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RSPCA Inspector	0300 1234 999
Samaritans	08457 909090
Refuge Crisis Line	0870 599 5443

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

93 Abbots Gardens, N2

Part single-storey, part two-storey, rear extension including two roof lights and new pitched roof. Alterations to raised patio and boundary fence. Extension to roof, including rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion.

48 Bancroft Avenue, N2

Extension to roof, including two side and one rear dormer windows, to facilitate loft conversion. First-floor front extension.

42 Church Lane, N2

Change of use from Class A2 to Class A1 Retail Shop.

90 Church Lane, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

13A Elm Gardens, N2

Single-storey side extension.

Flat 4, 13 Fortis Green, N2

Creation of roof space above first floor, with pitched roof and three roof lights.

78 Hamilton Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

80 Hamilton Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

55 Hertford Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension, following demolition of existing rear lean-to extension.

"Dick Turpin", 383 Long Lane, N2

Material minor amendment to previously approved application, reference F/03082/11, to include three first-floor windows, to be changed to Juliet balconies, and a front boundary wall replaced with railings and hedges.

Overbrook, 24 The Bishops Avenue, N2

Extension to time limit for implementing planning permission F/01666/09 for partial demolition of house with retention of facade and part of side elevation, and construction of house with accommodation in basement and roof space.

40A The Bishops Avenue, N2

New brick front wall with metal railings and gates, including gate over entrance to driveway and separate gates to substation.

1 Trinity Court, Trinity Road, N2

Conversion of existing garage into habitable space, retaining existing garage doors, and insertion of French doors to rear elevation.

Keeping the Games-maker spirit alive

By Diana Cormack

There can be little doubt that one of the greatest successes of our glorious London 2012 Games has been that of the Gamesmakers. They have brought volunteering to another level and may have persuaded people to participate in some form of volunteering themselves.

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme (RSVP) was set up in 1988 by Community Service Volunteers. Its aim was to enable older people to feel valued and to enjoy life by becoming active in their community. A wide range of activities is covered nationally, with the Barnet and Outer London group involved in the following:

- The Schools Programme, where help with reading is given to primary aged children or support in other school-based activities or class outings. Some schools welcome those with memories to share, such as experiences from WW2.
- The Barnet Knitting Club, where blankets and clothing are made for children in this country and abroad. These include jumpers, teddy bears and tiny items for premature babies. The club offers a chance to meet and chat in relaxed, friendly surroundings and a socially useful activity.
- Active Volunteering by Disabled People provides volunteering opportunities which are handpicked to suit the abilities

and interests of the disabled so they can enjoy using them and benefit the community.

- Keeping in Touch is a telephone befriending and book club scheme for the housebound, with whom volunteers are suitably matched. Each book club has seven members to whom the chosen book is delivered monthly. Group discussions by phone are arranged with the free calls lasting about an hour.
- Inspire is a project which runs in residential homes involving social activities for isolated older people, helping to keep them in touch with the outside world. Playing board and card games, helping with computer skills, talking and reminiscing are typical activities, with other skills such as art or music being very welcome.

RSVP Barnet has received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Voluntary Service. If you would like to join or to know more about their services visit www.csvrsvpbar.net or call 020 3234 4082

Have your say...

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Roger Chapman, chair of Sport East Finchley, said: "This is a golden opportunity for the local community to create a vision for the future of East Finchley. No one knows East Finchley better than the people who live and work in it. We should be the ones to decide how it should develop."

Issues that will no doubt be high on the agenda for our area are the prosperity of our High Road and East End Road shops and businesses; the future of Stanley Road playing field; the thorny debate over parking charges and controlled parking zones; and community provision for local children and teenagers.

Public meeting

Chris Hampson, local resident and architect, said: "We are bringing together representatives of existing community groups, local organisations, businesses and individuals who are interested in taking this idea forward."

"It is an exciting venture to embark upon and I'm sure will

lead to some innovative ideas to develop East Finchley. We will be holding a public meeting to discuss the ideas later in the autumn."

The Localism Act states that local people will be given the chance to vote on their neighbourhood plan provided it is in line with national planning policies and the local council's broader strategy.

More local input was first advocated in *THE ARCHER* in March 2010 by Stokes Court resident Harriet Copperman, who was frustrated by Barnet Council's policy of focusing resources on six town centres, which did not include East Finchley.

If you want to know more or discuss your ideas for improving East Finchley, contact Roger Chapman by email on roger.chapman99@btinternet.com or telephone 07855 304488.

Roger Chapman and Harriet Copperman will be talking to The Finchley Society about local forums on Thursday 25 October. Full details in What's On, pg 10.

- Beginners -

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