Up close &

Twenty homes and stu-

dios across East Finchley,

Muswell Hill and Finchley

Central welcomed visitors

on two weekends in June

and July for the popular

East Finchley Open Art-

ists' Open Houses event.

Visitors could browse and

buy paintings, ceramics,

jewellery, photos, textiles,

glass works, sculptures and

other art works as well as

take the chance to talk to

the 70 exhibiting artists

who created them.

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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.
- This Mum Runs: Free social runs in East Finchley and Muswell Hill, Sunday 8am and Wednesday 7.30pm. Contact trishy. dixon@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: archercommunitychoir1@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.
- Jazz Club at the Bohemia, North Finchley. Call 020 7998 6217 or 07957 347411 for more information
- 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 friendsofcherrytreewood.home.blog 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.



Open house: The artists' event is a chance to chat and browse original works. Photo Mike Coles.

Musical memories Sure sign of

Students from East Finchley's Archer Academy put on their first whole-school production when they took to the stage at artsdepot in North Finchley as the Kids from FAME. All three performances in July were sold out and the audience was treated to a spectacular adaptation of the musical.

will live forever



Big moment: Archer Academy students performing at the artsdepot. Photo Kathleen Holman.

Be seen in *The Archer*

Is your charity, school or organisation planning a public event? Tell everyone in East Finchley about it with a free listing in our What's On column on page 10 of every issue.

Send brief details by email to the-archer@lineone.net or by post to The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE. You can also reach us on Facebook and Twitter at TheArcherN2.

Deadline for submissions is always the middle of the month ahead of the issue in which you'd like your event included. Full details of deadlines are always at the top of page 2.

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Sunday 11 August

• Ramblers Association walk from High Barnetto Finsbury Park (10 miles/16km); meet 10.30am at High Barnet station (Northern line) for linear walk through part of Dollis Valley, Highgate Woods and Parkland Walk. Plenty of drop-off points, some road walking and possibly some muddy sections. Bring packed lunch. More information from leader Penny Revitt on 020 8368 9594 or 07985 254038.

• **Butterfly Morning** at Long Lane Pasture, opposite the fire station, 10am -12 noon. In warm dry weather visitors should see many of the species already recorded at the Pasture. Booklets available, also help with identification. Free entry.

Sunday 18 August

Saturday 17 August

• Open garden at 5 St Regis Close,

Alexandra Park Road, N10 2DE, 2pm - 6.30pm; admission £4 (children free) in aid of KSDP Humanitarian Aid to Burma; wheelchair access, dogs on leads welcome. **Sunday 25 August**

• Ramblers Association walk from Finsbury Park to Alexandra Palace (7 miles/12km); meet 10.30am at Finsbury Park station main entrance for linear walk along Parkland Walk, through Queens Wood and Alexandra Park, finishing at Alexandra Palace station. More information from leader Jill Stedman on 07929 437604.

Saturday 31 August

• Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale, 10am - 1pm at Hornsey Parish Church Hall, Cranley Gardens, N103AH; admission 50p; refreshments available. More information from 020 8368 8180 or 07708 152354.

Sure sign of success

My name is Daisy and I've just turned 14 years old. I live in Muswell Hill and started painting road signs when I was around ten. We'd recently left West Hampstead and to remember where I'd grown up I thought it would be fun to paint a copy of the road sign.

Soon I did another for a friend. Then I had the idea to paint some N10 roads and, with the help of my dad, go and see if I could find somewhere to display them in Muswell Hill.

Walking through Muswell Hill we noticed a new cafe next to the Everyman cinema and they had blank walls, so we popped in. Oliver in North and Ten let us put up six paintings which were kept on exhibition there for ten months.

ing to her and to have her say that *she's* a fan of *my* work!

Some N2 people might have seen me at the East Finchley Festival in June where I was on a stall with my dad. I have painted a handful of commissions for people in N2 and from the photo you can see how much the road signs vary in any given area. I love East Finchley too – it's my nearest tube.

I start my GCSE Art course



Urban art: Daisy with some of her street signs.

I set up @urbanartgirl on Instagram and began shouting about my work. From then to now I have painted close to 100 commissions. One cafe customer was Jodie Whittaker (Doctor Who, no less!) and she bought one of my paintings. It was amazing to deliver a paint-

at Fortismere in September and can't wait to see how I might develop my ideas and paintings. If you would like to commission me, or have an exhibition space I could use, then please do get in touch via my Instagram: UrbanArtGirl or on Etsy: UrbanArtGirlShop.

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