



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 NNL5, 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.
- **Gospel choir**, St Mary's, 279 High Road, N2, Thursdays 7-8pm, all welcome. Contact Sandra 07866 479913.
- **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



Classroom to grass-room: Learning in the Academy garden.

Students welcome in wildlife

Students at the Archer Academy are working to transform the area behind the school close to the tube station into an eco-garden and outdoor classroom, with the support of the school's Friends Association and local minicab company GLH.

The Eco-Mission Action Team have drafted a plan with the aim of attracting more wildlife such as butterflies and birds, to help with pollination and increase the biodiversity of the school. They have made bird boxes, created bug hotels and raised beds for wild flowers, and planted fruit trees provided by the Friends Association. Sustainability expert Shelley Bartlett, whose time was donated by GLH, has run biodiversity mapping workshops with the

students to support their plans.

Head of Science Ms Mahmood, who is running the project as part of the school's enrichment programme, says: "It's a brilliant opportunity for students to learn about the environment with real hands on experience."

Zoe Powers, speaking for GLH, added: "We are incredibly impressed at how the plans have developed and look forward to being part of the project's development as the seasons pass."

What's On...

Sunday 7 June

• **Inaugural Race the Neighbours** 10k event. Route starts and finishes in Cherry Tree Wood, taking in Highgate Woods and Alexandra Palace. More details at www.racetheneighbours.com

Tuesday 9 June

• **HADAS (Hendon and District Archaeological Society) AGM**, 7.45pm at Stephens (Avenue) House, N3 3QE, Tel: 020 8346 7812. Followed by *The Roman Pottery Manufacturing Site in Highgate Wood*, a talk by Harvey Sheldon. All welcome.

Saturday 13 June

• **Wild Flower and Pollinators Day**, Long Lane Pasture, opposite the Fire Station, Long Lane, 10am to noon.

• **Highgate Fair in the Square**, Pond Square, 12.30pm to 5.30pm. Circus theme this year with stalls, fair rides, Morris dancers, Punch & Judy and the ever-popular Sheep Show. Free admission.

• **HGS Horticultural Society Summer Flower Show**, 3pm to 5.30pm, Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. Lovely countryside sights and scents, teas, raffle. Fancy dress and fancy hats competitions.

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June

• **Open Garden Squares weekend** at Stephens House, East End Road, N3. Bothy Gardens will be open from 10am to 5pm, with tea and cakes being served and the return of the Secret Garden.

Sunday 14 June

• **Car boot and table top sale** at Vale Farm Allotments, off Tarling Road, N2, from 11 am

to 4pm. Bargains to buy, advice from plot holders, and refreshments.

• **Caroline and David Broome open their garden** at 79 Church Lane, N2, from 2pm to 6pm. Afternoon tea and homemade cakes on offer, with plants for sale and a raffle. Entrance is £3.50, children free, with all proceeds to the National Gardens Scheme.

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, N2, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. Viola da Cunha, mezzo, Andrew Whittaker, soprano, and Yuki Osedo, piano, in a light-hearted programme of solos and duets. Composers include Liszt, Gershwin, Debussy, Diack, Brahms, Villa-Lobos, Rossini, Roe and Berlin. Free admission with collection in aid of Friend in Need, East Barnet. Fully accessible venue.

• **Whatalife!** New play performed by Lucy Stevens with musical accompaniment telling the story of Kathleen Ferrier, from debut as a singer in 1940 to early death in 1953. Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, London, N6 5HG, at 7pm. Tickets available from 07444 637055 or whatalife.ticketsource.co.uk

Friday 19 June

• **Open day at Meadowside Care Home**, Holden Road, N12. Live entertainment, coffee morning, art exhibition, barbecue at lunchtime and seminars on dementia and paying for care. More details from www.nationalcarehomeopenday.org.uk

Saturday 20 June

• **Highgate Choral Society Jumble Sale**,

Big names in Suburb festival

The countdown has begun for this year's Proms at St Jude's. Tickets are now on sale for all the events at the nine-day festival of music and literature which starts on Saturday 20 June.

Jazz singer Clare Teal and her mini big band will be one of the star names at the event in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

There will be opera and classical music and a special treat from Maureen Lipman narrating *Wonderland*, the London premiere of a musical tribute to Alice in Wonderland creator Lewis Carroll.

The line-up for the LitFest, which runs on the weekend of 20-21 June, includes Vladimir Putin's "No1 enemy" Bill Browder, former Labour Minister Alan Johnson, Boris Johnson's father Stanley, BBC maths wizard Alex Bellos, Hampstead Garden Suburb resident and thriller writer Michael Ridpath and political journalist Yasmin Alibhai-Brown.

Daily guided heritage walks will include a look at the Suburb's artisan quarter to examine



Singing at St Jude's: Clare Teal. Photo by Steve Cockram

its history during the Blitz and a tour of Golders Hill Park and Hampstead Heath Extension will show how Suburb founder Dame Henrietta Barnett helped save them from developers.

To book tickets online or become a Friend, visit www.promsatstjudes.org.uk. General enquiries: 020 3322 8123.

Summer theatre

Full Circle children's theatre company will be running their Summer Workshop again in July. This well-established local theatre company is run by qualified teachers, offering music, dance and drama to children aged six to 16 years.

If you love to sing, dance and act in a friendly, inclusive environment then go along for a fun-packed, creative week culminating in a performance to friends and family on the last day. The workshop runs 10am to 3pm at Martin Primary School from 27-31 July. Cost is £80 for the week. To book a place or for further information contact Anne-Marie on 07958 409863.

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

St. George's Church Hall N10, corner of Cranley Garden and Park Road, N10, 2-4pm; admission 40p. Clothes, Nearly New, Bric-a-brac, electrical goods, household goods, toys and games, books, CDs & DVDs, plants, tombola, teas. Many bargains!

From Saturday 20 June

• **Proms at St Jude's** music and literary festival in Hampstead Garden Suburb featuring full programme of star names. For details and to book online visit www.promsatstjudes.org.uk. General enquiries: 020 3322 8123.

Sunday 21 June

• **East Finchley Community Festival**, Cherry Tree Wood, from 12 noon to 6pm. Procession at 11.30am from Martin Primary School, down the High Road. Two stages of live entertainment, fun family activities and plenty of food and drink stalls. Free admission. Come to the East Finchley event of the year!

• **Gardening Day at Stephens House**, East End Road, N3. Volunteers welcome 11am-1pm and/or 2-4pm to help maintain the gardens. Meet outside the café.

• **Ghost walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Special summer solstice ghost walk through High Barnet and Monken Hadley, second most haunted village in England. Meet 7.30pm, High Barnet tube station. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 and www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net

Thursday 25 June

• **The Finchley Society** hosts *A Dip into*

the Archives, plus their AGM, 8pm at Stephens (Avenue) House, N3 3QE, Tel: 020 8346 7812. Non-members very welcome. Admission £2.

Sunday 28 June

• **Suburb Open Gardens** in aid of North London Hospice and HGS Horticultural Society, 2-6 pm. Tickets/maps £7.50 available from 12 noon at Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11 (opposite Willifield Green). Refreshments and plants for sale at Fellowship House from 12 noon.

• **High Barnet: guided walk** through 1,000 years of history with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet 2.30pm, Barnet College, Wood Street, High Barnet. More details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or www.barnetwalk.talktalk.net

Until Sunday 28 June

• **World premiere of There's a Guy Works Down the Chip Shop Swears He's Elvis'**, a new play with musical hits from the 1960s and 1980s. Upstairs at the Gatehouse, Highgate, Tuesdays to Saturdays at 7.30pm, Sunday matinees at 4pm. Box office: 020 8340 3488 or www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com

Saturday 4 July

• **Fortismere Community Orchestra** concert, St Andrew's Church, Alexandra Park Road, Muswell Hill, 7.30pm. Programme: Rossini Overture to L'italiana in Algeri, the Brahms Violin Concerto (soloist Rebekah Allan), and Beethoven Symphony No. 1. Conductor: Thomas Gregory. Tickets available at door.