



## What it's like to be homeless

During the summer, young actors from Fixation Theatre Company gave an evening of powerful performances that tried to get inside the minds of homeless people.

Thinking of all the situations homeless people might find themselves in, the cast researched and developed scenes, poems, films and music which they presented in front of a live audience at Finchley Youth Theatre in the High Road.

And the evening actively helped those they were portraying because money from ticket

sales went to local charity Homeless Action in Barnet.

Cast members Viktorija, Isabelle, Elliot, Thomas and Daniel told us: "From the experience, we saw that society tries to block out homeless people but there is still hope for them. Many people are oblivious to homeless people, they usually don't seem worth their attention, however we

raised over £200 in order to help homeless people in Barnet, so not everyone is oblivious! We hope this money will help HAB continue the great work that they do." Fixation Theatre Company runs drama, film and dance classes for 4-18yr olds. To find out more information call 07708 608 570 or email [info@fixationtheatre.com](mailto:info@fixationtheatre.com)



Fixation Theatre

## Friends of Finchley Youth Theatre

The Friends of Finchley Youth Theatre will be holding their next Supporters meeting on Wednesday 22 October starting at 8.15pm at the Youth Theatre on the High Road. All are welcome.

If you are interested in the theatre and the work that goes on there, or just curious to know some more about what happens

behind the doors of this building next to Tony's Continental then this is the meeting for you.

The Friends have invited representatives from Barnet Council to update them on the future budget for the theatre. They say that in this age of austerity they can't expect a great deal.

The group will look at what else the community can do to support the work that goes on there. If you want to make sure that this local community facility is retained then go along and show your support. For more details, contact Roger Chapman by email on [roger.chapman99@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.chapman99@btinternet.com).

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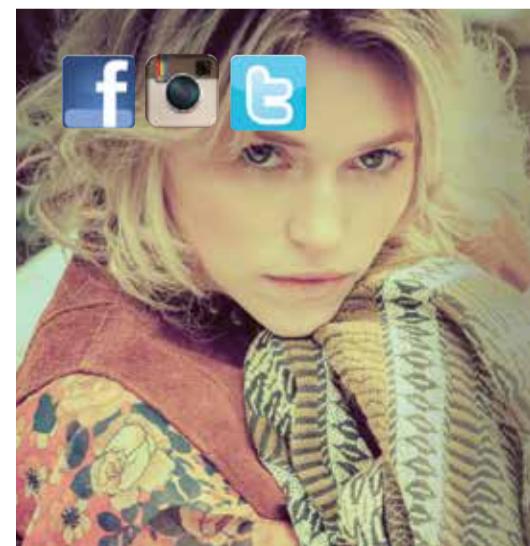
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All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.

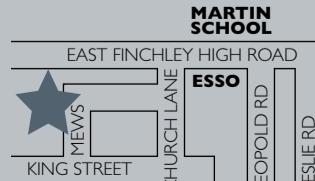
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Tidy up: Wayne Armsby rides the mower and Dennis Pepper uses the strimmer.

## Two men went to mow a meadow

Long Lane Pasture Trust has been given a £4,000 grant by the People's Postcode Trust and it has spent some of the money on a new ride-on mower and a strimmer to help keep the grass and brambles under control at its two-acre site opposite the fire station on Long Lane.

Dennis Pepper, chairman of the Trust, said: "The mower and a strimmer will make a huge difference for us. No longer will we have to depend on hired equipment which either wasn't available when we needed it or broke down when we had it."

The grant came from money raised through the People's Postcode Lottery where players play with their postcodes to win cash prizes while raising money for good causes. For more information on the pasture visit [www.longlanepasture.org](http://www.longlanepasture.org)

## Petal power

By Ann Bronkhorst

**Some of our favourite local green spaces have just won awards in the 2014 London in Bloom competition, now in its 47<sup>th</sup> year.**

Among the Overall Borough entries Haringey won Silver and its parks, gardens and open spaces did particularly well. Haringey will hold its own celebrations on Tuesday 7 October. For the full list of Haringey's winners go to [www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk)

Bruce Castle and Alexandra Palace Parks won Silver Gilt, as did Coldfall Wood for Conservation. In the Large Park of the Year category Golders Hill Park (City of London) came top with Gold.

There are awards for cemeteries, too, with Gold going

to the Westminster-run East Finchley Cemetery in East End Road.

In the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category the equivalent to Gold, Outstanding, went to Long Lane Pasture Trust in Finchley.

London in Bloom is a year-round campaign which saw a record 276 entries this year from 26 boroughs (not including Barnet). They also run a campaign for schools called Know, Sow and Grow. To find out more, visit [www.londoninbloom.co.uk](http://www.londoninbloom.co.uk)