



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group**
Call Vivien 8883 8190
- **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced bowlers welcome. Tel: 8883 0433.
- **Outdoor Fit Camp** Lyttelton Playing Fields, N2, 6.30pm Wed and 9.30am Sat. Call Martin on 07809 593952.
- **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. 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 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 Moldon on 8361 1696.
- **Muslim Ladies Lunch Club** 1st & 3rd Weds, Ann Owen Ctr., Oak La. Call 8432 1415 to book.
- **Bridge Club**, every Saturday 1.30-4pm, Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2 8LT. Contact Ray Tiano 07944 562180.



Musical storytellers: The Solarek Piano Trio Marina Solarek, Miriam Lowbury and Diana Brekal.

Musical love triangle

A concert by the Solarek Piano Trio will tell the story of the intriguing musical love triangle between Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms. Performances of piano trios by these famous romantic composers will be interlaced with diary entries and readings from their letters to each other.

Two movements of Robert Schumann's *Fantasiestücke*, which he wrote two years after marrying his beloved Clara Wieck in 1840, will open the concert, followed by Clara Schumann's piano trio written in 1846, while she was pregnant with her fourth child.

Robert and Clara had a passionate courtship and subsequently a powerful friendship with the 20-year-old Johannes

Brahms before Robert was struck by a tragic illness. The second half of the concert will be the *C minor Trio* by Brahms, which he wrote while in Switzerland in 1883.

The concert takes place at Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead, NW3, on Sunday 11 March at 2pm. Tickets costing £10 (£8 concessions) will be available at the door.

Concert to raise the roof at All Saints

All Saints' Church is to stage a fundraising concert this month in support of its appeal to raise £400,000 for repairs to its roof and building. As reported in last month's Archer, parts of the Grade 2 listed building in Durham Road, N2, are over 125 years old.

The fundraising concert will be a performance of Rossini's *Messe Solennelle*, a tuneful and vivacious work, which the composer wrote at the end of his career. Four young soloists and the London Ripieno Singers under the direction of Geoffrey Hanson will take to the stage.

Tickets for the combined

concert and meal at £20 are obtainable at Black Gull Books in the High Road, but for catering purposes must be pre-booked no later than Tuesday 20 March. Tickets for just the concert cost £12. You can also book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/efinchleyarts (10% surcharge).

What's On...

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

Sunday 11 March

- **The Solarek Piano Trio** play works by Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms and tell the intriguing story of the musical love triangle between them; Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead, London NW3 1LT at 2pm. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) at the door.
- **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, N2, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm; Helen Cooper, cello, Junko Ishigaki, violin, Sue Rothstein, harp, and Caroline Soresby, piano, play works by Liszt, Handel-Halvorsen, Fauré, Eugene Goossens and Granados, and *Look at all the Pretty Lights*, premiere of work for piano by Sue Rothstein. Free; collection in aid of Revitalise! (holidays for disabled people and their carers). Fully accessible venue.

Thursday 15 March

- **Alex Nunns** will be talking about his

book, *The Candidate: Jeremy Corbyn's Improbable Path to Power*, at The Black Gull bookshop, High Road, N2, at 7.30 pm. Entrance free.

Saturday 17 March

- **Finchley Choral Society** and the **Florian Chamber Orchestra** perform Rossini's *Stabat Mater* at All Hallow's Church, Gospel Oak, NW3 2JP at 7.30pm; tickets £15, £7 student and £1 for children under 16. Available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/finchleychoralsociety and on the door.

Thursday 15 March

- **Phoenix Cinema film discussion group** hosted by distinguished critic David Gritten after the early evening showing of the new film *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*. All welcome to discuss the film over a glass of wine or cup of coffee in the Phoenix café bar.

Thursday 22 March

- **All Saints' Church fundraising concert**

Appeal against 'no enquiry' decision on library service

By Daphne Chamberlain

In December, Barnet Council was told that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport was "minded not to order an enquiry into the borough's library provision". As we have reported previously, the enquiry was requested by Emily Burnham and Robert Strang, on behalf of Save Barnet Libraries (SBL).

The campaign group has replied, saying that the previous Secretary of State had not addressed their complaints about the service as it is now. They said that much had happened since their first request for investigation in December 2016.

Plan changes not considered

They said that a second request was sent in October 2017 with personal impact statements from the public, plus email correspondence and Barnet's answers to public questions. SBL stated that previous fears were proving well founded, Barnet had not fulfilled their promises, and the Department had failed to obtain or consider evidence about the library service as it is now.

Instead, they say, the Department had looked at Barnet's original plan, and not at how

it had changed. For example, extended opening hours and volunteer assistants have not yet materialised. This correspondence was not mentioned in the Department's December letter.

Concerns of local schools

SBL's concerns include unstaffed opening hours, technology problems, and restricted access, particularly affecting resources and facilities for children, young teenagers and vulnerable people.

Local schools, including Holy Trinity, Christ's College, the Archer Academy and Hollickwood Primary, have written to DCMS, setting out the worrying impact of this on their pupils.

SBL are stating that Barnet Council is failing in its duty to provide a comprehensive library service, and are appealing against the decision not to order an enquiry.

Click with customers

The Clissold Arms again provided a warm and friendly location for the February meeting of the N2United Business Network, which serves all of the trades, shops and enterprises in East Finchley. The well attended meeting proved to be another highly successful evening with more new members joining.

The theme for the evening was 'How Businesses use Social Media'. Christopher Stavrou of KOKOS Shoes and Shahab Uddin of East Finchley Combat Academy talked about how they use social media to promote their businesses, raise their profile and generate new custom.

Both favour Instagram; KOKOS in particular using the visual potential to post beautiful and witty images. Interest-

ingly, Christopher explained, less polished images often engage followers more successfully. Shahab talked about the importance of consistency, posting at regular times, but also about embracing competition positively rather than competitively. This, he explained, gives an attractive character to the business.

Looking ahead to the Festival

The meeting also touched on the East Finchley Festival and its brochure, which helps fund the festival and is an excellent way to raise the profile of local businesses. Those businesses interested in taking a stall at the festival this year were encouraged to contact the organisers at eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com.

The next N2United business networking meeting will be on 8 March 2018. All East Finchley businesses are warmly invited. More details can be found at www.n2united.co.uk

Headscratcher

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1. SPELL (BOUND) LESS
2. SWORD (PLAY) THING
3. BLO (WHOLE) SALE