



## 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 6 & 20 June 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.



## Paper trail

By Sheila Armstrong

**Local artist Anya Beaumont has completed her large 3D artwork based on maps of Barnet: a 'unique mapping of the borough'. It is now on view at artsdepot for a year and is located on the second floor, near the drama space.**

Basically it is a large engaging paper sculpture, over five metres long, made from a variety of recycled items including drawings from The Big Draw, and newspapers and documents of various sorts overlaid with maps of Barnet. These represent the past, present and future of the locality. Anya told *THE ARCHER* she was pleased this enormous project has been completed and especially that artsdepot has given it a home.

## Join Team Bobath

**The Bobath Centre on East End Road is offering anyone the chance to run in the British 10k London Run for free. This popular annual race takes place on 10 July.**

Entry would usually cost £29.50 but the centre is offering a free place to all N2 residents who pledge to raise £100 in sponsorship for the Bobath Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy.

The Bobath Centre has been a lifeline for hundreds of disabled children and their families for over 50 years. Through a unique combination of physio, occupational and speech and language therapy, Bobath therapists help children to gain independence, confidence and the enjoyment of life that every child deserves.

Every year, hundreds of disabled children come to the Centre from all over England and even the world. You may only live down the road, but your support will have life-changing consequences for them.

If you'd like to take part in the run or any other sponsored event this summer, just call 020 8442 2275 or visit www.bobath.org.uk

to find out about a whole host of ways to support this local charity.

## Readers required

**National charity Volunteer Reading Help is looking for more people for its London North West branch to assist children with one-to-one reading in local schools.**

The charity's readers share books, play games and talk, enabling the children to become more confident readers and to see that reading is fun. Training sessions are to be held locally on 13 and 14 July and 21 and 22 September.

If you have time to spare, contact volunteer services manager Harriet Watson on 020 7372 7523 or find out more from www.vrh.org.uk.

## What's On...

### Saturday 11 June

- **Summer Fun Day** at Martin School, Plane Tree Walk, 12pm-3pm. Bouncy castle, plant stall, crafts, tombola, raffle, BBQ, candy floss and much more.
- **Music from Stage and Screen.** The BBC Elstree Band is back by popular demand to play music from stage and screen such as Les Misérables, Star Wars and James Bond; St James's Church, Muswell Hill, N10, 7.30pm. Tickets £15 (adults), £12 (concs), £5 (children) available from Peter Kraushar, 2 Lauradale Road, N2 9LU; 020 8883 4736 or East Finchley, Muswell Hill and Crouch End North London Hospice shops. All proceeds to North London Hospice.

### Sunday 12 June

- **Holy Trinity Primary School Fair**, Eagans Close, 12pm-2.30pm. Come and enjoy summer fun and games and favourites like cakes, bric-a-brac, raffles, tombola and delicious home-made food.
- **Greenacre Bicycle Rally.** Four and a half miles around North Finchley, Friern Barnet and Whetstone, refreshments and entertainments at Friary Park, then five and a half miles along Dollis Brook to Barnet. Finish with tea and cake at Barnet Countryside Centre's Annual Environment Fair. Escorted by trained stewards, St John Ambulance and police cyclists. Under-12s must be accompanied. Assemble outside artsdepot, N12, from 10am. Registration table closes at 11.30am.

All riders must pre-register at <http://greenacrebicyclerally.blgspot.com> or on the day. Depart at 12 noon.

- **Free concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, 7.30pm, **Youth Showcase.** Performers Charlotte Barbour-Condini (alto and descant recorders), Aine Cook (soprano) and Zoë Lakota-Baldwin (folk singer/guitar). Free admission. Collection in aid of the Bobath Centre for children with cerebral palsy. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

### Thursday 16 June

- **Highgate Counselling Centre 50th Anniversary Lecture, with Susie Orbach**, 7.30pm, Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution, 11 South Grove, London. N6 6BS. Contact 020 8883 5427 for tickets.

### Saturday 18 June

- **St Theresa's Primary School Summer Fair**, East End Road, N3, 12pm to 3.30pm. Come along for a fun-filled afternoon, with pony rides, a bouncy castle, raffles, bottle tombola, food, bar and lots more. Entrance £1 adults, children free.
- **The Fair in the Square**, Pond Square, South Grove, Highgate, N6, 12.30-5.30pm. Entertainment, food, stalls, Punch and Judy, dog show and police horses. For up to the minute information visit [www.fairinthesquare.co.uk](http://www.fairinthesquare.co.uk).

### Sunday 19 June

- **East Finchley Community Festival**, 12-6pm, Cherry Tree Wood. Music, crafts, entertainment, games

## Sin with Rossini

By Marian Bunzl

The main work in North London Chorus's forthcoming concert is Rossini's *Petite Messe Solenne*. The title is misleading, as the piece is neither petite nor solemn and it is a Mass, definitely not a mess. Despite the liturgical text, it is operatic in style, ranging from hushed intensity to a tremendous rhythmic vitality. Rossini himself called it one of the sins of his old age.

We will also perform a few short contemporary American pieces, including Samuel Barber's haunting *Adagio*.

We will be accompanied by piano and harmonium. We do hope you will come and sin with Rossini and us on Saturday 25

June at 7.30 pm at St James's Church, Muswell Hill, N10.

The ticket line is 020 3468 1213 or pick them up from Les Aldrich Bookshop, Fortis Green, or St James's Church. Prices are £18, £13 and £8 (concessions £2 off).

## Methodist Church concerts

Reviews by Ken Carter

**On Sunday 13 March, four of the Hermitage Ensemble (David Vogle, violin; Paula Tysall, violin; Michael Blee, viola; Elizabeth Nevrkla, cello) tackled Debussy's *String Quartet*. It was a valiant undertaking. Debussy is not easy, and he was feeling his way into a musical form for the first (and last) time. The result was vigorous, enthusiastic and very English: strong, warm beer, rather than rich, wine-dark Burgundy. It was certainly a strapping performance, with plenty of attack and rhythm. Later, Jenny Bogle joined them as second viola in Mozart's *String Quintet KV 516*. David Bogle's first violin soared and trilled coolly and stylishly, while the rest fell in behind with admirable, practised competence.**

A month later we had 'The Ladies Entertain'. Welcome as ever were Andrea Whittaker (soprano), Viola da Cunha and Jane Rosenberg (mezzo-sopranos), with Muriel Ray accompanying on the Church Hall Bechstein. This was an evening of favourites and what a range of music we had! There were Schubert lieder and a handful of Brahms Zigeunerlieder, a Mozart aria,

Offenbach's *Barcarolle*, *Three Little Maids* from the Mikado and Rossini's *Two Cats* having a noisy night on the tiles. Women composers were represented too: Fanny Hensel, Amy Woodforde-Finden, Clara Edwards, Elizabeth Poston and Laura Shur who was in the audience and took a bow. The ladies concluded resoundingly with *Come to the Fair*.

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version of Woody Allen's 1969 hit comedy film. Upstairs at the Gatehouse Theatre, Highgate, N6. Box Office 020 8340 3488, www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com

### Until Thursday 30 June

• **Exhibition of local artist Sharon McCloud's** paintings and prints inspired by nature. Chorak, Muswell Hill.

### Saturday 9 July

• **Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal** presents a concert spectacular with the **London Welsh Male Voice Choir**, guest soloists and the Kaos Signing Choir for deaf and hearing children and featuring the organ itself. Proceeds will help restore it to its status as "the finest in Europe". 7.30pm. Tickets £15, APOA Friends and Concessions £12. Further information from 01727 861555 or [www.allypallyorgan.org.uk](http://www.allypallyorgan.org.uk).

### Until Saturday 16 July

• **East Finchley Open's** first-ever online art exhibition at [nospaceneeded.weebly.com](http://nospaceneeded.weebly.com)

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

Saturday 4 June, 8pm, **Botown** (music). Sunday 5 June, 1pm-2.45pm, **Sunday Buzz Free** (music). Friday 10 June, 8.30pm, **Folk in the Foyer** (music); Saturday 11 June, 8pm, **Paul Chowdhry** (comedy). Sunday 19 June, 1pm-2.45pm, **Sunday Buzz Free** (music). Sunday 26 June, 7.30pm, **Barry & Stuart Live! (Magic)**. Aporhp Gallery to Sunday 26 June, **Lab Craft**.

### Sunday 26 June

• **Vale Farm Allotments Open Day**, 16 Tarling Road, N2, 10am to 1pm. Come and see the allotments and enjoy cake stalls, a plant sale, prize draws and children's activities.

### Until Sunday 26 June

• **Play It Again, Sam**, the stage