



# Star turns and memories as arts festival comes of age



Director Geoffrey Hanson

Ten days of music, readings and visual arts, plus a Punch and Judy show, drew crowds to All Saints Church in Durham Road for the East Finchley Arts Festival, which this year celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The many highlights included readings by local

authors in the East Finchley Writers group and visits from national and international favourites like the BBC Elstree Concert Band and the Haydn Chamber Orchestra.

One particularly moving concert featured poetry and music marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, along with memories of Private John Parr, the North Finchley 17-year-old who was the first British soldier to be killed in the conflict.

Congratulations to festival director Geoffrey Hanson and his team of organisers and volunteers for another successful event and thanks to Marian Harris and Mike Coles for this selection of performance photos.



Paprika in full flow at the East Finchley Arts Festival. Photo: Mike Coles



The BBC Elstree Concert Orchestra. Photo: Marian Harris



Pop-up opera - Mozart's *Cosi fan Tutte*. Photo: Marian Harris

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Jennifer Bate, International Concert Organist, marking her 70th birthday year.

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## Splash at the Phoenix

Following on from the exhibition by East Finchley Open artists group in September at The Original Gallery in Hornsey Library, members are continuing their creation of work inspired by the theme Splashes, Wisps & Fragments.

They will be exhibiting at the Phoenix Cinema throughout October with the added discipline of working within a standard frame size. Expect a wide variety of painting, drawing, photography etc. to be on show on the foyer walls of the cinema. More details from [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk)

## Future of Ally Pally

Alexandra Palace welcomes ideas and input from visitors as the Heritage Lottery Funded restoration nears completion.

Look up the survey at [www.alexandrapalace.com/about-us/regeneration](http://www.alexandrapalace.com/about-us/regeneration), and enter the prize draw for free event tickets, valid until September 2015. In the East Court you can visit an exhibition about the restoration until the evening of Tuesday 7 October.