



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.
- ❖ **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 12 & 26 January 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 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.

Reunion in Oz

By Brian Timms

Name the canary in the window of Mr Belcher's shoe repair shop in Manor Park Road! The bird was among trivia raised at the first reunion in Australia of Finchley kids of the 1940s, who met in Melbourne in October for three days of wining, dining and laughing.

The group (using maiden names) was comprised of Shirley Crane and Carol Carnie (Perth), Pat Chick and Mary Hall (Sydney), Derek Woolley (Ballarat), Donald Carnie (Melbourne), Brian Timms (Moruya), Gill Rowsell and Joyce Stevens (holidaying from England).

Stories flowed, primed by a dozen back copies of *THE ARCHER* and a plastic bag of 100 names of long remembered ex-pupils from the Martin, Alder and Manorside schools. Above noisy restaurant chatter, Carol suddenly flashed a mobile to contact sister Lynne, 12,000 miles away in West Finchley. "Have I got news for you!" shouted Carol, passing on hot gossip.

The times of our lives

So we rattled on – Hahn's bakery in East Finchley High Road, first to supply sliced loaves; gas masks in Donald Duck style to induce kids to wear them; the German V2 rocket that exploded

in the garden of 111 Abbots Gardens in November 1944; trolley buses 517, 617 and 609; the rush that emptied sweet shops at the end of rationing; old Mrs Wallace in the corner store at the end of Church Lane; revolutionary



L-R: Joyce Stevens, Shirley Crane, Gill Rowsell, Pat Chick, Mary Hall, Derek Woolley, Donald Carnie, Sonia Carnie, Brian Timms (seated), Carol Carnie, Ann Woolley. Photo courtesy of Brian Timms.

star-shaped ice-pops from Rose's in the Market Place. Near the Alder, at the top of Long Lane, was the fish and chip shop, where questions such as "How long will the chips be Mrs?" were curtly met with "Four inches – wait your turn."

All agreed that at our time of life a reunion is more beneficial

than a psychiatrist. If only we'd been able to recall that bloody canary's name!

We believe that Geoff Voyce, June Effer and Jim Wheelan are also in Oz so if anyone knows their whereabouts, or of other Finchley exiles, please contact Shirley at wanderers@wn.com.au

Warning On Waitrose

Update by Diana Cormack

At the time of writing no planning application has been received by Barnet Council for the construction of a 20,000 square foot Waitrose supermarket which would extend from the borders of Cherry Tree Wood up to Baronsmere Road.

The property developers, Kiafield, are said to be ready to go with their application at any time but the topic was not on the agenda for discussion by the Cabinet in March. WOW organisers say they are uncertain whether this was because the question of Compulsory Purchase Orders is still causing problems within the council, or whether the letters sent in by local objectors to the proposals have been having an effect.

However, they believe that this written pressure needs to be kept up so that councillors are aware of the scale of the opposition when they do eventually discuss it. This could well be in April.

With Barnet unwilling to enter into discussions until planning permission has been sought, WOW organisers want to ensure that people maintain interest and are kept informed of any developments. Members of the protest group have distributed thousands of letters throughout East Finchley, outlining their objections and describing the possible effects of the scheme. Six shops in the High Road display current information (Plummers newsagents, Tony's Continental Stores, Chivers A1 Motors, Natural Choice, A. Scott & Sons Fishmongers and Mandara Italian Delicatessen).

Meanwhile WOW says it is continuing to make preparations for action to be taken if and when the proposed planning application is made.

We Saw Them First!

By Daphne Chamberlain

A certain Hendon and Finchley paper is behind the Times: In November, it reported "one of the first sightings of a parakeet in North London".

Last March we confirmed sightings at Kenwood and in May we told you about Linda Mitchell of Fordington Road, who has seen parakeets in her East Finchley garden since November 2000.

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>

KALASHNIKOV KULTUR

By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility

Click...click

It's weird out there in cyberspace and big and over the top and what your right hand's for. Even my steam powered search engine claims to have over 3,300,000,000 sites listed, only 202,000,000 about sex. That said, I guess 200 million sex sites is enough to cover every fantasy from A to Z, or as London Zoo might put it, aardvark to zebra. Even then it's not simply about sex, it's about weirdness. Someone, somewhere, but probably in America is at this very moment dreaming of fire arms and sexual perversion and clicking onto SexPistols.com only to get no sex, but lots of drugs and rock'n'roll.

Weirdness isn't about sex; AOL and all the rest can filter out anything likely to offend, exploit or pervert, but they can't do anything to stop serious perversion. They can't close down the Unofficial Austin Allegro Fan Club or any of the other 41,000 sites that mention the insult to motoring that was the Allegro. The square-wheeled, ugly duckling celebrated its 30th birthday last May and I wasn't invited. Maybe because I told the man from the Allegro Preservation Society that drivers needed preserving from Allegros, not the other way round.

If you think that's bad, there are even 104 sites relating to the worst car ever built in Britain, the Morris Marina. I may think Jeremy Clarkson should be hung upside down in the centre of Modena and poked with sharp sticks for selling his Ferrari to buy a Merc, but he's right about the Marina. Why anyone should have ever felt enthusiastic about that car is beyond me; maybe they keep them to frighten proper cars like Golfs.

No weird-out net-surfing session would be complete without a trip to my favourite piece of cyber-perversity, the Wartburg... These were East German jokes made from recycled left over German tanks and post-modern irony before the words were invented, or at least the website is. The company may have been founded in 1898, but it came into its own in the 50s, 60s, and 70s when these noisy, nasty, unreliable and uncomfortable 2-strokes polluted their way onto British roads. But here's the weird bit, they were built in a BMW factory that found itself on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain in 1945. So who said the Germans don't do irony?

Weirdness is not just about quantity and although I could go on about the perversion that is owning a Datsun 120Y Sunny, I won't, I'll just succumb to vanity and remind you that typing Kalashnikov Kultur into your search engine gets you serious weirdness; it gets you me.

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
please contact the Church Office
Tel: 8883 1544 (Minister: Simon Dyke)

Visitors always welcome