



## 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, 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**. 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.
- **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 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

## March at the Phoenix

What a month March is going to be for cinema fans in East Finchley! Phoenix patron and all round amazing cinema legend Ken Loach will be here to speak after a showing of his new film *Spirit of '45* on Monday 18 March. However, Ken isn't our only special guest this month...

March begins with *Lore*, the long awaited follow-up to *Somersault* from director Cate Shortland, based on the novel

*The Dark Room*. We were very pleased to welcome author Rachel Seiffert to speak after the 6pm screening on Sunday 3 March.

On Monday 4 March, Phoenix patron Mark Kermode was on hand to introduce a rare 35mm film screening of Jean Cocteau's classic fairy tale *La Belle et la Bête*. And on Tuesday 5 March we were thrilled to have the directors of *McCullin* to speak after a one-off screening of their critically acclaimed portrait of famed war

By Carina Volkes, Phoenix operations manager

photojournalist Don McCullin.

On 8 March at 11pm, we've teamed up with Cigarette Burns for a classic Friday night horror screening featuring a family of Victorian cannibals terrorising the London Underground system. Look out for horror icons Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee.

We're celebrating some of the best cinema of the world with three one-off presentations. On Sunday 17 March, Italian post-war favourite *Bicycle Thieves* has a screen-

ing in association with Dark City Gallery. Minima are back with a specially composed live score for German Expressionist masterpiece *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* on Saturday 23 March, and on Sunday 24 March we mark 150 years of the London Tube with Anthony Asquith's 1928 film *Underground*.

Of course, don't forget about the rest of our main features. North London coming of age drama *Broken* opens on 8 March. Look out for an amazing performance from local girl Eloise Laurence. Also coming up is *Beyond the Hills*, the powerful entry from Romania for Best Foreign Language Film Academy Award. And look out for Frank Langella starring in indie comedy-drama *Robot and Frank*, and Vanessa Redgrave and Terrence Stamp leading the cast of moving British comedy-drama *Song for Marion*.

Book online at [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk).

## Love on the high seas

*A West Indian Romance: a True Story of Love and Seafaring in the Caribbean, by Brian Dyde*

Review by Angela Anderson

It's impossible not to think of *Madam Butterfly* when reading this very well written book. Brian, a British naval lieutenant-commander, met Veronica, an Antiguan secretary and musician, while working on hydrographic surveys in the West Indies. The story of their growing and deepening love is told largely through the letters they exchanged in between meetings, mostly written while Brian was at sea.

In these days of social media and mobile phones, that in itself is fascinating. This is possibly the last generation to write letters and the difficulties caused by postal delays and infrequent phone calls heighten the drama as they wait for news of each other following storms, hurricanes and an earthquake. The narrative moves between the West Indies and England, with Veronica spending time with her sister Sonia in East Finchley.

I won't spoil the ending for those who want to read the book but it is a very absorbing story, encompassing not only their relationship but also the prejudices experienced by people of different cultures living in the 1970s, the view of their liaison taken by the Navy at the time and the details of commanding a ship.

Anecdotes of fellow sailors make for amusing reading and, because they are written for Veronica, come across as very personal. There are vivid descriptions of the Caribbean islands and their history. Their shared delight in music and literature comes across as well as their joy in being together and sharing experiences, making the book a broad and lively read. Copies are available from the author at £10 (inc p&p) at 21 Monkton, Pembroke SA71 4LS.



## Bugsy Malone

Review by Lisa Omar

Create Theatre School brought *Bugsy Malone* to life at the Finchley Youth Theatre in the High Road. Three outstanding shows were performed to full houses over the weekend of 9-10 February by a highly talented cast of young children aged from three to 14.

The children had obviously worked hard on learning their lines and adopting an American accent. The wonderful acting, tap dancing, singing, dancing, plus the fabulous staging and costumes all came together to deliver the well-loved musical.

*Bugsy Malone*, played by Lucie Murphy, Blousey (Emily Moore), Fat Sam (Niva Yadav) and his gangsters plus Dandy Dan's (Jesse Musker) gang, showed what happened if they were double crossed ... out came the splurge guns and the gangsters in Fat Sam's gang started dropping. Baby Face played by Caelan Mundy had a fantastic time, clobbering two policemen with a baton and becoming the self-proclaimed star of the show!

The Create-teenies (age three to five) looked fantastic as they came on stage singing and dancing as showgirls and guys; they also turned their hands at being fierce-looking boxers.

### Create's good cause

Each year Create children choose a charity to support. This year they are supporting CLIC Sargent (helping children and young people with cancer). Raffle tickets were sold over the three shows and a grand total of £260 was raised.

If you would like any more information about joining tap dancing, singing, dancing or drama classes at Create Theatre School, please contact Caroline Lau on 020 8882 9009 or email [caroline@createheatreschool.co.uk](mailto:caroline@createheatreschool.co.uk).

## What's On...

### Tuesday 5 to Saturday 9 March

• **Finchley and Friern Barnet Operatic Society** presents *Anything Goes*, the classic Cole Porter musical, at The Intimate Theatre, Palmers Green. Performances 7.30 pm; Sat. matinee 2.45 pm. Tickets £12, £13; concs £10 available Tues, Wed and Sat matinee.

### Friday 8 to Thursday 21 March

• **"Cycles"**, a show by **East Finchley Open artists**, at the Highgate Gallery, Highgate Literary & Scientific Institution, 11 South Grove, London N6 6BS, Tuesday to Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 11am-4pm, Sunday 11am-5pm. Details: 020 8340 3343 or [www.hlsi.net](http://www.hlsi.net) For more information on EFO and individual artists, [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk)

### Friday 8 March to Sunday 14 April

• **Daisy Pulls It Off**, by Denise Deegan, a comedy pastiche of school life in the 1920s; Upstairs at the Gatehouse, Highgate, Tuesdays to Saturdays 7.30pm and Sundays 4pm. Tickets priced £10-£16, with concessions available. Box office 020 8340

3488 or [www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com](http://www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com)

### Sunday 10 March

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, 7.30pm. **Don't Shoot the Pianist**, a recital by Terry Hawes of popular classics and music from films and television with reminiscences of his career as a piano accompanist and musical director, featuring tenor Stuart Booter. Free admission with collection in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

• **Finchley Choral Society and Finchley Children's Music Group in A Celebration of British Choral Music**; St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA, at 7.30pm. Music by Britten, Finzi, Elgar, Parry and Vaughan Williams. Tickets priced £8-20 online from [www.sjss.org.uk](http://www.sjss.org.uk) or by telephone on 020 7222 1061.

### Monday 11 March

• **Finchley Jazz Special**, Hall School Sports Ground, formerly Wilf Slack Cricket Club, East End Road, N3, from 7.45pm. Bob Dwyer's Bix 'n' Pieces band will perform,

with jam session by professional musicians. Entrance £8 per person in aid of the oncology unit at the Royal Free Hospital.

### Wednesday 13 March

• **North London Brass: Muswell Hill band** give concert in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, 8 pm, Muswell Hill Methodist Church, 28 Page's Lane, N101PP.

### Saturday 16 March

• **Big Dig Day at Vale Farm Allotments**, Tarling Road, 11am to 4pm. Join a group of volunteers growing seasonal food in a community plot. Please bring a fork and gloves if you have them. More details from [www.bigdig.org.uk/london/](http://www.bigdig.org.uk/london/) or email Sally at: [valefarmproject@gmail.com](mailto:valefarmproject@gmail.com).

• **Battle of the Bands contest** to find exceptional young local acts, with chance of winning coveted spot on main stage at East Finchley's Community Festival in June; East Finchley Constitutional Club, The Walks, 2pm to 8pm. If interested, contact: [eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com) with details.

• **North London Sinfonia** (formerly The

Tudor Orchestra), conductor Owen Leech, Trinity Church, 15 Nether St N12 7NN, 7.30pm. Programme: Martinu's Rhapsody Concerto for Violin and Orchestra (soloist Katya Lazareva), Faure's Peleas and Melisande, Dvorak's Legends (selection). Tickets £8 (concessions available). More details from [www.tudororchestra.org.uk](http://www.tudororchestra.org.uk)

**Sunday 17 March**

• **Join the N2 Gardeners** to prepare bank alongside East Finchley tube station for spring. All help welcome for weeding, planting and tidying up. Please bring trowel and old gloves. Meet from 11am. More details at <http://n2gardeners.blogspot.com/>

**Sunday 31 March**

• **Egg decorating, treasure hunt and The Great Egg Roll** at Lauderdale House, Highgate, from 11am. No advance booking (first come first served; max 100). Bring a parent/carer. Tickets on sale from 10.30am; £6.50 per child, finish 1pm - no latecomers. Wear suitable clothing. Meet at back of House near café.

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