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What's On in and around East Finchley by Rob Doe

Arts and Entertainment

The Phoenix Cinema shows **The English Patient (15)** starring Ralph Fiennes runs between **14th March - 3rd April**. Set in 1945 in the closing days of W.W.II, it's the story of four people who take refuge in an abandoned Tuscan monastery, hoping to heal themselves.

Community

The Finchley Choral Society present **St John Passion ... Bach** on Saturday **15th March** at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 and held in All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley. For more details call 0181 445 1076.

Finchley CineVideo Society provides film and video projection of 8mm and 16mm. Film shows on a large LCD screen. Meet every **Friday 7.45pm** at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley. Further details contact Peter Kidman 0181 888 7039

The East Finchley Bridge Club meets at the Old barn Community Centre Mondays at 1.30pm. For more details call 0181 883 4310 or Old Barn 0181 349 4613

Finchley Youth Theatre meet every Monday at 142, High Road, East Finchley from 10.30pm to 12.30pm. Interested in drama for professional actors contact 0181 883 9957.

The Jewish Museum, 80 East End Road, East Finchley have a film showing of "Anna's Children" on **Sunday 9th March** a

story of teacher Anna Essinger and her work with children of the kindertransport. £3 friends £2. Also **Tuesday 25th March** at 8pm there is a lecture by Professor David Cesarani 'The Eruv controversy in the light of Jewish settlement in Barnet and the history of Hampstead Garden Suburb.' £2 further information and talks/exhibitions 0181 349 1143

Contact - 'The good neighbour scheme in East Finchley' hold club lunches every Tuesday and Friday between 12 - 2pm for 'Home Cooked Food'. For more information and venue call 0181 444 1162

Martins Infant School, High Rd, East Finchley are holding a **Jumble Sale** Saturday 8th March. For more information call 0181 883 1455.

These will include, Fitness, Nutrition, Stress Management, and Alternative medicines. For further details contact the sports development team on 0181 457 9909

Aerobic Circuit Class shake their stuff every Tues. at 7.30pm at Bishop Douglass School, Hamilton Road, East Finchley. Mixed Classes. Contact 0181 440 3223.

Barnet Copthall Sports Centre, Great North Way has **Clay Pigeon Shooting** on Sunday 16th March at 10.15 am. £20. For Map and further details 0181 457 9900.

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.

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

Alexandra Palace Events

Sunday 9th March sees the welcome return of **Antique & Collectors Fair**, London's largest with over 700 stands selling a wide range of items 18th century onwards. Starts 11.30-5pm £3 adults.

The London Classic Motor Show takes place **Sat. 15th - 16th March**. Hundreds of gleaming vehicles, classic, custom, prestige, sports, vintage, veteran, American etc. Also demonstrations and stands. **10am - 6pm**. Adults £7 Children £3

The Spring Craft Fair takes place in the West Hall on **Sat. 29th - Mon. 31st March**. Over 150 of the UK's top craftsmen displaying, demonstrating and selling their work along with various childrens' entertainment. Adults £4.50 Children £2.50. Organiser - 0181 366 3153

Misc.

Coppetts Wood Nature Trail will make a delightful **Free Easter Activity**. Located off Colney Hatch Lane, Friern Barnet. The trail is about half a mile long and will take 1 hour to complete. Coppetts Wood has a fascinating history, from sheltering highwaymen and plague victims to name a few. Maps available from East Finchley Library.

Additionally, **Rowley Green Common Nature Reserve** has five hectares of woodland, scrub and ponds rich in wildlife from

heather to foxes. The Nature Reserve makes a great **Free** day out and is situated in Rowley Lane, Arkly NR Barnet Road.

The London Ashridge Circle presents '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.

Jewish Book Week 9-16 March celebrates Europe's largest Jewish book fair at Royal National Hotel, Bedford Way. WC1 10.30am - 10.30pm. Over 12,000 book and CD Roms from around the world. Tickets £3 Call 0171 435 5068.

There will be a meeting at **Graham Park Youth Centre** to discuss **Nursery School Vouchers** and what they are and how to apply. A crèche will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. Saturday 8th March 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Call 0181 445 6051.

South Friern Library, Colney Hatch Lane have a talk "The Genius of Stan Laurel" by Nick Pelias Friday 4th April 11am 12noon. 30p to cover refreshments. More details 0181 883 6513

Diary Dates

Monday 7th March - **St. Patricks Day**
Friday 28th March - **Good Friday**
Sunday 30th March - **Easter Sunday and British Summer Time begins**
Monday 31st March - **Easter Bank Holiday**
NEXT MONTH: Spring Special
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.

* Thanks to Barnet Libraries Infolink Community Information Database.

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The pupils of Marjorie Millons School of Dancing held a bumper fund raising day at Bishop Douglass School recently. They raised £1,000 for Save the Children Fund.

Children from four to 18 years of age danced at two performances to full capacity audiences of family and friends, which included tap, ballet, singing and mime to a theme of "Look Back At Christmas".

The school has been in East

Finchley for over 40 years, based at the Methodist Church and Library in the High Road. Classes are given to children from four years old upwards, with additional classes in ballet and tap for adults.

Children's Activities

Easter Holiday Courses are being held at Woodside Park School. **Nursery Activity Camps** 24-27 March & 7-10 April. **Pre-Prep Easter Camp** 24-27 March. **Tennis Course** (ages 7-13) 1-4 April. **Cricket Courses** (7-13) 7-10 April. Further information 0181 445 2333

1st East Finchley Scout Group meet Thurs. evenings 6-7pm Beavers & 6.45 - 8.15 Cubs. For more details 0181 349 0754.

Finchley Girl Guides aged 10 - 14 meet 7.30 - 9pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley. For days call 0181 349 4229.

Easter Bank Holiday Fun Fair returns to Alexandra Palace this year between **27th March - 1st April**. Call organisers 0860 310970.

RAF Museum, Grahame Park Way, are holding an **Easter Programme** of family entertainment and competitions for the Easter Holidays between 28th March - 6th April. For detailed Easter Programme call 0181 205 2266.

Also **The RAF Museum** present a programme of events for **Science, Education and Technology Week**. 14-21st March. Call 0181 205 2266

Fitness

On the first Sunday of every month **The Finchley Lido** will be running a **Health Workshop** with a different theme every month.

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