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Get ready for Festival 2013

East Finchley Festival returns to Cherry Tree Wood on 23 June with a new name and a TOP SECRET world record attempt that everyone can join in.

It will still be the East Finchley Festival we all know and love but this year it's going under the name of the U&N2 festival. There will be limited edition T-shirts emblazoned with the new name available as prizes on the day.

Organisers say this year's festival will be the best ever and they're focusing on getting the audience involved, so they feel they are part of the day. This means festival goers will be encouraged to contribute on the day with their messages, jokes and comments, which they can send via twitter (twitter.com/UandN2) or by text 07983 360834.

Messages will be read out from the main stage,

should be a lot of fun for people of all ages. So if you wish to be part of history, you need to be in Cherry Tree Wood on 23 June, kicking off from 12 noon until 6pm.

As usual there will be live music and entertainment across two stages, both showcasing local talent, along with an array of local businesses, organisations and food stalls.

And of course the festival wouldn't be complete without the beer and food tents, where your support helps to keep the event a free one.

If you wish to book a stall, some spots are still available, so contact the festival team on 07983 360834, or at eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com



Hoping for sunshine. Crowds have flocked to the festival in Cherry Tree Wood in previous years. Photo by John Lawrence



You could win a limited edition U&N2 t-shirt on the day

hosted this year by MOBO award winner and local resident Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock. Between bands, Pat will be DJing and getting festival goers involved with a host of games and activities.

And to top it all, with the audience's help, there'll be a secret record attempt, details of which will remain under lock and key until the day. *THE ARCHER* has been given a few clues and suffice to say it

Thousands cut off in phone cable chaos

By Janet Maitland

Thousands of homes and businesses were left without phone and internet services when thieves ripped out several hundred metres of copper telephone cable at the Muswell Hill telephone exchange.

Homes, shops and offices across East Finchley were cut off for at least four days from 22 April, and some for days or weeks afterwards, as engineers struggled to restore services. Thieves had targeted the cables for their copper wiring.

The pattern of the chaos across N2 was unpredictable with some people being cut off while their neighbours were unaffected, depending on which exchange they were connected to.

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