



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- ❖ **Counselling & psychotherapy** at the Green Man Centre. Call 8440 4174
- ❖ **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group** Call Vivien 020 8883 8190
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Pilates** in East Finchley, qualified teacher. Contact Dee Wisbey 020 8883 7029
- ❖ **Tae Kwon Do** at The Green Man Thursdays 7-9pm 07949 612 706
- ❖ **Tai Chi** at the Green Man on Mondays 1.30-3pm. An "ageing well" class for older people.
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Broadway & West End Musical Singing Workshop** call Idit Gold 020 8449 0011.
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call Vicky 020 8883 1554
- ❖ **Columbian party dancing** classes, Call Nelsy 020 8444 2012
- ❖ **East Finchley Writing Workshops.** Creative writing, poetry and prose Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club**, Monday 13 December 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.
- ❖ **Street Dance** every Tuesday at Old Barn for children of various ages Contact Lorna 07976203669.
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** of North London, Contact Caroline Egan 020 8340 2706
- ❖ **Tap Dance** for children beginning at Old Barn every Monday, Contact Sharon 020-8349-4613

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 Clissold Arms. Contact Lillian on 020 8444 1793.
- ❖ **Fairacres Monday Club** for Jewish people, Rene & Reuby Hyams, 020 8883 0448 or Sylvia Lee 8958 7878
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian 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 professionals. Call Eric 8340 0822.

Cajun music

By Betti Blatman
On Saturday, 13 November, diners and drinkers at The Spaniards Inn were entertained by the London Cajun Jammers playing and singing Cajun with a touch of Irish music.

Patrick Hogan on guitar and harmonica sang in French and English accompanied by Beth Shaw on triangle whilst Maurice Oliver played a lively fiddle and created a cosy and enjoyable atmosphere, attracting young and old to their foot-tapping music and encouraging some Cajun dancers onto the limited floor space. The band are happy to play in exchange for food and drink in the Cajun tradition. As they say in Cajun country, "Laissez les bon temps roulez" – Let the good times roll! Further enquiries: Patrick 01322 349910, patrick@bexley.ac.uk; or Beth 020 7485 7209, beth148da8@hotmail.com.



Emma Wyllie-Ballard at the Lord Mayor's show. Photo by Dawn Powell

A show fit for a Lord

By Dawn Powell
For 800 years, the Lord Mayor's Show has been a brilliant display of pageantry. But for one East Finchley teenager, this year's procession was extra special.

Instead of watching from the sidelines, Emma Wyllie-Ballard, 15, got to perform in the show. She was part of a

group representing Stagecoach, which is a part-time theatre company for children aged between four and 16. The company has schools across the country and each one put forward three students to take part in the show. Emma was chosen to represent her branch, which is Totteridge. (She modestly claims that she was picked because of her age and not because of her talent.)

For the procession, Emma had to alternate between holding the Stagecoach flag and performing a routine. She explained: "We kept swapping in and out. There was a dance routine and we did it on the outside, and then we would swap

[places] and the people on the inside would do the dance."

At the end of the three-mile route, Emma was quivering – though it was nothing to do with the freezing November weather. She said, "It was quite weird – I was shaking afterwards. There were so many people. We passed a huge stand and there were just thousands of people."

Despite having to dance in front of a large crowd, Emma really enjoyed the day. "It was a really good atmosphere because everyone was smiling and waving. There were a few people standing at the side in a grump, but when you smiled and waved at them, they cheered up."

Swamprock returns

By Sheila Armstrong
On Saturday 16 October Joe Le Taxi's band brought Zydeco music back to Finchley. And a hundred or so people danced to the driving rhythms of South West Louisiana until the early hours.

Forget Cajun this was Zydeco: a fusion of old Creole tunes, blues, soul and funk. Some amazing dancers turned out from all over the country, mostly doing pure Zydeco, but I also saw traces of jive, and some Cajun. You have to travel to hear good bands like this one, who had driven from Wales themselves.

With the sudden demise of the North Finchley's Torrington pub, Swamprock aficionados Carole Lateman and Neil Papworth had only two weeks to find a new venue for this gig. *THE ARCHER's* Betti Blatman suggested The Wilf Slack Centre on East End Road and, as they say, the rest is history.

Joe Le Taxi have been around since the early 1990s, and are now in what is described on their website as their third incarnation. Joe's alter ego Rees Wesson used to be into folk-reggae but has now found his true place both making and playing accordion and fronting this Zydeco group. Undoubtedly the band's love of music keeps them travelling the motorways to gigs and festivals; it's not for the money rub board player Uncle Bud hinted. Long may they continue; it was an exciting night out. More about them on their website www.joeletaxi.co.uk.

See below for the next Swamprock concert or check out www.swamprock.org.uk.

What's On...

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

- Friday 10 December - 'Art 4 Fun'** (age2-adult) Fundraiser Evening with live jazz, wine and a finger supper. £30 adults, £20 children. Proceeds to OXFAM. Art 4 fun, 212 Fortis Green Rd, Muswell Hill, N10. Bookings Tel 07904 386018.
- Saturday 11 December - Swamprock: Elvis Fontenot + The Sugar Bees** at Wilf Slack Sports Club, 19 East End Road, Finchley N3, 8-12 pm. £8. Further info: Carole 020 8810 7454 Neil 01727 830280 www.swamprock.org.uk
- Saturday 11 December - Finchley Children's Music Group Special Christmas Concert** at 8pm at the Italian Church, Clerkenwell, EC1 in which much of the repertoire on their new favourably reviewed CD will be performed live. Tickets £8 (£5 concs) available on the door, or in advance from Les Aldrich Music, or from Tony Wren tel: 020 7923 4929.
- Sunday 12 December - Finchley Cinevideo Society** at The Phoenix Cinema at 5.15pm. **Hubert's Travels**, a new production by Michael Slowe, written by Rick Limentani. All scenes shot locally and cast drawn from local drama societies. Tickets available by post at £4 from Trevor Williams 8446 3797 and direct from box office at £5 subject to availability.
- Wednesday 12 January - Haringey Recorded Music Society - Glad Tidings of Joy**, presented by Diana Rowland-Thomas, 7.45 for 8pm. The society (founded in 1946) plays recorded classical music in people's homes. For venue and further information, contact 020 8361 1696.

Christmas Services in East Finchley

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 19th at 6pm: Candlelight Carol Service
 Friday 24th at 6pm: The Blessing of the Crib and Nativity Play
 At 11:30pm: Midnight Mass
 Saturday 25th at 10am: Parish Communion

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Friday 24th at 6:30pm: Children's Mass of Christmas
 At 9:30pm Carols – At 10pm Midnight Mass
 Saturday 25th at 8:30am, 10am & 11:30am: Christmas Day Mass
 Sunday 26th at 10am: Boxing Day Mass

East Finchley Methodist Church

Sunday 19th at 6:30pm: Candlelight Carol Service
 Saturday 25th at 10:30am: Family Service

St Johns Christian Spiritualist Church

Thursday 2nd at 7.30pm: Evening of Clairvoyance
 Sunday 19th at 6.30pm: Divine Service with Lin Guest de Swarte
 Thursday 23rd at 7.30pm: Candle Light Carol Service

All Saint's Church

Sunday 19th at 6.30pm: Christmas Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
 Friday 24th 3.00-5.00pm: Children's Christmas Service with Carols and Christmas Party, 11.30pm: Midnight Mass of Christmas with Procession of the Christ Child and Blessing of the Crib.
 Saturday 25th at 8.00am: Mass of the Dawn; 10.00am: Mass of Christmas Day with Christmas Carols.

East Finchley Baptist Church

Sunday 19th 11.00am - 12.15pm: All-ages in Together Carol Service with a presentation by the children and young people
 6.00-7.15pm: Carols by Candlelight
 Christmas Day: 10.30-11.15am: Christmas Morning Service
 Everyone welcome