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The Archer aims to publish on the first weekend of every month. So to maximise their chances of publication, all contributors are urged to get their pieces in early the preceding month: *The 20th day is the deadline, but the 14th is preferable.*

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0181-975 9700

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### Others

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

## SERVICES for East Finchley

**Councillors' Surgery.** Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane - Saturdays - 10:00-11:30am

**General Advice.** Advice Service, 42 Church Lane - Monday to Friday - 10:00am to 12:30pm and 1:30-4:00pm

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**Legal Advice.** Advice Service, 42 Church Lane - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm.

## CRIME DIARY

### Suburban violence

A gang of jewellery thieves are believed to be masterminding a series of robberies in the Hampstead Garden Suburb and Finchley area recently.

A couple in their thirties were robbed outside their home in Wildwood Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb. As they were unloading their shopping, three men attacked them, grabbing the man and pushing the woman to the ground and taking her rings. They escaped and drove off in a red hatch back car.

### Same Gang

On the same evening a 59 year old woman was attacked and robbed as she got out of her car in Gainsborough Road, North Finchley. She was attacked from behind by three men, who held her in an arm lock. They robbed her of rings and a watch said to be valued at over £53,000.

She was attacked in front of three friends: one tried to grapple with the attacker while another attempted to call the police.

The gang members thought to be behind the robberies are said to be black in their twenties and wearing dark baseball caps.

## Day centre opens

The day centre for the homeless in Woodhouse Road, Finchley is now open. Homeless people and those living in cramped bed and breakfast accommodation now have a centre where they can buy food, have a shower, receive medical checks and counselling, and meet other people in clean and comfortable surroundings.

There will be a ban on drinking and drugs and high standards will be maintained with offenders receiving warnings or being banned from the centre.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June there was an open day and visitors praised the centre for its clean and welcoming atmosphere.

### Nimby

This centre was first planned for the Market Place off of East End Road, but because of protests from local residents the site was changed to Woodhouse Road.

In spite of fresh controversy and protested it went ahead and now, as one local householder said, "We protested and it is now open so we wait and see".

The centre is funded by the Homeless Action in Barnet and

supported by charities, churches, schools and individual donations. If you want to help with donations or in other ways call 0181 446 8400.

## Brought to book

Barnet's highly successful mobile library service is all set to expand to Homefield Gardens where it will operate on Thursdays from noon to 12.30pm.

Councillor Katherine McGuirk said "The mobile library service provides a lifeline for many. Our mobile library takes the world of books and learning to the four corners of the borough."

## Leaning on a lamppost

The driver of a blue Vauxhall Omega car which crashed in to a lamppost on the A1 East Finchley at midday on Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> walked away from his wrecked and burning car safely and unharmed. The struck lamppost hit a BMW then bounced back and hit another car said the driver of a van who witnessed the crash.

Although the car was a write off, everyone involved escaped unharmed.

## Photo Call

Sheila Williams is compiling a history of Cherry Tree Wood and is looking for any photographs relating to the Wood's history.

Sheila can be contacted on 0181 444 5951.

## Hotblack Dixon & Co. Estate Agents

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