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Cricket champs

Summer 2014 was North Middlesex Girls cricket team's best season as they finished the season as Under 11 Girls County Champions.

North Middlesex Cricket Club is at the bottom of Muswell Hill in Park Road, N8. The girls' team practises each Saturday in the summer from 9am to 10.30am in the club's ground.

A number of girls from East Finchley play for the team and they ran a successful open coaching session for girls at the 2014 East Finchley Festival.

North Middlesex Girls are planning to play indoor cricket in January, and hope to have Under 11 and Under 13 girls' league teams next summer.

New girls are welcome to join the team. For details contact: nmcc.colts@gmail.com. You can follow news of North Midd Girls on Twitter @GirlsCricket.



Silverware: The winning cricketers of the North Middlesex Girls team.



A winter wonderland at the East Finchley winter Festival 2013. Photo Mike Coles

Biggest event of the winter is back

By Diana Cormack

Plans are well under way for East Finchley's third Christmas Festival which takes place on the High Road on Saturday 6 December. Starting at 10am, there will be seven hours packed with festive fun.

Naturally Father Christmas and his sleigh will be there, along with some of his reindeer for people to pet from 12 noon to 4pm. There will be old favourites such as making decorations for the festival Christmas tree plus last year's dog show hit, which will now be in three categories: festive dogs; dogs that look like their owners; all other dogs.

A new feature to be launched at noon will be The Great East Finchley Bake Off with the judging of the best decorated Christmas cake or pudding, possibly by a surprise celebrity

The Lincoln Road festival stage will host live performances and activities, compered by the inimitable duo Chris Hampson and Pat

Leacock. Talent on stage will include brass, jazz and ukulele bands, local rockers Sound of the Suburb, Finchley Youth Theatre Dance Group, choirs from Martin Primary School and The Archer Academy along with a pop choir, culminating in a Pat "Have Mercy" Leacock DJ music set.

Joining in

A variety of things to buy, taste or experience will be found on the street stalls run by local businesses and charities. If you are interested in having a stall or participating in any way email eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com

The full programme is still being worked on but notices put up locally will give the necessary information and you can follow things on twitter @n2Festival.

Our Christmas Festival gets bigger and better every year and, so far, even the weather has matched up to the occasion. The snow machine will probably be in use again but that can only add to the enjoyment, so just make sure you're there to join in this great start to the festive season.

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