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What's On... By Sue Holliday

Fitness
 Play **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 info call 020 8365 2121.

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 Wednesday 6 - Saturday 9 September
Armstrong Arts presents **Miss Julie** by August Strindberg; Thursday 14 an evening with **Long John Baldry** and guest; Friday 15 **Bill Oddie Follow that Bird**; Saturday 16 **Words and Music Noel Cowards 1932 revue**; Tuesday 19 - Saturday 23 **Noel Cowards Hay Fever**; Monday 25 An evening with **P.D. James**; Thursday 28 - 30 **The Real Monty Comes Again**. Box office 020 88807 6680.
Café Bar Poetry Club Friday 15 September **Denis Evans**, All Saints Arts Centre further information call 020 8445 8388.

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

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 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 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 for details.
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. For more information call Henry on 020 8888 5133.

Chorak 122 High Road - The Archer's Erini Rodis is holding a **Photographic Exhibition** until the end of September. For more information please call 0410 255 276, or write to: erini_r@hotmail.com

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 for children - **Rosh Hashanah Family Workshop** on 24 September. Call 020 8346 2288 ext. 654 for details.

Performance
The Confections present an evening of music and laughter from the **Old Time Music Hall**, Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 September at the Finchley Youth Theatre. Donations to charity, call 020 8445 7907 for further information.

The Methodist Church Concert presents **An Evening of Folk Music and Song** on Sunday 10 September at East Finchley High Road. Admission free but a collection will be made on behalf of Joseph Fox Youth Trust.

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

Events & Fairs
Alexandra Palace: Thursday 14 - Sunday 17 September **The National Self Build**, for further information call 020 8883 7061. Sunday 24 September Alexandra Palace **Antique and Collectors Fair**. For further information call 020 8883 7061

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.

ARTS AND CINEMA By Geoff Garfield

For cinema aficionados August was a tremendous month for the Phoenix. As well as the Sunday Movie Matinees which included Strangers on a Train, American Beauty plus The Talented Mr. Ripley, there was a plethora of good things to see.

This started with *High Fidelity*, the film based on the Nick Hornby novel. Set in Chicago, it focused on the problematic love life of the central character, Rob (John Cusack). Saddled with a record store, weighed down by two accomplices, both best kept at arms length, Rob confides his thoughts to the audience. This is a device which does not always come off, it is dependent on the sympathy the confessor can muster up. However, it worked beautifully and although reminiscent of *Alfie* in places, this film had its own charm and was a pleasure to watch.

The following week the Phoenix presented Jean Luc Goddard's *A Bout de Soufflé (Breathless)* starring Jean Paul Belmondo. He is on the run after shooting a gendarme and adopts an anti-hero stance throughout. Though hunted down, he does have the luxury of Jean Seberg as a companion. Who says crime doesn't pay? The jazz score, the settings and the improvised camera shots go to make *A Bout de Soufflé* both stylish and inspirational.

Kadosh (Sacred) opened on 11 August and depicted the dominant patriarchal society of the orthodox Jewish community in Jerusalem. As a consequence of observing their ultra strict code, the two sisters who are the focus of the film are subjugated to the demands of their partners with sometimes sad consequences. The film is a moving tribute to the human spirit when there is sacrifice of self-interest in order to honour and obey. Wonderfully acted, this film deserves wider acclaim.

Concluding the month's movies was *Le Beau Travail* about the alienated lives of new recruits in the French Foreign Legion. A film of striking imagery and memorable moments, this too merits a wider audience.

If the Phoenix continues on into the autumn giving us such a feast we are in for a treat. Ring the box office on 020 8444 6789 for programme details.

FYT - Get your programme here!

Drama, dance and theatre for young people is available right on your doorstep! Anyone can become a member of Finchley Youth Theatre, as there is no audition for places. Commitment and enthusiasm are valued as much as creative ability and you can develop your existing talents whilst acquiring new skills.

As well as learning specific dance, theatre and performance skills, drama games and improvisation activities are used to explore a range of issues and ideas. Groups devise their own performances as well as working from texts to perform in and around Barnet. Trips to see both local and West End productions are organised to provide performing arts experience, plus specialist courses in different aspects of production such as lighting, sound, set design and construction. Classes in writing and video production are planned.

Autumn classes:

Monday 6 - 7.30pm Drama 9 - 12 years; 8 - 10pm Drama 15 - 18 years. **Tuesday 5.30 - 7.30pm** Drama 11 - 14 years; 7.30 - 9pm Drama 13 - 15 years. **Wednesday 6-7.30 pm** Drama 13 - 15 years; 8 - 10pm Drama 16 - 20 years. **Thursday 6 - 7.30pm** Dance 10 - 13 years; 8 - 9.30pm Dance 14 - 18 years.

Special delivery

These exciting projects are in addition to regular classes. Cast of 2000 to be performed near Brent Cross Shopping Centre on October 20-22.

Older members of FYT (15+) will be working with professional theatre director Carl Heap on linking a diverse range of pieces as well as performing their own improvised material at this large-scale community event. Rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm September to October.

Young, gifted and black is FYT's contribution to the Black History Month celebrations taking place across Barnet throughout October. Under the guidance of professional writer Yasmine Judd, the piece will examine the challenges and achievements of young people growing up in today's multi-racial society. (For ages 14 - 19). Rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30pm September to October

If you would like to join FYT you can call them on 020 8883 9957 or write to them at 142 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9ED or by e-mail at theatre@dramafyt.fsnet.co.uk. Or just drop in to have a look around and a chat about what goes on there. It could lead you to the big time!

Community Focus

By Diana Cormack
Community Focus is a specialist arts centre dedicated to working with disabled people of all ages. Activities provided include photography, video, needlecraft, dance, drama and a new venture:

"Art Going Places" is taking travelling community artists to older and disabled people in residential homes and day centres and other unrepresentative groups, such as those on low income or on benefit. The project offers a range of short-term creative "starter" workshops tailored to suit all ages and abilities. Alongside the art activities there are reminiscence workshops where talking, telling stories and listening to music from earlier days provide a stimulating social environment for conversation.

From 18 September disabled adults with a keen interest in art who wish to experiment in their chosen media will be able to do so. Independent art work is encouraged in The Art Studio which will provide a vast range of materials and equipment, along with supportive, experienced community artists.

The sessions take place at Tedder Studios, Wiggins Mead, London NW9 5UD. Transport is offered where possible. For details contact Community Focus on 8346 9789.

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