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What's On...

By Sue Holliday

Fitness

Play **Badminton** on Wednesdays at Christ's College from 8 -10pm. First visit is free, but not suitable for beginners. Call 020 8349 0170 for details.

Alexandra Palace Ice Rink holds skating classes and ice hockey for all ages. For info call 020 8365 2121.

Walks & Tours

Hampstead Heath Walks 3. 13,17 August at 8pm: Evening Bat walks, booking essential. 6 August -Butterflies, flying insects and other invertebrates, led by Ray Softly.20 August - The absolute beginners guide to creepy crawlies.

Stepping Out has guided walking tours in and around London. Contact 020 8881 2933 for further details.

The Ramblers Association (Finchley & Hornsey Group). For further details contact Vivien Mallindine 020 8883 8190.



Cycling

Barnet cyclists hold monthly meetings on the last Thursday of every month at Carey Hall, Trinity Church Nether St and have rides at least once a month; both attended by 20 - 30 people. Call Charles Harvey 020 8455 5174.



Outdoor events

Responsible fishing courses on Hampstead Heath (No 3 Pond off Millfield Lane) for beginners and experienced anglers - children and adults. Sessions start at 10 am on 6, 13. 20 & 27 August & 3 Sept. Free just turn up and you will be assigned to a tutor.

Dance & Drama

Country and Barn Dancing on the first Wednesday of each month at Christ Church Whetstone Oakleigh Park, Call 020 8349 0754 for details.

Drama Club For 5-9 year olds at King Alfred's School (Hampstead) on Saturdays from 10 -11am. Adults can also enjoy drama classes on Thursday evenings in Highgate from 8-10pm. Vicky, former Head of Drama at King Alfred's, runs both classes. Contact Vicky on 020 8883 7110.

Drama Group Whatever your interests - acting, directing, producing, scenery, etc., why not try our friendly group which meets regularly. Phone Peter on 020 8441 8268.

Over-60s - Come dancing at Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane. Every Wednesday, 10.30 am - 12.30pm. Ring 020 8346 8736 for info.



The Phoenix Cinema is month: August 4 - Goddards a bout de soufflé; 11 - Kadosh; 18 - Le beau travail. Rep: August 6 - Magnolia; 13 - Virgin Suicides + Being John Malkovich, 27 - American Beauty + **Happiness**. Call 020 8883 2233 for listings or 020 8444 6789 for the box office.

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🖢 Clubs & Social

All Saints Beer and Wine Circle are looking for new members interested in home brewing and winemaking as well as some social activities. They meet on third Friday every month at Thomas More Centre, Thomas More Way, N2. Call Richard Baldwin on 020 8883 7081 for more information.

The Hampstead Social Group, which includes the East Finchley Area, meets most evenings, largely in members' homes for social events. Late thirties and forties age group for new members. No membership fees, contact David Morris on 020 8455 0477 for further details.

Muswell Hill Bowling Club, open daily from 2.30pm, club night Friday evenings from 6.00pm. Beginners welcome, free tuition given, loan of equipment. The Green, Kings Avenue, N10. Tel 020 8883 1178.

Muswell Hill Synagogue, 31 Tetherdown, N10, has a full social and educational programme, as well as services on Friday night at the start of Shabbat, and on Saturday mornings, followed by a friendly kiddush. For further information call 020 8883 5925 Monday or Friday 11am- 1pm.

Single Solution, over 30s night every Friday at Sam's Bar, Fortis Green, call 020 8802 2326 weekdays, 020 8363 2328 evenings.

Tetherdown Duplicate Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 1.15pm for 1.30pm. All sessions at Tetherdown Hall, Tetherdown, N10. For details call 020 8348 3495.

Events & Fairs

Alexandra Palace: Mind **Sports Olympiad** Saturday 19 Monday 28 August.

College Farm: Country Fair on the first Sunday of each month. Regular attractions are craft market, picture gallery, donkey rides and a horse bus, apart from being able to see the rare breeds of farm animals.

Art & exhibitions

Art Classes Tuesday evenings 7.30 – 9.30 at St Peter Le Poer, Albion Ave N10. Thursday morning 10 - 12.30 at The Old Railway Station (Cufos), The Avenue N10. For more information call Henry on 020 8888 5133.

Chorak 122 High Road - The Archer's Erini Rodis is holding a Photographic Exhibition from 1 to 31 August. For more information please call 0410 255 276, or write to: erini_r@hotmail.com

The Jewish Museum, 80 East Road, N3, has an exhibition of contemporary British Ceremonial Art, which runs until 3 September. Also an exhibition entitled East of Eden recent watercolours from Israel. the Sinai and Thailand by Moish Sokal until 27 October. Call 020 8346 2288 ext. 654 for details.

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Performance

Hampstead Heath - Band concerts at Parliament Hill, Sundays 3 - 5pm: 6 August - Die Bier Kapelle Oomp-Pah Band; 13 - Tom Hannah's Agenda; 20 - Tucker Finlayson Band, 27 - New York Café Band; Monday 28 - Sheena Davies Group.

At Golders Hill, Sundays 3 - 5pm: 6 August - Enfeld CO-OP Band; 13 -Mike Cotton Band; 20 - Tilbury Concert Band; 27 - Tilbury BrassBand; Monday 28 - Stripes and Whites.

Hampstead Heath - Kenwood Concerts: Saturday 5 August - An Opera Gala: 12 - Music from the Movies; 19 - Ballet and Bolero; 26 - Last Night at the Proms.

Music - clubs Barnet Schools Music Cen-

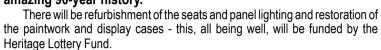
tres meet Sat mornings Finchley (strings), East Barnet and Hendon (woodwind/brass) call 020 8445 6831 for details.

Learn to sing at the Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane on Tuesday 2-4pm. Wednesday 7.30 -9.30pm and Friday 1-3pm call 020 8455 2403 for more information.

Memory Lane Singing Club Learning to sing and perform is fun, sociable and a great experience. Weekly sessions on Fridays 11.30am-2.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3 or Wednesdays 4-6pm at Wesley Hall, Stapylton Road, Barnet. Call Idit Gold on 020 8449 0011 for info.

ARTS AND CINEMA By Geoff Garrield Forward with the Phoenix

On 25 June, the Phoenix cinema took a leap into the future. The "Fast Forward Fund" was launched. This will focus on restorative works on the historic auditorium and facade - this is a cinema with an amazing 90-year history.



The long and the short of it

However, it doesn't stop there. The Phoenix is pledged to improve, adapt and increase the amenities available to its patrons. The long-term goals are a potential new auditorium on spare land at the back, education rooms and a cafe/ bar. It is expansive and ambitious. The short-term projects are to increase foyer space and provide better access for the disabled. Detailed plans are exhibited in the upper foyer.

To this end, the cinema needs to raise £150,000 in total - two thirds coming from a national lottery grant via the London Arts Board.

Reel money

That means £50,000 needs to be found - hence the Phoenix "Fast Forward Fund" scheme. In order to gather this amount, the Phoenix reels were created. For donations of up to £50, subscribers can have a one-reeler dedicated to them, up to £100 a six-reeler (the length of a feature film) and up to £500 a nine-reeler in their names (the nine-reeler is equal to the length of an epic movie).

All those generous souls who donate will get a mention in the Phoenix magazine - "The Phoenicular", as well as being named on a foyer display. Alongside this will be an annual invite to a "reeler" screening.

Those with gifts of over £500 will receive a chance to select from a basket full of goodies acquired by the cinema and, posterity awaits, your name will be inscribed on an individual plaque. To become a reeler and participate in the growth of this fabulous cinema, send a cheque made payable to "The Phoenix Cinema Trust Ltd" with your name and address.

