



## 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
- ❖ **Yoga, breathing & relaxation.** Weekly drop-in classes - N2, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 07956 375607.
- ❖ **Yoga**, pregnancy yoga, meditation classes. Call Sunnah 07941 321 772 or see [www.stretchingpeople.co.uk](http://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.
- ❖ **Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes** - beginners and Improvers. 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 020 8444 7217.
- ❖ **Drama Classes** for 11-18 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: Live jazz on Mon 9 & 23 Nov** at 8.15pm, 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.
- ❖ **Salsa lessons** Mondays, EF Methodist Church. Call Ronnie Raul 07958 605 773 e:ronnieraul@rocketmail.com
- ❖ **Street Dance** every Tuesday at Old Barn for children of various ages Contact Lorna 07976 203669.
- ❖ **SwampRock** Louisiana Dance Club. Live music. Contact Carole 8810 7454 or [www.swamprock.org.uk](http://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** at EF Constitutional Club on 2nd Monday each month from 8.30 pm. Free to join in or just listen.

### 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 Ruby Yang or Patrizia Canwell at [eastfinchleynct@googlemail.com](mailto:eastfinchleynct@googlemail.com)
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian 8444 3251
- ❖ **Friendly Rubber Bridge** on Weds afternoons, call 7722 6209.
- ❖ **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood** [www.cherrytreewood.co.uk](http://www.cherrytreewood.co.uk) or 8883 7544.
- ❖ **Highgate Film Society**, call 8340 3343 or email: [admin@hlsi.net](mailto:admin@hlsi.net).
- ❖ **LGBT?** 1st Weds every month in a local pub. Relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Email [efinchleylgbt@hotmail.com](mailto:efinchleylgbt@hotmail.com) for info.
- ❖ **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.



One Inch Punch, one of the acts appearing at Tumbleweed Comedy.

## Comedy tonight

A comedy night is starting up in East Finchley and there are hopes that it will become a regular monthly event. Tumbleweed Comedy wants to showcase the best comedians on the London circuit and provide a platform for local comedians.

Compere Alex Perkins, who lives in Blackdown Close, off Oak Lane, has put the event together with friends Mat Ruttle, Carl Sedgwick and Rachel Espoti, who perform sketches together under the name Claque.

Also on the bill at the Old White Lion pub, next to the tube station, are stand-ups, character comics, a comedy magician and singer-songwriters.

Alex said they hoped it would be an antidote to the wintry weather and something to cheer up locals if they are

feeling down about our parking zone changes.

"We want to create a warm atmosphere, nothing aggressive, where people don't have to feel nervous about sitting in the front and being picked on," he said.

Tumbleweed Comedy was due to stage its first evening at the Old White Lion on 4 November, as we went to press. It will return on 2 December. A special area of the Old White Lion is sectioned off on club nights with tickets priced £5 on the door. The rest of the pub is open as normal.

## London Jazz Festival

Artsdepot is joining forces with the London Jazz Festival for a third year running, to bring the best of jazz to north London.

One of the star attractions will be award-winning singer and BBC Radio 2 personality Clare Teal. She will treat the audience to Latin grooves, uplifting swing, close harmony vocals and killer ballads, all delivered with her distinctive style and flair, on Friday 13 November at 8pm.

Internationally acclaimed singer, composer and novelist Amit Chaudhuri performs songs from his latest album encompassing blues, jazz and rock on Saturday 14 November at 8pm.

Sunday Buzz on 15 November from 1pm is Brass Jaw, a stellar line-up of Scottish jazz musicians delivering an original set of well-loved jazz standards. On Sunday 21 November, you can catch a

double bill of Simon Harris and the Bright Size Gypsies for a jazz journey around the world.



Clare Teal. Photo courtesy artsdepot.

Ticket prices vary for the London Jazz Festival. For details and to book tickets, contact artsdepot on 020 8369 5454 or visit [www.artsdepot.co.uk](http://www.artsdepot.co.uk).

## Review: Festival music

By Ken Carter

At lunchtime on Saturday 3 October, we listened to a [bass] viol da gamba duo. These instruments have seven gut strings each, an unfamiliar tuning, no sound post and an awkward-looking but historically-correct bowing-style. Claire Bracher and Liam Byrne played on them sweetly, softly and with gentle vibrance.

That evening, with stunning vitality and precision, keenly alert to differences in era, the London Mozart Players played Britten, Bach and Haydn, conductor-less. Susanna Candlin led, and her authority as soloist in Bach's *First Violin Concerto* was vigorous and stylish.

Geoffrey Hanson conducted the first performance of his *Five Nocturnes for Tenor and Chamber Orchestra*, written in

memory of Angela Beveridge, an East Finchley parishioner of character. Smoothly, hauntingly and ably, Ian Priestley sang of the Evening Primrose, night in wartime, wintry lost childhood, cats on the tiles and the 'great gift of sleep'. I was impressed. Hanson's music has appeal and integrity. He writes simply and sparsely, with an acute ear for the precise sound he requires.

## What's On...

E-mail your listings to: [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net)

**Wednesday 4 November to Saturday 7 November:**

• Rhapsody Opera perform *La Traviata* in the artsdepot studio theatre, N12, at 7.30pm. Tickets from £10 -£15.

**Wednesday 4 November to Saturday 28 November:**

• **The Barnet Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exhibition and Sale of Ceramics and Art** in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice at The Millie Apthorp Gallery, The Radlett Centre, 1 Aldenham Avenue Radlett, Herts. Open Monday to Thursday 10.30am - 4pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm; closed Friday and Sunday. Information: 020 8449 8877.

**Saturday 7 November**

• **Pavement Pounders at The Institute**, 11 High Road. 11.00: illustrated talk on the great contribution refugee artists made to 20<sup>th</sup> century British art and culture. After lunch, meet at Hampstead Underground Station at 2pm for guided walk. Details from Maryanne or David on 020 8340 7178. To book contact The Institute on 020 8829 4141.

**Saturday 7 November - Sunday 22 November**

• **Finchley Art Society 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary autumn exhibition**, Trinity Church concourse, Nether Street, N12, 9am to 6pm. Free entry.

**Sunday 8 November**

• **Live music** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, opposite the library, 7.30pm; **Musical Treasures** by well-loved composers such as Schubert, Schumann, Beethoven, Gershwin and Gilbert and Sullivan. Free admission; collection in aid of Barnet Carers. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

**Thursday 12 November**

• **An evening with Shrabani Basu**, author of *The Spy Princess*, the story of a Muslim Indian princess who became a World War Two spy and died in a Nazi concentration camp; the Henrietta Barnett School Literary Society; advance tickets £5 each. Contact 020 8209 9730.

• Children's Bookshop, 29 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill: book signing, 4-5pm, by **Oliver Jeffers**, author of *How to Catch a Star*.

**Saturday 14 November**

• **Muswell Hill Craft Fair**, 10am-4pm, Tetherdown Hall, Tetherdown, N10, in support of North London Hospice. Wide range of handmade items on sale, including bags, jewellery, pottery, ceramics and knitted scarves; also greetings cards and decorations. Refreshments available. Admission £1 for adults.

• **Art and Craft Fair** in aid of the Family Holiday Association, Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, NW11, 10.30am - 4.30pm. Over 20 stalls selling jewellery, pottery, glass, scarves, cards and beauty products. Café, tombola and an opportunity for a relaxing massage. Entry £2.

**Until 15 November**

• **Further Towards Nature**, new abstract canvasses by T. Athiveerapandian, Noble Sage Art Gallery, Fortis Green, Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment only, Wednesday to Friday, 11am to 7.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am - 5pm. Free entry.

**Thursday 19 November**

• Jewish Community Centre for London, **The Safe Space - Racism and Football - Are we really kicking it out?** A conversation with Paul Elliot MBE, former Chelsea and Aston Villa player; Brendon Baston MBE, the first black player at Arsenal; and Rimla Akhtar, chair of Muslim's Women Sports Foundation; 8pm, The Media Entrance, Emirates Stadium, London

N7. Price £10 in advance, £12 on the door. Tickets and information: 020 7431 9866.

**Saturday 21 November**

• Children's Bookshop, 29 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill: book signings, 11am - 12 noon, by **Michael Morpurgo**, author of *Running Wild*, and **Emma Chichester Clark**, author of *Happy Birthday, Blue Kangaroo!*

• **Pavement Pounders at The Institute**. Meet 11am at The Institute for a talk, then meet at Warren Street Underground Station for guided walk to explore British Bohemia and its characters. Details from Maryanne or David on 020 8340 7178. To book, contact The Institute on 020 8829 4141.

• **Finchley Choral Society** perform **Beethoven's Mass in C** and **Mendelssohn's Psalm 115 and other Sacred Settings**; St. Pancras Parish Church, Euston Road, London NW1 2BA, 7.45pm. Tickets £16 and £10. Children free. Available on the door or from Les Aldrich Music, 98 Fortis Green Rd. London N10 3HN. Visit [www.finchleychoral.org.uk](http://www.finchleychoral.org.uk)

**Sunday 22 November**

• **East Finchley Open Art and Craft Fair**, Martin School, High Road, 11am - 5pm. Entry free. Voluntary donation of £1 to local charities entitles entry to prize draw. For full information, visit [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk)

**Saturday 28 November:**

• **Tree planting at Long Lane Pasture** opposite fire station, Long Lane, N3, as part of National Tree Week, 10am - 12 noon.

• **North London Chorus** celebrates Felix Mendelssohn's 200th anniversary with a performance of his oratorio *Elijah*, 7.30pm, St James' Church, Muswell Hill, N10. Ticketline: 020 8351 8774. Prices £18, £13, £8 (Concessions £2 reduction). Tickets also available from Les Aldrich Music Shop, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10, and at door. Retiring collection in aid of St. James' Church Organ Appeal.

**Sunday 29 November**

• **Light up a Life** multi-faith lighting ceremony to remember loved ones at the North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, N12. To sponsor a light in the chestnut tree and for ceremony details, call funding department on 020 8446 2288. Lights visible every evening from 4-9pm until early January.

**What's on at artsdepot**

Thursday 12 November, 8pm, **The Yiddish Song Project**; Friday 13 November, 8pm, **London Jazz Festival, Clare Teal**; Saturday 14 November, 8pm, **London Jazz Festival, Amit Chaudhuri**; Sunday 15 November, 1pm, **Sunday Buzz, Brass Jaw**; Wednesday 18 November, 8pm, **Drawing Through History**; Thursday 19 November, 8pm, **Stewart Francis - Tour De Francis**; Thursday 19 November, 8pm, **An Audience with Angela Rippon**; Saturday 21 November, **London Jazz Festival - Giulia y Los Tellerini / Simon Harris and The Bright Size Gypsies**; Sunday 22 November, 1pm, **Sunday Buzz -Napoleon Maddox**; Tuesday 24 November to Friday 27 November, **Romeo & Juliet**; Thursday 26 November, 7.30pm, **A Taste of Honey**; Thursday 26 November, 7pm, **Pacheco Uncorked**; Friday 27 November, 8.30pm, **Folk in the Foyer**; Saturday 28 November, 8pm, **A Journey through Jazz**.

**Thursday 3 December to Sunday 6 December**

• **The Garden Suburb Theatre** presents a modern-dress production of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Upstairs at the Gatehouse, Highgate Village, N6. Performances at 8pm, and Sunday at 4pm. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions). Box office: 020 8340 3488.

A friendly welcome awaits you

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