



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **Badminton** Weds eves 8-10pm all abilities, contact George 8349 0170 or John 8444 7163.
- **East Finchley Flyers running club**, Tuesdays 7pm at the tube station, 7k run and socialising. Nick 07795 503752.
- **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. 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 1pm. James 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 www.stretchingpeople.co.uk.

Music, Dance & Creative Arts

- **Art Classes**. 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 Lillian 8444 1793.
- **East Finchley Poetry Writing Workshops**. Monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- **Ladies Keep Fit** Class for over 50s. Tues 10.30-11.30am at Tetherdown Hall. Sheila 8444 0084.
- **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.
- **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. Anita 8886 6140.
- **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, contact 8883 4390



The cast of the Garden Suburb Theatre's production of *The Seagull*.

Open-air Chekhov

Garden Suburb Theatre's annual open-air production this year is Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull*, using a translation by Christopher Hampton.

Chekhov's play looks at the relationships between a group of people summering on a Russian country estate and explores familiar Chekhovian themes of unrequited love, how we define failure and success in life and the creative impulse in writers and actors. It is also, however, very funny.

The play opens on Friday 12 July at 7.30pm with evening performances on 13, 18, 19 and 20 July. There are also matinee performances on Sunday 14 and Saturday 20 July. Tickets cost £9 (£7 concs) and can be reserved by ringing 020 7723 6609.

Head start for Home-Start

On 28 July, Home-Start Barnet volunteer Mick Hutchings will be cycling 60 miles from London to Cambridge to raise money for the charity.

Home-Start Barnet offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children. The services they provide are made possible by volunteers.

Last year Mick raised over £500 for the charity by cycling the 40-mile Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle ride. He is hoping to raise even more this year. If you would like to sponsor Mick then go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MickHutchings>

The play is performed in the magical setting of the Little Wood Open Air Theatre, Hampstead Garden Suburb, off Addison Way, NW11 6QT and this production is supported by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust.

A (very wet) Midsummer Night's Dream

Review by Daphne Chamberlain

It was a June day at the open air theatre in the Bothy at Avenue House. The University College Dramatic Society were about to bring us *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Then down came the rain. Up went the umbrellas, but not for the actors. Soaked to the skin, they carried on even when showers became a downpour. That forced a halt just after the interval. But the show went on. Under cover, in a room so small that towelled-off actors and audience were in touching distance of each other, we found a bit of new magic in this familiar magical play.

We, the audience, now felt part of the household of the Duke of Athens. I was sitting next to reconciled lovers Helena and Demetrius. Up close to Bottom and his friends, we were on their side when the court made fun of them. We clapped and laughed together, and Puck's closing words, "Give me your hands if we be friends, and Robin shall restore amends", seemed nicely appropriate.

This modern dress production was lively and witty. An ironic Puck indicated that he sometimes got tired of zooming round the world at Oberon's orders; Bottom was no oaf but

July at the Phoenix

By Carina Volkes, Phoenix Cinema manager

Another month, another slate of great films at the Phoenix...

Director Sofia Coppola (*Lost in Translation*) is back with *The Bling Ring* from 5 July, further exploring the culture of celebrity with a look at the real-life teenage gang who carried out a spate of robberies in the Hollywood Hills, targeting the wardrobes of socialites such as Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan. Emma Watson of *Harry Potter* fame is all grown up and takes the lead.

From 12 July you can see Oscar-winning director Alex Gibney's latest documentary. *We Steal Secrets: The Story of Wikileaks* follows the very public story of Julian Assange and the young soldier who leaked hundreds of classified documents.

The month finishes with a wonderfully charming and funny New York film written by and starring Greta Gerwig. *Frances Ha*, from 26 July, is

a 20-something who is failing to grow up in New York City. When her best friend moves out and meets a man, Frances is forced to reassess her life.

Look out for Guy Pearce starring in drama *Breathe In* from 19 July, and limited shows of Joss Whedon's acclaimed *Much Ado About Nothing* and French period drama *Thérèse Desqueyroux*, both from 12 July.

We're very excited about Tuesday 23 July when new British film *A Field in England* will be receiving a one-off screening with a special Q&A from director Ben Wheatley (*Sightseers*) and star (and Phoenix Cinema local) Reece Shearsmith. Tickets are going fast for this one!

Finally, on 20 July and 5 August you can see Kenneth Branagh star in the new production of *Macbeth* live from the Manchester International Festival, and catch up with two hit plays from Shakespeare's Globe Theatre: *Twelfth Night* is on Monday 22 July and *The Taming of the Shrew* on Monday 29 July.

Youth work on film

Volunteers working with young people in London are being urged to take part in a film competition to tell the story of youth work.

The National Youth Agency is campaigning for better understanding and recognition of the value that professional and volunteer youth workers bring, helping young people to gain vital jobs skills, contribute to their communities and improve their wellbeing.

All submissions will be entered automatically into a competition to win a cash prize that will be put towards their youth work project. The winners will be announced during Youth Work Week November 2013. Visit www.nya.org.uk/transforming-lives for information on how to enter.

What's On...

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

Wednesday 3 July

• Drop-in session about **The Archer Academy** and its building plans for Stanley Road playing field; exhibition, virtual video tour and chance to ask questions; Holy Trinity Primary School, Eagans Close, N2, 3.30pm to 8pm. All welcome.

Thursday 4 July

• Launch of **East Finchley Altogether Better** project. People living or working in East Finchley are invited to East Finchley's first one-day EFAB conference, 10am to 3pm at Shree Aden Depala Mitra Mandal Community Centre, 67a Church Lane, N2 8DR. Bring friends, family, neighbours and colleagues.

Saturdays 6, 13, 20 July

• **North London Artisan Market**; best quality seasonal produce, and a piece of London's vibrant street food scene; 10am-2pm at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, N3 3QE.

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 July

• **East Finchley Open Artists' Open House Weekends** from 11am-6pm; landmark

10th Open House Weekend has 45 local artists who warmly welcome you to visit them, free. Exciting, innovative pieces and paintings in informal settings. www.facebook.com/eastfinchleyopen or visit www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk for online maps of venues and artists.

Saturday 6 July

• **Finchley Choral Society** performs Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, NW3 3DJ, 7.45pm, tickets £13 (concessions available) from box office 020 7263 3358 or on the door.

Thursday 11 July

• **Poetry in the House**, Lauderdale House, Highgate, 8pm, Tickets £5 (£3 concessions) on the door; Matthew Francis, Lance Lee and Maurice Riordan combine diverse backgrounds and writing styles for the season's first poetry reading.

Friday 12 July to Saturday 20 July

• **Garden Suburb Theatre presents The Seagull** by Anton Chekhov at the Little Wood

Open Air Theatre, Hampstead Garden Suburb, off Addison Way, NW11 6QT. Various times. Tickets £9 (£7 concessions). Details: 020 7723 6609.

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 July

• **East Finchley's Big Dig**; get involved in discovering the past below our feet. Details at <http://eastfinchleybigdig.wordpress.com/>

Sunday 14 July

• **Monthly Sunday market**. Outdoor and indoor stalls. Crafts, gifts, collectables, food. 10am-6pm at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, N3 3QE.

• **Free music concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm; Beatrice Nicholas, piano. Programme includes Liszt, Schumann, Chopin and Beethoven. Free admission; collection in aid of Iris Ministries, Mozambique, caring for children across southern Africa. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Saturday 20 July

• **Butterfly Day at Long Lane Pasture**, Long Lane, opposite Fire Station, as part of the national Big Butterfly Count. Come and see if you can identify any butterflies.

Sunday 21 July

• **National Garden Scheme Open Garden** (supporting charities). 2-6pm at 79 Church Lane, N2. Plant stall, gardenalia bric-a-brac stall, raffle with prizes.

• **Alexandra Palace and Park's 150th anniversary celebrations**; exciting line-up of free family activities and entertainment from 11am to 4pm.

Tuesday 23 July to Sunday 4 August

• **Art exhibition: 'Impressive and Narrative Paintings'** by Thomas Hogan and Simon Kirk. Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, N65HG. www.thoganartworks.com

Sunday 28 July

• **Party in the Park**. Food, crafts, brass band, fun and games. 12-5pm at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, N3 3QE.