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What's On...

By Sue Holliday

Arts and Entertainment

The Phoenix Cinema is showing *A Self Made Hero (15)* Directed by Jacques Audiard, starting 4th April. One of the hits of this year's Cannes film Festival. It is the story of a shy unremarkable person who at the end of World War II passes himself off as a Resistance hero. Call 0181 444 6789 for times.

Barnet and District Drama Festival 1997: 24th - 26th April *'Billy Liar'* at Garden Suburb Theatre, Institute Theatre, Central Square NW11. Call 0181 455 6669 for further details.

24th - 26th April *'Four Plays For Coarse Actors'* Guild Players, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane N3. Call 0181 346 6337 for further details.

Theatro Technis presents it's spring season at 26 Crowndale Road, Camden Town, London NW1 1TT, with the following events: *Gloomy Sunday* by Peter Mueller 2nd April - 27th April; *A Different Shade of Rainbow* by Joe Sauter 28th April - 3rd May, presented in Greek and directed by Leonidas Loizidis. Box office information 0171 387 6617.

Community

The London Ashridge Circle *'Luck, Life and Laughter'* on April 9th at 7pm. Pamela Cundell will take a light-hearted look at her long and varied career in the world of Theatre and Television. Takes place at Berners Hotel, 10 Breners Street, London W1.

Fitness

On the first Sunday of every month The Finchley Lido will be running a Health Workshop with a different theme every month. These will include, Fitness, Nutrition, Stress Management, and Alternative medicines. For further details contact the sports development team on 0181 457 9909.

Don't forget the Alexandra Palace Ice Rink which holds skating classes and ice hockey for all ages. Home of the Haringey Greyhounds the rink provides fun all week round. For opening times and prices call 0181 365 2121.

Weight Watchers holds its regular weekly meetings at the Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley on Mondays 5.45pm and 7pm. Call (01727) 827611 for further details.

Tuesdays and Friday's at St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley N3 from 12.30 - 2.30pm. Call 0181 883 8501 for further details.

Misc.

Tetherdown Duplicate Bridge Club: Duplicate bridge, second and fourth Thursdays of every month, 1.20pm for 1.30pm. All sessions at Tetherdown Hall, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill. For Details ring 0181 348 3495.

What's on in and around East Finchley is FREE to advertise in, so if you are a local group or organisation with an event coming up write to What's On The Archer PO Box 3699 London N2 8JA.

Come Dancing

By Daphne Chamberlain

A few years ago, I met the "Can-Can Lady". This lively senior citizen is famous for springing up in the middle of afternoon tea-dances to display the can-can and her Union Jack-patterned knickers.

This was when I stopped thinking of tea-dances as pre-war events in elegant hotels, and realised that they are alive and quick-stepping in community centres and town halls all over London.

As far as I know, the "Can-Can Lady" has never visited the Ann Owen Centre, but then they specialise in sequence dancing. You don't have to be Rogers or Astaire to join in. "If you like dancing, you can do it".

If you don't dance, you are welcome to just sit and chat and listen to the music. This is provided by volunteer presenters, who also demonstrate

the steps. The emphasis is on enjoying a pleasant and friendly afternoon.

The tea-dances are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month, from 2 - 4pm. It is best to 'phone beforehand, to make absolutely sure that everything is going ahead.

Admission cost is £1.20, which of course, includes tea and sandwiches.

The Ann Owen Centre - run by Age Concern - is open to anyone over 60. It's situated in Oak Lane, and the telephone number is 0181 346 8736.

Evening Serenade

The gentle sounds of the flute and harp serenaded an appreciative audience in the Muswell Hill United Reformed Church on Saturday March 15th.

For this latest concert in the series presented by Music in Muswell Hill, flautist Russell Gillespie and harpist Lauren Scott chose an attractive and varied programme of sonatas and incidental music ranging from Corelli and Bach to the contemporary composer Schaposhnikov.

Two highlights of the evening were a sonata by Louis Spohr (whose wife was a harpist), and a group of pieces by Faure and Ravel. The artists played all the music with verve and style, and introduced each work with friendly informal-

ity. The next and final concert of the 1996-7 season will take place on Saturday May 3rd. for this event pianist Margaret Lion will play solos by Mozart and Poulenc, then she and violinist Jane Gomm will play the jaunty dance suite 'Ring Round the Moon' by David Farquhar.

The concert and current series will conclude with a performance by special request of the magnificent Cesar Franck Sonata for violin and piano. Tickets are available in advance from Les Aldrich music shop in Muswell Hill.

Butterfly Thoughts

Today in Cherry Tree Woods I have seen butterflies.

one painted lady, one large bright yellow butterfly:

Both beautiful; especially painted lady. Settled on grass in front of me.

Temperature 70 degrees.

It made my day.

Thoughts of spring not far away.

How far have these butterflies travelled?

Mrs Kathleen Waterhouse, aged 85 years. Chapel Court, N2.

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