

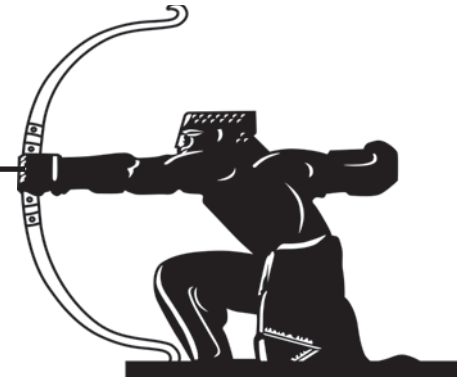


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Grease is the word for garage gang

Fashion designer and actress Sadie Frost, centre, joined her friends at the Spanners With Manners garage in East Finchley to create an all-female version of the famous Greased Lightning moment from the movie musical Grease as part of a special photo shoot. Read the full story on page 6. Photo: Debbi Clark.

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Seasons Greetings

Best wishes for the festive season to all our readers, deliverers and advertisers, from everyone on *The Archer* team.

Milkmen upheaval

At least 12 milkmen, serving East Finchley, Highgate, Muswell Hill and nearby areas, have been ousted from the depot they have used for many years with just two weeks' notice by its owners. Full story on page 5.

Mugging alert

People of all ages are being warned to be on their guard against muggers following reports of a spate of attempted robberies on teenagers and a distressing incident involving a commuter walking home at night. Full story on page 3.

Fundraising drive to make festival happen

By David Melsome

A crowdfunding campaign has been launched urging people in East Finchley to pledge a small amount of money to ensure their long-running summer festival in Cherry Tree Wood is a success again in 2020.

New team

There's a new team responsible for East Finchley Festival after previous organisers, East Finchley Community Trust, felt it was time to hand over the baton. Now, following a period of transition, festival volunteers Mike Hughes, Miranda Levey, Charles O'Toole, Alison Roberts, Owen Rowlands and Grant Silverman, who all live locally, are primed and ready to deliver future events after forming non-profit organisation East Finchley Festival CIC.

Free for the community

Entry to the East Finchley Community Festival is always free but it does cost money to run. Sponsorship, stall fees and programme advertising cover some of the costs but last year organisers found that some businesses were tightening their belts so the new crowdfunding approach is an attempt to fill the cash gap and ensure that the organising team can start making bookings for the essentials like stage equipment, bins and toilets.

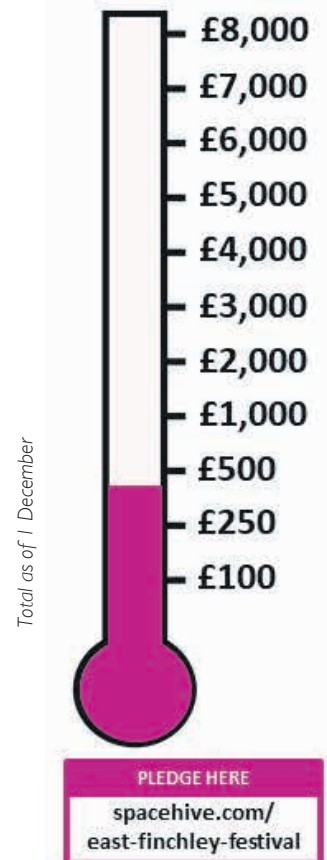
Back your festival

Co-organiser Mike Hughes said: "While we have no intention of changing the festival, we are exploring new ways of financing it. We need to raise £8,809 and quick, which is why we are running a crowdfunding campaign asking local residents to pledge a small amount. Just £10 or £20 from enough people will help ensure we have the finance to stage the event. So, please help if you can, our festival needs you."

You can make your pledge at: spacehive.com/east-finchley-festival. Pledges will only be charged if the project hits its funding goal of £8,809 by 8 February 2020.



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Grant Silverman told *The Archer*: "We are all really excited about next year's festival. We want it to be the best yet and if that means making it greener or offering a greater range of food, then we're open to ideas, suggestions and most of all sponsorship. So please get in touch with us at eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com"

The festival is scheduled to take place on Sunday 21 June 2020 in Cherry Tree Wood. Any pledges, large or small, will be very welcome.