



Regular Events

SPORT & FITNESS

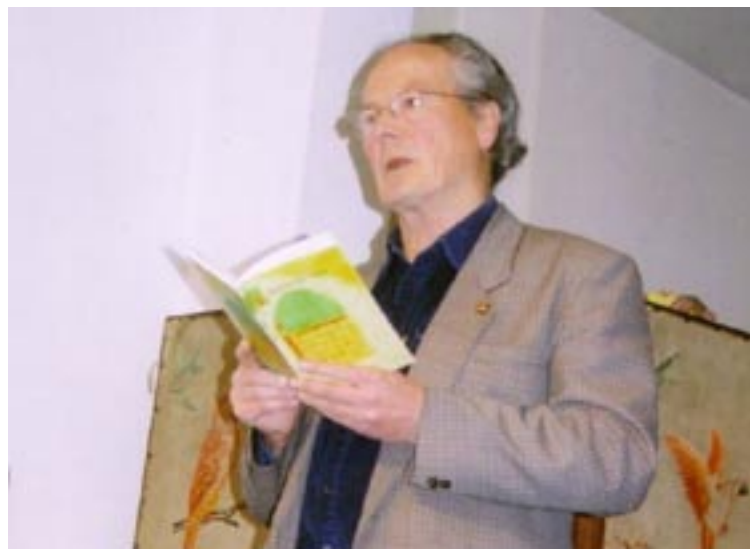
- ❖ **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group** Call Vivien 8883 8190
- ❖ **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- ❖ **Keep fit for the Retired** Wednesdays Christ Church N12. Ring Bridie 8883 5269
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced 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** - 12 & 26 June 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 Jane Woollard, on 020 8883 4340
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers** meet weekly at The Old White Lion. Call Lilian 8444 1793
- ❖ **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.



Dennis Evans reading from *Bubbles for Peace*. Photo by Lourdinho Morais

Bubbles for Peace

By Daphne Chamberlain

When East Finchley poet Dennis Evans introduced his latest book *Bubbles for Peace* at the Torriano Meeting House, I took a friend to hear him. "Ever since I joined a poetry class," she told him, "my ambition has been to write something nobody can understand."

"Don't!" he replied. "Just go on writing from your heart."

Dennis writes about people, events and places which have touched him personally. Among them, in this book, is the Iraq war. On one of the London Peace Marches, he saw "a man with his toy gun, lit by his laughter, blowing bubbles, such bubbles, *Bubbles for Peace*". As he says in another poem, he likes to catch the flavour of the day, moving from light to dark, personal to global, and using limericks, haikus and clerihews along the way. (He isn't a poetry teacher for nothing.)

Dennis has read in many venues, including the Millennium Dome, Edinburgh, India

and Brazil, where he helped raise money for street children.

Another guest at the Meeting House was Jill Bamber, known to *ARCHER* readers for her poems about Cherry Tree Wood, and an old friend and fellow-student of Dennis.

Poetry readings at the Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue, NW5, are on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm, with contributions welcomed from the floor. Call 020 7267 2751 for details.

Bubbles for Peace (ISBN 0 9531298 1 0) is in stock at the Finchley Bookshop, Ballards Lane, N3, and is also available from Celebration Press, 58 Helen Close, N2 0UU, post and package free, for £7.95.

Proms at St Jude's

The Proms season at St Jude's Church, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb starts on 16 June. The box office for all events is on 020 8933 5365. Here's the programme:

Friday 16 June
Tea at 3 in the Proms marquee. Strawberries and cream tea, and musical entertainment by Henrietta Barnett students. Minimum donation of £5 for North London Hospice.
Guided heritage walks through the Suburb, 10.30am from Garden Suburb Gallery, Hampstead Way, ending at St Jude's Church for free lunchtime recital. £5. Saturday 17 June, Wednesday 21 June and Saturday 24 June.
Evening concerts, all beginning at 7.45pm:
Gala Opening Night, Saturday 17 June.
A Night at the Opera, Sunday 18 June.
Fibonacci Sequence, Tuesday 20 June.
Celebrity Piano Recital, Wednesday 21 June.
Sacconi String Quartet, Thursday 22 June.
Jazz Night, Friday 23 June.
Choral Concert, Saturday 24 June.
Last Night of the Proms, Sunday 25 June.
Free lunchtime concerts, all beginning at 12.45 pm:
Finchley Children's Music Group, Saturday 17 June.
Organ recital, Monday 19 June.
Bomond Piano Trio, Tuesday 20 June.
Trio Orfeo, Wednesday 21 June.
Kesh Piano Duo, Thursday 22 June.
Children's Concert, Friday 23 June.
Voces8, Gibbons to Gershwin, Saturday 24 June.

Is 2006 the year you learn how to surf the web and use email?

The Green Man Community Centre offers a wide range of courses to help you make the most of new technology. If you just want to learn how to use email or even get a professional qualification we have the course for you.

Learners study at their own pace with a friendly tutor on hand to offer help and advice if needed.

For more information about the courses on offer call Helen on 020 8815 0703.

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Keeping it in the family

By Jonathan Doering

On 4 May, the artsdepot in North Finchley hosted a folk evening that was privileged to enjoy the talents of the Waterson-Carthy family group.

Waterson-Carthy comprises Folk titan Martin Carthy, vocalist Norma Waterson, with wunderkind daughter Eliza. They were joined at the artsdepot by Tim Ven Eycken, a melodeon player.

This Barnet Folk Club event was music and song of, for and by the people. We heard spooky songs of girls' bones played as fiddles, tales of West Indian Morris dancers whiting up before performing and a profound (though not overtly political) sentiment: "How I wish the wars were all over / I wish the wars were all done."

They are not just steeped in the lifeblood of folk; they have it running through vein and artery. Many a song was introduced with a vignette of one supreme source singer or other. There is more to folk than picking up a tune: there is history, culture and life threaded around these notes.

The stand-out performer in a wonderful evening was Eliza: she ties the audience up with each perfect note. She doesn't just perform: she lives and feels the music, dancing in an unstoppable flow that has everyone swaying.

In traditional style she balanced the fiddle on the chest, literally playing from the heart. This was a sinuous, sensuous sound that had me humming and hopping for days after.

What's On...

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

Thursday 8 June

The Finchley Society Local History Group presents a talk by Gerald Turvey on the history of film-making in East Finchley from 1911-1916, including the studio set-up at Newstead House in the Oak Lane area; 8pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3. All welcome.

Saturday 10 June

Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association's summer meeting will be a walk round Alexandra Palace park led by Landscape Manager Matt Baker. Meet at the BBC TV tower at 11am. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 11 June

Summer Fair at Holy Trinity School, 12-2.30pm. Summer fun games, bargains, barbecue, home-cooked food and lots of surprises make this an unmissable event for all the family. This year, you can even enjoy special indulgence treatments by local therapists, plus face and nail painting for children.

Sunday 11 June

Live music at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, 8pm. The Hermitage Quintet plays Haydn Quartet ("The Fifths") Op 76, No.2, and Schumann Piano Quintet, Op 44. Free admission with a collection in aid of a project to build the first school for children in northern Mali.

Sunday 11 - Saturday 17 June

Incognito Theatre Company presents *Caught in the Net*, an amusing 21st century farce by Ray Cooney. Performances at 6pm on Sunday 11 June and 8pm on Monday 12 - Saturday 17 June. Matinee on Saturday 17 at 3pm. Holly Park Road (behind Health Centre), Friern Barnet, N11. Box office 020 8361 8310 or email tickets@incognitotheatre.com

Saturday 17 June

Summer Fun Day at Martin Schools, 12-3.30pm. Entertainment for all the family with BBQ, food stalls, tombola, bouncy castles, arts and crafts, face painting, cakes, fancy-dress competition and the ever-popular M-bay (Martin Schools' version of e-bay). New this year - Mad Science!

Sunday 18 June

Director's tour at the Noble Sage Art Gallery, 2A Fortis Green, 2-3pm. Free entry. For further details call 020 8883 7303

Sunday 18 June

An afternoon of comedy and music for all the family, 3pm-7pm, in Avenue House Grounds, East End Road, N3. Admission in advance will cost £8 for a family ticket, £4 for an adult and £1 for a child from Tu Destino florists (128 High Road, N2), the Finchley Bookshop (98 Ballards Lane, N3), and Avenue House reception. Proceeds go to the Spike Milligan Statue Fund. Contact David Smith on 020 8883 4154 or Derek Warren on 020 8346 5258 for further details or offers of help.

Sunday 18 June

Barnet Refugee Festival, Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algon Road, West Hendon, NW4, 1-6pm. Celebrate the positive contribution made by local refugees to our local community and get advice on asylum issues.

Sunday 18 June

Friends of Finchley Memorial Hospital welcome you to a Fun Day in the grounds of the hospital in Bow Lane from 1:30pm onwards.

Saturday 8 July

NCT Nearly New Sale, 10am-12 noon, Finchley Sea Cadets Hall, 184a Long Lane, Finchley, N3. Bargain babies' and children's clothes, books, toys and other baby goods. Admission £1 per adult (children free). Parking available in the driveway next to Spice Box Restaurant. Sorry, no admission for prams or pushchairs. For more information, please call 07960 521271

Saturday 8 July

Finchley Choral Society concert featuring Faure's Requiem, Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs and Bob Chilcott's Canticles of Light. The choir will be joined by the Henrietta Barnett School Choir. Church of St Jude on the Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, 7.30pm. Tickets £10 available in advance on 020 8346 9230.