



## 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](http://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
- **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.
- **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.



Eighties revival: Helen Mikellides (centre) and the Style Councillors on stage at their first gig. Photo by Lisa Bishop.

## Style Council back in season

By Nick Young

**What connects one of the most famous bands of the 1980s with a chemist's in East Finchley? The answer is a lady called Helen Mikellides, who works in Cootes Pharmacy and lives on Leslie Road.**

Life-long Style Council fan, Helen, sent a chance email to tribute band, the Style Councillors, which resulted in her being recruited as their lead female vocalist.

The only Style Council tribute act in the world, the Style Councillors have been going for four months. As well as Helen, their ten-strong line-up includes Darren Fletcher, who sings in the Paul Weller tribute act The Weller Experience.

### Sounds of the 80s return

Their reception by fans and music lovers has been overwhelmingly positive. "It's been beyond our wildest dreams," Helen told *THE ARCHER*. "The Style Council were very popular. Their records outsold The Jam by three to one and they have a lot of die-hard fans."

The band has been working hard at replicating the sound of the originals. "We spent

ages getting the sounds exactly right," said Helen.

The Style Council was formed in 1983 by Paul Weller after The Jam broke up, and continued until 1989. Two members of the original band, singer Dee C. Lee and drummer Steve White, have already expressed their support for the tribute band. Paul Weller himself has yet to comment.

### See them live

The Style Councillors' first gig, at the Brentford Theatre in July, was a sell-out success. The next gig, their second, will be at the Jazz Café in Camden on 21 September.

Future plans include gigs in the north of England, while interest has been expressed in the US and Japan, where the Style Council had a big following back in the 1980s.

For more details, visit the band's website: [www.thestylecouncillors.com](http://www.thestylecouncillors.com)

## September at the Phoenix

By Elizabeth Taylor-Mead, executive director, Phoenix Cinema

**September is bursting with great films and events at the Phoenix. Our feature films offer a selection of cinematic pleasures, starting with Helen Mirren and Om Puri in *The Hundred Foot Journey*, director Lasse Hallstrom's satisfying meal of a story about food and culture.**

*Pride* opens on the 12th, the true tale of how two very different communities came together in London and Wales during the lengthy 1980s UK miners' strike. An irresistible crowd pleaser, it stars Bill Nighy and Imelda Staunton.

Ending our feature runs this month is Woody Allen's latest, *Magic in the Moonlight*, co-starring Colin Firth and Emma Stone as jazz-age Riviera rivals.

Late night on Friday 5 September we're expecting *The Visitor*, a psychedelic relic of 70s Italian cinema featuring Franco Nero and an A-list Hollywood cast, hosted by film critic and author Kim Newman.

Our Saturday Kids' Club presents affordable films and art activities for our younger audience including *The Glitterball* and *Matilda* this month.

On Sunday 21 September we take part in both London Open House and the East Finchley Arts Festival by offering historic tours of the Phoenix and a special screening of classic First World War-themed musical *Oh, What A Lovely War*.

Book early for two more one-time-only events: *20,000 Days on Earth* lands on 17 November with a satellite performance and Q&A by the film's star and music icon Nick Cave, followed on 28 November by a screening of *Billy Elliott The Musical*, live from the West End stage.

Everyone's schedule fills up at summer's end so we hope you'll mark your calendar and book tickets online now at [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk). See you at the movies!

## So...

***My husband and I went along to the Phoenix Cinema for the final showing of Monty Python Live (Mostly). The screening had sold out well in advance and the foyer was crowded when we collected our tickets.***

*In the auditorium we were delighted to see that there were some empty places in the back row just where we usually sit, so we chose two and sat there to enjoy watching the cinema filling up.*

*Then I noticed that other people were peering at their tickets and studying the seats before settling down. A woman approached me and asked "Are you in the right seats?" quoting the number on her ticket and counting along to indicate we might be in hers.*

*Number? What number? We didn't know the seats were allocated so hadn't bothered to check our tickets.*

*It turned out that this lady was in the wrong row and found her place elsewhere. We, however, without being aware of it, had sat down in the very seats and row allocated to us on our tickets. Weird or what?*

**Diana Cormack**

## What's On... E-mail your listings to: [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net)

### Tuesday 2 September to Thursday 11 September

• **East Finchley Arts Festival:** the 18<sup>th</sup> year of our very own festival of music, literature, opera and art at All Saints Church, Durham Road, N2, and the Phoenix Cinema, High Road, N2. See programme summary elsewhere in this issue, or visit [www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk)

• **East Finchley Altogether Better** pop-in sessions for anyone to share ideas about ideas and skills to improve life for everyone in East Finchley. Tuesday 2 September, 11.30am to 2pm, and Thursday 4 September, 1pm to 4pm, at the Phoenix Cinema. Monday 8 September and Thursday 11 September, 10am to 12noon at Finchley Youth Theatre, High Road. EFAB is a community-led project aiming to reduce isolation and help local people set up projects for others in the area. Everyone welcome. More details at [www.efab.org.uk](http://www.efab.org.uk)

### Sunday 7 September

• From 10am, **Socratic Dialogue:** Can unequal treatment ever be just? Friern Barnet Community Library, entry £15. In a Socratic Dialogue we explore a question or a statement. We do this by exploring an example based on a real life experience given by a member of the group. This is a private event and the library will be closed to the public. For further information or to book please email [info@socraticdialogue.co.uk](mailto:info@socraticdialogue.co.uk)

### Saturday 13 September to Sunday 21 September

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• **Monday 15 September**  
• Barnet Carers Centre and Carers in Barnet present an **event for family carers of people living in, or considering moving into, a care home**. Speakers, advice and a light lunch. From 9.45am to 2pm at Barnet House, 1255 High Road, London N20 0EJ

• **Friday 19 September**  
• **The Italian Grand Tour:** Vivaldi, Corelli and the rise of the violin. Join Gut Instinct on a tour of 100 years of Italian music, from Venice to Rome, Bologna and Naples, 7.30pm. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) on the door.

• **Any Questions?** Panel includes Cllr David Longstaff, chair of Incognito Theatre, musician Julian Silverman, and Thor (one of the occupants who reopened Friern Barnet Community Library), 7.30pm, Friern Barnet Community Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3DS. Tel: 020 8361 0174.

• **Sunday 21 September**  
• **Phoenix Cinema** takes part in **London Open House** and the East Finchley Arts Festival by offering historic tours and a

special screening of classic First World War-themed musical *Oh, What A Lovely War*. Details at [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk)

• **Tuesday 24 September to Saturday 4 October**  
• **Splashes, Wisps and Fragments:** Artists from the **East Finchley Open** group exhibit at The Original Gallery, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, Crouch End, N8 9JA. [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk)

• **Thursday 26 September**  
• **The Finchley Society** concentrates on East Finchley. Topics not yet revealed. 8pm at Martin School, Plane Tree Walk, N2.

• **Sunday 5 October**  
• **Blunderbus presents Hugless Douglas:** Music, puppetry, high energy storytelling. Little cubs and grown-up bears will all have fun, 12pm & 3pm. Ages 3-7. Tickets £8.95. Jackson's Lane Children's Theatre, 269A Archway Road, N6 5AA. Box office 020 8341 4421. [www.jacksonslane.org.uk](http://www.jacksonslane.org.uk)

• **Friday 17 October**  
• **Memory Lane Singing Club** invites you to an hour of song at 11am in St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. Disabled access. Free of charge and all welcome. Details from 020 8458 4508.