



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group**
Call Vivien 8883 8190
- **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- **1-2-1 boxing and Pilates** training with Martin Carroll at home or private studio, call 07809 593952
- **Pilates** Classes Tue 9.30, Fri 9.15 & Sun 11am. www.pilatesineastfinchley.co.uk. Michelle 07767 804 564
- **Tai Chi & Qigong** in N2, Weds 12pm, 1pm, 6pm & 7pm. James 8883 3308/07836 710281 or james@taiji.co.uk
- **Tennis club** with four clay courts off Southern Road. Call 8883 7723.
- **Tennis group lessons** for adult beginners and intermediates, weekends, Park Road, N8. Contact Maz on tennisgift@gmail.com.
- **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
- **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

- **The Archer Community Choir**, Tuesdays 7-9pm, The Archer Academy, Eagans Close, N2. Email: archercommunitychoir@gmail.com.
- **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.
- **'Calm & Sing' workshops**. Contact Angie on missangiea@yahoo.co.uk
- **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 020 8444 7217.
- **Creative Writing** at Friern Barnet Community Library. Every Saturday, 12pm, 07488 230580.
- **Dance conditioning classes**. New body in 10 lessons. Diana: 07580 041270. 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.
- **Rock 'n Roll dance lessons**, 8pm every Weds at the Constitutional Club, The Walks. Drop-in. Call Kav 07721 489489.
- **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 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**, Thursday & Saturday afternoons, Age UK, Oak Lane, N2 8LT. Contact Ray Tiano 07944 562180.



Have a butcher's at this

You may have seen the work of watercolour artist Rob Thom on his stall at the East Finchley Festival over recent years showing scenes from N2 and views of London more widely. Now Rob has his first solo painting exhibition, called East Finchley and Beyond, running at the Phoenix Cinema from Thursday 1 November. His work will be on display there until Thursday 29 November and entry is free during Phoenix opening times.

A spot of Hay Fever

Garden Suburb Theatre's latest production is Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*, a classic play with a modern feel.

Judith and David Bliss reside in the country with their grown-up children Simon and Sorel. Each member of the family has invited a guest down from London to stay for the weekend. What they have omitted to do is consult either the others or their long-suffering maid Clara.

The scene is set for high drama, theatrical emotional outbursts and questionable romantic clinches. Will the unsuspecting guests survive the weekend with their sanity intact?

Catch the show Upstairs at the Gatehouse in Highgate from 22-24 November at 7.30pm, with a matinee on 25 November at 4pm. Book tickets priced £14/£12 at www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com.

What's On...

Thursday 1 to Thursday 29 November

• **East Finchley and Beyond**, an exhibition of watercolours by artist Rob Thom; foyer of Phoenix Cinema, High Road, N2. Free entry.

Saturday 10 November

• **Battle of Barnet**, guided walk with City of London guide Paul Baker. Meet 11am at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, EN5 5PP; to explore the famous battlefield of 1471 (Wars of the Roses). Details from Paul on 020 8440 6805 or from www.barnet-walks.co.uk.

• **Autumn Fair at Holy Trinity Church**, Church Lane, N2, 12-3pm; games, activities and stalls; homemade cakes and chutneys, toys and books, bric-a-brac and craft items, plus a tombola and raffle. Everyone welcome. Free entry.

• **Finchley Chamber Choir** presents *Dona Nobis Pacem*, a concert to commemorate the end of the First World War, featuring works by Durufle, Elgar, Howells and Finzi; Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley, N12 7NN at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £15/£13 concs and £6 under-18s, on the door or in advance at www.fcchoir.co.uk.

Sunday 11 November

• **Free concert at East Finchley Methodist Church**, High Road, N2, opposite Creighton Avenue; An Evening of Spanish and Latin American Music, with soprano Deborah Hudson, mezzo soprano Aurore Lacabe, violinist Duygu Ince, guitarist Berxwedan Koçkaya and pianist Suzy Ruffles; 7.30pm; free entry with collection in aid of MIND. Fully accessible venue.

Friday 16 to Thursday 29 November

• **50:50**: major new themed exhibition at the Highgate Gallery by **East Finchley Open Artists**; open Tuesdays to Sundays, free admission; Highgate Literary & Scientific Institution, 11 South Grove, Highgate, N6 6BS. Find out more at www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk.

Saturday 17 November

• **Bulb Planting & Tree Care Day** at Long Lane Pasture, Long Lane, N3, opposite fire station, 10am to noon. Come and join volunteers weeding and mulching around the pasture's trees to prepare for winter and planting flower bulbs for spring.

• **Geology Walk in Coldfall Wood**, leader Diana Clements; 10.30-12.30; book at www.coldfallwoods.co.uk; meet Creighton Avenue opp. Fortismere School. £3 donation appreciated.

• **North London Chorus and Meridian Sinfonia** perform Haydn's *Missa Angustiis*, Britten's *The Company of Heaven* and JS Bach's cantata for solo alto and strings *Widerstehe doch der Sünde*; St James Church, Muswell Hill, N10, at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £23, £19 and £11 (concessions £2) from northlondonchorus.org/tickets and from St James Church Bookshop and Les Aldrich Music Shop, Muswell Hill.

• **Finchley Symphony Orchestra** present a concert of Russian orchestral fireworks including Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien*, Borodin's *Symphony No.2 in B minor* and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*; Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12 7NN, at 7.30pm. Save £2 a ticket by booking in advance at www.finchleysymphony.org.

Casting surprise keeps actor busy

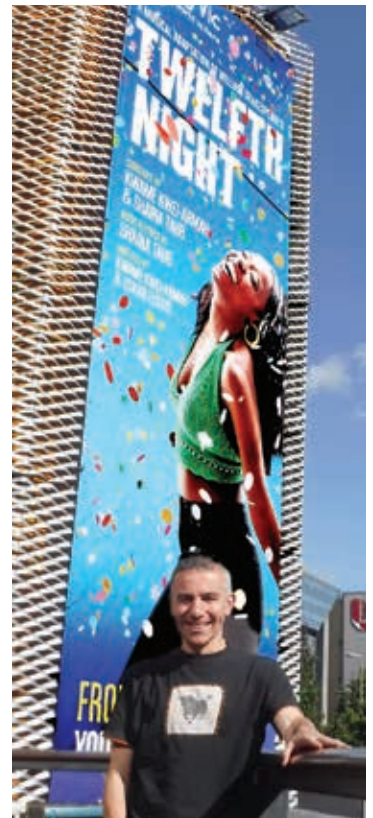
Local actor and teacher Paul Willcocks has been cast as Fabian in Kwame Kwei-Armah's joyous version of *Twelfth Night* at the Young Vic Theatre.

Paul originally planned to be in the community cast and then, out of the blue, was offered a professional contract by Kwame to be in the main cast.

"It was a brilliant opportunity," says Paul, "and initially quite a daunting one as I had also accepted another role at Fortismere School in Muswell Hill, teaching drama and English."

After swift negotiation, Paul found it possible to do both and now teaches drama and English during the day and then zooms down to Waterloo to appear in the show every evening.

His father Len was news editor and feature writer for *The Archer* in the 1990s. "I know my mum and dad would have been so proud," he says, "and the role of Fabian is perfect. He's a mate of Sir Toby Belch and is busting at the seams to play pranks on the kill-joy Malvolio. And the



Paul Willcocks at the Young Vic.

Photo Robert Moore

show's music is just incredible."

Twelfth Night plays at the Young Vic at 7.30pm every evening with a 2.30pm matinee Wednesday and Saturday until Saturday 17 November.

Angelic sounds

For the first concert of North London Chorus's new season, the choir will be joined by the Meridian Sinfonia to perform Haydn's *Missa Angustiis* (aka *Nelson Mass*) and JS Bach's cantata for solo alto and strings or *Widerstehe doch der Sünde*.

The programme will be completed by Benjamin Britten's *The Company of Heaven* which was commissioned for a radio broadcast in 1937 but not performed until 1989. The concert takes place on Saturday 17 November at St James Church, Muswell Hill at 7.30pm. See What's on (below) for ticket information.

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

org/concerts.

Sunday 18 November

• **The Royal Free Music Society** and **The Zemel Choir** mark the centenary of the end of WW1 with *The Spirit of England*, Sir Edward Elgar's tender, haunting requiem and the world premiere of *Armistice* by Benjamin Wolf, musical director of both choirs; Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, NW11 7AA, 7.30pm; Tickets available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/rfms or at the door.

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Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 November

• **East Finchley Open Artists** host their **Winter Fair** at Finchley Youth Centre, High Road, N2; browse and buy unique ceramics, textiles, paintings, jewellery, photos and more. Free entry; donations go to the group's chosen charity Art Against Knives. Doors open from 11am to 5pm both days. Find out more at eastfinchleyopen.org.uk.

Saturday 24 November

• **Muswell Hill Indoor car boot sale** 10am to 1pm at Hornsey Parish Church Hall, Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH; admission 50p; refreshments available. More information from 020.8368.8180 or 07708.152354.

• **Ramblers Association walk around East Finchley**, 5 miles / 8km; meet at 11am at

East Finchley station to walk along Mutton Brook and Dollis Brook ending near Friends Meeting House, Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. Bring picnic lunch. More details from leader Chris Barker on 020 8347 7684 or 07951 905 493.

• **Sound of the Suburb** rock and roll band play at **Madden's Bar**, High Road, N2, from 8pm. Free entry, all welcome.

Thursday 29 November

• **Beyond the Call**, a collection of anecdotes, letters, poems, diaries and bulletins about nurses from Florence Nightingale to today who put their lives at risk to help others, presented in words and pictures; presented as **The Finchley Society's 'Jean Scott Memorial Lecture'**, 8pm, Avenue House at Stephens House and Gardens, East End Road, N3. All welcome, non-members £2.

Saturday 1 December

• **Holy Trinity School Winter Fair**, from 12 noon, Eagans Close, N2. Lots of fun to be had and food to be enjoyed. An Open Day for the school's early years and nursery facilities will run at the same time..

• **Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church**, 279 High Road, N2, from 12 noon to 3pm; meet Santa in his grotto; kid's activities galore, Fortnite dance-off, home bakes, knits, tombolas, arts & crafts, hot food, refreshments and singing. Free entry.

• **Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra** presents works by Berlioz, Prokofiev and Debussy at St Andrew's Church, N10 2DD, 7pm. More information from www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk.