



## Regular Events

### Sport & Fitness

- **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group**  
Call Vivien 8883 8190
- **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced bowlers welcome. Tel: 8883 0433.
- **Outdoor Bootcamp** 9.30am & 10.30am every Sat; **Boxing and Kettlebells**, 6.45pm Weds, Victoria Park, N3. Contact Sarah 07956 589902.
- **Outdoor Fit Camp** Lyttelton Playing Fields, N2, 6.30pm Wed and 9.30am Sat. Call Martin on 07809 593952.
- **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 beginners' course** at Yogalogy, High Road, N2. Contact 020 70187377 or [info@yogalogy.co.uk](mailto:info@yogalogy.co.uk)
- **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.
- **'Calm & Sing' workshops**. Contact Angie on [missangiea@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:missangiea@yahoo.co.uk)
- **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.

## Where there's music, there's brass!



The London Metropolitan Brass, performing at All Saints Church as part of East Finchley Arts Festival. Photo Mike Coles

## What has poet Fleur Adcock been hoarding?

By Daphne Chamberlain

Fleur Adcock will be reading from *Hoard*, her latest collection of poetry, at the Black Gull this month. Those of us who heard her last reading there were teased by her references to Ellen Wilkinson, who led the Jarrow hunger march of 1936. We can discover more about Ellen, and hear other previously unpublished poems this time round.

Fleur, who was awarded The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2006, has lived for many years in East Finchley. The poems in *Hoard* were not included in her previous two books because they didn't fit in with their predominant themes. It will be fascinating to hear and read them now.

Her most recent public

appearance was at East Finchley tube station, where she was handing out brochures for last month's Arts Festival. Come and see her in more familiar mode at The Black Gull, at 7pm on Wednesday 15 November. *Hoard*, which has received a Poetry Book Society Special Commendation, is published by Bloodaxe.

The Muswell Hill-based London Metropolitan Brass were just one of the top-class acts that lit up All Saints' Church in Durham Road during the 21<sup>st</sup> East Finchley Arts Festival last month.

There were nine days of superb performances from The Massive Violins, Kosmos, actor Robert Powell and Pop-Up Opera, among others. Many congratulations to festival director Geoffrey Hanson and his team of volunteers for running another successful event of which East Finchley can be very proud.

## Creative writing

Creative writing sessions are being held at Friern Barnet Community Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11, every Saturday from 12 noon to 1.30pm.

The sessions are aimed at writers looking for the confidence to get started and for those with some experience. A minimum donation of £2.50 is requested per session with all money going to the community library funds. Find out more from Sandra Turner on 07488 230580 or email [sandra.turner99@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra.turner99@yahoo.com).

## What's On...

### Saturday 4 November

- **Tree Walk in Coldfall Wood**, led by Iain Loasby, local woodsman. Meet east entrance, on Creighton Avenue, 10.30 am. Free; £3 donation appreciated. Booking: [www.coldfallwoods.co.uk](http://www.coldfallwoods.co.uk)
- **Highgate School Fireworks Display** with fab street food, entertainment, music and fairground rides; senior field, entrance on Bishopswood Road, N6. First event 4pm to 6.30pm, second event 7pm to 9.30pm. Adults £15, Children £10. Buy tickets at [www.highgatepa.org.uk](http://www.highgatepa.org.uk).

### Saturday 11 November

- **Autumn Fayre at Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, N2, 12 noon to 3pm**. Fun, games, activities and stalls to enjoy and lots to buy, including homemade cakes and chutneys, children's toys, books and clothing. Everyone welcome; entry free.
- **Geology Walk in Coldfall Wood**. A great ice sheet once reached this far south: find its traces. Meet east entrance, on Creighton Avenue, 10.30 am. Free; £3 donation appreciated. Booking: [www.coldfallwoods.co.uk](http://www.coldfallwoods.co.uk)

- **Battle of Barnet: guided walk** with City of

London guide Paul Baker. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, EN5, 2.30pm. Details from Paul on 07506 761294 or visit [www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net](http://www.barnetwalks.talktalk.net).

• **Finchley Chamber Choir** presents an evening of Psalms at Trinity Church Nether Street, 7.30pm, including works by Walton, Rutter and Taverner. Highlights include *Like as the Hart* by Howells and Lord, *Thou Hast Been Our Refuge* by Vaughn Williams. Tickets on door and from 0208 886 9978; full price £15, concs £13, under-18s £6.

### Sunday 12 November

• **Free concert celebrating women composers** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, opposite Creighton Avenue, N2, 7.30pm; Marina Solarek, violin, and Caroline Soresby, piano, perform works by Pauline Viardot, Lili Boulanger, Johanna Senfter, Amy Beach, Barbara Heller and Clara Schumann. Free admission; collection in aid of Refuge. Venue fully accessible.

### Wednesday 15 November

• **Flora Fraser** will speak about the life of

Emma Hamilton in an illustrated lunchtime talk to the Northern Heights Probus Club at Stephens House, 17 East End Road, N3. Event costs £15, including two-course lunch and coffee; all welcome. Details from Eric Dalton (020 8449 0566).

• **Poet Fleur Adcock** reads from her latest collection *Hoard*, which has received a Poetry Book Society Special Commendation, and is published by Bloodaxe; Black Gull Bookshop, High Road, N2, 7pm.

### Saturday 18 November

• **Finchley Symphony Orchestra** plays romantic masterpieces by Brahms and Elgar; Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12, 7.30pm. Tickets £15 (concs £13, under 18s £6) available by calling 07928 278449, by email to [tickets@finchleysymphony.org](mailto:tickets@finchleysymphony.org), or online at [www.finchleysymphony.org/concerts](http://www.finchleysymphony.org/concerts).

### Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 November

• **The Hampstead Players** present *Persuasion*, based on Jane Austen's novel, Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, NW3, at 7.30pm each evening and also 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets £10 (concs

## Two choirs together

By Marian Bunzl

North London Chorus, based in East Finchley, continues its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with a collaborative performance with Zurich-based Contrapunto Chor at Shoreditch Town Hall on Saturday 25 November. Built in 1865, this is a magnificent Grade II listed landmark building and is situated in one of the most vibrant areas of London.

Our programme features music that explores the magic and mysticism of the forest at night. The main work is Mendelssohn's setting of Goethe's poem *Der Erste Walpurgisnacht*. To complement the Mendelssohn, we are performing *In Windsor Forest*, a cantata by Vaughn Williams.

The third choral piece is the London premiere of a setting of W B Yeats poem *Byzantium* by Contrapunto's conductor Beat Dahler, where text and music evoke strange and complex images of gold, fire, marble and dolphins. The programme is completed by Saint Saens' tone poem *Danse Macabre*.

Tickets priced £10-£25 are available from 020 7739 6176 or online from [www.shoreditchtownhall.com](http://www.shoreditchtownhall.com).

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

£8) from [www.hampsteadplayers.org.uk](http://www.hampsteadplayers.org.uk).

### Saturday 25 November

- **North London Mineral, Gem and Fossil Show**, 10am to 4pm at Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12, near Tally Ho. Adults £2, accompanied children under 12 free.
- **Holy Trinity Primary School Christmas Fair**, 12 noon to 3pm, Eagans Place, N2. Father Christmas will make an early visit. Everyone welcome for lunch, treats, children's activities and festive music.
- **St Mary's Church** at 279 High Road, N2, invites everyone to their **Advent Fair**, 12 noon to 3pm. Meet Santa in his grotto 1pm to 2.30 pm; kids' activities, mulled wine, hot lunch, cakes, exciting tombolas, manicures, books, jewellery and arts and crafts. No entrance fee.
- **North London Chorus** and Zurich-based **Contrapunto Chor** perform together at Shoreditch Town Hall, Old Street, EC1V, 7.30pm. **Works by Mendelssohn and Vaughn Williams**. Tickets £10 - £25 from 020 7739 6176 or online at [www.shoreditchtownhall.com](http://www.shoreditchtownhall.com).