



## 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.pilateseastfinchley.co.uk](http://www.pilateseastfinchley.co.uk). Michelle 07767 804 564
- **Pilates with Michele**: private and group classes, all levels. Michele 07947 657 441
- **Tai Chi & Qigong** in N2, Weds 12pm, 1pm, 6pm & 7pm. 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.
- **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).

### 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.
- **Memory Lane Singing Club** - friendly singing club meets every Friday in Finchley. Call Valerie 8458 4508.
- **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.

### Clubs & Social

- **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.

## Red carpet premiere for new director

The Everyman cinema in Muswell Hill was the venue for a red carpet premiere to launch the new movie by local director Cush Berlyn. *Trust* is set in London's underworld and asks its audience to question who they can really trust.

Cush, who grew up in East Finchley and went to school in Friern Barnet, gathered a team of fellow creatives and friends to work alongside him on the project, including assistant director and cast member Bobby Gordon, who has appeared in *Hollyoaks*, and music composer and pianist Jessica Sawers-Warren, a friend since they were three.

West Ham footballer Ryan Fredericks, actor Jovian Wade, international model Aneesa Sharif and musician Aggro Santos were among those who walked up the red carpet to enjoy the film's premiere in December. Cush described the whole event as "incredible". *Trust* is available to view on Amazon Prime Video Direct.



Best friends: Left to right, Emilija Trajkovic as Becky Thatcher, Jonah Maddocks as Tom Sawyer and Maya Woolf as Huckleberry Finn.

## Tom Sawyer is back on his adventures

This February half-term, Garden Suburb Theatre is bringing a musical production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* to the King Alfred Phoenix Theatre in Golders Green.

In 1840s' Missouri, teenage Tom Sawyer cheekily wends his way through life falling in love, constantly outsmarting everyone, avoiding work at all costs and finally catching a real murderous villain, all with the help of Huckleberry Finn, Becky Thatcher and his other friends, and the love and support of his Aunt Polly.

The show is on at the King Alfred Phoenix Theatre, North End Road, NW11, from Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 February at 7.30pm, with weekend shows at 11.30am and 3pm. Tickets are £14/£12, and a family ticket £42. To book, go to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre)

## What's On...

E-mail your listings to: [news@the-archer.co.uk](mailto:news@the-archer.co.uk)

### Mondays in February

- Games Group for the over 55s: friendly people and choice of board and card games; The Bohemia, 762-764 High Road, North Finchley, N12 9QH; every Monday 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

### Wednesday 12 February

- Sleeping and Dreaming; Professor Catherine Loveday explores sleep, what it is, why we need it and how to do it better; Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2, 6.30pm. Tickets free but booking essential as places are limited. Email Wendy at [wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk](mailto:wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk) or call 020 8432 1421.

### Friday 14 February

- The Solarek Piano Trio perform two piano trios side by side, the late-romantic highly expressive Trio in C major op 29 by Croatian composer Dora Pejačević, and Beethoven's celebrated Op. 97 in B-flat major, the 'Archduke' Trio, regarded as the greatest of all piano trio works; 6.30pm, Burgh

House, New End Square, London NW3 1LT. Tickets: £15 (£10 concessions) from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/solarek-piano-trio](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/solarek-piano-trio) or at door, include free glass of wine or soft drink.

Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 February

- Garden Suburb Theatre's musical production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain's beloved story of cheeky teenager Tom Sawyer and his friends Huckleberry Finn, Becky Thatcher and Aunt Polly; King Alfred Phoenix Theatre, Golders Green, 7.30pm with weekend shows at 11.30am and 3pm. Tickets £14/£12, family ticket £42 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre).

### Saturday 29 February

- Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale, 10am-1pm, Hornsey Parish Church Hall, Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH; admission 50p; refreshments available. More information from 020 8368 8180 or 07708 152354.



First night: Director Cush Berlyn with lead actors Laura Nicole, left, and Andrea Martinez at the Muswell Hill premiere.

## Stairway to heaven

Two works by East Finchley artist Christine Watson have been selected from over 800 entries to appear alongside paintings by some of Britain's leading pastel and dry media artists at The Pastel Society's annual exhibition in central London.

Christine, who lives in Creighton Avenue, was inspired to create them by a recent trip to Chefchaouen in the Rif Mountains of northern Morocco, which is known as the Blue Pearl because at least a third of the town is painted with a stunning array of blues from cobalt to ultramarine.

Visitors to the exhibition at the Mall Galleries, The Mall, SW1, from Wednesday 5 to Sunday 16 February will have the chance to cast their vote for Christine in the society's Visitors' Choice Award. Admission is £5, but free for under 25s, Friends of Mall Galleries and also free for readers mentioning *The Archer* at the gallery desk.



Chefchaouen Steps: One of the works by Christine Watson on show at Mall Galleries.

More details can be found at [www.mallgalleries.org.uk](http://www.mallgalleries.org.uk)

## Extinction Rebellion fanned by bush fires

By Daphne Chamberlain

As we all know by now, in the hottest year on record in Australia, thousands of homes have been burned to the ground and the landscape devastated. The tragic loss of life, both human and animal, include many animals on the extinction list.

Over 30 countries joined the #BushfireRebellion, with activists demanding recognition of climate change from the Australian government. Mass demonstrations last month included one in London outside the Australia High Commission, with more actions planned at the time of writing.

### Legal victory in the Netherlands

On 20 December, the Dutch Supreme Court upheld two lower court rulings legally

obliging the Dutch government to take action to protect its citizens from climate change. This ruling is the first of its kind.

### Mass cycle ride

Extinction Rebellion and Animal Rebellion members are planning to keep cycling all the way to Glasgow, to attend the COP26, the next UN climate change summit in November. Follow @TourDeRebel on Facebook and Instagram to keep track of their progress. For local XR voices, follow @XRBarnet.

## Get seen in *The Archer*

Is your club, charity, school or society planning a public event? Tell everyone in East Finchley about it with a free listing in our What's On column. Send brief details by email to [news@the-archer.co.uk](mailto:news@the-archer.co.uk) or by post to The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE. You can also reach us on Facebook and Twitter @TheArcherN2. Deadline for submissions is always the middle of the month ahead of the issue in which you'd like your event included. Full details of deadlines at the top of page 2.