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LA21 UPDATE

£35,000 Facelift for Pigeon Corner!

By Martin Earl

Barnet Council wants to know what you would like to see at Pigeon Corner - that infamous piece of pavement outside Budgens that has defeated all previous attempts at improvement. £35,000 is available and a meeting to find out residents' views will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25 October at the Finchley Youth Theatre.

The Council says that it does not have any preconceived ideas. At a recent East Finchley, Local Agenda 21 meeting, Debby Stevens, who is the Council's LA21 Link Officer, encouraged as many people as possible to come to the meeting. She explained that the Council wanted to make sure it did something that met with general approval. A scheme should take between 12 to 18 months to complete.

Anyone who cannot make the evening meeting can come to a "drop-in" at the Youth Theatre earlier the same day. Council officers and LA21 volunteers will be there to discuss ideas from 12 - 3p.m.

Greening East Finchley

The LA21 meeting also heard how its Greening group would be planting more trees this winter. They plan to plant 150 around Martin School and Colin Rogers, the co-ordinator, explained that they would soon be launching an "adopt-a-tree" scheme with free trees for residents to plant in their gardens.

Traffic and Transport

LA21 is a partnership between residents in East Finchley and the Council. It aims to promote sustainable development at a local level and has been in existence for three years. Its traffic and transport group has been very active and at its future meetings it will concentrate on public transport problems. Its next meeting is on 21 November at 8pm at the Neighbourhood Centre. For details about this and other Local LA21 activities contact Debby Stevens on 8359 4664. The next full LA21 meeting will be held on 28 November.

Bedfellows

Helen Gordon, who represents East Finchley ward on Barnet Council, has married.

Her husband is fellow councillor Nathaniel Rudolf, who represents Colindale ward. The couple are planning to honeymoon in Cuba later this year.

Health information at your fingertips

By Sippy Azizollah

Coral Pharmacy in East End Road has just acquired a Health Information Kiosk to help the public and the pharmacist with prescribing the correct medicines for a variety of symptoms.

It is a touch sensitive computer which will ask you what your symptoms are, and print out suggested remedies for the symptoms you have selected.

The staff at Coral Pharmacy will be only too pleased to show you how the kiosk

works. I have tried it out myself, and find it an ingenious introduction into modern day medical advice. If you have a symptom that is not severe enough to involve your GP, I recommend a visit to Coral Pharmacy.

Landmark victory for affordable housing

Barnet Council has welcomed a high court victory, saying it strikes a vital blow against developers' resistance to affordable housing.

The Council went to the High Court to seek to overturn a government planning inspector's decision (December 2000) in favour of developers McCarthy & Stone who did not want to include any element of affordable housing in a new 43-home development in East Finchley (178 High Road).

Permission refused

The Council had refused McCarthy & Stone planning permission for the sheltered apartments on the grounds that there was no affordable housing in their proposals. McCarthy & Stone appealed to the Secretary of State and his planning inspector decided in the company's favour despite government guidance saying development of this size should include affordable housing.

Good news for the less well off

The case hinged on the argument of financial viability. Justice Stanley Burnton has now ruled that the inspector was wrong to conclude that a requirement on the developers to include affordable housing in their plans would make their scheme financially unviable. The High Court judge also said the inspector failed to take into account the developer's ability to access grants.

Barnet Council's Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration, Cllr Monroe Palmer, said: "This landmark decision will reverberate around the building industry - it is excellent news for all those who are fighting to ensure developments are not exclusive and also meet the needs of the less well off in society."