

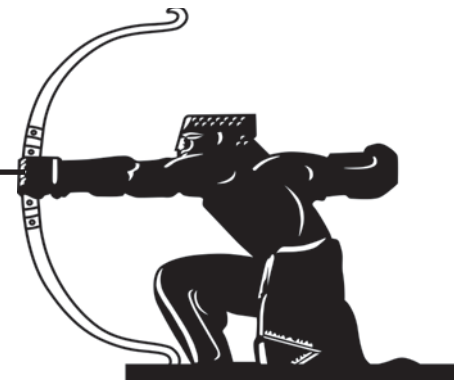


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Refreshing: Sharon Harding and Sharon Hall get ready to re-open the Cherry Tree Wood café.
Photo Mike Coles

Café in the park is back in business

Visitors to Cherry Tree Wood are rejoicing at the news that the park's café is about to open again after a long period with the shutters down. Turn to page 4 for full story.

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Burglary at corner store

By Janet Maitland
Thieves broke into the King Street Food and Wine shop on the corner of Church Lane and King Street, N2, in the early hours of Tuesday 20 July, managing to get in despite the locked metal shutters.

CCTV footage shows three white men turning up at 4am and smashing their way in and out in five minutes, leaving with a lot of expensive stock.

The owners had only just finished repairing flood damage from the torrential rain a week earlier. They are determined to carry on regardless and new shutters were already in place a few hours later.

There have been no arrests and enquiries are ongoing. Anyone with any information should call police on 101 and quote CAD 1083/20July.

Festival lives again as Late Summer Social

By John Lawrence

East Finchley's long-running summer festival may have been cancelled for the second year running in June but organisers are determined not to let the summer pass without a chance for the community to get together.

Step forward the Late Summer Social 2021, which will take place in Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 5 September from 12 noon to 6pm. The idea is to have the same successful mix of live entertainment, arts and crafts, food and drink but with some elements removed to create more space and keep visitors safe.

New this year will be a cashless and contactless ordering system for hot food and the bar to avoid the need for queuing. The popular inflatable slides will be absent as they are impossible

to keep Covid-safe, but in their place will be children's games and possibly an assault course in the woods. The newly resurfaced sports courts will be put to good use with basketball games and training run by Kevin Lukau, alongside free tennis coaching from Stormont Tennis Club, based in nearby Lanchester Road.

Stalls and stages, old and new

Demand for stalls and pitches has been high. There will be items to browse and buy on arts and crafts stalls,

where priority has been given to producers and artists who are local to N2. Community groups will also be taking stalls to showcase their activities and sign up new members.

The live music stage has been renamed in memory of the late Stan Spinks, key



organiser of the summer festival for 15 years, who passed away last year. It will host an exciting line-up of acts, including favourites Angie A and local MOBO award winning DJ, Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock, and is expected to be headlined by high-energy 'urban country' band Rangoon.

The community stage has been replaced by a community performance area at the end of the park where groups and individuals will be putting on performances and demos.

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