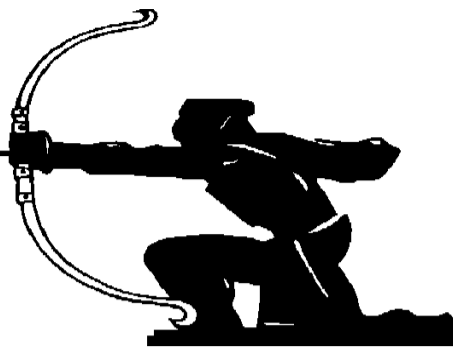


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Road rage

By Footslogger

Residents in Baronsmere Road and adjoining roads are up in arms about a proposal to turn that road into a one-way street.

The proposal is to stop traffic entering Baronsmere Road just north of East Finchley station from the High Road.

Local residents living in the roads adjoining have been asked to give their views and it has caused controversy.

Some people think it is a good idea, others think it will increase traffic in the roads running off Fortis Green southwards such as Park Hall and Summerlee.

What is clearly needed is an overall plan for these roads, perhaps a public meeting to explore all the many traffic problems which include double parking, the introduction of speed humps or a 20mph speed limit on side roads.

Editor's Note: What is certain is that the traffic problems are with us and will get worse, so readers let's hear your views. Write to us. Remember, it is your community and The Archer would like your views and input.

Emergency Telephone Service

By Daphne Chamberlain

When you enter the 'phone numbers in your New Year diary - a nice, relaxing job, I always think - you might consider writing down 359 2000.

Last year, 22,000 calls were made to this number, but Barnet Emergency Services want to make sure that this year everyone in the borough has it to hand.

The Emergency Telephone Service operates out of office hours, through the night, on weekends, Bank Holidays and all through the year.

If you want to know how to deal with burst pipes and gas leaks in Council properties, blown-down trees, failed street lights, floods, traffic accidents, chemical spillage or the aftermath of fire, ring 359 2000.

Alarm calls

You can also use this number to contact duty social workers, nurses and mid-

wives, and to get help with problems such as noisy parties and burglar alarms.

"Few residents are aware of the vital role played by the Emergency Telephone Service - until, of course, something goes wrong. Maintaining that crucial link with essential services, always ready to deal with the unexpected while the borough sleeps, they provide a safely net for residents as important as any of our daytime services", says Councillor Suzette Palmer.

Basically, the people on the other end of the line won't deal with your problem themselves, but they should know someone who can.

However, it should be stressed that this is an emergency service. You will get direct action only with real emergencies, but you should always get advice on who to contact in office hours for more routine matters.

Trade winds

East Finchley now has its very own trade association with nearly a hundred members and it is hoped that the association will promote local shops and focus on East Finchley issues.

The association believes that East Finchley should not be just tacked onto North and Central Finchley but have its own voice in its plans and concerns. They will campaign on such issues as improved parking, cleaner streets and other community issues.

It needs more members and anyone interested in our N2 area should contact Noel Lynch on 883 02134.



Photo: David Tupman

Retrograde

New Year shoppers might have thought a visit to the opticians was necessary as they were forced to have a double-take at the recently installed Parisian-style advertising rotunda outside Budgens.

This latest addition to the High Road's street furniture draws attention to an anti-drink/drive campaign. Local feathered residents of pigeon corner were unavailable for comment on their new perch.

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