



The Dick Turpin pub on Long Lane closed in August.

Last orders at Dick Turpin

The Dick Turpin pub in Long Lane was closed suddenly in late August and is now awaiting redevelopment. *THE ARCHER* has been told that it may be turned into a restaurant.

The pub, on the corner of New Trinity Road, has had a chequered history but had become increasingly popular with locals in the last two years, particularly due to a regular outdoor barbecue session on Friday evenings.

However, there is believed to have been a string of complaints by nearby residents about unruly behaviour and loud noise coming from the

pub.

Police were not involved in the closure of the building but the licencees moved on and left the pub locked up with 'closed' stickers on the window.

THE ARCHER believes the Dick Turpin has already been sold to a developer who is aiming to turn it into a restaurant or café.

This is the second pub in the Long Lane area to close in the

last five years. The Red Lion pub in Red Lion Hill was demolished and the land redeveloped for flats. The closest remaining pubs are the Windsor Castle, off Church Lane, and the Five Bells, on East End Road.

There have been previous complaints about activities at The Dick Turpin, which has had periods of closure and a number of licencees in the last 10 years.

Who is billing your mobile?

By Janet Maitland

If someone calls you claiming to be a telephone engineer checking mobile circuits or equipment, be very careful. Police have issued a warning about a mobile phone scam that enables thieves to bill their calls to your phone.

"The caller asks you to press #90 or #09 on your phone, but if you do this, they will have access to your SIM card, allowing them to bill calls to your mobile," said a police spokesperson. "Another version of this scam is that you receive a text telling you you've won a holiday, asking you to text back #90 or #09."

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Top marks for Barnet's schools

Eighty two per cent of schools inspected in Barnet last year were rated good or better, figures released by Barnet Council have revealed.

During the academic year September 2009 to July 2010, 22 Barnet schools were inspected. Of those, six schools (27 per cent) were rated outstanding, 12 schools (55 per cent) good and four (18 per cent) satisfactory, with none inadequate.

This compares nationally with 11 per cent of schools rated outstanding, 42 per cent good, 38 per cent satisfactory and 9 per cent inadequate. Included in the inspections were two nursery schools, 17 primary, two secondary and one special school.

Be safer on Facebook

By Janet Maitland

Do your children use Facebook and are you worried about their online safety? A new application has just been launched that will help to protect Facebook users.

Developed by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and the CEOP centre - the UK's national law enforcement agency dedicated to child protection - the 'app' provides direct access to expert advice about safety and a dedicated facility for reporting instances of suspected grooming or inappropriate sexual behaviour.

When bookmarked to appear on the user's profile, it also acts as a strong visual signal to friends, family and others that the Facebook user is in control.

"If you are a parent on Facebook, add the app and encourage your children to do so too,"

said Detective Chief Inspector Graham Grant from the MPS Child Abuse Investigation Command. "This will act as a visible deterrent to offenders. You will also receive regular online safety tips from CEOP, so you can feel reassured that they are better protected online."

As well as the app, young people can stay safe when using Facebook by making sure that the privacy settings are set to private so that the only people who can see their page and information are friends.

For full information about the CEOP, go to www.ceop.police.uk or www.facebook.com/clickceop.

Minibus appeal helped by Swedish football fan

By Daphne Chamberlain

The Age Concern minibus fund has received a £100 boost from a Swedish football fan. Dan Rantala, who lives near Stockholm, put in the highest bid to win a signed shirt donated by Barnet Football Club Supporters. The money will go towards a new minibus for the Ann Owens Centre in Oak Lane. A collection at a Barnet match in April raised £290 for the same cause.

Barnet's foreign fans

Dan is by no means Barnet's only foreign supporter. John Adkins, Overseas Liaison Officer for the supporters club, told *THE ARCHER* they have fans from all over Europe, as well as Japan, Korea and Thailand. There is a lot of support in Australia, New Zealand and Canada too, though that tends to be from expats.

How do these people from other countries come to support

Barnet? John explained that there is a website set up by a Swede which lists all English football clubs, giving their histories and results. Many foreign fans have pledged their allegiance to Barnet via this route.

John, who lives in Muswell Hill, first became interested in non-English supporters about a year after he became involved with Barnet, around 1992. "I met nine Norwegians at a home match, and then at an away game, who soon became my friends."

Dan Rantala was presented with his shirt at Barnet's home match with Hereford on Saturday 2 October.

To contribute towards the minibus appeal, visit www.ageconcernbarnet.org/donations or call Grace Fensome on 020 8445 1808.

Give blood locally

The NHS mobile blood donor unit will soon be returning to East Finchley. On Friday 12 November it will be in the NCP car park behind the tube station. Blood donating sessions are to be held from 9.45am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm. To make an appointment or for further details call 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Cuts cut car crime

Burglary and car crime figures have fallen in Fortis Green thanks to an initiative to improve "natural surveillance". Residents have been encouraged to trim hedges and Haringey Council has cut back trees that were blocking out light. This acts as a deterrent to would-be thieves because it increases the chances of them being seen. Car crime in the area has fallen by 28%. Police say that foliage in front gardens should be no more than one metre high.

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