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East Finchley Festival coming soon

By Rob Robertson

This year's East Finchley Festival takes place in Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 21 June. It will run from 12 noon to 6 pm and, as usual, will be a celebration of what is great about living and working in East Finchley.

The festival will be preceded this year by a parade along East Finchley High Road of children from local primary schools, starting from Martin Primary School. The theme of the parade will be characters from books. We are also hoping to have a police helicopter fly-past. Come and cheer the kids on to Cherry Tree Wood.

At the festival there will, as usual, be an opportunity to support local businesses and charities by visiting the various stalls and to talk to representatives of the East Finchley Safer Neighbourhoods Team and the local fire service. Children will have the chance to inspect a real fire engine.

Top local bands will be doing their stuff on the two stages. This year's acts include Sound of the Suburbs, Sofa Sonic Sound, The Idles and everyone's favourite, the

Applelips Brothers. As ever, Antigua Joe will be presiding on the main stage.

Backers and helpers

The organisers would like to thank Budgens for their kind support because, in general, the festival receives no direct funding and is almost entirely dependent on revenue from advertising, the stalls, the food and beer tents and the raffle to keep running each year.

So please come along, enjoy the day, buy some refreshments and raffle tickets and support your local community.

If you would like to help in other ways, such as volunteering to be a steward on the day, please contact me at the Finchley Community Development Trust on 020 8883 4916.

One more thing: the weather forecasters are predicting a scorching summer. Keep your fingers crossed!

Blue Peter presenters Joel, Helen and Andy face young film goers at the Phoenix Cinema. Photo by Jodi Warren.

Hands up for Blue Peter trio

Young members of the Phoenix Cinema's Kids Club were treated to a very special screening on 3 May when the presenters from TV's Blue Peter turned up to show off their first big screen outing.

Helen, Joel and Andy shot a film as part of the show's Me and My Movie competition. They were called to the Phoenix the day before and were set the challenge of getting the film together for the screening the next day. The Phoenix event was due to be broadcast on Blue Peter on 2 June.

Me and My Movie is a joint venture with Bafta, BBC Learning and Blue Peter. Children aged between 6 -14 can enter the competition by submitting a two-minute movie. A team of Bafta judges will choose

five finalists to attend the Children's Baftas where one winner wins a Bafta award. For details visit www.bbc.co.uk/ cbbc/meandmymovie/



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See your photo in THE ARCHER Calendar 2010

THE ARCHER this month launches the search for 12 brilliant new photos to be in our calendar for 2010.

This year's calendar was a sell-out success and raised more than £2,000 for local neighbour hood charity Contact. We hope to raise cash for another good cause in 2010.

If you have a photo of someone or somewhere in East Finchley, we'd love to see it. Picturesque, striking or maybe plain bizarre, all photos are welcome, as long as they show some aspect of life in N2.

Our judging panel will pick the 12 best photos and the calendar will be on sale from October.

Please email your photos to the-archer@lineone.net, clearly marking the email Archer Calendar and giving a few details about where or why they were taken. We're accepting photos now but the closing date is not until September so there's plenty of time to get snapping.

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