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PC Paul Carter, at
The Community Office,
Golders Green Station,
Tel: 020 8733 5562 or e-mail:
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Community Centre 020 8883
4916
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4916
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8444 0244/ 8489 8774

Check Your Statements

If you have in the past enjoyed a meal at New Efes in Colney Hatch Lane, please be aware that the restaurant has suddenly closed, but not before someone had put in place a scam involving duplicating the credit card payments of many of their customers.

The writer had a meal there on 21 June, paid by credit card. The next statement showed an additional payment, almost overlooked, to New Efes dated 29 June; a further payment for a larger sum appeared dated 25 July. A visit to the premises revealed that the restaurant had been shut down.

At least two others have had similar payments put through their credit cards and there are probably more.

This underlines the importance of checking statements carefully so that immediate action can be taken with your card provider.

Nocturnal Thugs Blight Local Haven

By Erini Rodis

Those good people who clean out litter and drugs paraphernalia in Cherry Tree Woods aren't the only people concerned with the park's nocturnal access.

Gangs have been causing so much grief to famous local residents that violent scraps have been making tabloid headlines. Six teenagers had tried to pin one local celebrity to a car in August, before using the park as an escape route.

Nearby residents are concerned about the noise, abuse and nuisance, especially after dark, but attempts to lock up the park at night have merely led to vandalism and holes in the fence. Concern is now raised as to the safety of the park and the area after dark especially as police have yet to identify any of the culprits.

Watch that Space...

Ten months after it burned down, the cafe in Cherry Tree Wood has still not been replaced. A new kiosk has been on order since the end of May, when a wait of up to twelve weeks was envisaged. So it should be in place by the time you read this, but don't hold your breath!

Development Threat

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Wasted funds

Two years ago thousands of pounds were spent on improving facilities in order to run the Oasis project there. Teenagers, disaffected with mainstream schooling for a variety of reasons, were to be given the chance to gain educational qualifications with the help of visiting teachers. Now they are to be based elsewhere, leaving the centre underused.

Local MP Rudi Vis has expressed his concern about the future of the Stanley Road playing fields in a letter to Councillor Victor Lyons, leader of Barnet Council, who has replied that Sport England would have to be in agreement with any proposed action. Like

many other residents, Dr Vis wants the few green spaces left in East Finchley to be protected from developers and feels that The Stanley should remain as a playing field for community use.

Do you have any particular memories of the Stanley Road playing fields and the Herbert Wilmot Centre? What do you think should happen to them? Please send your views to THE ARCHER, contact details on the left of this page.

Local Planning Applications

Former Red Lion Public House, Elmfield Road -

Demolition of existing building and erection of a three-storey block (plus basement level) to provide eight self-contained flats.

201 High Road -

Change of use of ground floor from offices to showroom with ancillary storage and office areas.

Meze Restaurant 214-216 High Road -

single storey rear extension to restaurant. New entrance for flats at first floor.

100-102 High Road -

Change of use of ground floor from shop (Class A1) to restaurant (A3) at 100 High Road (was Tom's the Butchers).

322 High Road -

Erection of three-storey detached house with provision for off street parking.

Outside 49-69 Lyttleton Court, Lyttleton Road -

Installation of a telecommunications column/antennae

Don't get lumbered, Jack!

Barnet Police have advised Barnet Borough-watch to look out for groups of travellers offering tree-felling services in the neighbourhood. If you see such people in your area you are asked, if possible, to get a description of the persons involved, any registration number of any connected vehicle and, if approached, a business card. You are requested to contact Barnet Borough-watch with the details on 020 8733 4409, and leave a message.