



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 9 & 23 May 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.

Bawdy musical revives royal scandal

By Laura Wheadon

Psst...! Have you heard the rumours about Cleveland Street? In 1889, London was rocked by scandal when an ordinary address in the heart of Camden became known as an infamous male brothel, serviced by telegraph messenger boys and frequented by several notable members of the aristocracy including (possibly) the grandson of Queen Victoria, Prince Eddy.



Director Tim McArthur (pictured left), whose last stage project *My Beautiful Launderette* received rave reviews, explains that the show's format presents a unique and interesting challenge for the actors as a relatively small cast switches between several parts. He promises a fun, high-energy, high-impact show, packed with belly-laughs and innuendo.

Cleveland Street: The Musical runs until 29 May at the Above the Stag Theatre, 15 Bressenden Place, Victoria, London SW1E 5DD.

A law banning homosexuality had been passed in 1885 so the brothel was closed. Yet in a familiar tale of Victorian hypocrisy, the aristocratic clients of the brothel all escaped abroad without charge while a newspaper editor who had printed the truth and a 19-year-old messenger boy were imprisoned for acts of gross indecency. The royal connection was enough to ensure that the whole affair was swiftly hushed up.

Good clean fun

Not any more! Fast forward to 2011 and what promises to be the hottest fringe production of the season. Glenn Chandler, writer of the Bafta-winning TV series, *Taggart*, and composer Matt Devereaux have teamed up with Highgate director Tim McArthur to re-open the case and dish the dirt on all concerned in *Cleveland Street: The Musical*.

This time, though, there's no finger of blame, just good, clean - or not so clean - fun, evoking the spirit and bawdy variety of the ever-popular Victorian music hall.

Small show makes big impression

By Sheila Armstrong
At artsdepot in early April there was a full turnout of the East Finchley Open for the private view of their Small is Beautiful exhibition, which ran until 30 April.

Local ceramicist and EFO member Jenny Rymer told *THE ARCHER* that Christine Watson, organiser of the exhibition, asked all EFO members to use the same size frame (6 x 8 inches) in which to exhibit their work. "A challenge, but stimulating," Jenny said. She made 12 tiny pots and carefully glued them into her frame. The frames were arranged together and made a striking and varied show, giving a taste of the work of each artist.

Over the garden fence

By Susan Bennett

When I took on the role of Assistant County Organiser for The National Gardens Scheme, which raises money for caring charities like Macmillan, Marie Curie and hospices by opening private gardens of quality to the public for a small charge, I asked how I was meant to find new gardens? "Look over the fence." But I'm only 5ft 2ins.

I discovered Jane Meir's pretty plot looking out of Janet Maitland's window. A fellow gardener coerced Stephen Kersley into joining the scheme as they travelled on the tube. Number 66 Abbots Gardens is a delight, enhanced by Ruth Kersley's original glass works and a sparkling fish mosaic

The renowned wildlife photographer David Godny will open his garden in Creighton Avenue for the first time in June. Old hands like David and Caroline Broome, will come up with new surprises in Church Lane. The wheelchair-friendly garden Tudor Spencer created for his wife, with a camomile lawn, vegetables and pond, has matured, growing more abundant each year. Our garden at 5 St Regis Close is also wheelchair friendly.

Local gardens to visit:

Sunday 1 & 15 May, Sunday 26 June and Sunday 24 July: 5 St Regis Close, Alexandra Park Road, N10, 2-7pm. Sunday 15 May: 66 Abbots Gardens, N2, 2-5.30pm. Sunday 15 May: 15 & 28 Princes Avenue Gardens, N10, 2-6pm. Sunday 5 June: East Finchley Cottage Gardens, 20 & 22 Trinity Road, N2, 2-5pm. Sunday 5 June: 2 Stanley Road, N2, 2-6pm. Sunday 12 June and Sunday 17 July: 79 Church Lane, N2, 2-6pm. Saturday 18 June: 12 Rookfield Avenue, N10, 5-8pm. Sunday 19 June: 131 Roseberry Road, N10, 2-6pm. Sunday 26 June: 5 Cecil Road, N10, 2-5pm. Sunday 26 June: 269 Creighton Avenue, N2, 2-5.30pm. Saturday 9 July and Sunday 10 July: 27 Wood Vale, N10, 1.30-6pm. Sunday 10 July: 33 Wood Vale, N10, 2-6pm. Sunday 17 July: 66 Muswell Avenue, N10, 2-6pm. Sunday 31 July: 19 Hillfield Park, N10, 2-6pm. Sunday 31 July: 29 Woodberry Crescent, N10, 2-7pm. For more details, visit www.ngs.org.uk

Mozart's Requiem

Review by Marian Bunzl

On 3 April, Henrietta Barnett Community Choir performed Mozart's Requiem at Holy Trinity Church; a first for both choir and church.

Recently, Father Gray Featherstone and the parochial council decided it was time to broaden the church's activities and reconnect with the community. HBCC is a school-based choral society which also wishes to reach out to the wider community, especially to those who would not otherwise have an opportunity to sing in a choir.

Holy Trinity offered their venue (with refreshments provided) in return for a retiring collection for Homeless Action in Barnet. To quote Fr Gray: "Free entry, but pay as you leave". Thus three local community-based organisations collaborated in producing this amazing concert.

The church was full: enterprising 6th formers had distributed leaflets. As pianist Lucy Colquhoun (evoking the whole orchestra!) played the opening bars, an audience of three generations heard the choir go on to give a committed and assured performance of Mozart's lovely music. The soloists were members of the choir, with a beautiful blend of young and adult voices.

At the last Amen, the applause was thunderous. Afterwards, young singers spoke of their enjoyment of rehearsals, the wonderful feeling of coming together in performance, and their delight in the chance to repeat it.

E-mail your listings to:
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What's On...

Saturday 7 May

• Celebration Press presents **An Evening of Poetry and Music** at 7.30pm at the Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great, 82 Union Street, Barnet, EN5 4HZ. East Finchley poet **Dennis Evans** will read from his new collection, *Paper in the Wind*, with music from **Heather, Janette, Louli and Steph**. Admission £10, including copy of *Paper in the Wind*. 50% of proceeds to Cherry Lodge Cancer Care.

Sunday 8 May

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, 7.30 p.m. **Jacquin Trio** (clarinet, cello, piano) play Beethoven's E flat trio Op.38 and works by Saint-Saens. Collection in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Saturday 14 May to Sunday 29 May

• **Finchley Art Society Spring Exhibition** at Trinity Church Centre,

North Finchley, 15 Nether Street N12 7NN. Over 140 artworks and paintings in oil, acrylic, water colour and pastels by local artists will be on show and for sale at affordable prices, with selected art from some local schools. Explore Art Sessions on 14 and 21 May from 3 - 6 pm. Free to all. An opportunity for adults and children to explore art. Further information from Danuta, 020 8368 1977 or Pam, 020 8349 4991.

Until Saturday 14 May

• **Northanger Abbey**, by Jane Austen, upstairs at the Gatehouse Theatre, Highgate. Box office 020 8340 3488.

Sunday 15 May

• **The Battle of Barnet: guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Explore the famous battlefield of 1471. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road at 2.30pm. Phone Paul on 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net.

Saturday 21 May

• An evening of music and laughter

with **The Confections** at St Mary's Church Hall, 279 High Road; 7.45 pm. Tickets (incl refreshments) £8 and £7 (concs) from 0208 440 2817 or at door. Proceeds to support Hall refurbishment.

Sunday 22 May

• **Fun day** at St Mary's Church, High Road, in support of the Aysanew Kassa Trust library project in Ethiopia. Come along in the afternoon for fun and games.

Tuesday 24 May

• **Five-a-side football** tournament between Holy Trinity and Martin Primary Schools, Stanley Road Playing Field, 4-6pm. Supporters welcome.

Thursday 26 May

• **The Finchley Society** hosts *The History of the Welsh Harp*, a talk by Barnet Archivist **Yasmine Webb**, 8pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Contact 020 8346 7812. Everyone welcome, but admission fee of £2 for non-members.

Saturday 28 May

• **Wildflower Day** at Long Lane

Pasture, entrance opposite the Fire Station on Long Lane, 10am to 5pm. The Pasture will be full of wildflowers and looking its best. Follow the meadow trail leading to plants of particular interest.

Wednesday 1 June

• **Tumbleweed Comedy Show**, Old White Lion Pub, next to the station, from 7.30pm. This month's acts are Helen Arney, Broderick Chow, Fraser Millward, Wendy Wason, Chris Carr and Matthew Crosby, all stars of the London comedy circuit.

What's On at artsdepot, North Finchley

Friday 6 May, 8pm, **Diderot's Collection** (dance). Sunday 15 May, 1pm - 2.45pm, **Sunday Buzz Free (music)**. Thursday 19 May, 8pm, **Rabbi Lionel Blue (word)**. Saturday 21 May, 8pm, **Toby Hadoke: Now I Know My BBC (comedy)**. Friday 27 May, 8.30pm, **Folk in the Foyer (music)**. Sunday 29 May, 1pm - 2.45pm, **Sunday Buzz Free (music)**. Until 26 June, **Lab Craft in the Apthorp Gallery (art)**.