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Residents reclaim the streets for Royal wedding



Neighbours: Hertford Road



Feast: Leopold Road



Help yourself: Elm Gardens. Photo Allison Goodings.

The people of Hertford Road, Leopold Road and Elm Gardens, N2, came out into their cordoned-off streets to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on Saturday 19 May. Barbecues were fired up, tables were piled high with finger food and there was general music and merriment as everyone enjoyed the chance to meet their neighbours.

Get ready for the best free event of the year!

By David Melsome

East Finchley's Community Festival is here! Amazing live entertainment and the chance to chill out with friends and family are what make this annual free event such a crowd pleaser. It returns to Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 24 June from 12 noon to 6pm.

Last year's soul-funk favourites Dex & Mercy will be amongst the bands appearing on the main stage, whilst Fixation Theatre, Airborne Circus and Fortitude Dance Company join the performers entertaining crowds on the Community Stage.

There will be more than 80 stalls to browse, with locally produced artisan crafts and delicacies available to buy and stalls representing just about every community organisation in the area.

This year Chickenshed Theatre will be bringing *Tales from the Shed* to the storytelling tent, alongside storytellers and magicians, and free multi-sensory fun sessions from Hartbeeps for the little ones. Children can also enjoy traditional Punch and Judy, a climbing wall, giant inflatable slides and a chance to meet some majestic birds of

prey, courtesy of Jambs Owls. If you haven't tired yourself out, there will even be free tennis coaching sessions taking place on the Cherry Tree Wood courts.

Festival helpers

Volunteers are still welcome to make the event run smoothly on the day. If you can give up an

hour or two, please email eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com.

Check out 'myeastfinchley' on Facebook for updates or find out more at www.eastfinchley-festival.org. See page 2 for the full line-up on the stages.

The Archer team will see you there!

Sign of progress on the pavilion in the wood

By Diana Cormack

On page 2 of *The Archer* last month we wondered if, before this year's community festival, a final decision could be hoped for regarding the fate of the dilapidated pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood.

In mid-May we received the following statement from

Barnet Council which suggests an announcement could be imminent: "The Council has reached an agreement with the tenant but the council's constitutional process now has to be followed, in order to formalise this agreement." Let's hope this long-running saga is brought to a close soon. We will keep you posted.

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