Chairman’s forward

Another lockdown, this time for four weeks until the 2nd December. It is a hard and difficult time for all of us. You may well have concerns or worries in this time. Please don’t bottle those feelings up. Share them with your family and friends or indeed our wonderful staff. During this next lock down period our staff will be doing as much as possible to help support all our residents in whatever way we can.

Although we won’t be running a normal service, we will be doing all we can to keep it as near to normal as possible. So please do keep reporting repairs that need doing – we will be undertaking essential repairs and our Multi skills Operative will be around. SHO’s will be working on site so do have a chat to them if you want to raise anything.

Above all stay safe and well and take care of yourselves and others.

And I remind you that we all have our part to play to tackle the virus – remember ‘hands, face, space’. If you have any of the main Covid-19 symptoms (below), you need to book a test here: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

- New, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of or change to sense of taste or smell.

Please let your SHO know if you test positive and contact them if you need support to access a test.

Together, we will get through this.

Roger Chapman
Chairman, The Finchley Charities
Poem & Arts and Crafts during lockdown Prize Winners

Congratulation to Wendy Hughes, Val & Stephen Gold and Daksha Patel for their fantastic lockdown poems and art work, they made us laugh and smile.

Kitchen replacements have begun

The Kitchen replacement programme has re-commenced this week at Wilmot Close. This programme will be developed over the next three years, across all sites to upgrade old kitchens. You will have noticed there are more of our contractors on-site.

We are looking forward to seeing the kitchens planned for this year completed in the coming months. As Covid-19 levels are increasing and in another lockdown, we are doing everything we can to ensure all contractors are taking extra care to keep everyone safe in the process and to continue following government guidelines.

£Could you be entitled to Pension Credit?

Pension Credit is a benefit for people of pension age. It tops up your income if you do not receive the full state pension. Please see the enclosed leaflet for further information. If you require further assistance please contact your SHO.

Boiler replacement programme

We are still going ahead with our programme this year and I’m sure residents with older boilers have already received a visit from Purdy to carry out a survey. We are still planning the replacement through lockdown but it will run until the end of the year. SHO’s will be in contact with residents to ask if you are happy to go ahead through lockdown as this is deemed essential work. We would like to go ahead as disruption for you could be worse if your boiler breaks down during the winter months, but will respect your decision and re-plan a new date for you. A boiler replacement should take no longer than two days.
Do you need support?

While we continue to live in uncertain and challenging times, Age UK could support you, below is the work they do in the area and how you can contact them:

**Covid-19: How Age UK Barnet can help**

Age UK Barnet is here for all the older people in Barnet who need us. We understand the anxiety as well as the practical ramifications of this situation, and we are supporting an increasing number of older people and their relatives who are reaching out to us for help.

We are helping with:
- Food shopping
- Home delivered meals
- Admin tasks including setting up prescriptions delivered to the door
- Fitting a light bulb
- Regular chats over the phone
- Activity packs including magazines, puzzle books, crafts and knitting supplies
- Information and advice on, for instance, welfare benefits and money concerns

Please get in touch if you or anyone you know is self-isolating and might need some help. Email info@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone 020 8203 5040.

Our vetted volunteers will be out in the community, delivering food and supplies to those who cannot leave their homes - and many will become telephone befrienders to those who have no one to talk to.

If you require urgent support out of office hours, please contact Barnet Council’s Urgent Support Helpline on 0808 281 3210 or emailCOVID19support@barnet.gov.uk

Remembrance Sunday

Staff will be observing a 2 minutes silence on the 11th November. If you are able, please join us in support on your doorstep for a two minute silence in remembrance.

The Poppy

I’m not a badge of honour,  
I’m not a racist smear,  
I’m not a fashion statement,  
To be worn but once a year,  
I am not glorification,  
Of conflict or of war,  
I’m not a paper ornament  
A token,  
I am more.

I am a loving memory,  
Of a father or a son,  
A permanent reminder  
Of each and every one.

I’m paper or enamel,  
I’m old or shining new,  
I’m a way of saying thank you,  
To every one of you.

I’m a simple poppy  
A reminder to you all,  
That courage faith and honour,  
Will stand where heroes fall.

Competition time

Calling all you art lovers of any experience, come and share your talent!

We would like to invite you to exhibit your art! Residents who participate will be asked permission to display their work in the community halls. Please see posters on each site.

Create something Christmassy or seasonal for 2021

We will be selecting some of the art to create The Finchley Charities’ Christmas Card 2020, and The Finchley Charities’ Calendar 2021.

Your art work may be created in any medium, such as: sketching, painting, photography, sculpture, tapestry and collage.

The deadline for producing artwork has been extended to Wednesday 11th November 2020.
Fireworks Night word search

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BONFIRE NIGHT
ROMAN CANDLE
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