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## At Last, New Trains

London Underground's Northern Line is expected to receive the first of its long awaited new trains this year.

Unfortunately they will still have to operate on the old worn out tracks with the old signalling system, as track and signal upgrading is being delayed by two years due to cuts in funding.

There is to be a meeting between Hendon South MP John Marshall and LT Chairman Peter Ford to look at alternative funding for track and signalling work.

## Lessons to be Learnt

By Len Willcocks

At a recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Park Hall Road, it was announced that there were 12 crimes recorded in the area during the months of November and December 1996 and January 1997.

The majority of these crimes were car break-ins and burglaries. Although this indicates a low level of crimes, lessons can be learnt.

In two burglaries the thieves broke in by forcing the front door, because simple latch locks were used. In one case entry was gained through an open ground floor window.

The crime prevention officer Peter Davis advises using a door chain or sliding bolt fixed low on the door. Mortice locks should not be operated at night because of the fire risk.

Two burglaries were thought to be linked to street peddlers so people are advised to dial 999 if they believe anyone is acting suspiciously.

## CRIME DIARY

### Angel Theft

Using a wire basket as a boat, thieves managed to steal a statue of three angels worth £3,000 from the middle of a pond in the Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road.

It is thought that the statue was taken on the night of March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Tube Crime

On the Northern line last year there were 82 robberies and 41 violent attacks on commuters.

These figures have been compiled by the pressure group Capital Transport.

### Another Raid

Ladbrokes bookmaker in the High Road has been raided again, this time by two teenagers.

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March they climbed over the counter and attacked one of the staff, before making off with a bag of cash containing £50.

### False Alarm

Vandals set off a fire alarm in the main building in the Warner multi-screen cinema, The Hollywood Bowl, causing the cinema to be evacuated.

Five to six hundred people had to leave during the screening of the Oscar winning film "The English Patient"

## Not a Drop by Len Willcocks

In spite of a 6.5% increase in customers bills, people will have to pay extra if they use a water sprinkler for their gardens.

A water meter will have to be installed at a cost of £40 and they will have to pay for every drop of water they use.

A Three Valleys Water spokesperson has said the move is justified: In one hour a sprinkler uses as much water as a family of four in one day.

Thames Water also have started installing meters for

swimming pools. They have said "We see it as a financial incentive to customers not to waste water".

There will be a fine of up to £400 for breaking the new ruling. Last April was the driest for 230 years and Thames Water say that customers have a key role to play in conserving water.

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