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### Your contributions

If you have a news item, memory  
or anecdote that you think our  
readers might find interesting but  
are nervous of putting pen to  
paper, phone 0181-883 1307 and  
we'll get someone to help you.

## Palace sting

Several hundred tickets for  
a non-existent fashion show  
and disco event which was  
supposedly to have been  
held at the Camden Palace  
at the beginning of August,  
were sold to unsuspecting  
people in the N2 area who  
paid £6.50 for the non-  
event.

Camden Palace itself had  
nothing to do with the fraud. If  
anyone bought a ticket and  
would like to give the details to  
warn other people, then please  
contact *The Archer*.

## Carbon monoxide death

"Making toast is a normal  
act - you certainly don't  
expect to die from it," said  
the coroner at a recent in-  
quest on the death of an  
East Finchley woman.

Her death was caused by a  
damaged gas cooker which pro-  
duced a carbon monoxide build-  
up. It illustrates the importance  
of having gas appliances regu-  
larly serviced, writes Len  
Willcocks.

The coroner recorded a ver-  
dict of death by misadventure  
on 93-year-old Queenie Bowell

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Utilities (for N2)

Electricity 0181-905 1144  
Gas escapes 0181-346 9191  
Water 01707-277111

### Councils

**Barnet**  
Admin-Town Hall 0181- 202 8282  
Elderly 0181-444 4411  
Children/family 0181-449 5511  
Housing 0181-446 8511  
People in hospital 0181-440 5111  
Noise 0181-202 8282  
Pest Control 0181-446 5111  
**Haringey** 0181-975 9700

### Churches

All Saints (C of E) 0181-883 9315  
Baptist 0181-883 5743  
Comm'ny Gospel 0181-4465461  
Holy Trinity 0181-883 8720  
Methodist 0181-346 1700  
St. Mary's R.C. 0181-883 4234

### Help & Advice

Aids Helpline 0800-567123  
Alcoholics Anon. 0171-352 3001  
Benefits Agency 0800 666555  
Carers Nat. Assoc. 0181-343 3665  
Childline 0800 1111  
Cit. Adv. Bureau 0181-349 0954  
Contact (N2 help) 0181-444 1162  
East Finchley Advice Service  
0181-444 6265

Gingerbread 0181-445 4227  
Help the Aged 0800-289 404  
Mind 0181-446 6470  
NSPCC 0800-800500  
Rape Crisis Centre 0171-837 1600  
Relate 0181-445 0888  
Samaritans 0181-889 6888  
Victim Support 0181-343 4435

### Police

Emergency 999  
Finchley 0181-342 1212  
Golders Green 0181-209 1212  
Muswell Hill 0181-340 8055

### Hospitals

Barnet General 0181-200 1555  
Coppetts Wood 0181-883 9792  
Finchley Mem. 0181-349 3121  
Oak Lane 0181-346 9343  
Royal Free 0171-794 0500  
St Luke's 0181-883 8311  
Whittington 0171-2723070

### Transport

LT Enquiries 0171-222 1234  
Greenline 0181-668 7261  
Grey-Green 0181-800 8010  
National Xpress 0171-730 0202  
Heathrow 0181-759 4321  
Euston/St Pancras 0171-387 7070  
Kings X 0171-278 2477  
Charing X/Victoria/Waterloo/  
Liverpool St 0171-9285100

### Other

E. Finchley Library 0181-883 2664  
Mus. Hill Odeon 01426 911885  
Phoenix Cinema 0181-883 2233

## Crime Diary

**July 18th** Robbery Squires  
Lane. Burglars who entered  
premises by removing glass  
from a window made off with  
jewellery and £100 in cash.

**July 19th** Winnington Road,  
Hampstead Garden Suburb.  
Burglars removed a marble sur-  
round fireplace valued at  
£4,000, and a microwave.

**July 20th** Park Hall Road.  
Burglars broke into a house  
during the day by breaking a  
door lock and made off with a  
television, fax machine and  
video.

**July 21st** A 19-year-old  
male victim who was walking  
along Leslie Road N2 was at-  
tacked by two youths who made  
off with his wallet. One youth  
was black 5'8", wearing a blue  
T-shirt, the other was white,  
heavily tattooed and wearing a  
red T-shirt.

## Road Rage

A nasty case of "road rage"  
occurred in East Finchley  
recently. A car mounted  
the pavement in Fortis  
Green to pass a line of traf-  
fic stopped at traffic lights  
on the High Road, rather  
than wait for the traffic to  
move.

He nearly knocked over two  
men, who protested strongly.

The driver, even though in  
the wrong, engaged in a swear-  
ing and slanging match with  
raised fists before he roared on  
at speed into the High Road.

## Veterans boost

Veterans of two world wars  
have been given a cash  
boost by Barnet Council.

The amount of war pension  
which is now ignored when cal-  
culating housing benefit and  
council tax relief has been dou-  
bled to £20 by the decision made  
by the Council's Budget Fi-  
nancing and Performance Re-  
view Committee.

"This council acknowledges  
the debt we owe to our war  
veterans," said a spokesman.

## Help for Alzheimer's sufferers

by Len Willcocks

More help and information  
is to be made available to  
helpers and carers of suf-  
ferers of Alzheimer's and  
other dementia illnesses.

A new library service is to  
be provided called 'Alzheimer's  
Information,' the aim of which  
is to provide books, leaflets and  
audio-visual material specially  
designed for carers and to make  
them available in two of the

borough's biggest libraries:  
Chipping Barnet and Hendon  
Libraries.

### Support in mind

The information collection  
was launched by the Mayor of  
Barnet, cllr. Susette Palmer on  
5th July. "This is another ex-  
ample of how different services  
within the borough can come  
together for the benefit of the  
community," said cllr. Katherine  
McGuirk, Chair of the Recrea-  
tion, Leisure and Arts Commit-  
tee.

Cllr. McGuirk added, "Con-  
tact with other sufferers and  
carers creates the confidence  
which comes from knowing that

you are not alone. By pooling  
experiences, problems can be-  
come easier to cope with. This  
is the kind of practical support  
our new centres will provide."

Alzheimer's is the most com-  
mon form of dementia, a decline  
in the person's ability to think,  
reason and remember. It affects  
not only the sufferers but also  
the lives of their families and  
carers.

This new service is being  
funded by Barnet Social Ser-  
vices and Libraries as well as by  
the Alzheimer's Disease Soci-  
ety, Carers National Associa-  
tion and Barnet's Voluntary  
Services Council.

## Dump To Close

The rubbish dump amen-  
ity site at Summers Lane is  
being shut down owing to  
the level of vandalism and  
break-ins occurring there.

The Council wishes to stress  
this is only a temporary mea-  
sure and a new, purpose-built  
civic amenity site is due to be  
situated on the Summers Lane  
location next year.

Alternative dumps will be  
operating at Tilling Road,  
Cricklewood and Barowell  
Green, Winchmore Hill.

## Pigeon Corner...

*The Archer* wants your views

The four wooden seats at  
Pigeon Corner, which dis-  
appeared mysteriously  
some weeks ago, are not  
coming back. Nor are they  
to be replaced.

In response to East Finchley  
residents' queries about their  
disappearance from the junc-  
tion of the High Road and East  
End Road, *The Archer* investi-  
gated the matter.

A member of its crime team  
contacted the police station to  
see whether the seats had been  
reported missing and to discover  
whether any had been recov-  
ered.

### Dirty protest

Barnet Council finally cast  
light on the matter. The Council  
removed the seats following  
complaints that they were all  
covered in pigeon droppings.

The Council spokesman said  
the seats are not going to be put  
back in the future because they  
"will only get fouled again."

### Flashback

Residents will remember that  
the rose beds at Pigeon Corner  
were replaced by the Council  
with gravel and pipe sections  
two years ago because of the  
pigeons. Now the seats have  
gone - because of the pigeons.

*What do you feel about it?  
Was the Council right to re-  
move the seats? Should they  
have consulted the public?  
Does the present garden look  
appalling? Is it the only feasi-  
ble answer? Should the pi-  
geons be destroyed? Should  
people feed them?*

*Please let us have your let-  
ters.*