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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 5 September - **The Kenwood Management Plan.** Sunday 19 September - **Nature's larder and storeroom.**

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, 80 East End Road has an exhibition entitled **The Circle of Montparnasse** - Jewish artists in Paris - until 7 October. Call 020 8346 2288 ext. 109 for further details.
The Jewish Museum Camden Town 129 -131 Albert Street, NW1, has an exhibition entitled **Angels and Demons - Jewish Magic and Mysticism** until Sunday 3 October. Call 020 7284 1997 for further information.
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.

Alexandra Palace Events Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 September - **Mind Body and Spirit festival**, call 020 7938 3788 for further details. Thursday 16 - Sunday 19 September **The National Self-Build Homes Show**, call 020 7837 8727 for further details. Sunday 26 September **Alexandra Palace Antique & Collection Fair**, call 20 8883 7061 for further details.

Chorak: Local artist **Mushtag Hussain** has an exhibition of his oil paintings at Chorak Patisserie 122 High Road, until Thursday 30 September.

Music
SWON, the newly launched symphonic wind orchestra of North London, is seeking enthusiastic wind, double bass and percussion players (minimum grade 5) for the start of the new year on Tuesday 4 September. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays at Brooklands Junior School, Hill Top, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 at 7.30pm. Call 020 8883 3365 for further details.
BBC proms in the Park (Hyde Park) Sunday 12 September from 3pm: Tickets available from from Ticketmaster 0900 143 109 or the Albert Hall box office 020 7589 8212.

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.
Soroptimist International Aimed at **business and professional women world wide**, it has 92,000 members in over 2,700 clubs in over 80 countries. You are invited to visit the North London Club which meets twice monthly at the North Middlesex Sports Club, Park Road, N8. Call 020 8883 1394 or e-mail Bcollis444@aol.com for details.

Theatre & Comedy
The Millfield Theatre presents **Barry Fry and Frank Mclintock** on Thursday 16 September; **Diva Fever - The decade taste forgot** on Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 and Tuesday 28 September. Call 020 8807 6680 for full details.

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

What's on in and around East Finchley is FREE to advertise in, so if you are a local group or organisation with an event coming up write to What's On The Archer PO Box 3699 London N2 8JA.

Film Previews

By Robert Jones

With the summer almost gone, so have the blockbusters. On the bill at the Phoenix this September are *Strangers on a Train*, which sees the end of the Alfred Hitchcock seasons, and the new film by the director Wim Wenders - *Buena Vista Social Club* from the 17th of this very month. This brilliant film, about Cuban musicians and starring Ry Cooder, should not be missed.

From the 10th the Phoenix is showing the new romantic comedy, *Rushmore*, by Wes Anderson which stars a nephew of Francis Ford Coppola (and there is a lot of them about), Jason Schwartzman, as the lead character called Max Fischer who is studying at Rushmore Academy. He is a nerdy kid but popular with staff and joins all the extra-curricular clubs, but his grades are poor. To add to his teen angst is his love for the student teacher Miss Cross (Olivia Williams) who is soon dumbfounded by his advances. To help him Max befriends Herman Blume, played by Bill Murray, a wealthy man bored by his life and family, but with this boy he shares the same lugubrious views on life. This is a resourceful story and an intelligent comedy.



Feeding the five thousand

Those sitting down to tuck in at the Christian Aid lunch recently might have been surprised to find not the traditional five loaves and two fishes of the bible but minestrone soup and Monster Munch.

The organiser of the event said: "If Monster Munch had been available in Galilee 2000 years ago who's to say that Jesus wouldn't have taken full advantage?"



Louisa Long, aged 10, of Trinity Road serves up lunch

A big thank you
Budgens donated soup for the lunch, Chorak's gave French baguettes and the prawn crackers came courtesy of Shanghai Shanghai. There was, therefore a real community feel to the event that attracted over 30 visitors to the parlour at East Finchley Methodist Church. Diners were treated to waitress service from Louisa Long, Jessamyn Witthaus and Kayleigh Doherty, all members of the Methodist Junior Church, whilst seven-year-old Michael Coleby from St Mary's entertained guests on the piano.

went straight to Christian Aid to help in their work combating poverty overseas.

Lend a hand
The lunch was held to mark the beginning of Christian Aid week and all the money raised

It is hoped to hold a similar, larger event next year and any offers of help are most welcome. For information contact David Isaac on 020 8444 9770.

Phoenix open house

As part of the English Heritage Open House weekend the Phoenix will be open between 10am and 1pm on Sunday 19 September. Visitors will be able to see the barrel vault auditorium, with its reliefs by Mollo and Eagen, and the projection room.

The Phoenix, which was originally opened in 1910, is the oldest working cinema in the country.


Learn to sing Broadway and West End Musicals!

Idit Gold is presenting a series of workshops featuring songs from *Cats*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Carousel*, *Porgy and Bess*, and *Annie - Get Your Gun!*

The workshops will teach basic rules of singing, and also re-creation of characters - both solo and chorus. They are open to all ages and levels of ability and will run from 10am to 1pm on Sundays from 26 September to 17 October, at Jackson's Lane Community Centre, 269A, Archway Road, N6.

The Course fee is £65 (£55 for concessions), or £20 for a session (£15 concession).

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