



Photo by Malcolm Griffiths

Unlimited advice from new advice service

A NEW independent advice service is up and running in the East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre.

Staffed by experienced volunteers (more always welcome; full training given), the service aims to answer all your queries about benefits, housing, immigration and employment.

The times that these services will be available to the public are 10.00am - 12.00 noon and 2.00pm - 4.00pm Mondays and Fridays.

On Tuesday afternoons there will be job-search counselling with personnel manager, Eve Brenner.

She provides a friendly and personal approach to all people looking for work or a change in career.

Eve can advise on C.V. writing, interview techniques and self-marketing.

Also available is a special legal service with solicitors giving advice and help on any legal problem you may have.

Times here are 7.00 - 8.00pm on Tuesday evenings.

The centre is at 42 Church Lane, East Finchley, N2. Telephone: 081- 444 6265.

Barnet puts names to the faces of council staff

BARNET residents have a right to know who they are dealing with at the council - and from now on the authority is determined to make sure this happens.

As part of the council's customer care initiative, posters showing the pictures and names of key staff - including complaints officers, will be featured at all service delivery points.

In addition, all staff will wear name badges showing their

department and job. "The days of the faceless bureaucrats are a thing of the past in Barnet."

"Accountability is the key to the way we deal with residents - and this latest move is just another example of it," council leader councillor Roy Shutz stressed at a recent Policy & Resources Committee.

Eventually, the scheme will also apply to contractors working for the council.

The healthy alternative

Muswell Healing Arts is holding a free Open Day on Saturday September 18. The timetable of talks is:

11:00 Shiatsu

12:00 Hypnotherapy
1:00 Aromatherapy
2:00 Acupuncture
3:00 Homoeopathy
4:00 Alexander Technique.

Therapists will also be around during the day to discuss any health queries.

The centre is at the Natural Health Clinic, 169 Avenue Mews (off Queens Avenue), Muswell Hill. Telephone 081-365 3545.

Member of: The British Music Hall Society, The Concert Artists Association, The London Concert Parties Association

Tessa Newman L.T.C.L.
PIANIST

Pupils prepared Grade 1 - Diploma Standard
42 Sedgemere Avenue, East Finchley, N2 0SX.
081 - 883 4752

East Finchley Medical Centre

39 Baronsmere Road, N2 9QD. 081 - 883 1458

NEW OPENING TIMES

Monday Tuesday Thursday & Friday:
9.00am - 1.00pm 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Wednesday:
9.00am - 1.00pm

TELEPHONE AVAILABILITY

Monday Tuesday Thursday & Friday:
8.30am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Wednesday:
9.00am - 1.00pm

Travel Vaccinations - Asthma - Diabetes - Hypertension treatment clinics

Dietician/Counsellor/Physiotherapist services

These services are also available to visitors

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N2 CRIME DIARY . . .

HOLD-UP AT GUNPOINT

A 20-year old man walked into Thresher's off-licence in East Finchley High Road and pulled out a gun (August 9).

He pointed the gun at the shop assistant and ordered her into the back of the shop as he was going to empty the contents of the till.

The assistant screamed and he panicked and fled from the shop right into the arms of an off-duty policeman from St Albans who happened to be passing.

The policeman took the man to Golders Green police station.

CHIVALROUS THIEVES!

Chivalrous thieves stole a handbag from the reception office of the Nazareth House residential home in East End Road recently

and left in its place a bunch of flowers. The owner of the handbag was not amused (August 15).

And the rest of the diary...

August 3: A woman returning to her home in Red Lion Hill had her handbag containing £15 snatched as she entered her front garden.

She ran to the nearby Red Lion pub and four customers went in search of the mugger but failed to find him. He is described as black and 5ft 8ins tall.

August 8: Another mugging took place, but this time in Heath View. An unemployed man passed over his watch and £5 to a man who threatened him with a knife.

August 16: A lawyer in Long Lane was awakened at 4:30am

by the sound of his bathroom window slamming. He ignored it and in the morning he found the window smashed and £50 taken.

August 21: Some £3,000 of jewellery was stolen from a house in Creighton Avenue at 7pm while the owner was in the house. Entry was gained through an upstairs bedroom.

August 18: By forcing patio doors, a thief entered a house in Park Hall Road while the resident was at work and stole cameras, hi-fi equipment cd's and jewellery.

August 31: Thieves kicked in the front door to a house in Elm Hurst Crescent. The owner, a 70-year-old woman, returned to find goods to the value of £1,500 missing.

Same evening: £1,000 of video equipment stolen from a house in Church Lane.

Credit to local businesses!

by Kevin Finn

What is thought to be the country's first Business Club Credit Union is being launched this month by the North London Enterprise Club. This will allow small businesses to save money on a regular basis, and to acquire unsecured loans at rates and terms not currently available from the clearing banks.

The concept of a credit union started in Germany back in 1849 and provides a vehicle whereby groups can pool their financial resources to the advantage of everyone.

FULLY SUPPORTED

The North London Enterprise Club is an organisation which acts as a support and services point for new small businesses in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey. The credit union is an extension to this service and is expected to be readily accepted and used by the business community in North London.

The credit union allows members to contribute a regular monthly sum into their own account. This investment can be as little as £1 per month with a maximum of £5,000 per member. The account is flexible in that the contributions each week or month can be varied in line with the prosperity of the member's business, so long as the minimum £1 contribution is adhered to. Interest is awarded at a rate not exceeding 8% as laid down by law.

LOANS OF £10,000

If a member requires finance for their business, the credit union is able to help by making an unsecured loan to the member. Members are able to borrow up to twice what they have saved and this credit union has a ceiling of £10,000 so long as they can demonstrate the ability to repay the loan. The interest charged on a loan is not allowed to exceed 1% per month (12.68% pa) and can

therefore be a realistically priced option.

All members, whether depositors or borrowers, are protected by built-in insurance, so again there are considerable savings in that there are no hidden extras to worry about.

This seems to be a very good idea and, for the 'younger' businesses in the area, at least a good alternative to bank borrowing.

For more information, contact Sue King at the North London Enterprise Club on 447 1000.

Barnet Teachers' Centre
(Opposite Finchley Open Air Pool)

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Tel: 081-349 9222 for details