

## 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 on Wednesdays, Christ Church N12. Call Bridie 8883 5269

❖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 **❖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, pregnancy yoga, meditation classes. Call Sunnah 07941 321 772 or see www.stretchingpeople.co.uk. Yoga course, N2, starts 13 Jan. Call Laura 8346 8198 for info pack.

#### MUSIC, DANCE & **CREATIVE ARTS**

\* Art Classes. For info call Henry on

\* Ballroom Dance Classes, Wednesday eves for beginners & improvers . St Mary's Church Hall, N3. 8444 0280. \* Ballroom & Latin American Dance **Classes** - beginners and Improvers. Wed & Fri eve, Bishop Douglass Sch. 8207 2323. ❖ Club Dramatika drama club for kids. Call 8883 7110.

Creative writing classes in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 0208 444 7217

Drama Classes for 11-14 year olds. Mondays at 6.30pm. Contact Carolyn on 07905 481682

\* East Finchley Writers Group, Weds at the Old White Lion. Contact Carola 8883 5808 or Lilian 8444 1793.

\* East Finchley Poetry Writing Workshops. Monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.

Finchley Jazz Club: Live jazz on Mon 2 & 16 Feb at 8.15pm, 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 friendlysinging club meets every Friday in Finchley. Call Valerie 8458 4508. ❖ Over 50s Tea Dance at Christ

Church, North Finchley. Every Weds, 1pm, 020 8444 0280 Learn to sing at Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards La. Call 8888 4412.

❖Salsa lessons Mondays, EF Methodist Church. Call Ronnie Raul 07958 605 773 e:ronnieraul@rocketmail.com

Street Dance every Tuesday at Old Barn for children of various ages Contact Lorna 07976 203669.

❖ SwampRock Louisiana Dance Club. Live music events. Contact Carole Lareman 8810 7454 or www.swamprock.org.uk

Symphonic Wind Orchestra Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706

\* Tap Dance for children at Old Barn on Mondays, Call Sharon 8349 4613 Traditional Music in the Alexandra pub, Church Lane from 8.30.pm on the last Thursday of every month.

### **CLUBS & SOCIAL**

❖ Bingo Club Mondays 7-9 pm, Green Man Čentre, Contact: Jan 8815 5459 Contact Lunch Club Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book. \* EF National Childbirth Trust contact Joanna 8883 0941 or joanna-

brunt@cybergal.com Finchley & District Philatelic Society,

Contact Brian 8444 3251 Friendly Rubber Bridge at The Old Barn. Contact 8349 4613

\* Friends of Cherry Tree Wood www. cherrytreewood.co.uk or 8883 7544. ❖ Highgate Film Society, call 8340 3343 or email: admin@hlsi.net.

❖ North London Bridge Club, Muswell Hill. Contact 8348 3495

Jewish Friendship Club for over 60s, Tuesdays 1-3 pmat Muswell Hill Synagogue, Tetherdown. Call Anita Shaw 8886 6140. Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge, contact 8883 4390 ❖ Old Barn pre-school club, contact

8349 4613/1961 Parent & Toddler Group, Green Man

Centre, Iulia 8444 2276

Probus Lunch Club for retired professionals. Call John 8883 8114.

Stepping Stones, interactive playsession for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.



Three sisters 1992 © Vardi Kahana

# One family, many stories

Vardi Kahana is an Israeli photographer who combines art with taking portraits of well-known people for a top Israeli daily newspaper's weekend magazine. Her new exhibition One Family, at artsdepot in North Finchley, documents four generations of a Jewish family focusing on three sisters: Vardi's mother Rivka Kahana, with Leah and Esther.

The sisters bear consecutive numbers on their forearms showing the order in which they were lined up and tattooed in Auschwitz after arriving from Hungary aged 15,18 and 22. Today all three sisters, now in their 80s, live in Israel. One has 31 grandchildren, and two have 35 great-grandchildren each.

Kaleidoscope

In her family images, Vardi tries to portray second and third generations coming together but also growing apart. Her project is not judgmental and there are Jewish, Christian and Muslim members of the family. There are relatives ranging from ultra-Orthodox to those living in settlements on the West Bank whilst others live on a kibbutz, in cities or the upper class area of Caesarea.

There is a photo of her parents taken on the eve of her father's operation. The operation was successful but sadly her father died the next day.

Vardi says: "This is the story of one family. It is the entire Jewish-Israeli narrative embodied in a single family. To the big questions of Jewish-Israeli identity the photographs of my family provide a kaleidoscope of answers."

The exhibition runs until 15 March and admission is free. The gallery is open 12 - 4 pm daily, and until 8pm on performance evenings. Telephone artsdepot on 020 8369 5454, or visit www.vardikahana.com

#### EAST FINCHLEY METHODIST CHURCH

A friendly welcome awaits you

197 High Road, London N2 (opp. Creighton Ave.) tel: 0208 346 1700 www.eastfinchleymethodist.org.uk

#### Sunday service at 10.30 a.m. With Creche and Junior Church

Worship Music Social events Youth Club Wheelchair friendly

### All Saints' Church, **Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England**

Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m. Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

> The Parish has a flourishing social life. Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy. on 020 8883 9315.

All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir of both adults and children. Experienced singers are always welcome. Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.

http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk

# February at the Phoenix

By the Phoenix Cinema's Paul Homer

What a January we had! So many of you came to see Slumdog Millionaire and you all seemed to enjoy it. Che and Milk were also very popular with our audiences. The treats continue in February.

First up is Vicky Cristina Barcelona, and everyone's delighted that Woody Allen has got his spark back with his best film for years. Penelope Cruz leads the stellar cast including Scarlett Johansson and Javier Bardem. With Barcelona as the steamy backdrop for this tale of romance and passion, the film is a delight. As a reminder of how great Woody Allen used to be we're playing Crimes and Misdemeanours together with Broadway Danny Rose on Sunday 15 February.

Ernesto Guevara returns to the Phoenix on 20 February for Che: Guerilla. Picking up where the first part ended the film follows the revolutionary as he attempts to overthrow the Bolivian government. Benicio Del Toro's performance is again exceptional as the character he seems born to play.

Closing the month we have the Palme D'Or winning film from Cannes. The Class is described by the Phoenix's programmer as the most deserving Palme D'Or winner of all time. As a teacher in a Parisian school, Francois Begaudeau uses unusual methods to engage his diverse students. The film presents issues of religion, culture and ethics in modern day France.

Other highlights this month include our continuing opera season with Lucia Di Lammermoor on 7 February. We have a special weekend of the Belgian Film Festival from 5-8 February, including the new film from the Dardenne Brothers. We also have a special visit from Adolf Berger on whose memoirs the film The Counterfeiters was based. We're playing the film with Adolf talking about his experiences in the concentration camp to coincide with the first publication in English of his autobiography.

Our box office is on 020 8444 6789 and our website is www.phoenixcinema.co.uk

# What's On...

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

Thursday 5 February:

Belgian Film Festival at the Phoenix Cinema, High Road, N2. London premiere of *Moscow, Belgium* (15) at 6.30pm. Award-winning comedy-drama following Matty, a 41-year-old mother of three whose art-teacher husband is going through a midlife-crisis and Johnny, a 29-year-old truck driver who takes an improb able interest in her after their vehicles collide. Followed by Q&A with director Christophe Van Rompaey and lead actor Jurgen Delnaet. Complimentary Vedett extra blond beer provided with every ticket. Tickets £8 / £6 concessions. Box office 020 8444 6789

Saturday 7 February:

Barn Dance, St Mary's Catholic Church, 279 High Road, N2. 7.30 - 11pm.

Sunday 8 February:

Guided walk with Paul Baker: The Battle of Barnet. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, Barnet, at 11am. Phone 020 8440 6805

• Belgian Film Festival at the Phoenix Cinema, High Road, N2: Girl 'Meisje' (18), 2pm; comedy short *Administrators* (12A), 4.10pm; *The Silence of Lorna* (15) 1.15pm. Tickets £8 / £6 concessions. Box office 020 8444 6789.

Israeli elections: hear from Stephen Pollard, Hagai Segal, Mark Goldberg nd Daniella Peled as the Israeli election results come in; 7pm, Hampstead own Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 4QP. Price: £10. Tickets and nformation from the Jewish Community Centre for London: 020 7431 9866, vww.jcclondon.org.uk.

Saturday 14 February:

Valentine's Day walk: poems by Keats, D.H.Lawrence, Tagore and others ead at venues associated with them or their loves. Meet outside Hampstead ube station at 2pm; price £10. Advance booking recommended. For details call Pavement Pounders on 020 8340 7178 or email pavementpounders@

Wednesday 18 to Saturday 21 February:

Mathew Dickinson Productions in association with St John's Church, Friern Barnet, present *Oliver Twist*, a new adaptation for the stage, directed by Mathew Dickinson. Featuring a cast of 50 in a promenade performance where the venue a magnificent Victorian gothic church) will be turned into a huge stage fo ust one week. St John's Church, Friern Barnet Road, Friern Barnet, evenings '.30pm and Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Adults £10, Children and OAPs £6. Box Office: 020 8368 3927

Sunday 22 February:

• Guided walk with Paul Baker: Barnet Ghosts. Meet at High Barnet tube station at 7.30pm. Phone 020 8440 6805 for reservations

• A unique feature-length documentary inspired by one of the most fundamental and controversial of human rights, Freedom of Expression, followed by a discussion led by the film-maker; 7pm, Phoenix Theatre, London Jewish Cultural Centre, Ivy House, 94-96 North End Road, London NW11 7SX. Price: E5. Jewish Community Centre for London, call 020 7431 9866 for tickets and nformation or see www.jcclondon.org.uk.

Sunday 8 March

• Free music concert at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2; Hermitage String Quintet play Elgar and Beethoven. Free admission with collection charity; 7.30pm. This venue is fully accessible to people with disabilities.



#### Look Better, Get Fit and Lose Weight LearnSalsa!

Learn to Dance Salsa with Style & Elegance With "Latino Teacher R. RAUL" Every Monday @ The East Finchley Church High Road N2 7.30 - 8.30 pm Beg. & 8.30 - 9.30 pm Int. **Start 16 Feb. 2009** Prices: 6 weeks term £48 Info Tel:07958 605 773 ieraul@rocketmail.com www.quepasamaga