



Great day out in the Wood

Three months after East Finchley's own, Cherry Tree Wood hosted its second successful festival of the year when our Muswell Hill neighbours took over for the day on Sunday 8 September.

Live music rang out across the park as festival-goers enjoyed donkey rides, a full-scale funfair, a miniature steam train, a dog obedience show and dozens of food and craft stalls.

It was the 50th Muswell Hill Festival and was organised to raise funds for the London Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy. Here are some photos from the highly enjoyable afternoon.



Far left: A festival-goer dances to the debut of The Roadrunners.

Left: Willing steeds from Dunston Donkeys did a good job giving stately rides to youngsters.

Above: Dozens of strange beasts and fantastical creations were assembled out of humble components for the Monster Veg competition. Here, five year old Lyla puts together her entry, watched by her dad.



Local band The Roadrunners were making their debut at the festival and in fact it was the first time they had played together in public. The crowd loved their performance.



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Fruit frenzy

By Harriet Copperman
Help celebrate Apple Day 2013 on Saturday 12 October outside Budgens in the High Road with the East Finchley Abundance group.

Fruit harvest time is here again, and EFA are asking for donations of fruit beforehand to enable them to make and give out apple juice on the day. They will be demonstrating how to extract fresh fruit juice and handing out free samples for passers-by to taste.

If there is a lot of fruit to spare, they will be giving that away as well as recipes for cakes and desserts which can be made with excess fruit. Individual pieces of cake made with apples may be available for a small donation.

Go along and enjoy the day from 10.30am to 2.30pm and if you have fruit to donate contact the group at efabundance@btinternet.com or write to c/o 32 Park Hall Road, N2 9PU

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Have your say!

By Daphne Chamberlain

How will The Grange and its neighbouring area spend the £1million awarded to them by the Big Local project? Paul Bragman, the Big Local representative, will give an update and answer questions at The Finchley Society meeting at the end of October.

And what's happening to Localism, similar to the Big Local but promoted last year, which promises to give residents and business owners more control over decisions that affect them? This is not confined to one area. East Finchley's Roger Chapman will be at the same meeting, also updating and answering questions.

Meanwhile, the regeneration of North Finchley is going ahead with a grant of nearly

£1.5million from the Mayor of London's Outer London Fund. That will be the third item on the agenda.

In one way or another, all this concerns all of us, so why not go along and find out more? The meeting is on Thursday 31 October at 7.30pm for 8pm at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, N3 3QE. There is an admission fee of £2 for non-members of The Finchley Society, but everyone is welcome.

Winter fair for combat stress

Former war correspondent and MP Martin Bell will open the Combat Stress Winter Fair on 2 November in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Combat Stress, founded in 1919 and the leading UK charity specialising in the care of veterans' mental health, is currently caring for 5,200 servicemen and women, many of whom have been profoundly traumatised by their harrowing experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The support services that Combat Stress offers are free for every veteran, so the charity relies on donations and fundraising events to help this group of people rebuild their lives.

Last year the fair moved from tiny Fellowship House to the Free Church Hall in North-

way, NW11 6PB and is now able to offer all-day refreshments, collectables, jewellery, crafts, books, home-made cakes and produce, Combat Stress Christmas cards, vintage and new clothes, festive season items and more.

Parking is free in nearby roads and the H2 Hail and Ride bus to and from Golders Green Station forecourt passes the door. Alternatively, you can take the 102 bus from East Finchley to Market Place on Lyttleton Road and walk up Northway. The fair will be open from 11am-3pm. Entrance costs £2.00; children go free.

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