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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Councils		Help & Advice		Health Info Service	0800 665544
Barnet Council	020 8359 2000	Childline	0800 1111	MIND	020 8343 5700
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711
Benefits	0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care	0808 8081677	Crime	
Haringey Council	020 8489 0000	EF Advice Service	0300 4568365	Emergency	999
Recycling & refuse	020 88857700	Lone Parent Centre	020 3828 4834	Police non-emergency	101
Benefits	020 8489 2800	National Debt Line	0808 156 7718	CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Leisure		NSPCC	0808 8005000	Victim Support	0845 303 0900
Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121	Rape Crisis helpline	0808 802 9999	Hospitals	
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815	Refuge Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247	NHS	111
Everyman, Muswell Hill	0872 436 9060	Relate Helpline	0300 100 1234	Barnet General	08451 114000
Garden Suburb Library	020 8458 3301	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Muswell Hill Library	020 8489 8773	Samaritans	116 123	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	SENDIASS Barnet	020 8359 7637	Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
Tarling Rd Community Ctr	02070186560	SENDIASS Haringey	020 3667 5233	Royal Free	020 7794 0500
Vue, North Finchley	0345 3084620	Health Advice		Whittington	020 7272 3070
Transport		AIDSlone	020 8363 2141	OAPs' Advice	
National Rail	0845 7484950	Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Independent Age	0800 319 6789
Heathrow Airport	0844 3351801	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	Age UK	0800 169 2081
National Express	0871 781 8181	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777		
TfL	0343 222 1234	Drinkline	0800 917 8282		
Thameslink	0345 026 4700	Drugs Helpline	0800 776600		

Mobile library gets back on the road

By Daphne Chamberlain

Barnet's Mobile Library service is back on the road, with some new stops added. Barnet Council says that the mobile service is a "vital resource for areas of the borough that are less well covered by a fixed library", and adding more sites is "an ongoing and proactive" process. The timetable will be updated as fresh sites become available.

The stock is for both adults and children, and includes large print and audiobooks and DVDs. You can make reservations, Select and Collect, and return loans from any other Barnet library.

The only service point in East Finchley is at Stokes Court, Diploma Avenue, where it stops for half an hour (midday to 12.30pm) once a month. For monthly visits, users are asked to contact the Mobile Library in advance, to confirm the date. This can be done by calling 020 8359 3901 or by emailing library@barnet.gov.uk.

The Barnet Council website www.barnet.gov.uk includes

more information about library services, including details of procedure in libraries during self-service periods.

A question of sport

If you are a sports fan aged over 55 you might be interested in a recently launched online group.

At 6pm on Mondays you can join in a free convivial fun discussion about your sporting memories. To register email lindsey.bennister@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call 07874 731566.

Switch-on for festive lights

By David Melsome

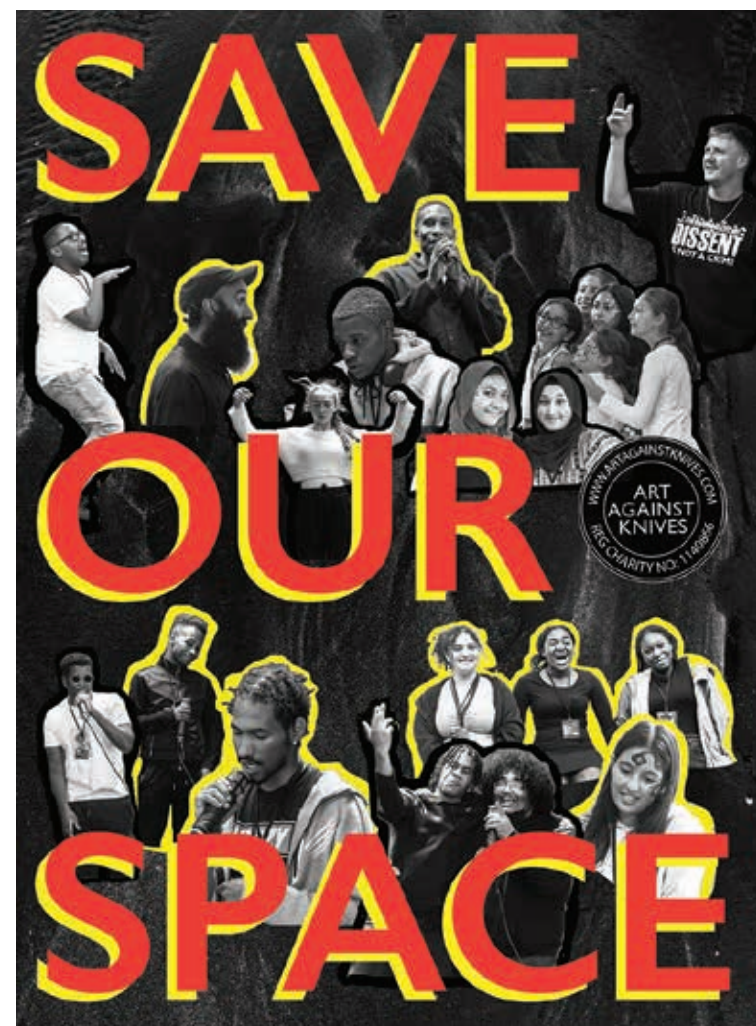
After missing out thanks to the isolation rules last year, the East Finchley community will once again be able to come together for two festive lighting ceremonies this month.

The Christmas tree outside Budgens in the High Road will be lit up on Saturday 4 December at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy seasonal music and carols from The London Metropolitan Brass Band, Brookland School choir and Fixation Academy, along with free mulled wine and mince pies from Budgens.

The next day, Sunday 5 December at 4pm, Chabad of Finchley will light up a public menorah on the same corner outside Budgens on the final night of the eight-day Hanukkah holiday. The ceremony will feature music, refreshments, gifts for children and festive fun.

Appeal to keep youth centre open

Award-winning charity Art Against Knives, which works to prevent youth violence through creative projects, is marking its 10th birthday by launching an urgent crowd-funding appeal to safeguard its north London youth space.



SOS: Art Against Knives has issued this poster to accompany their crowdfunding campaign

The location has a music and podcast studio, along with a nail and hair bar, where disadvantaged young people can meet to socialise and learn new skills.

Fundraising has fallen away badly during the pandemic and the charity needs £145,000 to keep the space open for five days a week during 2022. Youth services in London have been in decline for a decade with 750 youth centres closing since 2011.

"In its decade as a charity, it's never been harder for Art Against Knives to secure funding for their vital work. The charity is at a crisis point and risks not being able to respond to the demand for their support from young people," said the charity team.

Their crowdfunder can be found at www.spacehive.com/artagainstknives and will be live until March 2022. All donations are very welcome.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

12 Brendon Grove, N2

Single-storey rear extension; depth 4m, eaves height 2.65m, maximum height 3.7m.

66 Brim Hill, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Roof extension, involving side and rear dormer windows. Alterations to windows and doors.

13 Chandos Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension; depth 6m, eaves height 3m, maximum height 3.5m.

33 Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

11 Elm Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of conservatory. Roof extension, involving rear dormer window and two

front roof lights.

34 Gurney Drive, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Alterations to paths and terrace steps. New gate and boarded fence. External soil and vent pipes to side.

10 Hertford Road, N2

Solar panels.

42 High Road, N2

Conversion of first-floor flat to two self-contained flats. New front bay window, following removal of dormer window. First-floor rear extension and new first-floor balcony. New access door. Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing rear extension, to facilitate one studio flat.

238 High Road, N2

Change of use from vacant office

to dwelling-house.

391 Long Lane, N2

Roof extension, involving L-shaped rear dormer window and two front roof lights.

70A Manor Park Road, N2

Rear outbuilding.

7 Sedgemere Avenue, N2

Replacement of ground-floor windows.

4 Stanley Road, N2

Rear outbuilding, following demolition of shed.

Haringey Council

Mansfield Heights, Great North Road, N2

Details attached to conditions of planning permission for roof extension over detached north and south blocks, to provide 11 new homes.