

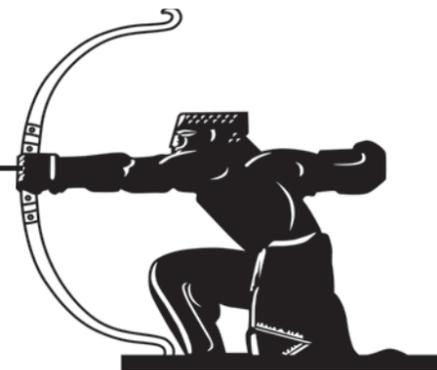


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Call for helpers as summer festival is fixed for June

By Alys Wainwright

East Finchley Festival is returning to its traditional early summer slot this year, it has been announced. The free community-run event will take place in Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 19 June from midday to 6pm.

The festival is run by a team of volunteers overseen by East Finchley Festival CIC (Community Interest Company) and they're on the look-out for more people to join them.

specifically looking for an administrator, coordinators to roster volunteers and someone to liaise with activity providers on the run-up to the big day. Then on Sunday 19 June itself,

8pm on Wednesday 16 March. Contact them at eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com or via www.eastfinchleyfestival.org



Last year's Late Summer Social in Cherry Tree Wood. Photo: Fiona Doyle

Two years ago, the festival was cancelled altogether due to the pandemic and last year it changed temporarily into the Late Summer Social to occupy a Sunday in September as restrictions were lifting.

This year's event will have live music and performance, licensed bar, food stalls, a makers' market, well-being zone, sports coaching and lots of children's activities, including laser tag in the woods.

The organising team is

there will be the usual appeal for dozens of stewards and marshals to help with directing stall-holders on and off the site, selling raffle tickets and merchandise, and generally keeping everything in Cherry Tree Wood running smoothly.

Your festival needs you

If you'd like to get involved, or just find out more, you're invited to drop in and meet some of the team in The Old White Lion pub, next to East Finchley tube station, from

Causeway attacker sentenced

By Janet Maitland

A man convicted of outrageous public decency, assault causing actual bodily harm and assault by beating of an emergency worker in East Finchley has been sentenced.

Eridjon Hatia, 29, appeared in Harrow Crown court on 11 January and was sentenced to 150 hours unpaid work, 45 weeks in prison, suspended for two years, and £400 in costs.

Police were called to The Causeway, the busy footpath behind East Finchley tube station, just after 7pm on 19 March 2021 to reports of a man indecently exposing himself to a young girl after following her home from school.

Officers attended and, after a short chase, arrested Hatia on nearby Deansway, N2. A male and female officer were attacked during the arrest. They were treated in hospital and discharged later that day.

As we reported last month, CCTV was installed on The Causeway last September following a campaign by local residents, supported by local councillors, but it is due to be decommissioned at the end of March.



A towering presence

East Finchley has a new landmark in the shape of a sculpture of Susanna Wesley, known as the Mother of Methodism, created by tree carver Simon O'Rourke. For the full story behind this amazing addition to the High Road, turn to the back page.

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