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## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Utilities (for N2)

Eastern Electricity 0800 783 8838  
London Electricity 0800 096 9000  
OFTEL 020 7634 8700  
Thames Water 0645 200 800  
Three Valleys Water 0345 823 333  
Gas consumers cncl. 0645 060708  
Transco Gas Emerg. 0800 111 999

### Councils

**Barnet**  
Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000  
Council Tax 020 8359 2766  
Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4323  
Health Authority 020 8201 4700  
Com'ty Health Cncl 020 8349 364  
Benefits Agency 020 8258 6500  
Employment Service 020 8258 3900  
**Haringey Council** 020 8975 9700

### Leisure

Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121  
Cophthall Sports Ctr. 020 8457 9900  
E. Finchley Library 020 8883 2664  
Gt North Leisure Pk. 020 8343 9830  
Muswell Hill Odeon 01426 911885  
Phoenix Cinema 020 8883 2233  
Tourist Info Service 0990 992244  
Wamer Cinema Village 020 84469933

\*Calls to 0897 numbers are  
charged at £1.50 per minute.

### Help & Advice

Barnet Racial Equality Council 020 8446 0445  
Childline 0800 1111  
Citizens Advice Bureau 020 8349 0954  
Cruse bereavement care 020 7431 7122  
Disability Info Service 020 7289 2360  
E Finchley Advice Service 020 8444 6265  
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227  
Missing Persons Helpline 0500 700700  
National Debt Line 0645 500511  
NSPCC 0800 800500  
Rape Crisis Centre 020 7837 1600  
Relate 020 8445 0888  
Samaritans 020 8889 6888  
Refuge National Crisis Line 0990 995 443

### Health Advice

AIDS Helpline 0800 567123  
Alcoholics Anonymous 020 7352 3001  
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688  
CancerLink 0800 132905  
Carers National Assoc. 020 8343 3665  
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600  
Health Information Service 0800 665544  
Homeopathic Helpline 0897 343404  
MIND 0845 600 6543  
N. London Blood Service 020 8258 2700

### OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8203 5040  
Barnet OAPs Welfare 020 8441 4853  
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162  
Counsel & Care 0845 300 7585  
Help the Aged 0800 650 065

### Crime

Emergency 999  
Finchley Police 020 8342 1212  
Golders Gr. Police 020 8209 1212  
Muswell Hill Police 020 8442 1212  
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111  
Victim Support 020 8343 4435

### Hospitals

Barnet General 020 8200 1555  
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792  
Edgware General 020 8952 2381  
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 3121  
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343  
Royal Free 020 7794 0500  
St Luke's 020 8219 1800  
Whittington 020 7272 3070  
Western Eye Hosp 020 7886 6666

### Transport

BR Enquiries 0345 484950  
City Airport 020 7646 0000  
Greenline 020 8668 7261  
LT Enquiries 020 7222 1234  
Grey-Green 020 8800 8010  
National Xpress 0990 808080  
Heathrow 020 8759 4321

### Animal Welfare

Nat Strays Bureau 0897 123999  
RSPCA 0990 555999

### EAST FINCHLEY ADVICE SERVICE

42 Church Lane, London N2 8DT.  
Tel/Fax: 020 8444 6265

**General Advice.**  
Monday to Friday: 10am -  
12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm.  
Thursdays: 7pm - 8pm.  
**Immigration Advice.**  
Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm by ap-  
pointment only.  
**Legal Advice.**  
Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.  
**Councillors' Surgery.**  
Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

## Crime Diary

By John Larimer

The Metropolitan Police  
Service (MPS) advises the  
following alleged incidents  
were reported as having oc-  
curred within the N2 postal  
code area during June, 1999:  
**Burglary of dwelling, 5; Bur-  
glary of other than dwelling,  
8; Theft of motor vehicle, 8;  
Theft from motor vehicle,  
20; Criminal damage to  
motor vehicle, 7.**

If you are the victim or witness  
of a crime, ring 999. If you have  
any information about a crime  
ring CrimeStoppers, on 0800 555  
111. For information or advice  
you can contact our MPS Crime  
Prevention Officer, PC Peter Hay-  
ward, on 020 8733 5092.

## Tree for Cllr Cross

An oak tree was planted in  
Cherry Tree Wood during  
the East Finchley Festival in  
memory of the late Stan  
Cross.

At a recent Council meeting,  
Cllr Kathy McGuirk thanked  
the local Agenda 21 group for  
planting the tree.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Access to schools

Access to schools for young  
pupils who are disabled will be  
made easier thanks to a gov-  
ernment grant of £100,000 for  
the borough's schools. The  
council will spend the money,  
which is part of the Access to  
Schools Initiative on improving  
13 schools to make it easier and  
safer for young people to get  
around and play a full part in  
school life.

### Best Value

Barnet Council wants the help  
of local people in carrying out a  
review of its social services for  
adults and the elderly. Anyone  
with views on the council's so-  
cial services should contact the  
Community Care Helpline on  
020 8359 4123.

### Upgrading pigeon corner

The flowerbeds outside  
Budgen's are to be upgraded.  
This means that they will be  
weeded by hand several times  
a year. In addition, they will be  
planted with evergreens in the  
autumn.

This was announced at the  
July meeting of the Finchley  
Forum, held in Hollickwood  
School, N10. The next meeting  
of the Forum will be in East  
Finchley. Watch out for details  
of where and when.

### On yer bike

As part of the Council's efforts  
to encourage people to use  
more environmentally friendly  
forms of transport they have  
introduced a bike loans  
scheme. Designed to encour-  
age staff to cycle to work, it will  
allow Barnet Council employ-  
ees to borrow up to £300 over  
two years. (Rumours that the  
Mayor will travel by tandem are  
unfounded! Ed.)

## East Finchley greening

East Finchley may well be greener this autumn. Last  
month's meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area  
Environment Sub-Committee approved proposed tree  
planting in Leslie Road. Councillor Alison Moore re-  
ported that our local Agenda 21 group is very enthusias-  
tic about the borough's greening initiative, and is work-  
ing closely with Tree Officers.

Some trees will be mature,  
some will be young ones grown  
in allotments, and others will be  
grown from seed.

The scheme, which is esti-  
mated at £14,000, will include  
guards and grilles.

East End Road, at the junc-  
tion with Deansway, may be  
having some in-fill tree planting  
and naturalised bulb planting  
within the grass verges. Ex-

penditure of £13,000 was ap-  
proved for this.

Proposed tree, shrub and  
bulb planting at the junction  
of Elmhurst Crescent and  
Pulham Avenue was put on the  
reserve list.

### Out of the pit

For the past three months,  
there has been a 57 ft long,  
12 ft wide, 11 ft deep pit  
under Universal Office  
Suppliers. It was caused by  
a burst mains pipe, but  
things should soon return  
to normal - or even better.

On Tuesday, 17 August, we  
are promised a "totally refur-  
bished, state of the art" shop.

THE ARCHER will report next  
month.

### Extras needed

A 90 minute low-budget  
feature film is to be shot in  
East Finchley.

Freedom Dance will begin  
shooting on 15 August for four  
weeks and requires extras as  
well as investors. Call Alan  
Brown on 020 8346 5744 for  
more information.

## Working together

The council and the police are to work together to combat  
crimes like domestic violence and racial harassment as  
part of a new Community Safety Strategy for Barnet.

Speaking at the launch,  
Barnet Borough Superintendent  
Simon Humphrey said that al-  
though joint initiatives had been  
successful in tackling car crime  
and burglary, crimes like domes-  
tic violence and racial harass-  
ment were being under reported.

He said that it was often coun-  
cil officers or other community  
representatives who first heard  
about such crimes and urged  
victims to come forward. He said  
that the police needed to reach  
victims in what he called 'hard to  
reach groups' and include them,  
adding that the sharing of infor-  
mation was crucial. Councillor  
Susette Palmer, Chair of the  
Community Development Policy  
Development Committee said "I  
urge all people suffering from  
this sort of crime to come for-  
ward and report it. I can assure  
them they will receive a sympa-

thetic hearing from both police  
and council".

Although the Community  
Safety Strategy was already prov-  
ing its worth, Cllr Palmer, stressed  
that there was no room for com-  
placency and that there was much  
more that could be done.

One recent development has  
been the decision to re-intro-  
duce park-keepers in the bor-  
ough's parks. The council is  
also committed to funding and  
installing CCTV systems in lo-  
cal shopping areas.

Cllr Palmer said that much  
had been achieved by council,  
police, probation service and  
others working together to com-  
bat crime and that more could  
be achieved in the future. "A  
safe, secure Barnet for the Mil-  
lennium: there can be no more  
important vision than that",  
urged Cllr Palmer.