



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
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 8.30 pm. Free. All musicians welcome. 07958 282898.

Clubs & Social

- **Bingo evening**, 8pm Sundays, at the Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2.
- **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9 pm, 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



The painter and the singer

Vintage clothing and gift studio A Room in my House is showcasing the work of artist Ben Jensen along with some musical accompaniment on a special open day this month.

Ben is a British artist based in Surrey who began his career making flyers and art work for hardcore and punk bands in the early 2000s. He now works in acrylic and spray paints on reclaimed plywood and canvas and his work will be available to buy with prices from £30.

The art show will be accompanied by live music

from London-based singer and songwriter Lu Gertsy, who blends folk storytelling with unique vocals and melodic harmonies.

This special event takes place at the studio in King Street Mews, off Church Lane, from 10am to 7pm on Saturday 18 August. Everyone is welcome to browse, shop and listen.



Arts festival fillip

The East Finchley Arts Festival returns to All Saints Church in Durham Road from 6-14 October. Organisers received a welcome boost in their annual challenge to find financial support for the event when Jacqui Murrell, of Waitrose, handed over a sponsorship cheque for £2,000 from the John Lewis Partnership to artistic director Geoffrey Hanson at Waitrose's North Finchley store in June.

The Archer online

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What's On...

Saturday 11 August

- **Jamaica Family Fun Day at Martin Primary School**, 1-6pm, organised by the Monday Club to mark the 50th anniversary of Jamaica's independence; Caribbean food, cakes, DJ, live bands, dancers, a skate park and a talent competition. Come along and show your support for this local youth club.
- The inaugural **Running of the Bulls UK**, a unique pub-crawl-cum-running-event, on

Hampstead Heath. Participants will stream across the Heath, wearing the traditional red and white outfits of the Pamplona bull runners, pursued by athletes dressed as bulls. More details at www.runningbulls.co.uk

Saturday 18 August

- Vintage clothing and gift studio **A Room in my House** showcases artist

Writer gives it straight to the reader

By Andrew Popov

Writing a novel may be hard enough but Muswell Hill crime writer Lawrence Estrey has also undertaken the enormous task of publishing his work himself, without the help of an agent or publishing house.

He's hoping to sidestep the difficulties that many new authors face in getting recognised by publishing houses and breaking away from the dozens of bland and repetitive detective stories that go into print every year.

Estrey draws on real experience, using Lancashire dialects and accents in his first novel *Secrets* to develop character depth, and drawing on past brushes with the law for his new novel *Eggheads*.

His latest story follows the turbulent adolescence of a boy in a seemingly hostile environment, as he progresses and delves deeper into psychological and physical distress. The novel addresses a broad range of issues in today's fractured society, touching on underage drinking, social inequality and

anti-authoritarianism.

His decision to follow a teenager's tale, he says, was made on the grounds that raw emotion and real stress can be felt through his, at times, still naive eyes.

"Relationships and emotional connections were an essential element in the writing process," says Estrey. His self-published novel is available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle.



The Tempest at the FYT

Review by Daphne Chamberlain

Students from Southgate College rewrote Shakespeare at the Finchley Youth Theatre. A cast of young people in their 20s with learning disabilities gave us their version of *The Tempest*. The words were different, but the story and the essence were the same. Director Cheryl Ferner-Reeves told *THE ARCHER* that the students had been learning about the play and its author for about six months. They had toured the Globe theatre backstage and seen other plays, and since Christmas had worked on development of their characters.

This, Shakespeare's last work, is about spirits and dreams, and the element of magic was very strong in this production. The cast appeared at first as shadows, and then solidified into characters they obviously had empathy with. Lighting changes,

music and costumes created an unearthly atmosphere, but there was plenty of humour and a feeling of gentleness.

Everyone did a great job, with Kevin Daly putting in a very dignified performance as Prospero.

Call to reopen museum

Archaeologists in Barnet have called on the council to rethink its decision to shut Church Farmhouse Museum in Hendon. The Hendon and District Archaeological Society (HADAS) passed a motion at its AGM in June urging the council to reopen the site.

Don Cooper, chairman of HADAS, said: "The building was put up for sale by the council in January 2012 and emptied of its contents, with the museum collection being dispersed. An announcement is expected soon as to whether an offer has been made, but as far as we know no appropriate offer has been received." Despite its desire to save money, the council is still incurring the costs of basic maintenance of the building, says HADAS.

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Ben Jensen's work with musical accompaniment from singer/songwriter Lu Gertsy. Art available to buy from £30. King Street Mews, off Church Lane, near the Windsor Castle pub, 10am - 7pm.

Wednesday 29 August

- **The Battle of Barnet**: guided walk with City of London guide Paul Baker. Step back in time and explore the famous Wars

of the Roses battlefield of 1471. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Sunday 9 September

- **Muswell Hill Festival**, Cherry Tree Wood, 12-6pm in aid of the London Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy.