



## 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 11 & 25 Oct 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 1-3 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.



Photo by Sheila Armstrong

## Multilayered maps

By Sheila Armstrong

**Local artist Anya Beaumont will be working at artsdepot, North Finchley, in the popular Big Draw in October, when parents and children are encouraged to come together and make pictures.**

An experienced teacher and sculptor, working at both Middlesex University and Amersham and Wickham College, Anya will be using her own work as a starting point. Her focus will be on maps, images and shadows; cutting, manipulating and layering maps of Barnet with other printed paper.

Using work done by children at artsdepot on 24 October, Anya will make a large site-specific work that will be displayed at their gallery. She has recently

worked with Coppetts Wood and Martin Primary Schools on work inspired by land artist Richard Long's exhibition at the Tate.

In preparation for the Big Draw she is asking for donations of paper that would normally be recycled, including lists, forms, children's drawings, old posters in other scripts and languages, etc. These can be left in a box outside the artsdepot gallery. More information on the Big Draw from www.artsdepot.co.uk.

## What's On...

### Wednesday 6 October

- **Tumbleweed Comedy Show** at the Old White Lion pub, next to East Finchley tube station. Enjoy an evening of comedy in a relaxed atmosphere, £5 on the door, from 7.30pm.

### Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 October

- **The Knitting and Stitching Show**, Alexandra Palace. Call 8365 2121 for details or visit www.alexandrapalace.com

### Saturday 9 October

- Come and enjoy an evening of music and laughter with **The Confections**, St Mary's Church Hall, 279 High Road, N2. Tickets including refreshments £8, concessions £7, from 020 8440 2817, or on the door. All proceeds towards refurbishment of St Mary's church hall.

### To Sunday 10 October

- **East Finchley Arts Festival** at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, featuring 13 events over nine days plus an art exhibition. Tickets from Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2 (020 8444 4717) and Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10 (020 8883 5631) and online: www.efinchleyarts.ticketsource.co.uk

### Sunday 10 October

- **Battle of Barnet**: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm; a tour of the famous battlefield of 1471, with Paul Baker, City of London guide.

- **Sponsored Walk for Health and Hospice.** Join Cllr John Marshall and local doctors for a walk round the Heath Extension. Meet at Heathgate entrance, off Meadway, NW11 at 10.30am. All welcome; bring dogs

and children for a pleasant walk to benefit you and the North London Hospice. Sponsor forms from Jan White (020 8455 2535), Heathfield Medical Centre (020 8458 9262) or the Hospice (020 8446 2288).

- **Free concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. Adagio Duo (flute and guitars) play classical and traditional music from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Collection in aid of The Big Issue Foundation. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

### Wednesday 13 to Saturday 16 October

- **10<sup>th</sup> British Invention, Innovation and Technology Show**, Alexandra Palace. Call 8365 2121 for details or visit www.alexandrapalace.com

### Monday 18 October

- **Authors Jean Pestel, Judy Langton, Rosanna Taylor and Johannes Kerkhoven read new work.** Upstairs at The Gatehouse, Highgate Village, N6 at 8pm. Admission £7, concessions £5. Includes complimentary glass of wine during interval. Box office 020 8340 3488.

### Wednesday 20 October

- **Gill Simpson**, church community worker, will give an illustrated talk on the **history and heritage of North Bank**, Pages Lane; at Muswell Hill Methodist Church, 8pm. Everyone welcome.

### Saturday 23 October

- A fun **Soulful Adult Singing Bootcamp Workshop** at Jacksons Lane, Highgate, 2.30pm - 5.30pm. Participants learn to relax and perform various soulful songs and much more, all for the price of a

## New direction for choral society

By Judy Obrart

**Securing Michael Etherton as Music Director of the Alyth Choral Society is a feather in the cap of its leadership. Viv Bellos was always going to be a hard act to follow but Michael's background is wide-ranging and dynamic.**

He qualified as a barrister but then turned his talents to cello and conducting. After studying at the Rubin Academy in Israel he returned to London and plunged into conducting orchestras and choirs within the UK and outside it, including last year the Czech National Symphony Orchestra. He is also Music Director of the Central Synagogue Choir and the London Jewish Male Choir.

The Alyth Choral Society, which performs big choral works, will take his musical interests into new realms.

Michael cites his favourite choral composer as Haydn and says it is a huge privilege to be preparing his powerful and groundbreaking *The Creation* for performance. His favourite living composer is Michael Hersch and the work he would love to conduct above all others is Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

### Rewards of choral singing

When asked about the benefits of singing in a choir, Michael says: "Singing is the basis of all music-making including instrumental, and singing with a choir can be amazingly reward-



ing. In a choir environment that is supportive and energizing as it is at Alyth, the experiences one has, especially the public performances, are often among those that most stand out in a lifetime."

He says he would like to see a far higher profile for the choir in the local community and wants to draw in new audiences.

The Alyth Choral Society meets from 8-10pm on Tuesday evenings during term time at the North Western Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gardens, NW11. If you are interested in joining, contact Gill on 020 8346 5821.

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

7.45pm and Sundays 4pm; box office 020 8340 3488.

### What's on at artsdepot, North Finchley

Sunday 3 October, 1pm - 2.45pm, **Sunday Buzz Free, Giorgio Serci**. Friday 8 to Saturday 9 October, 7.30pm, **Tuning Out With Radio Z**. Thursday 14 October, 7.30pm, **Blood, Sweat and Tears**. Friday 15 October, 8pm, **Napoleon Maddox: ISWHAT?!** Saturday 16 October, 8pm, **Journey Through Jazz**. Saturday 16 October, 3pm and 7.30pm, **Farm Boy**. Sunday 17 October, 1pm-2.45pm, **Sunday Buzz Free, Marama Café Band**. Thursday 28 October, 8pm, **Robin Ince's Bad Book Club**. Sunday 31 October, 1pm-2.45pm, **Sunday Buzz Free, Darren Dutson Bromley**.

### Wednesday 3 November

- **Tumbleweed Comedy Show** at the Old White Lion pub, next to East Finchley tube station. Enjoy an evening of comedy in a relaxed atmosphere, £5 on the door, from 7.30pm.

### Thursday 4 November

- **Fireworks Spectacular** at Martin Primary School, 7.0 pm. Tickets available from Martin School office, Holy Trinity School, Tony's Continental (High Road) and The Green Man Community Centre.

### Thursday 11 November

- **An Evening with Jeffrey Archer**, hosted by the Henrietta Barnett School LitSoc. Tickets £5 each plus sae, cheques to HBS Trust c/o Jo Velleman, The Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, London NW11 7BN. Phone 020 8209 9730 or email development@hbschool.org.uk to join the mailing list.

### Friday 29 to Sunday 31 October

- **Things That Go Bump in High Barnet:** special **Hallowe'en Ghost Walk** with Paul Baker, City of London guide. Meet at High Barnet tube station booking office, 7.30pm. Prize for spookiest costume.

### Until Sunday 31 October

First fringe production of **The Drowsy Chaperone**, the hit musical that won more Tony Awards on Broadway in 2006 than any other musical; Upstairs at the Gatehouse, Highgate, Tuesdays to Saturdays