



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 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 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.
- ❖ **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 5 & 19 July 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 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.
- ❖ **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 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.

Kebab shops and speed cameras of East Finchley

The Bishops Avenue has constant builders, the Great North Road is still known for its Highwaymen and famous Radio 1 DJ Judge Jules lives just south of Fortis Green - all according to a new map of N2.

These personal takes on East Finchley are by artist Stephen Walter, who has redrawn every inch of Greater London for his monumental artwork *The Island*. Other details he chose to include after tramping local streets were the pubs and kebab shops on the High Road, some of our allotments, plus Coldfall Wood and

the 20mph zone in Church Lane, even though residents are still campaigning to get it installed.

Instead of houses in The Bishops Avenue, Walter represents the mansion-like properties with a row of pound signs. Budgens is represented as a supermarket trolley, there's the ATM at the station, and he even pinpoints

speed cameras on the A1.

To see *The Island* in all its full-size glory, along with a collection of other maps from British History, visit the Magnificent Maps exhibition at the British Library, Euston, open seven days a week until 19 September. Admission is free.



Detail from *The Island*, by Stephen Walter. Image courtesy The British Library

Appreciate the arts and make friends

By Daphne Chamberlain

Age Concern Barnet is forming an Art Appreciation Group. It has already held its first meeting, but organiser Sian Jones would welcome volunteer helpers. She told THE ARCHER: "There are a lot of people in this area, often in their 80s and 90s, who share an interest in art, but have nobody to accompany them to events and outings. At present we have a group of about 20 people, including retired artists, teachers and art lecturers.

"We plan to organise four or five outings a year, with some tea parties at homes in between, where people will have the opportunity to make friends with similar interests. This is an extension of our befriending service, and we are using some existing volunteers, but new helpers of all ages would be very welcome."

Sian estimates that a volunteer could help between two and eight times a year. As well as helpers who can provide door to door transport, the group would appreciate art-loving hosts who could open their homes and/or gardens for the social meetings in between gallery visits. Their first meeting, in April, was at the home of a collector of Dutch Masters and some more modern works, but the host needs only to be interested in art.

Sian Jones and Paula Thacker run the new group; Paula is the volunteer tutor at an art class in the Ann Owens Centre. For more information, please contact Sian on 020 8432 1416 / 1415, or email her at sianfinchley.acb@btconnect.com.

Bees, bats and biodiversity

By Ann Bronkhorst

Families eager for a free day in the open air flocked to Alexandra Palace Park on Saturday 5 June. This BBC Springwatch Wild Day Out helped to launch Haringey's Green Week.

The range of stalls and activities was amazing. A BioBlitz, using the wider areas of the park, was described as 'a huge wildlife hunt against the clock' and drew on the expertise of Natural History Museum scientists. Throughout the day there were presentations in the Show Tent on, for example, making ponds; saving sparrows; supporting bees; spotting urban raptors.

The Friends of Coldfall Wood were kept busy at their stall all day, presided over by Miss Dinky D., an awesome tarantula (caged). The other main activity was more hands-on for everyone: making 'pooters' for catching tiny insects humanely. All you needed was a small plastic jar with two holes in the lid, drinking straws, scraps of gauze and plasticine, grains of rice, oh yes and some patience and dexterity. Children went away with their pooters, delighted by the simple but magical experience of gently sucking up a rice grain 'bug'.

The Friends also made sure that adult visitors to the stall received information about the wood and its neighbour, Muswell Hill Playing Field, so with luck there'll be lasting interest and involvement from many more North Londoners. To find out more, visit www.coldfallwoods.co.uk or email info@coldfallwoods.co.uk

What's On...

Saturday 3 July to Sunday 4 July and Saturday 10 July to Sunday 11 July

- Summer Open event by East Finchley Open artists: see original artwork displayed in homes around East Finchley and Muswell Hill, and meet the artists who created them. Full details at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Sunday 4 July to Sunday 18 July

- Touching Art, an exhibition of artworks by deafblind artists. Twenty deafblind artists will exhibit a range of artwork in artsdepot's Aphorp Gallery in conjunction with Sense, the national deafblind charity. Open daily 12-4pm, free admission, artsdepot, North Finchley.

Sunday 4 July

- Fabulous Finchley: a guided walk through 1,000 years of history. Meet at Finchley Central tube station (Ballards Lane exit), 2.30pm. Contact Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

- The Great Highgate Woods Scavenger Hunt: join the Jewish Community Centre for London for their annual Family Scavenger Hunt. Work as a team to hunt for clues, solve conundrums and collect objects to help you win prizes. 3pm to 5pm, Highgate Woods, Muswell Hill Road, London N10 3JN. £20 per family of four, £6 per person, advanced booking essential. Tickets and information: 020 7431 9866.

Friday 9 July to Saturday 17 July

- Garden Suburb Theatre presents *The Recruiting Officer* by George Farquhar, a witty open air romp in the suburb's Little Oak Wood open air theatre. Friday and Saturday, 9-10 July, then Wednesday 14 July to Saturday 17 July at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50/£6 concessions. Information and booking: 020 7723 6609.

Sunday 11 July

- Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2, 7.30pm. Junko Ishigaki and Sanae Honda, violins, Bryan Fairfax, viola, Helen Cooper, cello, Catherine Morphet, clarinet, and Caroline Soresby, piano, play works by Bruch, Dvorak, Stanford, Soresby and Prokofiev. Collection in aid of RNIB. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

- Music at Twilight, All Saints' Church, Durham Road, N2, 7.30pm. Emma Kirkby, soprano, and Jakob Lindberg, lute, perform songs and lute solos from early 17th century Europe. Tickets: £25 - £18 from: Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2, Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green, N10, or online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/efinchleyarts. Further information: 020 8444 9214.

Monday 12 July

- Hendon & District Archaeological Society (HADAS) starts two-week survey and excavation in Sunny Hill Park, Hendon, on remains of WW2 bomb shelter or ARP (Air Raid Precautions) bunker. Members of public welcome to observe dig. Has anyone got information or memories of the facility? Contact Jim Nelhams, 61 Potters Rd., Bamey, EN5 5HS, or 020 8449 7076 or treasurer@hadas.org.uk

Friday 23 July to Sunday 5 September

- Open art exhibition at artsdepot, North Finchley. Free admission.

Saturday 31 July

- The Battle of Barnet: guided walk across the famous Wars of the Roses battlefield of 1471. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm. Contact Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

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