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Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121
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Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935
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Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

Health Advice

AIDSLINE 020 8363 2141
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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 8442 1212
Crime Stoppers 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



42 Church Lane, London N2 8DT.
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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

Mugging in Cherry Tree Wood

A 16-year-old male had his mobile phone worth £100 and silver chain worth £25 stolen. The incident happened on Friday 22 July at 10pm in Cherry Tree Wood.

The victim was with a group of friends when two male suspects approached them and asked to see his phone. The victim refused and put his mobile phone into his pocket.

He was then punched in the face by one of the suspects who took the phone from his pocket and snatched his silver neck chain before walking off.

The first suspect is described as a white male aged 16 and 5ft 8ins. The second suspect is described as a black male aged 15 and 5ft 9ins.

Market dates

There will be a farmers' market in the grounds of Alexandra Palace on Sunday 11 September and Sunday 18 September, 10am-3pm.

On Sundays 4 September and 25 September the market will be at Highgate Wood School, as there will be other events at the Palace.

A sign of the times

By Diana Cormack

Recent tragic events in London have indicated the need for some system to be set up which will enable the emergency services to contact people closest to those involved in accidents and incidents. Earlier this year a campaign began which may well be of great benefit in such situations.

It was the idea of East Anglian paramedic Bob Brotchie, who has attended numerous emergencies where patients have been unable to supply information or contact details. Musing over the fact that nearly 75% of people fail to carry such details, he realised that most of them (including children) do carry a mobile phone. Could the solution be for people to simply log the acronym ICE (In Case of Emergency) along with the name and number of a contact person into their mobile's phone book?

Bob put his idea to the NHS Trust who approached Vodafone and the ICE scheme was launched in May in association with the National Life Savers' Awards. He hopes that it will become standard for mobile phone companies to install ICE as a pre-loaded entry into every phone book. An email has been circulating as worldwide interest in the idea spreads, along with warnings of possibly introducing a virus to your mobile or incur-

ring unforeseen charges. Visit www.icecontact.com to find out all about it.

'Communities together' help and advice line

Following recent events in London, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), Metropolitan Police Authority and the Mayor's Office have set up an advice line to offer support and reassurance to Londoners, particularly to those communities who feel vulnerable following the terrorist attacks.

The call centre will initially be based at New Scotland Yard and will be staffed by police officers, police staff and volunteers. They will be available to offer advice and information about recent events to increase understanding and build community confidence.

The advice line will initially provide a 24 hour service and can be contacted free on 0800 028 2390.

Where anyone has specific

Bare earth

By John Dearing

As reported in the July edition of THE ARCHER, residents of The Grange Estate suffered an extended power cut towards the end of May. In the process of investigations, contractors removed a flowering cherry tree and left a patch of bare earth.

When contacted by THE ARCHER, EDF Energy made this statement.

"We are committed to providing our customers with the safest and most reliable electricity supply. Tree roots can cause reliability problems on our network by damaging underground cables but we're sensitive to the environment we work in and would not remove trees without good reason.

Root of the problem

During work to locate and repair a cable fault our contractors removed a small tree on the verge outside Vane House in East Finchley. This was necessary to ensure security of supplies because the tree was in the way of a cable we needed to excavate. The tree was dug out and left next to the hole for reinstatement later, but was subsequently removed.

We are sorry for any distress this may have caused but can assure our customers that any

trees that needed to be removed as part of our work to ensure a reliable supply of electricity will be replaced a safe distance away from our cables."

Hopefully, we will soon be able to report the restitution of this tree, or one like it.

Planning Applications

60 Lankaster Gardens, N2
Demolition of existing house, and erection of block of eight flats in a two-storey building, with accommodation in the roofspace. Eight car-parking spaces with access from Lankaster Gardens.

Flat 1, 1 Oak House, Central Avenue, N2
Construction of access ramp, and installation of new entrance door facing Willow Walk

176 High Road, N2
Conversion of existing first / second floor maisonette into a total of three self-contained flats

113 High Road, N2
Installation of new shopfront

130 High Road, N2
New shop front

Ground Floor Flat, 2 Chandos Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory

Land adjacent to 320 High Road, N2
Erection of a three-storey detached dwelling with associated off-street parking.

240 High Road, N2
Construction of first-floor extension to accommodate a self-contained one-bedroom flat with associated external access.

45 Heath View, N2
Two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension. Formation of hard standing for two off-street parking spaces.