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What's On...

Fitness
Badminton on Wednesdays at Christ's College from 8 - 10pm. First visit free, but not suitable for beginners. Call 020 8349 0170.

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

Body control pilates classes now in East Finchley 1-to-1 and small mat-work classes contact Deanna Wisbey 020 8883 7029.

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.

Dance & Drama
Adult Line Dancing - Beginner classes at Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale. £3 per class. Wednesdays, 7.30-9pm and Thursdays, 11am-12 noon. For details, call Footloose 8440 8530/ 8216 5633/ 0956 481243.

Britney - Billie - Five Street Dance. Beginners or advanced, take it from the beginning with our step-by-step instruction from qualified teachers. £2.50 per class. Wednesdays at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale: 4.15-4.55pm for 3,4 & 5 yr-olds. 5-5.45pm for 6,7 & 8 yr olds. 5.45-6.30pm for 9yrs and over. For details, call Footloose 8440 8530/ 8216 5633/ 0956 481243.

Columbian Party Dancing. Salsa etc., A 6 week course for beginners at Martin School. Various start dates. Contact Nelsy on 8444 2012.

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

Drama Club For 5-9 year olds at King Alfred's School, Hampstead on Saturdays from 10-11am. Adults can also enjoy drama classes on Thursday evenings in Highgate from 8-10pm. Vicky, former Head of Drama at King Alfred's, runs both classes. Contact Vicky on 020 8883 7110.

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.

Music and Movement on Fridays 2-2.30pm for 0-2year olds & 2.30-3pm for 2-5 year olds at the Old Barn, Tarling Road, East Finchley. Contact Jennifer on 020 8444 7732.

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

Clubs & Social
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.

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.

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 or Friday 11am- 1pm.

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

Soroptimist International for business and professional women worldwide, it has 92,000 members. 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

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.

Art & exhibitions
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. 2.30 - 5 pm Fridays: Portrait of still life classes at The Old Railway Station (Cufos), The Avenue N10. For more information call Henry on 020 8888 5133.

The Jewish Museum, 80 East End Road, N3, has a special exhibition **Keeping the Light** - a diary of South India, photos of the Jews of Cochin runs until 28 January 2001.

Events & Fairs
Imperial Cancer Research Fund Christmas Market. Saturday 18 November 11 am to 1.30 pm at St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. Stalls, coffee & light lunches. Admission 20p.
Muswell Hill Christian Council's Christmas craft and gift fair. Local craftspeople take part to support charities - this year Hoffman de Visme Foundation. Saturday 25 November 10.30 am to 4 pm at Tetherdown Hall, Tetherdown, N10.

Music - clubs
Barnet Schools Music Centre meets 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, Stapylton Road, Barnet. Call Idit Gold on 020 8449 0011 for info.

SWON the Symphonic Wind Orchestra of North London rehearse during term time on Tuesday at Brookland Junior School, Hill Top, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 at 7.30pm. New players (minimum grade 5) are welcome. Call 020 8883 3365.

Performance
Music in Muswell Hill in association with Calliope Productions present **A Medieval Christmas** - a candlelit celebration of Christmas in olden times with songs, ballads, readings and mulled wine. Saturday 25 November, 8pm at the United Reform Church, Tetherdown (junction with Queens Ave) N10. Tickets £8 (£6 concs) on the door or from Les Aldrich Music Shop on 8883 5631.

Theatre & Comedy
Tetherdown Players present **Ways and Means** on 8-11 November, 8 pm, at the United Reform Church, Tetherdown, N10.

Cinema
The Phoenix Cinema - call 020 8883 2233 for listings or 020 8444 6789 for the box office.

Walks & Tours
The Ramblers Association (Finchley & Hornsey Group). For further details contact Vivien Mallindine 020 8883 8190.
Stepping Out has guided walking tours in and around London. Contact 020 8881 2933 for further details.

ARTS AND CINEMA
 BY GEOFF GARFIELD

The Phoenix Cinema has cause for celebration: Early in October it received the status of a Grade II listed building in recognition of it being the oldest cinema in the UK.

Born to Dance
 Is there anyone out there who hasn't yet seen Billy Elliot - a 'must see' movie? Being another of the critics raving on about this film I would urge you to see it if you need your spirit lifted. Bearing striking similarities to both The Full Monty and Brassed Off, Billy Elliot is set against a background of grinding poverty and industrial unrest. It tells the story of young Billy's struggle to follow his passion for ballet. The first battle is acceptance by his widower father and his tough elder brother. From there it is a series of quantum leaps from County Durham to the London stage.

With heart-tugging moments and funny cameos, this beautifully acted and directed movie treat must be there at nomination time. Incidentally, I hear it is barnstorming America.

Over to you
 Just a reminder that Freddie is back: no, not him, but the return of the Saturday morning club. The Phoenix Freddie is for 6-12 year olds with no admission for adults unless accompanied by a responsible child.

Now it is your turn: If there is a film you would like to recommend or just enjoyed, or maybe some piece of movie horror that escaped rather than waited for release, then let us know. Share the moment and, space permitting, we'll print it.
 Good movie viewing!

Muswell Hill Tuesday Mornings

By Pat Hayslip
Much as I love the Phoenix, I want to alert the senior citizens of East Finchley to a new initiative at the Odeon Cinema at Muswell Hill. Every Tuesday morning, the doors open at 10.30. For £2.50, or £3.50 if you're not a pensioner, you can have a cup of wonderful coffee, plus biscuits, and then see a film which starts at 11 am.

I have just obtained their listings sheet for the next ten weeks. The films for November and December include Evita, The Horse Whisperer, The

Winslow Boy and Sense and Sensibility - a different film every week.

I found out about this weekly event from a brief paragraph in *The Archer* a couple of months ago and have been going regularly since then. But there is a problem: the manager spoke to the audience this morning, before the start of the film, and urged us to tell all our friends about it and also tell him after the show how he could better advertise it. I get the feeling that if more people don't patronise the event, it might have to stop.

The current programme runs until 19 December and will be reviewed after Christmas. It would be a great shame if this wonderful idea had to fold for lack of interest.

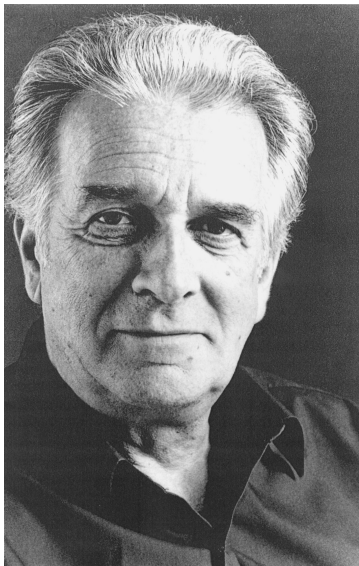
So, come on East Finchley elders, we've got a good bus service to Muswell Hill now, so next time you're near the Odeon, pick up one of their special "Senior Screen" leaflets and start really enjoying your Tuesday mornings.

An evening of Noel Coward

Local actor, Nicholas Courtney, directs one of Coward's lesser known one-act plays, Ways and Means, which is included in Tetherdown Players' forthcoming production on 8 - 11 November at the United Reform Church, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill.

One of Nicholas' best-remembered roles was as Brigadier Lethbridge Stewart in Dr Who, but he has performed in many professional productions of Coward's plays.

Nicholas, a member of Muswell Hill URC, offered to direct their drama group's next production and chose Ways and Means because it was not well-known. Apart from sharing his initials, Nicholas also shares his birthday with Coward!



Nicholas Courtney

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