



Let there be light: Rosalind Freeborn and the East Finchley lampshade she has crafted.

A light shines on East Finchley

By Jane Marsh

Muswell Hill collage artist Rosalind Freeborn invented and refined her unique paper lampshade design some time ago and sells them as kits that are easily assembled at home. Over the years, she has enlarged her range of designs to include well known places in addition to flowers, animals, literary figures and many others.



Work in progress: The collage takes shape

Ros recently took part in the ILoveN2 pop-up market and now, just in time for this year's summer festival, is launching her East Finchley lampshade, featuring famous local landmarks such as the Archie statue on the station, the Phoenix Cinema and the Bald Faced Stag pub. She says: "It was fun to make. I am so fond of East Finchley. We spent five very happy years in Sylvester Road before moving

to Muswell Hill."

You can see Ros's range of paper lampshades, now available in three sizes, on her stall at the East Finchley Festival in Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 18 June or anytime on her website www.papershades.co.uk.

She will also be opening her house in Muswell Hill for the East Finchley Open Artists weekends on 24-25 June and 1-2 July from 11am to 6pm. Find out more at eastfinchleyopen.org.uk/events



Illuminating: The lampshade shines a spotlight on some of N2's landmarks

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Twentieth year of artists opening their homes

By Mike Coles

Twenty years ago, a group of artists in and around East Finchley decided to open their homes and studios to share their work with friends and neighbours. Two decades on, the East Finchley Open Artists Open House Weekends are still a popular annual event.

Twenty houses will be opening over two weekends this year, featuring ceramics, paintings, prints, jewellery, photography, textiles, sculpture and glass created by more than 65 local artists.

Visitors are welcome to

browse or buy and there will also be a special extra exhibition at All Saints Church in Durham Road featuring work from all EFOA artists.

The weekends are Saturday and Sunday 24-25 June and 1-2 July. Visits to the

houses are entirely free and they will all be open from 11am to 6pm on all days. Look out for a flyer through your door or you can find out more information at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk/events



Art for sale: There will be a huge variety of art works to browse and buy at the East Finchley Open Artists weekends. Photo montage Mike Coles.

Not too late to lend a hand at the festival

East Finchley Festival is just days away and volunteers are still needed to help make sure the event is as big a success as ever. Can you spare an hour or two on Sunday 18 June in Cherry Tree Wood?

The volunteers who run the festival are looking for small teams of people to staff the raffle points throughout the day for 90-minute shifts. They also need volunteers to help steward the event and generally to be on hand to keep things running smoothly.

They're also on the lookout for help with transport, as long-time supporters of the festival, Rogers Removals, are no longer

able to assist. If you've got a van or truck, and can spare a bit of time over the festival weekend, contact organisers@eastfinchleyfestival.org

Organiser East Finchley Festival CIC is a completely independent non-profit organisation and receives no outside funding, so relies on volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, sign-up on the festival website by scanning the QR code below

or visiting www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/volunteer.

