



## 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.
- ❖ **Pilates Beginners Classes** Tue 9.30-10.30am, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Church Lane N2. Contact: Michelle 07767 804 564
- ❖ **Tae Kwon Do** for children & adults at Finchley Lido Mon & Fri 7-9pm 07949 612 706. [www.taekwondo-uktd.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.stretchingpeople.co.uk).

## MUSIC, DANCE & CREATIVE ARTS

- ❖ **Art Classes.** F or 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.
- ❖ **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 19 & 23 April at 7.45pm, Hall School Sports Ground, 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.
- ❖ **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](http://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](mailto: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

## April at the Phoenix

By Cassie Birtwistle, Phoenix Cinema general manager

I'm very excited about a few upcoming events this month. Firstly on 1 April we have an interactive screening for families of *The Prince of Egypt*. This screening, in partnership with the Jewish Community Centre for London, will feature prizes, goodie bags and a fancy dress contest. This traditionally animated film is considered a masterpiece and, in my opinion, features one of the greatest animated scenes ever: of Moses parting the Red Sea. If your little ones have never seen this film it's the perfect time to see it on the big screen.

Also coming up is an advance preview screening of *This Must Be the Place* in partnership with UK Jewish Film on 4 April. This quirky film by Phoenix favourite Paolo Sorrentino (*Il Divo*, *The Consequences of Love*) features Sean Penn as an aging rock star searching for a Nazi war criminal. We weren't able to fit this film into our regular programme so this is your only chance to see it at The Phoenix.

Another partnership with UKJF occurs on 18 April with a screening of *Remembrance*, a remarkable love story that spans continents and generations and won the Audience Award at this year's UKJF Festival.

Plenty of great main features are coming up in April as well so we hope you'll find an excuse to visit us. Now that spring's arrived we'll be welcoming customers back onto our fantastic café balcony for some much needed sun-basking. Our café is now open from 11am every day except Sunday when we open at 1pm. Even if you're not watching a film at The Phoenix you can visit us for a freshly prepared meal or a coffee and homemade cake. It's the perfect place to while away a springtime afternoon. We hope to see you soon.

For more information on our programme, please visit [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk) or ring the box office on 020 8444 6789.



## The power of groups

By Sheila Armstrong

Sandhya Pai's latest installation was welcomed to the Noble Sage art gallery in Fortis Green in February. Concerned with ritual and the power of groups, photographed and drawn figures peopled a large circle composed of crushed newspaper pulp on the floor of the gallery, symbolising her, and our, recent living history. Circling the large installation we were reminded of rituals in a temple.

Sandhya, who trained in Mumbai and now lives here, told *THE ARCHER* that she felt that collective energy for good or bad is so much stronger than individual energy, citing the riots last summer as an example. The family is the smallest group we belong to and most of her work has strong family connections. A past installation of Sandhya's was in 2010 in Maidenhead's busy High Street with a group of other artists; again it was based on family.

At the private view there were also framed drawings

for sale. Ian Barrett, supporter of the Noble Sage, told *THE ARCHER* that he was happy to support young artists and had on this occasion bought a fine drawing of a boy taking part in a Hindu initiation ceremony.

Jana Manupillau, recently returned from Burma and India, said he was very happy to have the site-specific work in the gallery and reminds readers that to view any work from the gallery they should go to the website [www.noblesage.com](http://www.noblesage.com) or email him at [thenoblesage@thenoblesage.com](mailto:thenoblesage@thenoblesage.com).

## Music at the Red Hedgehog

Review by Ken Carter  
Pianist Colin Stone played Beethoven, Prokofiev and Liszt's Dante Sonata at the Red Hedgehog, near Highgate tube station, on 25 February.

Stone rewards the ear clearly, precisely and appositely. His aim is to present composers' music with due respect, with focused aim. Of less interest to him is astounding an audience with a display of his own muscle and technique or blazoning his name in ever-brighter lights. After the concert, he and I voiced our mutual appreciation of a similar spirit, Imogen Cooper, content to be well-known and kept busy through having won the respect of her peers.

Prokofiev's 7<sup>th</sup> Sonata had vigour, stature and authority. Often – in other people's hands – the music makes driven, rhythmic noise. Colin Stone gave us something much more articulate: Herculean energy, certainly, but also moments of rest for recuperation.

He played Liszt's *Dante Sonata* as an imperious Victorian monument: undoubtedly a master work of Western Europe. He gave it classical shape and control, with occasional romantic pressure raising the character of the work higher still.

Beethoven's *Sonata in E major Op. 109* was judiciously presented, with vigorous tempos, but Stone lost overall impact through playing the last movement rather too trippingly: it deserves more weight. I recall a more spontaneous performance also at the Red Hedgehog in 2007 from James Lisney when it was, in fact, an encore but the spirit moved Lisney to play the whole sonata, memorably.

E-mail your listings to: [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net)

## What's On in and around East Finchley

### Saturday 7 April

• **Easter egg hunt** and other activities at Capel Manor Gardens, Enfield, in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, 11am to 4pm. Adults £5.50 Concessions £4.50 Children £2.50 Under 3s free. Family £13.50 (two adults & three children).

### Wednesday 11 April

• **Charles Dickens character workshop** for children aged 8-12 at East Finchley Library, 2.30-4pm; imagine yourself as an urchin in Fagin's gang; what kind of job do you have, what clothes do you wear, and what do you do for fun? Learn how to design and draw your character and write a short story about him or her. Booking required. Contact East Finchley Library on 020 8359 3815.

### Sunday 15 April

• **Free music concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, 7.30pm; **Oseido Ensemble** (violin, clarinet, piano) plays works by Brahms, Britten, Liszt, Albeniz, Schumann, Finzi and Khachaturian. Free admission, collection in aid of North London Hospice; East Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd., London N2 8AJ. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

### Thursday 19 April

• **Historic Film Night** at Avenue House, East End Road, N3, presented by Angela English. Includes local shots probably not shown publicly before. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50, available from

Avenue House or [info@friendsofvenuehouse.org](mailto:info@friendsofvenuehouse.org)

### Saturday 21 April

• **Quiz for Spike Milligan statue fund.** 7.30 for 8pm start. Utopia Scout HQ, 104 Grove Road, N12. Tickets £5. Nibbles and tea / coffee provided. Can bring own picnics and drinks. Tables for six. Book with Barbara on 020 8346 5258.

• **Three Valleys Choir** perform at St James Church, Muswell Hill, at 7.30pm in aid of North London Hospice. Music from *The Lion King*, *Les Miserables*, *The Beatles*, *Oliver*, *Oklahoma*, etc. Tickets £12, £10 concessions, £5 children, including refreshments, from Peter Kraushar, 2 Lauradale Road, N2 9LU, tel. 020 8883 4736 or from local North London Hospice shops.

• **Barnet NCT Nearly New Sale**, 10am-12pm at Stephen's Memorial Hall, 620 High Rd, N12 (opp Homebase). Entrance £2 per family. Pregnancy, baby and young children's clothes, toys, nursery equipment. Plus refreshments available.

### Sunday 22 April

• **East Finchley's first Seed Swap Day**, Martin Primary School, High Road, 2-4pm. Bring spare seeds, plants and cuttings, from runner beans to exotics, to swap with others. No money involved. Tell fellow gardeners and allotment holders. An initiative of East Finchley Community Trust. For more information, contact Charles O'Toole 020 8444 8461.

• **Fortis Green History Walk**, 2.30pm (approx. 2½ hours) £3. Hornsey Historical Society will lead a local history walk round the streets of Fortis Green, an early village of Hornsey Parish. Start beside United Reform Church Hall, junction Tetherdown/Queen's Avenue. Check website before the day, in case of illness: [www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk](http://www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk), or ring Joy Nichol: 020 8883 8486 for more details.

• **Alyth Choral Society** performs extracts from *La Juive* by Fromental Halévy; North Western Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gardens, London NW11 7EN, at 8pm. Tickets £15. *La Juive* has glittering choruses and a tragic, spine-chilling ending that inspired later works, among them *Tosca* by Puccini.

### Tuesday 24 April

• **Opera Australia** screening of *La Bohème* at the Phoenix Cinema, East Finchley. Box office 020 8444 6789.

### Thursday 26 April

• **The Finchley Society** hosts *The Waterways of Finchley*, a trip by digital projection along Mutton and Dollis brooks, plus several Finchley ponds and lakes. At Christ Church, North Finchley (opposite Homebase). Doors open 7.30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Tea or coffee before show and in interval. Everyone welcome. £2 admission for non-members.

### Saturday 28 April

• **Gala charity concert** for St George's Day, in aid of cancer research and Parkinson's UK. Jennifer Bate, Margaret Lion, Finchley Children's Music Group, Alastair Hamilton (baritone). 7.30pm at United Reformed Church, corner Queen's Avenue / Tetherdown, N10. Info and tickets 020 8444 7722.

### Sunday 29 April

• **Open garden** at St Regis Close, Alexandra Park Road, N10, 2-7pm. Home-made teas and plant sale. Part of National Garden Scheme; details at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

### What's On at artsdepot, north Finchley

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 April, **The Pirate Project** (theatre); Saturday 14 April, Pluck – **The Titanic Show** (theatre); Sunday 15 April, **With Good Grace** (theatre); Sunday 15 April, **Circle of Tales** (family); Thursday 19 April, **Dirty Laundry** (circus/dance); Sunday 22 April, **Red Riding Hood** (family); Sunday 22 April, **Robin Grey** (free music); Monday 23 to Saturday 28 April, **National Theatre Connections** (theatre); Tuesday 24 April, **Step by Step** (theatre); Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 April, **Our Country's Good** (theatre); Saturday 28 April, **Andy Hamilton's Hat of Doom** (comedy); Sunday 29 April, **A Roo in My Suitcase** (family). Box office 020 8369 5454.