



Events for all ages at annual arts festival

By Geoffrey Hanson

This year's East Finchley Arts Festival runs from 2-10 October at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, featuring 13 events over nine days. The musical events cover everything from early music to jazz, and four young and talented winners of the 2010 North London Festival will give recitals during the two Saturday lunch hours.

Young talent is also displayed by The Finchley Children's Music Group, whilst Geoff Felix brings his Punch and Judy show for the children. Under 18s get a special ticket price of £1 for most events.

The Beggar's Opera comes with a buffet supper, and violinist David Juritz is

joined by accordionist Milos Milivojevic in a recital with a difference. The most gauche Victorian proposal letter ever written features in *English Eccentrics in Love*, alongside words by Henry VIII, Philip Larkin and Rupert Brooke.

The Simon Purcell Trio are joined by award winning jazz singer Liane Carroll,

and world-famous consort of viols Fretwork are joined by equally famous counter-tenor James Bowman. The London Mozart Players bring the Festival to a close with a concert that includes a new work for organ and orchestra by festival director Geoffrey Hanson, Schubert's *5th Symphony* and Mozart's *Coronation Mass*.



"Victory Auto Services at their former home in the High Road. Photo by Mark Bharadia

On the ramp for 21 years

By John Dearing

Not long after the Second World War, the topically-named Victory Service Station was set up in the High Road. It was originally a petrol station to which drive-in service bays were later added.

Bought out by a Mr Patel, it was split into two companies: the Texaco petrol station and Victory Auto Services. Mark Bharadia joined them about 18 years ago and subsequently took over management of the High Road business.

A second garage services site in Fortis Green to the rear of what was then a Total petrol station (now a car wash) was set up and run by Wayne Adams in 1996. In 2000 the lease ran out on the High Road site, which was closed and promptly redeveloped into flats. Mark and Wayne then merged their operations at the Fortis Green site.

Different skills

Mark has experienced how much the trade has changed in recent years. In the past much of the work done on cars was to repair the ravages of rust, welding chassis, patching or replacing body panels and so on. These days most cars have effective rust protection.

Much of the work on cars now requires modern electronic diagnostic systems. These indicate which device is apparently malfunctioning. However, this is not necessarily the location of the actual fault and the real skill is then finding it.

Victory Auto Services do mechanical repairs, tyres, bodywork, clutches, exhausts and air conditioning recharge and service. Mark and Wayne have been joined by Khalid and Andrew, their loyal and experienced staff who have been with them for six and three years respectively.

Mark was a keen amateur cricketer and member of Finchley Cricket Club for many years and now enjoys umpiring. Wayne has been a motorcyclist since he was 17 and currently enjoys riding a Triumph. As part of the Tetherdown School centenary, Victory Auto Services were pleased to donate a hand carved wooden bench.

Programme of events

• Saturday 2 October

12.30pm, Young Artists' Recital given by winners of the 2010 North London Festival Christina Petrou, soprano, and Sayaka Kurata, violin. Tickets £5. Snack lunch available. 11.30am & 2.30pm, Punch & Judy for the children; Geoff Felix presents his traditional Punch & Judy show in the church garden, inside if it's wet. Bucket collection. 7.30pm *The Beggar's Opera*; John Gay & William Pepusch's satirical take on 18th century London low life. Semi-staged performance given by the London Ripieno Singers and soloists. Tickets: nave £15; conc. £12; side aisles £10; conc. £8 under 18s £1. Supper by Amici Delicatessen £6 extra, pre-booked only.

• Sunday 3 October

4pm, Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, N2, sung by the choir of All Saints' East Finchley. Choral evensong is almost an art form in itself and the service will be sung to music contemporary with this fine Victorian building. 7.30pm, Finchley Children's Music Group. Giving concerts of both choral and solo items, the group has become a festival favourite. Tickets: £10; conc. £8; under 18s £1.

• Monday 4 October

7.30pm, Simon Purcell Trio with Liane Carroll, voice, Julian Seigel, sax & bass clarinet. Recent performers at Ronnie Scott's Club, these five musicians will present various combinations of instrument and voice, all drawn from the jazz tradition. Tickets: nave £15; conc. £12; side aisles £10; conc. £8; under 18s £1.

• Tuesday 5 October

7.30pm, East Finchley Writers presents a selection of readings across many styles and genres to move, amuse and surprise you. Admission free. Bucket collection

• Wednesday 6 October

6.30 - 8.30pm, Art Exhibition Private View. The exhibition of works by London and international artists will be open on evenings when concerts and events are held, and from 12 noon at the weekends during the Festival. In aid of the North London Hospice

• Thursday 7 October

7.30pm, *English Eccentrics in Love*, Sally Bradshaw, Kevin Moore & Mark Etherington; an entertaining evening of words and music on the eternal theme. Tickets: nave £15; conc. £12; side aisles £10; conc. £8 under 18s £1.

• Friday 8 October

7.30pm, David Juritz, violin,

Milos Milivojevic, accordion; a recital with a difference! David Juritz, soloist and leader of the London Mozart Players is joined by Milos Milivojevic in a programme which includes Tartini's *The Devil's Trill*, Mendelssohn's *Variations Op 65* and Victor Vlasov's *Five Sights on a Country Gulag*. Tickets: nave £15; conc. £12; side aisles £10; conc. £8 under 18s £1.

• Saturday 9 October

12.30pm, Young Artists' Recital given by winners of the 2010 North London Festival Agnieska Pluta, piano, and Rosanna Ter-Berg, flute. Tickets: £5. Snack lunch available 7.30pm, Fretwork & James Bowman; an evening with the world's leading consort of viols and one of the world's leading counter tenors. Tickets: nave £20; conc. £18; side aisles £15; conc. £12; under 18s £1.

Sunday 10 October

7.30pm, London Mozart Players; acknowledged as one of the UK's leading chamber orchestras. Programme includes Schubert's *5th Symphony*, Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and a new work for organ and orchestra by festival director Geoffrey Hanson. Tickets: nave £20; conc. £18; side aisles £15; conc. £12; under 18s £1.

All events except Choral Evensong will be held at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley. All Saints' has disabled access & facilities. Box Offices: Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2 (0208 444 4717), Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10 (0208 883 5631) and online: www.efinchleyarts.ticketsource.co.uk (10% surcharge on each ticket).

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