



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 8 & 22 Nov 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.
- ❖ **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 1-3pm 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.

Festival art event helps hospice

By Ann Bronkhorst

Artists, their friends and North London Hospice supporters attended a private view at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, on the evening of 6 October. So, too, did a friendly one-eyed cat, seeming quite at home in the crowd.

The exhibition, open for the whole Arts Festival week, displayed a wide range of work: paintings, drawings, prints, etchings, photographs and mixed-media work; sculpture and ceramics; and glowing jewellery and textiles.

Local scenes by Klaus Wuttke and Avril Macdonald and prints by Charles Bartlett were selling well. Peter Freeth's brooding, subtle etchings, the elegant style of Barbara Jackson and exquisite work in glass by Deborah John also stood out.

Special guests

Among the artists present was Fred Jarvis, for many years President of the National Union of Teachers. His black and white photographs recording remarkable moments in the last century and significant people, such as Bill Clinton, aroused much interest.

Fellow trades unionist Brenda Dean and our own Councillor Alison Moore were also at the event. A steady stream of people arrived during the evening and red stickers appeared on more and more items. Most artists were donating 40% of each sale to the North London Hospice, and some had already given their works to the NLH to sell. Hospice Christmas cards were popular, too.

Pauline Treen, NLH fundraiser, said later that £3,500 had been raised for NLH, an increase on last year.



Artists tough out tough times

Four local artists are determined to combat those double-dip, cutback blues by mounting a Christmas show with creative gifts, cards and artifacts at competitive prices.

They'll be offering unique ideas that cannot be found in shops, and there will be no gallery commissions, as sales are direct from the artist. Tark Butler (paintings), David Godny (photography), Ann Froemberg (painted silks), and Sheila Seepersaud-Jones (ceramics) will be showing their work at 269 Creighton Avenue, on 27 and 28 November from 1pm - 6pm. A warm welcome awaits. Contact 020 8883 0806 for further details.

Glorious finish to East Finchley Arts Festival

By Ken Carter

The 14th East Finchley Arts Festival was another triumph. Its jolliest and quirkiest event came on 8 October when the leader of the London Mozart Players, David Juritz, joined forces with Milos Milivojevic (piano accordion) in an effervescent pot-pourri ranging from the *Devil's Trill* to *Le Grand Tango*.

The following day, Fretwork's six members clutched six-stringed instruments between their knees and held their bows at a rigid angle. Two decades of experience shimmered in the translucent acoustics of All Saints' Church. James Bowman, England's senior counter tenor, gave nonchalant yet precise distinction to Purcell, Byrd, Gibbons and Vaughan Williams.

On the closing day of the festival, the London Mozart Players shone with sprightly, spirited elegance. We first heard Mozart aged 16 through his *Divertimento for Strings K 137* and Schubert aged 19 through his *Symphony no. 5* in

B flat D485. Conductor Geoffrey Hanson judiciously evoked the pieces' youthful exuberance and glimpses of potential.

The first performance of Geoffrey Hanson's own *There Let the Pealing Organ Blow*, played by Alistair Young, was weightier and darker fare, with enormous impact. In Mozart's *'Coronation' Mass K317*, the London Ripieno Singers and four young soloists joined the London Mozart Players. The work had grandeur and seriousness, melodiousness and one sudden indication of genius: the soaring, star-like opening to the Agnus Dei by soprano Helen Winter created an abiding memory.

Bavarian connections for choral concert

By Marian Bunzl

The North London Chorus's next concert opens with Elgar's setting of six poems by his wife, *From the Bavarian Highlands*. These charming miniatures were inspired by several holidays in the area, and show the lighter side of a composer more associated with epic religious oratorios.

The major work of the evening, *Carmina Burana*, also has its origins in Bavaria. Carl Orff's 1939 masterpiece is a setting of 24 poems from a collection of texts discovered in the Benedictine Monastery of Benediktbeum.

We will perform the authorised arrangement for two pianos and percussion. Soloists are soprano Sally Silver, baritone

Roland Wood, and young tenor Gareth Dafydd Morris, who will perform the part of the swan roasting on the spit. We promise a lively and life-enhancing evening.

The concert is on Saturday 27 November at St James Church, Muswell Hill, at 7.30pm. Ticketline 020 8351 8774 or from St James Bookshop, Les Aldrich music shop, Muswell Hill.

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

What's On...

Saturday 6 November

• **Annual Bazaar and Traidcraft Sale**, 11am-3pm. Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. Admission free.

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November

• **The 9 O'Clock Shmooze**: Mark Maier brings his unique brand of stand-up to artsdepot, North Finchley, shmoozing about all manner of things Jewish.. Tickets £14, concessions £12. Box office 020 8369 5454.

Tuesday 9 November

• **Archaeology and the Olympics**, a lecture by David Divers of English Heritage, Avenue House, East End Road, N3, at 8pm. Free entry.

Thursday 11 November

• **The Jewish Community Centre for London Big Baby Shower**, an open evening and forum for expectant parents to meet each other and several experts, including antenatal teacher Emma Bloom and homeopath and nutritionist Nicky Lee; 7:30pm to 9pm, Clissold Arms, 105 Fortis Green, N2. Price £10 including donation to charity. Tickets and information: 020 7431 9866.

• **Jeffrey Archer** is the guest speaker at **The Henrietta Barnett School Literary Society** at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each via Jo Velleman on 020 8209 9730.

Friday 12 November

• **Blood donor sessions**: mobile unit

in car park to rear of East Finchley tube station from 9.45am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm. Call 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk for further details

Saturday 13 November:

• **Buffet supper concert** at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, N2, at 7.30pm. Ailsa Hunter, violin, and Minako Oka, piano, play Beethoven and Bach sonatas. Tickets for concert and supper are £16 and must be pre-booked by Friday 12 November. Concert only, £10 at door. Tickets from Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2, 020 8444 4717, and Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green, N10, 020 8883 5631. Information on 020 8444 9214.

Sunday 14 November

• **Fabulous Finchley**: guided walk, with Paul Baker, City of London guide. Meet at Finchley Central tube (Ballards Lane exit), 2.30pm, for a tour of historic Finchley Central and East Finchley. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805.

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, 7.30pm. Barnet Voices with Robert Puzey, viola, and Millie Polliceck, piano; an evening of many styles from the classics to today. Collection in aid of Barnet Carers Centre. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Until Monday 15 November

• **Noriko Hisazumi** exhibits her beautiful tranquil paintings at Sable D'Or Patisserie, Muswell Hill. Open

seven days a week, 8am to 6pm.

Saturday 20 November

• **Greenacre Writers** life writing workshop, 2-5pm, North Finchley. This workshop will kick-start your autobiography. Members £5; non-members £10. Information from Rosie on 020 8346 9449.

Thursday 25 November

• **The Finchley Society** hosts a talk by Barnet Local Studies Librarian Yasmine Webb, **The Parish Poor of Friern Barnet**, based on 18th and 19th Century Records of the Overseers of the Poor, 2.30pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3 (tel. 020 8346 7812). Everyone very welcome. Admission charge of £2 for non-members.

Saturday 27 November

• **North London Chorus** perform *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff and *From the Bavarian Highlands* by Elgar, St James' Church, Muswell Hill, 7.30pm. Ticketline 020 8351 8774, £18, £13 and £8 (concessions £2 off).

Sunday 28 November

• **The Battle of Barnet**: guided walk, with Paul Baker, City of London guide. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805.

Wednesday 1 December

• **Tumbleweed Comedy show** at the Old White Lion pub, near East Finchley tube station, 7.30pm, £5 on the door.

Saturday 4 December

• **Finchley Choral Society** perform **Bach's Christmas Oratorio**, Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square, London NW11, 7.45pm. Tickets £15 / £1 students and children. FCS Box Office 020 7263 3358.

Friday 10 December

• **Bad Jelly's Bad Christmas**, in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, Chickenshed Theatre, Southgate, 7.30 pm. For more information, www.chickenshed.org.uk. Tickets £19 (£17 concessions). Contact Chris Harbour at Noah's Ark to book tickets on 020 8449 8877 or charbo@noahsarkhospice.org.uk

What's on at artsdepot, North Finchley

Animal Farm, 3-4 November, 7.30pm; **Frankenstein: The Year Without a Summer**, 9 November, 7.30pm; **Shazia Mirza, Multiple Choice**, 18 November, 8pm; **Mark Kermod, It's Only a Movie**, 19 November, 8pm; **Desperate To Be Doris**, 25-27 November, 7.30pm, 2pm Saturday matinee; **London Jazz Festival, Reka**, 10 November, 6pm, **John Etheridge**, 13 November, 8pm, **Scottish National Jazz Orchestra**, 14 November, 7.30pm, **Sunday Buzz Free, Soul Rebel Brass Band**, 14 November, 1pm-2.45pm, **Gilad Atzmon**, 18 November, 7.30pm, **Natalie Williams**, 20 November, 8pm, and **Sunday Buzz Free, Muntu Valdo**, 21 November, 1pm-2.45pm.