

Finham Lion



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Festival Season

Isabel Clennell brings you all the festival news.

From Sunday 26th April to Monday 4th May the 22nd Earlsdon Festival was held on Earlsdon Street.

On Earlsdon high street there was a large variety of stalls. Some stalls were where you purchased goods, like exquisitely vintage, heritage cake company Mrs Flower's Fabulous Cards along with many other sweet stalls.

There were also some charity stalls, such as Against Breast Cancer, Samaritans, and many more. Other stalls to raise awareness of certain groups and communities, for example Friends of War Memorial Park, the RSPB and the British Legion.

Of course, there is also the Godiva Festival, which I am sure everyone loves. It is the biggest free music festival in the UK for families. This year, there were numerous well known acts playing such as The Wombats, Don Brocco, JME, Slaves and many more. There was also the usual funfair featuring numerous rides for people of different ages- the scaries of which was Speed.

As usual, there will be the Charity Village. Also, there's the fair-ground with lots of different rides to go on. The funfair with bouncy castles and slides will provide fun for younger children. Other areas will be the vintage market, where vintage and natural goods will be sold; the urban youth tent, which is all about music helping young people and the petting farm, involving goats, lamb, sheep, a miniature pony and alpaca.

How to Get Stuff Done.

Lily Webbs and Sophia Ally bring you their tip to get stuff done.

1. Make your work as easy as possible.

If you know that you have a hard task do you, you are most likely to avoid it at all costs. It is human nature.

2. Only set yourself things that you will do.

If you try to do a task that you are not going to enjoy or simply do not want to do, you are not going to be motivated to do it. If you get a choice of what to do with things like homework, then pick the task that will engage you the most because it will make it easier to do.

3. Listen to music.

Although it may seem as though music will most often distract you, it can help separate you from the outside world and enable you to zone in on whatever you are doing. Also, playing a little bit of music can help make very boring tasks a lot more enjoyable.

4. Make sure that you are going to do something enjoyable afterwards.

If you know that you can reward yourself by doing something fun after you have done a certain amount of work, it will encourage you to finish your work quicker.

5. Make a clear plan of what you are going to do.

If you are organised and prepared for the work that you have to do, it will make it much easier to complete. If you have to keep finding equipment and getting up, you will just become more and more distracted.

6. Take often breaks

Whilst revising, you may become very stressed. Take a ten minute break every so often, ideally every 40 minutes, so that you can eat, drink and relax. This can leave you feeling a little bit more motivated to revise later.

7. Use colour to make your work look more interesting

It has been proven by scientists that using colour means that you are more likely to remember what you have revised. It can also make you want to revise more if your notes look interesting.

Creative Writing Club

*Jessie Walker exclusively
interviews Finham Park's Creative Writing Club.*

The Creative Writing Club is a group lead by Miss Burdekin to help people enjoy and advance in writing. I managed to interview a few people from the club: Caitlin, Navneet, Laurel, Max and Kim and an anonymous member.

So what do you find interesting about the Creative Writing club?

Kim: Well, we all find it quite funny. It's also really relaxed so we can explore satirical writing.

Navneet: Yeah, we like the writing.

How would you encourage people in your year group to join the CW?

Kim: I would just tell them that it isn't all about the writing. Instead, it's really relaxed and nothing like being forced to write.

Max: It's very laid back and you don't need to do a lot. There is also cake!

Caitlin: You can also have a chat with your friends.

Anonymous: It is very fun. I would definitely encourage many others to join, especially older people

What do you like about the CW?

Kim: Well, I feel that when I am in the club, I can read out loud, so it has helped me boost my confidence.

Max: The cake!

[agreement]

Laurel: Also, everyone is very chilled out here. It's quite nice.

How has the CW helped you in any way?

Navneet: It's made me more confident in my work and speaking

Max: It's made me think about my work and fiction writing.

Anonymous: Yeah, the speaking out loud.

Do you think you are more interested in English now you are in CW?

Kim: I think that we're all into English right now, but we've improved our speaking skills

There is also a chance for members of the Creative Writing Club to meet Ann Evans, the author of *The Beast*. Feel free to come along on the 10th of June if you are interested.

Royal Baby

*Eleanor Hughes brings the in depth analysis
to the royal baby arrival.*

Her Royal Highness Kate Middleton, The Duchess of Cambridge has given birth to her second child. Princess Charlotte of Cambridge was born on 2nd of May 2015 in St Mary's Hospital, London. She is the second child and only daughter to Prince William and Kate Middleton and she is Prince George's younger sister.

The princess's full name is Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana. She is named Diana after

Prince William and Harry's mother Princess Diana of Wales who died in France on 31st August 1997. Her second middle name is from her Grandmother Queen Elizabeth II who is already on the throne of England. The reaction to the announcement of the Princess' name was taken quite well as they used a quite upsetting name and Princess Diana was very popular before her death.

Princess Elizabeth is now the fourth in line to the English throne. First in line is Prince Charles, the Queen's eldest and only child. Second in line is Prince William, Princess Diana eldest child. Third in line is Prince George, Kate Middleton and Prince William's eldest child and finally it will be Princess Charlotte; Kate Middleton and Prince William's youngest child. Normally the male heirs would be King of England before the female heirs. However that changed when Kate Middleton was pregnant with George, thinking that they would have a girl. They changed the law so when Prince George was born, (if he was a girl) he would be the heir to the throne no matter what gender it was.

HOW TO KEEP ACTIVE IN THE HOLIDAYS

Kiertan Nijjar writes about the top tips for staying active in the summer.

Trying to keep fit in the summer is difficult. You don't need to have an expensive gym membership or any gym equipment. All you need is a creative mind.

Even without a creative mind you can still keep fit in fun ways.

Keeping fit means being outside or just even being active in any way. Most people think that you have to do a sport go for a job or anything like that. But it doesn't, that is just one way. If you like talking to your friends then don't be a couch potato and go meet up with them at someone's house. When you meet up, it might be a good idea to start playing some games that will get you moving around, instead of just staring at a phone or a screen. You can turn that time into time to go to the park with your friends so you finally get to go and stop being told no you can't go by your parents when you ask.

If your friends are busy you can still be active. You can spend time with your family, even if they don't want to be active you can encourage them to be active.

Stuck for ideas?

You can go on a family bike ride and take advantage of the sunny weather. You can go to the park. If you have a pet instead of just playing with it on the sofa and throwing a ball go outside and play with them.

Top Tips:

Find fun ways that suit you to keep fit.

Don't think that you need a gym membership or need to do a sport. there are other ways.

BE CREATIVE!

There are so many ways to keep fit. Don't be narrow minded and be creative.

North Norfolk:

North Norfolk is a family favorite. As a traditional seaside resort, it features beautiful beaches, fish and chips, Punch and Judy, ice cream and much more. There are also plenty of Hotels for you to stay in, perfectly situated next to the beach. North Norfolk also contains National Trust properties as well. There is something for everyone!



TOP UK HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

Where to go for your yearly fix of fun, sun and freedom



Northumberland:

Northumberland is the hot ticket for 2015 and the region has something for everyone. It gets amazing reviews for its beautiful beaches and castles. It is beautifully positioned next to the sea which, due to the numerous activities that you can engage in, means that you will never get bored. Examples of these activities include you being able to take boat rides to the Farne Islands or walks to Alnwick Castle, where some scenes in Harry Potter were filmed. How Magical!

Isle of Wight:

The Isle of Wight has vast stretches of a golden sandy coast. There are numerous rock pools ideal for paddling and the entire island has a lovely antique feel. You can walk or cycle around the island and see a surprisingly good selection of restaurants and pubs to suit you and your family. Places you can visit include Blackgang Chine, Roman Villa, Osborne House and Carisbrooke Castle.

