



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
- **Ladies Keep Fit Class** for over 50s. Tues 10.30-11.30am at Tetherdown Hall. Sheila 8444 0084.
- **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 Classes** Tue 9.30, Fri 9.15 & Sun 11am. www.pilatesineastfinchley.co.uk. Michelle 07767 804 564
- **Tai Chi & Qigong** in N2, Weds 1pm. James 8883 3308/07836 710281 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
- **Women's kick boxing**, Thursdays 9.30am, East Finchley Combat Academy, Church Lane, N2. Contact 07956 340540.

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. www.a-chord.uk
- **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 Ralph 8444 5903.
- **East Finchley Poetry Writing Workshops**. Monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- **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. 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
- **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

Arts Festival on its way

After a brief foray into September last year, the East Finchley Arts Festival returns to its traditional week-long slot in October for its 19th outing.

Running from 3-11 October, the festival will open with a Come & Sing performance of Handel's Messiah and close with Pop Up Opera performing Rossini's Italian Girl in Algiers.

The London Mozart Players premiere a new trumpet work, and there are crowd-rousing evenings promised by Massive Violins and Kosmos.

Crocodiles in Cream is a one-man show about Lewis Carroll that will run all week, and there will be an art exhibition in support of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and The Harrington Scheme. Puppet shows for younger audiences and a local schools concert are also in the line-up.

For more details on the festival schedule and booking, visit www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk

The circus is coming!

In a new and original take on the classic Shakespeare script, Garden Suburb Theatre are bringing the circus to their July production of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Members old and new are hard at work not only learning lines but mastering circus skills, such as juggling, magic tricks and unicycle riding.

Ringmaster Leonato will welcome all to performances in the Little Oak Wood Open Air Theatre in the Suburb, an ideal setting for this riotous and witty play.

Former lovers reignite old feuds (and old flames) whilst new flames are furiously fanned and a comical web of deceit is woven to unmask all villains and put the world to rights.

Performances run



Roll up! Garden Suburb actors polish up their circus skills.

17-18, 22-25 July at 7.30pm and 18 and 25 July at 3pm. Tickets cost £10 (£8 concessions).

For further details, see www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk or call 020 7723 6609.

Sound of the summer

Singer-songwriter Facio has a new EP out called *Non Parlo Italiano* and is fresh from an appearance at the Midsummer Muswell Festival on 20 June.

The multi-instrumentalist producer and film composer, whose name is pronounced Italian-style and sounds like 'Fatcho', lives in East Finchley and is becoming increasingly known for his catchy Mediterranean melodies and feel-good guitar playing. Find out more about him and watch his videos at <http://faciomusic.com>



Singer Facio

What's on at the Phoenix in July

By Nick Walker at the Phoenix

In July, the Phoenix shows three films that celebrate famous men from history: the great director Orson Welles; the maverick musician Brian Wilson; and the lesser known resistance fighter Georg Elser.

Magician: The Astonishing Life and Work of Orson Welles is a fascinating documentary on the great filmmaker, timed to commemorate the anniversary of his birth. Director Chuck Workman skilfully works in the great auteur Welles's greatest moments from the Mercury Theatre, the controversial radio production of *War of the Worlds*, his short-lived golden-boy status at RKO and of course *Citizen Kane*.

In *Love and Mercy*, director Bill Pohlad (producer of *Brokeback Mountain* and *12 Years a Slave*) has made a fascinating biopic of Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson as he struggles with psychosis in his attempts to craft his avant-garde pop masterpiece *Pet Sounds* (1966). Evocative casting includes Paul Dano (*Little Miss Sunshine*, *There Will Be Blood*) outstanding as the young and prolific Wilson and John Cusack (*High Fidelity*, *The Grifters*) as the older genius.

Finally, director Oliver Hirschbiegel (*Das Experiment*, *Downfall*) returns to the theme of Hitler and WWII for the breathtaking story of resistance fighter Georg Elser who could so very nearly have changed the world. *13 Minutes* is an exciting thriller, based on the true story of the man who designed a bomb and attempted to kill Hitler in 1939, but was unsuccessful by only 13 minutes.

For more information on dates, times and booking, come into our foyer or visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk.

What's On...

Saturday 4 July

- **Summer Fayre at Christ's College** Finchley, East End Road, 12 noon to 4pm. Everyone welcome for an exciting afternoon of activities and games with live entertainment.

- North London Sinfonia's Summer Concert at Highgate United Reformed Church, Highgate, 7.30pm. Works by Falla, Arriaga and Ravel. Tickets available on door.

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July

- **East Finchley Open artists' open house weekend**, 11am-6pm, at homes and studios around East Finchley. Full details: www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Thursday 9 July

- **Outdoor jazz concert** on the tea lawn at **Lauderdale House**, Highgate. Picnic jazz with John Etheridge's Sweet Chorus, 7-9.30pm. Family tickets available. Bring picnic baskets and enjoy the performance. Book online at www.lauderdalehouse.co.uk or phone 020 8348 8716.

Saturday 11 July

- **Battle of Barnet, a guided tour** of the famous Wars of the Roses battlefield of 1471, with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet 11am at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net.

- **Medicinal Plants walk in Coldfall Woods**, Creighton Avenue, N2, 2pm, led by local herbalist Krishna Ramamurthy. Free, donation appreciated. www.coldfallwoods.co.uk

- **Finchley Choral Society** performs Dove's *The Passing of the Year* and Finzi's *Lo, The Full, Final Sacrifice*, St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, NW3 3DJ, 7.45pm. Tickets available on the door or from 020 7263 3358.

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July

- **East Finchley Open artists' open house weekend**, 11am-6pm, at homes and studios around East Finchley. Full details at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

Sunday 12 July

- **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, opp. Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. Intimate Voices presents "Summer Light(e)ning", a concert of light a cappella music for a summer's evening. Includes works by Elgar, Gibbons, Parry, Cole Porter and Richard Rodgers. Free admission, collection in aid of The Eve Appeal, fighting women's cancers. Venue fully accessible.

Friday 17 July and other dates

- **Much Ado About Nothing** performed by **Garden Suburb Theatre** in the Little Oak Wood Open Air Theatre, Hampstead Garden Suburb, 17-18 and 22-25 July at 7.30pm and 18 and 25 July at 3pm. Tickets cost £10 (£8 concessions). Details: www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk or call 020 7723 6609.

Saturday 18 July

- **Charles Dickens in Barnet: guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. A look at Dickens's connections with Barnet and

Finchley. Meet 11am at High Barnet tube station. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Saturday 25 July

- **Ghost walk through High Barnet** and Monken Hadley, the second most haunted village in England. Meet 7.30pm at High Barnet tube station. More details from Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net.

Sunday 26 July

- **Invertebrates walk in Coldfall Woods**, Creighton Avenue, N2, 2pm, led by local entomologist Tristan Bantock. Free, donation appreciated. www.coldfallwoods.co.uk

Monday 27 July

- A musical concert and sing-along with **Singing in London**, Lauderdale House, Highgate, 8.15pm. Favourite songs from the musicals with audience joining in grand finale. Book online at www.lauderdalehouse.co.uk or telephone 020 8348 8716.

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