



Festival 2011: just days to go

The line-ups for both stages at this year's East Finchley Community Festival have been announced. Nine bands will fill out the main stage with non-stop music throughout the afternoon while local favourites, schools, dance and theatre groups will be performing on the Helen O'Toole Community Stage.

Around the field will be some 60 stalls with crafts and local organisations plus the ever-popular food stalls and beer tent, with plenty of inflatable fun and storytelling for children.

Check out the latest news at www.eastfinchley.co.uk or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/East-Finchley-Festival/270157876374

Book your place in the festival parade

The opening of the festival is traditionally heralded at noon, when the themed parade enters the park gates at Summerlee Avenue and makes its way across the field. This year's theme is books, so you're invited to come along dressed as one of your favourite characters. The parade will be accompanied by Indian drumming band Dhoom and the local sea cadets, with neighbourhood police in careful support.

Meet at Martin School on Sunday 19 June well before the scheduled leaving time of 11.30am, when the procession will set off along the High Road to Cherry Tree Wood.

Volunteers

The festival needs at least 70-80 people throughout the day to keep everything going. The event receives no public funds and is run entirely by local people for the local community. If you can spare an hour or more during the day to help continue to make this one of north London's most successful free festivals call 07983 360 834 or email eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com

Bake a festival cake

Organisers are always keen to try out new recipes in the festival food tent. Everyone is welcome to make a contribution to the festival and bake a cake for sale. Ring the festival phone on 07983 360 834

Festival line-up

Main Stage:

12pm, Official opening of Festival by Councillor Alison Moore and parade presentation.
12.05pm, Shaka Lish.
12.25pm, Jazz Blaack.
12.55pm, Darkwood.
1.35pm, UP.
2.15pm, Spring Park Motel.
2.55pm, Blues Trinity.
3.35pm, SofaSonic.
4.10pm, Festival Raffle drawn and prizes handed out.
4.20pm, Newton.
5pm, Sound of the Suburb.

Helen O'Toole Community Stage:

12.10pm, Martin Primary School.
12.40pm, Jazz Guitar Group.
1.20pm, Friern Barnet School.
2pm, Community Focus.
2.40pm, Finchley Youth Theatre.
3.15pm, K Petrou.
4pm, Sing Out Voices.
5pm, Garden Suburb Theatre.



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Triumphant season for Wingate & Finchley

Having won the Ryman League Cup earlier this season (*THE ARCHER*, May 2011), Wingate & Finchley also won the London Senior Trophy, coming from behind to beat Hendon 3-1. With six changes to the side that beat Brentwood to secure promotion to the Ryman Premier League, goals from Murat Karagul, Lewis Jones and Sam Sloma capped off an amazing season.

Man of the match Karagul said: "We've won this treble at a fantastic club with a fantastic atmosphere, and we are already looking forward to next year and taking the Premier League by storm." Follow the club at www.wingatefinchley.com.



Wingate & Finchley celebrate their cup win. Photo by Martin Addison

A memorial for Bomber Command

By Dennis Gimes

I must admit I have been pretty selfish in my life. Yes, I did serve in the Army for ten years but spent the next 40 years boasting about it. So, in 1971 I joined the Royal British Legion and started selling poppies every year. I thought that was enough, to say thank you for having a free country to live in.

But in the last few years I have been reading about the RAF and Bomber Command, and found out that 55,573 air-crew didn't make it back during World War II. These men not only helped to liberate us from Hitler's regime, they also helped liberate the German people.

These brave young men of Bomber Command, average age just 22, gave everything for this country. So many of them died, so who among us can say they don't deserve a memorial? A little piece of Britain will always be theirs. After all, they paid for it.

On attending a charity func-

tion in 2008, I had a chance meeting with David Graham, the chairman of the Heritage Foundation. His charity was raising money for the Bomber Command Association to help build a memorial for these brave young men.

For the first time I really wanted to help, so I joined the Bomber Command Association and soon after met up with some of the surviving air-crew. After getting to know them, I often asked myself how can we ever thank them?

Would you like to help and at the same time have some fun? Then come along to some of our Blue Plaques events, join in the

fun, and have the opportunity to meet some celebrities. Please phone either David Graham on 07703 397270 or contact me at d.gimes@googlemail.com, or alternatively join Bomber Command Association. They need us.



Who ordered mushroom?

This strange sight was spotted on the roof of Park House at the corner nearest to the tube station. Is it advance publicity for a new mushroom farm or perhaps a new public sculpture to rival Archie on the other side of the road? Please contact us if you know its origins. Our contact details are on page 2. Picture by John Dearing.

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