



Regular Events Sport & Fitness

- ❖ **Badminton** on Wednesdays. Call 020 8349 0170
- ❖ **Body Control Pilates** classes. Call Deanna Wisbey 020 8883 7029
- ❖ **Counselling and psychotherapy service** at the Green Man Centre. For details phone 8440 4174
- ❖ **London Cycling Campaign** (Barnet), has monthly meetings & rides. Call 020 8440 9080.
- ❖ **Step/Aerobics classes**, Sundays at Bar XL. Phone 0789 0033 968.
- ❖ **Tae Kwon Do** at The Green Man Thursdays 7-9pm 07949 612 706
- ❖ **Tai Chi** at the Green Man on Mondays 1.30-3pm
- ❖ **Tennis Club** off Southern Road. Call 020 8440 6953
- ❖ **Yoga & Meditation** classes at Holy Trinity Church, 020 8444 7217

Dance, Drama, Art & Music

- ❖ **Adult Line Dancing**. Call Footloose 020 8440 8530/ 8216 5633.
- ❖ **Art Classes**. For info call Henry on 020 8888 5133.
- ❖ **Ballroom dancing classes**, beginners and improvers. Phone 01707 642 378
- ❖ **Barnet Schools Music Centre** call 020 8359 3111 for details.
- ❖ **Broadway & West end Musical Singing Workshop** call Idit Gold 020 8449 0011.
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call Vicky 020 8883 1554
- ❖ **Country & Barn Dancing**, at Oakleigh Park, 020 8349 0754
- ❖ **Columbian party dancing** classes, Call Nelsy 020 8444 2012
- ❖ **Incognito Theatre workshops**, Colney Hatch Lane, 020 8883 0911
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club**, Monday 3 & 17 November at Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **Over 60s come dancing** at Ann Owens Centre 020 8346 8736
- ❖ **Private drum tuition**, beginners welcome. Contact Eddie 8444 8376
- ❖ **Pottery Class** at The Green Man, Call Celia Holmes 020 8349 9315
- ❖ **Learn to sing** at Finchley Methodist Church. Call 020 8883 4070 for info.
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** of North London, Contact Caroline Egan 020 8340 2706

Clubs & Social

- ❖ **All Saints Beer and Wine Circle** Call Richard Baldwin 020 8883 7081
- ❖ **Bingo**, Green Man Community Centre, 020 8883 4916
- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book a place. Every Thursday. 12.30-2pm
- ❖ **East Finchley National Childbirth Trust**, Contact Ann Sullivan, 020 8442 1941
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers** meet weekly at the Old White Lion. Contact Lillian on 020 8444 1793.
- ❖ **Fairacres Monday Club** for Jewish people, Rene & Reuby Hyams, 020 8883 0448 or Sylvia Lee 8958 7878
- ❖ **Finchley Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian Merryweather 8444 3251
- ❖ **Friendly Rubber Bridge** at The Old Barn, 020 8349 4613
- ❖ **Hampstead Social Group**, membership late 30's-late 40's Call David Morris, 020 8455 0477
- ❖ **Haringey Recorded Music Society**, informal meetings locally. Call David Mouldon on 020 83611696.
- ❖ **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill, 020 8348 3495
- ❖ **Muswell Hill and Highgate Pensioners' Action Group** Call Bob Cottingham on 8444 7635.
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Synagogue**, Tetherdown, 020 8883 5925
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, 020 8883 4390
- ❖ **Old Barn pre-school club**, 020 8349 4613/1961
- ❖ **Parent & Toddler Group**, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ **Probus Lunch Club** for retired professional and business people, Details Eric Dalton 8340 0822

Singing with Joy

By Dee Conway

Highgate Choral Society celebrates its 125th birthday this month – making it one of Britain's oldest choirs and London's second-oldest choir.

It consists of 200 singers from all over north London, 16 of whom live in East Finchley. Having already sung in some of the top choral venues of Europe (Paris's Notre Dame, Brussels Cathedral and St Mark's Basilica in Venice), Highgate Choral Society is seeking to celebrate its longevity with an extra special concert in St Paul's Cathedral, London.

Cathedral spectacular

Some 200 HCS singers and 100 members of the New London Orchestra will perform the Requiem by Berlioz under the baton of Ronald Corp with Mark Le Brocq as tenor soloist. The orchestra includes 16 timpani and 4 brass bands placed around the Dome area of the cathedral to create the authentic effect that the composer originally intended. For a local choir from London to present an event of this spectacular scale is unprecedented.

It is also noteworthy that in the year of the bicentenary of Berlioz's birth, this is the only London performance of this monumental and rarely-performed work. So far half the tickets within St Paul's Cathedral have already been sold. For more information visit www.heschoir.com.



Highgate Choral Society in concert. Photo by Dee Conway

Disney Preview at the Phoenix

By Sophie Leighton

Parents and children massed outside the Phoenix on Sunday 12 October for an exclusive preview of the new Disney film *Holes*, based on the Newbery Award-winning book by Louis Sachar. It took over half an hour to get everyone through the doors as they collected their pre-booked tickets and goody bags.

A man in an orange boiler suit and baseball cap was handing out paper lizards to children as they went in and various corporate branded items were on sale behind the desk. Refreshments were provided in the foyer and there was a lucky dip in one corner.

Dick and Dom

Anthony Tasgal, one of the trustees, gave a talk encourag-

ing people to sponsor the new seat campaign. The surprise celebrity guests were Dick and Dom (in 'da bungalow') from the Saturday morning BBC programme for 8-12-year-olds, and one Disney employee was dressed as Chip, one of the characters in the film. Dick and Dom played a sequence with strong audience participation and a film was then played

back to the children of their reactions.

Sitting pretty

The Phoenix made a profit of around £2,000 from the event, which will give it a boost. And this event has almost certainly attracted plenty of new young filmgoers for the wide range of films and activities on offer at the Saturday morning Freddie's clubs.

Revival of Muswell Hill Festival?

At a joint meeting of the organisers of the Muswell Hill Festival and the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association last month, it was clear that if a festival is to be held again at least ten committed people will be needed to make it work.

A major issue discussed was whether a Muswell Hill Festival was wanted, and if so, in what form? In recent years, the Festival has been strung along the Fortis Green Road end of Muswell Hill Broadway, but difficulties with closing the road and rerouting of buses led to it being a non-event this year.

Off road

New venues being considered are the Fortismere School playing fields, The Grove at Alexandra Palace, the Palm Court, the ice rink end of the palace itself and the site of the old racecourse where funfairs are held.

If the event was to be held on an open space rather than a highway, it could take the form of a county show with stalls and features put on by local organi-

sations, horse rides, a donkey derby and events for children and adults not possible on a main road. It is more likely, however that a smaller, more intimate affair would result.

On the question of funding, the National Lottery and commercial sponsorship may assist, but there was also a tentative suggestion that a joint event with the Hornsey Trust, which is planning a similar event next year, could be considered.

Arnie Dies

Last month we profiled the magnificent beast at Gus's hairdressers.

It is sad, therefore, to learn that as his picture was being distributed around East Finchley, Arnie the Iguana passed away. Our sympathies go to all who knew this well loved creature.

All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England

**Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.
Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.
Prayer requests are gladly accepted.**

**The Parish has a flourishing social life.
Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy,
on 020 8883 9315.**

**All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an
enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.
Experienced singers are always welcome.
Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.**

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>

Come along to the RSPCA Christmas Fair
on Saturday 29 November at Fellowship House,
Willowfield Way, NW11 from 2-4pm.
All proceeds will go to animal charities.

East Finchley Baptist Church

just off the High Road in Creighton Avenue N2
Sundays at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm
for more information contact 8446 3571

Visitors always welcome