



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 Ladies Lunch Club** 1st & 3rd Weds, Ann Owen Ctr., Oak La. Call 8432 1415 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



Susanna and Cristina with Benjamin Jensen's art work at their studio off King Street.

Vintage in the old village

By Sheila Armstrong

Cristina and Susanna Guidone hosted an open day in their shop *A Room in My House* in August, a chance to see the interesting and varied things they sell, from vintage clothing and furniture to jewellery, cards and textiles. Not the same as antique: Cristina told *THE ARCHER* that the term vintage covers things made between 1950 and 1970.

Trained as a graphic designer, Cristina set up in business seven years ago and all the cards and textiles in the shop are made by her. Susanna's brief is the vintage clothing and jewellery. Although they have a web site, their late father's carpentry workshop in King Street Mews became vacant two years ago enabling them to open their shop. It's well worth a visit if you like retro. For virtual contact go to www.roominmyhouse.co.uk or visit in person any Friday or Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

On the open day the painter Benjamin Jensen was also there to talk about his work, which he describes as Surrealist with a Pop Art edge; he mixes traditional art and images of super-

heroes. From a commercial art background he designs record covers and magazine illustrations amongst other things.

Old water pump

King Street Mews is in the old part of East Finchley just off Church Lane, on land that was once part of Joyce's saw mill. Evidence of this can be seen in the huge water pump that belonged to Joyce's and which is still a feature in the shop.

Susanna and Cristina also organise the Vintage Tea Party and Gift Fair on the first Saturday of the month at the Boogaloo Pub in Archway Road with up to 25 vintage stalls including jewellery and high quality crafts. More information on that at www.theboogaloo.co.uk

What's On...

Wednesdays from October to December

- **North London Film Group**: informal, friendly film studies group meets at the Phoenix Cinema, Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm, to watch film clips and discuss the medium, led by Ruth Tosha Mulandi, general manager of the cinema for seven years. Term fee £140. For details on autumn term programme, contact ruthtosha@hotmail.co.uk
- **Friday 5 - Sunday 14 October**
- **East Finchley Arts Festival**, All Saints' Church, Durham Road, with disabled access and facilities. See full programme above. Box offices at Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2 8AG Tel: 020 8444 4717; Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10 3HN Tel: 020 8883 5631, or online at www.efinchleyarts.ticketsource.co.uk (10% surcharge on each ticket). Website: www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk
- **Saturday 6 October**
- **Open Church event** at Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, N2, from 11am to 1pm. Come along for tours of the church, music, refreshments and children's activities; a chance to share in the history of a building that many people pass without setting foot

inside.

Sunday 7 October

- **Free Woodland Fun Day**, 2 - 4.30pm on the meadow next to Coldfall Wood. Charcoal burning, guided walk, children's activities, refreshments. Bring picnic and well-dressed teddy bear.

Tuesday 9 October

- Hendon and District Archaeological Society present **The Life and legacy of George Peabody**, a talk by Christine Wagg; 8pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3. All welcome.

Thursday 11 October

- **Friends of Avenue House** host their first **autumn quiz night**. Everyone welcome. 7.30 pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Cash bar, and fish and chips supper included in £12.50 entrance. Tickets from Avenue House, tel 020 8346 7812 (working hours) or info@avenuehouse.org.uk
- **The Knitting and Stitching Show** for lovers of knitting and embroidery, and much more. Alexandra Palace. Call 020 8365 2121 or visit www.alexandrapalace.com

Sunday 14 October

- **Jim Carter** (Downton Abbey butler Charles

Take your seats for the East Finchley Arts Festival

Tickets are still available for this month's rich programme of events at the East Finchley Arts Festival. There's an exciting selection of recitals, readings, music and art, all taking place at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, which has disabled access and facilities. Young people aged 18 and under can get tickets for just £1.

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• Friday 5 October 6.30-8.30pm Art Exhibition Preview

Free admission to an exhibition of works by local and national artists. Those sold will be in aid of the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

• Saturday 6 October 7.30pm London Mozart Players

Premiere of Geoffrey Hanson's *Odyssey for Cello and Orchestra*; soloist Sebastian Comberti. Other works by Elgar, Britten & Boccherini. Tickets: £20, £15, £9, £1 (18 and under).

• Sunday 7 October 7.30pm Young Artists' Recital

North London Festival prizewinners Eleanor Janes (soprano) and Matthew Higham (flute). Mozart, Strauss, Brahms, Britten, Nicolai. Donizetti, Handel, Moquet, Heath, Burton. Tickets: £10, £8, £1 (18 and under).

• Monday 8 October 7.30pm Collegium Regale, Choral Scholars of King's College Cambridge

The men's voices of one of the most famous choirs in the UK in a concert of secular and sacred music. Tickets: £20, £15, £9, £1 (18 and under).

• Tuesday 9 October 7.30pm Pop-Up Opera.

The young Pop-Up Opera company give a spirited staged performance of Donizetti's opera *L'Elisir d'Amore*, which includes audience participation. Tickets: £20, £15, £9, £1 (18 and under).

• Wednesday 10 October 7.30pm East Finchley Writers

Local writers present a selection of their work to move, amuse and surprise you. Free

admission with a collection for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

• Thursday 11 October 7.30pm Paprika.

Traditional Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and classical music. Tickets: £16, £12, £9, £1 (18 and under).

• Friday 12 October 7.30pm Young Artists' Recital.

North London Festival prizewinners Timothy Ridout (viola) and Agnieszka Pluta (piano). J S Bach's *Da Gamba Sonata no 1*, York Bowen, Scarlatti, Paderewski, Tchaikovsky, Ginastera. Tickets: £10, £8, £1 (18 and under).

• Saturday 13 October 12.30pm Lunch Hour Organ Music

David Aprahamian Liddle, concert organist. Programme of organ music, including some of his own compositions. Tickets: £5, £1 (18 and under). Snack lunch available.

• 7.30pm BBC Elstree Concert Band

An evening of lighter music from this long-established and renowned 48-piece Band. Selections from *Les Miserables*, *Pineapple Poll*, *My Fair Lady*; Mike Crisp's *Horn Concerto*; Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*; James Bond 007 selection. Tickets: £16, £12, £9, £1 (18 and under).

• Sunday 14 October 7.30pm Finchley Children's Music Group

Barnet's Mayor will be attending the performance by this nationally famous group, which originated in East Finchley.

Tickets: Unreserved £10, £8 (concessions), £1 (18 and under).

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

Sunday 21 October

Dolls House and Miniatures Show, Alexandra Palace, with over 200 exhibits. Call 020 8365 2121 or visit www.alexandrapalace.com

Thursday 25 October

The Finchley Society hosts a debate on **Localism**. Do you want some control over what happens in your area? East Finchley's Roger Chapman and Harriet Copperman will lead the discussion.

7.30 for 8pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome, but admission for non-members is £2.

Saturday 27 October - Wed 31 October

Barnet Hallowe'en Ghost Walk led by City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet High Barnet tube station 7.30pm for ghoulish tour through Barnet and Monken Hadley, the second most haunted village in England. Prize for spookiest costume! Details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Saturday 27 October

Spike Milligan Statue Fund quiz; 7.30 for 8pm. £5 per head. For venue and other details, please call 020 8346 5258.