



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- ❖ **Body Control Pilates** classes. Call Deanna Wisbey 020 8883 7029
- ❖ **Counselling and psychotherapy service** at the Green Man Centre. For details phone 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
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Bowling Club** open daily from 2pm. The Green, Kings Avenue N10 Tel: 8883 1178
- ❖ **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 14 & 28 June 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 & 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
- ❖ **Northern Lights Speakers' Club** alt. Monday eves at The Old White Lion www.northernlightsspeakers.org.uk
- ❖ **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.

East Finchley Open

A few drinks at the East Finchley Constitutional Club discussing politicians' remarks led to a local voluntary group forming. Margaret Thatcher's "there is no such thing as society" was challenged and energised by the unlikely pairing of Norman Tebbit's "get on your bike" and Tony Blair's "we need joined up thinking". So the handful of artists and craftspeople thought, "who lives around this area and what could we do?" A couple of months later the East Finchley Open (EFO) was born as a group of thirty local East Finchley artists and craftspeople who have linked up for a variety of future activities in this area.

Exhibitions

There is a set of exhibitions from mid June to mid July with all 30 EFO members represented. The premiere exhibition of the new Phoenix Cinema gallery will be from 12 June to 10 July, showing paintings, photos and video art.

From Friday 25 June to Sunday 4 July there will be an exhibition at All Saints Church Durham Road as part of the East Finchley Arts Festival. All the EFO members will be represented there, and will include sculpture, ceramics, jewellery, textiles, photographs and paintings. There will be a private view there on Monday 28 June.

There will be an EFO launching event at the Finchley Youth Theatre on the evening of 25 June, with a combination of films, projections music and

refreshments.

The Open House weekend

This is the core of the East Finchley Open and will consist of nine members' houses open to the public 11am-5pm on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June. Each house will have the work of at least two artists or craftspeople on show.

Also on 27 June 2-6pm there will be a multimedia showcase in the Finchley Youth Theatre, High Road. Yet more work will be shown in shops in Church Lane.

A free EFO catalogue with all these listings will be available in June from East Finchley library, Phoenix Cinema and several high street shops. Tickets for the launch event go on sale early June



Above: Just some of the exhibits on display at East Finchley Open. Top by Christine Watson, above left by Keith M Hewett and above right by Peter Hale

and will be available at these and other outlets (and from all EFO events)

Catalogue information will also be available on the EFO

website: www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk. On it you can see more examples of members' work and updated information about all the forthcoming activities.

Louisiana comes to Finchley!

On Wednesday, 16 June, a new dance club is opening at the Torrington in Finchley bringing the best Zydeco, Swamp pop, Cajun, New Orleans Rhythm & Blues and Rock 'n Roll from the Bayous of Louisiana to the dancers of London. Every month a different live band will be featured, each one guaranteed to give the best in hip swingin', foot stompin', good time dance music for all tastes.

For our opening night we have the greatest pleasure in presenting Z Funk, unquestionably the hottest Zydeco band this side of the Big Pond, featuring, from Lake Charles, Louisiana, the awesome Harold Guilory on Rubboard & Vocals. Harold plays in his cousin, Chris Ardoin's band and has his own TV station, Louisiana Live. Check it out on www.louisianazydecolive.com.

A steamy night of wild Zydeco rhythms, hot blues,

incredibly talented musicianship and a great party atmosphere is promised.

The Torrington is on the corner of Lodge Lane and the High Road, North Finchley. Nearest tube Woodside Park. Entry £8. Doors open at 8 pm.

For further information, please contact Carole Lateman 020 8810 7454, clateman2002@yahoo.co.uk or Neil Papworth, 01727 830280, neilpapworth@yahoo.co.uk.

What's On...

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

Sunday 13 June: Friends of Finchley Memorial are holding their **Summer Fete** in the grounds of Finchley Memorial Hospital, N3 from 1.30pm.

Wednesday 16 June: Finchley & District Philatelic Society - Members are invited to display 9 sheets of stamps beginning with the letter 'D'. Visitors welcome. Meet at Trinity Church Hall, Nether St, Finchley at 8 pm. Enquiries to Brian Merryweather 020 8349 1602 or visit www.stampdomain.com/finchley.

Saturday 19 June: Martin Schools summer fun day - Martin Schools PTA invite you to their annual Summer Fun Day, 12 noon - 3pm. Come for lunch! BBQ, Indian food stall, ice-cream sodas, cream teas etc. Bouncy castles, craft tables, second-hand clothes, books and toys, plants, cakes and much more. Come and view the human fruit machine! See you there!

Friday 25 June - Sunday 4 July: East Finchley Arts Festival - Concerts, Drama & Art at All Saints' Church, Durham Road. Plus a Cemetery Walk. For details see the display ad on page 6 or visit <http://eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk>. Brochure giving details available at Coral Travel, 50 High Road N2

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By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility

A fete worse than death

Here comes summer and with it comes the dreaded world of festivals. At one end you've got Glastonbury, that unique chance to choke in dust or drown in mud or both while getting sunburn, food poisoning and ripped off while listening to music. A genteel distance away you've got Kenwood, which is just like Glastonbury without the dysentery, but with added deckchairs. But at the far end is that uniquely British event that sucks the will to live out of all sentient beings, the local 'community' festival or school or church fete.

There is a standard format for these insults to the intelligence. Firstly you need a 'venue', which means anything from the school field, if it hasn't been flogged off for executive housing, to the patch of derelict land behind the old gasworks. Then you need a reason. That it's hot and sunny and the wasps are after you doesn't count. They either go for charities like *Save the Whales*, *Blind dogs for the Guides*, or giving each poor South Korean child their own puppy in time for Christmas. Sometimes it's just plain mercenary, as they demand money for some new bit of school equipment like a nuclear reactor for A Level physics or helping complete the junior vivisection lab.

The worst events of the summer are those that have no hidden moneymaking agenda, but are purely for 'fun'. This is fun as in sadistic delight. There are 20 'food' stalls offering 10 types of kebab, 11 different burgers and 12 kinds of food poisoning. All the local charities are there with their stalls flogging everything from fifth-hand books to "something odd we found in the garage" to Griselda's homemade turnip wine. Naturally 'fun' means having a beer tent where you can queue for up to an hour to buy a can of luke-warm lager two years past its sell-by date.

But nothing, repeat nothing, quite matches the horror of the 'entertainment'. This means some local band that were dire after 17 pints in the local pub proving just how bad they can sound on a wet Sunday in the park. But they don't stop at one musical crime; you also get the local kiddie choir singing too loud, for too long and way too flat. It is, quite simply, a fete worse than death.

Free bus service

If you're attending Music on a Summer Evening at Kenwood, 3 July to 29 August, there is a free shuttle bus service around 5.30 pm and after all concerts from/to Golders Green and East Finchley Tube stations. The buses will be marked 'Music on a Summer Evening'. Visit www.picnicconcerts.com for more information.