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Faces from the past: East Finchley Methodist Church is trying to trace anyone in this photo of a Boys Brigade camp from the 1960s.

Do you recognise a face?

By David Melsome
East Finchley Methodist Church is preparing to celebrate its 200th year in 2022 and would like to get in touch with as many people as possible who have been involved with its life and activities over the years.

To start with, they have come across a photo showing the church's Boys Brigade troop at a camp on the Isle of Wight some time in the 1960s. Are you in the photo or do you recognise any of the faces?

East Finchley Methodist adopted a local branch of this worldwide Christian youth organisation in the 1950s and ran it for many years. Plans for the 200th anniversary year include numerous special Sundays featuring previous ministers of the church, a major upgrade of the church garden, the launch of a new history of the church, a special Birthday Weekend event in June and the resumption of the church's popular monthly concerts.

Organiser Andrea McTeare said: "We believe that the church has played a significant role in the East Finchley community over all these years and we would like to invite old and new friends to join with us in our celebrations." To get in touch, email David Isaac on info@isaacandede.com or phone Andrea McTeare on 020 8346 7325.

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Grants of £500 for community projects

The Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association has launched a Community Fund, making up to £500 available to fund local projects that benefit the community.



Muswell Hill: Funds are available for projects that benefit the community. Photo Zoe Norfolk.

They say: "The last 18 months have been a very difficult time for everyone, but your residents' association is here to help. We would like to support local organisations who are making a real positive impact on the area, so we came up with the idea of investing in local projects."

The application form and scheme conditions will be available on their website throughout September and October, and the deadline for applications will be 31 October 2021. All local organisations and community groups are encouraged to apply, and applications will be judged on

the basis of community impact. The emphasis is on organisations or projects which benefit the area. For more details, see mhfga.org/fund.

Indoor sale

The regular Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale will be held this month on Saturday 30 October from 10am to 1pm at Hornsey Parish Church Hall, on the corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10 3AH.

Admission is 50p and refreshments are available. For info, contact 020 8368 8180.

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