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14 May is the copy deadline for the June issue.

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Councils

Barnet

Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000
Council Tax 020 8359 2608
Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600
Primary Care Trust 020 8201 4700
Benefits Agency 020 8258 6500
Employment Service 020 8258 3900
Haringey Council 020 8489 0000

Leisure

Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121
East Finchley Library 020 8883 2664
Muswell Hill Odeon 0870 505 0007
Phoenix Cinema 020 8444 6789
Tourist Info Service 0870 128 8080
Warner Cinema 020 8446 9933

Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 7484950
City Airport 020 7646 0088
London Transport 020 7222 1234
National Express 08705 808080
Heathrow Airport 0870 000 0123

Help & Advice

Childline 0800 1111
Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935
E.F. Advice Service 020 8444 6265
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227
National Debt Line 0808 808 4000
NSPCC 0800 800500
Rape & Sexual Abuse 020 8683 3300
Relate 020 8447 8101
Samaritans 08457 909090
Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

Health Advice

AIDSLINE 020 8363 2141
Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688
Cancer Support 020 8202 2211
Carers' Line 0808 808 7777
Drinkline 0800 917 8282
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
Health Info Service 0800 665544
MIND 020 8343 5700
National Blood Ctr. 0845 7711 7711

OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162
Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

Hospitals

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
E.F. Community Police Officer:
PC Paul Carter (Golders Green)
Tel: 020 8733 5562, e-mail:
paul.carter@met.police.uk

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

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



Police investigating incident at the Grange Estate Photo by Erini Rodis

Shooting in East Finchley

According to a police report, at about 4.20pm on Friday 16 April, some young men in the park area near New Trinity Road were approached by a group of 3 to 5 youths wearing balaclava masks.

After an argument, one of the masked males drew out a silver handgun and shot one of the young men before making off. The attack was not fatal, and the male victim who is in his twenties was taken to a

Central London hospital.

Officers from Operation Trafalgar (which deals with serious crime) are investigating. Anyone with relevant information should call 020 8217 7381.

Fatal road collision

New Scotland Yard are appealing for information following a fatal road collision on the North Circular Road at Henley's Corner on Easter Sunday (11 April).

At approx. 10.50pm a green Rover 620 car travelling west on the North Circular Road (A406) at the junction with Regents Park Road was in collision with a Suzuki Hyabusa motorcycle travelling east.

The motorcyclist died at the scene. He was Frank Osman, 41 years, from Bracknell Close, Wood Green. He was a construction worker, divorced

and leaves young children. His youngest—a boy—was one year old on Tuesday 13 April.

The driver of the Rover, a 44-year-old man, stopped at the scene.

The police would like to hear from anyone who saw the collision. They should call Sgt. Mick Cheeseman at the Collision Investigation Unit at Alperton Traffic Unit on 020 8246 9820.

Don't let them in

Police are warning residents, especially the elderly or vulnerable to be on their guard against bogus callers.

Homes these days are generally reasonably secure so burglars now have to try to talk their way into your home. By pretending to be from one of the utility companies they gain access to homes where they then steal valuable items and cash. The utility companies go to great lengths to ensure that their representatives wear some kind of uniform or logo and carry identity cards. Genuine representatives will not be offended if residents keep them waiting while they check their identity.

There have been instances of callers pretending to be police officers. In most cases where officers not in uniform need to speak to a resident they will try to arrange an appointment over the phone beforehand. If in any doubt, residents should ring 020 8200 1212 and check with Barnet Police that the caller is genuine.

Another trick, which has been tried in Camden, involves callers pretending to be from Royal Mail and asking for bank details to refund money for a damaged parcel. Royal Mail has confirmed that they would never ask for those details from a customer.

Safety guidelines

- * NEVER let people into your home unless you are sure who they are.
- * NEVER give out personal or bank details to strangers.
- * If you have any doubts or suspicions don't let them in, don't tell them anything and call 999.
- * If they go away, without putting yourself in any danger try to see where they go and write down as detailed a description as possible. Try to remember any registration numbers if they get into a car or van.

Scam scam?

In last month's ARCHER we published a report of a mobile phone scam.

The information came originally from a police intelligence unit by way of Barnet Borough Watch. Paul Hammond, Administrator for Barnet Borough Watch, has told THE ARCHER that the police had put out the phone scam warning in good faith but had since found that their information was inaccurate.

Nonetheless they continue to advise caution in contacting unknown phone numbers and premium rate lines. They also warn not to open unexpected or unrecognised e-mails.

Our thanks to the two people who mailed in to put us right.

Local Planning Applications

29 Pulham Avenue, N2

Two-storey side and rear extension following demolition of part of the property. New single-storey porch.

19 Durham Road, N2

Single-storey side extension and loft conversion.

Oak Lodge School, N2

Proposal: Construction of multi-use games area with associated floodlighting and surrounding wire mesh fence.

Land at Park Gate, N2

Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (Samples of materials) and condition 4 (details of the storage of refuse) of Appeal Ref: APP/N5090/A.03/1116263 for Erection of a two-storey block of four flats and four car parking spaces allowed 24/09/03.

5 Chambers Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

4 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension.

6 Chandos Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

106 High Road, N2

Installation of rear escape stairs from first floor.

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, Egans Close, N2

Submission of details of materials pursuant to condition 2 of planning permission C02094J/03 dated 14/11/03