



Regular Events

SPORT & FITNESS

- ❖ **Badminton** Weds eves 8-10pm all abilities, contact George 8349 0170 or John 8444 7163.
- ❖ **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 0433.
- ❖ **Pilates** in East Finchley, qualified teacher. Contact Dee on 8883 7029
- ❖ **Pilates class** Weds 3.30 & 7pm at Ann Owens Ctr, N2. Call Penny 8444 2882.
- ❖ **Tae Kwon Do** for children & adults at Finchley Lido Mon & Fri 7-9pm 07949 612 706. www.taekwondo-uktd.co.uk
- ❖ **Tai Chi class** at EF Methodist Ch, Weds at 1pm. Call James Drewe 8883 3308 or james@taiji.co.uk
- ❖ **Tennis club** with four clay courts off Southern Road. Call 8883 7723.
- ❖ **Yoga, breathing & relaxation.** Weekly drop-in classes - N3, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 07956 375607.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes**-beginners & improvers. Wed & Fri eve, Bishop Douglass Sch. 8207 2323.
- ❖ **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 020 8444 7217.
- ❖ **Drama Classes** for 11-15 year olds. Mondays 6.30-8pm. Contact Dominic Conway 0777 284 3958
- ❖ **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 6 & 20 Dec at 8.15pm, Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **Memory Lane Singing Club** - friendlysinging 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.
- ❖ **SwampRock** Louisiana Dance Club. Live music. Contact 07957 344 724 or www.swamprock.org.uk.
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- ❖ **Traditional music** at EF Constitutional Club on 2nd Mon each month from 8.30 pm. Free to join in or just listen.

CLUBS & SOCIAL

(See p8 for Parent & Toddler Clubs)

- ❖ **Bingo evening, 8pm Sundays**, at the Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2.
- ❖ **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9pm, Green Man Centre, Contact: Jan 8815 5452
- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian 8444 3251
- ❖ **French conversation** in small friendly group with native speaker. 8444 9395.
- ❖ **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood** www.cherrytreewood.co.uk or 8883 7544.
- ❖ **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Moldon on 8361 1696.
- ❖ **LGBT?** 1st Weds every month in a local pub. Welcoming atmosphere. Email efinchleylgbt@hotmail.com
- ❖ **Muslim Lunch Club** 1st & 3rd Weds, Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill. Contact 8348 3495
- ❖ **Northside Bridge Club**, EF Methodist Church, Thurs 7.30-11pm. 8346 8145.
- ❖ **Jewish Friendship Club** for over 60s, Tues 1-3 pm at Muswell Hill Synagogue, Tetherdown. Call Anita 8886 6140.
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, contact 8883 4390
- ❖ **Probus Lunch Club** for retired professionals. Call John 8883 8114.

Review: Red Hedgehog

This is a Tuesday night at the end of October. Concentrate and relax, feel you are among friends, and enjoy outstanding performances from supreme musicians. As lorries grind up Archway Road entirely unheard, listen appreciatively amid the clearest of acoustics at The Red Hedgehog.

Dame Emma Kirkby gave herself a night off from her specialism of early music. She enjoyed soaring ever closer towards the climax of Arianna's intensely moving lament by Haydn. She relished the wry wit of Debussy's *Chansons de Bilitis* and rose to the occasion with her advocacy of Mrs Amy Beach's jaunty melodies and command of French and German texts. James Lisney accompanied with vigorous, perceptive discretion, keenly alert to this pot-pourri of musical vocabularies.

The Lisneys - James (piano)

and Joy (cello) - are father and daughter. Their giving and sharing was truly intimate, sensitive, energetic, warm and accurately responsive, a rare delight. The major work was Chopin's *Cello Sonata*. Joy, still in her teens, gave an exceptional account of this late work, making the form of its alert lyricism abundantly clear. Generously, James gave his daughter space, enabling me to hear her cello ring out with conviction. The result was a genuine, arresting, serious and absorbing duo for two instruments, matching Chopin's intent.

So you want to be a TV presenter?

By Daphne Chamberlain

TV presenters have never been more in demand. Last month, anyone with ambitions in that direction should have been at the Black Gull Bookshop where Hampstead Garden Suburb resident Kathryn Wolfe was promoting her book, *So You Want To Be A TV Presenter?*

Kathryn, former director of many 'household name' programmes, including the BBC's *Breakfast Time* and *The Clothes Show*, lectures at the University of Bedfordshire and teaches privately at the Actors' Centre, Covent Garden, and the City Literary Institute. She also runs her own training company Pukka Presenting.

More channels mean more presenters

Presenters are in demand now because there are so many more programmes. Thirty years ago the UK had three television channels; now there are 831. Then, most presenters were journalists or actors. Now, Kathryn's students come from every background imaginable. Personality and the ability to get on with people are important, but just as vital is a genuine interest in what you are presenting, not a vague dream of being a presenter.

Kathryn recommends prac-

tice at home, even talking to the mirror, and then producing your own show reel, rather than buying formatted ones. Similarly, there is no need to start off with an agent.

Her book is packed with general and technical advice, including this: "If you are presenting in a blue-screen studio, pretending to be in Paris, and the Eiffel Tower is to be added to the parts of the screen which are blue, wherever blue appears in shot will be replaced by the Eiffel Tower, even if that is your blue shirt".

There were students in the Black Gull audience who had travelled from as far as Milton Keynes to hear Kathryn, and she was generous with her advice to them.

So You Want To Be A TV Presenter, by Kathryn Wolfe, is published by Nick Hern Books. ISBN 978 1 84842 062 5. Discover more on www.pukka-presenting.co.uk.



Edgeworth Johnstone and Shelley Li. Photo by Brian Schwartz

Call that art?

By Sheila Armstrong

The Black Gull Bookshop hosted an evening event in late October for two local painters, Edgeworth Johnstone and Shelley Li. Readers of THE ARCHER may remember we reported on Edgeworth's recent exhibition in Chorak, Muswell Hill. His background is Indie music, and Shelley, originally from Shanghai, started out doing business studies.

Edgeworth and Shelley belong to the Stuckist movement, which is against conceptual art, the sort of stuff that gets submitted for the Turner prize. Stuckists dispute that conceptual art is art, believing it to be exploitative and done for an elite. They brought some of their paintings along for discussion, and also talked about their new book *Stuck Near Tate Modern*.

A lively discussion ensued with members of the audience pressing for a more specific definition of Stuckism. Just what is a Stuckist? Luckily

East Finchley resident Charles Thompson, one of the founders of Stuckism, was in the audience to put the theoretical position and move the discussion along. For more information go to www.stuckism.com.

The Black Gull Bookshop holds its events in a small informal area with chairs and a sofa surrounded by books. Brian, the bookshop manager, says they are happy to hold evening events, so if you are looking for a small friendly venue in East Finchley get in touch with him at the bookshop on 020 8444 4717.

Hands-on help for Coldfall Wood

A programme of Saturday morning woodland caretaking has been organised by the Friends of Coldfall Wood and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, and anyone keen to help is welcome.

Dates are 4 December, 8 January, 5 February, 5 March and 2 April, all from 10am to 12.30pm and starting at the middle entrance to Coldfall Wood, on Creighton Avenue. Wear wellies, old clothes and strong gloves; tools will be provided and so will tea and coffee. Details: info@coldf

allwoods.co.uk

In addition, BTCV are running further conservation sessions in the wood on Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, starting from the same meeting point. The next ones will be on 4 and 16 December; details from l.berman@bctv.org.uk

What's On...

- Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December**
- **Muswell Hill Traders' Christmas weekend** with carol singers and Father Christmas giving out presents. Festive refreshments and mince pies provided by individual shops.
- Wednesday 8 December**
- Late night seasonal shopping in Muswell Hill from 6 - 8pm, with discounts and refreshments.
- Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 December**
- The Guild Players present *See How They Run*, a farce by Philip King, 7.45 pm at Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. Tickets £8. Box Office enquiries 020 8346 6337, or visit www.guildplayers.org.uk
- Thursday 9 December**
- Salsa Thursdays upstairs at the TOC, 90 Highgate Hill, N19. Bachata 7.30pm, salsa 8.30pm. First class free, otherwise £6 for one hour or £8 for two hours. Every Thursday. Call Azari on 0779695 6767 or email info@bachatauk.com
- Friday 10 December**
- Chickenshed Theatre, Southgate, presents *Bad Jelly's Bad Christmas*, in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, 7.30pm. Tickets £19 (£17 concessions) from Chris Harbour at Noah's Ark on 020 8449 8877 or charbour@noahsarkhospice.org.uk. For more information visit www.chickenshed.org.uk.
- Saturday 11 December**
- Martin Primary School Christmas Fair, 12-3pm, Plane Tree Walk. A range of exciting stalls: browse, pick up a bargain or purchase a special Christmas gift. Food fair and Father Christmas too.
- Sunday 12 December**
- Tea dance, 2.30-5pm, at Christ Church Hall, 620 High Road, N12. Admission £4, including tea or coffee. Details from John and Betty on 020 8444 0280 or 07763 142854. Tea dances every Wednesday, 1pm - 3.30pm.
- High Barnet Christmas Walk, a

- guided walk with Paul Baker, City of London guide. Meet at Barnet College, Wood Street, 2pm. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net.
- Sunday 19 December**
- **Carols by Candlelight**, 5pm. Come and enjoy carols and readings about the Christmas story, plus Christmas music items. Soloists: Andrea Whitaker (soprano) and Viola da Cunha (mezzo soprano). Free admission. Mince pies and refreshments afterwards. East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2 (opposite Creighton Ave). Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.
- Friday 24 December**
- On Christmas Eve in Budgens, High Road, from 11am to 4pm Sippy Azizollah will hold a raffle in aid of the North London Hospice. Tickets £1 a strip.
- Sunday 26 December**
- Boxing Day tea dance, 2.30-5pm, at Christ Church Hall, 620 High

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

- Road, N12. Admission £4, including tea or coffee. Mince pies and bring your own drink. Details from John and Betty on 020 8444 0280 or 07763 142854. Tea dances every Wednesday, 1pm - 3.30pm.
- Until 31 December**
- Jackson's Lane Theatre, Highgate, presents the Little Angel Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox*. Box office 020 8341 4421.
- What's on at artsdepot, North Finchley**
- Wednesday 1 December, 7.30pm, Occams Razor, The Mill. Sunday 5 December, 1pm - 2.45pm, Sunday Buzz Free, Accord Duo. Sunday 12 December, 8pm, Los Desterrados. Saturday 18 December, 7pm - 11pm, Clive.
- Wednesday 5 January**
- Tumbleweed Comedy Show at the Old White Lion pub, next to E. Finchley station, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 on the door.