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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

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

CRIME ROUNDUP

Good Arrests

Over the last week, Barnet Police officers have made some good arrests. A total of nine people were arrested for robbery. Of those, two were charged. The remainder have been bailed pending further enquiries. Ten people were arrested for burglary; seven of those were charged, the remainder being bailed pending further enquiries. A drugs warrant was executed at an address in the borough and three people were arrested as a result.

Among those charged is Kris Booker aged 25 unemployed from Fallows Close, East Finchley. He was charged with burglary and appeared at Hendon Magistrates Court on 29 September 2003.

Waitrose Fire

Barnet Police have confirmed that the fire at the Waitrose store in Finchley on 2 June 2003 was arson. Detective Sergeant Ted Salter said, "After a thorough investigation it has been established that the fire at Waitrose was started deliberately. No arrests have been made owing to insufficient evidence."

Waitrose staff, Barnet Police and the London Fire Brigade have worked in close partnership to establish all the

facts. The investigation continues in the hope that new evidence from members of the public will come to light.

Motor Mania

Gopeds, motorised skateboards, buzz boards and citybugs have been used in the UK since about 1992. It has been the opinion of the Department of Transport, the DVLA and the Crown Prosecution Service that they are motor vehicles for the purposes of criminal law.

While being similar to a child's scooter, they are fitted with a 22cc engine or an electric motor with direct drive to the rear wheel. They are mechanically propelled and when used on a road classed as a motor vehicle. Barnet Police are concerned that many of these vehicles are being given to children as 'toys', when in effect they are anything but.

If you own or regularly use one or allow a child to use one of these machines, this is what you need to do if you want to use the vehicle on the road and stay within the law.

The driver/rider must be 16 years old or over, have a driving licence, insurance and "L" plates if they have a provisional licence, wear a crash helmet and not use the vehicle on a footway.

The vehicle must have an excise licence, two independent braking systems, registration mark, rear reflectors and a valid MOT test certificate after three years of first registration.

Appeal for Fatal Accident Witnesses

Police at Alperton Traffic Garage are appealing for witnesses following a fatal collision. The incident happened at 1.59am on 6 October on the North Circular westbound between Colney Hatch Lane and Finchley High Rd.

A red VW Polo travelling westbound in the outside lane struck an abandoned pallette/crate causing damage to one of its wheels. The car then pulled over to the near side lane and the driver attempted to change the wheel. The female passenger remained in the vehicle.

While the driver was attending to the wheel an Orange Ford Transit van travelling in the near side lane was in collision with the Polo from behind. Ambulance services attended and the female passenger

was taken to the Royal Free Hospital suffering from head injuries. She subsequently died a short while later. The male driver of the Polo who is in his late thirties was also taken to the Royal Free suffering from serious injuries.

The male driver of the Ford Transit van who is in his late forties suffered shock. Did you witness the collision? Do you know how the pallette/crate was abandoned in the outside lane of the North Circular? The CIU at Alperton Traffic Garage is investigating and witnesses are asked to call 020 8246 9855

Winter Warmers

East Finchley Contact has sent us some tips for winter.

Free Safety Checks for Electric Blankets

Take them to your local fire station. They will be returned within two or three weeks. Call 020 8359 4917 /2606 for details.

Fire Alarm Batteries

Fire stations will supply, fit and check them. Call 020 7587 4754 if you are a Finchley resident.

Heating Grants

People over the age of 60 are eligible for grants of up to £2,500 to make their houses warmer. Find out more from the Warm Front Team on 0800 316 2814.

Local Planning Applications

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, Eagan's Close, Market Place
- Part single, part two storey front extension.

Flat 1 at 13 Fortis Green
- Ground floor rear extension and conversion of existing store to form additional bedroom.

214/216 High Road
- Single storey rear extension to restaurant. New entrances for flats at first floor level.

41 Brackbury Road
- Part single, part two storey rear extension.