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

Horse thieves

Scotland Yard are appealing for witnesses and information following the theft of three horses and two horseboxes from the Stable Horse Activity Centre on Barnet Lane between 6pm and 8am on the night of 12 October. Barnet CID based at Colindale is investigating the theft.

The centre is one of the few integrated stables used by both able and disabled riders. The horses taken, named Kate, Porgie and Peggy, are all used for riding therapy with both adults and children.

Porgie, a 10-year-old gelding who is bay coloured with white socks and stands 14.2 hands high, was specially trained for an activity known as Hippotherapy which is a close contact therapy for children and adults with profound disability.

Kate (AKA Camdenkate), 10 years and Peggy (AKA Pegasus) 6 years are both black tobiano (black and white) mares, with the former standing 14 hands high and the latter being 15.2 hands high.

The horseboxes stolen were a Ford Livestock Carrier VRM CLC265Y and a grey Bedford Livestock Carrier VRM AJU543T.

A spokesperson for the centre said, "How do you explain to people with limited understanding that their favourite horse has been stolen? The horses and ponies for this yard have to be a certain stamp and because of the extra training these horses are very difficult to find and replace. We are now missing three characters."

Anybody with any information on the whereabouts of the horses should call 020 8733 5875. Alternatively if you wish to remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



The alleyway at Buckden Close. Photo by Diana Cormack.

Let there be light

By Diana Cormack

Residents of the sheltered housing accommodation at Buckden Close, N2 have been asking Haringey Council for some improvements to their security situation before the winter sets in.

Buckden Close, a row of eight bungalows, is situated at the start of the alleyway off Southern Road. The alleyway is bordered on one side by a tall fence and the many large trees overhanging it contribute to the poor lighting in the area. Lack of sufficient light is causing concern to the residents, many of whom are elderly. They feel unsafe to go out after dusk, fearing a fall in the dark alley or even becoming a victim of crime.

One 83-year-old resident told THE ARCHER of her dissatisfaction with the lighting and said that the local police share her concern.

Licensing Act

In 2005 Barnet Council will become the licensing authority for entertainment, night cafes, public sports and alcohol sales.

At present, licences are granted through magistrates' courts, but from next year local residents and businesses will be able to deal directly with the Council. Anyone affected can object to a licence, or ask for a review.

The Council's drafted policy can be seen on their website www.barnet.gov.uk.

She believes that the alley is a by-way and therefore is subject to more stringent rules. There is a tall lamppost at each end of Buckden Close with shorter ones at intervals further down the alley. However, their light is obscured by the bend in the path and she feels that their height provides an inadequate spread of light.

A recent request to upgrade the street lighting there has been turned down by Haringey Council due to the cost involved. They have agreed, however, to prune the trees in order to let more light through. It remains to be seen whether this will benefit anyone who has to use the alley on dark winter nights.

Popular childminder dies

We are sorry to report the death of 71-year-old Georgina Rodis, of Bedford Road, who died in hospital on Friday 22 October after a long battle with illness.

Her children, who would like to thank everybody who showed recent support, were with her. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Local Planning Applications

Rooftop at Viceroy Parade, N2

Installation of three no. dual-polar antennas and two no. transmission, and associated equipment cabinets to be installed at a lower level.

12-18 High Road N2

Change of use from offices (Class B1) to mixed use - part offices, part control and despatch for private hire vehicles (Class B1/sui generis).

McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, 11-59 High Road N2

Creation of purpose-built room to house an ATM machine.

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Internally illuminated fascia signage to ATM machine.

Five Bells Public House, East End Road N2

Submission of details of ventilation and extraction equipment and sound insulation, pursuant to Conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission C01522W/04, dated 6/9/04.

240 High Road N2

Submission of detail of landscaping pursuant to Condition 2 of planning permission C02378E/01, granted 12/2/03.

24B Chandos Road N2

Installation of railings to existing balcony.

61 Park Hall Road N2

Partial retention of rear dormer window.

40 Fortis Green N2

First and second floor rear extension.

40 Fortis Green N2

Erection of single storey rear extension.

22 Beresford Road N2

Single storey rear conservatory extension.