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Phoenix factor: The acts who performed at East Finchley's Got Talent earlier this year. Photo Mike Coles

## Talent search and bake-off cake competition return in New Year

By Diana Cormack

The local Town Team has announced that its popular East Finchley's Got Talent and East Finchley Bake Off competition will both be returning in 2024.

The first talent search at the Phoenix Cinema back in January saw a huge range of acts from the local area take part and more are welcome for the second edition being held at the same venue on Sunday 28 January.

As part of a collaboration with East Finchley Festival, East Finchley's Got Talent will be hosted by MOBO award winner Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock and is open to all ages and talents. Various prizes will be on offer, including a trophy

and the opportunity to perform on the community stage at the East Finchley Festival in June. To be considered for entry, email your best performance via your social media links, videos or photos to [EFgottalent2024@gmail.com](mailto:EFgottalent2024@gmail.com). All acts will be contacted after the selection process.

At the same time, the East Finchley Bake Off event will be back too. Budding bakers are invited to create a bake on the theme of 'The Silver Screen' to pay tribute to the fabulous films shown at the Phoenix, to be judged by local councillor

Arjun Mittra and one of the winners of last year's competition, 11-year-old Essie.

Slices of the cakes and bakes will be available during the intervals of the talent competition, with all funds raised going to the Phoenix Cinema charity. If you'd like to take part in the Bake Off, email [EFtownteam@gmail.com](mailto:EFtownteam@gmail.com) by Friday 15 December at the latest.

Further details about East Finchley's Got Talent & East Finchley Bake Off will be announced soon on [www.east-finchley.london/whats-on](http://www.east-finchley.london/whats-on).

## BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

**Jacksons Lane Arts Centre** in Highgate is looking for volunteer drivers on Christmas Day to help bring guests to and from their historic Christmas Day Lunch event and also deliver hampers to 200 socially isolated adults in the borough. If you would like to get involved, they would love to hear from you and can be contacted on [sarah@jacksonslane.org.uk](mailto:sarah@jacksonslane.org.uk)

Help young people learn new skills and make friends at **224 North London Air Scouts**, who offer rewarding volunteer and life skills. Whether you're a young adult aged 14-18 looking to volunteer for your Duke of Edinburgh or over 18 and eager to make new friends, they have a spot for you. Do more, be more, and share more by joining [224northlondonscouts.org.uk](http://224northlondonscouts.org.uk). Email [gsl@224northlondonscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@224northlondonscouts.org.uk) or call Scout Leader Del on 07707 763344.

Just a couple of hours a week of your time could make a big difference to an older East Finchley resident. **Age UK Barnet** organises weekly friendly chats that can be a lifeline to someone who is isolated. The charity also particularly needs volunteer befrienders, shoppers and walking buddies to give older people the confidence to get out and about. If you have a skill you'd like to share, there are plenty of activity groups you can support too. Get in touch on [volunteering@ageukbarnet.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@ageukbarnet.org.uk). For a list of current volunteer roles, check out [www.ageuk.org.uk/barnet](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/barnet)

Become a Proms volunteer! Could you give a few hours a month to help make next year's **Proms at St Jude's** festival a success? The skills or experience needed include admin, IT, organisation and logistics, fundraising and education. It's a great opportunity to get involved in a local community project, gain experience and meet new people. For more information, go to [www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/volunteering).

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please send details (max 80 words please) to [news@the-archer.co.uk](mailto:news@the-archer.co.uk) or complete the form at [www.iloveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it](http://www.iloveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it).



### Bee gifts

A wealth of honey-related items will be on offer on Sunday 10 December from 11am to 3pm at 18 Beech Drive, N2 9NY.

Local beekeeper Lucie Chameton, of Miel de Lucie, will be selling her delicious honey, plum jam, blackberry jelly, apple honey and rosemary jelly and quince cheese, along with beeswax candles, beeswax food wraps, beeswax, propolis winter salve (new for 2023) and lavender sachets. This is a great opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents while supporting Finchley Foodbank, to whom all profits will be donated.

### Sixty years of service

Muswell Hill charity CPotential recently celebrated six decades of helping young people with movement disorders such as cerebral palsy and acquired brain injury.

Since 1963, the charity has pioneered new therapy methods and technologies. Each year it works with more than 250 children and delivers 4,500 support sessions.

Joining the CPotential team for their celebration on World Cerebral Palsy Day in October were families, staff, trustees and special guests including Mayor of Haringey, Councillor Lester Buxton, Catherine West MP, Lady Jan Hulme of The Hadley Trust, and Janis, Mitch, and Jane of the Amy Winehouse Foundation.

Brett Parker, CEO of CPotential said: "Keeping a charity sustainable and evolving requires a huge amount of dedication; there are many variables and uncertainties. We all recognise that over the last 60 years the changes to almost every aspect of how we live, and work have been vast. Charities need to respond and influence these changes, holding in their minds and hearts the evolving needs of their beneficiaries."

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

52 Bedford Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and two front facing roof lights.

22 Deansway, N2

Roof extension including hip to gable, rear dormer window with Juliet balcony, and three front facing roof lights.

50 Deansway, N2

Widening of front driveway, including new brick retaining wall, extension and alterations to existing rear patio, and steps to garden with associated alterations to landscaping.

Flat 2, 40 Fortis Green, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

24 Heath View, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and three front facing roof lights.

138 High Road, N2

Partial conversion into four self-contained flats, including first and second-floor rear extension. Associated refuse/recycling/cycle storage.

Land adj to 290 Long Lane, N2

Two-storey dwelling with rooms in the roof space. Associated refuse/recycling store.

Land rear of The Bobath Centre, 250 East End Road, N2

Submission of details of condi-

tion 10 (Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan), pursuant to planning permission.

1A Manor Cottages Approach, N2

Lowering of basement floor level, including creation of rear lightwell. Replacement of hard cover over existing front lightwell with metal grille.

7 New Trinity Road, N2

Seven solar panels to flat roof of dormer, and four front facing panels to sloping roof. Single-storey side and rear extension.

23 Sylvester Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.