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# **Summer festival:** who's playing?

The full line-up of entertainment has been unveiled for this year's East Finchley Summer Festival on Sunday 19 June. As always, the event takes place in Cherry Tree Wood from 12 noon to 6pm and is free for everyone.

main stage will be Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock and Mike Hughes. Meanwhile the acts appearing on the Archer community stage will be introduced by Cecilia Holmes.

As we reported last month, live owls will be the festival's fascinating new guests this year and there will be all the usual fun from the giant inflatables and fairground rides, along with dozens of stalls run by local groups and societies, and delicious food outlets alongside the beer tent.

### On the main stage ...

The singers and bands booked to play on the main stage are as follows: Rob Thom, Lisa's Changed, Gill Hunter/Martin Bush Soul project, Spring Park Revival, Dex & Mercy, **Relentless MC. Snake Oil** Rattlers, Ellie Occleston and Simon Stanley Ward. Timings are to be confirmed. Check the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/East. Finchley.Festival.

### ... and on the Archer community stage

Over here, the line-up will be: 12pm, Archer Academy Choir; 12.15pm, Air**borne Circus** – circus skills; 12.35pm, Martin School Samba Band & Dance Club; 12.55pm, Metropolitan Brass Training Band; 1.20pm, A-Chord Choir; 1.45pm, Fortitude Dance Company; 2.05pm, Holy Trinity School Choir; 2.25pm, S.O.U.P. Ukulele Club; 2.50pm, Finchley

Returning to host the Youth Theatre & Soto Dance Company; 3.15pm, Finchlev Steel Orchestra: 3.40pm, Fixation Theatre, Saturday classes; 4pm, North London Ukelele Club; 4.20pm, The Long String Hawkers; 4.45pm, NLPAC: break dance, street dance & boys tap squad; 5pm, Fixation Theatre, children & youth theatre group; 5.15pm, Dorten Yonder, folk band; 5.40pm, Jazz Guitar Ensemble. Timings and acts could be subject to changes on the day.

Look out for the festival programme coming through your letterbox and let's all keep our fingers crossed for sunny weather. THE ARCHER team will be there. Drop by our stall any time to give us a story or just to say hello. See you at the festival!

# **A business** invitation

Members of the fastest growing business network serving all of the trades, shops and enterprises in East Finchley are inviting people to visit their stall at the East Finchley Festival in Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 19 June. They will be launching their brand new business network and revealing their new logo and identity. Members will be there to discuss how they can help local businesses to grow and connect. They want to hear ideas and understand challenges.



The Long String Hawkers, pictured at East Finchley Festival in 2015, will be back this year

## **Bill's solo walk on Baltic shores** By Daphne Chamberlain

Muswell Hill charity Ambitious about Autism urgently needs money to help establish new college facilities for young people with the condition. East Finchley's Bill Tyler, a veteran fundraiser for autism organisations, is hoping to raise £15,000 for them this month.

Soon to be 82, he is aiming to walk 82 miles along the rocks and sand dunes of the coast of Bornholm, a Danish island in the Baltic he has known since 1961, when he was best man at a friend's wedding. His late friend settled there, and Bill has visited the island fairly often.

His connection with autism also goes back many years. ARCHER readers will remember his fundraising walks along the Inca Trail and the Camino de Santiago. His own nephew, Alex Harrison, is severely autistic. Now in his late 50s, he was not able to benefit from recent developments in combating the condition.

#### **Training for young adults**

Ambitious about Autism, who are responsible for the Treehouse School in Muswell Hill, are now extending their work to young people from late teens to mid-20s. They need furniture and teaching aids for their new quarters in the Tottenham College development, near Wood Green. They also have to move existing equipment from Hendon.



The round church at Osterlars on Bill's route. Photo Bill Tyler

Students will be trained to work responsibly within the community, with Sainsbury's at Muswell Hill among employers who are cooperating with the scheme.

### **Raise a glass**

On Bornholm Bill will be walking alone, stopping overnight at B&Bs, and relying on Danish contacts. Being a Danish island, Carlsberg is always on hand, and Bill might well celebrate with a glass or two if his programme goes to plan.

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Donations will be greatly appreciated. Please send cheques to Ambitious about Autism, The Pears Centre, Woodside Avenue, N10 3JA (mention Bill!) or go online at http://uk.virginmoneygiving. com and search for Bill Tyler.

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### Paws to help The RSPCA is hosting a volunteer recruitment morning, with coffee and cakes, at its charity shop in the High Road, N2, on Saturday 18 June between 9am and 11am.

Branch manager Emma Prosser said the team was really keen to build up its voluntee base so that the charity could grow. They are looking for helpers in the shop and at the RSPCA clinic in Park Road, N2. They are also hoping to build up a fostering scheme in the area for homeless cats. Everyone is welcome to go along and find out more.



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