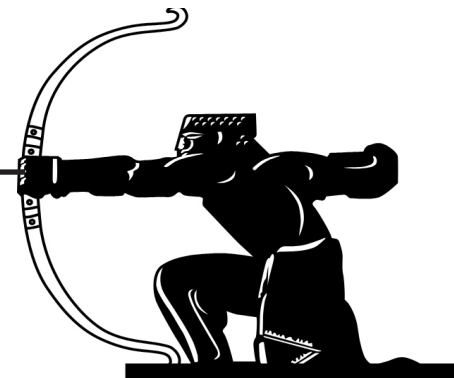


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Hello, East Finchley!



Music, dance and song: Liv and George from indie band 'Her name was?' greet the festival crowd from the main stage during their early-afternoon set. Inset, the Christ's College Finchley Dancers and the Martin Primary School Choir both performed on the community stage. Photos Mike Coles

By David Melsome

Exciting live performances on two stages by talented local bands, singers, dancers and choirs kept the crowds entertained when the annual East Finchley Festival rocked Cherry Tree Wood last month. At midday on Sunday 22 June, a smiling parade of families, friends and community groups, all walking down the High Road from Martin Primary School to the dynamic beat of the Fortismere Drummers, made an unmissable entrance into the park before main stage host Kate Galston officially declared the event open.

Thousands of visitors poured in over the course of the next six hours to enjoy the line-up of live music, fun activities and plenty of food and drink in what was the festival's 51st year.

Weather forecasts earlier in

the week had predicted temperatures as high as 31 degrees on the day of the festival but mercifully the hottest conditions passed over 24 hours earlier and the big day itself turned out to be a mix of cloud and sun,

with occasional gusts of wind causing just a few problems for any gazebos that weren't fixed down securely.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers who spent months planning the festival and to all

those who turned up on the day to act as stewards, raffle ticket sellers, litter pickers and general helpers. It was another fantastic day out and a much-needed chance for everyone in N2 to come together with friends

and visitors from near and far. Our photographers Mike Coles and Claire McHugh were there to capture the fun and the party atmosphere. Turn to pages 8 and 9 to enjoy their photos from the day.

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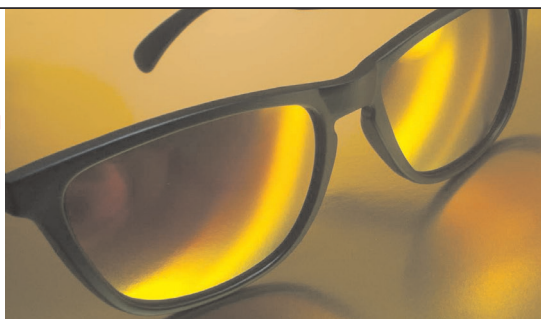
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