



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 NLS, 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



Mark Overall (*Frankenstein's Monster*) at work.

Frankenstein's monster haunts graveyards

In their special Halloween production of the horror classic *Frankenstein*, Garden Suburb Theatre has cast in the role of Frankenstein's monster a local monument mason, Mark Overall, who specialises in gravestone restoration in cemeteries all over London. His working life should give him plenty of opportunities to get into character!

Frankenstein is the first of two appearances the group will be making at Upstairs at the Gatehouse in Highgate this autumn. Our Man in Havana follows in December. Frankenstein runs from Thursday 30 October to Sunday 2 November at 8pm (4pm on Sunday) with a special Halloween matinee at 5pm on 31 October. Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions) and are available from www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com or by ringing 020 8340 3488.

Be seen in The Archer

Has your charity, church, school or society got a public event happening? Tell everyone in East Finchley about it with a free listing in our What's On column on page 10 of every issue.

Send us details by email to the-archer@lineone.net or by post to The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE. You can also reach us on Facebook and Twitter at TheArcherN2.

Deadline for submissions is always the middle of the month ahead of the issue in which you'd like your event included. Full details of deadlines are always at the top of page 2.

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

Sunday 12 October

• **Open Sunday at Stephens House and Gardens**, East End Road, N3. From 1pm to 5pm The Stephens Collection and The Bothy Gardens are open for you to visit. See this boutique collection of Stephens ephemera, explore the gardens and enjoy a classic Sunday lunch with main courses from £6.50 and sweets from £2.50 (booking recommended).

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, N2, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. Barnet Voices, with Robert Puzey (viola) and Millie Pollicek (piano) perform many styles from classic to modern, including Byrd, Purcell, Mozart, Elgar, John Rutter, Jerome Kern and Richard Rogers. Free admission with collection in aid of Cherry Lodge Cancer Care and East Finchley Community Trust. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Friday 17 October

• **Memory Lane Singing Club** invites you to an hour of song, 11am at St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. Free of charge and all are welcome. Disabled access. Reserve

a place by contacting Valerie Cowan on 020 8458 4508 or v.cowan@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 19 October

• **Battle of Barnet: guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

• **The Confections** will hold a concert at 7.45pm in the Church Hall, St. Mary's Church, 279 High Road, N2. First half Old Time Music Hall, second half songs and sketches from 1930s onwards. Tickets £8 and £7 concessions, including refreshments, from 020 8440 2817 or at the door. All proceeds to St. Mary's.

Sunday 26 October

• **Halloween at Stephens House and Gardens**, East End Road, N3. Scary fun for all the family including spine-tingling spooky tour, face painting, fire jugglers, children's activities and more. Adults £5, children (aged 5-15) £4, families £16. See www.stephenshouseandgardens.com for more details.

October at the Phoenix

By Elizabeth Taylor-Mead, executive director of the Phoenix Cinema

Autumn at the Phoenix brings several feature films that have been racking up kudos at glitzy international festivals and some that caught our attention without any fanfare.

We start with *Ida*, in which director Pawel Pawlikowski's memorable central character faces questions and contradictions arising from revelations about her family history.

Sharing the screen the same week is David Cronenberg's unique take on Hollywood, *Map to the Stars*, starring Julianne Moore and Mia Wasikowska.

Next is *71* in which Jack O'Connell plays a disorientated British soldier accidentally abandoned and trapped in war-torn Belfast. Then Phoenix favourite Emma Thompson is both writer and actor in *Effie Gray*, which imagines the relationship between Victorian art critic John Ruskin and his teenage wife.

Back on screen together for the third time, Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper play a childless couple in Depression-era North Carolina in *Serena* by Danish director Suzanne Blier. Finally, the long-awaited Jimi Hendrix biopic *All is by my Side* rounds

off the month.

Phoenix Nights invites guest curators to present a favourite film at our monthly Friday late-night slot. Join us at 11.30pm on 3 October when film critic Mark Kermode does the honours.

Our regular Community programmes continue with our Kids Club, an arts activity and film screening every Saturday morning, then Toddler Time on Tuesdays at 11am, and Bringing Up Baby for parents and carers with infants in tow on Wednesdays. Starting soon, Phoenix Film Salon will be a twice-monthly enhanced evening screening and film discussion series.

Check our website for schedule and title updates at www.phoenixcinema.co.uk

The fastest way to book tickets to ensure you don't miss out is by purchasing online. The Phoenix offers a unique experience and friendly atmosphere in an iconic independent cinema. We hope to see you soon.

What's the point of the Methodist Church?

East Finchley Methodist Church invites you to explore some of the answers to this question at its October Open Church month. Displays, exhibitions and social events will celebrate Harvest Festival in the first two weeks and Black History Month in the second two weeks.

Every Thursday, Wesley's Coffee Bar will be open from 9.30am. Come and learn more about the history of Methodism in East Finchley and enjoy our displays for Harvest Festival and Christian Aid, focussing this year on Burundi.

An exhibition opening on Sunday 19 October will cel-

brate the history of Methodism in the Caribbean and include a display of artefacts from various African countries.

For further information about the church on the High Road opposite Creighton Avenue please contact Rev. Michael Giles (020 8346 1700) or Andrea McTeare (020 8346 7325).

Tuesday 28 October to Saturday 1 November

• **Halloween Ghost Walk**: a very special guided walk through Barnet and Monken Hadley, the second most haunted village in England, with City of London guide Paul Baker. Prize for the spookiest costume! More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Thursday 30 October

• **The Finchley Society** will host a talk by learning officer Isobel Aptaker on *plans for the future of Alexandra Palace*, which has received Heritage Lottery Funding. Mike Gee will also speak about the recent Finchley in Bloom competition; 7.30 for 8 pm at Stephens (Avenue) House, East End Road N3. All welcome. Non-members £2.

Thursday 30 October to Sunday 2 November

• **Garden Suburb Theatre** group presents *Frankenstein* Upstairs at the Gatehouse in Highgate. Nightly at 8pm, with special Halloween matinee at 5pm on Friday 31 October and matinee on Sunday 1

November at 4pm. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) available from www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com or by ringing 020 8340 3488.

Saturday 1 November

• **Fireworks Festival at Alexandra Palace**, including UK's largest German beer festival, two funfairs, ice skating and a family area, with street food and refreshments. Gates open from 3pm, fireworks from 7.30pm. Tickets from www.alexandrapalacefireworks.co.uk

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, London, 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

Until Sunday 21 December

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