



## 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 Dance Classes**, Wednesdays. Beginners 7.30pm, Improvers 8.30pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Finchley. 020 8444 0280.
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call 8883 7110.
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club** - 9 & 23 July at 8pm, Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **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 50s Tea Dance** at Christ Church, North Finchley. Every Weds, 1pm. 020 8444 0280.
- ❖ **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](http://www.swamprock.org.uk)
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- ❖ **Tap Dance** for children beginning at Old Barn every Monday, Contact Sharon 8349 4613

### CLUBS & SOCIAL

- ❖ **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9pm, Green Man Centre, Contact: Jan 8815 5459
- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **East Finchley National Childbirth Trust** contact Phoebe on 8349 0388.
- ❖ **East Finchley Writing Workshops.** poetry writing monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers Group** Creative writing 6.30pm every Weds at the Old White Lion. Contact Carola 8883 5808 or Lillian 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



Youth Music Centre of Hampstead Garden Suburb about to give one of their prize winning performances. Picture courtesy North London Festival.

## Scintillating Festival of Music

By Betti Blatman

Young musical talent was on show at the North London Festival of Music, Drama and Dance. During April and May, competitions were held for piano, singing, instrumental, speech and drama culminating in the Prizewinners' Concert on 20 May at the United Reformed Church in Muswell Hill.

The Festival is well known for its high standards. One contestant, Lisa Akhmetova, 12, came all the way from Barcelona "as it had been highly recommended".

This is the third Festival I have attended and once again I was delighted by the performances of the Nakata sisters, Makoto, 13, on violin and Asagi, 12, on piano.

The winners of certain

classes during the course of the Festival are recommended to compete for the President's Prize. Adjudicators Hilary Stuart and Timothy Barratt were highly impressed with the splendid pieces of music. They presented first prize to Joo Yeon Sir, playing Waxman's *Carmen Fantasie* on violin and commented that, although a difficult piece, every musical detail was beautifully played.

Second prize went to Asagi Nakata playing JS Bach's *Sarabande (French Suite)* and Chabrier's *Danse Villageoise* on piano. Her playing was described as sounding like an orchestra.

Additional prizes went to Nathalie Chalkley, soprano, and Alan Chu, piano.

Lynne Featherstone, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, presented the awards. She said this was her first invitation to the Festival and she was thrilled with the talent on display, which raised the profile of classical music. She praised parents' encouragement, teachers, accompanists and organisers and volunteers for making it so successful.

For further information, contact the Festival Administrator on 020 8886 7237 or visit [www.northlondonfestival.org.uk](http://www.northlondonfestival.org.uk)

## Run off with the circus

Children have a chance to unleash their inner acrobat, clown or stilt walker when a circus extravaganza comes to artsdepot in North Finchley later this month. Caught in the Act is a circus show for all the family, with daredevil artistry, comedy, acrobats, jugglers and aerial artists.

The line-up of performers includes aerialist Ilona Jantti, who trained in Sweden and Finland and will be showing off her skills on the aerial hoop and rope.

Each day of the show's visit there will be free activities for everyone to enjoy, including acrobatics, plate spinning and much more.

The same week, artsdepot will be running Cirque Depot, where children aged six upwards can go along and learn real circus skills from trained performers.

Caught in the Act will be performed on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July at 3pm and 7pm. The free activities run both days from 11am - 2pm.

Cirque Depot runs from

Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 July. Times vary according to age group.

For tickets, and to book summer school places, contact the artsdepot box office on 020 8369 5454. For more information, visit [www.artsdepot.co.uk](http://www.artsdepot.co.uk).



On the ropes: acrobat Ilona Jantti will be in Caught in the Act. Picture by Matt Hennem

## Tons of money

By Daphne Chamberlain  
Wife: "Who do we owe money to?" Husband: "Everyone we've ever dealt with."

Wife's response to this is to fake husband's death, bringing him back as a long-lost relative who would inherit the money that has just been left to them, but without any obligation to pay off debtors.

Naturally, as this all happens at the beginning of *Tons of Money*, the Guild Players' most recent production, we know there are more complications ahead. Two other men claim to be the long-lost relative, and his real widow "recognises" the impostors but humours the genuine one as a harmless lunatic.

This 1920s Aldwych farce, revised by Alan Ayckbourn for the National Theatre, demands that the audience suspend all disbelief. Even when one character after another seems, in the words of one of them, to have "the brain of a very, very small potted shrimp".

Some of the biggest laughs came from the out-and-out slapstick scenes. The acting was excellent but perhaps the play could have been taken at a slightly faster pace.

The Guild Players vary productions to suit all tastes, and welcome feedback from their audiences. They perform in Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, N3.

For more information, visit [www.guildplayers.org.uk](http://www.guildplayers.org.uk) or call 020 8346 6337.

## What's On...

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

### Sunday 8 July

Big Fun Run for children aged 5-15 in aid of the Bobath Centre for children with cerebral palsy, Cherry Tree Wood.

### Sunday 8 July

Hermitage Quintet plays Brahms and Schubert, East Finchley Methodist Church, 8pm. Free admission with collection in aid of East Finchley Neighbourhood Contact Centre. Fully accessible to people with disabilities.

### Thursday 12 July

Special free live performance of *Chansons Realistes* by accordionist Fifi Le Mer and violinist Charles Louis D'Ince ahead of a screening of *La Vie en Rose* (15), an account of the life of Edith Piaf; Phoenix Cinema, 5pm.

### Friday 13 July

Open day for Memory Lane Singing Club, St Mary's Hall, Hendon, 11.30am - 1.30pm; come and enjoy the fun and make new friends; all levels of singing ability are welcome - no auditions. For more information, contact Kay on 020 8882 0636 or Jean on 020 8445 3970.

### Saturday 14 July

Barnet NCT nearly new sale; lots of bargains for pregnancy, baby and young child; 10.15 am-12 noon (10 am early entry for NCT members with card), Finchley Sea Cadets Hall, 184A Long Lane, Finchley N3 2RA (close to Squires Lane junction); admission: £1 (children free). Sorry, prams and pushchairs must be left outside the hall.

### Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July

The Circus Space present a summer circus extravaganza *Caught in the Act*, a circus show for all the family, 3pm and 7pm, plus free circus activities for children, 11am-2pm; artsdepot, North Finchley. Box office: 020 8369 5454.

### Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 July

Cirque Depot summer school for children; artsdepot, North Finchley. For details, contact the box office on 020 8369 5454.

### Weekends throughout July and August

Guided walks in High Barnet and Monken Hadley: Barnet Ghosts, Battle of Barnet etc. Further information from Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

### Coming up at artsdepot, North Finchley

Thursday 12 July, 8pm, Craig Hill & Janey Godley; Friday 13 July, 8pm, Andrew Maxwell and Zoe Lyons; Saturday 14 July, 8pm, Russell Kane and Russell Howard; Thursday 19 July, 8:30pm, Zoe Rahman.