



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group**
Call Vivien 8883 8190
- **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- **Outdoor Fit Camp** Lyttelton Playing Fields, N2, 6.30pm Wed and 9.30am Sat. Call Martin on 07809 593952.
- **Pilates Classes** Tue 9.30, Fri 9.15 & Sun 11am. www.pilatesineastfinchley.co.uk. Michelle 07767 804 564
- **Tai Chi & Qigong** in N2, Weds 12pm, 1pm, 6pm & 7pm. 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 beginners' course** at Yogalogy, High Road, N2. Contact 020 70187377 or info@yogalogy.co.uk
- **Yoga, pregnancy yoga, meditation classes**. Call Sunnah 07941 321 772 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

- **The Archer Community Choir**, Tuesdays 7-9pm, The Archer Academy, Eagans Close, N2. Email: archercommunitychoir@gmail.com.
- **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. www.a-chord.uk
- **Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes** - beginners & improvers. Wed & Fri eve, Bishop Douglass Sch. 8207 2323.
- **'Calm & Sing' workshops**. Contact Angie on missangiea@yahoo.co.uk
- **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 020 8444 7217.
- **Creative Writing** at Friern Barnet Community Library. Every Saturday, 12pm, 07488 230580.
- **Dance conditioning classes**. New body in 10 lessons. Diana: 07580 041270. www.boldbodies.co.uk.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Rock 'n Roll dance lessons**, 8pm every Weds at the Constitutional Club, The Walks. Drop-in. Call Kav 07721 489489.
- **Traditional tunes** @ TOC Highgate Hill, join in playing by ear - 1st & 3rd Tues monthly 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 Mouldon on 8361 1696.
- **Muslim Ladies Lunch Club** 1st & 3rd Weds, Ann Owen Ctr., Oak La. Call 8432 1415 to book.
- **Bridge Club**, Thursday & Saturday afternoons, Age UK, Oak Lane, N2 8LT. Contact Ray Tiano 07944 562180.



Sister ancestors: Bethe Bronson with her work, top, at the Royal Academy

A glimpse of my ancestors

Artist Bethe Bronson has had one of her works chosen to be exhibited in the prestigious Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, which this year celebrates its 250th anniversary. Entitled *Weinheimer Sisters*, it is a photogenic drawing inspired by her maternal great grandfather's sisters, who lived in Switzerland in the late 1800s.

Bethe, of Manor Cottages Approach, N2, never saw them but only heard stories about them from her mother, who in turn had heard them from her mother. She said: "I usually work from old photographs but in this case I based them on what I'd heard about them. This piece resulted in rather obscured images, which works since we don't know what they actually looked like or much else about them."

It is one of 1,300 pieces on display at Burlington House, Piccadilly, until 19 August.

Timeless Greek classic

The summer production from the Hampstead Players is *The Bacchae* by Euripides. This classical play, set here in modern times, explores how important it is for humanity to exist in balance with its true nature.

You can see it at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, NW3, from Thursday 5 July to Saturday 7 July at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Buy tickets online at www.hampsteadplayers.org.uk or by post from The Hampstead Players, Box Office, The Parish Church of St John at Hampstead, Church Row, NW3 6UU.

What's On...

Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 July

• **The Hampstead Players** present *The Bacchae* by Euripides, a classic Greek tragedy set in modern times; Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, NW3; evening performances at 7.30pm, matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets from www.hampsteadplayers.org.uk

Friday 6 to Saturday 14 July

• **Garden Suburb Theatre** presents *Measure for Measure* by William Shakespeare on 6-7 and 11-14 July at 7.30pm and 7, 8, and 14 July at 3pm at Little Oak Wood, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Tickets priced £12/£10 are available from www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk.

Saturday 7 July

• **Finchley Chamber Choir and Finchley Symphony Orchestra** conducted by David

Comedy show helps at-risk children

Stand-up comedian James Acaster helped East Finchley charity The Bobath Centre raise £4,650 to support its early therapy scheme for children at risk of cerebral palsy.

James, who recorded *Have I Got News For You* for BBC One the next day, performed a 90-minute solo set to a packed audience at Highgate's Jackson's Lane centre.

Christina Owen, whose son Huxley is treated at the centre in East End Road, closed the first half with a heartfelt and moving

Absurdity begins at home

"With the real world becoming more and more absurd... Trump, Brexit... we need more absurdity on stage," says Martin Szalla, founder of the new A&B Drama Club in East Finchley.

From September his group will be staging *An Evening of Conceptual Absurdity* at different venues in London, including the Finchley Youth Theatre in the High Road, with more plays to follow in the winter months.

Martin was born in the theatre, almost literally. His mother was watching a premiere directed by his father in the famous Bochumer Schauspielhaus in Germany when she suddenly had to hurry to the hospital to give birth.

After spending his child-



Dramatist: Martin Szalla. Photo Mike Coles

hood amongst actors he later took to languages, politics and music, and founded the language institute ARTES BONAE in Hamburg.

"After moving to Britain with my young sons in 2014, I remembered my roots and started writing, directing and performing," said Martin, whose children are happily settled at Martin Primary School. "I feel completely at home here, after just four months, and as London is the capital of the theatre world, I have to get busy, not only with languages, but with setting up a drama group."

Actors and crew needed

A&B Drama Club will perform absurd short plays written by Tadeusz Rózewicz, Slawomir Mrozek, Martin Szalla himself and other fringe writers. As the group is just forming, they are presently looking for more actors and generally people who are interested in supporting them, including technicians, musicians and backstage crew.

Find out more at www.abdrama.com or contact martin@abdrama.com.

insight into raising a child with cerebral palsy.

The Bobath early intervention scheme provides free, specialist physio, occupational and speech and language therapy for at-risk infants up to 18 months old. In these early months the infant brain is developing rapidly and can be influenced by external stimuli, such as physiotherapy. However, it often takes time for a diagnosis to be confirmed and for local therapy services to be organised. The scheme provides immediate support at a critical time in children's lives.

If you would like a poster signed by James, the charity has a few left in return for a donation. Please contact fundraising@bobath.org.uk

and their families. Fully accessible venue.

Saturday 14 July

• **Moth and Dragonfly Morning** at Long Lane Pasture, opposite the fire station in Long Lane, N3, 10am to 12 noon; as part of National Moth Count, volunteers will have set a moth trap to identify those caught before releasing them.

• **North London Chorus and Meridian Sinfonia** perform Salieri's *Requiem in C Minor* and Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*; St James' Church, Muswell Hill, at 7.30pm. Book online at northlondonchorus.org/ tickets or buy tickets from St James' Bookshop and Les Aldrich Music Shop, Muswell Hill.

Saturday 28 July

• **Muswell Hill indoor car boot sale**, 10am-1pm at Hornsey Parish Church Hall,

Cranley Gardens, N10; admission 50p; refreshments available.

Sunday 29 July

• Caroline and David Broome open their garden at 79 Church Lane, N2, 2pm to 6pm, in support of the **National Garden Scheme**. Fabulous home-made cakes, selection of locally propagated plants for sale, raffle and children's treasure hunt. Entrance £4, children free. Further details: www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/21824/

Saturday 4 August

• **Blackberry picking begins at Long Lane Pasture**, opposite fire station, Long Lane, N3. Official start of the pick which may last until September. Bring containers and make donation at entrance. Please take care with brambles and avoid trampling the hedges which are a habitat for birds and mammals.

E-mail your listings to: the-archer@lineone.net