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Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

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

Amnesty on knives

A nationwide knives amnesty is running until 30 June, backed up by a tough police enforcement campaign to drive home the message that carrying knives is not acceptable.

Finchley & Golders Green MP Rudi Vis endorsed the drive to tackle knife crime and violence in Barnet and the UK. He said: "This knife amnesty is about creating safer streets throughout the borough. Previous amnesties like this have already taken deadly weapons off the streets helping us all feel safer.

"Often those who carry a knife or dangerous weapon mistakenly believe they are protecting themselves and have no intention of becoming a murderer, but coupled with drink or drugs these weapons all too often lead to bloodshed.

"Please do the right thing for your community, stop carrying knives and hand any you have over to the police. Remember this is a chance for you to come clean - but it is only for a limited time."

Cars at risk in narrow roads

Cars parked in roads close to the centre of East Finchley are increasingly at risk of being damaged by passing lorries and vans being driven carelessly.

A number of readers have contacted THE ARCHER to report damage to cars, ranging from broken wing mirrors to paint scrapes and full-scale body damage.

Most at risk seem to be cars parked in the crowded county roads and in narrow roads such as Leslie Road and Leopold Road, where there is only room for traffic to travel in one direction with few passing places.

Rebecca Smith, who lives in Leicester Road, came out one day to discover a bad scrape down the side of her Fiat estate car, which cost hundreds of pounds to repair.

She said: "I presume it was a builder's van or car as the scrape on the offside back wing had a coating of white dust on it. The scrape went down to the undercoat, though thankfully there was no damage to the bodywork.

"Call me naïve, but I'm just mad that no one leaves a name

and address anymore. Whoever did it must have known."

Sonia Singham witnessed a lorry pass her house in Leslie Road and collide with three parked cars in a row. She said: "The lorry was travelling at some speed and it made contact with three cars as it passed. It really bumped them and almost seemed to carry them with it."

Crowded with cars

The county roads have always been crowded with cars but the growing number of restaurants and bars in the High Road are pulling in extra visitors who quickly fill any spare parking spaces. Drivers who try to pass each other risk scraping stationary cars. Others are tempted to race from one end of the road to the other before an oncoming vehicle blocks their way.

Residents living in Leopold and Leslie Roads say many lorry drivers unfamiliar with the area end up driving up and down mistakenly thinking there might be a route through to East End Road.

Barnet Council rejected a proposal to make these two roads into one-way routes a few years ago but some residents believe it is time to put the idea on the table again.

Making light work

Barnet Council has declared that the equivalent of one street a day across the borough will have its lights repaired or replaced over the next 25 years.

The programme aims to upgrade 75% of the borough's street lights in the first five years, with attractive lamp posts in conservation areas such as Hampstead Garden Suburb being preserved.

Conservatives gain from local elections

By Daphne Chamberlain

In last month's council elections, the Conservatives increased their overall majority in Barnet from one to 11. They won 37 seats, Labour took 20, and the Liberal Democrats six.

East Finchley remains an all-Labour ward, returning Alison Moore, Colin Rogers and Andrew McNeil. Andrew McNeil replaces Phil Yeoman, who did not stand for re-election. In this ward, Labour votes totalled 5,386, Conservative 3,231, Liberal Democrat 1,940, and Green 1,334.

The percentage of people who voted was 42.86% in East Finchley, slightly above Barnet's

overall turnout of 41.65%.

Eva Greenspan is this year's mayor, and her fellow Conservative Church End councillor Mike Freer has become his party's new leader and consequently the leader of the Council. He replaces Oakleigh councillor Brian Salinger. East Finchley's Alison Moore remains the leader of the Labour group.

You can consult your ward

councillors on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11.30am at the East Finchley Advice Service building, 42 Church Lane. Alison Moore can be contacted on 020 8343 0306, and Colin Rogers on 020 8444 7150.

For information about Barnet Council, councillors, meetings, news, etc, visit the website at www.barnet.gov, and go to Local Democracy.

Planning Applications

1-5 Lincoln Parade and 118 High Road, N2

Demolition of existing commercial units, and creation of four two-storey terraced houses, with integral garages and rooms in roofspace. Remodelling of existing café, including single-storey side extension.

111 High Road, N2

Change of use of ground floor shop from Class A1 (shop) to Class A3 (restaurant and café). Retention of use of basement as Class A3.

1A Bedford Road, N2

Change of use of first and second floors from offices (Class B1) to one self-contained two-bedroom flat.

472A Long Lane, N2

Submission of details of levels, site enclosure and refuse storage, pursuant to Conditions 2,4,5 of appeal decision APP/N5090/A/04/1162955, dated 15/04/05.

11 Trinity Road, N2

Construction of rear dormer window and front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion.

50 Trinity Road, N2

Demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of single-storey side and rear extension.

38 Brendon Grove, N2

Conversion of garage to habitable room, including insertion of front windows.

53 Brim Hill, N2

First floor side extension over garage, and extension over stairwell.

8 Heath View Close, N2

Alterations to roof, including one front and one rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion.

59 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Alteration to roof, including rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.

17 The Bishop's Avenue, N2

Submission of details of condition 2 (materials), pursuant to planning permission C07636L/05, dated 09/06/2005.

Land between 72 - 74 Twyford Avenue, N2

Residential development comprising nine units, to include 4 two/three-storey five bedroom and 1 two-storey four bedroom dwellings. Provision of one tennis court and one pavilion to rear of site.

23 Eastern Road, N2

Summer-house in rear garden.

28A Eastern Road, N2

Two-storey side extension to replace existing single-storey side extension.