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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.

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 3-5 yr-olds. 5-5.45pm for 6-8 yr olds. 5.45-6.30pm for 9yrs and over. For details, call Footloose 8440 8530/ 8216 5633/ 0956 481243.

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

Club Dramatica 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.

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 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.

Cinema

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

MUSWELL HILL BOOKSHOP

Now holds regular author readings and discussions. If you would like further information or to join our mailing list contact us at:



72 FORTIS GREEN ROAD, N10
 020 8444 7588

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.

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.

Friendly Rubber Bridge at the Old Barn, Fallows Close, Tarling Road, Mondays approx 13.30 to 16.30. 75p including tea. For further information call 020 8439 4613.

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.

Muswell Hill and Highgate Pensioners' Action Group meet at United Reformed Church Hall, Tetherdown, N10.

2001 meetings start on Wednesday 10 January, with a talk by Dennis Fletcher, Keeper/Woodman of Highgate Wood, about the history and management of this important ancient park. Future meetings are on Wednesdays 7 February, 7 March and 4 April. All meetings start at 2pm. Please contact Bob Cottingham on 8444 7635 for further details.

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 further details.

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

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. An exhibition of works on paper by **Julie Held** from Monday 8 January to Friday 16 February. Also **What Remains: The Jewish East End then and now** - an exhibition of photographs by Sam Turner running until 22 April 2001. **Classes:** art class with Jackie King-Cline on Tuesdays for 10 weeks starting Tuesday 9 January; **watercolour course** with Linda Gevertz on Wednesdays for 10 weeks starting Wednesday 10 January. Call 020 8349 1143 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.

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.

The Memory Lane Singing Club - Singing training centre open for all levels. Musicians are welcome to join the club's band. St Mary's Church Hall, Finchley N3. For further details call Idit Gold 020 8449 0011 email: iditgold@hotmail.com

SWON the Symphonic Wind Orchestra of North London rehearse during term time on Tuesdays 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

The Frank Gordon Quintet, featuring vocalist Debbie Gould, play modern jazz standards every Saturday from 10pm - 1am at The Tufnell Park Tavern, 162 Tufnell Park Road, N7. Admission free, but no admittance after 11pm.

Events & Fairs

Finchley Credit Union is holding a special event at the Green Man Community Centre on Saturday 13 January between 2-4pm. Paul Edwards from the Barnet Employee's Credit Union will give a talk on the credit union movement around the world, while FCU chairman Kim George will provide an update on the local credit union. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

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.

Monkey Puzzle

The Finchley Society is helping to record details of Monkey Puzzle trees for the national survey. The data will be used by the Royal Botanic garden Edinburgh and Sage Press will add 'The Monkey Puzzle' to their 'Collector's Series of Trees'.

Derek Warren 020 8346 5258, chairman of the Finchley Society's Environment Committee, would like to hear of the location of any Monkey Puzzle so that he can record such information as age, sex, height and girth.

ARTS AND CINEMA

By GEOFF GARFIELD



Where were you in 1960? I, for one, was learning to cope with algebra, geometry and other pleasures. I would venture to say that a sizeable number of you weren't even a twinkle in somebody else's eye, yet that was the year when Peter Bayley joined the Phoenix as a projectionist. Here we are in AD2000, celebrating forty years' service. Incredible, but true.

Forty years on

On the afternoon of 17 December a gathering took place to commemorate the occasion, and a real treat it turned out to be. After opening speeches and apologies for non-shows, the audience settled down to watch some treasured items from the archives, advertisements from the fifties and sixties, which raised much merriment. These were followed by documentaries on the Trent Canal and Brooklands Racing Track, other period pieces. Then, glory be, Popeye The Sailor. Do you know that, even after all this time, I still find Olive Oyl strangely attractive? Peter was then presented with a cake and gifts from admirers.

After the break that good friend of the Phoenix, Graham Stark, spoke warmly of his mate, Peter Sellers - a prelude to the movie "The Smallest Show on Earth". This film was obviously chosen because of similarities between the film and what constitutes everyday life at the Phoenix. "The Smallest Show on Earth" is the Bijoux (read Phoenix) battling against the large, faceless conglomerates. Amongst the staff at the Bijoux is the projectionist, Quill, played by Peter Sellers, handicapped by equipment that D W Griffiths would have thrown out. With cameos from Margaret Rutherford and Bernard Miles, all in all it was great fun.

Labour of love

In a time where permanence is an old fashioned concept and a week is a long time in politics, Peter Bayley is a rare gem. A most delightful man who is an essential part of the team and for whom working at the Phoenix is a true labour of love.

As adventurous as ever, the January programme features a month of world cinema. On 7 January "The Colour of Paradise" plus "The White Balloon"; on 14 January "The Ring" plus "Final Destination" and on 24 January "Dancer in Dark". In February Liv Ullman's "Flawless" will be showing and the screen adaptation of "Chocolat" with Juliet Binoche. Ring the box office on 020 8444 6789 for times.

All the best for 2001 and good movie viewing.

How I wished...

By David Hobbs

Back in January we printed a wish list for the new millennium so now it seems right to look back and see how many of our wishes have come true.

First, the good news

- ☺ Barnet Council has made a start on the graffiti problem by introducing a graffiti hotline.
- ☺ Cycle lanes have been introduced on the High Road from Martin School to North Finchley.
- ☺ The Fortis Green crossing has finally arrived.
- ☺ Casa Pepe has become a tapas bar and restaurant in the evenings.
- ☺ No more cafes have been opened this year.

And the bad

- ☹ There are still no public toilets in East Finchley.
- ☹ We are still awaiting a right turn filter light at the Fortis Green/High Road junction.
- ☹ Bertie the Bollard is still being battered by lorries turning left into Fortis Green from the High Road.
- ☹ The 144 bus still only runs to Muswell Hill.
- ☹ All shops, pubs and cafes still do not provide proper

facilities for the disabled.

- ☹ And no one bought 'Archie', the archer on the tube station, a birthday cake even though he was 60 this year. Let's see if we can do better in 2001!

A World of Entertainment

by Graham Tubb

The working day is over
 Daylight fades away
 Theatre lights now draw me
 I know I will not stray

As the curtain rises
 A whole new world appears
 My mind made light in fantasy
 Away from daily fears

Another world of music
 Laughter and the dance
 Escape the world of mundane things
 Let's go and take a chance

And when the show is over
 Relaxed and light of mind
 I step into the world outside
 All bright, refreshed and kind.