



## Regular Events

### Sport & Fitness

- **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
- **Ladies Keep Fit Class** for over 50s. Tues 10.30–11.30am at Tetherdown Hall. Sheila 8444 0084.
- **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 Classes** Tue 9.30, Fri 9.15 & Sun 11am. [www.pilatesineastfinchley.co.uk](http://www.pilatesineastfinchley.co.uk). Michelle 07767 804 564
- **Tai Chi & Qigong** in N2, Weds 1pm. James 8883 3308/07836 710281 or [james@taiji.co.uk](mailto: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).
- **Women's kick boxing**, Thursdays 9.30am, East Finchley Combat Academy, Church Lane, N2. Contact 07956 340540.

### 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 Ralph 8444 5903.
- **East Finchley Poetry Writing Workshops**. Monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- **Gospel choir**, St Mary's, 279 High Road, N2, Thursdays 7-8pm, all welcome. Contact Sandra 07866 479913.
- **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](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

## Medieval soap opera

Garden Suburb Theatre is bringing *The Lion in Winter* to The Bull Theatre in Barnet. The play is the group's entry in the Barnet and District Drama Festival.

This black comedy features a family Christmas with a difference, one that puts the 'feud' into 'feudal'. King Henry II of England has commanded his estranged wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine, and their three sons to spend the festive season with him. However, his mistress and her brother will also be there. Will Henry finally name who is to succeed him on the English

throne? Their yuletide celebration soon turns into a black comedy of deceit, betrayal, power games and scorching wit.

*The Lion in Winter* runs from Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 May at 8pm, with a Saturday matinee at 3pm. Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions) and are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre) or by ringing 020 7723 6609.



Royal relations: Catherine Little as Eleanor and Mark Overall as Henry

## Land of the summer sun

Highgate Contemporary Art is hosting an exhibition by French artist Luce Géas until 16 May. Her studies of rich ochre earth, twisted ancient olive trees, clear blue skies and purple lavender conjure up sun-saturated Provence in the south of France, a landscape she has known and loved all her life.

In 2009 Luce was awarded the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest honour, following a distinguished career professionally, socially and artistically. She has exhibited extensively

and has many loyal followers in the UK and France.

The gallery at 26 Highgate High Street, N6, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10.30am to 6pm. Entry is free.

## What's on at the Phoenix in May

By Elizabeth Taylor-Mead, Phoenix Cinema executive director

The merry month of May is brimming with big screen pleasures at the best 'picture palace' in North London.

Director Thomas Vinterberg delves into Hardy country for his remake of *Far from the Madding Crowd*. This time round Carey Mulligan plays the headstrong heroine Bathsheba Everdene, pursued by three very different suitors. Opens 1 May.

Women continue to hold the spotlight in two films starting on 15 May. VE Day, 1945 is the setting for *A Royal Night Out*, a delightful film that imagines what happened when young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret were allowed to wander incognito, celebrating among ordinary Londoners. Rupert Everett and Emily Watson play the royal parents.

A new monthly strand, *Sunday Best*, offers the chance to see recent releases that didn't fit into our schedule before but are films we feel merit your attention. Our presentation on 10 May is *Force Majeure*, a Swedish film set in the Swiss

Alps; a funny, edgy story about the perfect family man forced to confront his real nature.

Ralph Fiennes stars in the National Theatre production of George Bernard Shaw's *Man and Superman* on 14 May.

Bring the children to see the *Shaun the Sheep Movie* at our Saturday Kids Club on 23 May. Then if you're looking for something special during half term week, we've got the enchanting *Secret of Kells* on the 25<sup>th</sup> and Oscar-nominated Studio Ghibli feature *The Tale of Princess Kaguya* on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our *Use It Or Lose It Film Quiz* takes place at 11am twice this month, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Test your cinematic knowledge with classic film clip clues and win a gift membership for you or a friend. Full programme details and online booking for all our screenings at: [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk). See you at the movies!



Owner Juliet Walden with chalk artwork. Photo Stepan Stepanenko

## A new place for art

By Stepan Stepanenko

Local artists are invited to showcase their works at a new café which has opened on Aylmer Parade. With all styles welcome, Aylmer Pantry is looking forward to hosting the artwork and organising regular soirees for the artists.

Owner Juliet Walden said the artisan establishment is eager to become an active member of the community. As well as the displays of art, the café and shop will be hosting chalk paint workshops.

Visitors to the café can also enjoy a cup of origin coffee and relax in a beautifully decorated environment. The interior of the café has been fitted out in the style of the Vintage Garden shop with which it is connected. Visitors can sit and enjoy a coffee in comfortable vintage chairs while surrounded by a décor of recycled floorboards and other pre-loved furnishings.

For those who would like to display their art, please hurry

as demand is high and the café is looking for new exhibitors no sooner than the coming September.

## Running mums

Mums Who Run is a friendly women's running group that meets fortnightly on Thursday mornings in Cherry Tree Wood. It's ideal for runners who like friendly company while they exercise. Contact [sarahglennon7@gmail.com](mailto:sarahglennon7@gmail.com) for more info.

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

### Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 May

• **Garden Suburb Theatre** presents *The Lion in Winter* at The Bull Theatre, Barnet, nightly at 8pm, Saturday matinee at 3pm. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre) or by ringing 020 7723 6609. The play is GST's entry in the Barnet and District Drama Festival.

### Saturday 9 May

• **Dickens in Barnet: guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Dickens's travels and writings in Barnet and Finchley. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 2.30pm. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net)

### Sunday 10 May

• **Car boot and table top sale** at Vale Farm Allotments, Tarling Road, N2; 11am to 4pm.

• **Free music concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra Ensemble plays Schubert's Octet in F major. Free admission with collection for Alzheimer's Research UK. Venue fully accessible.

### Saturday 16 May

• **HGS Horticultural Society's plant**

sale, 10.30am to 12 noon, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. Entry free.

• **Holy Trinity Primary School Fair**, Eagans Close, N2, 12 noon until 2.30pm. Enjoy a bungee run, a bounciness castle, surf simulator, beat the goalie, arts, crafts, food and drink. All welcome.

### Until Saturday 16 May

• **Exhibition of paintings** by distinguished French artist Luce Géas at Highgate Contemporary Art, 26 Highgate High Street, N6 5JG. Gallery open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.30am–6pm. Entry is free.

### Wednesday 20 to Sunday 24 May

• **Finchley Literary Festival**: 18 events including author talks, writing workshops and poetry evenings at five venues across five days. Venues are Church End Library, North Finchley Library, Friern Barnet Community Library, and Waterstones and Café Buzz in North Finchley. Find the full programme at [www.finchlityliteraryfestival.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.finchlityliteraryfestival.blogspot.co.uk)

### Friday 22 May

• **Finchley literary tour**: a guided walk as part of the Finchley Literary Festival. Meet at Finchley Central tube station (Ballards Lane exit) at 3pm. More details from Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805 or [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net)