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London Transport 020 7222 1234  
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### Hospitals

Barnet General 0845 111 4000  
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St Luke's 020 8219 1800  
Whittington 020 7272 3070

### Health Advice

AIDSline 020 8363 2141  
Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555  
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688  
Cancer Support 020 8202 2211  
Carers' Line 0808 808 7777  
Drinkline 0800 917 8282  
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600  
MIND 020 8343 5700  
NHS Direct 0845 4647

### OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511  
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162

Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

### Crime

Emergency 999  
Barnet Police 020 8200 1212  
Mus. Hill Police Stn. 020 8808 1212  
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111  
Victim Support 0845 303 0900  
East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood  
Team 020 7161 9014

### Help & Advice

Childline 0800 1111  
Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935  
E.F. Advice Service 020 8444 6265  
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227  
National Debt Line 0808 808 4000  
NSPCC 0800 800500  
Rape & Sexual Abuse 020 8683 3300  
Relate 020 8447 8101  
RSPCA Inspector 0300 1234 999  
Samaritans 08457 909090  
Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

EAST FINCHLEY  
ADVICE SERVICE

42 Church Lane, London N2 8DT.  
Tel/Fax: 020 8444 6265

### General Advice.

Monday to Friday: 10am -  
12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm.

### Legal Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

### Councillors' Surgery.

Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

### Community Services

❖ Credit Union, Green Man Com-  
munity Centre 020 8883 4916  
❖ Careers advice, Green Man, Com-  
munity Centre 020 8883 4916  
❖ Toy library, Muswell Hill 020  
8444 0244/ 8489 8774

## Mixed picture on crime rates in Barnet

By Janet Maitland

Barnet has seen significant falls in the levels of hate crimes and crimes involving serious violence but burglary and robbery rates are both up.

Serious violent incidents fell by 29% in Barnet over the last year. "In this crime category, Barnet is the safest borough in London," said a police spokesperson.

Police have issued the latest crime figures covering the 12 months to March 2010. They show that there have also been large falls in racist and other hate crime (down 33.6%), homophobic offences (down 30%) and domestic violence (down 10.2%).

In addition, the most recent police survey of residents' perception of levels of anti-social behaviour (December 2009) revealed that 85% were confident that the police were dealing with the things that matter most to them. Car crime was also down with 17% fewer cars stolen and 12.5% fewer car break-ins.

### The bad news

But there were increases in some crimes. Rape was up by 164% "Most of the increase in

reported rapes are allegations going back more than two years," said a police spokesperson. "However, there is still a year on year increase of 31%." Gun crime also increased, by 12.3%. Robbery against the person was up by 7.4%.

The biggest increase in the number of additional offences was burglary, up by 485 more offences (12.8%). Police have been working on a prevention campaign, distributing thousands of timer switches. They've set up the Street-a-Week initiative, which tackles issues identified by local residents. Safer Neighbourhood Teams are actively giving out crime prevention advice.

"We are committed to major improvements in our continuing war against burglars, robbers, and especially those who would threaten and injure our youth," said Borough Commander Chief Superintendent Neil Basu.

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## Join us on a celebratory walk

To celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> edition this month we are holding a free guided walk. Instead of learning what's happening in East Finchley today from THE ARCHER, come and find out about what happened in the past. Tony Roberts, an experienced leader with a wealth of local knowledge, will be our guide.

Discover the history of settlement around East End Road, Market Place, The Walks and the High Road. Old photos and maps will be used to illustrate some of the history associated with locations along the way. The walk will start at 2pm on Sunday 13 June. Meet at The Causeway exit of East Finchley tube station.

## New Mayor takes office

Barnet's new Mayor Councillor Anthony Finn took office in May. The Mayoress will be his wife Anita Finn, with Councillor Lisa Rutter appointed Deputy Mayor and her husband Mark as Deputy Mayor's Escort.

## London loves artsdepot

North Finchley's artsdepot has been voted London's Best Neighbourhood Theatre as part of Smooth Radio Love London Awards 2010.

Londoners were asked to cast their vote in an online poll, run by Smooth Radio in conjunction with Allinlondon.co.uk. Beating off stiff competition from other London venues such as Soho Theatre and Stratford Circus, artsdepot, a multi-art form venue that opened in 2004, took home

the Best Neighbourhood Theatre award for the second year in a row.

Voters described artsdepot as a "state of the art venue with a warm and inviting atmosphere", and "a gem of a theatre with a diversity of different acts: everything here for young and old".

## Planning Applications

### Barnet Council

98 Brim Hill, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable room including replacement of garage door.

2 Chamberlain Road, N2

Extension to roof to two storey rear projection

62 Heath View, N2

New roof light windows to front and rear elevation. Internal alterations and extension to roof, including two rear dormer windows and roof light windows to front elevation, to facilitate a loft conversion.

### Haringey Council

35 Bancroft Avenue, N2

Amendments to approved planning application HGY/2007/2549 to include dormer window and insertion of four roof lights including alterations to fenestration.

40 Church Vale, N2

Erection of single storey rear extension

48 Eastern Road, N2

Erection of single storey rear extension.

16 Shakespeare Gardens, N2

Erection of rear dormer window.



## T'ai Chi & Qigong

Wednesdays: 1.05-2.00pm

(Trial session: £5)

at East Finchley Methodist Church, 197 High Road, N2 8AJ.  
James Drewe is a qualified teacher and has been practising t'ai chi for 34 years.  
He is Vice-Chairman of the Longfei Taijiquan Association

Other classes (Tottenham Ct. Rd., Westminster, The City): [www.taiji.co.uk](http://www.taiji.co.uk)  
email: [james@taiji.co.uk](mailto:james@taiji.co.uk) phone: 020-888 333 08