

WOODHOUSE NEWS

Weekly News and Events for Residents of Woodhouse Ward Friday 13 December 2024

At The Town Hall: This week on Thursday 12 December, there was a further meeting of **GARMS** (Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards) to discuss the **External Audit** for years 2021/22 and 2022/2023, as well as those for the Barnet Pension Fund. The following **Overview & Scrutiny Committee** that evening, looked at the **Council Tax Support Scheme** as well as the **Q2 Financial Forecast for 2024/25** and business planning for the **Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2025 – 2030**. There was also an update on **Task & Finish Groups**. www.barnet.gov.uk.

There are no council committee meetings planned over the Christmas and New Year break so this will be the last Woodhouse News of 2024. The next one will be on Friday 9 January 2025. Wishing everyone celebrating a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The first phase of the **North Finchley Partnership Development** has been submitted to Barnet's Planning Department. This covers the site of **Lodge Lane** car park on the south side of Lodge Lane, under West Finchley Ward, and is available on the council website. The north side of Lodge Lane comes under Woodhouse Ward. Planning Ref: 24/4940/FUL www.barnet.gov.uk and/or search under northfinchley@regal-london.co.uk

Another **Dr Bike session** will be coming to Lodge Lane car park, N12 8JH, on **Wednesday 8 January** between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. These free sessions by trained mechanics ensure the safety of you and your bike – so do take advantage if you own a bike.

A consultation on proposals for a **road safety scheme** along **Friern Barnet Lane** opened on 5 December and will run until 16 January. Check the Barnet website under Consultations www.barnet.gov.uk/consultations to give your views.

The MP for Finchley & Golders Green, **Sarah**



Sackman, switching on the Christmas lights at **St Barnabas Church** in North Finchley, last Saturday, with the Vicar, The Rev **Andy Sachs**, Councillors,

and members of the community.

Chanukah – ceremony of the lighting of the Menorah will take place outside the Town Hall on Monday 30 December at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Check the Barnet council website for services over the Christmas and New Year holidays as some, such as refuse collection days, are subject to change. www.barnet.gov.uk.

The next **Woodhouse local police panel** will be in January. Please contact the Chair, Tony Kirkham, for more information and if you would like to be involved, on 07542 020 031 or email: tk5000@btinternet.com. **Reminder:** in an emergency always call 999 or to report a non-urgent incident its 101. www.met.police.co.uk

Councillors Surgeries are held twice a month, on the first and third Saturdays, in the café area at **artsdepot** from 10.30 – 12 noon. The next one will be **Saturday 21 December**. Do come along if you have any concerns, or just to meet your local Councillors.

Or contact Geof or Anne by email or phone: Cllr.g.cooke@barnet.gov.uk or 020 8440 3602 Cllr.a.hutton@barnet.gov.uk or 07710 383 884