



Brrrr... First cold bath swim in 200 years

Easing himself in gently, Highgate Men's Pond swimmer Jamie Knowles was the first

person in 200 years to take a dip in the restored Cold Bath at Kenwood House, close to the café.

English Heritage completed the restoration and conservation of the bath last month.

It originally dates from the early 1700s when Hampstead was becoming known as a spa

village before the trend for health-giving dips faded away in the 1800s. **Photos Mike Coles**

Drama of forgiveness

Garden Suburb Theatre's next production will be *The Long Road*, a poignant and troubling story of grief, forgiveness and loss by Shelagh Stephenson. Developed with Synergy Theatre Project and The Forgiveness Project, the drama asks whether dialogue can be found even in the darkest circumstances.

This acclaimed play, inspired by real-life situations, is being performed by a talented group of local actors. Performances run from Thursday 16 April to Sunday 19 April at Upstairs at the Gatehouse, Highgate Village. Tickets priced from £13 are available from boxoffice@gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk.

Rich road

We know *The Bishops Avenue, N2*, as 'Billionaires' Row' but in fact it's the parallel road next door that is home to Britain's priciest properties.

Winnington Road, which also runs between East Finchley

and Hampstead Heath, has for the second year been named by Rightmove as the country's most expensive street. The average asking price for a house there is £12,538,095, even more expensive than Belgravia in central London and way above third place *The Bishops Avenue*, which averages a price of £8,930,650.

Cash in on an evening of Johnny

The next free music event at East Finchley Methodist Church is an evening telling the stories of singer Johnny Cash's remarkable life.

Rev David Maclure will talk about Cash's adventures, faith and activism, interspersed with songs, and the second half will be a singalong of some of his best-loved hits.

The concert takes place on Sunday 12 April at 7.30pm at the church on the High Road, N2, opposite the junction with Creighton Avenue. Admission is free with a collection in aid of the Prison Fellowship and Own Merit. The venue is fully accessible.

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Comedy night

Tickets are still available for the all-star comedy night being organised by an East Finchley family in support of the dedicated gastroenterology ward, Squirrel Ward, at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, where their loved one is being treated.

Called North London Laughs, it takes place at Alexandra Palace Theatre on Thursday 14 May. The line-up features UK comedy stars Al Murray, Jen Brister, Phil Ellis, Hayley Ellis, Huge Davies, Bilal Zafar and Eytan Bayme.

Find out more and book tickets by going to www.alexandrapalace.com and searching 'North London Laughs'

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