



Photos in the foyer: The foyer of the Phoenix Cinema this month features an exhibition of photographs from the East Finchley Open Artists group. Called 'Inspirations', it runs until Tuesday 31 January and entry is free. The cinema foyer is open 30 minutes before each day's first performance, usually around lunchtime, until the end of the last evening performance.

## The Ladykillers hit Highgate

A new production of the stage version of the Ealing comedy classic *The Ladykillers* is coming to Upstairs at the Gatehouse in Highgate in February.

The Garden Suburb Theatre will be performing Graham (Father Ted) Linehan's 2011 stage adaptation of the much-loved 1955 film, which starred Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers, who spent his formative years in East Finchley.

version keeps all that's great about it but with added dollops of contemporary comedy and considerable farce.

"Our version has everything you want from a classic comedy caper. A great plot, daft villains, a wily old woman

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Comedy caper: The cast of *The Ladykillers*. Picture Ivan Berg

Tilak Patel from Finchley will be attempting to follow in Sellers's enormous footsteps as Harry Robinson, part of the criminally bad nest of crooks posing as classical musicians in Professor Marcus's gang.

Dave Barron, *Ladykillers* director and East Finchley resident, said: "I've always loved the film and this stage

and her sick parrot. It's a masterpiece of villainy, with tea and biscuits. Brilliant fun to perform and fabulous fun to watch."

*The Ladykillers* can be seen at 7.30pm on Thursday 2, Friday 3, and Saturday 4 February, and at 4pm on Sunday 5 February. More details at [www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com](http://www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com).

## What's On at the Phoenix in January

By Zalan Pall, general manager

The Phoenix kicks off the year with a bang: a heart-wrecking drama, a beautiful biopic, an English tale of the magic of cinema, classics, live events, local festival all happening in January.

From Friday 6 January, *Till* reframes an horrific historical murder within a mother's grief, brought heartwrenchingly to life by Danielle Deadwyler's tremendous performance. It is a well-acted and beautifully made attempt to reckon with the personal and societal legacy of reprehensible racial violence.

Set in an English seaside town in the early 1980s, *Empire of Light* from Monday 9 January is a powerful and poignant story about human connection and the magic of cinema, from Academy Award-winning director Sam Mendes and starring Olivia Colman and Colin Firth.

From writer-producer-director Todd Field comes *Tár* from Friday 20 January, starring Cate Blanchett as Lydia Tár, the groundbreaking conductor of a major German Orchestra.

For collectors of classics, we have *The Queen of Spades* on Sunday 8 January, a 1949 British fantasy-horror film based on the



1834 short story of the same name by Alexander Pushkin, and *Rashomon* on Sunday 5 February.

For lovers of live performances, we have the Met Opera's *Fedora* on Saturday 14 January, the ballet *Like Water for Chocolate* from the Royal Opera House on Thursday 19 January and the National Theatre production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* on Thursday 26 January.

Part memoir, part ode to the power of the movies, *The Fabelmans* from Friday 27 January finds Steven Spielberg digging at the family roots that helped make him a beloved filmmaker, and proves he hasn't lost his magic touch.

On Sunday 29 January we look forward to hosting the **East Finchley's Got Talent** contest and a fancy-dress screening of *Grease* as part of East Finchley Town Team's 'High Road Live' Arts and Music Festival.

Find our full programme at [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk) or drop into our foyer any time.

## Club ready for a busy year ahead

Activities and social events are ramping up at the East Finchley Constitutional Club in The Walks, N2.

Last year, a sub-committee of volunteers was formed to assist the club's board members in running the venue. They organised two curry & quiz nights, an open weekend for non-members, a Halloween party for the children, Fright Night for the adults and several festive events at the end of the year.

In 2023, the sub-committee will be organising one event per month including gin tasting, afternoon tea, games nights, Easter family activities plus some charity fundraising. These events are for members although they can bring guests with them.

The club also has a friendly bunch



The Constitutional Club's events sub-committee

who get together every Sunday evening for a fun night of bingo to which everyone is welcome. You can just turn up with a few coins to play a game or two.

The club's front garden has had a makeover and the exterior brickwork is being repaired. Work is also continuing inside and redecorating will be taking place in the much-used function room.

As well as members' events, the Constitutional Club hosts Lunge Fitness, run by personal trainer Sally who teaches a variety of classes from Monday to Friday in the mornings. You can book online at [lungefitness.co.uk](http://lungefitness.co.uk)

Follow East Finchley Constitutional Club at [www.instagram.com/east\\_finchley\\_constitutional](http://www.instagram.com/east_finchley_constitutional) for details of upcoming events.

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