



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **Badminton** Weds eves 8-10pm all abilities, contact George 8349 0170 or John 8444 7163.
- **East Finchley Flyers running club**, Tuesdays 7pm at the tube station, 7k run and socialising. Nick 07795 503752.
- **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
- **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced bowlers welcome. Tel: 8883 0433.
- **Pilates** in East Finchley, qualified teacher. Contact Dee on 8883 7029
- **Pilates class** Weds 3.30 & 7pm at Ann Owens Ctr, N2. Call Penny 8444 2882.
- **Pilates Beginners Classes** Tue 9.30-10.30am, Holy Trinity Church Hall. Michelle 07767 804 564
- **Tae Kwon Do** for children & adults at Finchley Lido Mon & Fri 7-9pm 07949 612 706. www.taekwondo-uktd.co.uk
- **Tai Chi** class at EF Methodist Ch, Weds 1pm. James 8883 3308 or james@taiji.co.uk
- **Tennis club** with four clay courts off Southern Road. Call 8883 7723.
- **Yoga, breathing & relaxation**. Weekly drop-in classes - N3, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 07956 375607.
- **Yoga**, pregnancy yoga, meditation classes. Call Sunnah 07941 321 772 www.stretchingpeople.co.uk.

Music, Dance & Creative Arts

- **Art Classes**. Call Henry on 8888 5133.
- **Ballroom Dance Classes**, Wednesday eves for beginners & improvers. St Mary's Church Hall, N3. 8444 0280.
- **Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes** - beginners & improvers. Wed & Fri eve, Bishop Douglass Sch. 8207 2323.
- **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 020 8444 7217.
- **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.
- **Ladies Keep Fit** Class for over 50s. Tues 10.30-11.30am at Tetherdown Hall. Sheila 8444 0084.
- **Memory Lane Singing Club** - friendly singing 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.
- **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- **Traditional music** at TOC, Highgate Hill on 1st & 3rd Tue each month from 8.30 pm. Free. All musicians welcome. 07958 282898.

Clubs & Social

- **Bingo evening**, 8pm Sundays, at the Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2.
- **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9 pm, Green Man Centre, Contact: Jan 8815 5452
- **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- **French conversation** in small friendly group with native speaker. 8444 9395.
- **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood** www.cherrytreewood.co.uk or 8883 7544.
- **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Moldon on 8361 1696.
- **LGBT?** 1st Weds every month in a local pub. Welcoming atmosphere. Email efinchleylgbt@hotmail.com
- **Muslim Ladies Lunch Club** 1st & 3rd Weds, Ann Owen Ctr., Oak La. Call 8432 1415 to book.
- **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill. Contact 8348 3495
- **Northside Bridge Club**, EF Methodist Church, Thurs 7.30-11pm. 8346 8145.
- **Jewish Friendship Club** for over 60s, Tues 1-3 pm at Muswell Hill Synagogue, Tetherdown. Anita 8886 6140.
- **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, contact 8883 4390

Folk club first

Hill Country Folk, a new folk club in Muswell Hill, held its first session in Birchwood Hall early in April. Packed with over 100 people who came to hear and join in with local amateur singers, bands and guest acts, the hall had been transformed into a cosy, inviting and intimate space.



Strings attached: Folk music at the Hill Country Folk Club

Hill Country Folk is organised by a group enthusiastic about informal live performance and with broad tastes in folk and country music.

"Our aim is to have a good time and make a contribution to a good local cause," said Wendy Sykes, one of the organisers. The good cause on this occasion was Ambitious About Autism, a national charity founded in 1997 in partnership with Tree-House School in Muswell Hill, which provides services and specialist education for children with autism.

"Everyone who performed

brought something special to the night, and how heart warming to have folk music across the generations celebrated like that," said Jane Conway, a local supporter.

Varied line-up

The attentive audience clapped and whistled their appreciation of traditional and modern songs and music and original compositions performed by: The Highgate Sessioneers, who first played together in 1985; The Coach House Company, a group of young music students; Kevin Murphy, a local singer and

guitar player pleased to be playing in the place where his children attended play group; The New Floors, a local 'Dad' band who play in a variety of musical styles; brother and sister Ben and Caitlin (with friend Toby); Lily and Meg, an alternative folk duo currently based in Cornwall; singer/song writer Isaac Lee Kronick with sister Tilly; and Americana musicians Good Clean Fun.

The next folk night is coming up soon. Contact Wendy for further details on wendysykes@btconnect.com

Musical medley in Mill Hill

A music festival has been running on our doorstep every alternate summer for the past 18 years and it's back in 2013 with a programme of performers that offers something for everyone.

The Mill Hill Music Festival runs from Saturday 15 to Saturday 22 June at pubs, churches and golf clubs around Mill Hill, as well as the new Allianz Park stadium at Barnet Cophall.

First out of the starting blocks is the Holbrooke String Quartet with a programme of romantic and early 20th century pieces. Tickets for this concert include a glass of wine or a soft drink.

Other events include rockers Alan Warner's All Stars, 1920s jazz 10-piece the Vo-de-o-do Orchestra, OperaUpClose performing La Boheme, and jazz singer Tina May with the Robin Aspland Trio.

The festival's closing night concert at Allianz Park features a homecoming gig by The Polecats rockabilly band, who started life in Mill Hill in the late 1970s.

Find details of the festival programme plus booking details at www.millhillmusicfest.co.uk, by phoning Daniel Bleich on 020 8420 6594 or by emailing enquiries@millhillmusicfest.co.uk

What's On...

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

Until Tuesday 25 June

- **Art exhibition** at the Clissold Arms, Fortis Green; drawings by Raphael Prais.

Until Sunday 30 June

- The fringe premiere of **Avenue Q, The Musical**, Upstairs at the Gatehouse, Highgate. Times and booking details at www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com or 020 8340 3488.

Saturday 8 June

- **Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society's 275th Flower Show**, 3pm to 5.30pm. Traditional displays of fruit, veg, flowers and cookery, children's fancy dress competition and adults' fancy hats competition (entry details 020 8455 8741), home-made teas. Entry free for members, non-members £2.

- **Three Valleys Male Voice Choir** performs music from the stage and screen, including The Lion King, Les Miserables, Oliver and The Beatles, in aid of North London Hospice; St James's Church, Muswell Hill, N10 3DB. Tickets £15 (£12 concessions and £5 under-16s) include refreshments and are available from North London Hospice shops in East Finchley and Muswell Hill or from Peter Krausher on 020 8883 4736 and peterkrau@aol.com

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June

- **Open Garden Squares Weekend at Long Lane Pasture**, Long Lane, Finchley, access opposite Fire Station. The Pasture welcomes visitors taking part in this popular London Parks and Gardens Trust event. We will have a sale of 'plants for wildlife'. Visit www.longlanepasture.org

Sunday 9 June

- **Free music concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**; Tom Klidzia (violin), Inge Kjemtrup (viola), Elizabeth Nevrla (cello), Jill Anderson (clarinet), Paddy Clements (horn), Anna Lightbown (piano) play Dohnanyi's Sextet in C, opus 37,

and Vaughan Williams' Quintet in D. Free admission with collection in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road., (opposite Creighton Avenue). Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

- Avenue House, East End Road, N3. **Avenue House market**. 10am to 4pm. Entrance free.

Wednesday 12 June

- **Walk with Finchley and Hornsey's Ramblers Association** group for 5 ½ miles through three London parks and Little Venice, ending Camden Town market. Meet Green Park tube station at 10.30am and bring a small snack. Leaders Vivien and Tony Mallindine on 020 8883 8190. Newcomers welcome. Free.

Saturday 15 June

- Avenue House, East End Road, N3. **North London Artisan Market**. 10am to 2pm. Entrance free.
- **Centenary Summer Fun Day at Martin Primary School**, Plane Tree Walk, 12pm to 3pm. Celebrate 100 years of Martin Primary School with a BBQ, teas and cakes, bouncy castle, lots of stalls and fun for all the family.

- **The Fair in the Square** will be held in Pond Square, Highgate Village, 12.30pm to 5.30pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy this annual event with live music, children's activities, 150 stalls and entertainment for all. More information at www.fairinthesquare.co.uk

Saturday 15 June to Saturday 22 June

- **Mill Hill Music Festival**; various artists and events at venues around Mill Hill, includes opera, jazz, Jewish music and rockabilly. Full programme and booking details at www.millhillmusicfest.co.uk
- **Spike Milligan Statue Fund Quiz Night**. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £5, with nibbles and coffee provided. (Bring your

own wine and nibbles if you wish). To book, and for details of venue, contact Derek or Barbara Warren on 020 8346 5258.

Sunday 16 June

- Garden open in aid of the National Gardens Scheme (Yellow Book) for **National Gardens Weekend**: 48 Erskine Hill, NW11 6HG. £3.50 (children free). Self-service refreshments.

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June

- **UCL Drama Society performs A Midsummer Night's Dream** in the Bothy Gardens, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Details, information and tickets via 020 8346 7812 or info@avenuehouse.org.uk.

Saturday 22 to Sunday 30 June

- **Proms at St Jude's**, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Full programme of top-class music and literary guests, including The Sixteen, Willard White and author Kate Atkinson. Full details at www.promsatstjudes.org.uk
- **St Theresa's Catholic Primary School summer fair**, East End Road, N3 from 12 noon to 3pm. Loads of fun, entertainment and food for everyone. Come along and join in.

- **Medicinal plant walk in Coldfall Wood** with Krishna Ramamurthy, local herbalist. Meet middle entrance on Creighton Avenue, 2 pm. Free but £3 donation appreciated. www.coldfallwoods.co.uk

Sunday 23 June

- **Open Gardens Extravaganza** jointly in aid of The North London Hospice and Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society. 10+ attractive Suburb gardens open 1pm to 6pm. £7.50 (children free). Tickets and maps available from 12 noon at Fellowship House, Willifield Way (opposite the Green), NW11. Also at Fellowship House: Teas (in aid of both organisations), plus two specialist nurseries selling plants from 12 noon.

Details: www.hortsoc.co.uk; 020 8455 0455.

Thursday 27 June

- **Annual General Meeting of The Finchley Society**. 8pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3 3QE. Non-members welcome, with admission charge of £2.00.

Saturday 29 June

- **Holy Trinity Primary School's Summer Fair**, Eagans Close, from 12.30pm to 2pm. Come along for lots of family fun, stalls, games and delicious food.

- **Brookland Infant and Nursery School Summer Fair**, Hill Top, NW11 from 12-5pm. Stalls, games, international buffet and lots of family fun.

Sunday 30 June

- **The Battle of Barnet: guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road at 2.30pm. Step back in time and explore the famous Wars of the Roses battlefield of 1471. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Saturday 6 July

- **Open Day at the Constitutional Club**, The Walks, N2.

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July

- **East Finchley Open Artists' Open House Weekends** from 11am-6pm; landmark 10th Open House Weekend has 45 local artists who warmly welcome you, free, to visit them and see exciting, innovative pieces and paintings in informal settings. www.facebook.com/eastfinchleyopen or visit www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk for online maps of venues and artists.

Open gardens in June:

Sunday 9 June, 2pm to 5.30pm, 66 Abbots Gardens, N2; Sunday 16 June, 2pm to 6pm, 79 Church Lane, N2, and 22 Trinity Road, N2. In aid of the National Garden Scheme www.ngs.org.uk