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What's On...

By Sue Holliday

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.

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.

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

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 0-2 year 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.

Theatre & Comedy

Millfield Theatre: Friday 6 October: *An Evening with Joe Brown*; Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 October: *Can't help lovin' that man, the music of Jerome Kern*; Tuesday 17 - Saturday 21 October: *Oklahoma*; Thursday 26 October matinee: *The tale of Little Red Riding Hood*; Monday 30 - Wednesday 1 November: *The Ghost of Sarah Haunting* a musical by Mike Benyon. Call 020 8807 6680 for further details.

Cinema

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

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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 world wide, 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 an exhibition entitled *East of Eden - recent watercolours from Israel, the Sinai and Thailand* by Moish Sokal until 27 October. Also a special exhibition *Keeping the Light* - a diary of South India, photos of the Jews of Cochin runs until 28 January 2001.

Events & Fairs

Alexandra Palace: Thursday 12 October - Saturday 15 October: *The Knitting and Stitching Show*, call 020 8690 8888 for further information.

College Farm: Country Fair on the first Sunday of each month. 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.

Performance

The Methodist Church Concert presents on Sunday 8 October *Children's voices of Enfield*. Free admission but a collection will be made on behalf of Christian Aid, call 020 8346 7325 for further details.

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.

FYT

Success

Two long-term members of Finchley Youth Theatre, situated in the High Road, East Finchley, have won parts in a new Channel 4 production of Teachers. They were selected after a casting agent held auditions at the FYT and then attended rehearsals and filming in a disused school in Bristol, where the programme is set.

Eighteen-year-old Kelly Brennan and nineteen year old Keir Mills modestly feel that their faces fitted at the time! You can be the judge of that when the series is shown in eight 50-minute episodes early next year. Some viewers will probably recognise Andrew Lincoln (Egg in This Life) and James Corden (the fat caretaker from Hollyoaks).

Kelly plays Tanya, a stropky but intelligent teenager with a chip on her shoulder and Keir plays Teddy, who is a bit of a weirdo. Both intend to continue their studies after the TV series.

If you want to know more about Finchley Youth Theatre, 'phone 020 8883 9957 or write to them at 142 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9ED.

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ARTS AND CINEMA

By GEOFF GARFELD

Phoenix Features

For those who may not be in the know, and I am presuming that applies to a few of you out there, let me take time out to tell you of some of the features that the Phoenix Cinema has on offer.

I'll try not to sound like a "did you know?" column, but the fact is - did you not know that you can receive a weekly film list by e-mail? Every Monday, if you are on the net, you will be able to receive an up-date on what is happening that week, just drop by the cinema and ask for the e-mail listing form.

Friends & Family

As if that is not enough, by becoming a Friend of the Phoenix you can get a 50 pence discount each time you visit, plus two free tickets worth between £7 and £10 depending on the time of the film showing. You are also entitled to two guest tickets per annum so that a companion can come along at a reduced rate. Add to this the monthly Phoenix News Brochure, a quarterly letter with discount offers, reduced admission to other art house cinemas, plus many other goodies. All this for the measly sum of £15 for single, £25 for double and £35 for family membership, that is five people at the same address - makes you want to rush out and start a family, doesn't it?

Film Fun

I wonder how many readers knew about the Film Club held at the Bull Arts Centre in uptown Barnet. Ten weeks of debates, lectures and workshops on film issues started on 21 September so check for availability if tempted. Ring Ruth at the Phoenix on 020 8444 6789.

Now for future programmes: Up to 13 October Billy Elliot, the first movie by renowned theatre director Stephen Daldry. From 13 October Goya; Sunday matinees on 15 October Nora plus Wilde. 22 October, in connection with black history month, a screening of The Hurricane plus panel discussion. For further information ring number as above. Good movie viewing.

A Golfing Handicap

By Wally Leeds

I shall learn to play golf - a healthy pursuit,
And shed my tie and business suit.

To have some exercise and smell the fresh air,
Join a club and the friends I'll find there.

I need some gear and so down I pop,
To the nearest town, and golfing shop.

I say to the man, "I want a club and a ball,
And anything else you can think of at all".

"You're new to the game," the man said politely,
And pulled me into the shop ever so slightly.

"If you allow me sir, and my advice you do heed,
I will supply all the gear you will ever need."

"That's fair enough," I say, pleased at his charm,
In his hands I am sure I'll come to no harm.

The man smiles sweetly and it gets broader,
As he begins to write out my order.

"You will need these gloves for a better grip,
And those shoes with toggles that do not slip."

He chooses a bright jumper with an important name,
And promises it would greatly improve my game.

"Now balls," he says, and "pardon?" says I.

He says "they're expensive, but they soar through the sky."

Then sells me four dozen and shrugs at the cost,
And ensures me it is worth it for they never get lost.

He shows me some clubs and urges are bold!
I look at the tag and ask if they're gold.

"Now sir," he says, "do not tire yourself out,
You will need this trolley to cart things about."

Then I try on a hat designed by a drunk,
And look in the mirror to the level I'd sunk.

I buy some slacks of a pattern so rare,
And a pair of sunglasses to cut down the glare.

My hands are sweating and my forehead is damp,
He only stops writing because he gets cramp.

He gives me the bill that is two feet in length,
To load up the car takes the rest of my strength.

With all this money I have to pay,

How can I ever afford to play...?