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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.

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 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.  
**The Ramblers Association** (Finchley & Hornsey Group). For further details contact Vivien Mallindine 020 8883 8190.

**Music**  
**SWON**, the recently 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.

**East Finchley Methodist Church** presents Hermitage String Quartet works by **Haydn** and **Dvorak** on Sunday 12 March. Free admission but a collection will be made in aid of Barnet Mencap.

**The Jewish Museum Finchley** 80 East End Road, has lunch-time recitals on Thursdays 2, 16 & 30 March at 1.15pm. Call 020 8346 2288 for 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.

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### Events & Exhibitions

**The Jewish Museum** 80 East End Road, N3, has a class in watercolours on Wednesday evenings, until March 15. Also an art course with Jackie King-Cline runs until March 21. An exhibition entitled **The Legends of the Baal Shem Tov**, of stone lithographs by the Hungarian/Swedish artist **Ferenc Flamm** runs until Friday 17 March. Call 020 8346 2288 for full details.

**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.

**Keats House** in Hampstead has re-opened to the public; he composed "Ode to a Nightingale" in the garden. From November to March the house will be open Monday to Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 10am-1pm then 2-5pm, Sunday 2-5pm. Call Fiona Milligan on 020 7332 3451 for further details.

**Dance & Drama**  
**Club Dramatika:** The drama club 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.

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### 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, Will Ransome, on 020 8348 7882 for further 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, Stapylton Road, Barnet. Call Idit Gold on 020 8449 0011 for further information.

**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.

**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.



The Archer is looking for people to join its news team.

If you can spare an hour or two sniffing out local news then get in touch.

Come along to a meeting (we meet every Saturday at 11am in Maddens Ale House) or leave a message on 01426 923 549 or e-mail: The-Archer@England.com.

## Arts & Cinema

By Geoff Garfield

I don't know if you're aware of it but this is a wonderful time for movie lovers.

If you're wondering what I am on about (and who could blame you) have you noticed how many highly acclaimed films are first-time vehicles for their writers/directors? *East is East*, *American Beauty* and *Rat Catcher*, to name but three.

### Muscling out

We, the discerning audience, are also voting with our wallets; consequently the studio/star system no longer dominates our screen. Muscular hunks, such as Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger, can no longer rely on their physique as compensation for their "unique" style. Actors are now being employed for their talent not their looks - Kevin Spacey being a prime example.

Bearing all this in mind, the Phoenix highlights the range and depth of recent and current movies in its March programme.

### Thank heaven for rep weeks

Depending on when you receive your copy of this *ARCHER* these films are either coming up, showing now or else they belong to the "Hell, I've missed it" category.

Sunday matinee, 12 March *Clandestine Marriage* coupled with *Tea with Mussolini*, 19 March Far Eastern Films, run in conjunction with the Pan Asian Festival at The Bull, *Three Seasons* coupled with *Afterlife*. 26 March a double Coen Brothers treat *The Big Lebowski* together with *Fargo*.

Other movies listed for March at the time of writing are: 10 March for a week *American Beauty*, 17 March *Being John Malkovich*. Ring box office on 020 8444 6789 for further information.

### The Trip

Incidentally, regarding my intended trip to the Oscars, offers of sponsorship have dribbled in, providing I either cycle or jog there! Anyway, I am thinking about it. As promised, I will discuss the nominations when they are chosen. In the meantime, good movie viewing - there are plenty about.

## Film Review

By Diana Cormack

### Between the covers

It is tremendously difficult to transfer one of Graham Greene's novels to the screen with their complications of Catholicism, guilt, love, self denial - and that's just for starters.

*The End of the Affair* is also the beginning of the Fiennes character's revised relationship with religion. This is merely hinted at.

### The bottom line

I wish the same could be said about the sex scenes, which have been much discussed since the censor's decision to rate the film an 18. Nowadays it is becoming more and more difficult to watch anything (and I include TV programmes) without having some sort of sex thrust into our faces. I was in the front row and did not relish the sight of Ralph Fiennes' bare bottom going into action! We know they were deeply in love, alone in a room, we can surely be granted enough intelligence to know what they were going to do in there. Am I alone in not really wanting to know how they did it?

### Read the book

However, this was an adaptation, someone else's interpretation and treatment of the basic story. For me it had that abstract, almost unreal quality which I found with "The English Patient" where I began to lose sympathy with the main characters and not care too much about what happened to them. Greene divided his books into novels and entertainments. This entertainment made me want to read the novel again!



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