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Xmas rota

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Boxing Day (Tuesday 26 December): - 11am-12.30pm - Cory, 168, High Road. Tel. 8444 7464

New Year's Day (Monday 1 January): - 11am-12.30pm - Andrews, 32, High Road. Tel. 8883 1559



Log on and listen

An East Finchley Minister has launched City Voice, a new Internet Radio Station. Now anyone, anywhere in the world will be able to "Log on and Listen in", to Rev Jim Patterson's messages every Sunday morning at 11:45am. The URL is <http://www.cityvoice.cjb.net>

Jim's involvement in Radio began in the early 70s whilst he was the Minister of the Elim Pentecostal Church in Palmer's Green (N13). He began in Hospital Radio, then produced and presented several programmes with BBC Local Radio. Currently his weekly programme, "Music with a Message", is heard in Ireland every Tuesday at 10 am.

Jim was appointed as the Minister at Finchley Elim Pentecostal Church in August 1996, having served as a Missionary in Uganda for six years prior to that.

Making a Connexion

Barnet council and community chiefs have welcomed the news that they have been awarded a major grant and been selected to join 16 other areas across the country to pilot a trail-blazing scheme to help young people.

The scheme, called Connexions, is based on existing career services and other youth support services but gives each 13 to 19-year-old their own personal adviser - a sort of one-stop shop to help on a wide range of issues facing young people.

Barnet is part of the North London Connexions Partnership, which has been given the go-ahead to start a Connexions service in an area which includes the borough from April 2001.

The group - which includes the local authorities of Barnet, Enfield, Haringey and Waltham Forest, voluntary sector organisations, business representatives, colleges, schools, the health authorities and the Employment Service - received £120,000 in development funding earlier in the year.

Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education, said: "To be chosen to pilot this approach is quite an accolade in itself and we are delighted with the size of the award."

The Government is to introduce a graduation certificate for all by the age of 19. Financial support will be targeted to those in learning and there is to be a new youth card with discounts to reward participation in learning.



Fire fighters attending to the burning car. Photo by John Larimer

Vehicle Fire

Approximately 11.30pm Thursday, 16th November, the Finchley Fire Brigade responded to a fire in a parked and unoccupied vehicle in front of the Alder Court Flats in Long Lane N2.

The fire had apparently ignited in the engine compartment of the vehicle and was raging around and under the bonnet, igniting the front tyres.

Our Finchley Fire Fighters found the bonnet of the burning vehicle to be padlocked, denying them access to the source of the fire. Some fifteen minutes of effort was required to force the bonnet open, burning rubber from the tyres all the while running down the grade in proximity to the vehicle's fuel tank.

All was contained and eventually extinguished. The fire fighters departed after more than an hour spent ensuring the fire was completely defeated and no chance remained of it springing to life.

The excitement of flames, smoke, flashing lights, noise and gallant fire-fighters was gone and Long Lane was left to assume its normal post-midnight condition...with a liberal spread of foam looking very much like the first of the winter snow working its way along the curb side.

Foot Note

Nick Kazamias, the Shoe Surgeon of 110, High Road, East Finchley, has sold out. He won't be on his uppers though, in fact, Nick is hoping to be well heeled in the not too distant future.

A recent venture into Network Marketing has proved to be so successful that Nick no longer has the time to devote to his shop. He is going into his new business full time at his home in Herts. An added bonus is that he will be able to spend more time with his young son and daughter and his wife Lindsay.