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# THE ARCHER

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## What's On...

### Fitness

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

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

**Body control pilates classes** now in East Finchley 1-to-1 and small mat-work classes contact Deanna Wisbey 020 8883 7029.

### Dance & Drama

**Adult Line Dancing** - Beginner classes at Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale. £3 per class. Wednesdays, 7.30-9pm and Thursdays, 11am-12 noon. For details, call Footloose 8440 8530/ 8216 5633/ 0956 481243.

**Britney - Billie - Five Street Dance.** Beginners or advanced, take it from the beginning with our step-by-step instruction from qualified teachers. £2.50 per class. Wednesdays at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale: 4.15-4.55pm for 3-5 yr-olds. 5-5.45pm for 6-8 yr olds. 5.45-6.30pm for 9yrs and over. For details, call Footloose 8440 8530/ 8216 5633/ 0956 481243.

**Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club,** meet each Monday evening at Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. Call Vivien Mallindine 020 8883 8190 for further info.

**Club Dramatica** 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.

**Columbian Party Dancing.** Salsa etc., A 6 week course for beginners at Martin School. Various start dates. Contact Nelsy on 8444 2012.

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

**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.

**Music and Movement** on Fridays 2-2.30pm for 0-2year olds & 2.30-3pm for 2-5 year olds at the Old Barn, Tarling Road, East Finchley. Contact Jennifer on 020 8444 7732.

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

### Cinema

**The Phoenix Cinema** - call 020 8883 2233 for listings or 020 8444 6789 for the box office.

## MUSWELL HILL BOOKSHOP

Now holds regular author readings and discussions. If you would like further information or to join our mailing list contact us at:



72 FORTIS GREEN ROAD, N10  
 020 8444 7588

### 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.

**Fairacres Monday Club** - for Jewish blind and disabled, 164, East End Road, N2. Every Monday at 1pm: 5 Feb - Jules Rubin's piano magic; 12 Feb - In House; 19 Feb - Kosher Pearlies; 26 Feb - In House. We welcome any ideas for programmes, entertainers or speakers. For information, please contact Rene or Reuby Hyams on 8883 0448 or Sylvia Lee on 8958 7878.

**Friendly Rubber Bridge** at the Old Barn, Fallows Close, Tarling Road, Mondays approx 13.30 to 16.30. 75p including tea. For information call 020 8439 4613.

**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 details.

**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 info call 020 8883 5925 Monday or Friday 11am- 1pm.

**Muswell Hill and Highgate Pensioners' Action Group** meet at United Reformed Church Hall, Tetherdown, N10. Future meetings are on Wednesdays 7 February, 7 March and 4 April. All meetings start at 2pm. Please contact Bob Cottingham on 8444 7635 for details.

**The North London Bridge Club** meets each Thursday at 1.15pm at Our Lady of Muswell Parish Hall, Colney Hatch Lane, N10. Call 020 8348 3495 for details.

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

### 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. 2.30 - 5 pm Fridays: Portrait of still life classes at The Old Railway Station (Cufos), The Avenue N10. For more information call Henry on 020 8888 5133.

**Finchley Arts Society** meets every Monday evening 7.30 - 9.30pm at Trinity Church centre 15 Nether St N12. A demonstration by Brian Coppard will take place on Wednesday 14 February at 7.30pm, for further information please contact 020 8368 1197.

**The Jewish Museum,** 80 East End Road, N3, has an exhibition of works on paper by **Julie Held** from until Friday 16 February. Also **What Remains: The Jewish East End then and now** - an exhibition of photographs by Sam Turner until 22 April 2001. Call 020 8349 1143 for details.

### Events & Fairs

**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.

### Music - clubs

**Barnet Schools Music Centre** meets Sat mornings Finchley (strings), East Barnet and Hendon (woodwind/brass) call 020 8445 6831 for details.

**Broadway & Westend Musical Singing Workshop** - Regular courses provide vocal coaching and teach performing skills. St Mary's church hall Finchley Central N3. For further details call Idit Gold 020 8449 0011 email: iditgold@hotmail.com

**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.

**The Memory Lane Singing Club** - Singing training centre open for all levels. Musicians are welcome to join the club's band. St Mary's Church Hall, Finchley N3. For further details call Idit Gold 020 8449 0011 email: iditgold@hotmail.com

**SWON** the Symphonic Wind Orchestra of North London rehearse during term time on Tuesdays at Brookland Junior School, Hill Top, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 at 7.30pm. New players (minimum grade 5) are welcome. Call 020 8883 3365.

### Performance

**The Frank Gordon Quintet,** featuring vocalist Debbie Gould, play modern jazz standards every Saturday from 10pm - 1am at The Tufnell Park Tavern, 162 Tufnell Park Road, N7. Admission free, but no admittance after 11pm.

**East Finchley Methodist Church** presents a piano recital by **Anita D'Attellis,** works include Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel and Brahms. The recital is on Sunday 11 February a collection will be made on behalf of the NSPCC.

**Music in Muswell Hill** presents An Evening of Popular Classic, at the United Reformed Church Muswell Hill on Saturday 24 February.

## ARTS AND CINEMA

By GEOFF GARFIELD



**When you get hooked on movies, as I did at an early age (it started when my dad bought me The Film Revue Annual of 1952), you invariably have your collection of favourite stars and films. I remember being mesmerised by the heroics of Errol Flynn and Burt Lancaster, both sadly gone to the great movie house in the sky, and having my funny bone tickled by Laurel and Hardy and Norman Wisdom.**

As I progressed, I developed critical faculties and consequently my admiration focused on directors and writers. This was in the years of Billy Wilder, Howard Hawks, John Huston and writers such as Joe Mankiewicz and Paddy Chayefsky. Later came the wave of Europeans, Truffaut, Fassbinder, Godard and Bresson.

One of the modern directors that I have a high regard for is Robert Altman. Often considered a maverick, he continually turns out interesting, unusual and often controversial films with a unique style and structure. Starting in television, he came to prominence in the seventies with the anti-war satire MASH, which made stars out of Donald Sutherland and Elliot (where is he now?) Gould. [Rumour has it that he became a father of one or two Friends - Ed.]

Why am I plugging Altman's works? Because the Phoenix is showing four of his movies on two consecutive Sundays. On 4 February The Long Goodbye and McCabe and Mrs Miller and on 11 February The Player, Altman's dig at Hollywood, and Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean. Following these on 18 February there is a double bill of the much-underrated Wonderboys with Michael Douglas (aka Mr Zeta Jones of Hello Magazine) coupled with Bowfinger starring Steve Martin. The remaining matinee in February is taken up with two Costa Rican movies La Veuve de St Pierre and Black Cat, White Cat, both directed by Emir Kusturita.

The main features during February are as follows: 9 February Faceless directed by Liv Ullman, assisted by Ingmar Bergman, followed by two weeks rep and, to end the month, Chocolat with Juliette Binoche.

Ring for time and prices as usual on 020 8444 6789.  
 Good movie viewing.

## From The Archer Archive

By David Tupman



East Finchley's flower-seller, Dave. Photo by David Tupman

### February 1994:

**Praise from the Guardian newspaper's diary on The Archer's first anniversary had a prominent front-page position in February 1994. Journalist David Newnham wrote, "While other titles stumble from one issue to the next, East Finchley's community newspaper goes from strength to strength."**

Editor Paul Savill was snapped by the house photographer trying to adjust the décolletage of a nubile manikin in the window of the now defunct Fashion Factory (next to Maddens). The scarlet undies and model were reported to have cost £220 - a figure, which even in 1994, would have raised blood pressure of even the keenest purchaser of a Valentine's day gift. This amenity has long since been unavailable on the High Road!

Dave's flower stall, a welcome feature on the then derelict site now occupied by Amy's hardware store, was getting ready for Valentine's day with red roses selling at £2.50 a bunch. Local poet and supporter Dave featured in *The Archer* in many editions. Where is Dave now?

## Barnet Plus

**Barnet Plus is a social and activities group for people aged between 18 and 35.**

The group offers a chance for people to make new friends and enjoy a wide range of fun activities; locally and nationally.

February is New Members Month and although Barnet Plus has had a great year 2000 with a new venue and increasing membership, it is still looking for more members.

To encourage prospective members there is free trial membership for a month to anyone going to the group for the first time.

Barnet Plus organises events on Sunday nights at the Queens Arms, Barnet, and has a programme of Saturday night events. Events coming up in the next few weeks include a disco, meals out, quiz nights and a weekend away by the seaside.

To find out more ring 020 8361 2827, see [www.barnetplus.com](http://www.barnetplus.com) or go to the rear function room of The Queens Arms (next to the Barnet Odeon) any Sunday at 8.30pm. Anyone aged from 18 to 35 is welcome to join.