## Safety messages for secondary school The risk of carrying knives was the subject of a student

drama in Barnet's junior citizen scheme and has been filmed for showing at schools across London.

Year 6 pupils from schools in Barnet took part in the scheme run by Barnet Police at Avenue House in East End Road.

The event was aimed at giving personal safety advice to children about to move on to secondary school in September. It tackled knife crime, fire safety, internet safety, first aid, stranger danger, and using public transport safely

and responsibly.

Chief Inspector Ben Bennett said: "This event has given us an excellent opportunity to reinforce the key safety messages that young people need, especially with the current concerns about knife crime, as well as giving them a variety of skills that they can take back to their families to improve safety

## Have your say on the CPZs

By Diana Cormack

In early July, residents of East Finchley received a questionnaire from Barnet Council about reviewing the area's three Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs).

An "all-day" zone operates along the High Road from Creighton Avenue to the tube station between 8am and 6.30pm, Mondays to Saturdays. An "amended time" zone operates in those areas on both sides of the High Road in the vicinity of Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute from 10am to 6.30pm, Mondays to Saturdays. A "onehour" zone operating from 2pm to 3pm, Mondays to Fridays, exists in the remainder of N2 bordered by Durham, Hertford and Park Roads; Trinity and Elmhurst Avenues; the Leys, Greenhaugh Walk and Vivian

#### **Should CPZs change?**

Our current CPZs were "designed to allow local people improved parking opportunities in areas affected by various causes of high-density parking". As conditions can change over the years, Barnet feels that it is time to find out if the needs of local people are still being met. By gathering opinions and information from those who live, work and have an interest in East Finchley CPZs, Barnet Council hopes to make the changes necessary to bring them into line with present day needs.

Forms had to be returned by 31 July and, once the responses have been analysed, everyone consulted will be informed of the outcome along with an outline of any changes the council intends to propose.

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Police passed on personal safety messages to children about to start secondary school. Photo by Timothy Clarke

## Girl Guide group for East Finchley By Diana Cormack

On 4 September, a Girl Guide unit will be launched locally, led by Antonia Dietmann of Western Road. Antonia joined the Brownies at the age of seven and has remained involved in the Guide movement ever since, becoming a leader at the age of 15. Now she is able to offer her 20 years of Guiding experience to girls in East Finchley.

Antonia is delighted to have found two other volunteers to assist her. Lucy Williams, who teaches at Martin Primary School and is an old university friend of her husband, and Kristy Bradnum, who offered to help at this year's community

festival. Meetings of the 4th East Finchley Guides are to be held during term time at Holy Trinity Church in Church Lane.

Guides are part of the largest organisation for girls and women in the UK, and almost half of all women here have been involved in Guiding at some time during their lives. As well as HM the Queen, other well known former Guiders include Kate Moss, Cat Deeley, Davina McCall and Emma Thompson.

#### Have a go and have a say

The activities on offer are numerous. According to their own publicity:

"Guides is fantastic, hilarious, crazy, fab. You go on trips and camps and try things like

clothes design and abseiling and you have a say and do stuff that makes a difference too. But the best part is you get to hang out with your friends and be your-

Antonia told *The Archer* that Guiding is a really great way for girls to develop confidence, build their self-esteem and try out new things in the freedom of an all-girl environment. Those aged 10-14 are welcome, as are 14-25 year olds for the senior section. This is bound to be popular, so don't delay. Call Antonia on 8444 1473 or email 4theastfinchley guides@googlemail.com. To learn more about guiding visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/

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