



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
- ❖ **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- ❖ **Keep fit for the Retired** Wednesdays Christ Church N12. Ring Bridie. 020 8883 5269
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Yoga, breathing & relaxation.** Weekly drop-in classes - N2, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 020 8444 7783.

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 5 & 19 April at Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **Over 60s come dancing** at Ann Owens Centre 020 8346 8736
- ❖ **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

- ❖ **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 Sophie Spence 020 8444 1890
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **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.

Martin Schools' Masterpieces

By Diana Cormack

Martin Infant and Junior Schools' involvement in the National Gallery's *Take One Picture* project has been an outstanding success. This year, schools were asked to focus on *The Stonemason's Yard* by Canaletto.

Before embarking on the task, teachers received in-service training from colleagues who had been on a course at the gallery, enabling them to plan for related activities covering all aspects of the school curriculum and involving pupils from nursery through to Year 6. Those who visited an exhibition held at the school could only marvel at what the children had produced – it was stunning!

Artist in Residence, sculptor David Aronsohn, pointed out two particular pieces to me. One was a large mixed media 3D model made by the infant school using materials like tissue paper, fabric, card, wood, clay, foam, etc. From the front, it was an adult's view of the scene; at the back, little model rooms showed the life the children imagined was going on behind those house fronts. It was a brilliant idea, brilliantly executed.

Then and now

The other was equally impressive. Year 2 pupils had been given cameras to take their own photos of buildings in East Finchley. These photos were used to make a contemporary version of Canaletto's picture, thus equating then and now,

making it so relevant to the children.

The Sewing Club, run by school secretary Helen Barney, produced another remarkable piece of work. Junior children used a variety of textiles to depict a wonderful Venetian scene, complete with gondolas in the foreground, designed and built by Year 6 using willow. Other designs by Year 6 were meticulous architecturally correct plans for buildings in the painting. Drawn to scale, they were inspired by the enthusiasm of class teacher Paul Hall, who worked in an architects firm before coming into teaching.

Manifold experiences

Music, poetry, painting, sculpture, even building walls, are among the many educational experiences offered to the children during this exciting project. If only this vibrant exhibition could go on show somewhere else in East Finchley for people to admire what everyone in Martin Schools has succeeded in producing. As one parent, Helen Casiki commented, "There's an energy about this school. It feels as if it's got life in the walls."

Open Houses, Open Eyes

Have you ever wondered who it is that lives in your neighbourhood? Perhaps you would relish the opportunity to peer into their world and find out what it is they do for a living? Or perhaps you are a craftsman who would like to expose your work to your local community?

To coincide with the East Finchley Festival in July, local artists and craftspeople have gathered to organise the opening of East Finchley's very first Open House Art Week. The East Finchley Open, as they have named it, aims to enable and facilitate artists and craftspeople based in East Finchley, to show and sell their work by opening up their houses to the public. Yet for it to be a real success, they need more artists and craftsmen from East Finchley to sign up!

Their idea of an open house art week stemmed from both Oxford and Cambridge, who have these successful events each year. As they had many inquiries from other local areas, The East Finchley Open committee were going to include a wider group of artists and craftspeople. However as Tark Butler, a local painter who specialises in figurative work, told me, "For at least the first year, we wanted artists to live

within walking distance of East Finchley, to evoke a sense of community."

There are already around ten artists and craftsmen who have signed up to exhibit their work, including Photographers such as Eti Wade, Sculptors such as David Aronsohn, and Painters such as Tark Butler. They all hope that this scheme will be successful in informing local people about local artists. However, for this idea to reach its potential, The East Finchley Open needs more of these committed artists and craftspeople, willing to show their work to the public. So, whether you are a part-time or full-time artist or craftsman, who focuses on anything from pottery to jewellery to oil painting – as long as you are dedicated to the project and have work to display, then please contact them!

Please contact Adam Justice- Mills on 07970 838188, or by email: efo@e-fish.demon.co.uk



Helen Barney with the Venetian Scene by the Sewing Club and Year 6. Photo by Diana Cormack.

Spring News from the Phoenix

The Phoenix's new manager, Paul Homer, reports that the seat campaign is to be relaunched. Half the necessary funds have been raised for the new seats, and installation is scheduled for late June. The new seats have provisionally been chosen – these will probably be traditional-style red seats.

The Phoenix has also just received a £5000 grant from Barnet Council, to be match-funded, which is specifically for improving disabled access equipment and it will be used to provide 'soft subtitling' for the hard of hearing.

The family-based film events – especially the *Bringing up baby* screenings on Tuesday

mornings – are still proving very popular.

There is also a plan to increase the number of weekend film events based around talks from directors. Coming up in late April are three films made by the late British documentary filmmaker, Jill Craigie, which will be introduced by her former husband Michael Foot.

New Public Speaking Club

By Don Hunter

A new public speaking club for people who want to improve their presentation skills has started in East Finchley.

Meetings of Northern Lights Speakers' Club will be held every other Monday at 7.30pm at the Old White Lion, Great North Road, next to East Finchley station.

The club is part of the non-profit organisation Toastmasters

International, which has a network of 10,000 public speaking clubs around the world. Membership costs £72 a year plus a £15 joining fee but there is no obligation to join at the first meeting. For more information call Don Hunter on 07941 388073.

What's On...

E-mail your listings to the-archer@lineone.net

Muswell Hill Bowling Club, The Green, Kings Avenue, Muswell Hill. Outdoor season starts 24 April, club open daily from 2pm. Free instruction and loan of equipment available. Phone 020 8883 1178 for details.

18-24 April: Incognito Theatre, Friern Barnet, presents *Run for your Wife* by Ray Cooney. In the best traditions of farce, Run for Your Wife involves a cabbie who smoothly maintains a life of covert bigamy – his two wives located rather too close for comfort – until his chivalrous attempt to save a little old lady from a mugging lands him in jail and then in hospital. Unfortunately both wives get wind of the accident... All performances start at 8pm except Sunday 18th (6pm). Additional matinee performance at 3pm on Sat 24th. Tickets: £6-8. Incognito is a club theatre. Non-members should add 50p per booking (not ticket) for temporary or £5 for annual associate membership. Call the box office 020 8361 8310 or email Graham.Sawtell@btopenworld.com. See www.incognitoteatre.com for further details.

Sunday 25 April: Cromwell Hall Residents' Association are holding their annual **'Garage Sale' in Abbots Gardens** from 11am to 2 pm. Residents will set up their 'Stalls' in their front gardens up and down the road. Bring your friends and family and enjoy going round the stalls to see what bargains there are to be found.