



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 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. 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
- **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



Thriller: the cast of *Our Man In Havana* includes, from left to right, Tim Solomons, Imogen Colmans, Owain Rose and Ian Grainger.

Whose line is it anyway?

Jokes are often made about actors trying to find motivation for their character, but the four actors in the Garden Suburb Theatre's upcoming production of *Our Man in Havana* have to find motivations for not just one but 32 characters between them.

This adaptation of Graham Greene's comic novel sees them playing characters as diverse as spies, nuns, tourists, strippers, a vacuum cleaner salesman and even, on one occasion, a dog.

Our Man in Havana runs Upstairs at the Gatehouse in Highgate Village from Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 December at 7.30pm (4pm on Sunday). Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions) and are available from www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com or by ringing 020 8340 3488.

On the shore



Muswell Hill printmaker and teacher Henry Hagger had this print called *Old Tales, Young Dreams* selected by the Royal Society of Marine Artists for their annual exhibition at the Mall Galleries, behind Trafalgar Square, which ran for two weeks in October.

Church fair

Holy Trinity Church in Church Lane will be holding a fair on Saturday 8 November from 12noon until 3pm with attractions including cakes, books, bric-a-brac, kids' toys, arts and crafts, face-painting and popcorn. Donations and offers of help with manning stalls are very welcome. Contact Jenny Borst on 07958 408512 or jenny.borst@yahoo.co.uk

November at the Phoenix

By Elizabeth Taylor-Mead, Phoenix Cinema executive director November brings two of the year's most touted feature film presentations to the Phoenix. The month starts with a two-week run of Phoenix patron Mike Leigh's sweeping yet intimate epic, portraying one of Britain's most revered artists, *Mr Turner*. Timothy Spall in the title role won the coveted Best Actor award at this year's Cannes Film Festival and is favoured for BAFTA and Oscar wins.

The second half of November delivers another outstanding portrait of a great Briton, this time mathematician Alan Turing, who helped to break the German Enigma Code during WW2, helping the Allies bring the war to an earlier close. Benedict Cumberbatch delivers another flawless and touching performance as Turing in *The Imitation Game*.

The UK Jewish Film Festival returns with three screenings and events. Join us on 9 November for *Run Boy Run*, on the 11th for *Above and Beyond* and on the 12th for *Gett: the Trial of Viviane Amsalem*, all intriguing films with lively discussion sessions.

Silent film classic *Pandora's Box*, starring one of the first screen femmes fatale Louise Brooks, will be presented in the afternoon of Sunday 9 November with a thrilling live musical accompaniment by *Stephen Horne*, a leading light in this specialised field.

Why not try our new *Phoenix Film Salon*? Two Monday nights a month, Nick Walker hosts the second evening screening of our current feature film, leading a spirited audience discussion in our beautiful Art Deco auditorium after the film. November's events are on the 10th and 24th. Special tickets include tea or coffee.

Fancy a film quiz that projects the clues on the silver screen? Bring your brains to the *Phoenix Use It or Lose It Film Quiz*, once a month on Sunday from 11am to 12noon starting on 16 November. This is your chance to win a complimentary membership to the cinema. Even if you can't answer all the questions you'll have lots of fun trying and give your memory a workout.

Visit our website www.phoenixcinema.co.uk for the full schedule, ticket prices and booking. See you at the movies!

Ally Pally ice show

This year's Christmas production at Alexandra Palace ice rink is *The Snow Queen on Ice*, a recreation of the famous story of an icicle world. The show runs for four days at the following times: Friday 19 December at 7.30pm; Saturday 20 December at 5.30pm; Sunday 21 December at 2pm and 5.30pm; Monday 22 December at 7.30pm.

Tickets (for which there will be an additional booking fee) cost £11 for adults, with concessions of £9 for 14 years old and under and for the over 65s. Wheelchair users have free carer entry. No tickets will be sold at the door and they will stop being sold for the next session on the midnight before (unless previously sold out). To book or for further details call 020 8365 2121 or visit www.alexandrapalace.com.

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

Saturday 1 November

• **Winter Fair** in aid of Combat Stress (Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society), 11am - 4pm, to be opened by Martin Bell; Free Church Hall, Northway, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 6PB. Collectables, china, glass, jewellery, crafts, cakes and home produce. Lunches, teas and free parking. Entry £1 (children free).

Saturday 8 November

• **Holy Trinity Church fair**, Church Lane, 12noon to 3pm. Attractions include kids' toys and books, face painting, kids' crafts and popcorn plus the adult favourites of cakes, books, jewellery, bric-a-brac, arts and crafts and more.

• **Bonfire and fireworks evening at Finchley Cricket Club**, East End Road. Food and drinks available from 5.30pm. Show starts 7pm.

• **Fireworks at the Walker Cricket Ground**, Waterfall Road, Southgate. Gates open 5pm, fireworks start 8pm. Tickets available online until 5 November and at the gate on the night. More info from www.thewalkerground.co.uk/fireworks

Sunday 9 November

• **Battle of Barnet: guided walk** around Wars of the Roses battle site (1471) with

City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet 2.30 pm at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road. Tickets £8, £4 for under 12s. Call Paul on 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. The Hermitage Ensemble (soprano, violins, viola, cello) perform a programme to include Karl Weigl, Schubert and Mozart. Admission free, collection for Target Ovarian Cancer. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Tuesday 11 November

• **Quizzerama in the Kinks Room**, Clissold Arms, Fortis Green, 7.45pm for 8.0 start. Hosted by Deborah of DezEvents.com. Entry £2 each, teams up to six; winners take the pot, runners up win drinks round. Second Tuesday every month.

Wednesday 12 to Saturday 15 November

• **Finchley & Friern Barnet Operatic Society** (FFBOS) presents Mack & Mabel, the Hollywood musical, at The Intimate Theatre, Palmers Green, Green Lanes, N13 4DH. Featuring classic songs such as I Won't Send Roses and Tap Your Troubles Away. Tickets: £13/14 (£10 concessions).

Box Office: 020 8482 6923 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/ffbos

Sunday 16 November

• **Open Sunday at Stephens House & Gardens**, East End Road, 1pm-5pm. The Stephens Collection and The Bothy Gardens are open for you to visit and explore. Make a day of it and enjoy a classic Sunday lunch with main courses from £6.50 and sweets from £2.50 (booking recommended).

Thursday 20 November

• **Quiz Night at Stephens House & Gardens**, East End Road, 7.30pm; £13:50 per person, including a fish and chip supper. Call 020 8346 7812, option 1, or book in person at the house.

Saturday 22 November

• **St Mary's Church Christmas Fair**, 12noon - 3pm, 279 High Road, N2. Meet Santa in his grotto from 1pm-2.30pm. There will be kids' activities, face painting, food, cakes, mulled wine, manicures, knitting lessons, arts and crafts, and three tombolas. Free entry.

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Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November

• **East Finchley Open Artists hold their Winter Fair** at Treehouse School, Woodside Avenue, N10, 11 am-5pm. Browse and buy beautifully crafted gifts by talented local artists. Admission free; donations welcome to assist Ambitious About Autism. Details: www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Thursday 27 November

• **The Finchley Society** hosts Christmas in London, a talk by Brenda Cole for the Jean Scott Memorial Lecture; 8pm at Stephens (Avenue) House, East End Road, N3 3QE. Non-members very welcome. Admission £2.

Sunday 30 November

• **Charles Dickens in Barnet**: special Christmas guided walk with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet 11.0 am at High Barnet tube station. Tickets £8, £4 for under 12s. Call Paul on 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Until Sunday 21 December

• Exhibition marking the **50-year career of Ray Davies** of The Kinks at Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane, N17.