



A close-up of the Tower of Babel, above, and the exhibit at the V&A, top right

## Fishmonger lands his own shop

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A Scott and Son owner Peter Barnett had no idea his shop had been immortalised until he heard about it from local resident and London historian Rachel Kolsky. She'd spotted the fishmonger's on the V & A website where all the models were for sale after the exhibition finished. Mr Barnett just managed to buy his shop, bidding against another buyer until late that night.

### Fresh Fi always

"It's really good to have been picked, but then the shop is very characterful," he said. "As luck would have it, our blind had ripped so it says Fresh Fi rather than Fresh Fish. It was only like that for a few hours but that's exactly when the picture was taken."

"A few days after I took over the shop in December 2010, a



very old man came in and told me it was started by two sisters in 1928. MacFisherries took it over in the late 50s or early 60s and ran it until the early 70s when Vernon Whitehead took it over and ran it with his dad till the early 80s. Albert Scott and his son worked for him and then a guy called Clive. Then for the ten years before me it was run by Mark and Kevin. But it's always been a fishmonger's."

## Happy with your home care?

By Daphne Chamberlain

Are you receiving care at home, or are you a carer? If so, Healthwatch Barnet and Advocacy in Barnet want some feedback from you now. What do you think about the quality of service you receive, the frequency and timing of visits, and whether the help offered is what you really need? Are you consulted enough?

"You talk. We listen. Life changes." That's the motto of Healthwatch Barnet, part of a nationwide statutory organi-

sation. Advocacy in Barnet, recently given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, speak up for people who feel their voices are not being heard. Together they hope to use your information and suggestions to improve the borough's Home-care services.

Advocacy's Development Manager, Heena Cornwell, says: "We are seeking feedback via an online survey and individual discussions from Barnet residents. We can give a talk at your day centre, or meet with individuals who receive home care and help them complete the survey. We are also happy to help people complete the questions over the phone. Any queries can be directed to 020 8201 3415/3148."

The survey is on [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MPFDQKQ](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MPFDQKQ). The closing date is 16 February.

## Who knows more about Doctor Who?

By Diana Cormack

If you want to know anything about Doctor Who, just pop into Budgens and ask to speak to Ian Collett. He has been an avid follower of the series since its first episode on 23 November 1963 (the day after the assassination of President Kennedy) and what he doesn't know about the programme isn't worth knowing!

Ian has a large collection of memorabilia, including books, comics, models, toys and games, and is always on the look-out for something new.

In pursuit of this Ian went to the BBC's Doctor Who Festival at London Excel centre last November before it moved to Sydney, Australia. As well as

seeing costumes, props, staged stunts and demonstrations, he met various monsters and characters along with the people who created them, including some of the writers.

But best of all for Ian was meeting his hero Peter Capaldi,



Ian Collett with his hero.

who plays the current version of the travelling Time Lord. Ironically he almost bumped into the actor later in Muswell Hill! I must admit to finding some things a bit difficult to follow since Capaldi took on the role, so maybe I should try consulting Ian.

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