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A community newspaper for East Finchley run entirely by volunteers.

Extra police officer as patrols are stepped up

By Janet Maitland

East Finchley has become one of the first areas in the capital to receive a second dedicated police officer as part of a plan that the Mayor of London's office claims will restore neighbourhood policing. PC Phil Scottow arrived in the area last month and joins PC John Kenny and PCSO Jan Lovell on patrol.

More than half of Londoners will have their extra officer in place before Christmas following an announcement by Sadiq Khan in July and the rest of the city will follow by the end of 2017.

Boost for the ward

PCSO Jan Lovell welcomed her new colleague to East Finchley. She said: "This will be a big boost for the ward as it will enable us to address crime and anti-social behaviour more extensively."

At the same time, the police team's base on the High Road, N2, will accommodate the three-person teams for Finchley Church End and West Finchley wards and the area's new sergeant PS Paul Dodd.

PCSO Lovell says this means there will be extra officers on the streets and buses in N2 as the Church End and West Finchley officers travel to and from their wards.

Ring-fenced officers

During the mayoral election campaign earlier this year, Mr Khan pledged to 'restore neighbourhood policing'. Former Mayor Boris Johnson cut staffing levels in 2011, leaving East Finchley's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) with just PCSO Lovell and PC Kenny. He also introduced the system of drafting in extra borough-based officers when needed, meaning that East Finchley SNT staff often had to leave the ward and go elsewhere in Barnet, or into central London to deal with protests and major events.

Mr Khan said: "The new dedicated officers will be ring fenced for that ward, which means they can't leave the area. Officers who are known by their communities have local knowledge that helps to prevent and detect crime. They are the local eyes and ears of our security services and are essential to improving trust and confidence

in our police and keeping our communities safe."

Crime news update, page 4.

Be part of the EF Festival

By Roger Chapman

Three months ago, we all enjoyed another successful East Finchley Community Festival in Cherry Tree Wood. However the event, which is approaching its 40th year, always needs new blood to bring fresh ideas and keep it vibrant.

Planning for the festival often begins in January, six months before the festival takes place in June. It is run entirely by local volunteers but it can be difficult if you haven't been involved before to find out how you can join in.

So this year some of those who have been involved in previous years are holding an open evening to talk about planning for next summer's festival.

If you have ideas about how to improve the event, wish to participate in any way or just want to find out how it all happens then you are very welcome to come along and join us.

Some longstanding volunteers will be stepping down over the next couple of years so now is a good time to come along and help steer the festival to new and improved heights over the coming years.

The open evening takes place at Martin Primary School on Wednesday 2 November starting at 7.30pm. Teas and coffees will be available. If you want to find out more then contact us by email on eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com



Sue Vincent and some of her Beatles memorabilia. Photo Mike Coles

Look what I found in my loft!

It really was Fab Four Sue Vincent when she rediscovered a treasure trove of Beatles memorabilia that had been untouched for 50 years. Read the full story on page 4.

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