



Annie, of rock band Nameless, has the festival in her sights.

# What a day! What a festival!

By Hilary Townley, of the East Finchley Festival organising team

**It's no wonder that East Finchley is acknowledged to be the happiest place to live in London. N2 neighbours came out in force for the community festival in Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 23 June and the party went with a swing.**

Possibly the busiest and most joyous festival yet with something to entrance and enchant everyone, the talent on both stages was incredible, and along with the food, the fun activities and the fascinating stalls it all added up to the best festival on record.

East Finchley's annual get-together is brimful of heart and it couldn't happen without the generous support of local businesses. Our thanks go particularly to Rogers Removals (main stage and a happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to them), our very own Archer Newspaper (community stage),

Martyn Gerrard (owls), Secure-base (first aid), Cree Godfrey & Wood (storytelling tent) and the Cherry Tree Wood Café (community stage power).

Huge thanks go to the two wonderful entertainment hosts, Cecilia Holmes on the community stage and Kate Galston on the main stage, who did faantastic job.

We thank everyone who gave prizes for the raffle and took an advert in the festival programme to help keep the event

free. Special thanks to Good Gym and 224 North London Scouts for all their help.

Most of all, we thank the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to planning and organising the festival and to running it on the day. There's always room for more so please come and join us for the 2020 festival. You would be very welcome.

There are many more who deserve our thanks but especially, you, East Finchley, for being there on the day!

Archer photographer Mike Coles was there to capture the fun of the festival. We hope you enjoy this selection of his photos.



Holy Trinity School Choir sing out to the crowd from the Community Stage.



Dressed for the occasion: Miss Havisham's Digital Clock



Brookland School Choir in perfect harmony



Above: WondR WomN. Below: Dex & Mercy



Above: SotoCIC, Below left: Rosie Moon and her cello, Roxie Stars, in the storytelling tent. Below: Box Time on the main stage

