



## Regular Events

### Sport & Fitness

- ❖ **Aerobics** (Ladies only) at Green Man Community Centre 020 8883 4916
- ❖ **Badminton** on Wednesdays. Call 020 8349 0170
- ❖ **Body Control Pilates** classes. Call Deanna Wisbey 020 8883 7029
- ❖ **Ice Skating** classes at Alexandra Palace, 020 8365 2121
- ❖ **London Cycling Campaign** (Barnet), has monthly meetings & rides. Call 020 8440 9080.
- ❖ **Ramblers Association** (Finchley & Hornsey) Vivien Malindine 020 8883 8190
- ❖ **Stepping Out** guided walking tours. Contact 020 8881 2933
- ❖ **Tennis Club** off Southern Road. Call 020 8440 6953
- ❖ **Yoga & Meditation** classes at Holy Trinity Church, 020 8444 7217

### Dance, Drama, Art & Music

- ❖ **Adult Line Dancing**. Call Footloose 020 8440 8530/ 8216 5633.
- ❖ **Art Classes**. For info call Henry on 020 8888 5133.
- ❖ **Barnet Schools Music Centre** call 020 8445 6831 for details.
- ❖ **Broadway & West end Musical Singing Workshop** call Idit Gold 020 8449 0011.
- ❖ **Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club**, Vivien Malindine, 020 8883 8190
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call Vicky 020 8883 1554
- ❖ **Country & Barn Dancing**, at Oakleigh Park, 020 8349 0754
- ❖ **Columbian party dancing** classes, Call Nelsy 020 8444 2012
- ❖ **Incognito Theatre workshops**, Colney Hatch Lane, N0, 020 8883 0911
- ❖ **Over 60s come dancing** at Ann Owens Centre 020 8346 8736
- ❖ **Pottery Class** at The Green Man, Call Celia Holmes 020 8349 9315
- ❖ **Learn to sing** at Finchley Methodist Church 020 8455 2403
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra of North London**, Contact Stephen Kelsey, 020 8883 3365

### Clubs & Social

- ❖ **All Saints Beer and Wine Circle** Call Richard Baldwin 020 8883 7081
- ❖ **Bingo**, Green Man Community Centre, 020 8883 4916
- ❖ **East Finchley National Childbirth Trust**, Contact Ann Sullivan, 020 8442 1941
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers** meet weekly at the Old White Lion Contact Lillian on 020 8444 1793.
- ❖ **Fairacres Monday Club** for Jewish people, Rene & Reuby Hyams, 020 8883 0448 or Sylvia Lee 8958 7878
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian Merryweather 020 8444 3251
- ❖ **Finchley Victoria Ladies Bowling Club**, Call Margaret on 020 8362 9951 or Eve on 020 8883 7148
- ❖ **Finchley Victoria Men's Bowls Club** Don Ridley 020 8346 4250
- ❖ **Friendly Rubber Bridge** at The Old Barn, 020 8349 4613
- ❖ **Hampstead Social Group**, Call David Morris, 020 8455 0477
- ❖ **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill, 020 8348 3495
- ❖ **Muswell Hill and Highgate Pensioners' Action Group** Call Bob Cottingham on 8444 7635.
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Association** call Gerry Saunders 020 8883 7274
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, The Green, Kings Ave. Beginners welcome. 020 8883 1178.
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Synagogue**, Tetherdown, 020 8883 5925
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, 020 8883 4390
- ❖ **Old Barn pre-school club**, 020 8349 4613/1961
- ❖ **Parent & Toddler Group**, Green Man Community Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ **Single Solution** over 30s night. call 020 8802 2326/ 8363 2328

# An evening at the 2002 Proms ... at St. Jude's.

By Femke van Iperen

**This summer, Hampstead Garden Suburb's Proms at St. Jude's celebrated its tenth anniversary. The Proms prides itself on presenting a range of concerts by local and internationally distinguished artists and some of the country's young prodigies.**

From 15 to 23 June highlights of the week commemorated the centenary of the birth of the British Composer Sir William Walton, and the BBC Concert Orchestra's 50th anniversary. Performers included the Phoenix Concert Band with members of Brooklands Junior School, soloist and cellist Ralph Kirschbaum, BBC's Young Musician of the Year Danny Driver and Radio 3 Presenter and Best Vocalist of the British Jazz Awards Stacey Kent and many others.

### Music for everyone

But the concerts, in the beautiful, historical setting of Central Square, are not simply for entertainment. The Prom's aim is to raise funds for charity. This year the committee hopes to beat last year's

figure of £19,000. Three-quarters will go to a charity in Toynbee Hall, created by the suburb's founder Dame Henrietta Barnett in East London to give disadvantaged young people opportunities and the remainder to the North London Hospice, which cares for the terminally ill. The Proms is intended for everyone and this year consisted of eight evening plus seven free lunchtime performances.

Susie Gregson of Sponsorship, Advertising and PR, said: "This year's Proms has even more high profile concerts than previous years." But not forgetting the true philanthropic spirit of the programme, and delighted that last year's funds enabled some children to go on summer camps, she added: "We hope that through our free lunchtime concerts we encourage everyone to come. We've had local disabled people and

a lot of children too."

*THE ARCHER* had a taste on Sunday 16 June - a recital by Gweneth-Ann Jeffers, soprano, a finalist of Cardiff Singer of the World 2001, accompanied by pianist Graham Johnson. An enchanting evening in which a combination of textures and moods, in works by Richard Strauss, Benjamin Britten, Claude Debussy and George

Gershwin was given by Ms Jeffers, whose wonderful voice that filled the church entirely.

Audience member Anthony Stone, a regular concert visitor, said: "The evening was very well organised, and the length and atmosphere were just right", and his wife Mary added: "If anything, her voice was actually too good for the choice of Jazz used!"



Gweneth-Ann Jeffers with Graham Johnson. Photo by Femke van Iperen

## One step ahead

By Diana Cormack

**Eighteen months ago *THE ARCHER* reported on the refurbishment and extension of Kokos at 42-44 High Road. The article said that East Finchley could be proud of the reputation of the owner of the shop, George Stavrou, who is known countrywide for the quality of both his footwear and repair business.**

Now those skills have been recognised by fellow traders, for Kokos has won a prestigious award by being chosen as the UK's Best Men's Footwear Retailer of the Year. George and his wife Maria, who is also his business partner, received the award at a gala lunch at the Dorchester, which they said was just like going to the Oscars. The judges of this national scheme, which is sponsored by Joseph Cheaney Shoes, were impressed by the shop and its range of stock as well as the after sales and repair service.

### Best foot forward

But this was no secret to some, for George can count amongst his clientele many famous people, including royalty and show business stars,

some of whom have their shoes made by the skilled workers that he employs on the premises. Indeed, there are those who will only consider footwear made and repaired at Kokos.

Maria and George dearly hope that the award will bring more customers into the area and encourage local trade and even new businesses, such as a fashion outlet. George, who never needs to advertise because his success is engendered by word of mouth said, "We need more variety to keep East Finchley thriving."

Whilst the couple are naturally proud to have won the award for the shop, they are just as proud to have won it for East Finchley as well.



Maria of Kokos. Photo by Erini Rodis

## What's On...

E-mail your listings to [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net)

**1 - 9 July - Barnet's Environment Week 2002.** Details in libraries or phone 8359 4662 or visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/environment\\_transport/local\\_agenda21/environment\\_week](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/environment_transport/local_agenda21/environment_week)

**8-13 July - Incognito Theatre** presents *Comic Potential* by Alan Ayckbourn. All performances start at 8pm, plus a Saturday matinee performance at 3pm. Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road (behind Health Centre), Friern Barnet, N11 3HB. Call 020 8361 8310 for tickets.

**13 July -** The East Finchley branch of the **National Childbirth Trust** is holding a **nearly new sale** at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale from 2-5pm. They will be selling clothing, plus toys, bric-a-brac, etc. Also on offer will be face painting, hair braiding and refreshments.

## The First Shall be Last

By Diana Cormack

**If you posted mail in the first class box at the post office at Viceroy Parade on Friday 14 June, it definitely will not have got there the following day. Nor will it if you had done so on the next three days, for the box was not emptied until sometime on Tuesday 18 June.**

The reason was a broken lock on the post box. By Monday lunchtime the mail was level with the posting slot, threatening to cascade out over the pavement. Passers-by could have helped themselves to a handful. When asked that afternoon why the box had not been sealed up along with an explanatory notice, the post office said that they had done so but this had been torn off.

Customer Services listened but did not answer any questions. All they would do was register a customer complaint and inform me of the result. At the time of writing, they have failed to make contact.

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