



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 evenings for beginners & improvers. St Mary's Church Hall, N3. 8444 0280.
- ❖ **Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes**-beginnersandimprovers.Wed&Fri eve, Bishop Douglass Sch. 8207 2323.
- ❖ **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** 13 & 27 October 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.
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Jewish Friendship Club** for over 60s, Tuesdays 1-3pm at Muswell Hill Synagogue, Tetherdown. Call Anita Shaw 8886 6140.
- ❖ **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.



Some of the arts and crafts on sale at the Art Fair.

Invitation to the Fair

By Marlene Cohen

Sunday 16 November is the date, 10.30am to 4pm the time and Martin School the venue for the fifth East Finchley Open Art Fair, so put it in your diary now. It's an event not to be missed.

The EFO Art Fair offers the community an opportunity to meet local artists and craftspeople, browse their work and buy direct from the makers. Entry is free but there is a suggested voluntary donation of £1 per adult visitor. This will go to the local charity Contact, which works to improve the quality of life of elderly, disabled and isolated people living in N2.

The East Finchley Open (EFO) group is growing both in strength and quality and its members produce art and craft

to a very high standard. The Fair organisers offer a wide range of quality work that includes ceramics, fine art, jewellery, photography and textiles.

There will also be artists' cards available, handmade soap, exquisite plain paper books, wearables and mirrors. In fact, there is likely to be something to interest everyone and it's a chance to purchase some special and unique Christmas gifts.

For further information please check the website www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Things that go bump in High Barnet

Have you got the nerve to take a ghostly and ghoulish walk through High Barnet? Local guide Paul Baker conducts a tour that is ideal for adults and children who love to have the life scared out of them.

The walk also goes ghost hunting in Monken Hadley, the second most haunted village in England. Frequently, those who have attended the tour say that they will never look at Barnet or Monken Hadley in the same way again.

Scarcely surprising, after tales of witchcraft, murder, executions, ghostly ladies in grey, medieval knights, the ghostly dead of the Battle of Barnet, topped off with a tour

of a churchyard by torchlight. For Halloween everyone, adults and children alike, is invited to dress up in costume with a prize for the spookiest one. Take a torch if you have one.

The walk takes place on 31 October, 1 and 2 November. Meet at High Barnet tube at the top of Meadway at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6, under 12s £3. Phone Paul on 020 8440 6805 for further details.

Conservation choices

We talk a lot about conservation but how do we decide which objects should be conserved? Jon Finney will explain what is conserved, why, and how, in a talk to the Finchley Society.

Jon is the principal architect and planner for the Borough of Barnet and is chairman of the London & Middlesex Archaeological Society's Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee.

He will draw on his wide experience to talk about conservation and relate it to local buildings and area, as well as the choice of ancient objects.

His talk takes place at Avenue House, East End Road, N3, at 8pm on Thursday 30 October. Admission for non-members is £2.

Curtain up on theatre school

Create Theatre School has started its autumn term and is welcoming new members.

Drama, dancing and singing classes will be held at Tudor Primary School, Queen's Road, N3, on Saturdays. The class for six to 14-year-olds is 9.30am-12.30pm and for three to five-year-olds from 1-2.30pm. Call 020 8882 9009 for more details.

October at the Phoenix

By Paul Homer, Phoenix Cinema manager

As the nights begin to draw in, I look back over the summer and breathe a sigh of relief. Traditionally summer is a tough time for independent cinema. The combination of school holidays, sunshine and Hollywood blockbusters means we have fewer people coming through our doors.

This summer, however, was a steadily busy time at The Phoenix, helped partly by the lousy weather that dampened my week's camping in Cornwall as well as many barbecues and bike rides, but also helped by some strong films: *The Edge of Love*, *Summer Hour*, *Man on Wire* and *Somers Town* among them.

So The Phoenix is heading into the autumn, traditionally a strong time for us, with a solid summer to build on. Thank you for your support over this period. We've got some more great films coming up to keep you engaged.

The new Coen Brothers film *Burn After Reading* opens on 17 October. A critical success at the Venice Film Festival, the film is more comic than the recent *No Country for Old Men* although it also focuses on people acting

stupidly when large sums of money are available to them. With George Clooney, Brad Pitt and a favourite actress of mine, Tilda Swinton, all playing great parts, the film is one of the must-sees of the autumn.

On 31 October we're playing Terence Davies's first film since *The House of Mirth* in 2000. *Time and the City* is a homage to his home town Liverpool, a lyrical documentary with archive footage, music and voiceover which adds up to a beautiful testament to a city now changed out of recognition.

We're also delighted to welcome the BFI London Film Festival to The Phoenix again. On the evening of Monday 27 October we're playing *Waltz with Bashir* and *Broken Lines*. Our box office is on 020 8444 6789 or visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk.

What's On...

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

Friday 3 October - Sunday 19 October

East Finchley Arts Festival, All Saints' Church, Durham Road. Saturday 4 October, 12.30pm, **Lunch Hour Recital by Duo Dorado**; 7.30pm, **Hatstand Opera present Golden Moments from Opera**. Sunday 5 October, 7.30pm, **Endellion String Quartet**. Tuesday 7 October, 7.30pm, **East Finchley Writers**. Wednesday 8 October, 7.30pm, **Jazz Evening with Viper's Dream**. Thursday 9 October, 7.30pm, **Christophe Coin and The Lupo Consort**. Friday 10 October, 7.30pm, **London Ripieno Orchestra & Singers, All Saints' Choir & Jennifer Bate**, organ. Saturday 11 October, 11.30am, 2pm and 3.30pm, **Geoff Felix presents his traditional Punch and Judy Show** in the church garden, free; 12.30pm, **Young Artists' Recital**; 7.30pm **Gemma Rosefield**, cello, and **Michael Dussek**, piano. Sunday 12 October, 7.30pm **Youth Music Centre**. Saturday 18 October, 12.30pm, Lunch Hour recital by prizewinning young organist **Tom Bell**; 7.30pm, **London Mozart Players**. Sunday 19 October, 7.30pm, **Finchley Children's Music Group**. Tickets from Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10 (020 8883 5631), Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2 (020 8889 5631), online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/efinchleyartsfestival.

Saturday 11 October

Guided walk exploring Highgate's artistic and literary heritage; 11.30am, meet outside Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill (nearest tube Archway or bus 210). £7, group discounts for 10 or more. Also Saturday 1 November. Advance booking essential, by phone on 020 8340 7178, by email at pavementpounders@gmail.com or visit www.literarywalks.co.uk.

Sunday 12 October

Obama or McCain: who's good for the Jews? Two weeks before America goes to the polls, Melanie Phillips, James Rubin and Jonathan Freedland discuss with chair Jon Soper which candidate will be best for Israel and for world Jewry; 7.30pm, Hampstead Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, London NW3. Price £10. Telephone number for tickets and information: 020 7431 9866. Jewish Community Centre for London.

Sunday 12 October

Live music at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road: **Red Baroque presents Autumn Serenade**, a programme of exquisite compositions by Fauré, Debussy and Ravel featuring Stephanie Beck, outstanding young harpist from Liechtenstein, and a sextet of talented musicians; new starting time of 7.30pm. Free admission, collection in aid of North London Hospice. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Monday 20 October

Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society's autumn talk 'Wild Plants through the Lens' by Dr Peter Brandham, of the Jodrell Laboratory at Kew Gardens; 7.30pm at Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. All welcome. Entry £2 for non-members.

Sunday 26 October

The Big Sing Off in association with Sing the Nation. Sign up to one of three singing workshops, and take part in the Big Sing Off or just come along to watch. Tim Samuels comperes and singing sensations The Zimmers perform; 3.30pm, Hampstead Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, London NW3. £6 workshops, £4 concert. Tickets and information: 020 7431 9866.

Friday 31 October

Halloween ghost walk. Meet at High Barnet tube, top of Meadway, 7.30pm. Prize for spookiest costume. Also Saturday 1 November and Sunday 2 November. Details of this and other Barnet walks: 020 8440 6805.

Until Sunday 2 November

London premiere of *A Tale of Two Cities*, a new musical based on the novel by Charles Dickens; Upstairs at the Gatehouse, Highgate Village, N6; Tuesday to Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, Sundays at 4pm; tickets £12-£15 (concessions £10-£12). Box office: 020 8340 3488.

What's on at artsdepot, North Finchley

The World in The Gallery: Sunday 5 to Sunday 19 October, 12-4pm. **Call Me Dave - A Serious Comedy**: Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 October, 8pm. **Srishti - Play Ball**: Wednesday 15 October, 8pm. **My Brilliant Divorce**: Thursday 16 October, 8pm. **Musicals of The Night**: Saturday 18 October, 7pm. **Jake and Dinos Chapman**: Saturday 25 October to Sunday 23 November, 12-4pm. **Stephen K Amos**: Saturday 25 October, 8pm. **Chapmans Uncorked**: Thursday 30 October, 6.30pm. **Folk in The Foyer**: Friday 31 October, 8.30pm. **Subitango**: Saturday 1 November, 8pm. **K-Groove**: Thursday 6 November, 8pm.