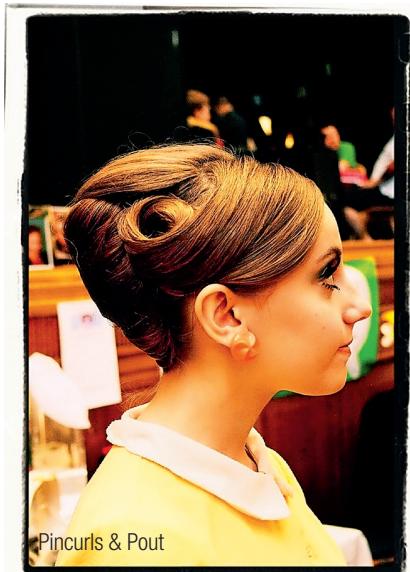


Keeping with tradition

Kat Hopps shows how you can have yourself an old-fashioned Christmas in the Living North area

Christmas and nostalgia have an inextricable bond. It may be the mulled wine, but we're pretty sure our warm, fuzzy glow at this time of year comes from harking back to traditional ways and reconnecting with the people in our local communities. If you're similarly dreaming of a more conventional Christmas, look no further than our patch, from Hampstead to Highgate: beautiful backdrops; bustling shopping lanes; quality produce; lavish gifts and old-fashioned customer service – they've got the lot. Join us on our perfect exploration of the traders and places sprinkling a little Christmas spirit on your doorstep this December...



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Not on the high street

Shopping for Christmas gifts can become a chore when you lack time and inspiration or have difficult people to please. Fortunately, help is at hand. The Pop Up Vintage Fairs London, founded by former fashion worker Maxine Stonehill in 2011, run regular fairs in Hampstead featuring vintage and antique traders who sell original gifts you won't find on the high street. They're holding a Christmas shopping extravaganza on December 9 at St Stephen's Rosslyn Hill, a stunning 19th century French Gothic Church, where you will find beautiful ladies and menswear, vintage and antique jewellery, accessories, homeware and more.

With a huge following of vintage enthusiasts and local residents, Maxine believes the fair's popularity can be attributed to the hard-working team who offer "a personal service to our traders, taking care of all their needs so we can bring the best vintage shopping experience to our fans and visitors alike".

Part of this shopping experience includes enjoying delicious homemade cakes and teas whilst listening to the vintage style singers

who perform at each fair. The Wayward Sisters, a regular vocal harmony trio group, cover hits from the 20s to 60s such as *In The Mood* and *Lipstick On Your Collar*. Georgi Wooderson, one of the band's singers, says: "We try to cover lots of eras and styles to give our audience variety and like to throw the odd modern pop song in for a surprise element." She says the girls have a huge love of vintage. "For us it evokes a feeling of glamour, nostalgia and a spirit of individuality, especially true in a fashion sense. We never go home from a gig empty handed!"

On hand to create a memorable party look are Jeanie Pincurl and Betsy Pout of Pincurls and Pout who can give you a beautiful vintage hairstyle and make-up look for the party season. Janie, a former hairdresser in major West End shows, and Betsy, a former ballerina, have only been working together since June last year, but have already built up a huge following and are known for their expertise with hair pieces, wigs and eyelashes.

St Stephen's Church, Pond Street, Hampstead, NW3 2PP; 11am-4pm; facebook.com/popupvintagefairs



What gifts to buy for whom at the Pop Up Christmas Vintage Fair

- **Dad:** Leather suitcase, antique maps, vintage advertising posters
- **Mum:** Vintage crockery, mid-century & kitsch homeware, writing sets and vintage notebooks
- **Boyfriend/husband/brother:** Collectables, vintage cufflinks, tie pins and grooming kits
- **Girlfriend/wife/sister:** 1930s evening bags, powder compacts, dressing table sets