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ment only. Legal Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm. Councillors' Surgery. Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

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* 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

Farewell to Borough

Commander

By John Dearing

Borough Commander Chief Superintendent Mark Ricketts retired on 18 June 2006, after leading Barnet's Police since February 2004. He has been appointed Director of Performance at the London Criminal Justice Board. Detective Superintendent Steve Kavanagh, previously at Scotland Yard, has taken over as Borough Commander.

At his final press conference on 12 June, Mr. Ricketts spoke of his satisfaction at the reduction in overall crime in the borough of 8%. Barnet Police have become a coherent team after the boundary changes of 2001. Safer Neighbourhood Teams of one sergeant, two constables and six police community support officers (PCSOs) are now assured for every ward in the borough.

Mr Ricketts said that much of the feedback from the public was about "bobbies on the beat" but that while there was a strong attachment to this concept, foot patrols in crime hot spots made a clear contribution because much crime is opportunist.

He thought that, inevitably, his successor would inherit some unfinished business, such as workforce modernisation, team structure and locations, as there were too many sites in use, with buildings no longer fit for purpose.

Mr. Ricketts joined the Police in 1975 as a cadet, straight from school. He recalled having to live in the section

A Taptop computer, wallet and

mobile phone were stolen from

a house after the owner left a

ground floor window open over-

hours of Sunday 18 June in Long Lane

when the owner went to bed leaving

open the front ground floor window as

mobile phone were stolen. The mobile

phone was a Blackberry and the wallet

asked to ring burglary unit officers on

020 8733 4595 or Crimestoppers on

contained credit and debit cards.

A laptop computer, wallet and

Anyone with any information is

The burglary happened in the early

night to ventilate the room.

it was such a warm evening.

0800 555 111.

Burglar gains

access through

open window

and train station on 7 July 2005, street crime plummeted. Subsequent analysis showed that the perpetrators of 25% of crime in the borough of Barnet come from Brent and Haringey, by public THE ARCHER wishes the Chief Superintendent all the best in his future career. Car hits

house, and seek permission to stay out

late; indeed he had to ask permission

when he got married in 1977! In his

varied career, he has been responsible for

policing Premiership football games and

providing security for President Bush

and Prince Charles. He has worked

undercover, in CID, as a sector inspec-

torat Hackney and in the training school.

The biggest change he had seen was the

increased urbanisation of outer boroughs

such as Barnet, with consequent empha-

sis for police on public transport. When

officers were posted at every key bus

pedestrian in **East End Road**

By John Dearing

East End Road was closed for several hours during the evening rush hour of Monday 12 June after a pedestrian was injured in a collision with a car.

Just after 5pm, a middle-aged man crossing the road near the entrance to the car park of The Bald Faced Stag was hit by a car. Police and the London Ambulance Service were called, and the man was taken to the Royal Free Hospital with suspected head injuries, and kept there overnight. Fortunately, his injuries turned out to be "neither life threatening, nor life changing"

East End Road was closed at the junction with the High Road, back to the entrance to the Viceroy Close car park, until 7.40pm while police investigated the accident. The car involved had a broken windscreen. No arrests were made.

Planning Applications facilitate loft conversion.

Barnet Council: Land adjoining 60 Lankaster Gardens

Demolition of existing buildings, and erection of three buildings between three and six storeys in height, to provide 102 residential units and 250 square metres of commercial floorspace. Associated landscaping and car parking for 102 cars, accessed from Lankaster Gardens.

Former Lonsdale Residential Care Home, 2 Tarling Road, N2

Details pursuant to conditions of planning permission C01784BB/05, dated 20.10.05.

104 High Road, N2

Alterations to existing shopfront. Conversion of first and second floors to two self-contained flats, incorporating loft conversion with rear dormer window. Ground floor side and rear extension.

258 East End Road, N2 Conversion of existing car repair workshops, involving partial demolition and partial reconstruction, to form five self-contained residential units.

77 Abbots Gardens, N2 Shed in rear garden to be used as home office and practice room for music. 90-92 High Road, N2

Change of use of ground floor from sui generis to Class A2.

Red Lion Hotel, Red Lion Hill, N2

Details in pursuance of conditions of planning permission APP/N5090/A/05/ 1193322. dated 20.03.06. 1 Manor Park Road, N2 Single-storey side/rear

extension. 472A Long Lane, N2 Details in part pursuance of condition of appeal decision APP/N5090?A/05/

1193401, dated 20.02.06. 59 Summerlee Avenue, N2 Alteration to roof, including rear dormer window to

Bald Faced Stag, 69 High Road, N2

Sycamore tree - lift to three metres, thin 25%, clear building by two metres.

59 Church Lane, N2

Conversion of first and second floor maisonette into two one-bedroom flats. Alterations to roof including dormer at rear. 12 Ingram Road, N2

Conversion into two selfcontained flats

7 Chamberlain Road, N2 Loft conversion, including wrap-around rear dormer. 82 - 92 Great North Road, N2

Externally illuminated freestanding advertisement. Hope Villa, King Street, N2

Extension at second floor level, and conversion into two self-contained flats. 27 Brim Hill, N2

Removal of an oak. Haringey Council:

40 Midhurst Avenue, N10 Single-storey rear extension and rear dormer window. (Certificate of lawfulness.)

40 Twyford Avenue, N2 Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for erection of garden shed in rear garden.

52 Twyford Avenue, N2 Tree works to various trees on site.

32 Beech Drive, N2 Single-storey rear exten-

sion and three rear dormer windows, one with balcony.

2 Lynmouth Road, N2 Modification of existing roof slope from hip to

15 Shakespeare Gardens, N2

reduced hip.

Demolition of existing garage and erection of single-storey replacement extension, to comprise workshop and utility room. 35 Woodside Avenue, N6 Single-storey rear extension and larch-clad storage shed in front garden.