre and comedy events. The programme showcases new talent and traditional favourites that will be appreciated by everyone, whether with a Jewish heritage or not.

Events during the month include the toe-tapping folk music of Buenos Klezmer, an evening of music and comedy at the artsdepot in North Finchley, and Yiddish versions of Shakespeare

soliloquies by the actor David Schneider.

The full programme and booking details for the festival, running from Thursday 3 to Sunday 27 November can be found at tsitsitfringe.org.

On stage in front of a global audience

By David Melsome

An amateur actor from East Finchley has taken to the virtual stage for what is described as the largest acting event in the world and the Olympics for actors.

Nicholas Nicolaides has been selected for the regional finals of the World Monologue Games, representing the United Kingdom and pitting his skills against scores of performers from 45 countries, vying for a spot on the podium in six different categories.

Nicholas was chosen after filming the stirring St Crispin's Day speech from Shakespeare's *Henry V* as his qualifying monologue and is now performing a passage from *Much Ado About Nothing* for the main competition.

Viewers can watch the regional finals being streamed



Actor: Nicholas Nicolaides

at worldmonologuegames.com/watch and vote for Nicholas there. Viewer and judges' votes will then combine to send the best performers through to the Global Finals being held in late November.

The World Monologue Games were set up in 2020 by Australian producer Pete Malicki, as a response to actors around the world losing the chance to perform to live audiences during the pandemic lockdowns.

What's On at the Phoenix in October

By Zalan Pall, general manager

A highly anticipated black comedy, an uplifting biopic, the Palme d'Or winner, Halloween treats and old classics can all be enjoyed at the Phoenix in October.

Amsterdam, playing from Friday 7 October, is set in the 1930s and follows three friends who witness a murder, become suspects themselves, and uncover one of the most outrageous plots in American history.

The ROH opera season starts on Wednesday 12 October with *Aida*, followed by *La Boheme* on Thursday 20th. The MET season kicks off on Saturday 22nd with *Medea*.

From Friday 14 October *Emily* imagines the transformative, exhilarating, and uplifting journey to womanhood of a rebel and a misfit, one of the world's most famous, enigmatic, and provocative writers who died too soon at the age of 30.

On Sunday 16 October we have David Lynch's *The Elephant Man* as the next entry of our clas-



sics season.

We also have exciting events: *Black History Walks: Raising Tennis Aces* on Sunday 9th, *Exhibition on Screen: Hopper* on Tuesday 18th and *Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Wednesday 19th hosted by *Barnet's Drag Troupe*.

A Halloween treat arrives early on Thursday 20 October in the shape of *Bram Stoker's Dracula*.

From Monday 24 October in Martin McDonagh's new black comedy *The Banshees of Inisherin*, two lifelong friends played by Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship, with alarming consequences for both.

We round up the month with Ruben Östlund's Palme d'Or winner *Triangle of Sadness*, where a cruise for the super-rich sinks, leaving survivors, including a fashion model celebrity couple, trapped on an island.

New from festival storyteller

By David Melsome

Children's author Sonia Beldom, who appeared in the storytelling tent at this year's East Finchley Festival, has written a third adventure starring her character Granny Franny.

To remind everyone of summer days, Granny Franny's Big Seaside Special is available on Amazon. Sonia, of Long Lane, N3, has also written a children's book called *Mumbelievable* about

a little girl and her naughty, neurodiverse mother. Based on experiences with her own mum, Sonia said she hoped it would provoke conversations between kids and grown-ups about the differences in parents.

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