



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **East Finchley Flyers running club**, Tuesdays 7pm at the tube station, 7k run and socialising. Nick 07593 367134.
- **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
- **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.
- **A-Chord**, friendly choir, all genres, open to all. Thursdays 8pm at NNLS, East End Rd. Laura 07732 120464.
- **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.
- **Muswell Hill after school ukulele club**, Wednesdays 4.15-5.15pm, ages 6-10. Contact Margie 07909 439513.
- **Traditional music at TOC**, Highgate Hill, on 1st & 3rd Tues each month from 8.30pm. 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.
- **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
- **Bridge Club**, every Saturday 1.30-4pm, Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2 8LT. Contact Ray Tiano 07944 562180.
- **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
- **Youth Club** at Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale every Tues in termtime. Ages 8-13, £1 entry.

June at the Phoenix

By Phoenix Cinema executive director Elizabeth Taylor-Meads

Starting off June's weekly features is *Jimmy Hall*, the latest from directorial master Ken Loach, a heart-warming story of a notorious 1930s Irish Communist's attempts to open a dance hall in his home town. Join us for a Q&A with the director on Wednesday 4 June.

On Sunday 8 June at 2pm meet **Nell Dunn**, a famed novelist and authentic voice of the changing world of London in the 1960s, as she joins us for a rare screening of the 1965 BBC adaptation of her controversial book *Up the Junction*, coincidentally directed by Ken Loach. Seen by an astounding 10 million viewers, it stirred such national debate as to instigate the Abortion Act of 1968. Following the screening Ms. Dunn will take part in an on-stage conversation.

AdvancedStyle, a documentary based on Ari Seth Cohen's famed blog, paints enchanting portraits of independent stylish women aged 62 to 95 as they challenge conventional ideas about beauty, aging and our obsession with youth, on Sunday 22 June.

Our weekly runs in June include a charming family-friendly tidbit from Amelie director Jean-Pierre Jeunet called *T.S. Spivet*, followed by the divine Fanny Ardant in *Bright Days Ahead*, playing a married woman who falls for a much younger man. Ending the month is *Chef*, a mouth-watering, hip-swaying, laugh-out-loud hit with Dustin Hoffman and other stars.

June is indeed "bustin' out all over" with live performance transmissions. Visual genius/ex-Python Terry Gilliam directs *Benvenuto Cellini* for the ENO on 17 June, and the National Theatre's production of Alan Ayckbourn's *A Small Family Business* screens on 12 June.

For details of these and more, visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk

Pastel work on show

Work by artist Christine Watson, of Creighton Avenue, has been selected from almost 700 entries to appear alongside paintings by some of Britain's leading pastel artists. The Pastel Society UK's annual exhibition will be on display at Mall Galleries near Trafalgar Square from 10 to 21 June.

The Pastel Society holds an open submission exhibition in central London each year. Founded in 1898, with historical membership including Walter Crane and Dame Laura Knight, today the society is well known for spanning figurative, abstract and experimental work in all types of dry media.



Fez Alley by Christine Watson.



Talk: Virginia McKenna. Photo copyright Andy Gott

An afternoon with Virginia

Virginia McKenna OBE, famed for her roles in the stage version of *The King and I* and the films *Born Free* and *Ring of Bright Water*, and more recently with her late husband Bill Travers as founder of the Born Free Foundation, will be giving an afternoon talk at Avenue House in East End Road on Wednesday 9 July at 3pm in support of the North London Hospice. Tickets are £20 including tea and cakes. To book call Bill Tyler on 020 8883 2006 or the hospice on 020 8446 2288.

Cinema turns comedy venue

Review by Danny Avner

The Phoenix Cinema saw a full house on Monday 12 May when four critically acclaimed comedians played for one night only in order to raise funds for the Archer Academy. The local community came out in droves to support the event and were treated to a fantastic evening of first-class comedy.

The sell-out show was compered by local comedian Ian Stone, a current parent at the Archer Academy, whose quick wit and repartee seamlessly paved the way for the subsequent three acts. First to take centre stage was Romesh Ranganathan, with his self-deprecating, acerbic observations.

Next was the wonderful Pippa Evans who appeared as her sociopathic singer-songwriter alter ego Loretta Maine. The final act was the arch-pragmatist, Milton Jones, who is renowned for his quick-fire, ingenious one liners.

It was an absolute delight and pleasure to be in the audience.

What's On... E-mail your listings to: the-archer@lineone.net

Sunday 8 June

● **Garden open** for the National Gardens Scheme charities, 48 Erskine Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 6HG, 2-6pm. Teas, plants for sale (inc tomato plants, perennials, house plants). Admission £3.50, children free.

● **Free concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. Catherine Morphet (clarinet), Ted Barry (violin) and Gillian Cracknell (piano) play Milhaud, Mozart, Debussy and Finzi. Collection in aid of The Alzheimer's Society. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

● **Saturday 14 June**
● **Singalong a Showtune** with Sister Mary McArthur, Highgate's very own star-struck nun, at Lauderdale House, Highgate, at 10am and 11.30am. Join in with all your favourite songs from the musicals: Chitty

Chitty Bang Bang, Mary Poppins, Beauty and the Beast, and loads more. Ages 3-8. Adults £4.50 adults and children £3. Telephone: 020 8348 8716.

● **Martin School Summer Fun Day**, Plane Tree Walk, East Finchley, from noon to 3pm. An afternoon of activities and refreshments for the whole family. All welcome.

● **Summer Flower Show** hosted by Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society at the Free Church Hall in Northway, NW11, from 3pm to 5.30pm. TV star Jonathan Ross will judge the children's fancy dress and adults' fancy hats competitions. More details at www.hortsoc.co.uk/events

● **Thursday 19** □ **Saturday 21 June**
Southgate Opera presents The Tales of Hoffmann. 7.30pm at Wylyotts Theatre, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN. Sung in English, with a full orchestra. Box Office 01707 645005 or www.wylyottstheatre.co.uk.

Saturday 21 June

● **Barnet Ghosts**: special guided walk for the Summer Solstice with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 7.30pm. More information from 020 8440 6805 or visit www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Saturday 21 to Sunday 29 June

● **Proms at St Jude's**, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Full programme of top-class music and literary guests, including Lesley Garrett, Tasmin Little and author Edna O'Brien. Full details at www.promsatstjudes.org.uk

Sunday 22 June

● **East Finchley Community Festival**, Cherry Tree Wood, 12-6pm. Bands, live entertainment, crafts, food and drink. Don't miss this annual extravaganza!

Thursday 26 June

● **The Finchley Society AGM**. 8pm at Stephens House (formerly Avenue House), East End Road, N3 3QE. Non-members very

welcome, at £2 admission.

Saturday 28 June

● **Brookland Infant School Summer Fair**, Hill Top, NW11 6EJ. 12-4pm. An afternoon of fun for all the family. Stalls, Bumper slide and donkey rides, BBQ and other refreshments.

Saturday 5 July

● **Moth morning at Long Lane Pasture**, opposite the fire station, as part of National Moth Night. Volunteers identify moths caught in traps set overnight. Previous years have identified 100 different moths. Event will be postponed if bad weather overnight. All moths trapped will be released.

Wednesday 9 July

● Wildlife campaigner and actress **Virginia McKenna** gives an afternoon talk at Stephens (formerly Avenue) House, East End Road, at 3pm. Tickets £20 include tea and cakes available from Bill Tyler on 020 8883 2006 or the hospice on 020 8446 2288.