



Sword fights in the Suburb



Roman wrangle: Two of the cast of *Boudica* in rehearsal for *Garden*

Garden Suburb Theatre's summer production is *Boudica* by Tristan Bernay, a gripping historical drama packed with sword fights, earthy humour and powerful emotion.

Set in Roman Britain, the play follows Boudica's fierce uprising against Roman rule after the assault on her and her daughters. After burning Londinium, Boudica and her army may even have passed through what is now Hampstead Garden Suburb on their way to Verulamium (St Albans). A spokesman for the theatre company said: "At Little Wood Theatre, in the heart of the Suburb, you will be transported

back to Roman Britain and leave the modern world behind. A talented local cast will bring those distant times thrillingly to life in a production that is as thought-provoking as it is exhilarating."

Performances run from 19-21 June and 25-27 June 2026. Tickets priced from £10 are on sale now at www.ticketsource.com/gardensubtheatre

East Finchley artists open their houses

By Mike Coles

Beginning 22 years ago, members of the East Finchley Open Artists group have opened their houses for two weekends every summer to showcase their work. On display to view or buy this year will be ceramics, paintings, prints, photography, sculpture, jewellery, textiles and more.



Beautiful art available on show at the Artists Open House weekends. Photo montage Mike Coles

Drama and despair in choir triple bill

North London Chorus is looking forward to its next concert at St James Church, Muswell Hill, on Saturday 4 July when it will be performing a triple bill of works inspired by biblical characters.



Massed voices: The North London Chorus will be performing a triple bill of works

Continuing the choir's commitment to perform works by often neglected female composers, the concert will include two pieces by Fanny Hensel (née Mendelssohn), opening with her Overture in C, and continuing with her short cantata *Hiob*, whose text details Job's despair as he contemplates a series of disasters that have beset his family.

The centrepiece of the evening is Mozart's *Dauid penitente*, a ten-movement cantata, which arguably contains some of Mozart's most evocative music. The text

is taken from psalms written after David was rebuked for his adultery with Bathsheba.

Completing the programme is Schubert's dramatic miniature oratorio *Mirjams Siegesgesang* which tells the story of the parting of the Red Sea as told by Miriam the Israelite prophetess.

NLC will be accompanied by the Meridian Sinfonia and joined by a quartet of soloists: Eleanor Sanderson-Nash, Eleanor Pennell-Briggs, Mark Milhofer and Henry George Page. Tickets are available online from northlondonchorus.org/tickets or at St James bookshop (unreserved).

Fifteen houses will be throwing open their doors, featuring 47 artists. The weekends are 27-28 June and 4-5 July, the two weekends after the East Finchley Festival.

Watch out for a flyer coming through your door with all the details. It's entirely free and open from 12 noon to 6pm every day plus an additional Group show at All Saints Church in

in Durham Road, N2, and shop displays around the High Road. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome. Find more information at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Wetland walk

The Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust and the Friends of Alexandra Park have launched a £10,000 fundraiser for a new boardwalk through the park's wetland area, enabling more visitors to experience one of its most important wildlife habitats.

The campaign will support the creation of an accessible route through the wetlands in the south-east corner of the park, opening the birdwatching platform for people of all abilities and ages.

Park users, residents and supporters of local green spaces are invited to contribute to the campaign. Organisers hope to reach their £10,000 target by Monday 15 June 2026.

All public donations made during the campaign period will be match funded, with every £1 donated becoming £2. To donate visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk and search 'Alexandra Palace wetland'.

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