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Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000
Council Tax 020 8359 2608
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Childline 0800 1111
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E Finchley Advice Service 020 8444 6265
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NSPCC 0800 800500
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Refuge National Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

Health Advice

AIDS Helpline 0800 567123
Alcoholics Anonymous 020 7352 3001
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688
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Drinkline 0800 9178282
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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 8200 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
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Heathrow 020 8759 4321

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RSPCA 0870 5555999

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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

Contact East Finchley's
Community Police Officer,
PC Paul Carter, at
The Community Office,
Golders Green Station,
Tel: 020 8733 5562 or e-mail:
paul.carter@met.police.uk

Community Services

- ❖ Credit Union, Green Man Community Centre 020 8883 4916
- ❖ Careers advice, Green Man, Community Centre 020 8883 4916
- ❖ Toy library, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

**Barnet Invites
Public Inspection**

Barnet Council has denied accusations of not passing on Government funds to schools. It is one of many authorities facing the same charge from Education Secretary Charles Clarke. The Council claims in turn that the Government miscalculated the amount of money they need and has stated that it is willing to be used as a test case to demonstrate the local authorities' claim.

Barnet Council is inviting all interested parties to review its budget decisions surrounding schools. An independent national expert will be invited to preside over this examination of the books. The Council maintains that it received the lowest possible grant increase (3.5%), and was asked to increase spending on education by £14.5 million, despite only getting an extra £7 million to spend across all council services. It said it increased schools' budgets by the amount the Government expected, but only by increasing Council tax by 22.75% and making

efficiency savings worth £11 million across other services. The Council is warning that increases in staffing costs, such as national insurance contributions and teachers' pensions, plus cuts in direct Government grants, will lead to teacher redundancies, service cuts and loss of support staff. Councillor Lynne Hillan, Cabinet Member for Education, said, "Despite sending them detailed papers proving our case, the Government is insinuating that Barnet has the money to meet the funding needs of schools in the borough. This is simply not the case. We have absolutely nothing to hide, and that is why we are inviting people to see for themselves the predicament we are in."

**CCTV for
N2 in 2005**

Barnet Council is extending its range of surveillance cameras to fight street crime. Burnt Oak, Chipping Barnet and Cricklewood are to have them this financial year, followed by Finchley Central and Mill Hill in 2004-5, and East Finchley and Whetstone the year after.

These priorities have been determined by assessing police data on crime and anti-social behaviour.

**Litter
Picking in
the Park**

The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood are holding a litter picking session on Sunday 29 June.

If you would like to keep this valuable green space clean, please meet near the park entrance at the bottom of Summerlee Avenue at 11 am.

Plastic sacks, grippers and gloves will be provided. Children accompanied by adults are welcome and the pick will end at 2 pm.

Dog Show

The local RSPCA branch is staging the Pentland Finchley Companion Dog Show on Saturday 19 July at Victoria Park, North Finchley

Entry in each class is £1. Booking-in commences at 12 noon and judging starts at 1pm. Forms are available in advance from the clinic in Park Road on Mondays and Thursdays from 6.30-7.30pm or at the Registration Tent on the day.

Contaminated Vodka Warning

A highly dangerous substance labelled Kelvenoff Vodka has been discovered on sale in Barnet. It contains high levels of methanol, which causes breathing difficulties, blurred vision leading to blindness, drowsiness, dizziness and abdominal pain.

The effects of methanol poisoning can be delayed for several hours, so anyone drinking this product may not be immediately aware of the danger. Anyone who has consumed this contaminated vodka should seek medical attention immediately.

Barnet Council's Environmental Health Team are concerned that the contaminated Imperial Valkonov Vodka, which they warned against in March, has been relabelled Kelvenoff.

Kelvenoff is to be found in one litre clear glass bottles, with

gold, grey and silver labels. The bottles are marked, "Distributed for K.M.G. 57, Bodana Khmel-nitskogo Str 236039 Kalingin-rad Russia for the EEC.

If you spot it for sale, you should immediately contact the Council's Environmental Health Team on 020 8359 7407.