



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.

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** - 19 Mar, 2, 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 8343 0003
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.



Jonny at The Cherry Tree Shop. Picture by Andy Shirlaw

Bagels good, cheesecake bad

By Andy Shirlaw

The secrets of the ancient art of Judology are revealed in a hilarious A-Z of world history and popular culture written by East Finchley author Jonny Geller in his book *Yes, but is it Good for the Jews?* – *A Beginner’s Guide*, which has sold 20,000 copies in the US since its publication in November.

Jonny reveals, with the help of his newly created ‘Judological Institute of Spiritual Mathematics’, based in Cockfosters, the mathematical formula that determines whether someone or something is ‘Good for the Jews’.

Jonny said the title of his book is a common phrase in the Jewish community. He said: “Jewish humour is about extremes, understanding the roller coaster of Jewish history and getting the punch line in first.”

According to his maths formula, cheesecake is not good, neither is cholera, colonic irrigation, *Desperate Housewives*, Jews for Jesus or Ken Livingstone.

Bagels, as you would expect, are good, as are *Big Brother*, complaining, the

Eurovision Song Contest, Fox News Channel, Google, ice cream and jeans.

As for George W Bush, he has been dreadful for the Jews. “He has made the situation in the Middle East a lot worse, for everybody.”

Jonny was inspired by American comedians such as Seinfeld and Woody Allen, and especially Larry David of TV series *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. “I realised on my book promotion tour of the US that there’s a need and hunger to take the book seriously, but most people do get that it is supposed to be humorous.”

Penguin has bought the rights to the book in the UK and has already sold 6,000 copies here. The book is available at Cherry Tree Shop, on the High Road.

Home of the harp

by Betti Blatman

The wonderful strumming sounds of Kike Pedersen playing the Paraguayan harp could be heard at East Finchley Methodist Church on Sunday 11 February, with music ranging from Paraguayan folk music to classical music. In addition to being an accomplished musician, Kike is also an artist, and has painted his harp very decoratively.

Kike began learning the harp at 12 and is an extremely accomplished musician at 22. He is closely involved in a project in Paraguay called Arpa Roga which is an attempt to foster and develop the values of Paraguayan culture through art and music, both nationally and internationally, all in a family atmosphere.

Arpa Roga means the Home of the Harp. Regular events are organised throughout the year, including concerts and dinners for visitors from abroad seeking authentic Paraguayan food and music. Arpa Roga can also arrange conducted trips to visit some of the most beautiful tourist’s spots in the country.

A trip from the UK is being organised for 17 October to 3 November 2007. For further details please phone 01865 861791 or visit www.paraguay.org.uk.

Carnival party

By Pam Kent

Families and friends of Polish students at Bishop Douglass School organised a carnival party in the main hall of the school on Saturday 3 February.

The beautifully-decorated tables held plenty of good Polish food and drink, which was provided by the students’ parents.

DJ Roberts played music from all over the world and more than 100 guests, including many members of the school’s staff, were dancing until nearly midnight. As carnival is traditional around Lent time in Poland, all the guests are hoping that this will be repeated next year.

What’s On...

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

Saturday 10 March

Barnet NCT Nearly New Sale – lots of bargains for pregnancy, baby and young children, 10.15am – 12 noon (10am early entry for NCT members with card), Finchley Sea Cadets Hall, 184A Long Lane, Finchley N3. Admission £1 (children free). Sorry, prams and pushchairs must be left outside the hall. For information, please call 07960 521271.

Sunday 11 March

An Evening of Noel Coward presented by Amici del Arte, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, 8pm. Free admission with a collection in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. The venue is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Monday 12 March

Sing along to tunes from Broadway and West End shows with **‘Singing in Highgate’** in Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate, N6. Weekly sessions on Mondays at 8pm. To book your free session contact Idit Gold on 020 8444 8511, mobile 07717 834095, or email info@bwworkshop.co.uk.

Wednesday 14 March

Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society’s Spring Lecture: ‘From Spuds to Chelsea - Vegetable Growing and Gardening in Suburbia’, an illustrated talk by Cleve West, The Independent’s ‘Urban Gardener’ and 2006 Chelsea Gold Medallist, 7.30pm, Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. Non-members £3.50. Refreshments available (020 8455 0455).

Saturday 24 March

London Ripieno Singers in a concert of ***Music for Passiontide*** at All Saints Church, Durham Road, N2. Music by Vivaldi, Handel, Rossini, Tucapsky and others; 7.30pm. Buffet Supper Concert is available but must be pre-booked. Concert-only tickets at the door. For bookings and information, contact 020 8444 9214.

Thursday 29 March

Illustrated talk to the Finchley Society by Graham Ives on the history of social drinking, entitled ***‘The Public House Before the Railways’***, Avenue House, East End Road, 8pm. Entry for non-members £2.

Saturday 31 March

Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society’s Suburb Centenary Spring Flower Show’, 2-4pm, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. Contact 020 8455 8741.

Sunday 1 April

Hornsey Historical Society is leading a ***local history walk*** round Tetherdown and Fortis Green, on Sunday 1 April at 2.30pm, £1 each. Meet beside the Highgate Counselling Centre, Tetherdown, N10, opposite the URC church. For more information, telephone 020 8883 8486.

Wednesday 4 April

Haringey Recorded Music Society hosts ***‘A Celebration of Dance’*** by Dennis Evans, 7.15 for 7.30pm. For details on the venue, contact 020 8361 1696.

Friday 13 April

Friends of Barnet Libraries hosts a talk by Susette Palmer on ***‘Monumental brasses’***, East Finchley Library, 11am - 12 noon. Talks are held on the first Friday of each month (second Friday in April). Refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome. For further information, please contact Ian Harvey on 020 8444 9406.

Every Wednesday

Creative Writing Workshop, a fun inspiring class of creative writing activities. No previous experience necessary, St Mary’s Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley N3, 7.30 – 9pm. £7 per class. For details, contact Julie on 07877 267180 or email kinsella1@hotmail.com.

Coming up at artsdepot, North Finchley:

Wednesday 7 March, 8pm, ***Natalie Haynes, Watching the Detectives;***
Thursday 8 March, 8pm, ***Protein Dance;***
Thursday 8 March to Sunday 8 April, 12pm-4pm, ***The Dual Muse;***
Saturday 10 March, 8pm, ***Spice, featuring Tom Allen;***
Sunday 11 March, 7.45pm, ***Classical & Klezmer;***
Thursday 22 March, 8pm, ***Moving Parts;***
Saturday 24 March, 3pm & 7pm, ***Fold Your Own;***
Friday 30 March, ***Folk in the Foyer;***
Sunday 1 April, 7.45pm, ***Warren Mailley-Smith.***