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Council finds a pound, but we can't spend a penny!

By John Dearing



A public inconvenience - the soon-to-be-demolished loos.
Photo by Toni Morgan

The former Finchley Urban District Council public toilets in East End Road, which were closed many years ago to save money, are soon to be no more.

Following their ignominious sale to a developer, the demolition men have moved in, and this historic building will soon be replaced by the ubiquitous block of flats. Barnet Council, hang your heads in shame!

Community Focus - can you help?

Community Focus, Barnet's registered charity group for the disabled, needs drivers and helpers to transport people to a variety of activities.

The group's members are of mixed ages and abilities and they can participate in a diverse range of artistic skills. These include dance, drama, painting, creative writing and ICT. Readers may have seen

their performances at East Finchley Community Festival or East Finchley Arts Festival.

If you are able to assist, please phone Community Focus on 020 8346 9789.

Paresh walks it

Paresh Shah, pharmacist at Andrews, 32 High Road, has again successfully completed the annual Oswald Pharmacists Charity Walk. This year the benefiting charities were Diabetes UK, Cerebra (research into brain damage in infants) and Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

The walk, sponsored by Sigma Pharmaceuticals PLC and associated generic suppliers, started from the Oshwal Centre in Potters Bar and took the participants through some pleasant countryside on a lovely

sunny day. Eighty-seven walkers, including twenty children, took part.

They raised the magnificent sum of £14,530.50 to which Paresh and his sponsors contributed over £1,100.

High Road hole promotes vandalism

By John Dearing

A month ago a hole was dug in the pavement in the High Road on behalf of an electricity company who appear to be upgrading the supply to a flat adjacent to Stewart-Duncan opticians shop.

For some reason, they seem unable to complete the job, and the hole has remained open. Not surprisingly, it has started to fill up with rubbish, including an old car wheel, and is rapidly becoming a real eyesore.

John Kozul, owner of the opticians, said that bricks extracted from the hole and stacked nearby, have been used to smash up the front of the shop next door, and is concerned that further vandalism might take place if this work remained outstanding much longer.

He pointed to a large piece of steel water pipe, lying by



Photo by Erini Rodis

the side of the hole; an ideal weapon for a vandal, and complained that he regularly has to clean the mud and the sand from the pavement outside his shop, that blows over from the spoil heap. Barnet Council are conspicuous by their absence from this.