



Join the team: Some of the food bank volunteers who already give their time to help people in need.
Photo Finchley Foodbank

Food bank team appeals for new volunteers to help charity thrive

Organisers of Finchley Foodbank are appealing for people with skills and experience in communications, finance, fundraising or IT to step forward and become a trustee. The role of trustee is very important and involves overseeing the strategic direction, governance, and management of the Finchley Foodbank charity, based in East Finchley.

Trustees are expected to attend regular trustee meetings and participate in decision-making. They also support fundraising and publicity efforts and contribute to the development and implementation of the charity's vision, mission, and values.

Although the trustee role is voluntary and unpaid, reward comes from involvement with the food bank team, who provide a vital service to many people in need. The time commitment is about half a day per quarter, plus occasional events and activities. The term of office is three years, renewable once. Additional skills

Chair of Trustees Dipo Oyewole said: "We are proud of the way that we run the Finchley Foodbank and of the work that our current trustees have done to get our new charity up and running over the past 18 months.

"Now we need to add some additional skills and we are keen that our Board of Trustees better reflects the range of clients who come to the Foodbank. This will help us to make sure that we provide the best service that we can to all of our clients." The particular skills that Finchley Foodbank is especially looking for include fundraising, grant writing, IT implementation and policies, finance, and communications. There is also a role for community engagement and partnership building.

Diverse backgrounds

Finchley Foodbank welcomes applications from people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities. Your English must be fluent enough to read formal documents and contribute to the discussion but if you are not familiar with the role of trustee, there will be support available for you. If you are interested in applying, send your CV and a

cover letter explaining why you want to join Finchley Foodbank and what skills and experience you can bring to the board. The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 24 March. Applications should be sent to finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com.

Writers' group member writes her first book

By Ella Malik

Mary Moloney works as a university administrator and has always wanted to write a novel. She originally started writing short sketches and pieces for Belladonna, a small theatre group in Finchley, whose members wrote and performed their own work.

She is now a member of an East Finchley writers' group, who meet monthly to provide constructive criticism on each others' writing. Mary says she is extremely grateful to the group and is sure that her novel would never have been published without them.

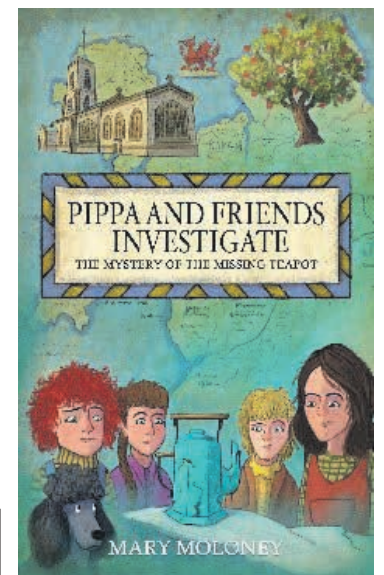
Set in North Wales in 1973, her exciting detective story for children called *Pippa and Friends Investigate: The Mystery of the Missing Teapot* attempts to recapture the spirit of *The Famous Five* novels.

Emma and her trumpet-playing brother Edward live with their eccentric grandparents, Edith and Ernest, in St David's, while their parents are overseas. When eggs are stolen from Farmer Richard's farm, Emma sets out to solve the

mystery with her three friends, Lizzy, Laurie and Katie, and her beloved poodle Pippa, who likes to save the day.

Inspiration

Mary said the main character in the novel, Emma, is



Adventure: Mary's debut novel

based on her mother and, as a child, she also had a poodle called Pippa. Many of the events in the novel are based on her own childhood experiences. Mary's mother, Emma, came from North Wales and many school holidays were spent there and provide the backdrop for the novel.

Mary's book will be officially launched by the Welsh Book Council in early summer 2024. To buy an exclusive advance edition, visit www.candy-jar.co.uk/books/pippaandfriends.html

Romantic symphonies

Finchley Symphony Orchestra with conductor Christopher Stark will give a concert including two large romantic symphonies on Saturday 9 March.

Until recently female composers, however talented, struggled to gain acceptance. Leokadiya Kashperova, a Russian contemporary of Rachmaninov, was highly regarded by many including Saint-Saens. Her symphony is a richly romantic piece and the orchestra believes they are giving its first north London performance.

Rather better known, Tchaikovsky's second symphony draws heavily on Ukrainian folk

melodies. Indeed much of it was written while the composer was on holiday in Ukraine which is perhaps reflected in its generally optimistic mood, quite unlike that of his later symphonies.

All of this music can be enjoyed at Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley starting at 7.30pm on Saturday 9 March. Tickets cost £18, concessions £15, under 18s £7 and you can save £1 per ticket by advance booking online at www.finchleysymphony.org



Where to donate your unwanted household items for recycling

- Batteries to EF Electricals and Sainsbury's, High Road
- Bicycle inner tubes to Bike & Run, High Road
- Cables and small electrical items to EF Electricals, High Road
- Crisp packets to Cherry Tree Café, Cherry Tree Wood
- Dental products (toothbrushes and heads) to Cavendish Dental Practice, East End Road
- Electrical cables to Everything Electrical, High Road
- Ink jet cartridges to UOE, High Road
- Lightbulbs to Amy's or EF Electricals, High Road
- Make-up to Oakdale Pharmacy, High Road.
- Paper, cork, ribbon, foil, wood off-cuts, buttons, stationery, sequins, carpet samples to Amy's, High Road
- Spectacles to Stewart Duncan Opticians and David Hillel Opticians, High Road



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