

WHAT'S ON

near you for over 55s



EVENTS

MUSICAL AFTERNOON – with Katie Hainback, classically trained mezzo soprano singer performing a variety of styles and songs on **Thursday 14 November from 2.00-3.00pm** at Avery at Barnet Grange, 59 Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4BS. £5 on door for non-residents, includes refreshments. FREE parking onsite. Bus: Manor Road Barnet is the closest stop to the venue. Routes 263, 107, 307 and 84B stop here. To book contact Pippa on 07379 33 1807 or email agefriendly@ageukbarnet.org.uk

EVENT: MEN'S HEALTH MATTERS - Tuesday 19 November 2024 (9.30am-12.30pm) A morning of interesting talks and activities focusing on men's health to mark International Men's Day. **Venue: Watling Community Centre, 145 Orange Hill Rd, Edgware HA8 0TR.** You can register for the event by calling Salima on 07503 353157 or emailing salima.jiwa@ageukbarnet.org.uk

DISCO FOR OVER 55s – Tuesday 3 December 2024 (6-8pm)

Another chance to dust off your dancing shoes after the success of our first disco in March and the disco room at our Silver Sunday event. Come along for a festive boogie or just sit back and enjoy your favourite tunes. Free entry but there'll be a licensed bar. Takes place at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT. For more info and to register your place, contact Teresa on 07502 989 403 or email teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org.uk

LIVING WELL IN BARNET - 4 Dec (10am-12.30pm) – a morning of talks and activities focusing on memory and dementia including a talk by Professor Catherine Loveday. Takes place at the Friend's Meeting House, 55 Leicester Road, New Barnet EN5 5EL. Free entry and refreshments. To register contact Fiona on fiona.cronin@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call her on 0208 629 0269

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SINGALONG - Monday 9 December 2024 (3.30-5pm)

Join us for a festive celebration of music and song! Enjoy a singalong, mince pies and spiced apple drinks. Raffle and tombola. A chance to buy beautiful Christmas cards designed by our art group. Takes place at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane N2 8LT. To register, just email teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call Teresa on 07502 989 403.

FESTIVE SINGALONG Thursday 12 December 2024 (2.00 - 3.30pm) Held at St Margarets Church Edgware Social Group. St Margaret's Church, Edgware HA8 7JE. To book contact Pippa on pippa.mannerings@ageukbarnet.org.uk or 07379 331807.

AFTERNOON TEA at Whitefield School – Wednesday 18 December (2.00-4.00pm) Music, cream tea and cakes - all free! A delightful afternoon awaits with students performing music and serving your afternoon tea. Takes place at Whitefield School, Claremont Rd, Brent Cross, London NW2 1TR. Call Pippa on 07379 331807 or email agefriendly@ageukbarnet.org.uk

CLASSES

MONDAY

Chair Movement to Music: Every Monday at Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane, Barnet EN5 2DY. 10.30am – 11.30am. Cost £5 per class. For better mobility, strength, coordination, flexibility and balance. To book, call Wendy on **0774 187 7027** or email wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Walking Group: Friary Park, North Finchley – 10am -11am, followed by optional tea in the café afterwards. Meet at 10.00am at the Torrington Park entrance nearest to Ashurst Road. N12 9AJ. Contact Wendy on **07741 877 027** or email her on wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Walking Group: Northway Gardens & Lyttleton Playing Fields - 10.30am -11.30am. Meet at the corner of Northway & Litchfield Way NW11 (by benches at H2 bus stop). Contact Wendy on **07741 877 027** or email wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk for more information.

Kitchen Confidence Cookery Class at the Anne Owen Centre - East Finchley
During November and December - **Monday morning 11am until 1.30 pm - 11th November, 18th November, 25th November and 2nd December. Option to pre book for the last two classes of 2024 - 9th December and 16th December (Christmas Lunch).**

This course will include delicious recipes reflecting ● Traditional Pies ● Japanese inspired cuisine ● French cuisine ● St Andrews day- flavours of Scotland. Classes are aimed at giving participants the confidence to cook more dishes at home. Participants cook in groups and then everyone sits together to eat. The recipes are designed to be recreated at home.

Price including all ingredients is £32 for four weeks. **(Please prepay to secure your space).** To book contact stacey.kanolik@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call her on 0208 129 7621.

Dementia Cafe: For people living with dementia and their carers. **Meets on the first Monday of every month 2.00pm – 4.00pm.** Support, advice and refreshments. Takes place at the Friends Meeting House, 53 Leicester Road, Barnet EN5 5EL. Please contact Jeannette Cowan at dementiasupport@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call the dementia helpline – 020 8203 5040 Option 7.

Help with your laptop, smartphone or tablet: Monday afternoons at **The Ann Owens Centre**, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT. From 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Contact Howard on **0208 432 1415** or email howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Spanish Classes - East Finchley Library, 226 High Rd, N2 9BB. IMPROVERS 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm followed by BEGINNERS at 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. 10 sessions £80. For more information and to book a place contact Helen Nicolaou on 07384 466840 or email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Knitting with friends: Tuesdays from 10.00-12.00 noon at Wilmot Community Centre, Tarling Road N2 8LB. An expert knitter will be there to help. £2 donation. Tea/coffee available. For details on how to join contact Helen on 07384 466840 or email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Flower arranging classes: 10.30am – 11.30am. Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane EN5 2DY. £8 session. For details how to join in, email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone **07384 466840.**

Walking Group: Dollis Valley Greenwalk - 10.30am -11.30am. Meet at 10.30am by the mapboard at the entrance to Brook Farm Open Space, Totteridge Lane (located downhill from the entrance to Totteridge and Whetstone underground station) N20 9QX. Contact Wendy on **07741 877 027** or email wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk for more information.

Senior Singers: 11am-12 noon at The Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT. Takes place every fortnight. Choir master Jenny La Touché leads this fun singalong and all levels welcome! For dates and details on how to join in email pippa.mannerings@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call her on 07379 331807

TUESDAY cont...

Wellbeing & Bingo Group (2-4pm), in partnership with Colindale Communities Trust, at Grahame Park Community Centre, The Concourse, NW9 5XA. **Open to residents and non-residents. Free. Always followed by Bingo - free to play, prizes to be won!!** For more information call Pippa Mannerings on **07379 331807** or email pippa.mannerings@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Pottery class for beginners every Tuesday starting on 3rd September from 3.30 – 5.00pm. At **The Ann Owens Centre**, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT. Cost is £7 per class payable upfront in four week blocks of £28. For more information and to book a place contact Helen Nicolaou on 07384 466840 or email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Book Group: Do you enjoy reading and discussing novels or non-fiction books with friends? Why not join our book group at Wilmot Community Centre, Tarling Rd, London N2 8LB. Monthly on a Tuesday. Please email Kato on katolambrechts@yahoo.com for details on how to join.

WEDNESDAY

Social Drop in Group. Learn to knit, crochet, or bring along one of your crafts to do. Or just have a cuppa and a chat – 10.00am – 12 noon at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane N2 8LT. £2 per session. Contact **Helen Nicolaou** for more information on **0738 446 6840** or email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Art Group: Watercolour painting. Cost £28 for four sessions. Takes place at The Ann Owens centre, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. Class full at the moment but contact helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone **07384 466840** to check when places are available.

Silkstream Park/ Montrose Playing Fields Social Walk – 10.30am. Meet in front of Unitas Barnet Youth Zone building, Montrose Ave, Edgware HA8 0DT. Free to join. To register call Wendy on **0774 187 7027** or email wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

New fitness class: Circuits and strength for active ageing.

Our new circuit training class led by our trainer Lance - for over 55s, takes place on Wednesdays from the new time of 9.30am - 10.15am at UNITAS Barnet Youth Zone building, 76 Montrose Ave. HA8 0DT. £5 a session. All levels welcome. To book a place email wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone Wendy on 07741877027.

Bollywood Dance Classes for over 55s. Manor Drive Methodist Church, Manor Drive, Whetstone N20 0DZ. 11.00am – 12 noon. £3 per class. Please contact Nila Patel for further information on 07977 459 920.

Flower Arranging Class – beginning Wednesday 9 October - 11.00am - 12 noon. Location: Unitas, 76 Montrose Ave Edgware HA8 0DT. Tutor: Ursula from the Flower Bank. Fee: £8 per class (£48 for 6-week course). To book call Louise on 07384 466840 - Email louise.palmer@ageukbarnet.org.uk or Helen Nicolaou on 0738 446 6840 or email: helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Gentle Seated Exercise for over 55s. From 11.30am – 12.30pm - **St. Johnstone House**, 49 Woodside Park N12 8RX. *No booking necessary – just turn up. **Open to residents AND non residents.** £5 per class. For more information call Wendy on **0774 187 7027** Email: wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Help with laptops and smartphones - Mill Hill. Wednesday weekly sessions from **12.45pm -2pm with free lunch** at The Mount, Mill Hill International School, Milesplit Hill, NW7 2RX. Students from Mill Hill International School will help you with your devices. Booking necessary on 020 8432 1415 or email howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Tai Chi: 2.00-3.00pm. Balance and strength moves. Takes place at Annunciation Royal Catholic Church, 4 Thirlby Road, Burnt Oak HA8 0HQ. For more information, contact Wendy on wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk or **07741 877 027**.

WEDNESDAY cont...

Active exercise to music class – (including low impact aerobic dance, strength and stretch)

From 2.00pm – 3.00pm at **The Ann Owens Centre**, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT. £5 per session.

Booking essential. For more information contact Wendy on **07741 877 027** or email

wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Help with laptops and smartphones – Wednesday - Woodhouse College, Woodhouse Road N12

9EY. 2.45pm – 3.45pm. For more information and to book a place contact Howard Chapman on 020 8432 1415 or email howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Gentle seated exercise with Lesley Wednesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm at **The Ann Owens Centre**, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT. £5 per session. For more information contact Wendy on **07741 877 027** or email Wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

FREE ONLINE BOOK CLUB for over 55s. If you would like to join us, please email:- barnetbookclub@gmail.com for meeting details.

THURSDAY

Help with your smart phones, laptops and tablets - Mill Hill. Thursday 10.00-12.00 noon at Hartley Hall, 1 Flower Lane, NW7 2JA. Contact Howard on 020 8432 1415 or email howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Walking group: Golders Hill Park - 11.00- 12 noon. Meet at the cafe (North End Way entrance, NW3 7HD). Option to socialise with refreshments after the walk. To register call Wendy on **0774 187 7027** or email wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Edgware Social Group. St Margaret's Church, Edgware HA8 7JE. 2.00pm – 3.30pm every Thursday – also occasional help available with your laptop, smartphone or tablet. £2 per session. Contact Howard on **0208 432 1415** or email howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

The Royal Air Force Museum London - Join us at the RAF Museum for a series of four sessions exploring their fascinating collections. Fortnightly - Thursdays 2.00pm - 3.30pm. **FREE** – Donations welcome. For more info and to book a space contact Helen Nicolaou on 0738 446 6840 or email: helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

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The next musical afternoons will be on **December 12th 2024** from 2.00-3.00pm: **Yuri Sabatini – Tenor** and **January 16th 2025** from 2.00-3.00pm: **Katie Hainbach** doing a singalong special.

Bridge Club: Every Thursday. **Improvers** 2.30pm – 4.30pm, **Beginners** 3.00 – 4.30pm at Wilmot Community Hall, Tarling Road N2 8LB. Cost is £60 for 8 week course. Contact Helen Nicolaou on 07384 466840 or email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk to book a place.

Cook Together and Eat Supper Together at the Anne Owen Centre, East Finchley - Thursdays 4 pm until 6.15pm. **Eating Healthy as we Age and A taste of Italy Healthy Suppers with Lisa from 7th November, 14th November and 21st November.** The classes will focus on producing healthy meals you can recreate at home. Participants cook in groups, then sit and eat together. All recipes and ingredients provided. **£8 per class booked and paid for in advance.** For more details and to book a space contact Stacey on 0208 129 7621 or email stacey.kanolik@ageukbarnet.org.uk

FRIDAY

Art Class: Watercolour painting. Cost £28 for four sessions. Takes place at The Ann Owens centre, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. Contact helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone **07384 466840** to check if any places available.

Walking Group: Stephens House and Gardens – 10.30am -11.30am (lasts 40-60 mins) followed by optional refreshments in local café afterwards - 10.30am - meet at Stephens House Cafe, 17 East End Road, Finchley N3 3QE. Contact Wendy on **07741 877 027** or email her on wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk for more information.

Flower Arranging For People Living With Dementia: 10.30am – 11.30am. Friends Meeting House, Leicester Road, New Barnet EN5 5EL. Specifically for people living with dementia Cost is £48 for six week course payable in advance (£8 per class). We are unable to provide personal care/support – carers welcome to stay. To find out when next course starts and to book a place call Helen Nicolaou on **07384 466840** or email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Movement to music (standing or seated) - face to face: 11.30am – 12.30pm. Takes place at the Tarling Road Community Centre (across the street from **The Ann Owens Centre**) in East Finchley N2 8LG. Fun, upbeat exercise session for all levels of fitness with our Wendy. £5 per class. For more information, contact Wendy on wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk or **07741 877 027**.

Seated Yoga: Every Friday from 11.30am – 12.30pm. £5 per session. Takes place at **Manor Drive Methodist Church**, Manor Drive N20 0DZ. For more information, contact Wendy on wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk or 07741 877 027.

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB - Every week from 12.45pm at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT. If you are looking for a warm and welcoming place to enjoy a delicious, cooked meal and great company, why not join us for lunch, where you can meet new friends and enjoy a pleasant social time afterwards. Perfect for those who can participate independently. Vegetarian option available. £8 for a two-course meal plus tea/coffee. Booking essential. For details on how to pay and to book a place contact Louise Palmer on louise.palmer@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call 07384 466 840.

Movement to music. From 1.00pm -2.00pm at **John Keble Church, Deans Lane, Edgware HA8 9NT**. An achievable and fun walking fitness class that will increase your step count and help you get in shape. Costs £5 a session. (Entrance on Church Close HA8 9NS through blue gate) Class in large hall on right after going through gate. Also free parking on Church Close. To register call Wendy on **0774 187 7027** or email wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Games Afternoon – 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from 2.00 – 4.00 pm at Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley N12 7NN. Join us for board games, card games and the occasional 5-minute quiz. Tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake! £1 contribution for refreshments.

We will be meeting for games every Friday in August on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. And in September on 20. Our normal pattern of meeting 1st and 3rd Fridays resumes in October – 4 and 18, November 1 and 15, December 6.

Contact Helen Nicolaou on **07384 466 840** or email: helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Walking Group Oakhill Park – 2pm-3pm Fridays, followed by optional refreshments in local café afterwards Meet at Oak Hill Park car park (Parkside Gardens, East Barnet, EN4 8JP) For more information, contact Wendy on wendy.nutman@ageukbarnet.org.uk or 07741 877 027.

SATURDAY

Help with laptop, tablets and smartphones. Saturday 10.30-12 noon. New Barnet Leisure Centre. Lawton Road EN4. For details, call Howard on 020 8432 1415 or email howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Bridge Club. 12.00-2.00pm - Community Centre, Wilmot Close, Tarling Road N2 8LB. No need to pre book, just come along. Not suitable for beginners. £3 per session. Contact Helen Nicolaou on 0738 446 6840 or email helen.nicolaou@ageukbarnet.org.uk with any queries.

OUR NEWSLETTER

Would you like to be kept up to date on what's going on in the borough for over 55s? Just get in touch if you'd like to receive our monthly email newsletter which has details on our upcoming events and activities as well as other activities around the borough. To subscribe, just email karen.williamson@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone us on **020 8203 5040**.

PIGEON POST

Our monthly magazine aimed at people who don't have access to a computer - full of craft ideas, nostalgia, real life stories from our readers, recipes and puzzles as well as useful local information and services.

Want to receive a copy in the post? Please contact Teresa on **020 8203 5040**. To receive a copy by email contact Teresa at teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org.uk

ADVICE AND SUPPORT

An important note from our later life planning manager Jesse about state pension and benefits: 'If you're coming up to pension age and are in receipt of means tested benefit, you must inform the relevant benefit agencies, including the Department for Work and Pensions and your local benefit department, to report a change of circumstances,' says Jesse. This is because your income will change to state pension once you reach state retirement age. 'People must do something about this - otherwise they risk their benefits being suspended or stopped,' says Jesse. 'We have spoken to people who are in a great deal of stress, particularly those on disability benefits, because their benefits have been stopped!'

For more information contact Barnet council on **0208 359 2000**. Contact our Later Life Planning team on **020 8203 5040**.

WARM SPACES

Warm Spaces for the over 55's (organised by Churches Together in Finchley) has restarted at St Margaret's URC in Victoria Avenue, Finchley, N3 1BD on a Tuesday morning between 10.30am - 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for games, refreshments or a chat. The group will stop for Christmas on Tuesday 17th December and restart in January until Easter.

AGE UK BARNET SERVICES

For advice about benefits, grants, housing and money concerns, phone our **Later Life Planning Service** on 020 8432 1417. For scams advice and support, call our **Scams Prevention Service** on 0208 432 2217. Would you enjoy a regular chat over the phone with a friendly volunteer? Try our **Befriending Service** on **020 8432 1416**.

For essential jobs in the home please phone our **Handyperson Service*** on 020 8150 0963. We charge an hourly rate of £30 and £20 per hour for those on certain means tested and disability benefits. If we are at a client's property for 30 minutes or less, that will be charged at half the hourly rate. Some jobs such as changing a lightbulb are free of charge.

Our Stepping Out Service for those who have early stages of dementia or confirmed memory issues. Must be able to walk safely with a volunteer for short weekly walks. Phone 020 8150 0963.

Unable to get out to the shops and cannot shop online? We have a new **Shopping Service*** for people who need a light weekly shop. The charge is £15 per month for a single person, which is reduced to £10 if the client is in receipt of means tested benefits. The charge is £20 if shopping for a couple, reduced to £15 if receiving benefits. For more info, Tel **020 8150 0963**.

Living Well services/Dementia advice and Day Clubs for people living with mild to moderate dementia and their carers. **Day clubs in Hendon and East Finchley**. Phone 020 8203 5040. Full day £35 including lunch and transport (£30 without transport).

Our **Dementia befriending** service provides companionship for people living with dementia. Phone 020 8150 0967.

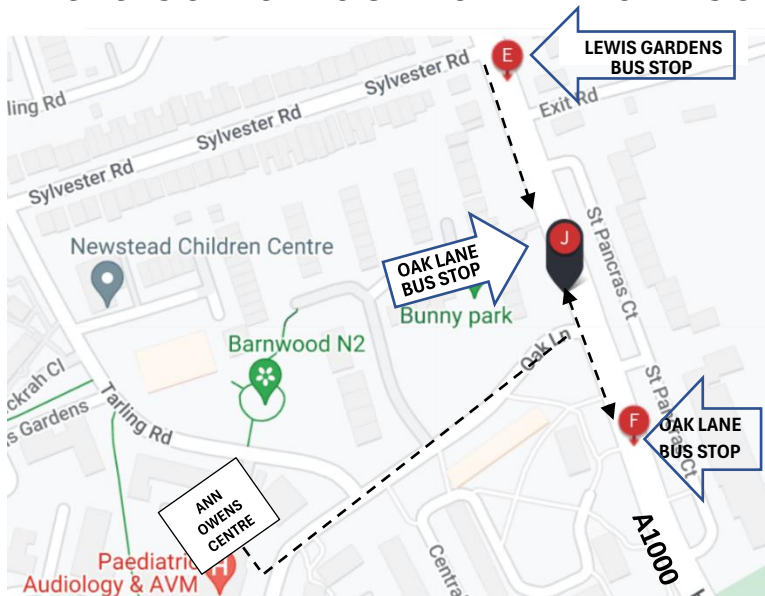
Foot care* We offer basic nail-cutting (£15) at **The Ann Owens Centre** in East Finchley and, for people with diabetes, taking steroids or warfarin, we have nail-cutting with a podiatrist (£20). For an appointment, phone **020 8203 5040**. ****There is a charge for this service.***

Scams Awareness - To find out more about our scams prevention service or feel you have been a victim of a scam, please call Joyce Sullivan or Gill Hirsch on **0208 1297 627** to discuss.

Advice clinics at Chipping Barnet Library - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Are you struggling financially? The Age UK Barnet advice team will be giving benefit checks, pension credit checks and winter fuel payment advice. On the first and third Tuesday of the month, there's a drop in from 10am-1pm and bookable appointments in the afternoon (you need to book during the morning drop in). To speed up process by bringing rent, service charge and bank statements. Takes place at Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapyton Rd, Barnet EN5 4QT

To be eligible you should be a Barnet resident over the age of 55. If you need support, please call us on **0208 203 5040** or email us on support@ageukbarnet.org.uk and we will be in touch as soon as we can. **We are here to help you!**

DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO GET TO THE ANN OWENS CENTRE



BUSES TO ANN OWENS CENTRE

263 From North Finchley Bus Station going towards Highbury Barn. This bus stops outside of the British Heart Foundation furniture store on the High Road. Get off at either Lewis Gardens (Stop E) and walk towards the zebra crossing, cross over and take a right up Oak Lane. Or, get off at Oak Lane bus stop (Stop F) and cross the road to Oak Lane. *Approx 5 minute walk to centre.*

Coming from East Finchley Tube Station – 263 bus - Come out of station and turn right, the bus stop is just outside. Buses going towards Barnet Hospital. Get off at Oak Lane bus stop (Stop J). *Approx 5 minute walk to centre.*

Return bus – 263 - Stop J – Oak Lane towards Barnet Hospital.
Stop F- Oak Lane towards Highbury Barn.

Free parking: you can park on Oak Lane or Taring Road

If you're struggling to meet the extra cost of energy bills, check out the list of extra financial support available put together by Jesse from our Later Life Planning team.

Warm Home Discount - The Warm Home Discount is a one-off payment of £150 to reduce eligible customers' bills over the winter months. If your electricity supplier is part of the Warm Home Discount scheme, you'll get the payment automatically if you or your partner receive the Guarantee Credit portion of Pension Credit. One of you must be named on your bill. Alternatively, if you're in receipt of another 'qualifying benefit' and are considered to have high energy costs, then you'll also receive an automatic payment.

More information is available on the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Winter Fuel Payments

Now that winter fuel payments will only be paid to individuals on pension credit and means tested benefits, our Later Life Planning team are encouraging people to check if they are entitled to pension credit. About 850,000 UK households who are eligible to receive the benefit do not claim it, according to figures released by the Department for Work and Pensions last year. If you're unsure if you are eligible or you need to make a claim, call Age UK's Winter Fuel Payment helpline on 0800 731 0160. You will need your National Insurance number and your bank or building society details.

The Warmer Homes Advice Service - If you are over 60 or on a low income, you can access free support from Shine, which has been appointed by the Government to offer:

- Telephone advice on saving energy and keeping warm at home
- Home energy visits with installation of small measures such as draught excluders
- Advice and support with energy bill debt and billing disputes with suppliers
- Grants of up to £20,000 per household to improve heating and insulation. Grants are means tested and high vulnerability clients prioritised.
- Support with applications for energy bill discounts

Clients can self-refer directly to the Warmer Homes Advice Service and Barnet residents should phone 0300 555 0195 or email shine@islington.gov.uk

Cold Weather Payments - These are one-off automatic payments for people on pension credit to help you pay for extra heating costs when it's very cold.

You'll get a payment each time the temperature drops below a specific temperature for a set period of time.

Support from your energy supplier - It is always worth getting in touch with your energy supplier to see if you can work out a payment plan. And some energy suppliers offer grant to help pay off debts.

Debt advice - Our Later Life Planning team recommends Moneyhelper, a government funded advice hub. For advice about any money issues or debts, phone 0800 138 7777.

Contact debt charity **StepChange** for debt advice on 0800 138 1111. Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm and Saturday 9am to 2pm

For impartial pension advice, phone 0800 011 3797 and there's plenty of useful info on their website: www.moneyhelper.org.uk

Barnet resident and support fund (BRSF)

Financial support for Barnet residents who are struggling to afford household essentials such as paying for food, energy bills and other living costs. You are eligible if you are on certain means tested benefits and you can apply on the Barnet Council website. If you would like to talk to someone about the BRSF or help with the online application, contact the team on 020 8359 4242 or email: residentsupportfund@barnet.gov.uk

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Age UK Barnet works with a number of organisations in the borough to further our aim of supporting as many older residents as possible to lead active and healthy lives. These organisations offer a range of activities and services including lunch clubs, befriending and practical support. They also have a number of volunteering opportunities. Please contact them to find out more:

Barnet African Caribbean Association (*Hendon base, open to clients from all over the borough*)
baca@barnetmcc.org

Barnet Asian Women's Association (*Friern Barnet base, open to clients from all over the borough*) <https://bawa.life/> 020 8368 3077 admin@bawa.life

Chipping Barnet Seniors Day Centre (*EN5 Chipping Barnet area only*)
<https://www.chippingbarnetdaycentre.org.uk> (this website will close soon and be replaced by the one below) <https://www.chippingbarnetseniorsdaycentre.com> 07923 031 231
cbsdaycentre@btinternet.com

Good Neighbour Scheme for Mill Hill & Burnt Oak (*Mill Hill and Burnt Oak only*)
<https://thegoodneighbourschememhbo.org.uk/> 020 8906 334
info@thegoodneighbourschememhbo.org.uk

High Barnet Good Neighbour Scheme (*High Barnet only*)
<https://www.goodneighbourscheme.org/> 020 8441 5678 highbarnet@goodneighbourscheme.org

Gifts in wills

If Age UK Barnet has helped you, or you want to make a lasting difference to future generations of older people in the borough, please think about us when leaving a gift in your will. And to ensure that the money will be spent in Barnet, include our charity number: 1080458. We are an independent local charity and are responsible for raising our own funds.



Are you looking for a trader you can trust?

Over 55? Visit the Age UK London Boroughs Business Directory

Call us free on **0800 334 5056**

or visit us online at www.aubdlondon.co.uk



A large selection of businesses and tradespeople that have been checked by AUBD staff

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

For over 55s in Barnet

EVERY FRIDAY

12.45PM



£8
Two course meal
plus tea/coffee.
Booking
essential



**Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane,
East Finchley N2 8LT**

Are you looking for a warm and welcoming place to enjoy a delicious cooked meal and great company? We invite you to join us for lunch, where you can meet new friends and enjoy a pleasant social time afterwards.

Perfect for those who can participate independently.
Vegetarian option available.

For details on how to pay and to book a place contact Louise Palmer on louise.palmer@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call 07384 466840



Mens Health

For over 55s in Barnet

A morning of interesting talks and activities focusing on men's health to mark International Men's Day



International Men's Day 2024 celebrates the positive contributions and achievements of men while addressing important issues affecting men's health, well-being, and gender equality.

Tuesday 19 November 2024
Doors open at 9.30am - 12.30pm
(programme starts at 10.00 am)

**Venue: Watling Community
Centre, 145 Orange Hill Rd,
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You can register for the event by emailing salima.jiwa@ageukbarnet.org.uk

