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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.

## Child centre gets go ahead

Oak Lane Health Clinic is to provide the home for a child development centre in Barnet.

Services for children with learning difficulties are currently scattered across the borough and parents have backed the proposal to move to one central site in East Finchley. The decision to use Oak Lane Clinic was made at a meeting of Barnet Council's social services committee this week.

East Finchley councillors Joan Ryan and Helen Gordon were amongst those opposing the move to Oak Lane, favouring instead the Professional Development Centre in North Finchley High Road. The PDC is currently used by the council's education department and it was feared a move to this site could have meant further delays to the project.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Utilities (for N2)

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### Councils

#### Barnet

Admin Town Hall 0181-359 2000  
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All Saints (C of E) 0181-883 9315  
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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 0171-7940500  
St Luke's 0181-883 8311  
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### Other

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

## Slick cut

Thresher's Office Licence in East Finchley High Road has been raided twice recently, once in late July and again in August.

In the first raid, two burglars armed with a kitchen knife threatened the assistants and escaped with cash and cigarettes valued at £100.

In the attack in August a robber armed with a 12" knife also escaped with cash and cigarettes.

The burglar was a white male with brown hair, slim and wearing a white shirt and blue jeans.

## Leisure Centre

The new leisure complex being built in the High Road on the site of the former open-air swimming pool, is said to be on schedule to open by Easter 1996. There will be an eight screen cinema, three swimming pools, (two of them open-air), a ten-pin bowling centre, three restaurants and parking for 800 cars.

## Cable threat

In a bid to minimise damage to trees, Barnet Council is negotiating with the cable company Videotron, which is due to increase its cable laying work in the borough.

A new Road and Street Works Act came into force in January 1993, superseding the Council's previous agreement with Videotron, after considerable damage was done to trees by cable distribution companies in other areas.

Lewisham based Videotron, was responsible for the laying of cables in the Hampstead Garden Suburb area back in 1992, and there were very few problems with their work.

#### Trees company

Negotiations are still in progress on the measures needed to avoid damage to trees, for tree surgery if needed and to replace trees that are lost.

A spokesperson for Videotron said that the company always follows tree preservation measures.

## Lend a doll

The Church Farmhouse Museum in Hendon is planning to hold a Christmas exhibition of old and new dolls houses and is keen to hear from anyone who is willing to lend their dolls house or furniture for the exhibition. They are particularly looking out for items made in Barnet. If you can help, call Gerrard Roots on 0181 203 0130

## NEWS IN BRIEF

The current plan for Hampstead Heath is the topic for discussion during the walk scheduled for Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting point is outside Burgh House, New End Square/Well Walk (near Hampstead Station) at 2:30pm.

Barnet Sports Forum has been set up to find novel ways of getting residents with disabilities to take up more sport-related activities. If you are interested in taking part in the discussions then call Carol Nelson on 0181-203 4187.

## Festival Meeting

The East Finchley Community Festival Committee will be holding a public meeting at 8:00pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at East Finchley Library in the High Road. This is the perfect opportunity for you to comment on this year's Festival or make suggestions for next year - or just to find out more about the work of the committee.

## New Dynamo

Des Welton has been appointed by Barnet Council to spearhead the Council's strategy to regenerate the local economy.

He aims to "revive Barnet's commercial base, reduce economic disadvantage, improve skills training and enhance the area's transport infrastructure". He also said that he is particularly looking forward to "forging close links" with residents, special interest groups and businesses.

## CRIME DIARY

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August -

Burglars broke into a house in Linmouth Road by removing the cat-flat in the back door. They then ransacked the house and set fire to the sofa. The house was unoccupied as the family were on holiday at the time.

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August -

A 35 year-old woman had her handbag snatched from her in Church Lane N2 at 12:45am. The thief was described as a tall, thin white male, wearing a dark leather jacket.

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August -

At 10:30pm a man was attacked by five white males in an alleyway between Stanley Road and Market Place. He was pushed to the ground and his watch, valued at £550.00 was taken along with £38 in cash.

### 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> August -

Between 7:16pm and 7:30am, a derelict house in Winnington Road was broken into and £300 worth of power tools were stolen.

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August -

Burglars raided a house in Lyttleton Road by climbing in through an unlocked bedroom window and stole a hi-fi system worth £1,000.

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August -

A house in Long Lane was broken into via a ground floor window and a camcorder valued at £1,500 was taken.

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September -

The Oak Lane school for children with special needs was broken into in the early afternoon. Burglars entered by a window and stole computer equipment valued at £7,600.

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September -

A 55 year-old man walking down Hamilton Road late at night was attacked from behind and punched in the face. His watch was stolen.

## Brothers in law

Two brothers from East Finchley have been charged with the murder of Raymond Morgan, aged 25 years. He was stabbed in Muswell Hill Road as he was walking home with his girlfriend.

The two brothers have been remanded in custody for four weeks after appearing before Highgate magistrates.