



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.
- **Tennis group lessons** for adult beginners and intermediates, weekends, Park Road, N8. Contact Maz on tennisgift@gmail.com.
- **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**, Thursday & Saturday afternoons, Age UK, Oak Lane, N2 8LT. Contact Ray Tiano 07944 562180.



Honey, I shrunk the workers!

Find your way to the foyer of the Phoenix Cinema any time in October and you'll be able to enter a fascinating miniature world created by photographer Niki Bruckner.

Her Tiny People Project uses miniature figurines from railway modelling, often workers along with some Lego characters, to give us a new perspective on some everyday objects like a camera and a tooth.

Niki, who has lived in East Finchley for five years, says: "The whole project started with

a series of four pictures as a present for my favourite dentists in Budapest to whom I will always be grateful. But then I had these three sets of 'tiny people' that I had grown to like but did not know what else to use them for.

"Luckily some birthdays were coming up so I made some personalised birthday cards for

people who have become a part of my life in various ways in the last five years or so."

Preparing her intricate scenes can take Niki several hours with the photo shoot taking another few hours to

get just right. The figurines she uses come from all walks of life. She describes them as "tiny and annoyingly unstable". See her work for free at the Phoenix in October and visit her website at www.nikibruckner.com.

Roots Sisters got rhythm

By A.S. Khan

East Finchley Constitutional Club was the setting for the opening night of exciting new live music club Roots Sisters Reunion in July. Local music lovers were delighted to have this new event on their doorstep with band Sister Suzie & the Right Band opening the first night.

They played an entertaining and lively one-hour set to an enthralled crowd. Sister Suzie stepped onto the stage glittering from head to toe in emerald green and had the audience in the palm of her hand from the first song with a mix of Blues and Rhythm & Blues.

The live event was launched by performers Aisha Khan and Rossella Scarlet following the Roots Sisters Facebook group, which supports and promotes women working in many different areas of American Roots music from all over the world.

Resident DJ Rossella Scar-

let kept the crowd dancing long after the band's final song and said: "The first Roots Sisters Reunion was full of good vibes and happy faces as well as great music; there was incredible local support."

The next Reunion is on Saturday 15 September, again at the East Finchley Constitutional Club in The Walks, N2, and will feature Lynette Morgan & The Blackwater Valley Boys, who play Western Swing and Hillbilly. Follow Roots Sisters events at: www.facebook.com/roots-sistersrule.

Puppet show needs a hand

The Red Hedgehog Theatre in Highgate reopens this month and a local director is looking for a cast and volunteers to help with his first show there in April next year.

Jake Eiseman-Renyard will be directing a puppet adaptation of environmental musical One Planet Future by Debbie Campbell, which is set in an abandoned allotment with urban foxes, creepy crawlies and discarded household items coming to life as characters. Quirky, witty and with a serious ecological undertone, it features catchy songs and can motivate audiences of any age to take action on environmental issues such as dumping and the loss of green spaces.

Jake is making many of his



Some of the puppets in Jake's show

puppets from recycled materials and is looking for volunteers interested in working as puppeteers, voice artists, musicians and lighting and sound operators. After its run at the Red Hedgehog from 8-22 April, Jake hopes it will be picked up for a run at the Battersea Arts Centre.

He said: "If anyone reading this is interested in being part of the show and is free to rehearse over the coming months, please email jakeeisemanrenyard@gmail.com."

What's On...

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

Saturday 8 September

- Come and sing **Faure's Requiem** with Fortismere Community Choir and friends at St Andrew's Church, Alexandra Park Road, N10. Rehearsal 2-5pm, informal performance at 5.30pm. Singers and audience all welcome.

Sunday 9 September

- **Free concert**, 7.30pm at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2, opposite Creighton Avenue. Sanae Honda, violin, Maryan Balkwill, cello and Saoko Blendis, piano; programme includes Bach, Beethoven, Bartok, Mozart, Clara Schumann. Entry free; collection for Age UK. Fully accessible venue.

Saturday 15 September

- **Spiders and Bugs Hunt** at Long Lane Pasture, opposite fire station, Long Lane, N3, 10am to 12 noon. The Pasture should be alive with grasshoppers, spiders and other creatures. Discover more about insects and observe the wasp spider (which doesn't sting).

- **Roots Sisters Reunion** with live music from Lynette Morgan and the Blackwater Valley Boys; East Finchley Constitutional Club,

The Walks, N2, from 8.30pm. Admission £9. More information at www.facebook.com/rootsistersrule.

Sunday 16 September

- **Fabulous Finchley**: guided walk with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet 2.30pm outside Finchley Central tube station (Ballards Lane exit). Explore 1,000 years of the history of Church End (Finchley Central) and East End (East Finchley), including a beautiful green space. More information from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net.

Thursday 20 September

- Open evening for prospective students and parents at **Archer Academy**, Eagans Close, N2, 6pm to 9pm, with guided tours and talks. Open mornings also in week beginning Monday 24 September. To book, contact admissions officer on 020 8365 4110.

Saturday 22 September

- **Family bats walk** at 19.00 in Coldfall Wood, led by Cindy Blaney. Details and booking at www.coldfallwoods.co.uk

Sunday 23 September

- **Things That Go Bump in High Barnet**, an autumn equinox walk with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 7.30pm. Ghost walk through High Barnet and Monken Hadley, second most haunted village in England. More information from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net.

Saturday 29 September

- **Fungi walk** at 2.30pm in Coldfall Wood, led by Andy Overall. Details and booking at www.coldfallwoods.co.uk

Sunday 30 September

- **A&B Drama Club** presents *An Evening of Conceptual Absurdity*, an evening of 10 short plays (running time 90 minutes plus an interval); Finchley Youth Theatre, High Road, N2, at 7pm, and at the same venue and time on Sunday 7 October and Sunday 14 October. Tickets on the door, from www.abdrama.com and from Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2.

Sunday 30 September

- **Battle of Barnet**: guided walk with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet at junction

of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, EN5 5PP, 2.30pm. Explore the famous Wars of the Roses battlefield of 1471. More information from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net.

Saturday 6 October

• **East Finchley Library celebrates its 80th birthday** with a free festival of arts, music, sports, science and dance as it hosts the Grange Big Local Fun Palace. Music will be MC'ed by Benteki, of Reprerent radio, with football run by the Monday Club, cheerleading from Saracens, free manicures from Vales Nails, dance from SOTO CIC, art with East Finchley Open Artists, the chance to look for aliens with Mill Hill Observatory and much more. For more information check out the FunPalace website www.funpalaces.co.uk

Sunday 7 October

• Senior citizens in Barnet are invited to take family or make new friends at the fourth annual **Silver Service afternoon tea party** drop-in event, with entertainment and advice on services for seniors; Woodhouse College, Woodhouse Road, N12, 12.30pm to 3.30pm.