



East Finchley Arts Festival

Story and photo by David Tupman

You've heard of the Edinburgh Festival - well here comes the East Finchley Arts Festival, running from Friday 13th June to Sunday 21st June at All Saints Church, Durham Road. Nothing like this has been seen in East Finchley before and all proceeds will go to the North London Hospice.

Over nine days the Festival provides something for everybody, from classical favourites, choral and organ recitals to jazz, poetry, old time musical and an art exhibition.

Share anecdotes with Benny Green the well-known broadcaster and author. Marvel at Fleur Adcock the locally based international poet. Spend an evening with Charles Collingwood and Judy Bennett - the alter egos of Brian Aldridge and Shula Archer from Radio 4's "The Archers". Jitter to the Fortismere School's jazz band and rap to the North London Symphony Orchestra. The programme is as follows:



All Saints Church, Durham Road - home of the Arts Festival

Friday 13th June. 7.30pm

Celebrity Recital: Jennifer Bate - Organ - Bach to Ives' Variations on America.

Saturday 14th June. 7.30pm

Finchley Choral Society: conducted by Michael Hamm - includes Faure's Requiem and Mendelssohn's Lauda Sion. The Confections: Old Time Music Hall at Youth Theatre, High Road, N2 - a trip down memory lane.

Sunday 15th June. 10.00am

Festival Service with Mozart's Coronation Mass, and the Archdeacon of Hampstead. Followed by refreshments and open air concert by The Good Little Band.

Sunday 15th June. 7.30pm

Thamyse String Quartet: Chamber music, 19th and 20th century flavour including Handon, Dvorak, Vaughan Williams.

Monday 16th June. 7.30pm

Poetry Evening: Fleur Adcock, Carole Satyamuti, David Constantine.

Tuesday 17th June. 7.30pm

Fortismere Jazz Group: young people from Fortismere School.

Wednesday 18th June. 7.30pm

An evening with Benny Green: well-known broadcaster and author gives a personal view.

Thursday 19th June. 7.30pm

Geoffrey Hanson & Friends: programme of his and others' music.

Friday 20th June. 7.30pm

An Evening with Charles Collingwood & Judy Bennett: (Brian Aldridge & Shula Archer from Radio 4's "The Archers") - an evening of anecdote, stories and drama.

Saturday 21st June. 12noon to 6.00pm

East Finchley Community Festival : live entertainment, beer tent, side shows and amusements at Cherry Tree Woods opposite East Finchley tube station: Admission Free.

Saturday 21st June. 7.45pm

North London Symphony Orchestra conducted by David Lordi. An all-Tchaikovsky programme.

ART EXHIBITION: Seven local artists will be showing their work throughout the Festival at All Saints Church, Durham Road. Be a culture vulture and book your tickets on 0181 960 5712.

Net Call

By Diana Cormack

Contrary to what its name implies The Muswell Hill United Reform Church Lawn Tennis Club is situated in East Finchley. It lies hidden from view tucked away between Southern Road and Cherry Tree Wood, bordered by Shakespeare and Summerlee Gardens and Cherry Tree Road. Founded in 1920, the club moved to its present location in 1927. It has four En-Tout-Cas (clay) courts that are maintained by the members during the off-season. This helps to keep down costs, as does the fact that the courts are not playable in the winter months.



They are in two pairs separated by a lawn and trees, a lovely setting to lie or sit out on between games and to take the traditional afternoon tea prepared by members on a rota basis. The atmosphere is friendly and relaxed and families are welcome. There is even a swing for the little ones. There are basic facilities of a kitchen, loo, changing rooms and a room to chat in or shelter from the rain! No showers or bar, but you do get a chance to drink during the summer barbecues.

No strings

There is a summer tournament in July and American Tournaments are also held. Male and female teams represent the club in the Middlesex League. Players of a reasonable standard can become full club members subject to a playing-in period of up to one month. Beginners or "returners" can become practice members and receive training from the club coach on a group or individual basis.

From there they can progress to full membership. Children's coaching sessions are also available.

Full membership costs £60, practice and weekday membership costs £40 and there are reduced prices for students, unemployed, family and child members. For more information contact The Membership Secretary, 38 Summerlee Avenue, East Finchley, London N2 9QP. Telephone 0181 444 6140.

Court in the act

Another local club, the Highgate Lawn Tennis Club, is situated in Twyford Avenue. It has hard courts and floodlights so play is possible throughout the year. For further details telephone 0181 953 1038.

Team Barnet Leisure Management run training courses for beginners and upwards at different venues throughout the season. If you're interested telephone 0181 457 9909 for tennis or any other general enquiries about sport in the borough.

RSPCA

Miss Rebecca Littler takes over as vet at the RSPCA Small Animals' Clinic in Park Road from Dr Adrian Foster who leaves after five years' service for pastures new in Kent.



New vet, Rebecca Littler

Writes Branch Secretary, Mary Atkinson: "We are fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Rebecca Littler MRCVS as his replacement. Although Rebecca looks as though she has just left school, she is exceptionally well-qualified with experience in Small Animal medicine. We are sure the clinic will go from strength to strength under her guidance."

It's a snip

All animals belonging to pensioners and those on income support who live in our branch area are treated at a subsidised cost. Neutering and teeth cleaning are carried out by appointment with the vet at our monthly Sunday clinic. Spaying of female dogs and cats is arranged locally, with our branch subsidising the payment.

This branch area covers Finchley, Golders Green, Hendon, Mill Hill and Edgware, so do spread the word about this service. Any queries to Mary Atkinson, Branch Secretary on 0181 444 8366, or Barbara Bowden, Clinic Manager on 0181 883 3104.

The local clinic can be found in Park Road. Evening surgeries are on Mondays and Thursdays from 6.30 to 7.30pm

Holy Trinity at the Barbican

By Diana Cormack

Children from Year 5 composed their own piece, entitled "Do Not Disturb", with the help of visiting musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra and their teacher Yvonne Howe.

They were taking part in a project with three other London Primary schools to create their own music and poems using ideas and material suggested by a newly commissioned work by Piers Halliwell. Since February they have been composing, singing, writing as well as playing various instruments to prepare for their performance. This involved "sharing" their work with the three other schools in a pre-concert event.

Holy Trinity's composition

was based on the memorial plaque in the school hall which lists past pupils who fought and died in the First World War. They tried to reflect, though their music and poetry, the feelings of those soldiers while they were away from home, fighting for king and country.

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