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If you have a story for us, please send it in to the above address. Comments to THE ARCHER may be published unless clearly marked 'Not for publication' within the text, email or voicemail.

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AIDSLINE 020 8363 2141
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Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162
Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

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Barnet General 020 8216 4000
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 6300
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343
Royal Free 020 7794 0500
St Luke's 020 8219 1800
Whittington 020 7272 3070
Western Eye Hosp. 020 7886 6666

Crime

Emergency 999
Finchley Police 020 8200 1212
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
Victim Support 0845 303 0900
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PC Paul Carter (Golders Green)
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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

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

Warm weather warning

The warmer weather is on its way and with it comes the ever present invitation to burglars by residents who leave their homes unoccupied with windows open, or who go to bed at night without making sure that patio doors and back doors are locked securely.

Going to bed and leaving downstairs windows open can also be a gift to the burglar who will seize any opportunity to relieve residents of their hard earned property. During the day, even the smallest window should be closed and locked if the house is left empty. A first floor window over a flat roof can easily give access to a larger window and getting into the house is then too easy for the opportunist burglar. Drainpipes, wheelie bins and garden sheds will all give opportunities for burglars to climb up to reach a small open window. Moving the shed or drainpipe is not an option, so close and lock the window.

Barnet Police are emphasising that residents need to be more cautious about leaving exterior doors and windows open and unlocked. Whenever the house is unoccupied, exterior doors should be locked and ALL ground floor windows closed and locked if possible. When residents are at home, care should be taken to ensure that all ground floor windows are closed, and where possible locked, before retiring for the night.

Detective Chief Inspector Keith Surtees said, "We need to get the message across not to make life easy for the burglar. The opportunist thief doesn't have to work very hard at the moment to make their living. Taking care of the security of our homes will put the burglars out of business."

Bus news

East Finchley Bus Watch group began its monitoring programme last month, concentrating on the 263 and 143.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Hazel Burnett on 020 8444 6824 for further information.



Maddens photo by Alison Roberts

CAMRA Award

Real Ale organisation CAMRA has awarded Madden's Ale House in the High Road 'Pub of the year' status for the Barnet area. Congratulations to Kieran and Margaret Madden and all their staff.

Latest crime figures

The Metropolitan Police Service has issued crime figures for the year ending March 2004 for London as a whole and for the individual boroughs.

Overall, crimes reported in Barnet rose by nearly 6%. The main contributors to this increase were 'crimes of violence against the person', up 11% - almost every other category was down or largely unchanged.

In particular, common assault was up 10% and possession of an offensive weapon up 57%! The latter figure may, however, reflect an increased police focus on this offence as much as an increase in the practice of carrying weapons.

By contrast, gun crime, homicide and burglary are down, and Barnet Police are

justifiably proud that a quarter of all rape allegations have led to an offender being charged in court. 46 Class 'A' drug dealers were prosecuted during the period.

More details of London crime figures may be found on the Met. Police web site at: www.met.police.uk/crimefigures.

Local Planning Applications

132 High Road, N2

Installation of new shop front and non-illuminated fascia signage and retractable canopy.

385-401 High Road, N2

Erection of five-storey self-storage building (Class B8) with associated access, parking, drop-off bay and security fencing.

258 East End Road, N2

Conversion of existing car repair workshops involving partial demolition and partial reconstruction and addition of two dormer windows, to form five three-room self-contained flats and maisonettes.

31 Durham Road, N2

Alteration to roof including addition of rear dormer window and rear roof extension.

345 Long Lane, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

109 Abbots Gardens, N2

Erection of single-storey rear extension.

7 Lancaster Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

5 Lancaster Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

2 Elmhurst Crescent, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

18 Elmfield Road, N2

Demolition of original single-storey rear extension. Creation of new single rear extension with hip roof and roof lights.

68 Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

23 Huntingdon Road, N2

Alteration to roof including rear dormer window and three velux windows to front roof slope.

Land between High Road and Strawberry Vale, N2

Erection of a 10m high telecommunications street type pole with 3 nos. Antenna and 2 nos. ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary development.

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