



# Festival back with a bang!

Well, after a year off thanks to rain, East Finchley Community Festival made the greatest comeback with a fantastic day of music, fun and food that had Cherry Tree Wood jam-packed with festival goers from start to finish.

You turned out in force to support the event and the crowds were huge right from the moment the band of 393 Finchley Squadron Air Training Corps marched onto the field at the head of the street parade to hear Councillor Alison Moore with host Pat 'Havemercy' Leacock open the festivities from the main stage.

Music from local bands and performances from community groups were the centrepiece of the event on Sunday 23 June, with inflatable slides, games, food and beer getting people of all ages into the party atmosphere.



Cheers! All profits from the beer tent go towards next year's festival.



The band of 393 Finchley Squadron Air Training Corps leads the parade into Cherry Tree Wood.



Jump, jump, jump! Music lovers at the main stage.



The Dollis Brook Potato Slappers. Photo by Mike Coles

Hundreds grabbed homemade shakers and maracas to join in a world record attempt for the largest percussion band. As we went to press, we were still waiting to hear if we smashed the record. Fingers crossed!

Congratulations to everyone who put in months of hard work to make this year's festival such a success. We're already looking forward to next year's, and in the meantime we hope you enjoy our photos from the day, taken by Mike Coles, Toni Morgan and John Lawrence.



Fancy dress photo by Toni Morgan



Bottle shaking record attempt. Photo by Mike Coles

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