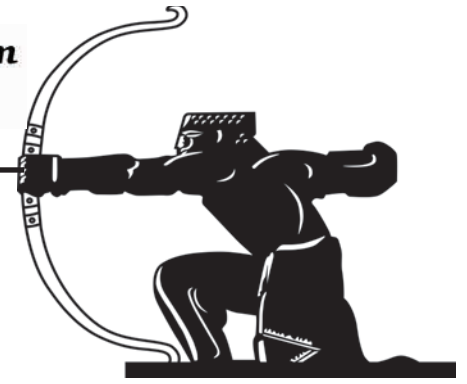


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Top of the bill: The line-up of artists who performed at the High Road Live event in the Phoenix.
 Photo Mike Coles.

Class acts prove N2 is big on talent

A stand-up comic, a nine-year-old DJ, a young violinist and an opera-singing delivery driver were just some of the superb performers who proved East Finchley really has got talent during the highly successful High Road Live event. Turn to page 5 for the full story and more photos.

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Strawberry Vale heating

Residents on the Strawberry Vale estate in East Finchley have been told that changes to how they pay for their heating and hot water will not take place until the autumn at the earliest. Turn to page 3.

Call for new N2 network

A call has been issued for a new N2 networking group to carry on the valuable meetings started by N2United community and business network, which closed last month. Turn to page 7.

How I ran down the M1

Last month, East Finchley dad Jamie Austin ran 220 miles down the length of the M1 to raise money for diabetes research and it was a journey full of invigorating highs and painful lows. Turn to page 6.

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Be part of the festival

The East Finchley Festival team is gearing up for the biggest event of the year in N2 and is now accepting applications from performers and stallholders.

This year's festival will take place on Sunday 18 June in Cherry Tree Wood, featuring live music and performance art, storytelling tent, street food, bars and a huge makers' market.

The festival, run by non-profit organisation East Finchley Festival CIC, also welcomes sponsorship from local businesses to help meet costs of staging the event.

You can find out how to apply to be part of this year's



festival at www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/take-part

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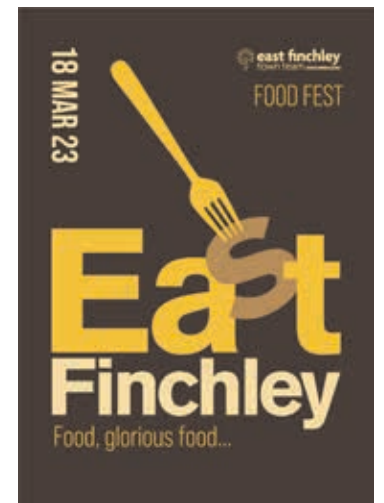
Celebration of food and drink for High Road

By Diana Cormack

The next event organised by East Finchley Town Team in its drive to encourage more people to visit the High Road takes place this month. The Food Festival, known as Ea't Finchley, is sandwiched between St Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday.

As a starter, on Friday 17 March the Cherry Tree Café in Cherry Tree Wood is serving food and drink with an Irish theme, along with performances of Irish dancing. There will also be celebrations in local pubs.

On Sunday 19 March you can treat your mum to a meal at a local café or restaurant (look out for special offers). Also on Sunday, at 11am, the Phoenix Cinema will be showing a food-related film suitable for all the family, the animated comedy *Ratatouille*.



From noon until 6 pm on the Saturday 18 March there will be tastings and promotions along the High Road in this celebration of food and culture. Local traders and businesses will be joining in by decorating their premises fittingly and offering samples to passers-by.

Colourful stalls run by local charities, schools and volunteer groups will provide information, demonstrations and a variety of food projects, and there'll be a local food trail to follow.

You can't get more local than home cooking, so entries for the Great East Finchley Bake Off (see page 2 for full details) are eagerly awaited. They will be judged by that connoisseur of cakes, local councillor Arjun Mittra. East Finchley's own Alison Moore, Mayor of Barnet, will be present, no doubt eager to see what her ward is capable of producing.

Visit www.iloven2.co.uk/eat-finchley for more information and keep your eyes open for posters and social media @EFtownteam.