



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **East Finchley Flyers running club**, Tuesdays 7pm at the tube station, 7k run and socialising. Nick 07593 367134.
- **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
- **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 Lilian 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.
- **Muswell Hill after school ukulele club**, Wednesdays 4.15-5.15pm, ages 6-10. Contact Margie 07909 439513.
- **Traditional music at TOC**, Highgate Hill, on 1st & 3rd Tues each month from 8.30pm. 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.
- **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
- **Bridge Club**, every Saturday 1.30-4pm, Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2 8LT. Contact Ray Tiano 07944 562180.
- **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
- **Youth Club** at Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale every Tues in termtime. Ages 8-13, £1 entry.



Mock the Week regular, Milton Jones

Top comedians in school fundraiser

On Monday 12 May, and for one night only, some of the best stand-up comedians in the country will be coming to the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley for a fundraising event for local secondary school the Archer Academy.

Milton Jones, a *Mock the Week* (BBC2) regular, who has also performed on *Live at the Apollo* (BBC1), will head the line-up with critically acclaimed newcomer Romesh Ranganathan (*Mock the Week*, Edinburgh Festival Best Newcomer Nominee 2013) and Loretta Maine, a guitar-wielding American songwriter character, played by comedian Pippa Evans.

The event will be compered by local stand-up comedian and parent at the school, Ian Stone, ranked by *The Independent* as one of the top ten stand-ups in Britain. As well as many

TV appearances, Stone is a regular at The Comedy Store in London's West End. He says: "We've got a fantastic line-up for The Phoenix in May and I'm delighted to be involved in this event for the school."

Everyone is invited to come and join the fun. Tickets cost £25 plus booking fee and can be bought from www.tinyurl.com/archercomedy. The evening will start at 8.30pm with doors opening at 8pm. Please note that the event is for over-18s only. For further information please email info@thearcheracademy.org.uk.



East Finchley resident, Ian Stone

Cajun at The Clissold

By Betti Blatman

As an avid Cajun enthusiast for many years, I've attended Cajun dances and festivals in the UK, US and Europe and am delighted that finally Cajun will arrive in East Finchley on Friday 11 April, when The Creole Brothers, one of my favourite bands, will be playing at The Clissold Arms in Fortis Green.

Two of the band have played at Wembley Arena with Bill Bailey and, more recently, for the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana. Phil Underwood will be on accordion and fiddle, Charlie Skelton on fiddle and Peter Dunhill on guitar. The pub has a great atmosphere, decked out with lights and an intimate space for dancing, and it's free entry from 8-11pm.



The Creole Brothers

What's on at the Phoenix

By Elizabeth Taylor-Meads, Phoenix Cinema executive director
Spring is here at last and the Phoenix has not been hibernating! We start by looking at *The Past*, a compelling new film with top grade pedigree: Iranian director Asghar Farhadi (*A Separation*) plus star Bérénice Bejo, from *The Artist*.

Next, young man of the moment Jesse Eisenberg multiplies in Richard Ayoade's *The Double*. The darkly comic *Calvary* enthralled with its tale of an Irish priest (the always brilliant Brendan Gleeson) stunned by a particularly surprising confession.

Our global perspective next takes us to India, where we enjoy the tasty *Lunchbox*. We end the month with *Tracks*, Robyn Davidson's bestselling memoir of her trip across the Australian desert with four camels and a dog in tow, wondrously transposed to the big screen and featuring fellow Aussie Mia Wasikowska as the intrepid traveller.

The thrill of live performance is offered through our transmissions from the Metropolitan Opera. Luxuriate with

us in two stellar April productions: *La Bohème* and *Così fan Tutte*. No need to leave the neighbourhood!

We've also got something special for our youngest audience this school holiday. It's best to book early for our enchanting programme of outstanding European animation films.

Who needs sleep when you can join the throng of happy film lovers for *Phoenix Nights*, our new series of late night screenings? Starting next month and then the first Friday of every month, friends of the Phoenix guest host to present their favourite cult films. *The League of Gentlemen*'s Reece Shearsmith is on hand to do the honours for our launch.

Check out our website for details: www.phoenixcinema.co.uk

What's On... E-mail your listings to: the-archer@lineone.net

Saturday 5 April

• **Silvestre Trio** in Concert at St Mary-at-Finchley Parish Church, Hendon Lane, N3 1TR, at 6pm. An hour of chamber music including works by Handel, Granados, Saint-Saens, Irving Berlin and others. Refreshments. Free entry. Doors open from 5.30pm. No need to book. Children aged 7+ very welcome if they can sit quietly.

Wednesday 9 to Saturday 12 April

• Theatre in the Square present **Family Circles** by Alan Ayckbourn, at United

Reformed Church, Pond Square, Highgate, N6. Hilarious, intelligent and still relevant (first performed in 1970). Performances at 8pm. Tickets £10, concessions £9, available online at www.theatreinthesquare.org

Friday 11 April

• **The Creole Brothers** - Phil Underwood, Charlie Skelton and Peter Dunhill - play Cajun music at The Clissold Arms, Fortis Green, N2, free entry, 8-11pm.

Saturday 12 April

• Peter Hart, local resident and

historian, will give a talk on **life in the trenches of the First World War** at East Finchley Library at 2pm. Also present, from 10.30am to 3.30pm, will be four members of the 10th Battalion Essex Regiment re-enactment group, demonstrating equipment and kit used by the average Tommy during WW1.

Sunday 13 April

• **Seed and plant swap**, Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, High Road, N2, from 2pm to 3.30pm. Come along to swap surplus plants and seeds, and share

gardening advice. No entrance charge and no money changes hands.

Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church

High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, N2, at 7.30pm. Opera scenes and personal favourites with Lucy Elizabeth Elston, soprano, Edmund Caird, baritone, and Richard Black, accompanist. Programme to include works by Bellini, Mozart and Handel. Free admission; collection in aid of mental health charity MIND. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.