



## 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.

## Strings attached

Violinist Katya Popylanska, 24, reached the final of the Tunbridge Wells International Music Competition on Sunday 1 May. She came through the three-day preliminary rounds to reach the semi-finals on Saturday beating a field of more than 80 entrants from countries as far as China and New Zealand.

Katya, who lives in East Finchley, is originally from Toronto, Canada and is part way through a Masters programme at the prestigious Guildhall School of Music and Drama, in London. She came joint second in the Strings section and described the Competition as "a wonderful experience".

The Tunbridge Wells International Young Concert Competition is held biennially and this year became part of the Mayfield Festival of Music and the Arts, in East Sussex, now in its 46<sup>th</sup> year. The Competition started in 1979 and is recognised around



Finalist: Katya Popylanska

the world as a unique event for outstanding young musicians as they embark upon a professional career.

## A triple treat

Review by Ken Carter

The excellent London Ripieno Singers and soloists performed at All Saints Church, Durham Road, N2, at the end of April.

We began the evening with Mary witnessing the dying of her son, followed by a bare, ecstatic setting of the mass progressing, after the interval, to a short requiem. That is, we heard the Stabat Mater of Josef Rheinberger, the Missa Choralis of Liszt and the Requiem Brevis of Geoffrey Hanson.

Rheinberger was a prolific late 19<sup>th</sup> century composer. He began as an organist, before becoming conductor to the Munich Court. The Stabat Mater had a dignified sobriety, given weight by the rich organ commentary.

Liszt's Missa Choralis mass dates from 1865 when, aged 54, he received minor orders of the Roman Catholic church. The result was a distinguished, simple and heartfelt statement of belief, reaching sublime sonority in a soaring soprano, sung purely and ravishingly by an unidentified member of the Ripieno Society.

Geoffrey Hanson's Requiem Brevis was dignified and austere,

too, given humanity through richly voiced interventions from the four soloists. It benefitted from the occasional awkward intervals which jauntily introduced a note of realism into the proceedings.

Among the 'other works' by Geoffrey Hanson, I particularly enjoyed the impishness of his setting of Osbert Sitwell's Orpheus and the mellow authority of his Soliloquy for organ.

## What's On...

### Saturday 11 June

• **Fair in the Square**, Pond Square, Highgate, 12.30pm to 5.30pm: live music, colourful stalls and lots of children's activities, plus the ever-popular sheep show.

• **Wild Flower and Pollinator Day** at Long Lane Pasture, opposite the fire station in Long Lane, N3, 10am to midday. With the help of warm, dry weather the pasture will look its prettiest in June. Wild flowers, grasses and insects will bring the pasture alive. Booklets and advisors will be available to identify finds.

• **Historical High Barnet: guided walk** with City of London guide Paul Baker. Explore over 1,000 years of history and royalty in this fascinating area. Meet outside Barnet College, Wood Street, EN5 at 2.30pm. For more details call Paul on 07506 761294 or visit [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net).

• **Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society's Flower Show** on a royal birthday theme, 3-5.30pm at the Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11 6PB. Includes 'first-timers' classes, photography and flower-arranging. Children's fancy dress parade and adults' fancy hats competition at 3.30pm, Punch and Judy, Hospice preserves table sale. Teas. Entry £2; free for members, under-18s and anyone wearing fancy hat or accompanying kids in fancy dress. More details from [www.hortsoc.co.uk](http://www.hortsoc.co.uk)

### Sunday 12 June

• Open garden at 79 Church Lane, N2, in aid of the National Garden Scheme charities, 2pm-6pm, with homemade teas, plant sale and a raffle. New for 2016: a redesigned front garden and an 'electric tree'.

• Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2, opposite Creighton Avenue. Stephen Hadley, baritone, and Ian

## A spirited world

Local artist Harriet Connides, fresh from her successful exhibition at the Phoenix Cinema, is currently writing a book about Victorian mediums, which she is illustrating.

"I particularly love painting women, love the decorative elements of dress, the combination of static figures and movement, like billowing wind which makes hair blow, or creates intricate patterns," says Harriet, whose work often incorporates Art Nouveau and fairy tale motifs.

She has exhibited widely, including shows in the Friends Room at the V&A Museum, The Obsidian Gallery, Canterbury Cathedral, Burgh House and artsdepot in North Finchley. Her work can be seen on the website [www.harrietconnides.com](http://www.harrietconnides.com) and she also takes commissions.



Fairy tale: One of Harriet's works

## Reading challenge

Barnet Libraries are looking for volunteers aged 14-18 to help with the Summer Reading Challenge at East Finchley Library, which encourages younger children, aged four to 11, to read six books.

Volunteers spend eight hours over the course of the summer which can count towards the Duke of Edinburgh and Challenge Awards.

A copy of the application form and role profile is available

to download from [www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/libraries/teenage-library-services.html](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/libraries/teenage-library-services.html). Alternatively, contact Lucy Merritt on 020 8359 4411 or email [lucy.merritt@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.merritt@barnet.gov.uk). Closing date is Friday 10 June.

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

Flint, piano; programme to include works by Brahms, Stanford, Vaughan-Williams, Finzi, Schubert and Grieg. Free admission; collection in aid of Christian Aid. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

### Saturday 18 June

• Volunteer recruitment morning at the RSPCA charity shop in the High Road, N2, 9am to 11am, with coffee and cake. Come along to find out how you can help the charity.

• Highgate Choral Society jumble sale at St. George's Church Hall, corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10, from 2-4pm; admission 40p. Clothes, nearly new, bric-a-brac, electrical goods, household goods, toys and games, books, CDs & DVDs, plants, tombola, raffle, teas. Many bargains!

### Sunday 19 June

• East Finchley Community Festival; come and enjoy the fun in Cherry Tree Wood, 12pm to 6pm. Free entry, with live music and entertainment, dozens of stalls and activities, live owls and giant inflatable slides. Plus fabulous food and a beer tent.

• Open garden at 5 St Regis Close, Alexandra Park Road, N10, 2pm to 6.30pm, in aid of the National Garden Scheme charities, with homemade teas, a mega plant sale and open studio. Admission £3.50, children free. Wheelchair access.

### Monday 20 June

• Things That Go Bump in High Barnet! A special ghost walk through High Barnet and Monken Hadley, second most haunted village in England, for the summer solstice, with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet outside High Barnet tube station at 7.30pm. For more details call Paul on 07506 761294 or visit [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net).

### Thursday 30 June

• Ramblers Association walk around Mill

Hill East. Meet 6.30pm at Mill Hill East tube station for linear walk via Darlands Lake and Totteridge finishing at Three Hammers Pub, the Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Refreshments available in pub. Bus 240 takes you back to the station. More information from leaders John and Julia Haynes on 020 8906 0563.

### Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 July

• East Finchley Open artists open their homes and studios over two weekends. Free admission to venues around N2 and N10 to see, browse and buy art works including jewellery, photos, paintings, textiles, sculptures and more. Full list of venues is available at [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk)

### Sunday 3 July

• Open garden at 58 Summerlee Avenue, N2, from 2pm to 6pm, in aid of the National Garden Scheme charities. Admission £3.50, children free. Delicious homemade teas, plants for sale and a stall with allotment produce.

### Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July

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### Saturday 9 July

• The North London Sinfonia comes to All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley, for its summer concert with works by two titans of Austro-German Romantic music: Mahler's ebullient Symphony No. 4 and Wagner's passionate *Wesendonck-Lieder*. In both works they are joined by the prize-winning Australian mezzo-soprano, Lotte Betts-Dean. Further information can be found at [www.nlsinfonia.org](http://www.nlsinfonia.org).

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