



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** Weds 3.30 & 7pm at Ann Owens Ctr, N2. Call Penny Hill 8444 2882.
- ❖ **Tae Kwon Do** for children & adults at Finchley Lido Mon & Fri 7-9pm 07949 612 706
- ❖ **Tai Chi class** at East Finchley 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 evenings 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.
- ❖ **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 020 8444 7217.
- ❖ **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** 15 Feb at 8.15pm, Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 Monday each month from 8.30 pm. Free to join in or just listen.

CLUBS & SOCIAL

- ❖ **Bingo evening** at the Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2. Sundays at 8pm.
- ❖ **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9 pm, Green Man Centre, Contact: Jan 8815 5459
- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **Dads' Club:** Get-togethers for dads looking after young children in East Finchley. Adam 07957 441435.
- ❖ **EF National Childbirth Trust** contact Ruby Yang or Patrizia Canwell at 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 or 8883 7544.
- ❖ **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Mouldon on 8361 1696.
- ❖ **LGBT?** 1st Weds every month in a local pub. Welcoming atmosphere. Email efinchleylgbt@hotmail.com
- ❖ **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.



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Ninety years for North London Festival

The North London Festival of Music Drama and Dance is celebrating its 90th birthday this year. Its new chairman Virginia Burdon-Cooper, herself a flautist, is no newcomer, having been a section secretary for the last 13 years.

This festival is one of the largest in Britain and is held in high esteem by the British and International Federation of Festivals.

Strings, piano and harp

As part of the main festival, three special events are held annually. The international Solo Bach Competition for Strings attracts competitors from as far afield as Australia; the Emanuel Trophy for Pianists is national only and competitors must either have won the top piano prize in a nationally recognised festival or be a festival nominee; and the harp competition is national too.

The festival caters for all branches of drama, dance and music, including composition, and includes all ages and abilities. It aims to educate as well as being enjoyable and competitive. Every entrant is given a verbal and written adjudication by adjudicators of high professional standing in their own sphere. The Festival does not receive any funding from either local or government sources, depending instead on sponsors and patrons, and is run entirely by volunteers.

In 2010 it runs from 14 April to 21 May, mainly in Muswell Hill at the United Reformed Church, Tetherdown, with the drama and dance sections being based in Whetstone. Full information can be obtained from Virginia Burdon-Cooper on 01442 877486 or nettleden@bopenworld.com or the comprehensive website at www.northlondonfestival.org.uk

What's On...

Saturday 6 February

• **The London Mozart Players** join Geoffrey Hanson in celebrating his 70th birthday at a concert at All Saints', Durham Road, 7.30pm. Local pianist Rimantas Vingras will be the soloist in Geoffrey's *Piano Concerto No 2* and Ian Priestley in his *Five Nocturnes*. The **London Ripieno Singers** and the orchestra perform **Handel's Coronation Anthem, Zadok the Priest and Schubert's Mass in G**. Tickets available from Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green, N10.

Saturday 13 February

• **Celebrate Valentine's Night with Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. "Two hundred years of British entertainment in 60 minutes"** by Christine and Peter Padwick, an evening of laughter and songs at St Andrew's Hall, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3EG. Tickets £12 to include show, light supper and dessert. To reserve tickets, contact Amy Walker on 020 8449-8877 or awalker@noahsarkhospice.org.uk

• **Valentine Dance featuring The Revolutionaires;** jumping hot 1950s rhythm & blues from 8pm to midnight at All Saints Arts Centre (next to All Saints Church), 122 Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone, London N20 9EZ. £10 entrance. Further info from Carole Latham on 07957 344724 or www.swamprock.org.uk

Sunday 14 February

• **Antique Collectors' 20th Century and Art Deco Fair**, Ally Pally, 9.30 - 4.30. Free shuttle bus from Wood Green and Alexandra Palace stations. Entrance: adults £5, children under 14 free. To pre-book, call 01263 888111 or visit www.nelsonfairs.co.uk

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church,**

197 High Road, N2 (opposite Creighton Avenue) at 7.30pm; Marina Solarek, violin, Bryan Fairfax, viola, and Caroline Soresby, piano, play works by **Brahms, Mozart and Fauré**. Collection in aid of the Royal National Institute for Deaf People. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Sunday 21 February

• Dress up, grab your dancing shoes and join us at our **Purim Extravaganza**. Enjoy face-painting, Mini-me beauty stall, graffiti wall, chill out area and Hip Hop Megillah Performance. Suitable for children any age up to 12 and their families and friends. In association with the Jewish Chronicle; 3-5pm; Hampstead Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 4QP. Price: £5 per child 2 years and above, £2 per adult. Tickets and information: 020 7431 9866. www.jcclondon.org.uk

Monday 22 February

• **Jewish Community Centre for London: debate on "Israel & Iran: How Will it End?"** at Hampstead Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 4QB, 8pm. Price: £10 in advance, £12 on the door. Tickets and information: 020 7431 9866

Tuesday 23 February

• **Coldfall Wood:** help to cope this ancient woodland. Meet 10am on site and finish about 4pm. Bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and quality biscuits are provided. Please wear sensible clothing and shoes. General enquiries: Haringey British Trust for Conservation Volunteers on 020 8348 6005.

Wednesday 24 February

• **Crochet class for beginners**, 7pm at an East Finchley venue. All materials and refreshments provided. Make beautiful gifts and accessories after just one class. Invite friends and make a night

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of it. Full details: Omara on 07932 035325 or visit www.omarama.co.uk. Other class dates available.

Saturday 27 February

• Five-week course on **Getting Started in the Garden**. The Institute, 11 High Road, East Finchley, N2 8LL, £100. www.hgsi.ac.uk/courses-349

• **The Burp and Fart family comedy show**, a zany and funny evening for families with children up to 11, with comedy performer Cecilia Holmes and a gang of young performers; **Finchley Youth Theatre**, 143 High Road, 7.30pm. Tickets: £5 for children, under threes free, and adults £7. For tickets, contact Cecilia on 020 8444 8702 or 07533 750400. This replaces Cecilia's comedy night on 13 February, which has been cancelled.

Sunday 28 February

• **Guided walk on the Battle of Barnet**, a fascinating insight into the battlefields and people of this famous Wars of the Roses encounter of 1471. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road at 11am. Details from tour guide Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

What's on at artsdepot, North Finchley, in February

Moishe's Bagel, Tuesday 9 February, 8pm; **Bonachela Dance Company**, Thursday 11 February, 7.30pm; **Folk in the Foyer**, Friday 19 February, 8.30pm; **Sunday Buzz**, FREE lunchtime concert, **Plastic Chairs**, Sunday 21 February, 1pm; **Handful of Henna**, Wednesday 24 February to Saturday 27 February, 7.30pm, plus 2pm on Saturday; **Morecambe: The Man What Brought Us Sunshine**, Sunday 28 February, 7.30pm; **Julian Clary, Lord of the Mince**, Thursday 4 March, 8pm; **Cara Dillon**, Friday 5 March, 8pm.

The Sale

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