

MP's call for action

by Len Willcocks

Mr. Hartley Booth, MP for Finchley, is leading a campaign to help elderly residents avoid losing their homes and savings to pay for care in residential or nursing homes.

Some ideas being brought forward following Mr. Booth's call for action include raising the £8,000 savings limit and tax benefits to encourage saving for old age.

Full cost

Only when a person in care has under £3,000 left is the full cost of care paid for by the local authority.

Fees can range from £200 to £300 per week for care.

Under the present rules residents of homes have to pay the full amount if they have assets valued at over £8,000.

The high cost of care is causing much hardship and stress to the elderly and their families. Often it means losing their savings after a lifetime of work, so our MP's action in bringing this matter forward is to be applauded.



Hartley Booth - MP for Finchley.

History Evening

Alan Stripp, wartime code-breaker at BP, gives a talk on Bletchley Park and The Enigma Breakers at the Imperial War Museum at 6.30 pm on 10 October 1995.

Tickets are £4.10 (Friends £3.60), includes a glass of wine, and are available from the box office on 0171 416 5311.

A private view of the Museum's new Secret War gallery follows the talk.

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Appropriate Adults

Barnet's Appropriate Adult Panel, one of the first of its kind in Britain, has just finished a year-long experiment working with youngsters and people at risk in police stations across the borough.

The Panel was formed to ensure the best interests of any "vulnerable person" in custody is met during police interviews.

"Vulnerable people" such as juveniles or those with mental health problems should be interviewed while in police custody with a responsible adult present, such as their parents or a social worker.

On some occasions this is not possible and appropriate

adults, who are aware of Criminal Law such as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1994, and other police procedures, sit in on interviews, making sure the detainee is held for the shortest time possible.

Anyone interested in becoming an appropriate adult should contact the Secretary, Barnet Appropriate Adult Panel, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW44BG

The car boot sale is here to stay. Such a sale is now taking place every alternate Sunday mornings at the big playing field of Martin Schools in the High Road. It will continue throughout the winter.

Get the boot

On alternate Sunday mornings in East Finchley High Road, if you are passing the big playing field by Martin Schools, just past the library, you will see a scene of great activity.

Cars and vans are on the field unloading bric-a-brac, books, clothes and furniture; all preparing for the Sunday morning car boot sale.

From 7:00am to 2:00pm the field is open for one of Finchley's most popular car boot sales. There is a good social atmosphere and, who knows, maybe you will find just what you are looking for.

According to one booter, Alan, who regularly has a pitch, "I not only do good business,

but really enjoy the atmosphere and good humour of the people. During the lovely summer weather it certainly beat being in a stuffy shop."

New CHC Chairman

East Finchley resident Roger Chapman has become the new chairman of Barnet's health watchdog, the Community Health Council.

Chapman, 40, took over from Rochelle Simmons this month after three years with the CHC. By day he is a town planner for Haringey Council, but has been campaigning over health issues for ten years through his membership of the Barnet Health Campaign Group.

He is a supporter of the NHS principle of care being free for all and hopes his new role will enable him to look after patients' interests and provide a service that reflects people's needs.

East Finchley Library

On Friday 29th September from 11:00am to 12 noon there will be a talk by Ellis Hillman entitled "Beneath the Pavements of London - A Subterranean Guide".

Ellis Hillman is the author of 'London under London'. Coffee, tea and biscuits are provided at 30p.

McAppeal

McDonalds announced this week that it would appeal against Barnet Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a restaurant.

The news came as no surprise to East Finchley residents who have mounted a campaign to prevent McDonalds opening it's staff restaurant on the High Road to the public.

Barnet Chamber of Commerce

The North London Chamber of Commerce, which covers Barnet, Enfield and Haringey, plans to become "the serious influential business voice for North London" and one of its first moves is to start up a recruitment drive for new members. For further details, contact Barnet Chamber of Commerce, 23-35 Hendon Lane, Finchley N3 (Tel: 0181-343 3833).

Barnet Chamber of Commerce have invited cllr. Stan Cross to a meeting to discuss parking issues in the borough. The meeting will take place at their offices at 23035 Hendon Lane at 6pm on Monday 4th December. For more information contact the Chamber on 0181-882 0180.

Barnet Chamber of Commerce hold regular 'Network Lunches' throughout the year and they are an opportunity for business people to meet, network, discuss business activities and local issues. They will

take place at "Pizza Express" 820 High Road, North Finchley on 19th September, 17th October and 21st November. For a full list of dates call 0181-343 3833.

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