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### Utilities (for N2)

Electricity 0181-905 1144  
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### 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  
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#### Haringey

0181-975 9700

### Police

Emergency 999  
Finchley 0181-342 1212  
Golders Green 0181-209 1212  
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\*Calls to 0897 numbers are charged at £1.50 per minute.

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Aids Helpline 0800-567123  
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Benefits Agency 0800 666555  
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Childline 0800 1111  
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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

Homeopathic Helpline 0897 343404\*

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NSPCC 0800-800500

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Barnet General 0181-200 1555  
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### Others

E. Finchley Library 0181-883 2664  
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Phoenix Cinema 0181-883 2233

## 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.

## Homeless Action

The new homeless centre which is being built in Woodhouse Road, Finchley, is expected to be finished and opened by the end of March and will provide meals for 40 - 60 homeless at a time.

The Rev Mark Booth of the Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, who is Chairman of Homeless Action in Barnet has said, "We are working with social and health workers and therapeutic groups to set up sessions for those coming to the centre so they just don't come here to eat. We want to provide a complete service for the community."

Volunteers are needed to work at the centre and anyone interested in helping should contact Jo McFadyen on 0181 441 2770.

## Just the job

Unemployment in Hendon and Finchley has fallen, with 2,360 unemployed in 1996 compared to 2,900 in 1995.

In Finchley there were 2,372 unemployed in 1996 compared to 2,779 the previous year 1995.

## Crime Diary

### Happy Valentine

On the morning of Friday 14th February a woman of 82 years was attacked and robbed while walking along near Heathview. She was hit on the head and robbed of a bag containing her pension cheque and cash.

The bag was later found discarded in Marylebone Cemetery. The woman was taken to hospital with head injuries.

### Assault

A young woman who was walking along Edmunds Walk from East Finchley station recently was attacked by a man armed with a knife who pushed her into the bushes and indecently assaulted her.

During the struggle he was cut on the shoulder with his own knife and ran off to the station, bleeding.

The attack took place in the late afternoon, about 5pm.

The man was described as white, 6ft tall with short black hair and sideburns and wearing blue jeans, brown shoes and a heavy dark blue anorak. The anorak could have a tear or cut on the right shoulder.

Anyone who has any information on this incident or saw this man are asked to contact Golders Green police on 0181 209 1212.

### In the frame

On Saturday 15th February at 10.11am two black men robbed Ladbrokes, the bookmakers, in the High Road.

One waited outside the shop while the other entered and vaulted the counter where there was only one female cashier. He opened the till without a word and stole £200.

He then ran out and the two men escaped northwards up the High Road.

## Toddler survives alongside dead father

A three-year-old boy may have spent up to six days surviving on sugar and water next to the body of his dead father in their East Finchley home.

Toddler Tony Mavlappas thought his 32-year-old father, Michael, was asleep.

The tragedy was only discovered when the youngster answered the phone saying he couldn't wake daddy up, and that he had blood on his face.

A post mortem examination revealed Michael Mavlappas died of bronchial pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Tony is now living with his grandparents and is said to be suffering no ill-effects after his ordeal.

## Countdown to lift off

By Rob Doe

Since the meteoric rise of East Finchley's new underground power station in the station car park, residents at Chalice Court, Deanery Close and Stokes Court will be interested to know that building works are now finished.

Designed to provide power for the signals system, it is currently undergoing fitting of transformers and rectifiers to feed traction to the track for Northern Line trains. The fitting out is expected to take approximately another eight weeks and the substation is scheduled to come into use from September.

Underground car park Residents who expressed concern to the developers at a public meeting last year will be disappointed to learn that London Underground have no plans to landscape the substation with bushes or trees because they are now restricted by the number of car parking spaces which they are required to return to the car park.

However, you may be pleased to learn that, "the security fence and substation door have been painted in a dark blue hardwearing paint

to improve the aesthetic appearance of the site".

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