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OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162
Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

Hospitals

Barnet General 020 8216 4000
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 6300
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343
Royal Free 020 7794 0500
St Luke's 020 8219 1800
Whittington 020 7272 3070

Crime

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Finchley Police 020 8442 1212
Mus. Hill Police Stn. 020 8345 2148
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
Victim Support 0845 303 0900
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PC Paul Carter (Golders Green)
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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 Services

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

Bed-blocker ordered out of hospital

An elderly man who refused to leave Finchley Memorial Hospital for nearly three years, despite needing no medical or nursing care, was ordered out by a High Court judge.

Mr Justice Wilkie gave the 72-year-old unnamed man 14 days to leave and ordered him to pay £10,000 towards the legal bill run up by Barnet Primary Care Trust in its battle to remove him.

The hearing in early March was told that it was the first time a hospital authority had sought a possession order against a patient and the court action had been launched as a last resort after he repeatedly refused to leave.

The man was first admitted to the hospital suffering from mobility problems in December 2002. He can now move about with a Zimmer frame and the judge said the view of experts was that he should be cared for in a residential home. His own home was under refurbishment but was described as uninhabitable.

Police warning after crime surge

By Craig Johnson

People living in East Finchley are being urged to lock away their valuables when they leave their vehicles and to make sure they are properly secure after a spate of vehicle crimes in roads adjacent to East End Road like Sedgemere Avenue and Manor Park Road.

Barnet Police also warn that it is important to lock doors and windows as there have been several burglaries in Sedgemere Avenue with thieves breaking in through unlocked windows using crow bars.

Drivers who leave valuables on display in their vehicles could receive warning letters through the post in a bid to combat car crime. Community Police officers and Barnet Council enforcement officers are noting down the registration numbers of those vehicles containing items that could be targets for thefts. Under the council's Safer Communities Partnership, the information is then passed on to the DVLA (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency), which will send letters and crime prevention leaflets to the registered owners.

Last autumn, Barnet recorded the second-highest number of car-related crimes

in London with Global Positioning Satellite systems, or GPS for short, being the item most often stolen.

Crooked callers

Another pressing issue in Barnet is the amount of so-called artifice crime, when crooks pose as gas and water officials, or even as police officers, knocking on the doors of the elderly and most vulnerable people in our borough and robbing them of their life savings and other personal items of high value such as jewellery.

Please remember to check the ID cards of callers, always double-checking with a telephone call to the company while the person waits outside. The big utility companies should have your details on file on a database so there will be no need to hand over bills or personal details at the front door.

Finally, if you are receiving unwanted junk mail or unwanted calls, the Mail Preference Service can help you eliminate them by registering for data protection, free, at www.mpsonline.org.uk or by calling the MPS Registration line on 0845 703 4599.

Easter Services in East Finchley

St. John's Christian Spiritualist Church

Palm Sunday 9 April: service at 6.30pm. Easter Day service, Sunday 16 April at 6.30pm.

Holy Trinity Church

Palm Sunday 9 April: Parish Communion and Blessing of Palms at 10am.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week: Holy Eucharist at 7pm. Maundy Thursday 13 April: Eucharist of The Last Supper at 8pm, followed by the vigil before the altar of repose until 10pm.

Good Friday 14 April: Good Friday Liturgy at 10pm.

Easter Sunday 16 April: First Eucharist of Easter and the lighting of the Paschal Candle at 10am.

East Finchley Methodist Church

Good Friday 14 April at 10.30am: a service of meditation and reflection.

Easter Sunday 16 April at 10.30am: Easter service of celebration.

All Saints' Church

Palm Sunday 9 April: Solemn Mass with Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Passion at 10am.

Maundy Thursday 13 April: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm.

Good Friday 14 April: Sung Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

Holy Saturday 15 April: The Easter Vigil at 8pm.

Easter Sunday 16 April: Parish Mass of Easter Day at 10am.

Planning Applications

East Finchley Tube Station, Great North Road, N2

Installation of gate to match existing glass barriers to The Causeway. Replacement of sign within station.

Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, N2

Installation of three radio antennae within the bell tower.

St Pancras Court, High Road, N2

New wall to front boundary.

127C High Road, N2

Change of use from restaurant and café (Class A3) to barber shop.

7 Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension.

472A Long Lane, N2

Submission of details for materials pursuant to Condition 3 of appeal decision APP/N5090/A/04/1162955, dated 15.04.05.

53 Abbots Gardens, N2

First floor side extension.

2 Abbots Gardens, N2

Part single, part two-storey front and side extensions. New front porch. Single-storey rear side extension. Alterations to roof, including side and rear dormer windows.

26 Norrice Lea, N2

Part single, part two-storey rear extension. Two-storey side extension. Alterations to roof, including addition of dormer windows to roof slope, to facilitate loft conversion.

60 Bancroft Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Alterations to roof, including replacement dormer with Juliet balcony.

Makeover for station

By John Lawrence

East Finchley tube station is to be given a substantial makeover to improve facilities for customers and staff.

A new CCTV system, public address system and customer help points will be installed as well as tactile strips on platforms and stairs for partially-sighted and blind travellers.

The station control room and ticket hall will be refurbished and all cabling will be concealed to give the station a tidier feel.

While peeling paintwork and broken tiles will be replaced, the work will not involve any structural alterations to the grade 2 listed building.

Tube Lines, which is responsible for the maintenance of the station, has applied for planning permission and hopes to carry out the work in the summer.