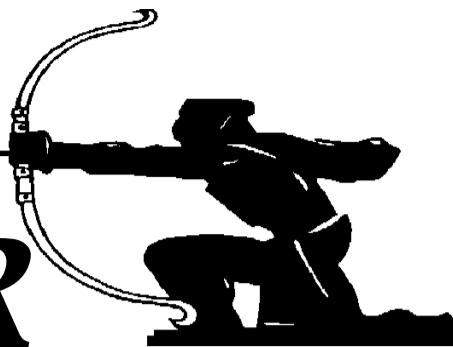


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The Festival Season is here

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Saturday 21st June is the day set for this year's East Finchley Community Festival in Cherry Tree Wood.

There will be fun for all the family, kicking off at 11.30am with the fancy dress parade down the High Road. Entrance is free and the Festival organisers expect to see as many as the 7,000 people who attended last year.

Fair stage

The focal point of the Festival is six hours non-stop music and dance on the main stage. There should be something for everyone from jazz and blues to music hall and rock.

Other attractions include a jazz workshop, five-a-side football tournament for local children, Scalextrix racing, clowns, puppets and rides.

Booked stalls

Around seventy stalls will be hired by local crafts people, community groups and charities. Plenty of refreshments will be on hand with everything from Indian snacks to tea and cakes as well as the ever-popular beer tent.

See page 4 for the full programme.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Drug culture

Latest police figures show that despite the crackdown on drugs initiative launched last year, the number of drug-related offences in North London rose from 542 to 781.

Local people can play their part in fighting the drug problem by providing the police with information on drug dealing or drug taking.

If you have any information call free of charge on 0800 555111.

Cemetery theft

The problem with theft and vandalism in East Finchley's cemeteries continues:

This time hanging baskets were stolen overnight from the St Pancras and Islington Cemetery in the High Road.

A Police spokesperson said this is the third incident in recent weeks.

Fast cash

Over £1,000 has been raised for The Association for Spina Bifida by McDonalds employees.

Staff in the Health and Safety Department raised the cash in just three months.

Friends of the trees

Cherry Tree Wood now has its very own support group, the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood.

Formed just last year and now a registered charity, they recently had a meeting with Barnet Council to discuss a wide range of issues. These included urgently required repairs to the pavilion which will be used for social events, indoor activities and meetings.

Also on the agenda were removal of nettles from the children's playground, new swings for disabled children, new palisade fencing and fencing around the football goal mouths to protect the recently completed re-seeding.

Advice squad

The London Ecology Unit (LEU) is to advise on good management of the woodland surrounding the park.

Many other ideas have been put forward including a miniature golf course and a quiet area for relaxation.

The friends are looking for support from local residents or any interested parties to preserve and improve this green oasis on East Finchley's border.

Contact the secretary, Margaret Dent on 0181 883 5367.

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