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Western Eye Hosp. 020 7886 6666

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Victim Support 0845 303 0900
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General Advice.

Monday to Friday: 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm.
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Immigration Advice.

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Legal Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

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❖ Careers advice, Green Man, Community Centre 020 8883 4916
❖ Toy library, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

High Road death wish

By John Dearing
Five o'clock on a Friday evening in the High Road is usually the time for commuters to be trudging up from the tube station on their way home, people starting to queue for fish and chips, or a quiet drink for some, seated outside one of the pubs and cafes.

However, on Friday 10 June, this humdrum scene was interrupted by the sight of a man repeatedly trying to fling himself in front of vehicles, particularly large lorries. Witnesses said he appeared to be "as high as a kite".

The police were called, and arrived impressively quickly. The man was apprehended for being under the influence of drink or drugs, and taken to Colindale police station. He was later released without charge.

Recycling goes global

Barnet's compulsory recycling scheme this week is attracting attention on radio and television stations around the world.

A radio interview with Barnet's recycling crew was aired on National Public Radio in the USA and there has been other interest from Croatian and Chinese television stations.

The scheme requires all residents to recycle certain materials through regular kerbside collections and is contributing to a recycling rate in Barnet of 25%.

Councillor Matthew Offord, Barnet's cabinet member for the environment, said: "We are contacted regularly by local authorities keen to check on our progress."

Driveway assault

A 58-year-old woman was assaulted and robbed on her driveway in East Finchley. The incident happened on Wednesday 8 June at 6.20pm in Aylmer Road.

The victim had just pulled up in her driveway and was getting personal belongings from the rear seat when two male suspects approached her from behind.

She was threatened then pushed to the ground and both suspects began kicking her. One of the suspects then knelt on the victim's chest and removed a high-value ring and watch.

The victim's husband heard noise coming from

the driveway and ran out to help his wife but was punched in the head. The suspects then ran off and got into a red Vauxhall that made off towards Archway Road.

The first suspect is described as a white male, aged 25, 5ft 8ins, thin build, wearing a light coloured top. The second suspect is described as a black male, aged 25, who was wearing a light coloured top, grey tracksuit bottoms and grey baseball cap.

School meals are changing

A pilot scheme to improve school meals is being rolled out across Barnet although not in East Finchley yet.

Pupils at 18 primary schools across the borough will soon be tucking into homemade food cooked by kitchen staff each day, using almost entirely fresh produce.

Food being dished up will include sausages with Yorkshire pudding, homemade chicken curry with rice, homemade shepherd's pie, homemade banana loaf, freshly baked bread, oaty apple and sultana crumble and freshly made muffins.

The changes follow

meetings between the council and head teachers in response to calls from governors and parents for changes to be made to the menus. The scheme also follows on from TV chef Jamie Oliver's school meals campaign in Greenwich, and in anticipation of soon-to-be-announced Government improvements to school meals. If the pilot scheme is successful, a decision will be made on introducing the homemade meals to more schools in Barnet.

Drug arrest in Finchley

Following a police operation in North London a massive haul of cocaine was seized from an address in Finchley.

Hector Holguin-Rojas, a 33-year-old cleaner, was arrested on Thursday 16 June at his home, and appeared at Brent Magistrates Court the following day charged with possession with intent to supply.

Scotland Yard said that

40kg of cocaine with an estimated street value of £1.6 million were discovered following a search of the premises.

A 20-year-old woman was also arrested at the address and bailed to return to Colindale police station.

Planning Applications

Lonsdale Care Home, 2 Tarling Road N2
Demolition of existing building, and erection of 11 houses and a three-storey block to provide six self-contained flats.

Land between High Road and Strawberry Vale N2

Installation of a 10-metre high street works monopole

61 East End Road N2

Removal of Condition 16 (the development shall achieve the "very good standard re. BRE Eco.homes") of planning application C00014AD, granted 07.03.05 for "residential development comprising three 3 bedroom houses in a two-storey building, and nine 2 bedroom flats in a three-storey building. Provision of 15 associated car parking spaces accessed from Juliana Close, and entrance gates."

48 Fortis Green N2

Conversion of basement into a one-bedroom self-contained flat. Provision of three car parking spaces. Single-storey conservatory at rear

40 Fortis Green N2

Conversion of property into four self-contained flats with three car parking spaces.

30 Baronsmere Road N2

Formation of new detached cycle store at front of property.

Ground Floor Flat, 84 Durham Road N2

Single-storey rear extension.

48 Huntingdon Road N2

Conversion from three flats into one dwelling house.

KFC, 154 High Road N2

Installation of internally illuminated fascia signs and a projecting sign. New shopfront and new gates to yard.

63 Park Hall Road N2

Single-storey rear outbuilding extension, to be used as a garage/shed.

4 Stanley Road N2

Alteration to roof, including side dormer window to facilitate loft conversion. Single-storey rear extension.

NatWest, 85 High Road N2

Relocation of ATM and ATM light fitting from Beresford Road to front elevation on High Road. Installation of new condenser machinery at rear to replace existing.

385-401 High Road N2

Installation of various illuminated signs to all elevations (13 in total) and two non-illuminated signs to east elevation.

172 High Road N2

Conversion of existing upper first and second floors and rear ground floor to provide three self-contained flats.