



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
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call 8883 7110.
- ❖ **East Finchley Writing Workshops**. Creative writing, poetry and prose. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club** - 15 & 29 May at 8pm, Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3. New members welcome
- ❖ **Line dancing** Tuesdays from 8.30pm at The Constitutional Club. Call Maureen 8440 8530.
- ❖ **Memory Lane Singing Club** - a communal singing club. Call Idit Gold 8458 4508.
- ❖ **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: 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** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **East Finchley National Childbirth Trust**, Contact Sophie on 8444 1890
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers** meet weekly at The Old White Lion. Call Lilian 8444 1793
- ❖ **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.



(L-R:) Naomi Sadler (Adjudicator), Yoshijka Masuda (2nd Prize Winner), Hiroko Umezawa (J & A Beare), Ashok Klouda (1st Prize Winner) and Mark Messenger (Adjudicator) Photo by Hiroko Umezawa from J & A Beare.

Bach to the future

By Betti Blatman

I attended the finalists' concert of the 4th Solo Bach Competition on Sunday 26 March at the United Reformed Church in Muswell Hill, organised by the North London Festival of Music and now sponsored by the internationally renowned London Violin Dealers, J & A Beare Ltd.

Open to violin, viola and cello players of conservatoire standard and beyond up to 30 years of age, the competition attracts some of the finest young musicians both from this country and abroad. Eight of this year's competitors live in North London, so there is still a local feel to the occasion, but players have also come from Austria, France, Switzerland and the USA, as well as the major British conservatoires in London, Manchester and Birmingham. Reflecting our multi-cultural society, the range of nationalities represented is even wider than this with Russian, Chinese, Dutch, Hungarian and Japanese players among others.

The standard of performance was so high this year that every entrant would have made a worthy winner and the adjudicators Mark Messenger and Naomi Sadler had

a daunting task.

Most competitors are undergraduate or postgraduate music students, but the youngest, the highly talented 15-year-old Molly Cockburn, is still at school and the two oldest, 29-year-old Reiko Kakinuma and 28-year-old Balint Szekely, are both launched on professional careers.

Second place with a £200 prize was awarded to Yoshika Masuda who played Cello Suite No.2 in D minor. The £500 First Prize went to Ashok Klouda who played Cello Suite No 6 in D major, a difficult and challenging piece of music.

Ashok started playing the cello at eight years old and has lived in Kentish Town since 1990. He is currently studying with Jérôme Pernoo as a Postgraduate Scholar supported by a John Lewis plc Award at the Royal College of Music.

East Finchley on the silver screen

Our part of London has got quite used to being the backdrop for assorted television series and commercials but did you know that in 1913 the epic film *The Battle of Waterloo* was filmed in East Finchley?

This is just one of the fascinating film facts unearthed by Gerald Turvey, a director of the Phoenix Cinema Trust, who will give a talk to the Finchley Society.

He will outline the growth of British cinema from 1905 to 1916, focusing on the development of the British & Colonial

Kinematograph Company and its studios in Oak Lane from 1911 to 1916, where the films made included a series about Dick Turpin.

The talk takes place at Avenue House, East End Road at 8pm on Thursday 8 June. Non-members are welcome.

Anniversary concert

By Linda Soper

East Finchley Methodist Church hosted a concert on Sunday 9 April to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth and the centenary of Shostakovich's birth. The programme included a wide range of works from both composers, which were a delight to listen to. It ended with Dvorak's Piano Quintet, a cascade of melodies.

The violinists for the evening were Sylvia Castoon, Bryan Fairfax and Sanae Honda, while Helen Cooper played the cello and Caroline Soresby the piano.

Admission to concerts at the

church in the High Road is free although people are invited to make a donation to a chosen charity. The hall has access for disabled people. For details, contact 020 8346 7325.

A festival on our doorstep

By Ann Bronkhorst

This month our southern neighbours Hampstead and Highgate hold their annual festival. Here is a preview of some of what's on offer in the week of 11-20 May.

Music dominates, as usual. Topping and tailing the week are the Gala Opening Concert and the Festival Finale, which feature music by Mozart, Schubert, Shostakovich and Arvo Part. The Allegri String Quartet plays in Hampstead and concert pianist Tessa Uys performs at Highgate School. The Music Collection will demonstrate period instruments, and there's choral music from Highgate Choral Society and Camden Chamber Choir.

If you enjoy jazz or musicals, visit Lauderdale House to hear the jazz singer Ian Shaw or Liz Robertson with Denis King in a Cabaret Special. And the City of London are organising a Gig on the Heath, an afternoon of jazz and popular music.

Some programmes are especially for young audiences and performers. Five local primary school choirs will sing in *Peter and the Wolf* and winners of the Young

Composers' competition will have their pieces showcased. There's even music for the under-eights who are invited to Mozart's birthday party.

Music meets drama at New End Theatre, with a dramatisation of Isaac Bashevis Singer's *The Dead Fiddler* laced with Klezmer music, and an unusual Freudian song-programme called *Dreamlives*. Local writers, including Melvyn Bragg, will take part in a series of talks called *Transformations*. Poetry and film are on offer, too.

If this feast of culture requires too much sitting, you could join a walk through Hampstead or Highgate, hunt for bats on the Heath, or peer at the night sky through the 1899 telescope in the Hampstead Observatory.

For details contact the Festival Box Office, New End Theatre, on 0870 0332733 or email shawboxoffice@newendtheatre.co.uk

Mrs Puffin knocks

The Guild Players's spring production will be *Good Night Mrs Puffin*, a comedy by Arthur Lovegrove.

The play sees the Fordyce family looking forward to the wedding of their eldest daughter when a strange woman arrives on their doorstep.

Performances at Finchley

Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, Finchley N3, run from Thursday 4 May to Saturday 6 May at 7.45pm. Tickets are £7. For more details visit www.guildplayers.org.uk.

What's On...

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

Saturday 29 April to Sunday 10 September

The Sound of the Suburbs: the story of pop music in Barnet. Exhibition at Church Farmhouse Museum, Hendon. For information, and museum opening times, call 020 8203 0130.

Tuesday 9 May to Sunday 21 May (excluding Mondays)

Exhibition of work by local artist Mari l'Anson at Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate.

Saturday 13 May

A fund raising quiz for the East Finchley Festival will be held at the Green Man Community Centre. Entry costs £10 per person which includes a half bottle of wine and nibbles. Further details from 020 8883 4916.

Sunday 14 May

Free guided walk in Coldfall Wood, led by David Bevan, former Haringey conservation officer. Meet at 2pm at main gate, Creighton Avenue. Also visit the charcoal-burning demonstration, 10am-4pm.

Thursday 25 May

Finchley Society illustrated talk on the Chelsea Physic Garden, London's secret garden, by garden guide Mike Watson; Avenue House, East End Road, 8pm. Free entry.

Wednesday 31 May

Open Day, 11am-3pm, at the Horticultural Resource Centre, Boundary Road, St Pancras and Islington Cemetery. Visitors welcome. Some bedding plants for sale.

Thursday 8 June

Finchley Society talk on the growth of British cinema from 1905 to 1916 by Gerald Turvey, director of the Phoenix Cinema Trust; Avenue House, East End Road, 8pm. Entry is free.

Is 2006 the year you learn how to surf the web and use email?

The Green Man Community Centre offers a wide range of courses to help you make the most of new technology. If you just want to learn how to use email or even get a professional qualification we have the course for you.

Learners study at their own pace with a friendly tutor on hand to offer help and advice if needed.

For more information about the courses on offer call Helen on 020 8815 0703.

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