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Burglaries

There has been an increase in the number of burglaries of the homes of elderly residents, including two where the victims woke up to find burglars in their home. Fortunately no one was harmed and very little was taken.

If you don't have an alarm, we would strongly recommend fitting one as in nearly all local burglaries there wasn't one or it was not engaged. Go to www.which.co.uk for excellent independent reviews. An introductory one month membership costs £1.

Parking ticket scam

On 5 June when an elderly gentleman returned to his parked car on the High Road in

East Finchley a man told him a warden had taken a photo of his car. The man showed him how to use the ticket machine, standing by him as he put in his card and entered his PIN. When the machine did not return his card, the man said it must be faulty and the council would send it to him when they opened up the machine.

The victim contacted the council the next day, but they told him this is not how they operate. When he checked with his bank he discovered that £1,200 had been stolen from his account. The unknown man must have tampered with the machine and watched him put in his PIN.

Jan Lovell, of the East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team, updates us on the latest crime news. Jan and the team can be contacted by email at: East-Finchley.snt@met.police.uk, or by phone on 020 7161 9014. Follow the team on Twitter @MPSEastFinchley.

Tax rebate scam

A brave resident wants to share their story of being taken in by a 'tax rebate' email: "It looked professional, so I filled it in with all my personal details. If I hadn't looked at my account closely I wouldn't have seen it as the scammers used the shopping mall we go to and the internet, which we also use. But the purchases, such as body builder vitamins, didn't fit our usual choices so we told the bank whose investigation took over a month. Apart from the money, it made me feel stupid... really, who would give all their details online just because they see HMRC at the top of an email?"



Snack and shop: Aida Khaledi, centre, and two customers enjoy the Aliya J fundraising event.

Cakes and croissants among the chic fashions

By Amy Schreiberman Walter

Aliya J is the High Road's chic boutique, but it is also at the hub of its own community. When founder and owner Aida Khaledi learned that several of her customers were going through treatments for cancer, she wanted to do something to help.

She told me: "I've had my business in East Finchley for over four years, and in that time, a lot of my customers have unfortunately been affected by cancer. My shop has been a kind of therapy for a lot of them, so I've been told, whether it was coming in to have a chat or to do a bit of shopping to make themselves feel better. I wanted to do something to acknowledge how far they have come and also to raise awareness."

Together with a few of her customers, Aida organized a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the boutique on Saturday 9 June. Cakes and coffee were

generously provided by Dan & DeCarlo, Margot Bakery, Amici and Campbell and Syme. Regular customers baked cakes and cupcakes too. Raffle items were donated by local businesses La Rugoletta, Tony's Continental, Josephine's, Jennie Mann, Sorbet, Kokos and the Phoenix Cinema.

Ten percent of all the shop's sales on the day went towards the cause, too. When the doors were closed at the end of the day and all the coins were counted, Aida was delighted to see that she and her small crew of customer helpers had raised a hefty £615.26. All in a day's work.



Dashcam footage of the robbery on the North Circular Road

Violent robbery on North Circular

By Janet Maitland

Police are appealing for information following a violent robbery on the North Circular at the junction with the A1 and Henley's Corner.

Two men in a Mazda RX5 car were waiting at the junction at about 6.25pm on Saturday 2 June when two mopeds carrying four men pulled up, one on each side of the car.

The men, one of whom was brandishing a knife and another a hammer, demanded the victims' watches. After they'd stolen an Audemars Piguet Royal Oak watch and a Fossil watch, one of the men jumped on the car bonnet, kicked the windscreen and smashed it. They then jumped back on their mopeds and headed west along the A406 towards Brent Cross.

After the incident the 27-year-old driver realised he had been cut by the knife and went to hospital where he was treated and then discharged.

Information needed

"This was a shocking attack on innocent people in broad daylight," said DC Oliver Kotis. "We need the help of the community to find and arrest these people."

Anyone who witnessed

this crime or has any information or camera footage should contact the CID on 101 or via Twitter @MetCC, quoting CAD 6673/02JUN. To stay anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or go to crimestoppers-uk.org.

More than 23,000 moped-enabled crimes were recorded

in London in 2017, compared with 900 in 2012. However, this kind of crime has fallen more than 55% since peaking last July, when 2,593 offences were recorded in a single month. In May this year, 1,154 crimes were recorded by the Met, the lowest monthly figure since January 2017.



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