



Regular Events

SPORT & FITNESS

- ❖ **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group** Call Vivien 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 8883 5269
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced bowlers welcome. Tel: 8883 1178.
- ❖ **Pilates** in East Finchley, qualified teacher. Contact Dee on 8883 7029
- ❖ **Pilates class** Wednesdays, 2.15-3.15pm at Youth Theatre, N2. Ring Penny Hill 8444 2882.
- ❖ **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** with four clay courts off Southern Road. Call 8440 6953.
- ❖ **Wood Walk**, meet 10am at Cherry Tree Wood cafe on 1st & 2nd Mon of month for 1 hr walk. Call 8883 8750.
- ❖ **Yoga, breathing & relaxation**. Weekly drop-in classes - N2, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 8444 7783.
- ❖ **Yoga classes** Tuesdays 8-9:30pm at EF Methodist Church. Experienced teacher. Call Rosalind 8444 8134.

DANCE, DRAMA, ART & MUSIC

- ❖ **Art Classes**. For info call Henry on 020 8888 5133.
- ❖ **Ballroom dancing classes**, beginners and improvers. Phone 01707 642 378
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call 8883 7110.
- ❖ **East Finchley Writing Workshops**. Creative writing, poetry and prose Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club** - 14 & 28 Nov at 8pm, Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3. New members welcome
- ❖ **Line dancing** Tuesdays from 8.30pm at The Constitutional Club. Call Maureen 8440 8530.
- ❖ **Memory Lane Singing Club** - a communal singing club. Call Idit Gold 8458 4508.
- ❖ **Over 60s come dancing** at Ann Owens Centre 8346 8736
- ❖ **Pottery Class** at The Green Man, Call Celia Holmes 8349 9315
- ❖ **Learn to sing** at Finchley Methodist Church. Call 8883 4070 for info.
- ❖ **Street Dance** every Tuesday at Old Barn for children of various ages Contact Lorna 07976 203669.
- ❖ **SwampRock** events: Call Carole 8810 7454 or Neil 01727 830280 www.swamprock.org.uk
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** of North London, Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- ❖ **Tap Dance** for children beginning at Old Barn every Monday, Contact Sharon 8349 4613

CLUBS & SOCIAL

- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **East Finchley National Childbirth Trust**, Contact Sophie on 8444 1890
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers** meet weekly at The Old White Lion. Call Lilian 8444 1793
- ❖ **Fairacres Monday Club** for Jewish people. Contact Rene & Reuby 8883 0448 or Sylvia 8958 7878
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian 8444 3251
- ❖ **Friendly Rubber Bridge** at The Old Barn. Contact 8349 4613
- ❖ **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Mouldon on 8361 1696.
- ❖ **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill. Contact 8348 3495
- ❖ **Muswell Hill and Highgate Pensioners' Action Group** Call Bob Cottingham on 8444 7635.
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, contact 8883 4390
- ❖ **Old Barn pre-school club**, contact 8349 4613/1961
- ❖ **Parent & Toddler Group**, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ **Probus Lunch Club** for retired professionals. Call Eric 8340 0822.
- ❖ **Stepping Stones**, interactive play session for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.

Showing off the shows

By Viviana Lotti

A unique display of Britain's 149-year exhibition history is running at Church Farm Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. An Exhibition of Exhibitions: from the Great Exhibition to the Millennium Dome is on until 20 November.

The collection belongs to New Barnet resident Don R Knight, who has spent nearly 40 years amassing memorabilia of every major exhibition held in Britain, beginning with the Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace in 1851.

Mr Knight originally collected commemorative stamps marking these events. He went on to amass this impressive collection of pictures, posters, stamps, postcards, guides, coins, photographs and other mementoes spanning a century and a half of British exhibitions.

The most famous include the International Exhibition of 1862, the British Empire Exhibition of 1924-25 at the then-new Wembley Stadium, the 1951 Festival of Britain, and the more recent Millennium Dome exhibition in 2000.

At a private viewing at the museum on 9 October, Mr Knight led guests through the carefully laid-out exhibition, providing commentary and insight into a little-celebrated area of Britain's rich heritage. There was fascinating information on each event: for example, the 1908 Olympics were held in London instead of Rome (the designated city) due to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which caused the Italians to cancel the Games to divert all resources to the stricken region. Also, Golders Green resident Abram Games, who designed the poster and commemorative stamp for the 1951 Festival of Britain, became the only stamp designer to have his name on a stamp.

For more information, visit www.churchfarmhousemuseum.co.uk.

Fair helps provide holidays

By Viviana Lotti

The Family Holiday Association (FHA) is a national charity providing grants for one-week holidays to families. It is holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 12 November from 10.30am until 4pm at the Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Admission is £2.

The Fair will feature at least 20 craft exhibitors, 'Dinner for Two' stall, tombola and light refreshments. An antiques valuation service is also available at a small charge.

The Association, currently celebrating its 30th anniversary, was founded by Golders Green residents Joan and Patrick Laurance, now in their 80s.

The Laurances' lives were touched by tragedy years ago with the death of their baby, Patrick's unemployment and a sick child to care for. A friend lent them his flat so they could have a short break.

Later, when Patrick became a councillor, the Laurances started the charity to help other families in similar or worse situations afford a holiday. Prob-

lems can include ill health, disability and bereavement. In their first year they raised £1,200 and provided grants to 17 families. They estimate they have sent 90,000 people on holiday in 30 years.

The Association has seven caravans at various holiday sites, and is buying more, to enable families to have a break in both holiday and term time.

Feedback from families is overwhelmingly positive. After his first ever holiday, one six-year-old said, "I feel all happy and laughing inside."

For information on the Association and the Craft Fair, contact 020 7436 3304 or www.FamilyHolidayAssociation.org.uk

What's On...

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

Thursday 3 November

A taster **workshop for Nia** at Studio 2, LA Fitness Centre, East End Road, 6-7pm. Also Saturday 5 November 10-11am.

Sunday 13 November

Blind singer/songwriter **Marilyn Baker in concert** at Finchley Youth Theatre, 142 High Road, 11am. Admission FREE. Hosted by **Finchley Christian Fellowship**.

Saturday 19 November

Finchley Choral Society performs **Anthems for Peace** at St. Jude on the Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, 7.45pm. Box office: 020 8346 9230

Sunday 20 November

East Finchley Open Winter Fair, Martin School halls, 10.30am-4.00pm. Artwork at affordable prices.

Thursday 24 November

Talk on the history of **Finchley Memorial Hospital**, Finchley Society, Avenue House, East End Road, 8pm. Non-members welcome.

Friday 25 November

The Friends of Montclair hold a **Thanksgiving Dinner**. Non-members welcome. Details from 020 8361 8978.



(Back row L-R) Budgens staff Rosie Townsend, Valerie Francis and Anita Depala with Sippy Azizollah (in front). Photo by Erini Rodis

Shoppers snap up homemade treats

Shoppers gave generously when Sippy Azizollah and the staff of Budgens organised a raffle and the sale of homemade cakes and treats.

The £285 raised from the event was split between Challenging Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood, which is Budgens' chosen charity, and the Barbara Bus Fund, which provides accessible transport for wheelchair users. Sippy thanked all the store's staff for helping her run the event and all the shoppers who bought treats and gave donations.

Art for everyone

By Helen Drake

The East Finchley Open (EFO) group of artists goes from strength to strength and is preparing to hold its second Winter Fair on Sunday 20 November from 10.30am-4pm.

Martin School assembly halls will once again be transformed into a dazzling display of local creative talent. A wide range of high quality, original artwork including painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewellery, textiles and crafts will be on show. Visitors can buy and commission artwork or simply enjoy the imaginative display.

Lisa Vallentin will again be taking up the challenge of drawing instant portraits, and children can have their faces painted. Visitors can relax in the Arts Café and enjoy soup, paninis, cakes and other winter refreshments. Proceeds from the door (£1 voluntary contribution) will this year be donated to the local charity CONTACT to pay

for a festive Christmas meal for its over-60s luncheon club. Each £1 donation will also entitle you to a raffle ticket; first prize is a piece of artwork by an EFO artist.

More than 1,000 visitors came to the first Winter Fair. The EFO is confident of an even greater level of success this year for an event that is becoming a key part of the East Finchley calendar. With prices ranging from 50p to £1,000 this is an opportunity that makes original contemporary art and craft affordable for everyone.

The EFO has an active membership of 50 local artists and craft people, making it the biggest and most successful group of its kind in North London. For more information go to www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Phoenix film fest for kids

By Sheila Armstrong

East Finchley's Phoenix cinema is hosting part of the 2005 London Children's Film Festival. Heralded as the first London-wide celebration of film for children and young people, it is backed by the Barbican and the Independent Cinema Office in partnership with Film London.

Films from all over the world will be shown on Saturdays and Sundays from 9-20 November at the Phoenix and other participating cinemas across the capital including the Barbican and ICA.

Paul Homer, new manager at the Phoenix, told *THE ARCHER* that there was also a screening for schools on Wednesday 16 November at 10am of the Dutch movie *Lepel*, suitable for age seven upwards.

As well as an exciting range of international children's films, there are workshops on animation, music and make up, as well as on planning and making

films. The Phoenix is holding a free animation and storyboard-ing workshop on the weekends of 12-13 and 19-20 November an hour before the screenings.

Special events at the Barbican include animals in film, dance and storytelling, as well as the 200th anniversary celebration of Hans Christian Andersen's stories in film.

For full details, collect a film festival brochure from the Phoenix or visit www.londonchildrenfilm.org.uk.

Meanwhile, the Kid's Club Screenings for 6-11 year olds still take place at the Phoenix on Saturday mornings at 11am.