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# THE ARCHER

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## What's On...

By Sue Holliday

### Fitness

**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.

**Alexandra Palace Ice Rink** holds skating classes and ice hockey for all ages. For information call 020 8365 2121.

### Cycling

**Barnet cyclists** hold monthly meetings on the last Thursday of every month at Carey Hall, Trinity Church Nether St and have rides at least once a month; both attended by 20 - 30 people. Call Charles Harvey 020 8455 5174 for further details.

### Walks & Tours

**Stepping Out** has guided walking tours in and around London. Contact 020 8881 2933 for further details.

**Hampstead Heath Walks** Sunday 4 June **Grassland ecology and management**, led by Dr Meg Game; Wednesday 14 June **Kenwood and its neighbours in the 18th century**, led by Deborah Wolton. 18 June **wild flowers of Hampstead Heath**.

### Dance & Drama

**Club Dramatika:** for kids, Wednesday, after school and Saturday mornings at King Alfred School Hampstead. Call 020 8883 1554 for details. Club Dramatika also runs adult drama workshops, drama parties for all ages.

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

**Country and Barn Dancing** on the first Wednesday of each month at Christ Church Whetstone Oakleigh Park, Call 020 8349 0754 for details.

**Over-60s - Come dancing** at Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane. Every Wednesday, 10.30 am - 12.30pm. Ring 020 8346 8736 for information.

### Cinema

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

### Events & Exhibitions

**The Jewish Museum**, 80 East End Road, N3, has an exhibition of contemporary **British Ceremonial Art**, which runs until 3 September. Also an exhibition of **lithographs** by **Marc Chagall**, until 30 June.

**Fresh Produce - Artworks on a horticultural theme:** Calligraphy, watercolours, ceramics, prints, weavings, photography, cut flower arrangements. Sunday 18 June, 11.30 am - 5.30 pm, admission free - The Hall Gallery, Pond Square Chapel, Highgate Village.

**College Farm:** 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.

**Golders Hill horticultural clinics** Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June, Golders Hill Park.

**Book Sale** Christ's College, East End Road, Sunday 9 July, 12-3pm. Food drink, plants. For further details call 8883 4869.

**Hampstead Heath Band concerts**, at Parliament Hill Sundays 3-5pm: 11 June **Grimdsyke Brass Harrow Band**; 18 June **Chalk Farm Band**; 25 June **KM Gillingham Band**. Tuesday 20 June 7pm **Lorne Gibson Trio**. Golders Hill Sundays 3-5pm: 11 June **Kew Wind Orchestra**; 18 June (2-6pm) **Mardi Gras and All That Jazz**; 25 June **Die Bier Kapelle Oom-Pah Band**. Tuesday 20 June 7pm **Corpes Quartet**.

### Classes

**Art Classes** Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30 at St Peter Le Poer, Albion Ave N10. Thursday morning 10 - 12.30 at The Old Railway Station (Cufos), The Avenue N10. For more information call Henry on 020 8888 5133.

### Theatre & Comedy

The Millfield Theatre on Thursday 1 June ITF production presents **The Rise and Fall of Little Voice**; Friday 2 June **Patrick Moore**, **The Great Universe**; Thursday 15 - Saturday 17 June **English Youth Ballet** presents **Coppelia**. Call 020 8807 6680 for further information.

### 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.

**Muswell Hill Chess Club** meets on Thursdays, 7.30 to 10.30pm, from September to May, at Tetherdown URC Hall, Tetherdown, N10. Players of all standards welcome. Ring the secretary, Wil Ransome, on 020 8348 7882 for further information.

**Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, open daily from 2.30pm, club night Friday evenings from 6.00pm. Beginners welcome, free tuition given, loan of equipment. The Green, Kings Avenue, N10. Tel 020 8883 1178.

**Muswell Hill Synagogue**, 31 Tetherdown, N10, has a full social and educational programme, as well as services on Friday night at the start of Shabbat, and on Saturday mornings, followed by a friendly kiddush. For further information call 020 8883 5925 Monday to Friday between 11am and 1pm.

**All Saints Beer and Wine Circle** are looking for new members interested in home brewing and winemaking as well as some social activities. They meet on third Friday every month at Thomas More Centre, Thomas More Way, N2. Call Richard Baldwin on 020 8883 7081 for more information.

**Single Solution**, over 30's night every Friday at Sam's Bar, Fortis Green, call 020 8802 2326 weekdays, 020 8363 2328 evenings.

**The Hampstead Social Group**, which includes the East Finchley Area, meets most evenings, largely in members homes for social events. Late thirties and forties age group for new members. No membership fees, contact David Morris on 020 8455 0477 for further details.

### Music - clubs

**SWON** the Symphonic Wind Orchestra of North London rehearses during term time on Tuesdays at Brookland Junior School, Hill Top, HGS, NW11 at 7.30pm. New players (minimum grade 5) welcome, particularly horn, double bass and percussion. Call 020 8883 3365 for details.

**Barnet Schools Music Centres** meet Sat mornings Finchley (strings), East Barnet and Hendon (woodwind/brass) call 020 8445 6831 for details. **Learn to sing** at the Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane on Tuesday 2-4pm. Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm and Friday 1-3pm call 020 8455 2403 for more information.

**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, Stapyton Road, Barnet. Call Idit Gold on 020 8449 0011 for info.

## Arts and Cinema

By Geoff Garfield

Well aren't we the lucky ones. Not only does East Finchley have the finest little cinema this (or even that) side of the North Circular, but in our high street we have a theatre.

The Finchley Youth Theatre gives the community an opportunity to see fledgling talent in a variety of productions. (See Diana's report below.)

### Nuts in May

Meanwhile, for film fans May provided us with the movie madness double bill season. We had such treasures as the Kubrick pairing of *Eyes Wide Shut* and *Clockwork Orange* - the latter having lost none of its power and impact in the 28 years since it was banned.

Did you also see the Orson Welle's tribute *Touch of Evil* coupled with the movie considered to be Britain's finest post war film *The Third Man*?

Did you know that the famous "cuckoo clock" speech made by Harry Lime was allegedly written by Welles on the spur of the moment, or that the ending at the graveside with Valli not falling into Joseph Cotton's arms but wisely ignoring him was only kept in at the writer Graham Greene's insistence.

### The Naked Truth?

For those interested parties June movies are as follows: Starting from 9th the Phoenix is showing the Ralph Fiennes vehicle *Sunshine*. I haven't seen it at the time of writing but it's 2-1 on that he gets his kit off. He managed it in both *The English Patient* and *The End of the Affair* so it seems to be written into his contra.

### Repertory Week

From 16 we have a week of repertory movies - the Oscar winning *Boys Don't Cry*, *American Psycho* and *Girl on the Bridge*, and to close the month Woody Allen's *Sweet and Low-down*.

As for matinees June 18 *Bullets on Broadway* and *Celebrity*, a Woody Allen pairing. June 25 Groucho Marx and Family in *A Night at the Opera* and a showing of silent films from 1910 - 1916. June 29th the French classic *A Bout de Souffle*.

For confirmation of the time and dates ring Box Office 020 8444 6798. Good movie viewing.

# Finchley Youth Theatre

By Diana Cormack

Do you ever wonder what goes on in the white church-like building behind the iron fence at 142 High Road, East Finchley? The activities there are funded by Barnet Youth Service and they are available for youngsters between the ages of (roughly) nine to twenty five.

Julian Bergin has recently taken over as theatre manager. With a background as an actor in the Theatre in Education and community theatre which took him all over the country, as well as eight years as Head of Drama at Highgate Wood School, he is well qualified for the position. Julian told me that the Youth Theatre works to encourage expression through involvement in a range of drama based activities. If the performance which I saw is anything to go by, it is certainly meeting its aim.

I watched a "forum theatre" event extremely well written and performed by a group of fifteen to eighteen years old. It dealt with the complex subject of anorexia and, when it was over, the audience and the performers interacted to discuss and revise the action and dialogue. Ideas and reactions flew thick and fast and I was amazed at how involved I became with it all!

### Getting involved

Anyone who would like to get involved might like to know that Julian is hoping to be able to introduce video and musical talents. At present there are opportunities for performance in dance and drama workshops, which are run by Devina Walden and Sian Jones.

The theatre is open as follows: - Monday 6-7.30pm for 9-12 year olds, 8-10pm for 15+ (Forum Theatre) Tuesday 5.30-7pm for 10-12 year olds, Wednesday 6-8pm for 12-15 year olds, 8-10pm for 16+ Thursday 6-7.30pm for 9-12 year olds (Dance), 8-9.30pm for 13+ (Dance) For further details and information, phone 8883 9957.

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