



THE ARCHER

PO Box 3699
LONDON N2 8JA

e-mail:
The-Archer@
LineOne.net

http://www.the-
archer.co.uk

PUBLISHER
*East Finchley
Newspapers*

EDITOR
David Hobbs

SUB-EDITORS
John Dacam

Frances Loveday

FEATURES EDITORS
Daphne Chamberlain
Diana Cormack

EDITORIAL TEAM

Sippy Azizollah
John Dearing
Kevin Finn
Geoff Garfield
Noel Lynch
Jane Revell
Tony Roberts
Sonia Singham

PHOTOGRAPHY
David Tupman
Erini Rodis

DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Alison Roberts
Paul Northam

FINANCE
Sue Holliday

ADVERTISING
John Larimer

ADMINISTRATION
Pamela Kent
Toni Morgan

*Thank you to Madden's Ale
House for providing us with
a meeting place.*

*THE ARCHER team wishes
to thank all the generous
people who give up their
spare time, in all weather,
to deliver the paper for us.*

Your contributions

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

THE ARCHER aims to publish on
the first weekend each month.
To maximise the chance of
publication, all contributors are
urged to submit their articles
early the preceding month:

*The 14th March is the
copy deadline for the
April issue.*

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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
E. Finchley Library 020 8883 2664
Gt North Leisure Pk. 020 8343 9830
Muswell Hill Odeon 0870 505 0007
Phoenix Cinema. 020 8883 2233
Tourist Info Service 0870 126 4018
Warner Cinema Village 020 8446 9933

**Calls to 09065 numbers are
charged at £1.50 per minute.*

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
Grey-Green 020 8800 8010
National Express 08705 808080
Heathrow 020 8759 4321

Animal Welfare

Nat Strays Bureau 09065 123999*
RSPCA 0870 5555999



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

Community Police Contact

**East Finchley's Com-
munity Police Officer,
PC Paul Carter would
like to hear from you.**

You can call him at the
Community Office, Golders
Green Station, on 020 8733
5562 or e-mail him at
paul.carter@met.police.uk



Customer Care?

By Diana Cormack

What is missing from this photo taken in the booking hall of East Finchley underground station? Elizabeth O'Connor, a volunteer worker in The Animal Aid and Advice Charity Shop, 48 High Road, would have no difficulty in answering that question. She approached The Archer after experiencing a long and uncomfortable wait for relatives who were travelling by tube.

At the time Elizabeth was on crutches, which made her wait even more awkward, so naturally she looked for somewhere to sit. "There used to be a beautiful, long wooden seat against the wall, but it's gone," says Elizabeth.

Musical chairs

When did it disappear, who removed it, for what reason and where did it go? If you know the answer to any of those questions, please let us know!

London Transport couldn't tell us, but they did feel that it was to do with health and safety matters connected to the changes which have occurred in the booking hall. Local commuters will be well aware of the problems which have arisen from these (see last month's *Archer*) and would probably not dare to use a seat, were it there, for fear of losing their place in the queue.

But outside the rush-hours there are people who do need to sit down. They could be waiting for friends, for transport, or they might just want to take a rest but if they do they, like Mary, may have to cross the High Road and sit in the open on the public bench on the pavement.

Bench press

If you are concerned about this lack of seating, London Transport suggests that you write a letter addressed to the Group Station Manager and drop it in at East Finchley Tube Station. *The Archer* would also like to hear your views on this topic, as well as those of people in wheelchairs, with buggies, heavy luggage, etc. who have to negotiate those steep steps up to the platforms.

Borough Plans Backed

Councillors have backed plans to improve housing and social services in the borough. The plans outline the proposed activities and budget for each service area in the coming year, as well as giving the community a "yardstick" to measure their effectiveness.

Improvements proposed include:

Housing:

- Working with other council services to improve the supply of affordable housing
- Developing a "caretaker" service to undertake minor repairs and ground maintenance on council estates
- Spending £8.5 million major repairs allowance from government to improve and repair council homes
- Providing 120 homes for 413 people with Housing Corporation funding and 186 new homes using £6.4million council capital

Community Care:

- Developing partnership work with health agencies to promote independence and improve the occupational therapy services
- Implementation of a joint strategy for older people in partnership with Barnet Health Authority
- Developing Barnet's Learning Disability strategy

Social Exclusion:

- Contributing to the new Connexions partnership for young people
- Working with other council services to develop a single gateway to services such as benefits and finding accommodation

Time to Help

The Hospice Shop at 123 High Road, East Finchley needs more helpers.

People are needed to work for mornings and afternoons. Even if you can offer only half a day, your help would be appreciated and will assist in raising much needed money for the North London Hospice.

Call in at the shop or phone 020 8883 6491 for details.

Charity Walk

The annual seven-mile walk in aid of the hospice through parkland from East Finchley to Westminster takes place on Sunday 11 March. For information call 8446 2288.

Getting the hump

Plans for traffic calming measures in Deansway and Brim Hill were released on 31 January.

Seven speed tables are to be installed in Brim Hill and four sets of speed cushions in Deansway, though there is no explanation as to why one road has received different treatment from the other.

Deansway has recently suffered a greater amount of through traffic as a result of the changes made to the High Road.