



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 8 & 22 March 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.

Friern Barnet School is also an Arts College

Friern Barnet School has become Barnet's first specialist performing arts college.

The 750 pupil school, which has already been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award by the Arts Council, has a tradition of excellence in drama, music and dance. To achieve its new status, the school has raised £50,000, which was match-funded by another £100,000 from the Government for capital works.

Facilities provided by the extra money that specialist status brings will be available to local primary schools, drama and arts societies. The school will also develop links with

the new Arts Depot. Projects which can now be considered include recording and dance studios.

Headteacher Geoff Gosling said, "We have a comprehensive intake of pupils, and are not trying to create a 'Fame School'. We will continue to function as any other, offering the full National Curriculum, but we want to develop in all our children an appreciation and understanding of the arts that they will be able to carry with them throughout their lives."

Binnie's Great-Nephew Contacts The ARCHER

By Daphne Chamberlain

Remember our pursuit of Binnie Barnes? Binnie was the girl who spent part of her life in East Finchley and most of the rest of it in Hollywood. She was the 1930s-1970s supporting star who married a film tycoon and seemed to live happily ever after.

Quite a few of you have heard of her and of her East Finchley connections, but tracking down the details has been unexpectedly difficult. Then, out of the blue a few weeks ago, *THE ARCHER* received a phone call. It was from Binnie's great-nephew, Brian Cook, an Essex policeman tracing his family history.

Ben Hur

Brian's grandmother was one of Binnie's sisters. She sometimes accompanied her abroad, on one occasion staying with her on the set of *Ben Hur*.

Brian himself visited her several times as a child, playing with her two sons, Peter and Michael. He remembers her house in Sunningdale, with its own cinema, and another palatial home in Belgravia. "I thought I'd died and gone to heaven when she gave me a big

box of toys", he said, chuckling too at the thought of another present - a proper two-piece suit when he was about 12.

Bubbly

Shortly afterwards Binnie settled permanently in America. He describes her as "bubbly, fun, with a good sense of humour and a lovely complexion".

After talking to Brian, the hunt for Binnie's East Finchley roots is on again in earnest. He remembers being told that she lived above a shop in Market Place. This may have been in her childhood, before about 1918, when the family moved to Kent, or during the 20s or early 30s, when she was back in North London.

Brian is hoping this will jog a few more memories, and if he finds out any more from other sources he will let us know.

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>

12 Things You Didn't Know About...

Each month we grill a member of the local community with 12 quick-fire questions.



This month it is the turn of GLA member Noel Lynch, whom many will have met in the past as proprietor of The Bargain Centre or at The Advice Centre.

1. **Name:** Noel Lynch.
2. **DOB:** 20/1/1947.
3. **Marital status:** Long time divorced - still looking.
4. **Star sign:** Capricorn the mountain goat. Tenacious and determined.
5. **Where are you from:** Kilmallock in Co. Limerick, Ireland.
6. **Occupation:** Full time politician. Elected member of The London Assembly plus the Metropolitan Police Authority and The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.
7. **Best part of the Job:** Being able to grill people like Ken Livingstone, Richard Rogers the architect, Sir John Stephens (Met. Police) and Barbara Cassini of the Olympic bid.
8. **Worst part of the job:** I miss working in the shop and volunteering in The East Finchley Advice Centre.
9. **Any famous lookalikes?** A member of the public once asked me if I was Dr. Kelly- This was a few weeks after he died!
10. **Peculiar hobbies?** I'm making a rap CD. It's being produced by Charles Bailey who was responsible for putting Tony Benn on CD.
11. **Proudest moment?** Being one of the founding fathers of London's Premier local newspaper - *The Archer*.
12. **Claim to fame?** My shop supplied the props to Channel 4 hit comedy - Father Ted.

What's On...

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

Sunday 14 March: Live music at East Finchley Methodist Church High Road, N2 (opp. Creighton Ave) at 8 pm from the *Lauderdale Guitars*. Featuring solos, duets and ensembles - including music by Debussy, Sarti, Piazzolla & Napoleon Coste. Free admission. Collection in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society

Tuesday 16 March: Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society presents, *How does your garden grow?*, an illustrated talk by Patricia Liechti on the making of her garden at Campden Cottage, Amersham. The talk starts at 7.30pm at Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. Members free, non-members £2. Tel 8455 0455.

Saturday, 27 March at 7.45pm: *Finchley Choral Society & Orchestra Nova* present Schubert's Mass in G Major D167, Haydn's Stabat Mater and Mozart's Divertimento in D K136 at Church of St Jude-on-the-Hill, Central Square, NW11. Tickets: £12.50 (£10 concessions) available on the door or from the FCS Box Office on 020 8445 9666.

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.

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