



Knowledge tree spreads its branches again

By David Melsome

Before the pandemic came along, parents at Eden Primary School in Creighton Avenue ran a successful programme open to everyone called Tree of Knowledge where the intellectually curious could learn about subjects as diverse as world affairs, business, history, art and food.

This month, after a three-year break, it's back with a new line-up of speakers from the local community ready to share their insider knowledge of the worlds of football, human rights, the Middle East, Asian cooking and more.



TV cook: Dominique Woolf

Headteacher Jo Sassienie said: "We are so excited to be able to bring back Tree of Knowledge this year. The event perfectly encapsulates Eden Primary's core values of intellectual curiosity and creativity and these form the basis of

our approach to teaching the children every day.

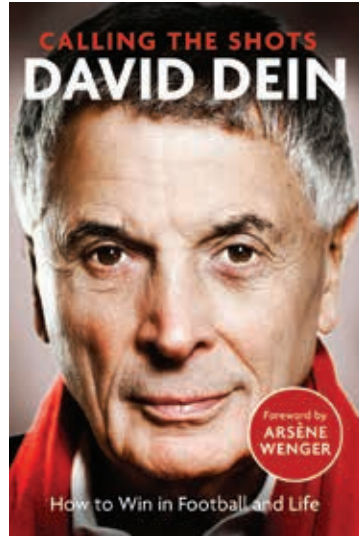
"There is an immensely diverse line up this year, from culture and politics to conducting and flower arranging, offering something for everyone and we look forward to seeing the school and local community come together to learn and have fun."

Significant speakers

Speakers include David Dein MBE, international ambassador for the Football Association and ambassador for the Premier League in conversation with *The Sunday Times* special correspondent



BBC correspondent: Raffi Berg



Football ambassador: David Dein

Josh Glancy; Adam Wagner, barrister and human rights advocate; Raffi Berg, author of *Red Sea Spies* and BBC Middle East Correspondent; Dominique Woolf, winner of Jamie Oliver's *Great Cook Book Challenge* TV show; and Dave Rich, author of *Everyday Hate: How Anti-Semitism is Built into our World*.

For the full speaker line up and to book tickets visit <https://epg.bigcartel.com/category/tree-of-knowledge>

What's On at the Phoenix in June

By Zalan Pall, general manager



Three exciting new films for the early summer will be coming to the Phoenix Cinema in June.

In *Chevalier*, showing from Friday 9 June, the illegitimate son of an African slave and a French plantation owner Joseph Bologne rises to improbable heights in French society as a celebrated violinist-composer and fencer, complete with a love affair and falling out with Marie Antoinette.

Critics have been positive about the movie, saying: "Supported by Kelvin Harrison Jr.'s outstanding work in the title role, *Chevalier* offers an entertaining gateway into the incredible life of a brilliant artist."

Fans of Wes Anderson's unique approach to film making will not want to miss his new comedy drama *Asteroid City*. Opening at the Phoenix on Friday 23 June, the film tells the story of how world-changing events spectacularly disrupt the itinerary of a junior space cadet convention in an American desert town circa 1955.

Starring Tom Hanks, Margot Robbie and Scarlett Johansson, the movie has only just premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in May and promises to be another of Anderson's ensemble masterpieces.

Then to top off the month, Indy is back! Riding out for a fifth time, daredevil archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary dial that can change the course of history.

Accompanied by his god-daughter, played by *Fleabag* creator Phoebe Waller Bridge, he soon finds himself squaring off against Jürgen Voller, a former Nazi who works for NASA, played by Mads Mikkelsen.

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny plays from Friday 30 June and is the perfect early summer treat for all the family. To book and to find out more about our full programme for the month, visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk, or drop into our foyer.

On Sunday 25 June, the Phoenix is hosting a pre-release charity screening of *Golda*, starring Helen Mirren and telling the story of Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir at the time of the Yom Kippur war in 1973. Producer Michael Kuhn will introduce the film and funds raised will go to the Belarus Jewish Cultural Heritage Route project.

Writers and illustrators

Publishing company Green Bean Books, run by East Finchley resident Michael Leventhal, has announced that entries are open for its annual Jewish Children's Book Awards competition. Now in their third year in conjunction with Jewish Book Week, the awards recognise new work by writers and illustrators living in the UK and Europe.

One author and one illustrator will each receive a separate £1,000 prize and their winning entries will be considered for publication. The winners of last year's awards were, in the illustrator category, Rome-based Mel Zohar and, in the

writer category, London-based Dina Leifer, with her book *Eddie Had An Egg*.

Full submission criteria can be found at www.greenbeanbooks.com. Submissions close on Monday, 23 October 2023.



Always the right time for The Archer

Waiting for the Sydney Harbour ferry one balmy evening while on holiday in Australia seemed like the perfect moment to catch up with the latest edition of *The Archer* for our contributor Ruth Anders. Despite a glorious sunset over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the luxury Cunard liner *Queen Victoria* sailing past the world-famous Sydney Opera House behind her, she couldn't take her eyes off all the news from East Finchley. And we're dedicating Ruth's holiday snap to our loyal readers in various towns and cities Down Under, all of them ex-pats from N2, who still read us each month. Hello, gang!

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