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By Sue Holliday

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Tennis Club off Southern Road, East Finchley. For details phone the membership secretary on 020 8440 6953.

Aerobics Ladies only Every Tuesday 6-7pm at The Green Man Community Centre.

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. Call Charles Harvey 020 8455 5174.

Art & poetry

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 info call Henry on 020 8888 5133.

Cinema

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

Dance & Drama

Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club, meet each Monday evening at Church House, Wood Street Barnet. Call Vivien Mallindine 020 8883 8190 for further info.

Club Dramatika the drama club for kids 4-6 and 6-9 years old. Wednesdays after school and Saturday mornings at King Alfred School, Hampstead. It also runs summer holiday workshops and Drama Parties for all ages. Contact Vicky on 020 8883 1554.

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

Easy Salsa etc., Colombian Party Dancing - a 6-week course for beginners at Martin School. Various start dates. Contact Nelsy on 8444 2012.

GLAD (Gay & Lesbian Amateur Drama) is a weekly amateur drama group for lesbians and gay men at the Lauderdale House Society, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, N6. Thursdays 7.30-10pm, £6 (£5 concs), call 020 8348 8716 to book.

Old Time dancing and modern sequence is held every Wednesday night at St Mary's Church Hall Hendon Lane, N3, at 7.45-10pm.

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.

Bingo! Every Monday, 7-9pm, at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale. 30p entrance, and £2.10 for 6 books. Refreshments available. Please contact Martin O'Donnell on 8883 4916 for details.

East Finchley National Childbirth Trust. Are you a new mum? Do you want to get to know other new mums locally? Join the East Finchley NCT for coffee and conversation, outings and events, etc. Contact Ann Sullivan on 020 8442 1941.

Fairacres Monday Club - for Jewish blind and disabled, 164, East End Road, N2. Every Monday at 1pm. We welcome any ideas for programmes, entertainers or speakers. For information, please contact Rene or Reuby Hyams on 8883 0448 or Sylvia Lee on 8958 7878.

Finchley Victoria Ladies Bowling Club, Ballards Lane. All are welcome for information call Margaret on 020 8362 9951 or Eve on 020 8883 7148.

Friendly Rubber Bridge at the Old Barn, Fallows Close, Tarling Road, Mondays approx 13.30 to 16.30. 75p including tea. For information call 020 8439 4623.

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 details.

Muswell Hill Bowling Club, open daily from 2.30pm, club night Friday evenings from 6pm. Beginners welcome, tuition given. The Green, Kings Avenue, N10, call 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 info call 020 8883 5925 Monday or Friday 11am-1pm.

The North London Bridge Club meets each Thursday at 1.15pm at Our Lady of Muswell Parish Hall, Colney Hatch Lane, N10. Call 020 8348 3495 for details.

Parent and Toddler Group meets every Tuesday to Friday, 9.30-11.30 am, at Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale. Pre-school children can play with others in a warm and safe environment, while giving carers the opportunity to speak to each other. Families with special needs are welcome. Please call Julia on 8444 2276.

ARTS AND CINEMA

By Geoff Garfield

Yet another date for your diary: On 19 August, the Phoenix is holding a special gala preview of the comedy Lucky Break. To quote the blurb handed to me, this is a prison escape movie with a musical twist.

What makes it intriguing is its pedigree. Directed by Peter Cattaneo, he of *The Full Monty*, it stars James Nesbitt (*Waking Ned* and ITV's *Cold Feet*), Olivia Williams (*The Sixth Sense*), Timothy Spall (*Topsy Turvy* and *Secrets and Lies*) and Christopher Plummer (*12 Monkeys*, *The Insider* and, yes, *The Sound of Music* - the film that persuaded me to resign from Hell's Angels). I'm assured that it is worth viewing as it's becoming increasingly frequent to mention that you saw it first at the Phoenix!

Fabulous

The major feature of early and mid-August is *Shrek*, made for youngsters from the ages of 8 to 98, which is a witty fable of a talking donkey, a green ogre and, of course, a beautiful princess. Voices are supplied by Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy.

The Sunday matinees are 12 August *Sunshine*, with William Hurt and Ralph Fiennes; 19 August Jean Luc Godard's *A Bout de Soufflé* which always sounds like a recipe title to me, showing with *Le Mempris*.

I intend, over the next few issues, to highlight other activities in the area such as the Finchley Youth Theatre, the Strawberry Vale Centre and, no doubt, I'll unearth more - they all merit the oxygen of publicity.

Welcome Back

Just space to wish the Phoenix's chief projectionist and Madonna disciple welcome back. He has been absent from his spiritual home, the cubby hole upstairs at the cinema, as he hasn't been feeling too wonderful of late. I hope and trust that he will soon be firing on all cylinders. Take care and good movie viewing.

Music - clubs

Barnet Schools Music Centre meets Sat mornings Finchley (strings), East Barnet and Hendon (woodwind/brass) call 020 8445 6831 for details.

Broadway & Westend Musical Singing Workshop - Regular courses provide vocal coaching and teach performing skills. St Mary's church hall Finchley Central N3. For further details call Idit Gold 020 8449 0011 email: iditgold@hotmail.com

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.

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