



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** on Wednesdays, Christ Church N12. Call 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
- ❖ **Tennis club** with four clay courts off Southern Road. Call 8883 7723.
- ❖ **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**, pregnancy yoga, meditation classes. Call Sunnah 07941 321 772 or see www.stretchingpeople.co.uk

MUSIC, DANCE & CREATIVE ARTS

- ❖ **Art Classes**. For info call Henry on 8888 5133.
- ❖ **Ballroom Dance Classes**, Wednesday eves for beginners & improvers. St Mary's Church Hall, N3. 8444 0280.
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call 8883 7110.
- ❖ **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 0208 444 7217
- ❖ **Drama Classes** for 11-14 year olds. Mondays at 6.30pm. Contact Carolyn on 07905 481682
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers Group**, Weds at the Old White Lion. Contact Carola 8883 5808 or Lilian 8444 1793.
- ❖ **East Finchley Poetry Writing Workshops**. Monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club: All Stars Special** 14 & 28 April at 8pm, Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **Line dancing** Tuesdays from 8.30pm at The Constitutional Club. Call Maureen 8440 8530.
- ❖ **Memory Lane Singing Club** - friendly singing club meets every Friday in Finchley. Call Valerie 8458 4508.
- ❖ **Over 50s Tea Dance** at Christ Church, North Finchley. Every Weds, 1pm. 020 8444 0280.
- ❖ **Learn to sing** at Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards La. Call 8888 4412.
- ❖ **Street Dance** every Tuesday at Old Barn for children of various ages. Contact Lorna 07976 203669.
- ❖ **SwampRock** Louisiana dance club live music events. Carole 8810 7454 or www.swamprock.org.uk.
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- ❖ **Tap Dance** for children at Old Barn on Mondays, Call Sharon 8349 4613
- ❖ **Traditional Music** in the Alexandra pub, Church Lane from 8.30pm on the last Thursday of every month.

CLUBS & SOCIAL

- ❖ **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9pm, Green Man Centre, Contact: Jan 8815 5459
- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **EF National Childbirth Trust** contact Joanna 8883 0941 or joanna-brunt@cybergal.com
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian 8444 3251
- ❖ **Friendly Rubber Bridge** at The Old Barn. Contact 8349 4613
- ❖ **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood** www.cherrytreewood.co.uk or call 8883 7544.
- ❖ **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Mouldon on 8361 1696.
- ❖ **Highgate Film Society**, call 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.



People's Choice Award winner Craig Johnson. Photo by Mike Cairns

Cut out for photographic success

By Diana Cormack

THE ARCHER's own Craig Johnson has won another award for his talent as a photographer. Formerly a member of the police force, Craig is now developing his photographic skills at Middlesex University. His work has been exhibited several times and Craig, of Sedgemere Avenue, is a keen supporter of the East Finchley Open, which involves local artists in a variety of events.

His latest success came at the artsdepot, North Finchley, in the Community Focus Open Exhibition (see January's *ARCHER*). Craig interpreted the theme of a tribute to film director Tim Burton by photographing a model dressed as Edward Scissorhands in a Tottenham cemetery along with stills from the director's films. He beat a

large field of entrants to win the People's Choice Award.

In February, Craig's work was on exhibition with that of other third year Middlesex University students at The Kingsgate Gallery NW6. Now 25, Craig has been contributing to *THE ARCHER* since he was a pupil at Holy Trinity Primary School.

April at the Phoenix

By Paul Homer, Phoenix Cinema general manager
April opens with *My Brother is an Only Child* from Friday 4 April, a coming-of-age drama about two Italian brothers with very different views of the world, one an ardent socialist and the other an ardent fascist. How they maintain their relationship despite their differences makes for an insightful and thrilling film.

There seems to be a resurgence of Italian film at the moment with Paolo Sorrentino (*The Consequences of Love, The Family Friend*) and Daniele Luchetti, director of *My Brother*, leading the way.

The highlight for April, and certainly one of the highlights of the film year, is the new Mike Leigh film from 18 April. *Happy-Go-Lucky* stars Sally Hawkins as a North London teacher whose life is in a mess. It's a much lighter piece than Leigh's more recent films and is in the vein of *Abigail's Party* or *Nuts In May* but still with Leigh's pessimistic view of the world. We're delighted that Mike will be coming to the Phoenix on Tuesday 22 April for a Q&A session following the 7.30pm screening. As a patron of the Phoenix, Mike

has allowed this event to be a fundraiser for the Trust that runs the cinema, with monies going towards the Phoenix's redevelopment fund.

Winter Light and *Silent Light* is the double bill on Sunday 6 April. *Silent Light*, by Mexican director Carlos Reygadas, was my favourite film from 2007. It tells of the Mennonite community in Northern Mexico, a deeply traditional and religious community within which Johan has an affair. The pace is beautifully slow with exceptional photography, especially at the beginning and end of the film. A deceptively simple but truly remarkable film which I would urge anyone interested in film to watch

Contact our box office on 020 8444 6789 or visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk

North London Festival

By Betti Blatman

From Tuesday 15 April to Saturday 17 May, the 2008 North London Festival of Music, Drama and Dance will be held at the United Reform Church, Tetherdown, London, N10, with the Prizewinners' Concert being held on Sunday 18 May at 5 pm.

Further information is available on www.northlondonfestival.org.uk or from the festival administrator on 020 8886 7237.

On the double

Lithuanian-born pianist Rimantas Vingras, who has made his home in East Finchley, is returning to Lithuania to give concerts in two cities as part of a festival organised for ex-pat musicians.

He will be accompanied by Eleanor Wilkinson, a violinist who is a member of the Phiharmonia Orchestra and who lives in East Finchley. In addition to playing works by Handel, Mozart, Schubert and Britten they will be giving the first performance of a new

work, Caprice, which they have commissioned from Geoffrey Hanson, founder of the East Finchley Arts Festival. Geoffrey is also currently writing a work for the London Mozart Players for this year's Arts Festival in October.

Volunteer for art

North Finchley's artsdepot has put out a call for volunteers interested in becoming involved with various aspects of gallery management and invigilation.

Gallery invigilators are responsible for opening and closing the gallery, being on hand to welcome visitors, providing them with art materials and answering any questions they may have, and carrying out occasional routine administrative tasks.

There will also be the opportunity for volunteers to become involved with other areas of the gallery's work, for exam-

ple hanging exhibitions and assisting with workshops and educational talks and visits.

If you are interested and have some time to give on week days and weekends between 12pm and 4pm and / or evenings between 6-8pm then contact artsdepot on 0208 369 5454 and ask to speak to Tracey Lazarus, Visual Art Programmer, or e-mail tracey.lazarus@artsdepot.co.uk.

What's On...

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

Friday 4 April:

- **Friends of Barnet Libraries** host a talk by Susette Palmer on *Assyrian Archaeology: Hidden Gold*; East Finchley Library, 11am - 12noon. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 6 April:

- **Farmers' Market** at Martin Primary School, High Road, from 10am - 2pm (but come early for best choice).

Saturday 12 April:

- **BBC Elstree Concert Band** perform *music from the Swing era* at St James's Church, Muswell Hill, 7.30 pm. All proceeds to North London Hospice. £15, under-16s £5. Book on 020 8446 or 020 8883 47362288

Sunday 13 April:

- **East Finchley Methodist Church** concert, 8pm; Gosia Kuznicki (violin) and Jennifer Mantle (piano) play works by *Brahms, Stravinsky, Mompou and Sarasate*; free admission with a collection in aid of Oxfam. The venue is fully accessible for people with disabilities.

Saturday 19 April:

- **Spike Milligan Statue Fund Raising Quiz**, 7.30pm at the East Finchley Constitutional Club, The Chestnuts, The Walks, N2.

Tuesday 22 April:

- Special fundraising **Q&A with director Mike Leigh** along with a screening of his latest film *Happy-Go-Lucky* (15); Phoenix Cinema, 7.30pm. Box office 020 8444 6789.

Thursday 24 April:

- Michael Lassmann talks to **The Finchley Society** about *Living in Barnet: A Partnership Approach*; Avenue House, East End Road, N3, 8pm. Everyone welcome. Entry for non-members: £2.

Thursday 24, Friday 25 and Saturday 26 April:

- **The Guild Players** present *Gaslight*, the Victorian thriller by Patrick Hamilton; Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, N3; 7.45pm each evening. Tickets £7 each. Box Office: 020 8346 6337.

Friday 25 April:

- **Whisky tasting at East Finchley Constitutional Club**, The Walks; 7.30pm. Come along and sample a range of Scottish single malts while learning about their individual characteristics from expert Dr Tony Boulton; £5 per ticket (including five whisky samples); all single malts only £2. Tickets are limited. Call 020 8883 4916.

Saturday 26 April:

- **Barnet NCT Nearly New Sale**: lots of bargains for pregnancy, baby and young children; 10.15 am - 12 noon (10 am early entry for NCT members with card); Finchley Sea Cadets Hall, 184A Long Lane, Finchley N3 2RA (close to Squires Lane junction); admission: £1 (children free); sorry, prams and pushchairs must be left outside the hall.
- **Buffet Supper Concert at All Saints' Church**, Durham Road, 7.30pm; Tim Robinson and Patrick Naylor play a varied programme of *acoustic jazz guitar, including swing and bebop, latin, bossa nova, gypsy waltzes and original compositions*, with special emphasis on the music of Django Reinhardt and the Quintet of the Hot Club of France. Tickets: supper and concert pre booked only £15 (020 8444 9214); concert only, £10 at door.
- **New York Metropolitan Opera** screened live at the Phoenix Cinema; *La Fille du Regiment* (3 hours 10 minutes, one intermission), a new production starring Natalie Dessay and Juan Diego Florez transmitted live in HD video from 6.30pm; tickets £25. Box office: 020 8444 6789.

Sunday 27 April:

- **The Battle of Barnet**: explore the famous battlefield of 1471 on a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Rd, 11am. Phone 020 8440 6805 for details.
- **Delphic Divas**; singers Elizabeth Menezes (Soprano) and Camilla Cutts (Mezzo soprano) perform their first duo concert at Burgh House, Hampstead at 2.30pm. Programme includes music by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Dvorak along with popular operatic duets. Tickets £10, concs £8. Box Office: 0208 883 1449.
- **Birds of prey display in Highgate Wood**, 11am - 3pm. Meet at the information hut.