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Local GP Arrested after Sex Allegations

An East Finchley Doctor accused of sexually assaulting teenage boys has been sent for trial at the Old Bailey. Doctor Timothy Healy is alleged to have taken indecent photographs of children and administered drugs in order to commit indecent assault at his surgery practice in Southern Road, N2.

Dr Healy is charged with ten counts of administering a stupefying drug with intent to enable him to commit indecent assault, between 1982 and 1986. He faces two charges of indecent assault on a boy under 14 and two charges of indecent assault on a boy under 16, between 1980 and 1988.

Healy, 56, was arrested at Gatwick airport on his return from a holiday, after a ten-month investigation by

Scotland Yard detectives. He has been remanded in custody for further questioning.

The dramatic news has stunned patients at Dr Healy's surgery where he has practised as a GP for almost 20 years.

In June 2001 the General Medical Council issued an Interim Suspension against Dr Healy, and since then he has not worked as a medical practitioner in Barnet.

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Acting Chief Executive, Mr Charles Hollwey, today said, "We fully understand that [Dr Healy's] former patients may feel extremely concerned. However, we wish to reassure patients that we are committed to their receiving a safe and high quality service that meets their needs.

A confidential help line has been established to provide support for members of the public who may be concerned about this case. The number of the help-line is 020 8732 6789. It will be open from 9 am until 9 pm each day. And it will commence operation from 1.00 pm today Tuesday 26 March 2001.

We have written today to all current patients of the practice to inform them. We are also providing additional support to all staff connected with the practice."

Healy is barred from practicing as a GP in this country while the GMC interim suspension remains in force.



Pigeon Corner is due a facelift.

See the LA21 report on page 3. Photo by Tony Roberts

Return of the Phoenix

By Femke van Iperen

The revamped Phoenix is back. The newly designed cinema now offers a transformed foyer, full disabled access, improved front of house facilities and exhibition space.

Starry night

A star-studded gala is scheduled for 21 April, with local actress Maureen Lipman, a longstanding supporter of the cinema, plus special guest Sean Hughes. It will feature a special preview of *About a*

Boy, production house Working Titles' adaptation of Nick Hornby's bestseller featuring Hugh Grant. The film, which promises to be on this year's hit list of British movies, will be introduced by Nick Hornby himself. Prepare yourself for a celebration, complete with red carpet, champagne, nibbles, and an exhibition about the refurbishments.

The Phoenix will re-open with French World War I drama *The Officers' Ward*, followed by Michael Winterbottom's *24 Hour Party People* (5 April) and the groundbreaking animation *Waking Life* (19 April).

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