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Burning Question

Several people saw another abandoned car set on fire in Camden and Islington cemetery last month. Four boys or young men are said to be responsible, but were too far away from the witnesses to be identified.

One onlooker told The Archer, "All I can say is that they were four young males. They came out of the bushes and kicked the car, and then they were off. It went up in flames, with a horrible roaring noise. In no time, it was burned out completely."

One of the spectators called the Fire Brigade and police on their mobile phone.

New Chair

The new chair of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association is John Hajdu, who has made his home in Ringwood Avenue, N2 for the last 28 years. He has been active in local affairs for many years and has been a magistrate for 10 years sitting both in Highgate and Tottenham.

John Hajdu, who is married with two children, first came to Britain after escaping from Budapest during the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. He arrived here in 1957 and became a British subject five years later.

Mr Hajdu succeeds Robert Andrewes, a resident of Fortis Green, N2 since 1946 and well known for his local activities. Chairman of the Association from 1988 to 2001, Robert will now devote his time to planning issues, a subject on which the Association keeps a close eye.

Hajdu way

Professionally, Mr Hajdu has spent his entire career in the hotel and restaurant business. From 1957 until 1990 he was sales and marketing director of Thistle Hotels. Since then, he has been a consultant in the tourism sector.

Newcomer to the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association committee is Jill Bamber of Western Road, N2; widow of Ralph Bamber, who had been trees officer of the Association for about 10 years until his death in 1998.

Mrs Bamber is a poet who, like her late husband, is interested in environmental issues and has written poems on flora and fauna - some of which have been printed in The Archer. An oak to Ralph Bamber's memory has just been planted in a new quiet area in Cherry Tree Wood.

Neighbourhood Warden Service

For the first time, a Neighbourhood Warden service will be employed in Barnet to help keep crime at bay, particularly in town centres. Nearly 60% of Barnet taxpayers who responded to a council survey said they were in favour of paying an extra 14p a week for the unique service. This will see wardens take to the streets as a visible presence to deter criminals.

Pre-budget research has shown that crime is the problem most Barnet people want tackled. The council's close work with the police revealed that when the police dedicated extra officers to the Graham Park Estate to increase visibility, crimes there were cut by half.

Beat generation

In addition to working with the police, the wardens will work with members of the community, such as schools, and

will report crimes to the police and the council so that they can act immediately. A mobile unit that responds to emergency issues is also planned.

Flexible friend

The borough intends to recruit about 26 Neighbourhood Wardens to be phased in to town centres across the borough. It will be a flexible service, depending on local need, but East Finchley should see wardens on the street by the end of this year.

You can contact East Finchley's Community Police Officer, PC Paul Carter, at the Community Office, Golders Green Station, on 020 8733 5562 or e-mail him at aul.carter@met.police.uk

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A Vision for East Finchley!

"The East Finchley Community Development Trust aims to make East Finchley a better place for all its residents." These were the first words of a vision statement approved by the steering group for a proposed Community Development Trust when it met for the second time on 8 May.

Now the group wants to know what residents think would make East Finchley a better place. They will be asking for ideas and opinions at their stall at the Community Festival on 24 June. Details about what a Community Development Trust is and what it is able to do will also be available.

For more information contact Colin Rogers on 8444 6421 or at greenca11@hotmail.com.

Lunch date change

The Traditional Lunch Club at The Green Man Community Centre now takes place on Tuesdays, rather than Mondays as previously advertised. For information please call Contact on 020 8444 1162.