



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 & Qigong** in N2, Weds 1pm. James 8883 3308/07836 710281 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.
- **A-Chord**, friendly choir, all genres, open to all. Thursdays 8pm at NNLS, East End Rd. Laura 07732 120464.
- **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.
- **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. 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.



The A-Chord choir at their debut concert.

New choir sings its heart out

By Amanda Shribman

On a wonderfully warm summer's evening in June, A-Chord, a newly-formed adult choir, gave its first public performance to a packed audience of over 100 people at the New North London Synagogue on East End Road.

Choir members sang a medley of songs from The Lion King, West Side Story and Joseph, plus light, popular music including Tears in Heaven and What a Wonderful World.

A-Chord are performing again as part of the programme for The Zemel Choir and Friends, a Summer's Evening of Song on Sunday 13 July at 7.30pm, again at the NNLS (tickets available from <http://www.bookitbee.com/e/g43d>).

Their following performance will be on Sunday 20 July at 8pm as part of a varied musical programme of classical singers and performers on the theme of Broadway to opera at a Musical Soiree in Oakleigh Park in aid of Age UK Barnet. Tickets are £30 in advance to include a delicious buffet supper and wine (contact jonathan.fenton123@gmail.com for more info and to book tickets).

Sing along too

If you are interested in joining the choir, new members are always welcome, with no audition required. Although the choir rehearses in a synagogue it is not a Jewish choir and welcomes anyone who wants to sing, regardless of religious background.

Free taster sessions run on Thursday evenings from 8-10pm at the New North London Synagogue, 80 East End Road N3 2SY. For more details, call Laura on 07732 120464 or email a-chord@gerlis.com



A Winter's Tale: Jessica Lowery as Hermione, Omer Warman as Polixenes and Steven Maddocks as Leontes. Photo Tim Solomons

A Winter's Tale for the height of summer

Garden Suburb Theatre's annual open-air production this year is William Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*. It includes some of Shakespeare's most magical touches, including a lost princess raised by a shepherd and the famous stage direction "exit pursued by a bear".

The play opens in the Little Wood Open Air Theatre, Hampstead Garden Suburb, on Friday 11 July at 7.30pm with further evening performances at the same time on 12, 16, 17, 18 and 19 July. There are also two matinee performances on Saturday 12 and Saturday 19 July at 3pm.

Tickets cost £10 (£8 concessions). Further information can be found at www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk

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

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July

• First of two **East Finchley Open** artists' open house weekends, 11am-6pm. Thirteen houses will show work by 45 artists. Full details of venues at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Sunday 13 July

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30 p.m. Viola da Cunha (mezzo soprano), Ryusuke Koarashi (guitar), Yuki Osedo (piano) and Ayumi Toyama (melodica) perform Dowland, Scarlatti, Strauss, Quilter, Brahms, Vittorio Monti and Montsalvatge. Free admission, collection in aid of Eastern India Palliative Care Project. Venue fully accessible to people

with disabilities.

Monday 14 July

• **North London Chorus and Cantus Domus Choir** from Berlin perform at the Milton Court Concert Hall, Barbican, 7.30pm. Includes Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem* and *Nanie*, and Mendelssohn *Verleih uns Frieden* (Grant us Peace). Box office 020 7638 8891 and barbican.org.uk

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July

• Second of two **East Finchley Open** artists' open house weekends, 11am-6pm. Thirteen houses will show work by 45 artists. Full details of venues at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Sunday 20 July

• **Mill Hill: guided walk** with City of London

guide Paul Baker. Meet Mill Hill East tube station, 11am. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

• New choir **A-Chord perform in a Musical Soiree** on the theme of Broadway to opera in Oakleigh Park in aid of Age UK Barnet, 8pm. Tickets £30 in advance to include delicious buffet supper and wine (contact jonathan.fenton123@gmail.com for more info and to book tickets).

Thursday 24 July

• First of four weekly **workshops for carers of people recently diagnosed with early dementia**. Run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers. Admission free, 10.30am to 1pm at Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware. For information

July at the Phoenix

By Elizabeth Taylor-Mead, executive director, Phoenix Cinema

This month we are offering some bold screen choices and as always, something for everyone.

We go from *Cold in July*, a stark thriller starring Michael C. Hall, to *Cycling with Moliere*, a warm French comedy about two friends, both actors, attempting to rehearse *The Misanthrope* from very different viewpoints.

In between these selections is *Boyhood*, an astonishing cinematic achievement and touching drama about the son of a divorced couple, filmed over 12 years.

For documentary lovers, we've selected two winners. Harris Milstead transformed himself from bullied schoolyard kid to a larger-than-life personality and cult movie star. *I Am Divine* shows how he blurred the lines between performer and personality, revolutionising pop culture.

Finding Vivian Maier is the true story of a mysterious nanny. Part Mary Poppins, part Weegee, she took over 100,000 photos but was so intensely private, uninterested in public acknowledgement, that she never shared them. Discovered decades later, she's now considered one of the 20th century's greatest photographers.

Special events are another distinguishing feature of the Phoenix. July boasts many, including a preview of *Downhill*, a comic adventure of four old school friends who attempt an idealistic trek across Britain and walk full tilt into their mid-life crises. Join us for this one-time-only screening on 7 July, with a Q&A by director James Rouse and star Richard Lumsden.

We bookend the month with *Don Giovanni*: on Sunday 6 July, the recorded Glyndebourne Opera version, and on 27 July a rare screening of Joseph Losey's cinema version, hosted by his grandson, filmmaker Mark Losey (*The Hide*) and a free tour of the Phoenix with pre-booking. See you at the movies!

and booking, contact 020 8937 7171 or barnet@alzheimer.org.uk.

Sunday 27 July

• **Fabulous Finchley: guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet Finchley Central tube station (Ballards Lane exit) at 2.30pm. Contact Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Saturday 2 August

• **The Hendon and District Archaeological Society** presents Getting to Grips with Pots & Pipes: the archaeology of everyday artefacts from Saxon times to Queen Victoria with Jacqui Pearce at Stephens House and Gardens, East End Road, N3 from 10am to 4pm. Tickets and details from www.hadas.org.uk