



## Regular Events

### Sport & Fitness

- ◉ **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group**  
Call Vivien 8883 8190
- ◉ **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- ◉ **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.
- ◉ **Dance conditioning classes**. New body in 10 lessons. Diana: 07580 041270. [www.boldbodies.co.uk](http://www.boldbodies.co.uk).
- ◉ **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 tunes @ TOC Highgate Hill**, join in playing by ear - 1st & 3rd Tues monthly 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](http://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.
- ◉ **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.



David Bowie by Jake Chodosh. See more of his art at [www.artismbyjake.com](http://www.artismbyjake.com)

## Bowie Night at the Boogaloo

By Joe Strong

**If you happened to be passing The Boogaloo Bar on Archway Road on Thursday 10 March you'd have seen the steamed-up windows and the throng of people outside trying to get into the Bar around 10pm.**

Inside, to the sounds of David Bowie, the crowd were dancing, waving, singing and occasionally crying as the songs ranging throughout his career brought back those special memories.

In the 1970s Bowie Nights took place in just about every major city in the country, even Wigan had one. Young people would dress up as one of Bowie's incarnations, maybe the Thin White Duke dancing with Ziggy Stardust or Bowie Girls. It was revolutionary at the time and certainly shook up quite a few parents.

At the Boogaloo I can't say that there was much outrageousness although there were a couple of outstanding outfits that won prizes for the best dressed. What I did witness was a mass of Bowie lovers dancing, singing and generally wondering why we don't do this kind of thing more often.

### Thursdays for Monday

This event was a fund raiser for the Monday Youth Club in East Finchley which is going from strength to strength but is desperate for equipment and

resources. The evening raised £350 in total through a raffle of rare Bowie records that were kindly donated to us.

With our proceeds we have bought a brand new PA system for our young singers and rappers and also a pool table, both of which are fantastic attractions for our young people. Next time we are aiming for a table tennis table and a new football strip for our team.

Look out for the Bowie night at the Boogaloo on Thursday 14 April and put on your red shoes and dance the blues. Details from 020 8340 2928.

**Towel total**  
Thank you to the wonderful staff at the Ryker Kids children's store in the High Road for selling the last of THE ARCHER'S tea towels.

Since they first went on sale two years ago they have raised well over £1,000, which we have donated to local youth projects including the Monday Club and a reading project on the Strawberry Vale estate.

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## Secrets of the Suburb

**Dame Henrietta Barnett had a dream of buying a few hundred acres of land and forming a new residential area in which artisans and intellectuals could live side by side in beautiful surroundings and learn from one another.**

It didn't quite work out like that, and you'll find out why on a new guided walk of Hampstead Garden Suburb being led by Paul Baker, a City of London guide who's been specialising in tours of the borough of Barnet for 12 years.

The suburb has been home to countless famous people, including Harold Wilson, Peter Mandelson, Jonathan Ross, Donald Sinden, Hugh Laurie, Martin Bell, Liz Taylor, Rachel Weisz, the former King Constantine of Greece, and Richard and Judy.

On the walk you'll hear about all of them, and get a closer look at some of the area's most impressive houses and green spaces. Meet Paul on Saturday 16 April at 11am outside Golders Green tube station. Adults



Your guide: Paul Baker

pay £9 and children under 12s pay £4. Find out more from Paul on 07506 761294 or visit [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net).



## Businesses club together

**Local businesses in East Finchley have joined together to form a network to generate revenue and help address the issues that face local businesses.**

The support network and social forum for all of the trades in N2, including the High Road and East End Road shops as well as home workers and independents, will provide a chance to meet and to work together constructively, forging closer links with the neighbourhood and reinforcing an already strong local community.

Due to be formally launched at the East Finchley Summer Festival on 19 June, any local businesses not yet involved are encouraged to get in touch via: [eastfinchleybusiness@gmail.com](mailto:eastfinchleybusiness@gmail.com).

## What's On...

E-mail your listings to: [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net)

### Sunday 10 April

• **Free concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, 7.30pm. Viola da Cunha, mezzo soprano, Andrea Whittaker, soprano, Litza Tunnah, violin, and Yuki Osedo, piano, perform works by Schubert, Schumann, R Strauss, Mendelssohn, Humperdink, Offenbach and Rebecca Clarke. Free admission with collection for the North London Hospice. Venue fully accessible.

### Thursday 14 April

• **Battle of Barnet: an anniversary guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Special commemorative walk for this famous battle (14 April, 1471) of the Wars of the Roses. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am. More details from Paul on 07506 761294 or [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net).

• **David Bowie Night** at the Boogaloo Bar, 312 Archway Road, N6, with DJ Joe Strong, a fundraising event for the Monday Youth Club in East Finchley; 9pm to midnight. Details: 020 8340 2928.

### Saturday 16 April

• **Hampstead Garden Suburb: a guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Find out about a dame's dream and an

earthly paradise. Meet at Golders Green tube station at 11am. More details from Paul on 07506 761294 or [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net).

• **The Confections' final show** at St Mary's Church Hall, 279 High Road, N2, at 7.30pm. After almost 30 years the group is disbanding: enjoy one last evening of music hall and well-loved classic songs, with all proceeds going to St Mary's Church. Tickets priced £8 and £7 (concessions) include refreshments and are available from 020 8440 2817 or at the door on the night.

### Thursday 21 April

• **The London Ripieno Singers** in concert at All Saints', Durham Road, N2, at 7.30pm. Performances of *Missa Choralis* by Franz Liszt, *Stabat Mater* by Josef Rheinberger and *Requiem Brevis* by Geoffrey Hanson. Tickets: £12 (concs £10) from Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2. Tel: 020 8444 4717, and on the door.

### Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 April

• **The Guild Players present Boeing Boeing**, a comedy by Marc Camoletti, at Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, N3, each evening at 7.47pm. All tickets £10 from the box office on 020 8346 6337 or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/theguildplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theguildplayers)