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If you have a news item, memory or anecdote but are nervous of writing it, phone 0181-914 7280 and we'll get someone to help you.

## Slow, children!

To make roads outside schools safer, Barnet Council plans to create 20mph speed limit areas which, it is hoped, will make it safer and encourage parents to walk their children to school rather than use the car.

This will have the effect of cutting the amount of traffic on these roads, and also help to lower pollution levels.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Utilities (for N2)

Electricity 0181-905 1144  
Gas escapes 0181-346 9191  
Water 01707-277111

### Councils

#### Barnet

Admin Town Hall 0181-359 2000  
Elderly 0181-444 4411  
Children/family 0181-449 5511  
Housing 0181-446 8511  
People in hospital 0181-440 5111  
Noise 0181-444 4411  
Pest Control 0181-446 5111

#### Haringey

0181-975 9700

### Police

Emergency 999  
Finchley 0181-342 1212  
Golders Green 0181-209 1212  
Muswell Hill 0181-340 8055

\*Calls to 0897 numbers cost a minimum of £1.00.

### Help & Advice

Aids Helpline 0800-567123  
Alcoholics Anon. 0171-352 3001  
Benefits Agency 0800 666555  
Carers Nat.Assoc. 0181-343 3665  
Childline 0800 1111  
Citizens Advice Bureau 0181-349 0954  
Contact (N2 help) 0181-444 1162  
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600  
East Finchley Advice Service 0181-444 6265  
Gingerbread 0181-445 4227  
Help the Aged 0800-289 404  
Message Home (confidential for runaways) 0500 700 740  
Mind 0181-446 6470  
NSPCC 0800-800500  
National Strays Bureau (details of lost dogs) 0897 123999\*  
Rape Crisis Centre 0171-837 1600  
Relate 0181-445 0888  
Samaritans 0181-889 6888  
Victim Support 0181-343 4435

### Hospitals

Barnet General 0181-200 1555  
Coppetts Wood 0181-883 9792  
Finchley Mem. 0181-349 3121  
Oak Lane 0181-346 9343  
Royal Free 0171-794 0500  
St Luke's 0181-219 1800  
Whittington 0171-2723070

### Transport

LT Enquiries 0171-222 1234  
Greenline 0181-668 7261  
Grey-Green 0181-800 8010  
National Xpress 0171-730 0202  
Heathrow 0181-759 4321  
Euston/St Pancras 0171-387 7070  
Kings X 0171-278 2477  
Charing X/Victoria/Waterloo/  
Liverpool St 0171-9285100

### Other

E. Finchley Library 0181-883 2664  
Mus. Hill Odeon 01426 911885  
Phoenix Cinema 0181-883 2233

## Lead Story

To adopt a more flexible approach to the control of dogs in Highgate Wood, the Corporation of London, owner and manager of the popular open space in Muswell Hill, is proposing to make changes to the bylaws.

A dog-eared leaflet explaining the proposed changes is available from the Highgate Wood office in Muswell Hill Road, N10 3JN.

### Pack drill

The bylaws will require dogs to be kept on leads in the sports ground. In other areas dogs will be allowed to run free unless a Keeper considers that a nuisance is being caused to other users of the Wood. Dogs will not be allowed in the children's playground or the flower garden at any time.

The bylaws will also require that each owner removes his or

her dog's faeces from the sports ground and the footpaths. Exceptions are made for dogs accompanying registered blind persons.

### Dogmatic

The Corporation must apply to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation of the proposed bylaws before they can be put into effect. Anyone wishing to make a representation about the confirmation of the bylaws should write to the Department of the Environment, LEQ1 Division, Room A213, 43 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3PY.

## Child Development Centre at Oak Lane

By Daphne Chamberlain

Local parents of disabled children are disgusted by Barnet's decision to scrap plans for a child development centre at Oak Lane.

They are convinced that what their children need is a "one stop shop", where all forms of therapy would be available under one roof.

The proposed centre would also have included a toy library, operated by a paediatric occupational therapist. Since the closure of the toy library at Whetstone, families have to travel to Grahame Park. They say that the toy library there is difficult to find, often closed, and not in pleasant surroundings.

Two years ago, money was earmarked for the development of the Oak Lane Centre, which was intended to be a co-operative venture. The parents were

going to have a good deal of input, and some of them have already been on courses with this in mind.

But now Barnet has decided that rising costs have proved impossible to meet from existing resources.

Fiona Phillips, chair of Barnet Health Authority, says that the Authority "remains deeply committed to providing quality services for Barnet's disabled children and their families".

It has been decided to set up an information network on childhood disability and family support, but no more concrete proposals have emerged.

## Art Searching

Ambitious plans for a new Arts Centre to be built at Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, took a big step forward after a decision by Barnet Council to fund a full feasibility study.

The Centre would hold major entertainments while also giving a much-needed venue to art groups which at present are being forced to work outside the borough.

Councillors on the Recreation Leisure and Arts Committee have agreed on a sum of £20,000 for this scheme.

## Holy Trinity School's 150th anniversary

To mark the beginning of the 150th Anniversary celebrations at Holy Trinity School, East Finchley, a tree will be planted in the school grounds on Tuesday 12 November by a former pupil, Dr Robert Anderson, now the Director of the British Museum.

Dr Anderson was a pupil at Holy Trinity School from 1948 to 1955. He continued his education at Woodhouse School before taking a chemistry degree at St John's College, Oxford where he stayed to prepare his Doctorate. He then moved to Edinburgh as Curator in the History of Science, before returning to London as Head of the Chemistry Department at the Science Museum, South Kensington. His next job was as Director of the National Museum in Edinburgh from 1984. Since 1992 Dr Anderson has been Director of the British Museum.

As an 11-year old boy, young Robert would go off on Saturday visits with his school friend,

## SERVICES for East Finchley

Councillors' Surgery. Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane - Saturdays - 10:00-11:30am

General Advice. Advice Service, 42 Church Lane - Monday to Friday - 10:00am to 12:30pm and 1:30-4:00pm

Immigration Advice. Advice Service, 42 Church Lane (by appointment only) (0181-444 6265)

Legal Advice. Advice Service, 42 Church Lane - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm.

## Stop gap

Help is on the way to enable small local organisations to apply to Europe for the funding and cash assistance they need for help with their projects.

Because these smaller organisations have few resources, they are often forced to wait until their projects are underway before the promised funding arrives.

This means their projects cannot get started as they cannot afford to finance their plans in advance.

### Loan arranger

Barnet is to make it easier for them to get this funding from Europe by offering interest-free loans while waiting for their grants to arrive.

The Economic Development Committee have agreed to give up to £10,000 cash in advance to organisations caught in the trap of not being able to start because of lack of funds.

"This scheme will give a welcome boost to many small groups who would not get the European help and support they deserve and are entitled to", said Councillor Andrew Dickie.

Roger Vyvyan, to the wonderful world of the South Kensington museums. Robert would go into the Victoria and Albert Museum while Roger would spend the morning in the Science Museum. The two boys would meet up for lunch and exchange notes. Little did the young Anderson realise that one day he would be Director of the world's most famous museum!

The tree planting will take place at 9.30am on Tuesday 12 November. Parents and friends of the school are being invited to attend this short but significant ceremony at the school.

Further information from the school on 0181 883 1824 or from David Smith on 0181 883 4154.