



## 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
- ❖ **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.

### 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** - 16 & 30 April 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 feature a different band each month. See www.swamprock.org.uk or call Carole 8810 7454 or Neil 01727 830280
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** 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 Phoebe Oldrey on 8349 0388.
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood.** Visit info@cherrytreewood.co.uk or call 020 8883 7544.
- ❖ **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Mouldon on 8361 1696.
- ❖ **Highgate Film Society**, contact Admin Office 8340 3343 or email: admin@hlsi.net .
- ❖ **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 John 8883 8114.
- ❖ **Stepping Stones**, interactive play session for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.

## April at the Phoenix

By Paul Homer, Phoenix manager  
Ever get the feeling that you're being watched, that someone knows your every move, your every word? The idea that Big Brother is watching us is ever more resonant in this country as more CCTV cameras come into operation.

Whatever your views on this, at least we *know* we're being watched. Many citizens of the former East Germany suspected they were under surveillance but could not be sure. In Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's film *The Lives of Others* this subject is explored to stunning effect.

A theatre director and his actress girlfriend are under surveillance by the Stasi, though one can never be sure quite why. Entangled in the web are the Minister of Culture and a highly skilled surveillance officer. The film shows the extent to which the German Democratic Republic had become a police state in the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Only after the fall of the Berlin Wall were the Stasi's records opened, revealing that many people had spied on their loved

ones for fear of the power of the Stasi. Winner of the best foreign language Oscar, it's a great piece of film-making and opens at the Phoenix on 13 April.

Alongside, we're playing other films about the cold war and surveillance. Sunday 15 April sees the political conspiracy film *The Manchurian Candidate* in a double bill with Stanley Kubrick's biting satire *Dr Strangelove* which includes the wonderful line "You can't fight in here, this is the war room".

On Sunday 22 April, we're screening *Goodbye Lenin* in which a son tries to hide the fall of communism from his mother who has recently awoken from a coma. For more details, contact the box office on 020 8444 6789 or visit [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk).



New seats at The Phoenix. Picture by Paul Homer

## Supper concerts on the menu

By Geoffrey Hanson  
Last year's East Finchley Arts Festival raised over £5,000 for the North London Hospice mainly by the sale of pictures at the art exhibition and the bucket collections at other events. Plans are on the drawing board for the 2007 Festival and the organisers hope to top that amount this year.

Meanwhile, a series of Buffet Supper Concerts has been arranged for the winter and spring months. The third of these will be on Saturday 28 April at 7.30pm at All Saints' Church in Durham Road, given by the Lithuanian pianist Rimantas Vingras, who lives in East Finchley. Moscow Conservatoire-trained, he has recently been playing in the USA and his native Lithuania and this recital follows on from

the hugely successful one he gave in the Festival last year. His face might seem familiar since he works part time at Amy's on the High Road. The programme will include music by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. Catering will be by Amici Delicatessen.

*Tickets for recital and supper are priced £15 if pre-booked (020 8444 9214). Tickets for the recital only will be £10 on the door.*

## A cabaret convert

By Daphne Chamberlain  
Excuse me, music buffs. I knew absolutely nothing about Marlene Ver Planck. I only went along to see her jazz cabaret last month because a) one of my friends is a devoted fan, and b) I like Lauderdale House.

All I can say now is that my friend knows a thing or two. So does The New York Times, which said Marlene "may be the most accomplished interpreter of American popular song performing today".

I loved her voice, and her range of songs. A few of them everybody knew, but a lot I had never heard before. As a word person, I just sat there lapping up the lyrics, but the music was superb too.

Lauderdale House, up in Highgate Village at the edge of Waterlow Park, is a great setting, with paintings on the walls and

glasses of wine in the interval, when we could stand around and chat with Marlene. (Excuse the name-dropping. There's nothing like a convert.)

Marlene Ver Planck tours Europe frequently, so if you get the chance to see her, do grab it.

Lauderdale House has a very varied programme of music, poetry and art exhibitions, as well as a range of workshops and activities for both adults and children. To find out more, contact 020 8348 8716, [kives@lauderdale.org.uk](mailto:kives@lauderdale.org.uk), or [www.lauderdalehouse.co.uk](http://www.lauderdalehouse.co.uk).

## What's On...

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

### Friday 13 April

Friends of Barnet Libraries host a talk on 'Monumental Brasses' by Susette Palmer, East Finchley Library 11am-12noon. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome. Information from Ian Harvey, 020 8444 9406.

### Saturday 14 April

Muswell Hill and District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show, St Peter le Poer Church Hall, Colney Hatch Lane. Doors open 3pm. Exhibit display, plant stall and auction of produce. Teas available.

### Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 April

Bi-lingual musical production *Changing Fortunes*, the story of a Chinese Spice Girls band struggling to find stardom, presented by the Chinese Energetic Youth Enthusiasts, of Islington Chinese Association. Saturday 7pm and Sunday 3pm, artsdepot, North Finchley. Tickets £8 (concessions £5). Box office 020 8369 5454.

### Tuesday 17 April

Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society gardening quiz evening, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11, 7.30pm. Entry £5.

### Thursday 26 April

What goes on "Behind the Scenes at The Finchley Society", an illustrated talk by the society's secretary Robert Winton, Avenue House, East End Road, N3, 8pm. Come along to find out about the Society, and also about Ana the Duck. Everyone welcome, entry for non-members £2.

### Saturday 28 April

Coldfall Wood Clean-up. Meet 11.0 am at edge of field. Materials provided.

### Saturday 28 April

Buffet Supper Concert at All Saint's Church, Durham Road, N2, 7.30pm. Pianist Rimantas Vingras plays Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. Tickets for recital and supper are £15 (pre-booked only on 020 8444 9214). Recital only: £10 at door.

### Sunday 29 April

Free guided walk through Coldfall Wood with David Bevan. Meet 2.0 pm at main gate, Creighton Avenue.

### Sunday 29 April

A variety of birds of prey will be displayed in Highgate Wood from 11am-3pm.

### Sunday 29 April

Open garden afternoon, 2-7pm at 5 St Regis Close, Alexandra Park Road, N10. Susan Bennett and Earl Hyde, National Gardens Scheme assistant county organisers, show their own garden, featuring a gothic wall with stained glass from the porch of the demolished Colney Hatch Lane Methodist Church. Plant sale and home-made teas. Admission £2.50. Children free.

### Wednesday 2 May

A walk to places of historical interest in Highgate Wood, 6-8pm. Meet at Highgate Wood information hut.

### Friday 4 May

Friends of Barnet Libraries host a talk on 'Fire Safety in the Home' at 11am. Officers of the London Fire Brigade will give a 15-minute presentation followed by a question and answer session. Information from Ian Harvey, 020 8444 9406.

### Saturday 12 May

BBC Elstree Concert Band concert in St James's Church, Muswell Hill, 7.30pm. Hollywood and Broadway favourites - Bernstein, Copland, Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Sousa - and jazz from Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller. All proceeds to North London Hospice. Admission £15 for adults, £5 for under-16s. Tickets available from North London Hospice Fundraising Department, 47 Woodside Avenue, N12 8TF (020 8446 2288) or 2 Lauradale Road, N2 9LU (020 8883 4736).

### Coming up at artsdepot, North Finchley:

Sunday 12 April, 8pm, She'Koyokh Klezmer Ensemble; Friday 13 April-Sunday 29 April, 12pm-4pm, Spread; Sunday 21 April, 5.30pm, A Fistful of Folk; Thursday 26 April-Saturday 28 April, 'depot untapped': contemporary performance; Friday 27 April, Folk in the Foyer; Sunday 29 April, 8pm, Barbarito Torres; Thursday 3 May, 8pm, Tony Robinson's Cunning Night Out.

### Every Wednesday

East Finchley Writers Group meets at the Old White Lion pub, next to the tube station, at 6.30pm. Writers of varying levels of experience discuss each other's work in a friendly, informal group. New writers very welcome. More information from Carola Groom, 020 8883 5808 or Lilian Chavert, 020 8444 1793.