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## What's On...

By Sue Holliday

**Fitness**  
**Yoga** based stretching class at East Finchley Library on Wednesdays 7 - 8pm. All ages welcome. £4 per session. Call Deanna on 020 8883 7029.  
**Exercises for a fabulous figure** (not aerobics); all sizes welcome! Call Deanna 020 8883 7029 for further details.  
**Badminton** on Wednesdays at Christ's College from 8 - 10pm. First visit is free, but not suitable for beginners. Call 020 8349 0170 for details.  
Don't forget **Alexandra Palace Ice Rink** holds skating classes and ice hockey for all ages. For opening times and prices call 020 8365 2121.  
**Body-sculpt Fitness Classes** at St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3 and Middlesex County Cricket Club, East End Road, N3, call Emma on 020 8343 3378 for details.

**Cycling**  
**Barnet cyclists** hold monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month and have rides at least once a month, both attended by 20 - 30 people. Call Charles Harvey 020 8455 5174 for details.

**Walks & Tours**  
**Stepping Out** has guided walking tours in and around London. Contact 020 8881 2933 for further details.  
**Hampstead Heath Walks:** Sunday 7 Nov **Conservation of the Heath**, led by Ian Greenwood. Sunday 21 Nov **Managing an open space for people and wildlife**.

**Dance & Drama**  
**Drama Club** on Saturdays 10-11am for 5-9 year-olds at King Alfred's School (Hampstead). Drama classes for adults on Thursdays 8-10pm in Highgate. Both run by Vicky, former Head of Drama at King Alfred's. To be sure of your place contact Vicky on 020 8883 7110.

**Latin American Dance Classes:** Salsa etc., on Monday evenings at Club XL, 114 High Road, N2. Classes are £5 per session.

**Drama Group** Whatever your interests - acting, directing, producing, scenery, singing etc., why not try our friendly group which meets regularly. Phone Peter on 020 8441 8268.

**Events & Exhibitions**  
**The Jewish Museum** Finchley 80 East End Road has a class in watercolours on Wednesday evenings, until 8 December. Also an exhibition of holocaust prints and drawings by Michele Franklin runs until 6 January 2000. Call 020 8346 2288 for full details.  
**College Farm**, Fitzalan Road N3: On the first Sunday of each month enjoy the **Country Fair** at College Farm. Regular attractions are craft market, picture gallery, donkey rides and a horse bus, apart from being able to see the rare breeds of farm animals.  
**Chorak:** Local artists Mrs G Mack and Brenda Lancaster have an exhibition of their paintings mainly oils at Chorak Patisserie 122 High Road, for the whole of November.

**East Finchley Library** is presenting a selection of **poetry**, written this year, by the East Finchley Writing Workshops, it runs from Tuesday 2 - Saturday 13 November.  
**Alexandra Palace Events:** Sunday 21 November **Alexandra Palace Antique & Collectors Fair**, call 020 8883 7061 for details. Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 November - **Dolls House Fair & Teddy Bear Fair**, call 01903 244900. Friday 3 - Sunday 5 December **The Alexandra Palace Christmas Fair & the Festive table**.

**Keats House** in Hampstead, where he composed "Ode to a Nightingale" in the garden, is open from November to March. The house is open Mon-Fri 1300-1700, Saturdays 1000 - 1300 then 1400 - 1700, Sunday 1400 - 1700. Call Fiona Milligan on 020 7332 3451 for further details.  
**All Saints Beer and Wine Circle** are holding an **Old Tyme Music Hall** show at Bishop Douglass School on Saturday 27 November. Tickets £5 including supper and coffee. All profits to North London Hospice and the Macmillan nurses. Call 020 8883 2834/7148 for further details.

**Cinema**  
**The Phoenix Cinema** is showing a variety of films throughout the month. Call 020 8883 2233 for listings or 020 8444 6789 for the box office.

**Clubs**  
**Tetherdown Duplicate Bridge Club** meets on Thursdays at 1.15pm for 1.30pm. All sessions at Tetherdown Hall, Tetherdown, N10. For details call 020 8348 3495.  
**Memory Lane Singing Club** Learning to sing and perform is fun, sociable and a great experience. Weekly sessions on Fridays 11.30am- 2.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3 or Wednesdays 4-6pm at Wesley Hall, Stapylton Road, Barnet. Call Idit Gold on 020 8449 0011 for further information.

**Music**  
**SWON**, the newly launched symphonic wind orchestra of North London, is seeking enthusiastic wind, double bass and percussion players (minimum grade 5) Rehearsals will take place during term time on Tuesdays at Brooklands Junior School, Hill Top, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 at 7.30pm. Call 020 8883 3365 for further details.  
**Luchtime recitals at the Jewish Museum**, 80 East End Road: Thursday 4 November works by Donazetti, Chopin and Liszt; Thursday 18 November, includes Brahms. All recitals start at 1.15pm.

**Theatre & Comedy**  
**Jacksons Lane Events** Tuesday 2 - Sunday 7 November **The gutted film and theatre company** present **Stick and Stones**; Thursday 11 November **Attic Dance** perform **Breathing in**; Saturday 13 November **Contemporary big band**; Tuesday 16 - 18 Thursday November **Clerkinworks Irish Dance Theatre** presents **Malice in Wonderland**; Wednesday 24 - 28 Sunday November **M.E. Parker undressed**. Call 20 8348 2424 for full details.

## Manor opera plays on

**The Manor Hospital is now closed, but the operatic society, which supported it for so long, is still with us.**

Rehearsals for the next production - "Die Fledermaus" are under way in a new venue - St. Mary's Church Hall, N3, and the show itself will be staged next April, in the Rudolf Steiner Theatre, NW1.

It will be a big production, and the society is looking for singers and dancers. Beginners will be very welcome.

Rehearsals are at 7.30 pm on Mondays, at St. Mary's, Hendon Lane. For more information, phone David Epstein on 020 8346 3244.

## Birds of Prey at Holy Trinity

By Diana Cormack

**The day just flew for children at Holy Trinity School when they were visited by the Red Tail Falconry Display Team.**



*Olasubomi Oguntoyinbo, Chrissie Warman and Katie Harle, all aged 6, with Whisper the Tawny Owl.*

In the morning Sue and Alan Van Vynck and their assistant showed the birds, falcons, kestrels, hawks and owls, to the pupils explaining about them individually. They talked about conservation, food chains and how all the children can help the environment. There was also an opportunity to look at the birds in their cages.

In the afternoon much closer encounters took place when some birds gave a flying display, showing their size, speed

and stealth. Due to poor weather conditions, this had to take place in the assembly hall, where birds perched on the arms of chosen children and staff, before swooping across over the rows of heads, but there were only a few ducks in the crowd!

The children learned things which will stay in their memories for a long time, particularly as they can buy beautiful photographs to remind them of this very special flying visit!

## KALASHNIKOV CULTUR

By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility


## Funny shaped balls

**After the horrors of the cricket and the madness of Manchester United I hoped for some sanity, but no, fat chance of that, the ruggger buggers have come out to play.**

It's not that I hate rugby, well, it is actually, and it's more that I'm not interested in what men do with funny shaped balls. For me rugby starts and ends with some rumour about Princess Diana liking Carling, which is weird, because I always thought she was more into Pimms than lager. So I reckon wall to wall ruggger buggers is a sport too far.

It's not that we'll win either. We always get beaten at sports and we always know well in advance that we have fat chance of doing anything about it. When it comes to cricket we are about as good as Germany, when it comes to football, we're on a level with Australia. The only time we qualify for anything is when they hold it here and even then we get headbutted by our own incompetence before we've had time to get drunk on lager, never mind euphoria. Rugby's the same, only this time it's New Zealand that walks on us and everyone else as they head for a showdown with South Africa. At the moment I can't go out and get quietly smashed without being surrounded by morons in ruggger shirts baying loudly and shouting about the 'pack' like they were out fox hunting down the High Road. Roll on the sixth and the end of this madness. Its not even sport.

If you wanted real sport in October the place to be was Blackpool for the annual Tory party blood wrestling contest between William 'the boy in shorts' Hague and the Big Ted Tag Team (Basher Clarke and Tarzan) for the unwanted soul of conservatism. The presence of the ghost of Mad Margaret to tell the world that it was unfair to imprison torturers in luxurious houses in Surrey only added to the spectacle. There was even a part trained polecat on the loose as well. Barbara Castle described a Labour Party conference in the 1970s as a bloodbath, she should have been in Blackpool, that was real bloodsports and all done without any sort of balls.

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