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**14 May is the copy deadline for the June issue.**

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Utilities (for N2)

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London Electricity 0800 096 9000  
OFTEL 020 7634 8700  
Thames Water 0845 920 0888  
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### Councils

**Barnet**  
Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000  
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Com'ty Health Cncl 020 8349 4364  
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Tourist Info Service 0870 126 4018  
Wamer Cinema Village 020 8446 9933

*\*Calls to 09065 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 8446 6935  
E Finchley Advice Service 020 8444 6265  
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227  
Missing Persons Helpline 0500 700700  
National Debt Line 0808 808 4000  
NSPCC 0800 800500  
Rape Crisis Centre 020 7837 1600  
Relate 020 8445 0888  
Samaritans 020 8889 6888  
Refuge National Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

### 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  
Drinkline 0800 917 8282  
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600  
Health Information Service 0800 665544  
Homeopathic Helpline 09065 343404\*  
MIND 020 8343 5700  
N. London Blood Service 020 8258 2700

### OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511  
Barnet OAPs Welfare 020 8441 4853  
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162  
Counsel & Care 0845 300 7585  
Help the Aged 0800 096 2541

### 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 8216 4000  
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792  
Edgware General 020 8952 2381  
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Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343  
Royal Free 020 7794 0500  
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### Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 484950  
City Airport 020 7646 0000  
Greenline 020 8668 7261  
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National Express 08705 808080  
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### Animal Welfare

Nat Strays Bureau 09065 123999\*  
RSPCA 0870 5555999

## Upbeat story

**There is excellent news regarding police staffing levels, with the Mayor's pledge to raise the number of police officers in London by 1,050 this year.**

Locally, this means that Barnet Borough Police Commander John Yates will have a workforce gradually increasing over the next few months to 542 police officers, which will represent a rise of 62 officers compared with the low point in autumn of last year.

### On Track

All the additional 1,050 officers will be allocated to the London Boroughs rather than specialist departments, which will enable Borough Commanders such as John Yates to focus resources and efforts on all three 'tracks' of policing - emergency response, investigation and problem-solving.

### Outstanding Bill

Commander Yates commented: "Recent low policing numbers have put a great strain on our resources and have impacted on our ability to meet crime targets. All my staff have worked extremely hard to address key performance measures under significant pressures. This announcement is terrific news for this borough and will enable me and my Senior Management Team to target resources where they are most needed, into operational, visible policing".



*Oops. Photo by Martin Earl*

## Old Renault going cheap, knock down price!

**By John Dearing & Martin Earl**  
**On the weekend before the intended introduction of the East Finchley Controlled Parking Zone one driver found a novel way of parking:**

On Friday evening 6 April a grey Renault travelling north along the High Road collided with a lamppost in the centre of the road, opposite the junction with Creighton Avenue.

It finished with the lamppost almost horizontal and the front half of the vehicle mounted on it. In the process the falling post hit the "Welcome to East Finchley Village Centre" sign, which then ended up neatly in front of the car. By some quirk of ballistics, the car ended up fully on the central reservation, providing no obstruction to the High Road.

According to local resident and shopkeeper Martin Henham (who also provided the headline!), there was a loud

bang; he went outside and saw the damaged vehicle, with a man lifting a child out of the car. The pair went across the road and sat on the wall by the church. Remarkably they did not appear to be hurt, unlike the car which now sports a large, 'V' shaped dent at the front.

**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 [paul.carter@met.police.uk](mailto:paul.carter@met.police.uk)**

### 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 appointment only.

#### Legal Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

#### Councillors' Surgery.

Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

## Remote reporting centres

**Barnet Borough Police have been encouraged by the response from local religious centres to their request for them to act as "remote reporting" centres for race crimes.**

The aim of setting up these centres is to provide an opportunity for people to report incidents of concern to religious leaders and appointed members of religious groups. The information will then be relayed on to the police so that they can investigate the incidents and the victims can remain anonymous if they wish.

Detective Inspector Alun Goode of Barnet Borough Police commented..."we need to hear about racist crimes, to ensure that we have an accurate picture of what is going on in the borough, and can act accordingly. I can understand that people may not always wish to approach the police directly, so this scheme offers another option. We are grateful to all the volunteers who have come forward to offer their help, and we are hoping to extend the scheme by seeking support from other community groups throughout the borough".

Any interested groups can contact the Community Safety Unit at Barnet Borough Police on 020 8733 4465.

## CDT Under Way!

**Following a public meeting in February, individuals and organisations interested in setting up a Community Development Trust (CDT) in East Finchley met on 13 March.**

The CDT aims to bring funding into East Finchley for facilities and activities for the community.

Sub-groups to look at funding, the vision, the structure and initial projects were set up and the full group will meet again on Tuesday 8 May. For further information contact Colin Rogers on 8444 6421 or at [greenan11@hotmail.com](mailto:greenan11@hotmail.com).