



## 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 7 May 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

## Jane Eyre: New take on an old tale

Review by Daphne Chamberlain

**Is there anything new to be said about *Jane Eyre*? Charlotte Brontë's novel has been dramatised so many times, surely the answer must be 'no'. Wrong! Finchley Youth Theatre gave us a completely fresh interpretation recently.**

Fifteen-year-old Louisa Stratton played the role of Jane as a schoolgirl. She hadn't known the story beforehand but told *The Archer* that she saw her character as a shy but passionate little girl, hurt by her rough family, who went on to have an adventure.

The hero/anti-hero of that adventure is of course the enigmatic Mr Rochester. Except that in this version, he was anything but enigmatic. Instead, we saw a sensitive rough diamond of a young man with a definite playful streak.

Playful teasing didn't hide the tale's Gothic horror element though. When Mr Rochester's troubled wife escaped from the attic, carrying her lethal candle, the audience was transfixed.

The Youth Theatre is very small, and the front rows of the audience (forming three sides of a square) were within inches of the action. Theatrical attempted murder in the dark, and actual potential misadventure from moving scenery, really focused attention. No need to worry though, as the players had been meticulously drilled in their construction and deconstruction of the sets. Large planks of wood, ladders and doors were moved around with great efficiency.

Louisa told us they had just a few weeks to perfect the complex stage management, as well as to turn in excellent acting performances. Everyone involved should be very proud of an original and exciting performance. To find out more about the Finchley Youth Theatre, call 020 8883 9957.



## A dance to remember

By Nmesoma Nwajobi and Miranda Harrison

**Earlier this year, Year 5 from Holy Trinity Primary School took part in the annual Barnet Dance Festival at artsdepot. There were 15 other primary and secondary schools performing on the same day, which made it a very buzzing and exciting atmosphere.**

When we got there, we watched the other schools rehearse their dances, and soon it was our turn to rehearse in front of the other schools. Our dance was themed around the Olympics so we went on stage doing different Olympic sports to "Chariots of Fire".

The next part of the song was much faster and involved a range of moves that we had learned in our PE lessons. Many of the others were amazing and we enjoyed watching different styles of dance.

Our performance in the evening was epic and it was a great opportunity to perform on a stage in front of over 200 people. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we will remember this experience for many years.

## Rare chance to hear

By Marian Bunzl

**North London Chorus is to perform two rarely heard works that deserve to be better known.**

Dvorak's *Mass in D* is a very intimate work, originally composed for the opening of the family oratory of a grand castle, which alternates lilting rhythms with beautifully lyric passages. Dvorak himself summed it up as "a work of faith, hope and love to Almighty God".

Herbert Howells *English Mass* is a mystical setting by one of the 20th century's most accomplished choral composers. The vocal scoring creates a variety of textures and colours throughout the work.

Both works feature the splendid new voice of the restored organ at St James's Church, Muswell Hill, as well as the chorus's own. The concert will also include a lively organ concerto by Josef Rheinberger.

It takes place on Saturday 30 June at 7.30 pm, at St. James Church, Muswell Hill. Tickets priced £18, £13 and £10 (concessions £2 reduction) from 0203 468 1213 and Les Aldrich Music Shop, Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, and at the door.

## What's On in and around East Finchley

**Friday 1 June to Saturday 30 June**  
• **East Finchley Open artists' Spoons in June** exhibition at Emporium tea rooms, Fortis Green, close to Muswell Hill.

**Sunday 3 June**  
• **Two Hampstead Garden Suburb gardens open** in aid of the National Gardens Scheme charities, 2-6pm. Entry costs £3 per adult at each garden (children free), plants for sale: 48 Erskine Hill, NW11 6HG and 94 Oakwood Road, NW11 6RN.

**Thursday 7 to Saturday 30 June**  
• **Postcards Arts Festival** at Jacksons Lane Arts Centre, 269a Archway Road, N6. Box Office 020 8341 4421. All Postcards tickets £10 per night, festival pass £50. Full line-up at [www.jacksonslane.org.uk](http://www.jacksonslane.org.uk)

**Saturday 9 June**  
• **HGS Horticultural Society's Flower Show**, 3-5.30pm, Free Church Hall, Northway, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11. Children's fancy dress competition and adults' mad hats competition to be judged by Jonathan Ross, and two special-

ist plant nurseries selling in the garden. Teas served. More details from [www.hortsoc.co.uk](http://www.hortsoc.co.uk)

**Sunday 10 June**  
• **Open gardens at East Finchley Cottage Gardens**, 20 and 22 Trinity Rd N2, 2-5pm in aid of the National Garden Scheme.

• **Free music concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, 7.30pm; Marina Solarek (violin) and Caroline Soresby (piano) play Beethoven, Mozart and Bartok. Free admission with collection in aid of Happy Home Orphanage, supporting children in Andhra Pradesh, India. This venue is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

**Saturday 16 June**  
• **Martin Primary School Summer Fun Day**, 12-3pm at Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, N2. Come and enjoy the fun: bouncy castle, BBQ, teas & cakes, tombola, raffle, bands and entertainment, fancy dress and lots of stalls.

• **Dickens and Victorian Barnet:** a bicentenary guided walk with City

of London guide Paul Baker. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 2.30pm. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805 or [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net)

**Sunday 17 June**  
• **Open garden at 60 Church Crescent**, N10, 2-6pm in aid of the National Garden Scheme.

**Saturday 23 June**  
• **Barnet Ghosts:** a guided walk with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 7.30pm. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805 or [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net)

**Sunday 24 June**  
• **East Finchley Community Festival**, Cherry Tree Wood, 12-6pm. Come along for live entertainment, stalls and fabulous food and drink. East Finchley's big day out.

• **Open garden at 5 St Regis Close**, Alexandra Park Road, N10, 2-7pm, in aid of the National Garden Scheme.

**Until Sunday 24 June**  
• Ovation presents the world premiere of *Goodnight, Mrs Calabash*,

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a new musical inspired by the life of Jimmy 'Schnozzle' Durante; Tuesdays to Saturdays at 7.30pm and Sundays at 4pm. Box office 020 8340 3488 or [www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com](http://www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com). Tickets £10-£16 (concessions available).

**Saturday 30 June**  
• **North London Chorus** perform **Dvorak's Mass in D** and **Herbert Howells' English Mass**; St James Church, Muswell Hill, 7.30pm. Tickets priced £18, £13 and £10 (concessions £2 reduction) from 0203 468 1213, also from Les Aldrich Music Shop, Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, St James Church Bookshop and at the door.

**Saturday 7 to Sunday 8 July and Saturday 13 to Sunday 14 July**  
• **East Finchley Open artists' Open House weekends**, 11am to 6pm; 65 artists, free exhibition over two weekends. Unique artwork for sale in local homes and studios. 2012 show includes ten new members and three new open houses. Full details at [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk)