



Keep warm, stay safe, be green

Age Concern Barnet is holding a Winter Warmer open afternoon at the Ann Owens Centre to give help, information and advice on energy efficiency and related issues.

There will be a presentation showing practical ways to stay warm and reduce your energy bills, and an information stand from the Community Police on how to guard against bogus callers.

You will be able to sign up for a free energy audit of your home by fully trained volunteers from the Community Volunteer Service and meet Barnet Council's sustainability team to find out about recycling in Barnet.

In addition there will be information on grants and

benefits available such as free loft and cavity wall insulation and winter fuel payments and some energy saving freebies provided by the energy company EON.

The afternoon runs from 1.45pm to 4pm on Thursday 10 December at the Ann Owens Centre in Oak Lane, N2. All over-55s and their families and carers are welcome.

For more information contact Amanda Radonich on 020 8432 1415 or amanda-finchley.acb@btconnect.com

An easier winter for the elderly

Have you got a tap that needs fixing, curtains or blinds to put up or a lightbulb that needs changing? If the answer is yes, help could soon be at hand through the expansion of a scheme to provide practical "handyperson" help to older residents. Barnet Council is giving an extra £52,000 to the Age Concern Barnet's Handyperson Scheme. It provides repair work free of charge and customers only pay for any materials required.

Councillor Richard Cornelius, Cabinet Member for Community Services, said: "Very often, the way to keep someone feeling happy and safe in their home is down to simple house maintenance issues." To contact the Handyperson scheme, call 020 8203 5040.



Hunk of burning love: not Mayor Brian Coleman but Elvis and guests at Home Instead

Guests get all shook up

Elvis arrived in the building at Home Instead Senior Care in Finchley to celebrate their 2nd anniversary. Barnet Mayor Brian Coleman, Mayoress Gladys Coleman and guests were treated to the fabulous singing talents of local Elvis impersonator Mario Kombou.

Home Instead Senior Care in High Road, N12, is owned and managed by Dale and Diana Bevington. Dale commented: "It appears that everyone

loves Elvis and it was great to see so many of our elderly clients joining in. We were really impressed: they put us to shame as they knew all the words!"

Schools get festive

Two primary schools are getting ready to host their Christmas fairs. Holy Trinity School, in Eagans Close, will be opening its doors on Sunday 6 December from 12noon to 2.30pm and Martin Primary School, in Plane Tree Walk, on Saturday 12 December from 12noon to 3pm.

Holy Trinity will have games and activities, plenty of bargains to buy, the ever-popular tombola and a big-prize raffle, as well as fantastic home-made food. Father Christmas will be paying a visit too.

Martin Primary will have stalls, games and activities and plenty of treats from the international food table. There will be amazing items to bid for in a silent M-bay auction and, of course, Father Christmas will be there again.

Christmas Services

All Saints' Church

Sunday 20 December, Christmas Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies, 6.30pm; Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December, Children's Christmas Service with Carols, 3pm, Sung Midnight Mass with Blessing of the Crib, 11.30pm; Christmas Day Friday 25 December, Mass of the Dawn, 8am, Sung Mass of the Day, 10am.

St Mary's Catholic Church

Thursday 17 December, Advent Penitential Service & Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7.30pm; Sunday 20 December, A Service of Carols & Readings, 6.30pm; Thursday 24 December, Christmas Eve, Mass with Morning Prayer, 10am, Christmas Mass for Children & their Families, 6.30pm, Midnight Mass, preceded by carols, 11.30pm; Christmas Day Friday 25 December, Mass at 8.30am, 10am and 12noon; Saturday 26 December, St Stephen's Day Mass with Morning Prayer, 10am, Vigil Mass, Feast of the Holy Family, 6.30pm; Sunday 27 December, Feast of the Holy Family Mass at 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon.

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 20 December, Carol Service by Candlelight, 6pm; Thursday 24 December, Christmas Eve, Blessing of the Crib, 6pm, Midnight Mass, 11.30pm; Friday 25 December, Christmas Day, Christmas Mass, 10am.

East Finchley Baptist Church

Sunday 20 December, All ages together Carol Service "Expect the unexpected", 10.30am, Carols By Candlelight, 6pm; Friday 25 December, Christmas Day, Christmas Morning Family Service, 10.30am.

East Finchley Methodist Church

Sunday 29 November, Advent Sunday including lighting the Advent candle ring, 10.30am; Sunday 13 December, Christmas Gift Service for Deptford Mission and Homeless Action in Barnet, 10.30am; Sunday 20 December, Christingle service, 10.30am, Carols by Candlelight, 5pm; Friday 25 December, Christmas Day, Celebration Service, 10.30am.

Pharmacies open over the holiday period

25 December, 10am-2pm: CW Andrews, 32 High Rd, East Finchley, N2 9PJ. Tel: 020 8883 1559.

28 December, 10am-2pm: Gordon Smith, 176 Long Lane, Finchley, N3 2RA. Tel: 020 8346 1917.

1 January, 10am-2pm: Cootes Pharmacy, 110-112 Ballards Lane, Finchley, N3 2DN. Tel: 020 8346 0051.

Your chance to honour outstanding citizens

Nominations for this year's Barnet Civic Awards have opened, giving people the chance to nominate an individual who they feel deserves recognition for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the borough.

Now in their tenth year, the annual awards run by Barnet Council recognise the commitment and hard work of men and women living or working within the borough who regularly give up their own time to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

All nominees will receive a certificate, with those deemed to have made the greatest contribution to borough life presented with a framed vellum by the Mayor of Barnet at an awards ceremony in March 2010.

Nomination forms are available from Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, any of the borough's libraries, North London Business Park reception or by downloading a copy from www.barnet.gov.uk/civic-awards. All entries must be received by 31 December.



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