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If you have a news item, memory or anecdote please send it in to us at the above address.

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The 14th February is the copy deadline for the March issue.

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### Utilities (for N2)

Eastern Energy 0800 783 8838  
London Electricity 0800 096 9000  
OFTEL 020 7634 8700  
Thames Water 0845 920 0888  
Three Valleys Water 0845 782 3333  
Gas consumers cncl. 0645 060708  
Transco Gas Emerg. 0800 111 999

### Councils

**Barnet**  
Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000  
Council Tax 020 8359 2608  
Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600  
Health Authority 020 8201 4700  
Com'ty Health Cncl 020 8349 4364  
Benefits Agency 020 8258 6500  
Employment Service 020 8258 3900  
**Haringey Council** 020 8975 9700

### Leisure

Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121  
Cophthall Sports Ctr. 020 8361 8658  
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Gt North Leisure Pk. 020 8343 9830  
Muswell Hill Odeon 0870 505 0007  
Phoenix Cinema. 020 8883 2233  
Tourist Info Service 0870 126 4018  
Wamer Cinema Village 020 8446 9933

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### Help & Advice

Barnet Racial Equality Council 020 8446 0445  
Childline 0800 1111  
Citizens Advice Bureau 020 8349 0954  
Cruse Bereavement Care 020 7431 7122  
Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935  
E Finchley Advice Service 020 8444 6265  
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227  
Missing Persons Helpline 0500 700700  
National Debt Line 0808 808 4000  
NSPCC 0800 800500  
Rape Crisis Centre 020 7837 1600  
Relate 020 8445 0888  
Samaritans 020 8889 6888  
Refuge National Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

### Health Advice

AIDS Helpline 0800 567123  
Alcoholics Anonymous 020 7352 3001  
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688  
CancerLink 0800 132905  
Carers National Assoc. 020 8343 3665  
Drinkline 0800 917 8282  
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600  
Health Information Service 0800 665544  
Homeopathic Helpline 09065 343404\*  
MIND 020 8343 5700  
N. London Blood Service 020 8258 2700

### OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511  
Barnet OAPs Welfare 020 8441 4853  
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162  
Counsel & Care 0845 300 7585  
Help the Aged 0800 096 2541

### Crime

Emergency 999  
Finchley Police 020 8342 1212  
Golders Gr. Police 020 8209 1212  
Muswell Hill Police 020 8442 1212  
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111  
Victim Support 020 8343 4435

### Hospitals

Barnet General 020 8216 4000  
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792  
Edgware General 020 8952 2381  
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 3121  
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343  
Royal Free 020 7794 0500  
St Luke's 020 8219 1800  
Whittington 020 7272 3070  
Western Eye Hosp 020 7886 6666

### Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 484950  
City Airport 020 7646 0000  
Greenline 020 8668 7261  
LT Enquiries 020 7222 1234  
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National Express 08705 808080  
Heathrow 020 8759 4321

### Animal Welfare

Nat Strays Bureau 09065 123999\*  
RSPCA 0870 5555999

### EAST FINCHLEY ADVICE SERVICE

42 Church Lane, London N2 8DT  
Tel/Fax: 020 8444 6265

#### General Advice.

Monday to Friday: 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm.  
Thursdays: 7pm - 8pm.

#### Immigration Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm by appointment only.

#### Legal Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

#### Councillors' Surgery.

Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am



## Take Note

A window at the C.W Andrew Pharmacy, 32 High Road, East Finchley has recently been damaged.

The same window, on the Baronsmere Road side of the premises, had a white sticker stuck to it bearing the hand written message "Lives Before Profit". The sticker was removed overnight. Police have been informed of the incident.

## Forum News

By Daphne Chamberlain  
Mystery of the All Saints

### Trees

It has been impossible to identify the person causing damage to the trees outside All Saints, Durham Road. Brian Reynolds, Director of Social Affairs, reported that the matter had been investigated, but no hard and fast evidence had been found. He has written to the church, pointing out that it is their duty to replace the trees.

### Fallows Close parking problems

Some Fallows Close residents complained that when the Old Barn was hired out, it was often impossible to park outside their own front doors. Kathy McGuirk promised that they would be included in any future consultations, and arranged to speak with them later.



Michael with his pride and joy - a mk II Jaguar - in 1994. Photo by David Tupman

## Michael Kreisky 1944 - 2000

The untimely death of Michael Kreisky of Eastern Road at the age of 56 came as an enormous shock to friends on *The Archer*.

Our former motoring correspondent perished in an horrendous plane crash on 23 December along with his son Tom, daughter Clare and brother Brian. Tom's girlfriend Clare Gale-Hasslam was also killed.

The UK Air Accident Investigation Branch is still trying to piece together the final moments of the flight of the plane, a Beech 200 Super Kingair bound for Majorca, which crashed into a Hampshire rubber factory minutes after take-off from Blackbushe Airport.

The death of all five family members came three years after Michael's wife Gina had died from cancer. Michael and his brother Brian, a wealthy man who had made his fortune filming motorsports events

including Formula One and motorcycling, were nephews of former Austrian President, Bruno Kreisky.

Michael's passion for cars - he was a rally driver with a car collection which included two Mark II Jaguars - showed in his writing for *The Archer*. Whether speculating about the sudden filling-in of potholes in Durham Road or trying to pin down the origins of a burnt out Mazda car in Huntingdon Road, Michael's love of classic cars was always obvious and he relished the glamour of motoring.

One of his schemes which he pondered on over the bar at the then Welch's was a one-way system for streets off Durham Road and Fortis Green which, he believed, would control traffic flows

and improve road safety. His proposals for the blocking off of Baronsmere Road would have met with the approval of its long-suffering residents.

Michael was a longstanding supporter of *The Archer* and we shall all miss him very much.

David Tupman

## A step in the right direction

By Sippy Azizollah

Good news for the disabled and senior citizens of East Finchley:

The Abbey National in the High Road has just become more disabled friendly by having another step built into their entrance, plus hand rails for ease of entry to the bank.

Many's the time I have tried unsuccessfully to climb the original single step even with the aid of my walking sticks, as it was too high to negotiate.