



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.
- ❖ **WoodWalk**, 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.

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** - 13 & 27 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 feature a different band each month. See www.swamprock.org.uk or call Carole 8810 7454 or Neil 01727 830280
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** 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 on 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.
- ❖ **Highgate Film Society**, contact Admin Office 8340 3343 or email: admin@hlsi.net.
- ❖ **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 John 8883 8114.
- ❖ **Stepping Stones**, interactive play session for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.

Images of family life make National Portrait Gallery

By Daphne Chamberlain

Eti Wade's image of her six year-old son, Yonatan, has won a place in the Photography Portrait Awards exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery.



Eti Wade's portrait of Yonatan. Photo courtesy of Eti Wade

For several years, Eti, founder member of East Finchley Open Artists, has been attempting to reflect the whole experience of motherhood through her photography. Though conventionally happy, smiling pictures have their place, she believes that if these were the only images of families we saw, they would reflect an impossible ideal. Real family life she sees as "an intense emotional rollercoaster, that I sometimes tire and despair of, but wouldn't swap for anything else in the world".

Reflecting this in her work means having a camera constantly loaded and at hand. Eti believes that, far from detracting from the spontaneity of family life, this actually enhances it. She told *THE ARCHER*, "I'm really bad at taking pictures at traditional times, like birthday parties", preferring to seize "moments

with strong visual possibilities" to record and make permanent.

The NPG portrait of Yonatan was taken in his bath, after football practice. He came home so muddy that she put him in the bath early, just as the setting sun filled the room with golden light. When Eti tried to shoot the picture again, it was impossible to recreate it.

Though Yonatan has been Eti's main model so far, her elder son, 13 year-old Mikha'el, has agreed to work with her on a project about growing up. Both boys often point the camera at their mother, though so far the results have remained within the family.

Eti, who is half Finnish, half

Polish/Jewish, was born in the UK, but grew up in Israel. She and her husband have lived in East Finchley since 1998, and its parks and High Road play an important part in her work. Her *Frozen Playground* images of Cherry Tree Wood are her best-selling works to date.

Martin School, attended by both Eti's sons, will again be the venue for the East Finchley Open annual fair on 19 November.

The Photography Portrait Awards exhibition at the NPG runs from 6 November until February. To find out more about Eti's work, visit www.etiwade.com.

A concert pianist for the future

By Sonia Singham

An audience at the East Finchley Arts Festival was treated to an outstanding recital by an amazing pianist, Ramintas Vingras, which included music by JS Bach, Schubert and Scriabin.

Ramintas Vingras came to England a year ago, to join his wife and son who had been living in East Finchley for the past two years. Prior to arriving in this country, Ramintas and family had lived and worked in Cincinnati, where he taught music to University students as well as pursuing his studies.

Ramintas was introduced to the piano from an early age by his mother. As a teenager he attended a boarding school for music students. He gained a scholarship to study piano at the Moscow Conservatoire, which he did for four years.

After completing his studies he returned to Lithuania where he taught at the University for

three years. An opportunity arose for him to work and continue his career in the USA, where he has been living for the past six years.

Ramintas has given concerts throughout Russia, Germany, Switzerland and the USA as a soloist chamber music player and accompanist. He believes in his own internal motivation, and enjoys the interaction with the audience, especially when the performance is well received.

As well as hoping to complete his doctorate, Ramintas finds time to play for a church in Enfield, teach piano, accompany at a ballet school in Richmond and work part-time in Amy's, the East Finchley hardware store.

What's On...

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

Saturday 4 November:

Art Show and Sale in aid of the Barbara Bus Fund in Homefield Gardens Community Hall (off Stanley Road) 12-3 pm.

From Tuesday 7 November:

Come out to live, come in to play: a celebration of suburbia featuring pre-war posters from London Transport Museum. Open Tuesday to Saturday and Sunday afternoons. MoDA, Middlesex University, Cat Hill, Barnet. Telephone 020 8411 5244 for details.

Sunday 12 November:

Jacquin Ensemble concert at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, 8pm; programme to include works by Beethoven and Francaix. Jill Anderson, clarinet; Michael Blee, viola; Elisabeth Nevrkla, cello; Daniel L'Homme, piano. Free admission, with collection for the charity Concern. Further information from 020 8346 7325.

Sunday 12 - Saturday 18 November:

Incognito Theatre Group presents the classic First World War drama *Journey's End* by RC Sheriff. Royal British Legion charity night on Sunday 12 at 6pm, then performances at 8pm Monday to Saturday. Tickets £7 (students £5 and group discounts available). Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road, Friern Barnet. Box Office: 020 8886 3274.

Saturday 18 November:

The Manor Light Opera presents *"Remembered Glories"*, a celebration of early 20th Century songs and musicals. St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3, 7.30pm. Tickets, which include light refreshments, available on 020 7328 7846.

Sunday 19 November:

East Finchley Open Artists' Winter Fair. 10.30am - 4 pm, Martin School, High Road. Come and find unusual Christmas presents.

Saturday 25 November:

St Theresa's Catholic Primary School Christmas Fair - 12 pm to 3 pm at East End Road, Finchley, N3. Great prizes - Everyone welcome, Come along and join in the fun.

Thursday 30 November:

A representative from the **Pentland Group** will talk about the impact of a company on communities near and far. Non-members welcome; Avenue House, East End Road, N3, 2.30pm.

Thursday 30 November - Sunday 3 December:

The Great Art Christmas Fair at Alexandra Palace. Thursday and Friday, 11am-6pm, Saturday 10.30am-6pm, Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm. Advance tickets £5, £4, or four adults £18. On the door: £7.50, £5, four adults for £25. Children free. Details at info@thegreatartfair.com

Saturday 2 December:

The North London Chorus presents Mendelssohn's St Paul at St James Church Muswell Hill at 7.30pm. For tickets call 020 8883 8123.

Coming up at artsdepot, North Finchley:

Thursday 9 - Friday 10 November, 8pm: **Tiempo de Tango: Romance en Carnaval arte**, Latino Cultural Project; Friday 10 November, 8:30pm: **Many Ways To Play Your Lover!**, Rebecca Carrington; Tuesday 14 - Saturday 18 November, 8pm & Saturday 2pm: **Sing Yer Heart Out for the Lads**, Pilot Theatre; Thursday 16 November, 8:30pm: **Los Desterrados**; Friday 17 November, 8:30pm: **Barnet Folk Club**; Tuesday 28 November - Sunday 7 January: **Ronald Dahl's The Twits**, Pilot Theatre; Thursday 30 November, 8pm: **Martin Simpson**; Friday 1 - Saturday 2 December, 8pm, Sunday 3 December 2pm & 6pm: **Meri Christmas**, Rifco Arts.