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Wamer Cinema Village 020 8446 9933

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Childline 0800 1111  
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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  
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Health Information Service 0800 665544  
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Barnet Age Concern 020 8203 5040  
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Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162  
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### Crime

Emergency 999  
Finchley Police 020 8342 1212  
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CrimeStoppers 0800 555111  
Victim Support 020 8343 4435

### Hospitals

Barnet General 020 8200 1555  
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### Animal Welfare

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RSPCA 0870 5555999

## Crime Diary

By John Larimer

### Attempted robbery

**On Tuesday 19 September 2000 at approximately 6 pm a man entered Josephine's, 58-60 High Road, and approached a 58-year-old female florist working at the rear of the shop.**

He produced a knife with a 3-5" blade, waved it in the victim's face and shouted at her to give him the money. The victim shouted to her husband who chased the man from the property. Nothing was stolen. The husband pursued the male along the High Road into Fairlawn Avenue and lost him in Fortis Green.

The suspect is described as being of dark European appearance, about 20 years old, approximately 5'6", thin build, short black hair with facial stubble, wearing a dark coloured baseball cap and dark clothing.

Anyone with information is requested to contact PC Bob Fender on 020 8733 4535.



Doris and Geno Sidoli photo by Gavin Rodgers

## Street Party

By Diana Cormack

For the past three years on Halloween some people in Chandos Road, East Finchley have gathered together. The adults share mulled wine while the children go Trick or Treating safely in their own street. Archer deliverers Joanna Loh and Lucy Patten thought up the idea and the success of it has led to Lucy instigating a whole-street party in the cul-de-sac.

She wanted people to meet neighbours they had never spoken to in a summer get-together. One Monday when the school holidays were over Lucy approached Cathy Murphy. Together they prepared a note which was put through each door by Thursday, inviting people to bring a bottle and a dish on the Sunday.

This turned out to be a glorious hot day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were all sorts of food and drink, but the Sangria prepared by Lucy's husband Neil was

particularly memorable!

Unbeknown to the party planners, it was also the 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary of Doris and Geno Sidoli, who have lived in Chandos Road for over forty years. Champagne, cheers and singing from their neighbours made this an even more special day for them.

Salsa and Irish dancing went on until 9.30pm. It was such a success that people want to make it an annual event, starting with an even bigger and better party next year!

## Turning Point

**Barnet Council has issued a change of use notice for the offices situated above Barclays Bank, 82 High Road, East Finchley. They are proposing the setting up of a counselling and advice centre for people suffering with drug and alcohol problems. It would be called "Motiv8" and would be run by the registered charity Turning Point which has a base at Colindale Hospital.**

A manager and four staff would provide non-medical, community based group or one-to-one advice and discussion sessions. The centre would be open daily from 10am-5pm, 8pm on Thursdays. It is envisaged that the number of daily clients would be 10-15 maximum.

The proximity of the tube station and conjunction of bus routes make East Finchley a favourable site for such a project. However, some residents in Fairlawn Avenue have expressed concern about the effects on the locality. Their fears include extra traffic causing congestion as well as parking problems, plus possible damage to property or persons. It is reported that an alley directly behind them is already used for dubious purposes, particularly at night. Some also feel that they were not given enough time to properly prepare an appeal against the project.

The proposal will be discussed at a Council planning meeting on 25 October.

## Streetwise?

By Diana Cormack

**Barnet's new special cleansing of blocks of roads, from which all residential roads in the borough will benefit twice a year, is now in progress. In theory it is a praiseworthy scheme, but in practice it leaves some areas uncovered.**

Residents are asked not to park in their roads between 8am and 4pm. But where are they supposed to go to when all the neighbouring roads are also being cleaned?

Then there are the commuters who, despite warning notices, even park over the piles of brushed up rubbish waiting for collection!

According to the borough's letter to residents, "Where commuter parking prevents thorough cleaning, we will review operations and seek special solutions."

Surely it's obvious that commuters should be given prior warning and told to leave

their cars elsewhere or at home on that day?

### Common Sense

These problems were pointed out after the last attempt at street cleaning, but they appear to have been ignored.

If the council is committed to improving street cleaning services, why doesn't it start by taking previous experiences into account? Then it would not have to waste time and money on local Neighbourhood Management Officers to monitor the block cleansing operation. Couldn't they do one side of the street at a time or how about cleaning alternate roads?