



Regular Events

SPORT & FITNESS

- ❖ **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group** Call Vivien 8883 8190
- ❖ **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- ❖ **Keep fit for the Retired** Wednesdays Christ Church N12. Ring Bridie 8883 5269
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced bowlers welcome. Tel: 8883 1178.
- ❖ **Pilates** in East Finchley, qualified teacher. Contact Dee on 8883 7029
- ❖ **Pilates class** Wednesdays, 2.15-3.15pm at Youth Theatre, N2. Ring Penny Hill 8444 2882.
- ❖ **Tae Kwon Do** at The Green Man Thursdays 7-9pm 07949 612 706
- ❖ **Tai Chi** at the Green Man on Mondays 1.30-3pm. An "ageing well" class for older people.
- ❖ **Tennis club** with four clay courts off Southern Road. Call 8440 6953.
- ❖ **Wood Walk**, meet 10am at Cherry Tree Wood cafe on 1st & 2nd Mon of month for 1 hr walk, Call 8883 8750.
- ❖ **Yoga, breathing & relaxation.** Weekly drop-in classes - N2, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 8444 7783.
- ❖ **Yoga classes** Tuesdays 8-9:30pm at EF Methodist Church. Experienced teacher. Call Rosalind 8444 8134.

DANCE, DRAMA, ART & MUSIC

- ❖ **Art Classes.** For info call Henry on 020 8888 5133.
- ❖ **Ballroom dancing classes**, beginners and improvers. Phone 01707 642 378
- ❖ **Broadway & West End Musical Singing Workshop** call Idit Gold 8449 0011.
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call Vicky 8883 1554
- ❖ **East Finchley Writing Workshops.** Creative writing, poetry and prose Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club**, Monday 4 & 18 April at Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **Line dancing** Tuesdays from 8.30pm at The Constitutional Club. Call Maureen 8440 8530.
- ❖ **Over 60s come dancing** at Ann Owens Centre 8346 8736
- ❖ **Pottery Class** at The Green Man, Call Celia Holmes 8349 9315
- ❖ **Learn to sing** at Finchley Methodist Church. Call 8883 4070 for info.
- ❖ **Street Dance** every Tuesday at Old Barn for children of various ages Contact Lorna 07976 203669.
- ❖ **SwampRock** events at Wilf Slack Sports Club. Call Carole 8810 7454 or Neil 01727 830280 www.swamprock.org.uk
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** of North London, Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- ❖ **Tap Dance** for children beginning at Old Barn every Monday, Contact Sharon 8349 4613

CLUBS & SOCIAL

- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book a place. Every Thursday. 12.30-2pm
- ❖ **East Finchley National Childbirth Trust**, Contact Sophie on 8444 1890
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers** meet weekly at Clissold Arms. Call Lillian 8444 1793
- ❖ **Fairacres Monday Club** for Jewish people. Contact Rene & Reuby 8883 0448 or Sylvia 8958 7878
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian 8444 3251
- ❖ **Friendly Rubber Bridge** at The Old Barn. Contact 8349 4613
- ❖ **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Mouldon on 8361 1696.
- ❖ **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill. Contact 8348 3495
- ❖ **Muswell Hill and Highgate Pensioners' Action Group** Call Bob Cottingham on 8444 7635.
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, contact 8883 4390
- ❖ **Old Barn pre-school club**, contact 8349 4613/1961
- ❖ **Parent & Toddler Group**, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ **Probus Lunch Club** for retired professionals. Call Eric 8340 0822.
- ❖ **Stepping Stones**, interactive play session for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.

Barnet Schools' Dance Festival 2005

By Hannah Eiseman-Renyard

On Tuesday 8 March over 20 groups of children from local schools performed at artsdepot, the arts centre at Tally Ho. All 400 tickets had sold out, but I was able to come to the dress rehearsals earlier in the day.

There were three nights of performances, each with different schools taking part. Overall, 60 schools and 1,000 children danced there this year. Religious, comprehensive and special schools all took part, and the ages of dancers ranged from five years right up to 18-year-old A-level students.

15 dancing years

As part of the Barnet Arts Festival, the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival is in its 15th year, and this is the biggest so far. "It's a huge event in the educational calendar," said organiser Anne, "and it's a chance for children to perform in a proper theatre." The event began with around five schools performing in each other's halls, and as numbers grew

venues included the Chicken Shed Theatre. Now, with the slick new artsdepot so near by, organisers hope this will become its permanent venue.

Schools were asked simply to prepare a dance, and styles ranged from a Street Dance by Queen Elizabeth Girls, to St. Agnes Primary's Irish-inspired Fairy Dance. Rosh Pinah Primary performed the traditional Jewish Hora, while Cromer Road Primary did the Hand Jive.

Performances on other nights have ranged from traditional Indian and Greek dance to ballet, contemporary and jazz.

The organisers are hoping for an even bigger Schools' Dance Festival next year.



'Just the Job' jazz band. Photo by Toni Morgan

Jazz, Ploughman's and Profiteroles!

By Toni Morgan

You may think this sounds a strange combination but it was certainly a winner for the Rotary Club of Finchley at their latest fund raising evening.

In conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Barnet & East Barnet and Friern Barnet & Whetstone, their project was to raise £16,000 to purchase a vehicle for the Multiple Sclerosis Society at The Marie Foster Centre, Barnet.

Wheels for MS society

Thanks to the generosity of those attending the event at Holy Trinity School, East Finchley, on Thursday 24 February, the Finchley Rotary Club were able to raise the final £1,000 needed to complete the project. Music was provided by John Softley's 'Just the Job' jazz band, who played a mixture of traditional and Dixieland from the 1920s and 1930s, and jazz from the 1940s and 1950s. As for the plough-

man's and profiteroles, a very tasty array of food was provided by the Rotary Club members and very much enjoyed by all.

For those jazz fans who like to listen to live music, the 'Just the Job' band perform on alternate Monday evenings at the Wilf Slack Memorial Pavilion, 19 East End Road, from 8.15pm to 10.45pm. The next date is Monday 18 April. The regular backing group are joined by guest players from well-known bands such as the Chris Barber, Kenny Ball and Monty Sunshine bands.

Line dancing

Line dancing is alive and well in East Finchley.

On Tuesdays from 8.30pm, a very friendly group meets at the Constitutional Club in The Walks. Maureen who takes the class has been teaching for approximately five years and also holds children's dancing classes in freestyle, disco and street dance at Finchley Methodist Church. She can be contacted on 8440 8530.

Local actor in Love

Play

By Sheila

Armstrong

A theatre group formed by East Finchley actor Simon Money is staging its first show.

Simon, of East End Road, formed the theatre group *showdon'tel* with six friends while he was at the Academy Theatre School in Whitechapel. The group's aim is to put on shows that are accessible to all.

Their first production will be *Love Play* by Moira Bufini, at the Pleasance Theatre in Caledonian Road, N7, from 12 April to 1 May.

A tragi-comedy, it takes place on the same site in London



Simon Money photo by Tony Meehan

spanning the centuries from Roman times through to the present day and explores the highs and lows of love.

The press release calls it "a sexy and exciting exploration of the many facets of love" containing scenes of a sexual nature. Author Bufini, whose previous West End play was *Dinner*, has attended rehearsals.

The Pleasance box office is on 020 7609 1800, 020 7420 0180 (24 hours) or www.pleasance.co.uk.

Let the dance begin

By Betti Blatman

Nicola Goode is a dance teacher based in Whetstone who has spent seven years teaching children from two to 18 years in all kinds of dancing including ballet, jazz, tap.

She approached organisers of the North London Festival of Music and Drama who agreed to hold dance competitions in their festival, which will be held at Finchley Youth Theatre, High Road, on Sunday 15 May from 2pm. The adjudicator will

be Laura Symonds.

In addition to dance schools, private entrants are also welcome to enter the competition. For a syllabus or further information contact Nicola Goode on 01992 623559.

Barbara Bus charity event

Unfortunately, the charity showing of *The Goodbye Girl* at the Phoenix last month had to be cancelled. However, East Finchley will still have a chance to support the Barbara Bus Fund, which provides transport and escorts for the disabled. Sippy Azizollah, a user of the Barbara buses, is planning another event later this year.

Farmers' Market dates

There will be four farmers' markets at Alexandra Park this month on Sundays 3, 10, 17 and 24 April from 10am to 3pm.

What's On...

E-mail your listings to the-archer@lineone.net

Tuesdays-Sundays to 17th April: East Finchley actor Robin Dunn stars as Sailor Mahan in a production of Sean O'Casey's comedy *Cock A Doodle Dandy* at 7.30pm at Baron's Court Theatre London W14. Call 020 8932 4747.

Monday 4 April- Weds 4 May: Street Level Photoworks presents *No Small Feat* - an exhibition of lens-based artworks around the theme of parenthood. Admission free. artsdepot, Tally Ho Corner, N12. 020 8369 5454. www.artsdepot.co.uk

Sunday 17 April: Cycle ride in aid of 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People' Chose from a full or half day ride through Barnet and Hertfordshire, or a fun ride along one of Barnet's cycle paths. For details call 020 8359 7108.

Sunday 17 April: North London Chorus presents Puccini's *Messa Di Gloria* and *A Symphony of Psalms* by Stravinsky at 7.30pm at the artsdepot, Tally Ho Corner, N12. Box Office: 8369 5454.

Tuesday 19 April: Cricket for Kids courses commence at Wilf Slack

Cricket Club. Contact Mark Dorow on 020 8349 9087 for details.

Thursday 21 - Saturday 23 April: The Guild Players present Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* at Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, N3 at 7.45pm. Box office 020 8346 6337.

Thursday 28 April: The Finchley Society presents *Galapagos Islands* - a talk by Bruce Bennett - at 8pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3 (Tel. 8346 7812). Non-Society members are welcome, and entry is free.

Saturday 14 May: May Fair 11am to 2pm at All Saints Church Durham Road. Plants, gifts etc. and refreshments.

Sunday 15 May: Charity film screening of *Spellbound* at the Phoenix Cinema, High Rd, N2 at 11 am.

Sunday 22 May 2005: Cromwell Hall Residents' Association annual 'Garage Sale' in Abbots Gardens from 12 noon - 3 pm. Residents will set up their 'Stalls' in front gardens up and down the road.