



## 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
- ❖ **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 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 14 & 28 Sept** 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](mailto: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 Joanna 8883 0941 or [joanna-brunt@cybergal.com](mailto:joanna-brunt@cybergal.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@hfsi.net](mailto:admin@hfsi.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.

## A real page turner from Paige Toon

By Lucy Chamberlin

Paige Toon's father was a racing driver and, in writing her third novel *Chasing Daisy*, Paige has drawn upon her own experiences of life in that world. Australian-born, she came to East Finchley two years ago, fell in love with it, and now lives in Huntingdon Road with her husband (from Yorkshire) and young son.

*Chasing Daisy* follows the adventures of Daisy, a front-of-house girl with the Formula One racing team. A rollicking read in the best traditions of chick lit, Paige takes us around the world with her heroine in a dizzying round of parties, fast cars and fanciable drivers. This is an easy holiday read, and is surprisingly unputdown-able. I found myself still awake one night at 3am, anticipating the next twist in Daisy's problematic love life.

Paige is a former reviews editor at Heat magazine, but says that ever since she was a little girl she has wanted to write books. Now she is able to stay at home with her son, snatching time for writing while he takes his naps. Her first book was *Lucy in the Sky*.

"I just started writing and did it in two and a half months. I absolutely loved it - you couldn't keep me away from the computer," she says. "The idea for 'Lucy' was about being torn between two



different countries, and that's me down to a T."

Paige enjoys writing what she calls 'happy books', and despite some disastrous episodes *Chasing Daisy* is a fun, light-hearted read, the kind of thwarted love story where we can look forward to a happy ending from the first few pages. Paige is currently writing her fourth book and loving it. *Chasing Daisy* is published in paperback by Pocket Books.

## September at the Phoenix

By the Phoenix Cinema's Paul Homer

Our restoration project is coming along well. We're still working hard at the fundraising; we now need only a further £135,000 to complete the fund. However we do need most of that in the next six weeks, so if you've not yet given or know of anyone who you think would support the project, now's the time to act.

As donations big and small come in we get ever closer to giving you the cinema you deserve. In the last month we have been poring over the details of the new kitchen and bar. We're packing a lot into our small kitchen to ensure that we can offer a wide range of food and drink to you. The bar will have an art-deco feel about it with geometric patterns, mirrors, dark furniture, intimate lighting and oranges and browns as the colour scheme. We're getting really excited about this new space and can't wait to open it to you.

By the time you read this you may have already enjoyed the new Pedro Almodovar film *Broken Embraces* which opened at the Phoenix on 28 August. It's

playing until 10 September so don't miss your chance to see one of the best films of the year.

From 11 September, we are playing the brilliant *Fish Tank* with Andrea Arnold, who impressed us so much with her debut *Red Road*. *Fish Tank* won the Jury Prize at this year's Cannes festival, with a stunning performance by Katie Jarvis as the teenage dancer who can't but help finding herself in trouble. It cements Arnold's place as one of the most exciting young British directors.

The month closes with Sam Mendes' latest *Away We Go*, written by Dave Eggers and telling of a young couple's preparation for impending parenthood. Our box office is on 020 8444 6789 or visit [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk)

## Comedy Night on the High Road

By John Lawrence

Comedy fans have a treat arriving right on their doorsteps when Cecilia Holmes brings her music and improvisation show to the Finchley Youth Theatre on the High Road. The Whistle and Wink comedy show is an adult evening of laughter, absurdities and oddball characters that has never been performed before.

Cecilia, of Park Farm Close, is a regular on the comedy circuit in the pubs and clubs around Soho and other parts of London. She plays a character called Ivana (and her husband) and, along with friend Nathan Keats, indulges in some silly games and improvisation with the help of the audience. There is piano accompaniment for Cecilia's songs and a mysterious climax to the show with the arrival of a psychic medium.

Cecilia only started performing five years ago in her late 30s when family and friends encouraged her to turn her natural manic humour into a comedy routine.

"When I got to that age, I couldn't decide what I really wanted to do," she said. "I'd

always done lots of silly voices and accents so being a comedian was really staring me in the face.

She started her working life as a nurse before becoming a colonic therapist, both jobs where a good sense of humour comes in handy.

Cecilia added: "This is a one-off show and I hope it will be a lot of fun for everyone. If it's a success, I'd like to do it again at Christmas. I was looking everywhere for a suitable venue and I'm lucky to have found the Youth Theatre."

Tickets for the show on Saturday 26 September at 8pm cost £10 each at the door or in advance from Cecilia on 020 8444 8702 or 07533 750400.

## Pub quiz is roaring fun

By Chris Goldsmith

Having just moved to East Finchley in the last few months, me and the flatmate were looking for a decent watering hole to call 'the local.' Although only in our late 20s, we're more of a quiet pub and a 'good catch up' kinda lads rather than the drink-as-much-as-you-like culture of the West End. So it was a great relief that we noticed the Old White Lion had a pub quiz every Tuesday night.

We arrived one evening not knowing what to expect and were pleasantly surprised. The place was buzzing with a great atmosphere. The brilliant quiz master is not to be messed with and his enthusiasm for the quiz is easy to see. He knows how to wind up the quiz players and makes the whole evening fun.

Everyone joins in and although competitive at times,

this quiz is more about having a good time and a laugh than actually winning. I think some teams put more effort into their team names than they do their answers.

It's a great evening down the pub and breaks up the working week well. The crowd is very mixed in age and everyone seems genuinely happy to be part of the fun.

## What's On...

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

### Saturday 12 September

• **Table top sale** at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, 10am to 1pm.

### Sunday 13 September

• **Muswell Hill Festival**, Cherry Tree Wood, 12-6pm; donkey derby, stalls, live music, entertainment and family fun. Free.

• **Fabulous Finchley: a guided walk** through 1,000 years of history. Meet at Finchley Central tube (Ballards Lane exit) at 2pm. For details, contact Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

### Friday 25 September

• **Barnet Ghosts, a guided walk** through haunted High Barnet. Meet at High Barnet tube at 7.30pm. Please bring torch if possible. For details, contact Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

### Saturday 26 September

• **The Whistle and Wink Comedy Show**, Finchley Youth Theatre, High Road, N2, 8pm; oddball characters, music and songs from Cecilia Holmes and friends. Tickets cost £10 each at the door or in advance from Cecilia on 020 8444 8702 or 07533 750400.

### Thursday 1 October to Sunday 11 October

• **East Finchley Arts Festival**, All Saints' Church, Durham Road; eleven days of music, art, poetry, literature and performance. See full programme and booking details on page 6 or visit [www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk)

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### Saturday 3 October

• **Pavement Pounders at the Institute**: the first of a series of nine "talk and walks" **Coleridge at Highgate** given by David Lay, a speaker on art history, and scholar Dr Maryanne Grant-Traylen. 11am at The Institute, 11 High Road for an hour-long, illustrated talk and 2pm at Lauderdale House, Highgate for a guided walk.

For details call 020 8340 7178 or visit [www.davidlay.com/timetable.htm](http://www.davidlay.com/timetable.htm) To book ring the Institute on 020 8829 4141, quoting course number 511.

• **Four centuries of song**: mezzo soprano Marie-Anne Hall sings a varied collection of music from the 16th-20th centuries, including lute songs, lieder and opera arias; 7.30pm at St. John's Church, Friern Barnet Road, N11. Tickets are £5 on the door and all proceeds will go to charity. For more information email [marianne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marianne@hotmail.co.uk)

### What's on at artsdepot

**Sherlock Holmes** - The Last Act: Thursday 24 September, 8pm. **Folk in the Foyer**: Friday 25 September, 8.30pm. **Sunday Buzz** - Darren Dutson Bromley: Sunday 27 September, 1pm. **Jonzi D's Markus the Sadist**: Thursday 1 Oct and Friday 2 October, 8pm; **Sean Hughes**: Saturday 3 October, 8pm.

A friendly welcome awaits you

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