



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** - 5 & 19 Sept 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.



Jazz at Church Farmhouse Museum. Photo by Sheila Armstrong

Jazz on a summer's day

By Betti Blatman

50 years of Church Farmhouse Museum continued to be celebrated on a lovely sunny afternoon on Sunday, 31 July, as jazz enthusiasts gathered in its garden.

Music from the twenties and thirties, the Golden Age of traditional jazz, was played by the quartet 'Fine and Dandy' led by Brian Master (banjo) and including Dave Clennell (Trumpet), Tim Curtis (Sousaphone/Tuba), and Paula Jackman (Clarinet). The crowd rapidly increased to approximately 80 and Gerard Roots, the Curator

at the Museum, continually brought out extra chairs to accommodate everybody, all of whom greatly enjoyed the jazz, particularly when requests were included.

The Greyhound Pub next door provided coupons for a free pint of Young's Bitter to quench the listeners' thirsts on a hot summer's day.

artsdepot birthday competition

By Sheila Armstrong



The artsdepot, North London's new cultural centre at Tally Ho Corner, is offering two free Friends Memberships to celebrate the first anniversary of its opening.

Members will receive £2 off tickets for some shows, 10% off daytime café use, the season's brochure in advance of the general public and last-minute ticket deals.

To enter, all you have to do is to answer the question "When did the artsdepot open?" Send your answer on a post card marked artsdepot Competition to *THE ARCHER*, PO Box 3699, London N2 8JA. Please include your name, address and phone number. The first two correct entries drawn win. The closing date is 30 September.

What's On...

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

Throughout September:

An exhibition of Tark Butler (of EFO)'s prints and paintings at Chorak, High Road, N2.

Saturday 3 September:

HGS Horticultural Society Flower Show, 3-5.30pm, Free Church Hall, Northway, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11. Teas, children's classes. Contact 020 8455 8741.

Sunday, 11 September, 8pm:

Concert at **East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Rd, N2 (opp. Creighton Ave) by **Jacquin trio**. Programme to include works by Schumann, Poulenc, Milhaud. Free admission, but there will be a collection in aid of North London Hospice.

Tuesday 27 September, 8pm:

Garden Suburb Ward Liberal Democrats present: **A War of Words; Working at Bletchley Park**. Illustrated lecture by Ruth Bourne. Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. Entry £2.50. Non-members/non Lib Dems welcome. Contact 020 8455 6705.

Thursday 28 September, 8pm:

The Finchley Society, Avenue House, East End Road. **Talk by Percy Reboul** on Barnet in the WWII blitz. See below for contact details.

Thursday 29 September, 8pm:

The Finchley Society, Avenue House, East End Road. **Talk by Hugh Petrie** on the impact of electronic media (eg. the internet) on local history studies. Non-members welcome. Contact 020 8883 2633.

Saturday 8 October, 10am - 1pm:

Open day at All Saints Church, Durham Road N2. Come and have a look round Tea Coffee Chat [Chapel available for private prayer]

A club of note

By Diana Cormack

Television programmes about singing these days often seem to be based on some sort of competitive element promoted to bring out the worst in people. (Just think of the name Simon Cowell and you'll see what I'm getting at). Yet singing for its own sake, rather than to draw attention to oneself or to win a competition, can bring great enjoyment and pleasure.

At Memory Lane Singing Club people smile when they sing. They also smile in welcome when you arrive and helpfully explain the routine to help you settle in. This friendly group welcomes singers of all levels and abilities and there is no audition. If you want to improve your voice and take

Gold is the club's musical director. An established singing teacher and performer, Idit has worked with choirs and singing groups for many years and has also coached individuals for the theatre and entertainment industry. She supports the feel-good factor of singing, believing it to be healthy, inspiring and stress



Some members of Memory Lane Singing Club enjoying a song

part in group singing, with the chance to perform in community events and local charity appeals, MLSC could be right for you.

It aims to revive and perform songs from the Music Hall right through to the late 60s, along with those from many hit shows and musicals. When I visited they were doing "My Fair Lady" which was right up my street!

East Finchley resident Idit

busting. Idit told *The Archer* about a fund raising event she is planning for 1 December, when MLSC will be performing to raise money for Avenue House (further details about this nearer the time).

The club meets on Fridays from 11.30am - 1.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, N3. Open sessions are being held on 9 and 16 September so you can try it out. For further details phone Valerie on 8458 4508.

Lunch clubs

A Traditional Lunch Club, organised by East Finchley Neighbourhood Contact, meets every Tuesday at the Green Man. Bookings can be made on 020 8444 1162 on the previous Friday. No transport is provided but Contact can arrange registration with Dial-a-Ride.

Contact also run a Muslim Ladies' Lunch Club, which meets on the first two Wednesdays of each month at the same venue and time. After the break for Ramadan the times may change to allow members to participate in a Tai Chi class. As those attending this Lunch Club come from all over Barnet, transport can be arranged for the less mobile.

Muswell Hill Festival and Donkey Derby

The Festival, organised by the Hornsey Trust for Children with Cerebral Palsy, returns to Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 11 September.

Activities include a dog agility competition, a monster veg competition for under-12s, an unusual fruit and veg competition for all ages, darts competitions for all ages and skills, donkey races, bouncy castles and merry-go-rounds, face painting, children's entertainers, 80 craft and local group stalls, international food stalls, a vintage car display and morris dancers.

Dog-owners can register dogs on the day for the timed agility competition, sponsored by Bond and White, at £2 an

entry. Every hour, the fastest dog at running in and out of hoops, bollards and water wins a prize.

Capital Gardens are sponsoring the children's competition for 'monsters' created beforehand from fruit and vegetables and judged on the day. And anyone can enter the best home-grown plants competition.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Peter Thompson on 020 8883 0371 or Alison Wynn on 07808 364 033.