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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

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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

Mobile phone fraud

Barnet police are concerned that some people may be reporting their mobile phones as having been stolen to satisfy insurance criteria when the reality is that they have been lost or in some cases deliberately mislaid.

The majority of mobile phone insurances are valid for loss as well as theft but upgrading your mobile phone by committing an illegal act of deception is not a good idea. Insurance companies will report to police any instances where they find people are trying to defraud them.

Barnet police are warning that they robustly investigate each and every allegation of crime that is made to them. Where they find evidence,

especially from CCTV, that a crime has not in fact been committed, they will be in a position to instigate proceedings against the person making the false allegation.

In these cases charges of wasting police time and/or perverting the course of justice will be made. To date at least two people have been prosecuted in Barnet for making false allegations of mobile phone crime. They were both issued with fixed penalty notices for £80.

Pensioner robbed at home

An 88-year-old woman was robbed in her own home in East Finchley.

The incident happened on Thursday 24 February at 6.30pm in Wilmot Close.

Two females called at the victim's home asking if they could borrow a pen, saying there was no reply from their mum's address.

The victim went to get a pen and was suddenly aware that one of the females was standing behind her while the other was standing in the hallway.

One asked for a glass of water but the victim became suspicious and pressed her personal alarm causing both suspects to run off. The victim then discovered that her purse containing £85 had been stolen.

The first suspect is described as female, aged 20, 5ft 4in. tall. She was wearing blue trousers and a blue jacket. The second suspect is described as female, aged 20 and 5ft 4in. tall.

Post Office incident

A pupil from Bishop Douglass School was involved in an incident last month in the Post Office in East End Road, during which the shopkeeper's nose was broken. Police were called to the scene, but the shopkeeper did not wish to press charges.

Speaking to THE ARCHER, Bishop Douglass Head Angela Murphy said, "I take this incident very seriously indeed. I do not condone violence in any way, and the school has taken prompt and correct action."

Oysters get clever

By Tony Roberts

Last June THE ARCHER reported Transport for London's plans to introduce Pre Pay Oyster card fare capping. At the time, many critics claimed it would be too complex or too expensive to introduce. Well, Oyster capping is here!

Heads you win

No longer need Oyster Pre Payers agonise over whether to queue up and buy a Day Travelcard or use their Oyster card - their Oyster card will do all the work for them. East Finchleians using their Pre Pay cards to go into and travel about town after 9.30am Monday to Friday (or at any time on Saturday or Sunday), irrespective of the number of journeys, will only pay a maximum £5.20 that day, the cost of the equivalent Travelcard. Or they can travel around all day on the buses for just £3! You can't say "farer" than that!

A consequence of this may be the end of the Day Travelcard ticket touts that hang around at station exits, buying and selling cards and doing London Underground out of a lot of money.

What next?

There are rumours that you may eventually be able to use Oyster Pre Pay cards to purchase small goods at retail outlets at the station.

For full fare capping details, pick up a leaflet at the station.

Shop burgled

Thieves stole cigarettes and adult magazines in a break-in at the Future Chain newsagents in Long Lane.

The raiders cut away shutters to allow access to the shop at 1.30am on Wednesday 9 March. Police do not have any description of the suspects.

Fortis Green corners

Haringey Council has told the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association that they have no plans to install double yellow lines along the eastern end of Fortis Green.

However, in the interests of safety, they are keeping a close watch on parking at junctions. There is particular concern about the junctions with Twyford Avenue, Southern Road, and roads off Southern Road.

Planning Applications

202 Creighton Avenue N2
Demolition of existing house, and construction of new two-storey house with basement car-parking and ancillary accommodation to rear, and landscaping.

28 Baronsmere Road N2
Alterations to roof, involving rear dormer to facilitate a loft conversion.

36 Baronsmere Road N2
Insertion of window to ground floor side elevation facing Park Hall Road.

Southern House, 1A Bedford Road N2
Alterations to front elevation, including new portico. New front boundary wall. Dormer window on rear elevation.

42 Church Vale N2
2-storey side extension. Construction of replacement roof with increased pitch and ridge height, to provide second floor accommodation. New dormer windows on side elevations. New 1.8m. high boundary fence.

385-401 High Road N2
Erection of five-storey self-storage building (Class B8) with associated access, parking, secondary fencing and landscaping.

Upper Flat, 78 Leicester Road
Addition of rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion.

9 The Leys, N2
Alterations and extensions to roof, including raising ridge, new side dormer windows, 2 in number rooflights. First floor front and rear extension. Enlargement of rear ground floor bay window and second floor window. New garage doors.

81 Church Lane, N2
Single-storey self-contained dwelling at rear of existing house.

Stanley Fields plans

The plans shown in last month's ARCHER for the proposed development of Stanley Fields were extracted from those drawn up by professional architects, and should have been credited to Hampson Williams. We apologise for this omission.