



## Regular Events

### Sport & Fitness

- **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group**  
Call Vivien 8883 8190
- **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- **1-2-1 boxing and Pilates** training with Martin Carroll at home or private studio, call 07809 593952
- **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 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](mailto:tennisgift@gmail.com).
- **This Mum Runs**: Free social runs in East Finchley and Muswell Hill, Sunday 8am and Wednesday 7.30pm. Contact trishy.dixon@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](mailto:info@yogalogy.co.uk)
- **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

- **The Archer Community Choir**, Tuesdays 7-9pm, The Archer Academy, Eagans Close, N2. Email: [archercommunitychoir1@gmail.com](mailto:archercommunitychoir1@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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.
- **Jazz Club** at the Bohemia, North Finchley. Call 020 7998 6217 or 07957 347411 for more information
- **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** [friends-of-cherrytreewood.home.blog](http://friends-of-cherrytreewood.home.blog) 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.

# Global stars perform at Proms in the Suburb

By David Melsome

**North London summer music festival Proms at St Jude's has built up an impressive reputation since it began 27 years ago. Last year 5,500 people enjoyed its programme of concerts, talks and walks.**

This year, organisers are promising another spectacular line-up of talent running from 22 to 30 June. Highlights include Miloš Karadaglić performing music from Bach to the Beatles; Nevill Holt Opera performing *Così fan Tutti*; Fantasia Orchestra with pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 on C minor; world-renowned vocal group The King's Singers; and Liza Pulman singing the songs of Barbra Streisand.

The Festival closes with the North London Symphony London Orchestra in a programme including Mendelssohn's *Piano Concerto No 1* plus traditional Last Night themes.

There are events especially for children, including the BBC Elstree Concert Band playing favourite music from space movies, Junk Orchestra workshops where children build instruments and Teeny Proms for three to five-year-olds. There are also five free lunchtime concerts for all audiences.

Aside from the concerts, there are nine guided walks covering Hampstead, Golders Green and Holborn Viaduct. And for the second year, there will be Late-night Stand Up on Saturday 29 June with rising stars Jim Daly, Athena Kugblenu and Zahri Barri.

Surplus money from the Festival goes to support two charities, The North London Hospice and Toynbee Hall. To book tickets online and to find out more about the Festival visit [www.promsatstjudes.org.uk](http://www.promsatstjudes.org.uk). General enquiries can be made on 020 3322 8123. Public booking opens Friday 19 April.



Pianist: Isata Kanneh-Mason



Guitarist: Miloš Karadaglić.  
Photo Andy Earl

## A magazine for poets of every kind

By Daphne Chamberlain

**Every year, a new edition of an excellent poetry magazine is published, with East Finchley's famous Archer firing his bow on the front cover. It's called N2 Poetry, and its aim is to publish "interesting, thought-provoking and accessible poetry for its readers".**

Not all the poets or poems have an N2 connection though. So why the title? The magazine's founder and original publisher is Dennis Evans, who definitely lives in N2. Dennis's poems have been published both here and abroad in translation. He is also a helpful and intuitive teacher, and the magazine's first editions featured people who attended his local workshops.

Since then, a growing number of people have contributed. Editor Sue Reardon Smith reports in the latest edition: "There were so many poems for us to discuss before we came to a final decision. The subjects were wide-ranging as well. We enjoyed all the very different topics written about. Please keep on sending them!"

Each edition is launched in East Finchley Methodist Church, when contributors have the opportunity to read their own work. This really adds another dimension.

Copies of *N2 Poetry* Issue 7 are still available and can be ordered by email at [n2poetry@outlook.com](mailto:n2poetry@outlook.com)

or by post from Steph Bramwell, *N2 Poetry*, 35 Pember Road, NW10 5LT. They cost £5, plus 90p for postage/packing.

### New submissions

Submissions for Issue 8 are now being accepted and new poets are always welcome. Many contributors have been published elsewhere, but don't let that deter you. Everyone has their own voice, and inclusivity is what this magazine is about. The current edition includes the words of prize-winning poet Natalya Anderson: "Just knowing that someone will read and acknowledge those words may release you in ways you could never have imagined."

A maximum of four poems should be sent for consideration, preferably by email, to [n2poetry@outlook.com](mailto:n2poetry@outlook.com). Please include your name and contact details. If you are unable to use email, please submit your poems, typed on white A4 paper, to Shereen Abdallah, Managing Editor, *N2 Poetry*, 3 Leslie Road, N2 8BN. Please include a covering letter and SAE.



Watching them, watching you: The cast of Audience

## Two for the price of one

**Garden Suburb Theatre is bringing two one-act plays to the King Alfred Phoenix Theatre in Golders Green this month.**

In Michael Frayn's *Audience*, you can see what an audience is actually thinking and doing when they ought to be watching the play. In *Jeeves and the Song of Songs*, one of P.G. Wodehouse's classic Jeeves and Wooster stories is given a brand new staging.

Performances are from Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 April nightly at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday 13 April at 2.30pm; tickets priced £13 and £11 can be booked online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre).

## What's On...

### Sunday 7 April

• **Jazz at the Bohemia** presents the Peter Matthews Songbook with Lily Dior, vocals, Bob Stuckey, piano, and Andy Hamill, bass, plus guest singers; 7.30pm. The Bohemia, 245 High Road, North Finchley, N12 9QH. Tickets £10. More information: 020 7998 6217 or 07957 347411.

### Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 April

• **The Guild Players** present *A Murder Has Been Arranged* by Emyln Williams. Performances at 7.45pm. Tickets £10 on sale online from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/theguildplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theguildplayers)

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audience is actually thinking and doing when they ought to be watching the play. Performing at King Alfred Phoenix Theatre, Golders Green, NW11, nightly at 7.30pm, with matinee on 13 April at 2.30pm. Tickets £13/£11 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre)

• **Pond Day at Long Lane Pasture**, opposite the fire station, Long Lane, N3, 10am to 12midday. Discover tadpoles, newts and other pond life. Nets and identification trays available. Free.

### Sunday 14 April

• Free concert at **East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, N2; Celebrating Birds and Spring, Caroline Hunter, soprano, Paula Downes, soprano, and Richard Black, piano, perform works by Handel, Mozart, Brahms, Hahn,

Poulenc and Ireland; 7.30pm. Admission free, collection in aid of World Wildlife Fund. Fully accessible venue.

### Thursday 25 April

• **'From a Forest to a Common'**; Hugh Petrie, Barnet's heritage development officer, gives part one of a talk on the origins of Finchley, hosted by the **Finchley Society**, Stephens House and Gardens, 7.30pm. All welcome, non-members £2. Part two will be in November.

### Saturday 27 April

• **Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale**, 10am to 1pm at Hornsey Parish Church Hall, Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH. Information from 020 8368 8180 or 07708 152354. Admission 50p; refreshments available.

### Saturday 27 April

• **Litter pick and guided history walk** in

E-mail your listings to: [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net)

Cherry Tree Wood, N2, organised by the **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood**. Meet at Summerlee Avenue entrance 10am for litter pick; all equipment (bags, gloves, litter-pickers) provided; adults and children welcome. At 2pm, starting from the same entrance, join an hour-long free guided walk through the wood covering its history from ancient times to the present day.

### Thursday 2 May

• **Age UK Barnet Quiz Night** at Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2. Price: £15 per person, includes two-course supper. Enter a team of up to eight or join an Age UK Barnet team. Doors open 6.45pm for 7.15pm start. Bar available serving wine, beer and soft drinks. Raffle with fantastic prizes. Booking essential. Call 0208 2035040 or email [wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk](mailto:wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk)