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Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.
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Crime Diary

By John Larimer

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) advises the following alleged incidents were reported as having occurred within the N2 postal code area during August and September 1999: **Burglary of dwelling, 25; Burglary of other than dwelling, 9; Theft of motor vehicle, 15; Theft from motor vehicle, 34; Criminal damage to motor vehicle, 18.**

If you are the victim of a crime, or witness a crime being committed, ring 999. If you have any information about a crime or perpetrator of a crime and don't want to give your name, ring Crimestoppers, anytime day or night at 0800 555 111. For further information or advice you can contact our MPS Crime Prevention Officer, PC Peter Hayward, at 020 8733 5092.

Carole Parsonage

A memorial service for Carole Parsonage will be held on Friday 5 November at All Saints Church, Durham Road, N2 at 5pm. All are welcome.

Heather Salter

Heather Salter, a governor at Northside primary school, was tragically killed in the coach crash in South Africa on Monday 27 September.

Originally from Wrexham, Heather was a widow who lived in Barnet for over 30 years. A retired teacher who worked at Tetherdown School in Haringey, she became a school governor at Northside in North Finchley in 1996.

Councillor Anne Jarvis, Chair of Education said: "Heather was a very committed governor at Northside and was working to re-catalogue the library there in her role as the school's literacy governor. She will be sadly missed at the school, where staff and governors were stunned at the news of her death. Our sympathy goes out to her family and friends at this difficult time." A letter informing parents of the sad news was sent out by the school.

Fond of travelling and a keen golfer, Heather was also active politically in Barnet and was Chair of the Ladies' Committee of the local Conservative Association. She was also a member of the Association's St Paul's branch.

Conservative Councillor for Hadley ward, Liz Mammatt, said: "Heather was a good and kind person who we will miss tremendously".

For further information please contact Adrian Panacucci on 020 8359 2072.

Northside School and relatives of Heather Salter kindly request that any enquiries are directed to the Press Office of Barnet Council.

More Than a Run for Your Money

By Diana Cormack

If you consider running the London Marathon a daunting prospect, then don't even think about the London Triathlon.

It is held at London's Royal Victoria Docks and comprises a 1,500 metre (1 mile) swim, a 40 kilometre (25 mile) cycle and a 10 kilometre (6 mile) run! Among the 3,000 participants accepted this year was Richard Solomons of Trinity Avenue, East Finchley, who chose to be sponsored to raise money for McMillan Cancer relief. Sadly, Richard's wife Kitty died after a long and courageous battle against the disease last year.

With their three children Louise, Tim and Amy cheering encouragement, Richard plunged into the murky waters of Docklands but, even though he was wearing a wetsuit, Richard was unlucky enough to get cramp before the end of the swim. Despite this, he still managed to complete the next two stages and finished with an overall time of 2 hours 50 minutes, quite an achievement as he was originally aiming for 2 hours 30 minutes!

If you would like to help Richard in his fund raising, please send a cheque to him, made payable to McMillan Cancer Relief, at: - 3 Trinity Avenue, East Finchley, London N2 0LX.



Credit Union coming soon

By Martin Earl

Would you like somewhere ethical to put your savings while at the same time supporting the local community? Do you need to borrow small amounts now and again at a reasonable rate of interest?

commercial lender.

The reason the Credit Union can do this is because it is a non-profit making co-operative. The original steering group, who have been busy organising and training for the last 12 months, are supported by Barnet Council's Economic Development worker, Janet Thorne. For obvious reasons they have to follow stringent financial and legal procedures, but they hope that all the preparations should be in place for a start date by the end of the year.

A similar Credit Union in Barnet has been running very

successfully for the past year at Grahame Park and has 135 members. "We expect to be equally successful in Finchley", says Kim.

However, further volunteers are needed to join the 12 steering group members. They are particularly looking for someone to take the role of Treasurer. Can you help? Or would you like to join the union (for £1.50) to either lend your support and/or to be one of the first to start saving and borrowing? If so, contact Kim George on 020 8444 8673 for more information.