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Councils	Help & Advice	Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
Barnet Council 020 8359 2000	Childline 0800 1111	Health Info Service 0800 665544
Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet 0300 4568365	MIND 020 8343 5700
Benefits 0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care 0800 8081677	National Blood Centre 0845 7711 7711
Haringey Council 020 8489 0000	EF Advice Service 0300 4568365	
Recycling & refuse 020 88857700	Lone Parent Centre 020 3828 4834	Crime
Benefits 020 8489 2800	Missing Persons Helpline 116 000	Emergency 999
	National Debt Line 0808 156 7718	Police non-emergency 101
Leisure	NSPCC 0808 8005000	CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121	Rape Crisis helpline 0808 802 9999	Victim Support 0845 303 0900
East Finchley Library 020 8359 3815	Refuge Crisis Helpline 0808 2000 247	
Everyman, Muswell Hill 0872 436 9060	Relate Helpline 0300 100 1234	Hospitals
Garden Suburb Library 020 8458 3301	RSPCA 0300 1234 999	NHS 111
Muswell Hill Library 020 8489 8773	Samaritans 116 123	Barnet General 08451 114000
Phoenix Cinema 020 8444 6789	SENDIASS Barnet 020 8359 7637	Edgware General 020 8952 2381
Vue, North Finchley 0345 3084620	SENDIASS Haringey 020 3667 5233	Finchley Memorial 020 8349 7500
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Transport	Health Advice	Royal Free 020 7794 0500
National Rail 0845 7484950	AIDSLINE 020 8363 2141	Whittington 020 7272 3070
City Airport 020 7646 0088	Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555	
Heathrow Airport 0844 3351801	Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688	OAPs' Advice
National Express 0871 781 8181	Cancer Support 020 8202 2211	Age UK Barnet 020 8203 5040
TfL 0343 222 1234	Carers' Line 0808 808 7777	Independent Age 0800 319 6789
Thameslink 0345 026 4700	Drinkline 0800 917 8282	Age UK 0800 169 2081

Happy 80th Birthday to our grand old man!

By Diana Cormack

During the 1930s several new underground stations were constructed in London, all of which were expected to have a distinctive decoration pertinent to their particular position. However, with the country under war conditions, East Finchley was the only one where this was achieved.

On 22 July 1940, sculptor Eric Aumonier's archer was revealed. This three-dimensional statue, twice as big as a man, cost £245 to make and has been an emblem for East Finchley ever since.

The symbolism of an archer, launching his arrow with speed and precision, harked back to the days of hunters coming to the royal forest of Enfield which Finchley bordered.

It is said that a golden arrow from Archie's bow was placed in Morden station, 17 miles away at the other end of the



Icon: Archie in position at the station. Photo Mike Coles

Northern line. At that time the underground tunnel was the longest anywhere and Archie's bow pointed straight towards it, indicating a swift and safe journey. The arrow, if it ever existed, quickly disappeared, never to be seen again.

But Archie has definitely become the symbol of East Finchley and, in 2012, we were

proud when he was chosen by public vote to represent the borough of Barnet on its Olympic badge.

More significantly for us he is the icon from which this paper takes its name and after which our local secondary school the Archer Academy is also named. So, Happy 80th Birthday, Archie, from everyone in East Finchley.

Grants for essential services

Bread 'n Butter, the community group that ran cooking classes at St Mary's Church in East Finchley, is one of 14 organisations awarded grants for their essential work during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The group quickly switched its activity to focus on cooking and delivering hot meals to vulnerable and isolated people across Barnet. Grants of up to £5,000 were made by Barnet Council to support their work and that of other social enterprises.

Support in bereavement

A new bereavement support and counselling service has been launched for people in Barnet in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak.

The service can offer immediate emotional support and counselling as well as practical and financial support advice that residents may seek while they are in bereavement. Delivered through Community Barnet and Mind in Barnet, it includes a helpline on 020 8016 0016 that will be answered five days a week and will take messages seven days a week. There is also email contact via: bereavement@communitybarnet.org.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

Land opposite Chambers Gardens/Strawberry Vale, N2

20m Phase 7 Monopole C/W wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.

101 Abbots Gardens, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable room. Window to replace garage door.

101 Brim Hill, N2

Single-storey rear extension connecting house to garage. Conversion of garage into habitable room. Timber doors to replace garage door. New double-glazed rear door.

11 Deansway, N2

Replacing all windows on ground and first floor with double-glazed energy efficient bespoke option,

for like-for-like appearance

31 Deansway, N2

Raising roof height and parapet to side extension including one roof light. Enlarging ground floor rear door opening. New ground-floor double glazed side window. Replacing door sets with double glazed units. New hard landscaping to driveway and rear patio. Three CCTV cameras. Repairs to roof tiles.

2 Elmhurst Avenue, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension with green roof. 2m brick wall connecting outbuilding to extension.

139 Elmhurst Crescent, N2

Part single, part two-storey rear extension.

334A High Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and one front/side roof light.

33 Leopold Road, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer windows and two front roof lights.

32 Pulham Avenue, N2

New front porch.

47 Sylvester Road,

Single-storey rear extension. Roof extension involving rear dormer window with juliet balcony and three front roof lights.

Turquoise, 42 The Bishops Avenue, N2

Enlarging and replacing two front and four rear dormer windows with larger single-glazed timber casement windows to match original windows.

- Beginners -

Tai Chi & Qigong

** NEW COURSES ** in East Finchley

Wednesdays am & pm (Trial session: £5)

James Drewe is a qualified teacher and has been practising tai chi for 40 years. He is the author of 3 books on tai chi & is a member of the BCCMA.

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