



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 13 & 27 Sept 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.

Review: Masayuki Tayama

By Ken Carter

Masayuki Tayama is The Red Hedgehog's latest catch. On 25 July, his all-Rachmaninov programme finished a short series of concerts at the Highgate venue. It featured Etudes-Tableaux op. 33, Piano Sonata no 1 and, as encore, the Prelude in G minor.

Tayama is a formidable, rising young Japanese pianist. He conducts master-classes in advanced piano playing and his own playing style is masterful, technically highly powerful and accomplished. He has a magisterial presence and his performances have an arresting, sturdy authority. He fills The Red Hedgehog's intimate chamber with charged energy in resonant, voluminous sound. For myself, however, I missed contrast, intimacy, delicacy and any sign of Rachmaninov's surging romance, his humour or his aristocratic grace.

Stuck on you

By Sheila Armstrong
Local artist Edgeworth Johnstone exhibited his paintings in Chorak's on Muswell Hill Broadway during August. Johnstone had four works exhibited at Tate Modern this year at the exhibition to mark the 10th anniversary of its opening; the first Stuckist artist to do so.

Edgeworth lives in Muswell Hill, with his wife fellow artist Shelley Li, having previously lived in pubs and played in rock bands. Both are Stuckists who dispute that conceptual art is art, believing it to be exploitative and done for an elite, "a product of the art world's mad cow disease," in their words. The Stuckist name comes from Tracey Emin's remark to a fellow artist that he was "stuck, stuck, stuck". And there are now Stuckists from Shanghai to Karachi.

Johnstone's work is figurative and well worth spending some time on. The steady gaze of the *Hundred Year Old Man*; strong red figures in *Animated Conversation*; *A Bullring* showing the defeated silhouette of the bull: all capture the essence of their subjects.

Edgeworth can be contacted via his website www.edgeworthjohnstone.co.uk or info@edgeworthjohnstone.co.uk. The Chorak bakery and cafe can be approached by other local artists who wish to exhibit their work.



6.45pm session with their winning man of the year William Boulton (total weight loss to date 4 stone) on the left and runner up Tony Abrey on the right (total weight loss to date 2 stone)

Slimmers glad to lose the pounds

Men have been celebrating some impressive weight loss successes at the East Finchley Slimming World group.

William Boulton, the 5pm session "Man of the Year", has lost four stone since the beginning of the year and proudly walked his daughter down the aisle at her recent wedding in a suit several sizes smaller than he'd thought possible.

Billy Prendergast, the 6.45pm session "Man of the Year", was brought along by his wife Vanessa; together, since the end of 2009, they have lost over 100 pounds. Billy has gone down several waist sizes and was very relieved that he could still enjoy the odd beer over the World Cup without it affecting his weight loss.

Natalie, the group's consultant, said: "It's not always easy for men to make the first step to join a slimming group. The stereotype is that it is mostly women but once men come through the door they quickly see how welcoming an atmosphere it is for everyone to lose weight."

Slimming World is offering a special discount for readers of *THE ARCHER*. Bring along a copy of the paper to any group and

receive £5 off the joining fee of £10. For details please call Natalie on 07889 252548 or e-mail nma@btconnect.com.



5pm sessions man of the year Billy Prendergast who has lost a total of 4 stone to date

The group meets at the East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, on Wednesdays at 9.30am, 5pm and 6.45pm.

Kidnap attempt foiled

By Janet Maitland

Two men tried to kidnap a woman on 6 August while she was walking to the bus stop on her way to work. At about 6.15am the victim was walking down Cavendish Avenue, N3, towards Mountfield Road when a car pulled up at the kerb in front of her.

When the driver asked her if he could give her a lift, she declined, but he persisted. When she continued to refuse, his passenger tried to push her into the car. Two people passing by intervened and the two men drove off.

The vehicle is described as a dark blue or black four-door Opel, or possibly Vauxhall, with a light brown leather interior. The driver was described as being about 25, black, with a shaven bald head and a strong build. He spoke with a 'street rapper accent', was wearing a dark brown t-shirt and had a square gold ring on his left hand. The other man was described as having an Asian/lighter

skin than the driver but about the same age. He was skinny, not very tall and wore dark blue jeans, a dark blue polo shirt and black shoes.

"We don't know what these men intended to do to the victim, but it was unlikely to be pleasant," said DC Mark Bennett, the officer in charge of the case. "Our thanks go to the two witnesses who intervened to help her out. We would like to speak to them, or anyone else who witnessed the event or has any further information."

If you can help call police on 0300 123 12 12, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, quoting reference number 2418853/10.

What's On...

Sunday 5 September

• **The Battle of Barnet:** guided walk with Paul Baker, City of London guide. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm. For details, contact Paul on 020 8440 6805.

Saturday 11 September

• **Barnet Ghosts:** guided walk with Paul Baker, City of London guide. Meet at High Barnet tube station booking office, 7.30pm. For details, contact Paul on 020 8440 6805.

Sunday 12 September

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, 7.30pm. Viola da Cunha (mezzo soprano), Charlotte Keeffe (trumpet) and Alan Peach (piano) perform Classics to Modern, including works by Schumann, de Falla, Laura Shur and Gershwin. Collection in aid of the Bobath Centre for children with cerebral palsy. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Sunday 19 September

• **The Kandinsky Winds** in concert, Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, London, N6 5HG, 11.30am. Tickets £7 (£5 concs; £1 school children). Book on 020 8348 8716. www.lauderdalehouse.co.uk

Friday 24 September

• **Quiz night at the Ann Owens Centre**, Oak Lane. 7pm. Tickets £10 each, including ploughman's supper and soft drinks. Maximum of six people per table. Proceeds to Age Concern minibus fund. Register with Grace Fensome on 020 8445 1808 or gracefensome@yahoo.co.uk.

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 September

• Fourth annual **Oktoberfest** at the East Finchley Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2, starting at 6pm. Come and enjoy a friendly atmosphere and a good selection of British and German beers. A barbecue will be available.

Sunday 26 September

• **Jewellery making with Sarah Drew:** create your own designs with eccentric recycled materials and sea objects; 2pm - 5pm in the Community Sukkah at a private address which will be emailed to you before the event. Telephone number for tickets (£25) and information from Jewish Community Centre for London on 020 7431 9866.

Tuesday 28 September

Little Tales: a fun-filled themed, interactive story session. Your

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the-archer@lineone.net

child can engage with favourite stories while you relax and enjoy afternoon tea. Suitable for children aged 2+. All food strictly vegetarian. 3:30pm, The Rubens House Sukkah, 184 Ballards Lane, London N3 2NB. Price: £4.50 per child. Tickets and information: the Jewish Community Centre for London on 020 7431 9866.

Throughout September and beyond:

• **Low impact exercise sessions** at Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2; Mondays 1.45pm - 2.45pm, **seated exercise to music**; Tuesdays 11am - 12pm, **movement to music**; Wednesdays 11am - 12pm, **Tai Chi for people recovering from falls** (referrals only); Wednesdays 2pm - 3pm, **low impact exercise for the more active**. Contact Lisa or Dawn on 020 8432 1417 or 1418 for more details. Classes open to all, unless stated, with £2 charge for non-members of the Centre. **Low impact exercise sessions** at Prospect Place, East End Road, N2; Tuesdays 2.45pm - 3.45pm, **chair-based exercise to music for over-55s**, with a charge of £1.50. Contact Janet Conway on 07950 683 575 for more details.