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Angad Singh, left, and Satnam Singh with their marathon medals. Photo Kevin Meredith.

Faith and war

Two British Sikhs ran the Brighton Marathon in April to commemorate the lives and sacrifices of the British Indian Army who fought during the Great War.

Angad Singh and Satnam Singh were both dressed in authentic Indian Army uniform and managed to finish the full 26.2 miles together, stride for stride, in under five hours.

The pair were running for the UK Punjab Heritage Association, a charity raising awareness about the Sikhs and World War One through their project Empire, Faith & War (www.empirefaithwar.com).

Angad, who lives off Squires Lane, N3, said: "The marathon was gruelling given the heaviness of the kit we were wearing and the strong midday sun. As an amateur runner it's definitely the toughest challenge I've completed but it was an honour to commemorate the long tradition of Anglo-Sikh ties and those wartime soldiers in particular."

Better, bigger, brighter: it's Festival 2015!

By Roger Chapman

This summer's East Finchley community festival on Sunday 21 June between noon and 6pm in Cherry Tree Wood promises to be better, brighter and bigger.

Packed line ups will fill each stage and there will be more than 80 stalls, inflatable slides, a climbing wall, Punch and Judy, a story-telling tent for the under-fives and plenty of activities and fun.

Visitors are welcome to start the day with a nice stroll at 11.30am from Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, where the festival procession will set off along the High Road towards Cherry Tree Wood with music and Morris dancers.

Find out more online at www.iloven2.co.uk and keep up with the latest festival news on Facebook at www.facebook.com/East.Finchley.Festival

Lining up for you

Here are the line-ups for the two festival stages. The East Finchley favourites playing on the main stage, all hosted by DJ Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock, with times to be confirmed, will be:

The Lucky Strikes, Sofasonic, Los Ricochet, Crash Island, Dean Staker, Obsession, Rob Thom Band, Jones 2.0, Lisa's Changed Scratch.

Meanwhile, The Archer Community Stage will be home to some very special local talent of all ages:

- 12pm: Archer Academy
- 12.15pm: Fortitude Dance Company
- 12.35pm: Airborne Circus
- 12.55pm: Erin - Michael Jackson Dance
- 1pm: Elsa - Songs and Music
- 1.10pm: London Metropolitan Brass Training Band
- 1.35pm: North London Ukelele Club
- 2pm: Belles of London City - Morris Dancers
- 2.25pm: Finchley Youth Theatre & Soto Dance Company
- 2.50pm: A-Chord Choir
- 3.15pm: Fixation Theatre Company
- 3.35pm: S.O.U.P. Ukulele Club
- 4.05pm: The Long String Hawkers
- 4.35pm: Finchley Steel Orchestra
- 5pm: I Talk to Strangers
- 5.25pm: Cecilia Holmes
- 5.45pm: Jazz Guitar Ensemble

Outstanding result

Congratulations to all staff, parents and pupils at Holy Trinity Primary School in Eagans Close which was recently rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

With Martin and Brookland Primary Schools already holding the same rating, it means the people of N2 can be very proud of all their primary schools.

Race ace

All 250 places on the inaugural Race the Neighbours 10k event between East Finchley and Muswell Hill (*THE ARCHER*, May 2015) have been taken. Good luck to all the runners setting off from Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 7 June and here's hoping this local challenge becomes an annual event.

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