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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Councils	Help & Advice	Drinkline	0800 917 8282		
Barnet	Childline	0800 1111	Drugs Helpline	0800 776600	
Admin/Town Hall	020 8359 2000	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	Health Info Service	0800 665544
Council Tax	020 8359 2608	Cruse Bereavement Care	0870 167 1677	MIND	020 8343 5700
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Disability Info Service	020 8359 7637	National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711
Primary Care Trust	020 8201 4700	EF Advice Service	0300 4568365	Crime	
Benefits Agency	020 8258 6500	Lone Parent Centre	020 7021 4146	Emergency	999
Employment Service	020 8258 3900	Missing Persons Helpline	0500 700700	Police non-emergency	101
Haringey Council	020 8489 0000	National Debt Line	0808 808 4000	CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
		NSPCC	0800 800500	Victim Support	0845 303 0900
Leisure		Rape & Sexual Abuse helpline	020 8683 3300	Hospitals	
Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121	Relate	020 8447 8101	NHS	111
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Barnet General	020 8216 4000
Gt North Leisure Park	0870 240 6020	Samaritans	08457 909090	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Muswell Hill Everyman	0871 9069060	Refuge National Crisis Line	0870 599 5443	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	Health Advice		Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
Tourist Info Service	0870 128 8080	AIDSline	020 8363 2141	Royal Free	020 7794 0500
		Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	Whittington	020 7272 3070
Transport		Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	OAP's Advice	
BR Enquiries	0845 7484950	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777	Independent Age	0800 319 6789
London Transport	020 7222 1234			Age UK (general advice line)	0800 169 2081
National Express	0871 781 8181				
Heathrow Airport	0870 000 0123				



Photo by Kostas Koutoulas

Sink hole in Long Lane

Emergency repairs were needed in Long Lane, N2, in December when a mini sink-hole appeared in the road just metres from the front doors of houses close to the junction with Church Lane.

The road was closed to traffic for three days while the deep hole, measuring about a metre across, was filled and repaired.

Signs of spring already

By Ann Bronkhorst
Good Gym have helped the Friends of Coldfall Wood and Muswell Hill Playing Fields again. Last year they collected sacks of litter from the pitches. At the end of November, for their final run of last year, they braved the rain to plant spring bulbs, supplied free by Haringey Council, around the play areas north of the Fields.

After running carefully through Coldfall Wood (trees looming through the darkness, sticky leaves underfoot) they liaised with Linda Alliston of the Friends group and set about their muddy task with trowels kindly lent by Stephens House and Gardens. Planting over 150 bulbs in wet soil and tussocky grass by the light of head torches isn't easy but this spring some lovely pops of colour from crocuses, tulips and daffodils should reward Good Gym's hard work. To find out more visit www.goodgym.org.

Help give a voice and choice

Advocacy in Barnet is looking for people with a couple of hours a week to spare who want to learn some new skills and meet new people.

The organisation provides a free, independent and confidential advocacy service to help those aged 50 and over who live in Barnet. Volunteers help to ensure people have a voice and choice in health and social care matters and have as much control as possible over their own lives and independence. They also support patients throughout the hospital discharge process, working with them to avoid readmission.

Advocacy in Barnet provides free training and ongoing support to all volunteers and no prior experience is needed. If you would like more information and an application form you can get in touch with india.edwards@advocacyinbarnet.org.uk or telephone her on 020 8201 3415.

Find out more at www.advocacyinbarnet.org.uk.



Tick the box: A volunteer helps with form filling

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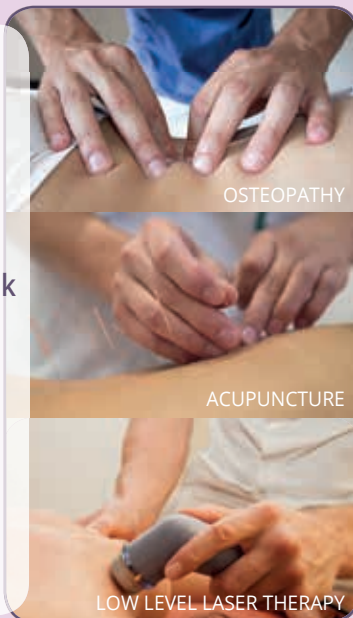
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Welcome to Probus!

Convivial Probus Lunch Club with talks for semi- or fully-retired PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS men and women on third Wednesday each month at Stephens House East End Road N3 3QE. Next meeting 16 January
Professor Colin Jones explores and illustrates the history and beauty of Versailles, also the site of two infamous treaties between France and Germany. Details from Eric (8449 0566).

Planning Applications

Barnet Council
East Finchley Underground Station Car Park
Minicab office.

3 Beresford Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension, depth 5.84m, eaves height 3m, maximum height 3m.

6 Brendon Grove, N2
Single-storey rear extension, including alterations to rear patio. Relocation of front door from side to front. Alterations to fenestration.

93 East End Road, N2
Conversion into three self-contained units, including first-floor rear extension. Alterations to fenestration and first floor terrace. Associated refuse and cycle storage.

230 East End Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory. Roof extension involving hip to gable, side/rear dormer window, two front facing rooflights and new side gable window.

22 Edmunds Walk, N2
Single-storey rear extension.

Alterations to fenestration, including one dormer window to first floor rear.

41 Gurney Drive, N2
Part conversion of existing garage into habitable room, insertion of double doors to replace existing garage door, insertion of side window, and replacement of rear window.

2 Heath View Close, N2
New front porch, following demolition of existing one. Roof extension, including one rear dormer window, three rear roof lights, and five front roof lights. New side doors and windows.

3 King Street, N2
Change of use from B1 (c) to C3 (2 units). Flat 4, second-floor unit, to be used as residential flat.

39 Manor Park Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension, depth 6 m, eaves height 2.7m, and maximum height 3.15m.

19 New Trinity Road, N2
Single-storey side and rear extension with new patio area.

5 Oak Lane, N2
Single-storey rear/side extension.