



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 7 & 21 Nov 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.
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- ❖ **Traditional music** at TOC, Highgate Hill on 1st & 3rd Tue each month from 8.30pm. Free. All musicians welcome. Info 07958 282898.

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.

What's new in Black Gull Bookshop?

By Brian Schwartz

Although talks and readings at the Black Gull Bookshop in the High Road have stopped for now we have been busy netting in books across a range of subjects. At the moment we are cataloguing a large number of titles by and about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the Indian mystic and spiritual teacher.

His teachings emphasise the importance of meditation, awareness, love, celebration, courage, creativity and humour (thank you Wikipedia) and we could all use a bit of that now.

For the materialist among you we also have stacks of books on design, craft and architecture. If you walk past our shop you may have noticed our expansion into art and craft.

Currently we are proud to be showing collages by Ella Tanner. She describes her work thus: "My collages are made of old books, tickets and maps, sourced from flea markets and second-hand bookshops in

France and England. They're based on a love of books, reading and paper as well as mountains and hill-walking. If they have a central theme, it is the paper itself: the rich, subtle and faded colours of printed matter."

Lastly, with Christmas just around the corner, a reminder that we have our own artist-designed book vouchers in denominations of £5, £10, £20. There's no time limit on their use and they can be used in our Camden Lock branch as well. We are open seven days a week from 9.30am to 7pm and you can contact us on 020 8444 4717.

For lovers of organs

By Marian Bunzl

For their forthcoming concert, North London Chorus is thrilled to feature the newly restored historic organ at St. James Church, Muswell Hill. The main work, *Durufle's Requiem*, is the perfect showcase for organ and choir. Based on Gregorian Chant, it creates an atmospheric setting for the Mass.

Also featuring the organ, Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* is his setting of a strange, idiosyncratic text by the 18th-century mystic Christopher Smart. Also included is a short, 12-part piece by John Taverner and an organ solo by Messiaen. The concert takes place on Saturday 19 November. See What's On below for details.

What's On...

Saturday 5 November to Sunday 20 November

• **Finchley Art Society Annual Autumn Exhibition**, Trinity Church Centre, Nether Street, Finchley N12 7NN. Over 100 paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolour and pastel by local artists at affordable prices. Also selected art from local schools.

Wednesday 9 November

• **Free concert for all from Music in Hospitals**, a charity providing live music (classical, jazz and popular) to people in hospitals; arranged by Barnet Alzheimer's Society, 1.30pm-3.15pm at the Eversfield Centre, Eversfield Gardens, NW7 2AE.

Thursday 10 November

• Bring a team to **Age UK Barnet Quiz Night**, 6.30pm, Meritage Centre, Church End, Hendon, NW4 4JT. Tickets £10 in advance, including supper. Bar available. Eight people per table, maximum. To book contact Loraine Simmons, 020 8150 0962, or email loraine.simmons@ageukbarnet.org.uk.

Saturday 12 November

• **Muswell Hill Craft Fair**, Tetherdown Hall, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill N10 1ND, 10am-4pm. Adults £1, children free; refreshments available. Fifty stalls selling a wide range of handmade items including jewellery, pottery, knitwear, greetings cards and stained glass. Popular annual event raises money for North London Hospice.

• Test your wits at **Barnet CPZ Action Group Quiz Night**, raising funds to fight Barnet Council's parking charge proposals. Promises Auction too with plenty of great prizes. East Finchley Constitutional Club, The Walks, off Oakridge Drive, N2; 7.30pm, refreshments available. Entry £5. Tickets in advance from http://barnetcpz.blogspot.com.

Sunday 13 November

• **Free concert at East Finchley Meth-**

odist Church, High Road, 7.30 pm. **Remembrance Sunday concert** with the *Ellerdale Trio* (violin, cello and piano). Works by Beethoven, Schubert and Rebecca Clarke. Collection in aid of the Royal British Legion. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Monday 14 November

• Joint meeting of **Dementia Forum and Friends of Alzheimer's Barnet** at Marillan, Dove House, Dove Close, NW7 2AQ, 7pm-8.30 pm. Light refreshments. Dr Pat Ryan will talk about the use of anti-psychotic drugs. Update on Marillan re-location. Singing for the Brain video.

Wednesday 16 October

• **Charity pub quiz** in support of Kaos Singing Choir for deaf and hearing children; great prizes and live music, entry £7; The Great Northern Railway Tavern, 67 High Street, Hornsey, N8 7QB, 8pm.

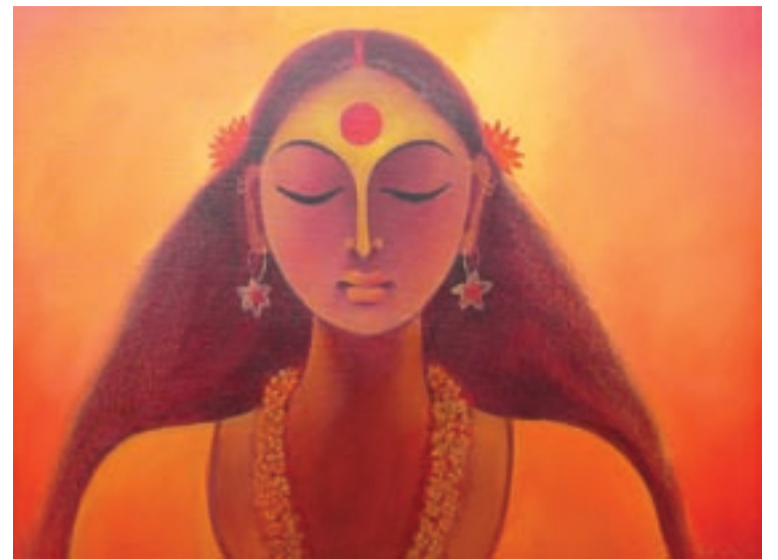
• **Luncheon piano recital**, including works by Haydn and Chopin, by former child prodigy **Bing Bing Li**. 1.0 pm at The Red Hedgehog, 255 Archway Road, N6. Tickets £8, box office 020 8348 5050 or 07817109093

Wednesday 16 to Sunday 20 November

• **The 8th Planet Tree Music Festival** at the Red Hedgehog, 255 Archway Road, opp. Highgate tube station. World music festival celebrating the music of Alan Hovhaness, unacknowledged inventor of world music, and of Lawrence Ball with guest artists: soprano **Rosie Forbes-Butler**, Sri Lankan vocal maestro **Manickan Yogeswaran**, concert pianists **Mark Swartzentruber** and **Alessandra Celletti**. Information and booking: lawrence@planetree.org or 020 8444 6409.

Thursday 17 November

• **Jazz in the House** at Lauderdale House, Highgate, 8.30pm. Vocalist



One of the stunning southern Indian artworks on show at the Noble Sage Art Gallery.

New phase for Noble Sage

By Sheila Armstrong

Back in East Finchley after some months travelling in South India, Noble Sage gallery owner Jana Manuelpillai opened his latest exhibition on 6 October, titled *Figuration from India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan*.

The new exhibition offered a variety of exciting work from regular and new artists. As usual, Jana took his guests on a tour of the exhibition, explaining the artists' intentions and techniques.

This marks a new phase for the Noble Sage, as the Fortis Green gallery will be open by appointment only, with viewing also possible at www.thenoblesage.com. The website features not only the current exhibition, but also the total holdings of the gallery and

the link to Jana's blog.

Jana told THE ARCHER that recession has brought about streamlining to all businesses, but that he can serve the serious collector just as well in this way, as he is able to give one-to-one service to clients who can also contact him on 0790 1944 997.

He is currently looking for a student volunteer to continue running his Asian art house film nights for the gallery and is writing a book about the artists of Southern India.

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

Josh Kyle, with **Tom Cawley**, piano, **Geoff Gascoyne**, bass, and **Ralph Salmins**, drums. Tickets £9 (£7.50 concs). To book visit www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk or phone 020 8348 8716 (£2 admin fee).

Saturday 19 November

• **Craft Fair** 10.30-4.30, Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, NW11, in aid of the Family Holiday Association. Pottery by Jeremy Leach. Entrance £2, children free.

• **North London Chorus** perform *Durufle's Requiem* and *Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb*, plus works by **Taverner** and **Messiaen**, 7.30 pm; St. James Church, Muswell Hill, N10. Tickets £18, £13, 10 (concs £2). Ticketline: 020 3468 1213, also at door.

Monday 21 November

• **Alexandra Palace**: annual appearance of **Donald Mackenzie**, organist of the Odeon, Leicester Square. Organ solos and improvised accompaniments to silent films: *Flying Elephants* (Laurel and Hardy), *Chasing Choo Choo* (Monty Banks, featuring steam trains), *Sherlock Junior* (Buster Keaton); 7.30pm.

Thursday 24 November

• **The Finchley Society** hosts **40 Years at Kodak**, a talk by **Tony Earle**; 2.30pm, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. All welcome; admission fee £2 for non-members.

Saturday 26 November

• **Tree Day** at Long Lane Pasture, 10.0am-12 noon, entrance in Long Lane opp fire station. Support National Tree Week.

• **Recital** by international concert organist **Robert Munns**, 7.30pm at All Saints', Durham Road, N2, in the series of **Supper Concerts**. Programme entitled *Veni Emmanuel - An Advent Celebration* includes music by Bach, Pachelbel, Brahms, Langlais, Messiaen, Peeters, Hanson & Carter. Tickets: concert only £8;

concs £6; supper £7 (catering by Amici Delicatessen) must be pre-booked by Friday 25 November. Online booking: www.efinchleyarts.ticketsource.co.uk. Box offices: Black Gull Books 121 High Road, N2, 020 8444 4717; Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green, N10, 020 8883 5631.

Sunday 27 November

• **Wren Academy Art and Craft Fair**, 12.30-4.30pm, raising funds for a school minibus. Local artists and craftspeople sell their wares at affordable prices; raffle, food. £1 entry. Hilton Avenue, North Finchley, N12 9HB.

What's On at artsdepot, North Finchley

Sunday 6 November, 3.30pm, *Kosher Talent 2011* (variety); **Tuesday 8 November**, 8pm, *Jerusalem Conservatory* (music); **Wednesday 9 November**, 7.30pm, *Moishe's Bagel* (music); **Thursday 10 November**, 8pm, *Chris Cox* (comedy); **Saturday 12 November**, 7.30pm, *Martin Taylor* (music); **Sunday 13 November**, 1pm, *Juliet Kelly and Jonny Phillips* (FREE music); **Wednesday 16 November**, 7.30pm, *Ballet Black* (dance); **Friday 18 November**, 8pm, *Tim Whitehead* (music); **Saturday 19 November**, 7.30pm, *Jacqui Dankworth* (music); **Sunday 20 November**, 1pm, *Duck Baker Trio* (FREE music); **Friday 25 November**, 8pm, *Operation Greenfield* (theatre); **Friday 2 December**, 8.30pm, *Folk in the Foyer* (FREE music).

Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 December

• **The Guild Players** present *Puss in Boots*; Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, N3 1NB; 7.45 pm every night, plus 3pm on Saturday. Tickets £8 each, or £7 each if 10 or more booked. Box office 020 8346 6337, or book online at www.guildplayers.org.uk.