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**Contact East Finchley's
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Tel: 020 8733 5562 or e-mail:
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Community Services

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

South Friern Reprieve

South Friern Library has received a six-month reprieve. At the Council meeting last month, it was decided to keep it open for another six months. After that, the situation will be reviewed again.

The library, which is in Colney Hatch Lane, between Muswell Hill and the North Circular, was refurbished only last year, but is now threatened with closure.

Mobile replacement

Totteridge Library has now been closed, and will be replaced by a mobile library service.

Cash Boost for Artsdepot

The new artsdepot at Tally Ho has received a big boost with the announcement of a £200,000 sponsorship deal with leading sportswear company Pentland.

The money will go towards fitting out the building, which is due to open this September. The main theatre will be called the Pentland Theatre after the Finchley-based sportswear company whose brands include Speedo, Kickers and Lacoste.

You Cannot be Serious!

A revised planning application for building on the Twyford Avenue site formerly occupied by Highgate Tennis Club has been submitted to Haringey Council. It envisages eight semi-detached and one detached house fronting Twyford Avenue with one tennis court and pavilion at the rear.

The applicants have reduced the number of houses from fourteen and lowered the eaves to match adjacent properties.

Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association reports that SurfGreen, the neighbourhood group that led opposition to an earlier application which was

withdrawn, is urging residents to write to the council objecting to this new plan (HGY/2004/0178)

They can also attend a meeting of the Development Control Forum to discuss the application on Thursday 29 April at Alexandra Park School, Bidwell Gardens.

Missing Man Found Dead

Mr Vivian Darby, whom *THE ARCHER* reported last month had disappeared from his home in Chapel Court, has sadly passed away. He was found in cemetery grounds after an extensive search.

Mobile Scam

Police are warning mobile phone users about a legal but costly scam. 'Missed call' is announced and the following number comes up: 07090 20384 (the last three figures may vary). Do not reply, as your call will cost £50 a minute!

CRIME DIARY

Robbery

Two schoolgirls were robbed in East Finchley on 6 March. They had got off a 263 bus at Oak Lane when their bags were grabbed by a boy of about 15, who ran off towards the Grange Estate. He is described as 5ft9ins tall, wearing a dark hooded top and dark tracksuit bottoms. If you have information contact Detective Constable Michael Townsend on 020 8733 4593.

Milk thefts

In Bedford Road during February and March there were several thefts of milk and other deliveries from doorsteps very early in the morning. It is thought that the thief watches and follows the milkman. Alert early risers in Bedford Road may be able to help Keith, the Arla milkman, to prevent more thefts by reporting anything suspicious.

Local Planning Applications

Viceroy Close, High Road, N2 -

Proposal: Erection of a three-/four-storey block to provide a total of ten self-contained flats with associated provision of off-street parking.

Leopold Service Station, 217 High Road, N2 -

Proposal: Redevelopment of petrol filling station to include a new single-storey building for retail sales, canopy over repositioned pump islands, repositioning of vehicular access from High Road and provision of 11 car parking spaces.

Land adjacent 373 High Road, N2 -

Proposal: Formation of new vehicular access from High Road.

1-5 Lincoln Parade, Lincoln Road, N2 -

Proposal: Erection of four three-bedroomed, three-storey town houses with integral garages following demolition of existing shopping parade and light industrial unit (Amended Application).

258 East End Road, N2 -

Proposal: Conversion of existing building into eight residential units including extension to existing side addition.

354A Long Lane, N2 -

Proposal: Construction of detached double garage to rear of property. Erection of single-storey side/rear conservatory extension.

Heinrich Stahl House, The Bishops Avenue, N2 -

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 15 residential units in three buildings of part three and part four storeys with underground car parking for 24 cars and leisure facilities, following demolition of existing residential institution. Formation of new vehicular access onto The Bishops Avenue.