



Regular Events

SPORT & FITNESS

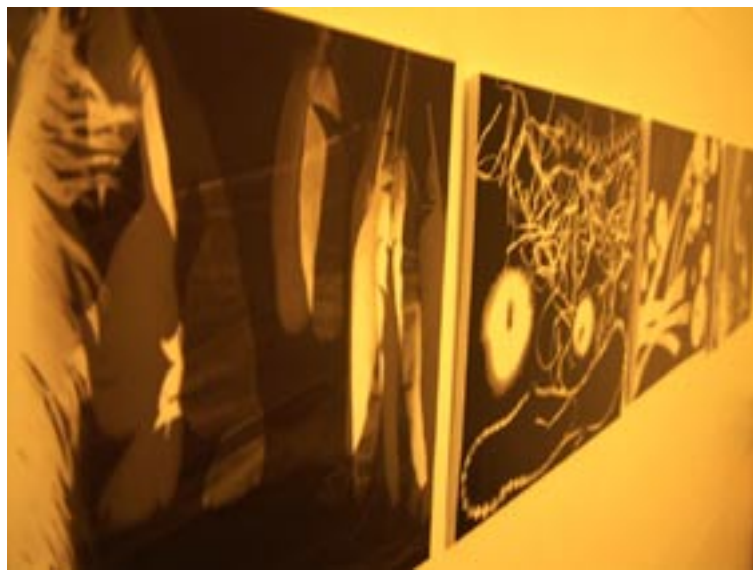
- ❖ **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group** Call Vivien 8883 8190
- ❖ **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- ❖ **Keep fit for the Retired** on Wednesdays, Christ Church N12. Call Bridie 8883 5269
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & 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** 9 & 23 June 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.



Seen, Heard & Touched

Community art centre Community Focus (CF) has launched its first gallery dedicated to exhibiting the work of people with physical disabilities, learning difficulties, older people and adults with mental health problems.

The newly constructed space, located in the entrance of the CF studios based on level 2 at artsdepot, had its official opening on Thursday 15 May to celebrate the unique exhibition *See, Hear and Touch*. The exhibition presents an interactive installation of plaster casts and moving sound sculptures created by adults and young people at the centre, in collaboration with deaf artist Abigail Hirsch.

Head of Programming Caitriona Dunnett said: "The CF gallery will be a great opportunity for emerging artists of all abilities to showcase their artwork in a supportive environment. We're looking forward to seeing a diverse

array of work exhibited in the new gallery; it's a really exciting time for Community Focus."

Alongside the rotation of monthly exhibitions, a series of talks and artist-led workshops will be programmed at the centre, which currently runs more than 22 inclusive arts courses and projects. CF will also present work by artists who are addressing themes connected with disability, mental health, age, or issues affecting disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

Visitors are welcome at the CF studios between 10am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

See Hear and Touch will be on show until Friday 13 June.

Film quiz flummoxes

the experts

By Neil McNaughton

Do you know how many Bond films have been made or which cinema movement was led by Jean-Luc Godard? If you do, you might win one of the Phoenix Cinema's new quiz nights at the Bald Faced Stag.

Fifteen teams of up to six took part in the contest organised by question master Ian Haydn Smith on Monday 21 April. This was the fourth quiz of its kind and they are proving to be extremely popular.

The show was nearly stolen by local resident Anthony Wonke and his pals who were out celebrating his Bafta award from the previous evening, a gong he picked up for his documentary series *The Tower*. Sadly for them, while they may have been experts in making films their knowledge was not quite enough to get them more than halfway in the finishing order.

Could you be a contender?

Film buffs mingled with regulars who either thought they knew more than they actually did, or filmgoers who just wanted to enjoy themselves. Every round was different and original, with themes such as James Bond, French films, films from the forties and fifties, film music and famous screen quotations.

Prizes consisted of champagne and free tickets for

future Phoenix presentations. Ian Haydn Smith led the proceedings with huge enthusiasm, good humour and, occasionally, a few concessions to some of the more outlandish attempts at accurate answers.

The Phoenix quizzes will be held at the Stag every third Monday of the month, starting at 7.30pm. All you have to do is turn up with a team of up to six, or perhaps if there are fewer of you, join up with others. Entry costs £5 per team.

Lean in

summer

Sunday double bills at the Phoenix Cinema in June and early July will celebrate the work of director David Lean.

Oliver Twist, *Brief Encounter*, *In Which We Serve*, *Blithe Spirit* and *Great Expectations* are among the masterpieces being screened. For full details, contact the box office on 020 8444 6789 or visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk.

A modern twist to a classic tale

By Daphne Chamberlain

Some thrillers depend on that final twist, and once it's twisted there's no point in revisiting the scene. Others keep you going back for more. One of those others is *Gaslight*, which was the Guild Players' April production. I also found something new in this 70 year-old drama by Patrick Hamilton. For the moment, let's just say "Columbo".

Performed countless times on the stage and filmed twice, with the 1944 film loaded with Academy Award nominations, this is the story of a young wife who appears to be going mad, her enigmatic husband and an unconventional detective.

The role of the wife, which won Ingrid Bergman an Oscar in 1944, holds the play together. She is on stage virtually all the time, and the serious subtext is the terrible vulnerability of Victorian women. Mrs Manningham, played brilliantly by Rachel Kudlick, was lucky, but too many women were trapped in abusive marriages or even imprisoned in asylums.

Intelligent detective work

What saved Mrs Manningham was the timely arrival of the detective. Or should I say Columbo? Stuart Shrank's

questioning of the husband ("Do you think, sir...?") reminded me irresistibly of Peter Falk, which just added to the evening's enjoyment.

Ian Antony-Paul, as Mr Manningham, was most convincing in his bullying moments, which made it all the harder to see why his wife was apparently still half in love with him.

Sally Martin and Caroline Wallace were excellent in their supporting roles of household staff, and the production was skilfully directed by Judith Shrank.

The Guild Players, who welcome all members of the community, are based at Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, N3. For further information, visit their website at www.guildplayers.org.uk, or call 020 8441 7696.

What's On...

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

Saturday 7 June

- **A walk around Queen's Wood**, led by Lucy Roots of Friends of Queen's Wood, and arranged by the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association. The walk covers history, ecology, geology and flora, and includes a visit to the organic garden. Meet 11am at the Lodge Café, Queen's Wood. Contact John Hajdu on 020 8883 8114 or hajdu.clarion@talk21.com to take part.

Sunday 8 June

- **Explore the famous site of The Battle of Barnet of 1471** on a guided tour. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2pm. Also: **Barnet Ghosts guided tour** on 29 June. Phone 020 8440 6805 for details.

- **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, 8pm; Mona Abboud, mezzo soprano and clarinet, Viola da Cunha, mezzo soprano, and Philip Mountford, piano, play a programme of works by Quilter, Fauré, Villa-Lobos and Gershwin. Admission in aid of Barnet Carers Centre. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Saturday 14 June

- **A midnight walk for women**, to raise funds for the North London Hospice. A 13-mile walk from St Michael's Hospital, Enfield, to the Finchley Catholic School, Woodside Lane. Contact Nicola on 020 8446 2288 or moore@northlondonhospice.co.uk

Saturday 21 June

- **Spike Milligan Statue Fund Raising Quiz**, 7.30pm for 8pm at the East Finchley Constitutional Club, The Chestnuts, The Walks, N2.

- **An Evening with Jonathan Miller**, doctor, comedian, director, writer and raconteur. All proceeds to the North London Hospice. Middlesex University, The Burroughs, Hendon, 8pm. Tickets £25 to include refreshments. Booking: 020 8446 2288 or 020 8883 4736. Tickets also available on the door.

Sunday 22 June

- **Bike ride for the North London Hospice**. 20 or 40-mile circular route from Queenswood School, Hatfield. Entry costs £15 including buffet lunch

and jazz reception. Details from fholan@northlondonhospice.co.uk.

- **Jewish Community Centre Opinion Soup**: 'Can Israel Survive Another 60 years?' David Landau, outgoing editor of Israel's most famous newspaper, Haaretz, discusses Israel's future with journalist, Jonathan Freedland. 7.30pm, Hampstead Town Hall, NW3. Tickets £10 from 020 7431 9866.

Saturday 28 June

- **Open Day at The Institute**, 11 High Road, N2, 11am-4pm. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

- **Muswell Hill & district Horticultural Society Summer Flower Show**, 3pm in North Bank, Pages Lane. Teas and cakes, raffle and plant stalls. Admission 50p.

- **North London Chorus and Orchestra** perform works of peace by Karl Jenkins, Michael Tippett and Benjamin Britten; 7.30 pm, St. James's Church, Muswell Hill. Tickets, priced £8-16 with £2 concessions, from 020 8444 2142.

Sunday 29 June

- **Gardens open for charity**: 15 Lytton Close, N2, with light refreshments and teas. Admission £3, children free, 2-6pm. Also 5 St Regis Close, Alexandra Park Road, N10, homemade teas. Admission £2.50, children free, 2-7pm.

Thursday 3 July

- **Courtauld Uncorked** at artsdepot, North Finchley, 6.30-8.30pm. Enjoy a glass of wine and discover how The Courtauld Gallery, one of the finest small museums in the world, has built up its remarkable art collection. A unique opportunity to learn about the history and inner workings of The Courtauld Gallery.

What's On at artsdepot

Environmental Fayre, Sunday 15 June, 11am - 3pm; **An Audience with Prunella Scales**, Sunday 15 June, 8pm; **The Death and Life of Sherlock Holmes**, Thursday 19 June, 8pm; **Folk in The Foyer**, Friday 20 June, 8.30pm; **Oliver!**, Wednesday 25 - Sunday 29 June, 7.30pm and Sat/Sun 2.30pm; **Manet to Matisse** exhibition, Friday 27 June - Sunday 3 Aug, 12-4pm.