



## 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](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**. 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.

❖ **Finchley Jazz Club: Live jazz** on Mon 13 & 27 Feb 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.

❖ **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](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

❖ **Probus Lunch Club** for retired professionals. Call John 8883 8114.

# Phoenix Cinema under new management

By Sheila Armstrong

**The Phoenix Cinema has a new general manager, Cassie Birtwhistle. But Cassie is not new to the cinema; she started there in 2008 as a marketing assistant. With a background as a fashion buyer for a large retailer in New York, she came here to join her husband and decided to do an MA in film studies. The rest, as they say, is history.**

While the then chief executive Paul Homer was involved in fundraising and the refurbishment of the Phoenix, Cassie became more and more involved with the day-to-day running of the cinema, finally taking over as general manager when Paul left at the end of last year.

She told *THE ARCHER* that Paul was responsible for bringing the cinema from a financially precarious position when he started to its present status as a successful independent cinema. The showing of the

film *Volver* was a crucial financial turning point, with opera from the New York Met and live plays from the National Theatre continuing the trend.

The focus for the next few years is the cinema's comprehensive education strategy: the contribution the cinema can make in the local community. Cassie specified working with schools and running film making workshops as examples. Watch this space. Cassie will also continue Paul's monthly column in *THE ARCHER*



## Fashion fuses with fundraising

**When staff at charity Save the Children approached East Finchley-based fashion retail entrepreneur Wendy Hallett in early 2010 asking for a donation in the wake of the Haiti earthquake, little did they know that a charity retail first was about to unfold.**

Wendy, founder and managing director of Hallett Retail: The Concessions People, decided that she wanted to do more than just give a one-off donation; she wanted to help Save the Children in a way that would give the charity long term financial assistance.

So she decided to use her award-winning in-store umbrella concessions concept, Fuse, to develop *Fuse Loves Save the Children* concessions to stand alongside her Fuse concessions in department stores.

Wendy and her team persuaded the brands and companies they deal with day-to-day to donate clothes, hangers,

shop-fittings and branding free of charge to ensure that all proceeds went to Save the Children. They were met with an overwhelmingly positive response.

To date, the first concessions in Beales stores in Worthing, Bedford and Hexham have raised over £60,000 for Save the Children.

Hallett Retail's Fuse concessions stock boutique brands mainly targeted at young women aged 16-35.

## World Book Day 2012

**This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 1 March. To find out what's going on and how you can join in, ask at East Finchley Library or visit [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com).**

## Youth Music Centre goes to town

**North London Saturday Music School (YMC) celebrates its 45th anniversary with a concert in St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square on 13 February at 1pm. Under the baton of their artistic director Nigel Goldberg, the Senior and Chamber orchestra will perform works by Vivaldi, Bach, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.**

Students of this vibrant centre regularly win prizes at the annual North London London Festival. The main aim of YMC, though, is music making. Children

as young as 18 months start with playful introductions to the world of rhythm and pitch.

Every Saturday morning a buzzing atmosphere is created by several orchestras, a choir and many different small chamber groups as well as excited young beginner instrumentalists learning string or wind instruments. Find out more at [www.youthmusiccentre.org](http://www.youthmusiccentre.org)

## What's On...

**Friday 10 February**  
**Opportunities Fair** at the Green Man Centre, Strawberry Vale, N2. Come and meet local organisations and support agencies for advice, jobs, health, family, money and sports opportunities; 1-5pm. Free entry, free prize draw, plus refreshments.

**Sunday 12 February**  
• **Valentine's walk** around Hampstead with Pavement Pounders; the third year of this popular walk in the footsteps of the Romantics, with love poems by Keats, DH Lawrence, Tagore and others read at venues associated with them. Meet outside Hampstead tube station, NW3, at 2pm. Walk lasts two hours. Cost £10, advance booking recommended. Telephone 01303 227150 or email [pavementpounders@gmail.com](mailto:pavementpounders@gmail.com)

• **Free music concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2, 7.30pm; Rose Stachniewska (soprano), Junko Ishigaki and Sanae Honda (violins), Bryan Fairfax (viola), Maryan Balkwill (cello) and Caroline Soresby (piano). Programme includes

Brahms *A Minor Trio for Viola, Cello and Piano*, and Mozart's *Sonata for Violin and Piano*. Premiere performance of song cycle *The Right Time*, words by Dennis Evans, music by Caroline Soresby. Free admission, collection in aid of EAVES, providing high-quality housing and support to vulnerable women. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

**Wednesday 15 February**  
**Dickens and Victorian Barnet:** guided walk with City of London guide Paul Barker. Explore the Dickens connection with the borough. Meet at High Barnet tube at 11am. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805.

**Wednesday 15 February to Saturday 18 February**  
Mathew Dickinson Productions presents **Mother Goose**, Manor Drive Methodist Church, Manor Drive, Whetstone, N20 0DZ; Wed-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 3pm & 7pm; Adults £8-£10, Children/Concessions £6.50-£7.50; box office 020 8368 3927.

**Sunday 19 February**  
**Fabulous Finchley:** guided walk with City of London guide Paul

Barker. Meet at Finchley Central tube (Ballards Lane exit) 2.30pm. Walk finishes at East Finchley tube. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805.

**Thursday 23 February**  
• The Finchley Society hosts **Tales of Tunnels and Tubes**, a talk on the London Underground by Brenda Cole; 2.30pm, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Everyone welcome, £2 entrance charge for non-members.

• **Are You Sitting Comfortably?** White Rabbit invites you in for a night of captivating story telling. Original short stories brought to life by Bernadette Russell, Gareth Brierley and special guest readers, in a magical atmosphere accompanied by beautiful visuals and sweetly old fashioned live music. Tales inspired by Charles Dickens, in celebration of his bicentenary, and the dark, dank mystery of 19th century London. Competitions, prizes and Victorian parlour games. Jacksons Lane Arts Centre, Archway Road, Highgate, 8pm. Tickets £12.95/£10.95. Box office 020 8341 4421; [www.jacksonslane.org.uk](http://www.jacksonslane.org.uk)

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

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

Saturday 4 February, **Simon Munnery** (comedy); Sunday 5 February, **Tommaso Starace** (free, music); Sunday 5 to Tuesday 7 February, **Little Princess** Live on Stage (family); Friday 10 February, **A 60s Night to Remember** (music); Saturday 11 February, **Clive** (music); Sunday 12 February, **The Elves & The Shoemaker** (family); Sunday 12 February, **Tradicional Cubano Trio** (free music); Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February, **The Secret Garden** (theatre); Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 February, **The Snail and the Whale** (family); Saturday 18 February, **Your Days Are Numbered** (comedy); Thursday 23 February, **The Klezmer Festival Band** (music); Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February, **Sleeping Beauty** (dance); Sunday 26 February, **Liang and the Magic Paintbrush** (family); Sunday 26 February, **Pocket Caravan** (free music); Thursday 1 March, **Ockham's Razor: Triple Bill** (circus); Friday 2 and Saturday 3 March, **I Have a Dream** (dance); Saturday 3 March, **Robin Ince: Happiness Through Science** (comedy). Box office 020 8369 5454; [www.artsdepot.co.uk](http://www.artsdepot.co.uk)