



BARNET

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RATE REBATES

Article by the Borough Treasurer—
W. R. Harman, F.I.M.T.A., F.S.A.A.

Since the middle of March my staff have been busily engaged in dealing with the flood of enquiries concerning the new provisions allowing for the rebate of General Rate for persons with limited means. The Council have given the new provisions extensive publicity by advertisements in the local press, posters displayed throughout the borough and leaflets circulated with demand notes and distributed to tenants of Council and Greater London Council houses and flats.

The result has been that several thousand requests for forms have been made and no doubt in due course these will result in many claims being received.

First impressions are that the majority of the applicants are retired people although the scheme is not limited according to age but is based on financial resources.

Applications should have been made by 30th April, 1966, if the appropriate full rebate was to be received. However, bearing in mind the fact that the Rating Act did not become law until the middle of March and that being a new scheme people will take time to become familiar with the new procedure, the Council have instructed that sympathetic consideration be given to granting rebates in full where applications are received after 30th April provided there is a reasonable explanation for the delay in applying.

Rate rebates for the current instalment of rates may be claimed by occupiers of houses, flats and other dwellings where their income in the six months' period 1st July to 31st December, 1965, was below £260 (equivalent to £10 a week) for a married applicant, or £208 (equivalent to £8 a week) for a single applicant. These figures are increased by £39 (equivalent to £1.10.0d. a week) for each dependent child. Some rebate may be claimed by ratepayers with incomes slightly

above these figures because the maximum rebate is reduced by 5/-d. for each complete £1 by which income in the six months' period exceeded the appropriate limits.

Income is that received from all sources and is to be taken before deduction of income tax, national insurance and other deductions. Capital is disregarded but all forms of income of both husband and wife are to be taken into account with the exception of payments for board and lodging by lodgers or non-dependent members of the family.

The maximum rebate is calculated on the basis that the applicant has to pay £3.15.0d. plus one-third of the balance of the half year's rates. Thus a ratepayer living on his own who received less than £208 in the six months to 31st December, 1965, and whose half-yearly rates are £30, could claim rebate of £17.10.0d. Where adult persons other than the applicant and his wife (or alternatively another close relative) live in the dwelling, rebate will be proportionately reduced.

Persons receiving regular National Assistance allowances will not normally benefit from the new provisions because in these cases the Board is taking the full rates into account in making their assessment. Such persons are, however, advised to inform their local National Assistance Board office of their new rate liabilities so that appropriate adjustment in their allowances may be made.

It is emphasised that claims may be made by ratepayers who pay their rates directly to the Council (that is those who receive a demand note) and also those who pay their rates in with their rent, either to the Council or Greater London Council or to a private landlord. In addition claims can be made by tenants of ratepayers, that is persons who although they may not pay rates directly to the Council,



**Councillor (Mrs.) Clara M. Thubrun,
M.B.E., J.P.**

Councillor (Mrs.) Clara M. Thubrun, M.B.E., J.P., trained as a school teacher in the North of England, but has lived in Mill Hill for 35 years. During the war she returned to teaching and taught for three years at Deansbrook Junior School.

In December, 1951, she was elected to the Hendon Borough Council as representative for Mill Hill Ward, and she served continuously in that capacity until 1st April, 1965. She was Mayor of Hendon for 1962/63.

In May, 1964, she was elected to represent Mill Hill Ward on the Coun-

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occupy as tenants accommodation for which rates are paid.

Information given by applicants is treated in the strictest confidence.

If you feel that you could benefit from the new provisions, or require some further information, please write to the Borough Treasurer, 304 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N.3. Personal enquiries may be made at the Cashiers' Offices at Town Hall, Hendon; Town Hall, Friern Barnet; Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet; 28 Station Road, New Barnet and King Edward Hall, Finchley, N.3.



Councillor Mrs. B. M. Franklin

Councillor Mrs. Franklin was born in Friern Barnet, the grand-daughter of the Victorian novelist, Silas K. Hocking. She was educated at the North London Collegiate School, and is married with one daughter. Her husband is engaged on work in the textile trade.

She became a Councillor of the former Barnet Urban District Council in 1955, and was Chairman of that Council in 1962-63. Councillor Mrs. Franklin now represents the Totteridge Ward of the Barnet London Borough Council—where she has lived for 31 years—and is Chairman of the Welfare Committee.

A Governor of Queen Elizabeth School and Ravenscroft School, and Manager of St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Councillor Mrs. Franklin is also a Trustee of Woodside House, Whetstone, and a Council representative of Totteridge Manor Association. She is a life member and past Chairman of the Totteridge Women's Guild, and her many interests include education, planning and welfare, and travel, music, sewing and gardening.

STREET LIGHTING

Sodium lighting has been installed in all parts of the Borough with the exception of High Barnet where about 40% of the existing lighting is in incandescent lamps and substandard. The Council have approved a scheme to modernise the lighting at High Barnet to bring it up to the standards elsewhere in the Borough. The work will be spread over about three years provided Government approval to the expenditure is obtained, and it is intended to spend about £30,000 this year.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

A considerable number of enquiries are received from members of the public by the Town Clerk's Department, which controls this function, for details as to where they should make enquiries or obtain certificates in respect of the registration of births, deaths and marriages. The various offices and times of opening are given below for convenience:

HENDON REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Superintendent Registrar

Mr. G. Redhead,
182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware.
EDGware 0876/0024.

Mon. to Fri.:
10 a.m.—12.30 p.m., 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m.—12 noon.

FINCHLEY AND FRIERN BARNET AREA

Mrs. E. E. Govier,
1 Friern Park, North Finchley, N.12.
HILLside 4768.

Mon.:
10 a.m.—12.30 p.m., 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Tue.: 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Wed.: 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Thur.: As Mon.
Fri.: As Tue.
Sat.: 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

HENDON AREA (except Redhill Sub-District below)

Mr. E. S. Nash,
"Fenella", The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4.
HENDon 9082.

Mon. to Wed.: As Mon. above.
Thur.: 10 a.m.—12 noon.
Fri.: 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m.—11 a.m.
Thur.: 2 p.m.—4 p.m.

OUT STATION:

182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware.
EDGware 0876.

REDHILL

(Edgware General Hospital, Redhill Lodge,
Redhill House, 182 Burnt Oak Broadway)

Miss W. E. Cummins,
182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware.
EDGware 0876.

Mon. to Fri.: 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Sat., 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

BARNET REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Superintendent Registrar

Mrs. E. M. Reeve,
63 Wood Street, Barnet.
BARnet 2098.

Mon. to Wed. and Fri.:
10 a.m.—12 noon.
Thur. and Sat.:
10 a.m.—12 noon.

BARNET (First)

(High Barnet and East Barnet areas except hospitals referred to below)

Mr. L. S. Redshaw,
63 Wood Street, Barnet.
HADley Green 3305.

Mon.:
10 a.m.—12 noon, 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Tue. to Thur.:
10 a.m.—12 noon.
Fri.: As Mon.
Thur.: 3 p.m.—4 p.m.

OUT STATION:

Council Offices, New Barnet.

BARNET (Second)

(The Victoria Maternity Hospital and St. Stephen's Hospital)

Mr. J. E. Cummins,
63 Wood Street, Barnet.
BARnet 0900.

Mon. to Fri.: 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m.—12 noon.

MARRIAGE enquiries to the Superintendent Registrar of Barnet or Hendon.

BIRTHS OR DEATHS enquiries to the District Registrars.

If it is a matter of record, enquiries to the Superintendent Registrar of Barnet or Hendon, who keep all records for the district.

Councillor (Mrs.) C. Thubrun—Continued from page one

cil of the London Borough of Barnet and she is chairman of the Health Committee and a member of the Children's, Welfare, General Purposes and Education Committees. In February, 1965, she was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Middlesex Area of Greater London.

The main channel of her interest in the youth activities of the Borough has been the Girl Guides and for the past 11 years she has been chairman of the Hendon Division Local Association. She is also a member of the Management Committee of the Canada Villa Youth Centre. Another sphere of activity is her presidency of the Borough of Barnet Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, in which connection she was chairman of the Appeal Committee responsible for the establishment of Outlook House, the Society's social centre.

A founder member of the Broadway Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild in 1938, Councillor (Mrs.) Thubrun has held office in her own Guild, the local Federation, and is now a member of the National Executive Committee of the movement.

For some years she has been a member of the Hendon Group Hospital Management Committee, and is at present chairman of the Bushey Maternity and vice-chairman of Colindale Hospital Committees.

Her other interests include drama and painting. She was awarded the M.B.E. in June, 1964.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet will be held at the Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, at 7 p.m. on MONDAYS as shown below:—

16th May, 1966
23rd May, 1966
(Annual Meeting)
18th July, 1966

Copies of Council Minutes are available in all public libraries before the Council Meetings take place, and for members of the public attending meetings of the Council.

SALVAGE

The income from salvage locally, i.e. waste paper, rags, and non-ferrous metals (brass, zinc, lead, copper, etc.), is at present about £25,000 per annum. The service is in process of being reorganised in order to increase the income to £100,000 per annum. This will make a substantial contribution

towards the relief of the rates, and all residents can assist merely by keeping salvage out of their dustbins. Please keep your salvage separate for collection by the Council refuse collectors.

A special publicity campaign will be launched as soon as new paper-baling equipment is installed, and it is the aim to reach the target figure in a year. This can be achieved and even exceeded with your help.

FREE TRAINING IN FIRST-AID AND HOME NURSING

The Minister of Health has asked local authorities to arrange for free facilities for training in Home Nursing and First-Aid for as many members of the public as are willing to receive it. It will be given without charge or any other obligation and could prove useful in cases of illness or accidents.

Accordingly, arrangements have been made for short courses of six lectures, each lasting one and a half hours, the next one to be held at:—

The British Red Cross Society,
Maryland House, The Downage,
Hendon, N.W.4.
Fridays, 20th and 27th May, 3rd, 10th,
17th and 24th June.

From 2.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.

For tickets of admission or further information please apply to:—

The Town Clerk,
The Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4.
(Telephone HENDon 8282, Ext. 34.)

PROTECTED CHILDREN

There are various ways in which children in Barnet are protected by the Borough Council's services. One of these services is to visit and give advice about children who are living away from their own families. If anyone receives a child under 15 for a period exceeding one month, that person must notify the Children's Officer at the Town Hall, N.11. Except in an emergency, 14 days' notice must be given before the foster child arrives. You can get a form from the Children's Officer on which to write out the details and this saves you writing a letter about it.

The law concerning private foster children is contained in the Children Act, 1958. It does not apply to children in boarding schools and hospitals, nor to children living with close relatives.

When notice is received by the Children's Officer, he will send a Child Protection Visitor to advise and help you in your care of the foster child. If the child is under five, you will also have the help of the Health Visitor, and if the child has reached school age you will of course be sending him to school.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Headquarters of the Planning Department are located at Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Church End, Finchley, N.3 (telephone VIRginia 9121), but for the convenience of the public three Divisional offices have been established in different parts of the Borough.

Applications for planning permission should be sent to the following Divisional Planning Offices:

Western Division

Divisional Planning Office, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4
(Tel.: HENDon 8282)

For proposed development in the area of the former Borough of Hendon with the exception of the three wards of Childs Hill, Golders Green and the Garden Suburb and other minor adjustments.

Central Division

Divisional Planning Office, 294 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N.3
(Telephone: VIRginia 9121)

For proposed development in the area of the former Borough of Finchley plus the three wards of Childs Hill, Golders Green and the Garden Suburb and other minor adjustments.

Northern Division

Divisional Planning Office, Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts.
(Telephone: BARNet 9181)

For proposed development in the area of the former Urban Districts of Barnet, East Barnet and Friern Barnet with minor adjustments.

If you have any planning problems you are invited to consult the borough officers at these addresses between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive.

BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT



G. A. Pentecost, Esq., A.M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E., A.M.T.P.I., Borough Engineer and Surveyor, London Borough of Barnet.

The history of the Engineer is lost in military antiquity and as civilisation progressed, the need for his peaceful counterpart arose and was given the title of Civil Engineer.

The first Surveyors of Highways (acting unpaid) were appointed under the statute of Philip and Mary, 1555, and the only labour available for the construction and maintenance of roads was from holders of land within the parishes who were required to work without pay for six consecutive days per year. The work took the form of collecting stones from neighbouring fields and depositing them on the highways. Instructions were issued by the Surveyor after the Sunday morning lesson at the parish church and, although this system formed the basis of legislation which survived the 300 years, one can only conjecture on the difficulties and the result of work obtained from pressed labour and pressed supervision.

The Municipal Engineer and Surveyor of today owes his title of "Surveyor" to the Statute of 1555 and acquired the title of "Engineer" subsequently when his duties embraced works calling for a higher degree of technical knowledge.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor is now the technical adviser to the Council on many diverse and important functions. In the London Borough of Barnet, these include the design, construction, maintenance and cleansing of over 300 miles of highways with 600 miles of footpaths, and

approximately 600 miles of soil and surface water sewers; the lighting of highways, for which purpose there are some 14,000 lighting units; the inspection of all plans submitted under the Building Regulations for building development; the weekly collection of refuse for almost 100,000 premises amounting to approximately 90,000 tons of refuse per annum; the purchase and maintenance of vehicles for all the Council's services and plant and equipment for all engineering purposes (there are about 350 vehicles in regular daily use); the maintenance of all public buildings other than houses and the maintenance of the public parks and open spaces having an area of about 1,900 acres, an area larger than the former Friern Barnet Urban District.

To deal with these very extensive and varied services it was necessary for the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to set up a large and complex organisation, mainly at his headquarters at "Gateway House", Finchley, but also at Divisional Offices (Building Inspectorate) and depots (Superintendents of outside services). The staff includes highly qualified civil, electrical and structural engineers, surveyors, technicians, superintendents, and the necessary administrative and clerical personnel, amounting in total to rather more than 300.

The operation of the essential services of the Council for which the Engineer is responsible calls for the employment of almost 1,400 men. Much of the work, such as refuse collection, the maintenance and cleansing of sewers and street sweeping, is arduous and often has to be carried out under most difficult conditions. It is not perhaps surprising that, in an era when so much emphasis is placed on improvements in working conditions and environment, difficulty in obtaining sufficient labour to maintain even minimum standards in these services is a source of constant anxiety.

In addition to the direct labour forces under his direction the Borough Engineer is responsible for a large volume of work carried out by contract, especially the construction or reconstruction of highways and sewers and the regular maintenance of footpaths.

The standards and methods of carrying out essential services adopted by the five constituent authorities

NATIONAL SAVINGS ANNIVERSARY YEAR

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the inauguration of the National Savings Committee the Barnet Borough Savings Committee held a special Investment Week, from 7th to 14th May, 1966. The President, The Worshipful the Mayor of the Barnet London Borough, Alderman K. G. Pamplin, J.P., presided at an opening ceremony held at the Town Hall, Hendon, on Saturday, 7th May, and made the first investment of the week.

Amongst the guests were two voluntary workers with 50 years' service in the Movement and representatives of three savings groups which have operated since 1916. Fifty-Year Long-Service Badges and Certificates of Merit were presented by the Mayor.

On 16th May, representatives of the committee will present to the London Borough Council a Fiftieth Anniversary Plaque. This Wedgwood blue and white jasper plaque bears the inscription "National Savings Committee 50th Anniversary 1966". A portrait of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II by Arnold Machin, O.B.E., R.A., in applied white relief, is centred on the plaque and is surrounded by a border of oak leaves

differed widely and the co-ordination of these activities into a unified system has presented many problems, especially as it had to be achieved without any suggestion of a breakdown in any of the services and whilst maintaining and preparing programmes of capital works for current and future improvements involving major highways and sewerage projects.

The various professional, technical and trade skills required in this modern age, where engineering has demanded more young men than recruitment and training has made available, leaves no doubt as to the potential prospects available for all new entrants seeking a satisfying and worthwhile career which is offered in local government.

Facilities are available for training, as engineers, for school leavers with the requisite G.C.E. passes and further experience is offered to University graduates.

The work undertaken by the department is so important and diversified that ample opportunities exist to satisfy those keen to help provide the public services which are vital to the ever-improving standard of living.

HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT



*Dr. M. Watkins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health, London Borough of
Barnet.*

The Medical Officer of Health is responsible for the combined Department of Health and Welfare and, in addition to his statutory duties, has the responsibility for the administration, co-ordination and integration of the personal Health and Welfare Services. The Department is administered from Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N.3, and a scheme of divisional organisation will in the course of a few weeks see divisional offices established at Ravenscroft, 61 Wood Street, Barnet (Mental Health Services) and mainly Environmental Health Divisions operating at Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware, and Church Farm, Church Hill Road, East Barnet, the latter offices having been in being since 1st April, 1965. With the operation of three divisions the District Welfare Office, at present at 36 Woodhouse Road, Finchley, N.12, will be transferred to 308 Regents Park Road, N.3, these premises being vacated by the Mental Health Services on removal to Barnet.

The Health and Welfare Department has at present a total staff of approximately 850 employees and with the development of the Health and Welfare Services over the next ten years, staff will need to be increased accordingly.

At the present time the London Borough of Barnet has fifteen permanent Health Clinics, a Dental Workshop, Mother and Baby Home, Hostel for the Mentally Ill, two Junior Training Schools for Mentally Subnormal

Children, three Day Nurseries, two Mortuaries and a Midwives' Home. The Welfare Service at present provides seven Old People's Homes and an eighth Home is to be established within the next few months. In addition there are two Hostels for Homeless Families, a Work Centre for the Physically Handicapped and it is hoped that within the next nine months the department will have a Rehabilitation Centre and a Day Centre for the Elderly. The Council's Ten-Year Plan for the development of the Health and Welfare Services envisages a number of new projects being established and the Community Services will be further developed.

Health and Welfare Services cover a wide variety of provisions for domiciliary and social service care, which include Domiciliary Midwifery, Home Nursing, Chiropody, Health Visiting, Home Help, Welfare of the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Problem Families, Mental Welfare Services and Care of the Elderly.

The Council's Health Clinics provide for the care of the mother and young child, the School Medical Service and School Dental Service. Most of the clinics are comprehensive ones, providing a full range of Child Care, Specialist and Ancillary services.

The Health Visitors are in attendance at the clinics and their advice and assistance in all branches of family health care is readily available.

Home Help and Neighbourly Help Services, which are provided under Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, play an important part in the wellbeing of sick and elderly persons within the community but unfortunately the number of Home Helps employed is insufficient to meet the needs and in many instances cases can only be allocated minimal home help so as to ensure that all cases receive a fair share of the available service. The Home Help Service is a particular domiciliary service which needs to be considerably strengthened and all possible steps are being taken to recruit the services of people who have a genuine desire to assist people who are unable to cope with the domestic situation by reason of ill health or infirmity.

The Environmental Division, with a staff of Specialist and other Public Health Inspectors, etc., deals with a wide range of duties including Control

THE HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help Service is likely to be most effective when it is integrated into the total pattern of social service with an optimum degree of co-operation and team work. The motto of the Institute of Home Help Organisers, taken from a Christmas Day message of the late King George VI is "The strength of the nation is the homes of the people."

In the London Borough of Barnet the Home Help Service operates to support and care for the home and family where help is needed, such as the sick, the elderly, the blind and handicapped, mothers of young children, cases of confinement, etc., and many other sections of our community.

A serious shortage of Home Helps in this area seriously retards the effectiveness of the service, a shortage due, perhaps, to a misconception of the function of the service.

In view of this a recruitment campaign has been running during the past few months, during which members of the Health and Welfare staff have gone out to organisations and women's meetings to talk to members with a view to stressing the less appreciated aspects of the service in the hope that those interested might offer help or be able to assist us in recruiting personnel of the right calibre for this responsible work.

The Home Help is an important member of the Health and Welfare team, working together with the family doctor, the health visitor, the district nurse and social worker to give practical and moral support to enable those less fortunate to remain within the community in their own homes.

Any reader who is looking for well worthwhile work, or has only a limited amount of time to offer would be giving a valuable service to the community.

The Medical Officer of Health, Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N.3, would be pleased to receive any enquiries.

of Infectious Diseases, Food Hygiene, Unsatisfactory Housing Conditions, and Clean Air. Insofar as Clean Air is concerned, it is hoped that within the next ten years the whole of the London Borough of Barnet will be declared a Smoke Control Area.

SCHOOL JOURNEYS 1965/1966

EDUCATIONAL CRUISES

Cruises organised by the British India Company are becoming increasingly popular with schools in the Borough. Primary schools from several parts of the Borough co-operated in a Baltic cruise in May, 1964, even before the new Borough came into being. In November, 1965, two grammar schools and five secondary modern schools (total of 19 staff and 240 pupils) took part in a cruise to Greece and Venice.

In May of this year six junior schools (approximately 200 pupils and 19 staff) are taking part in a cruise to Oslo—Copenhagen—Kiel Canal and Heligoland. As evidence of long-term planning, five primary schools (180 pupils and 16 staff) plan to take part in a cruise to the Norwegian fjords and Copenhagen in May, 1967, and in November, 1967, two secondary schools (80 pupils and five staff) will fly to Venice to take part in a cruise to the Greek Islands and Naples, visiting Pompeii and Rome, returning via Gibraltar to Southampton.

In addition to block bookings for cruises, other schools in the Borough take part in cruises organised on behalf of other local authorities (already planned: one secondary and one primary this year and one secondary for 1967).

The educational cruise ships, of which British India have three, are virtually boarding schools at sea. Pupils receive lectures on the ports which they are to visit and have classroom study periods under their own party leaders. Competition prizes for essays, best-kept logbooks, etc., are arranged. There are sports facilities, libraries, reading rooms, tuck shops, a heated swimming pool and even an assembly hall with organised physical activities throughout the time, together with a wide choice of other activities. Shore excursions are arranged at each port under English-speaking guides. Quote from British India: "Life on board ship is practical and purposeful and the pupils form part of it. They are being taught to use their eyes and ears, to enjoy the world around them and above all to be tolerant of other people's manners and customs and to make the most of their own leisure."

The Company's Schools Liaison Officer, on whom a good deal of the organisation falls, is Mr. A. G. Field,

C.B.E., M.A., who was formerly Group Controller for the London Civil Defence Region with his headquarters at Hendon.

SCHOOL JOURNEYS ABROAD

These are also becoming increasingly popular with the schools who arrange their own journeys during the school holidays, particularly to France, Germany and Austria, but recently Italy, Spain, Greece and even Turkey have been included. The purposes are, geographical and scientific field studies, language study, winter sports, history and sightseeing. During 1965/66 the number of school parties undertaking visits to the Continent were Easter, 1965—11; summer, 1965—23; and Christmas, 1965—6: almost entirely secondary school, although two junior schools have undertaken brief visits to the French coast.

SCHOOL JOURNEYS AT HOME

Both primary and secondary schools organise school journeys at home, some in the holiday period, and some in term time as part of the instruction given outside school. Again the main purposes are the study of history, archaeology and industry, scientific and geographical field studies and organised sports activities. Popular areas are the School Camp at St. Mary's Bay,

and the Hertfordshire School Camp at Cuffley, the Isle of Wight, Norfolk Broads, North Wales, the Lake District and Derbyshire. Use of youth hostel accommodation is popular and schools establish their own connections with particular districts.

During 1965/66, 25 secondary school parties and 27 primary school parties took part in school journeys in the United Kingdom.

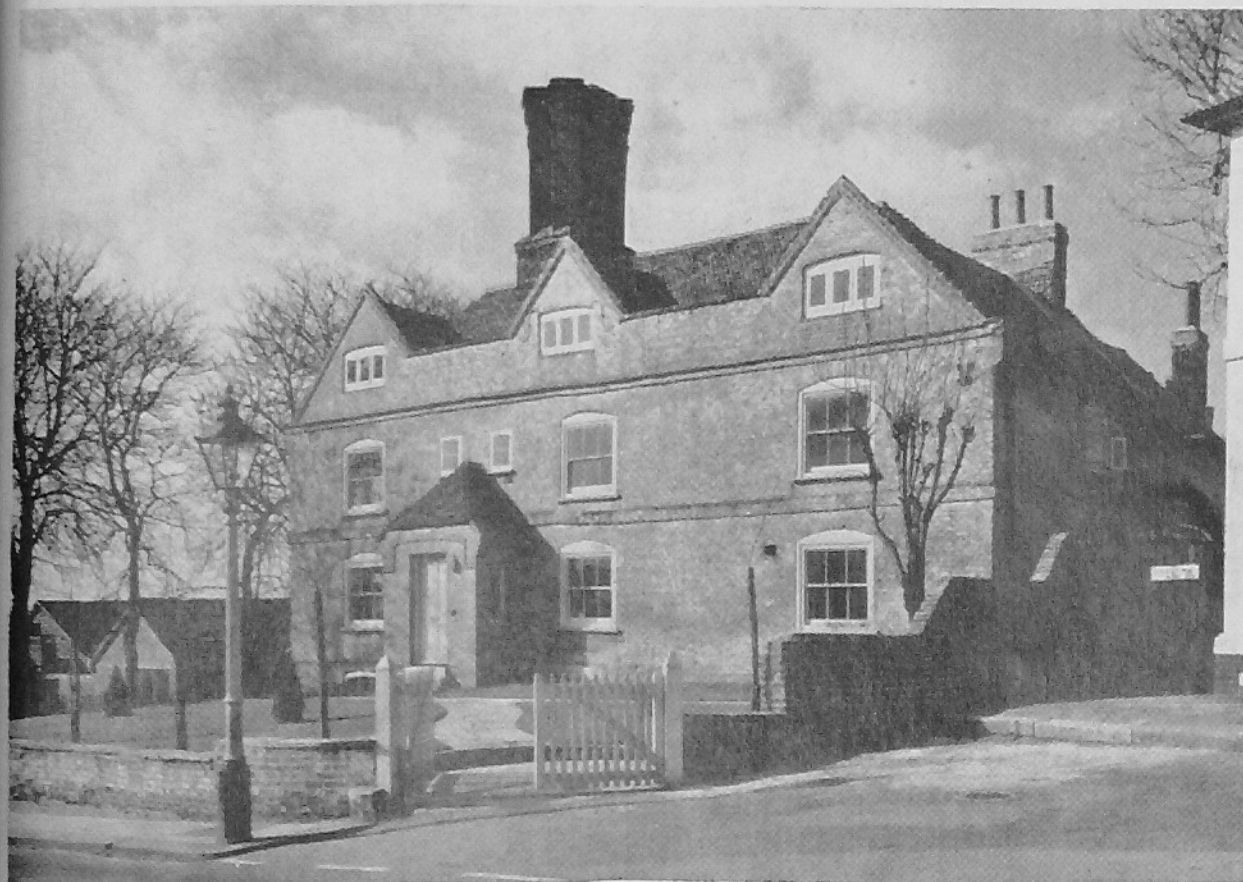
FINANCE

School journeys are almost entirely self-financing, i.e. the pupils pay their way, but the Borough Council is prepared to grant some assistance in the following cases:—

- (a) Geographical and scientific field study courses for pupils taking the Advanced Level of the G.C.E.;
- (b) Continental language courses for senior pupils in secondary schools who show particular aptitude and ability;
- (c) Secondary modern pupils who secure a place on courses organised by the Outward Bound Trust;
- (d) Secondary school pupils chosen to take part in expeditions organised by the British Schools Exploring Society.



Brent Park, which is off the busy North Circular Road, between Brent Street and Bridge Lane, Hendon, one of the many beautiful parks—of which there are over a hundred—in the Barnet London Borough area.



CHURCH FARM HOUSE MUSEUM

Greyhound Hill N.W.4

This is, perhaps, the oldest surviving dwelling house in Hendon. The main part dates from mid or early seventeenth century, but it is probable that a house stood on the site before that time. The house was restored by the Hendon Borough Council and opened in 1955 as a museum of local history. Over the past few years a policy of continually changing exhibitions has been introduced and these are displayed in the three first floor rooms, while the ground floor rooms are furnished in period style.

Weekdays except (Tuesday):

10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. **ADMISSION FREE**

TRAVELLING LIBRARY SERVICE

BRENT HILL (Sturgess Avenue, near junction with Dallas Road)	Fridays	4.30 p.m.— 7.00 p.m.
BRUNSWICK PARK (Brunswick Grove, New Southgate, N.11)	Thursdays	10.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
CLITTERHOUSE (Clitterhouse Crescent)	Mondays	4.30 p.m.— 7.00 p.m.
COLINDALE (Woodfield Avenue— near School)	Wednesdays Fridays	10.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m.— 7.30 p.m.
COURTLAND (Courtland Avenue— near School)	Wednesdays	2.30 p.m.— 7.30 p.m.
EDGWARE/BROADFIELDS (Lynford Gardens— near Church)	Tuesdays	2.00 p.m.— 7.30 p.m.
FRITH MANOR (Sussex Ring)	Tuesdays Saturdays	2.30 p.m.— 7.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m.— 5.30 p.m.
GARDEN SUBURB (St. Jude's Church, South Square)	Tuesdays Thursdays	10.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m.— 7.30 p.m.
GOLDERS GREEN ESTATE (Pennine Drive, Pennine Mansions)	Saturdays	10.00 a.m.— 5.00 p.m.
MILL HILL EAST (Junction of Milesplit Hill and Pursley Road)	Mondays	10.00 a.m.— 4.00 p.m.
(Junction of Ashley Lane and Devonshire Road)	Thursdays	2.30 p.m.— 7.00 p.m.
TEMPLE FORTUNE (Hampstead Way—near junction with Finchley Road)	Mondays Fridays	10.00 a.m.— 7.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m.— 4.00 p.m.
WEST HENDON—HYDE ESTATE (Hyde Crescent)	Wednesdays	4.30 p.m.— 7.00 p.m.

The service provides books for adults and children and membership forms can be obtained from the mobile library.

TRAVELLING LIBRARY SERVICE,

Fenella House, The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4. Tel: HENdon 8537, Ext. 25.

SIEGERLAND EXCHANGE VISIT 1966

In 1951, the Borough of Finchley established a home to home exchange link with Siegerland, Germany. Since then, this exchange has proved to be a most successful and beneficial annual event. With the formation of the London Borough of Barnet, this exchange has now been opened to a much larger area and although final details are not yet available, applications are invited from the residents of the London Borough of Barnet, between the ages of 15 and 21 years, to join this party.

The dates of the visits are as follows:—

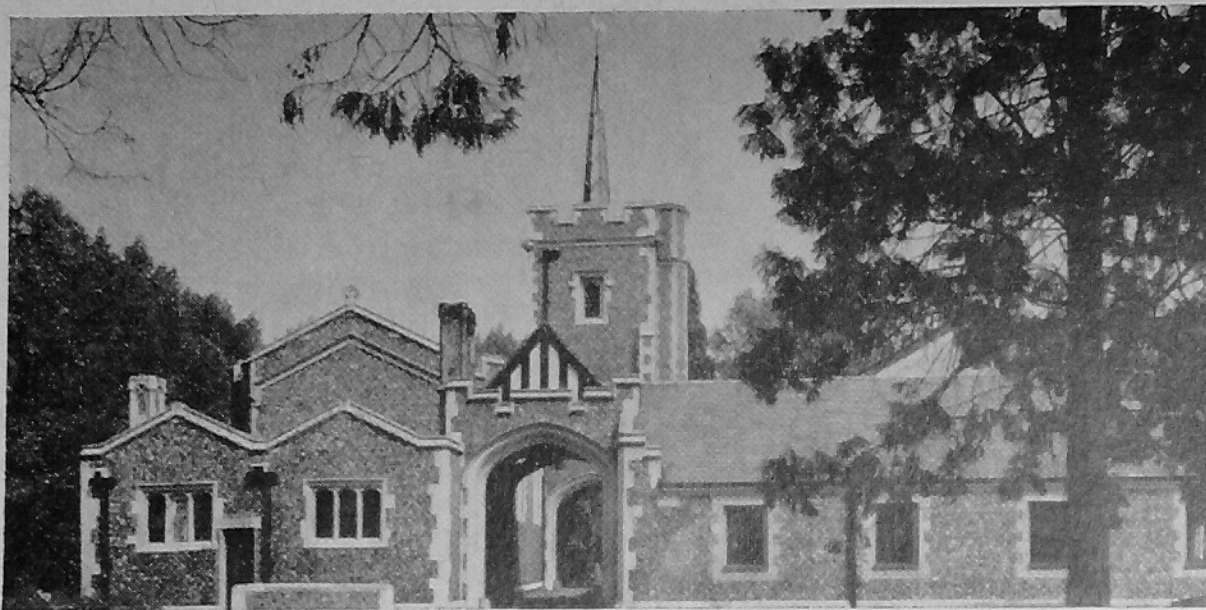
London Borough of Barnet to
Siegerland 25th July—8th August,
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Siegerland to London Borough of
Barnet 16th August—30th August,
1966.

Preference will be given to young persons who are prepared to contribute to an activity of the group.

Further details may be obtained from the Chief Education Officer, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11. The final selection of the party will be by interview of a Sub-Committee of the Events Panel of the Youth Advisory Committee.

The cost, as yet, is unknown but will be notified to all interested as soon as possible and will not be more than £10.



Entrance to Hendon Crematorium

HENDON DIVISION GUIDES' TWO SUCCESSES

Friday, 29th March, was a memorable day for Margaret White and Jacqueline Roberts, as Margaret was selected to represent Guides and Rangers from the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Enfield and Haringey at a camp to be held in Iceland and Jacqueline is representing the same Boroughs at a Country selection for a training in Israel.

Both girls have been active members of the movement for many years. Margaret is now a Sea Ranger and many of the skills she has learned, including general boating, swimming, camping, rock climbing, pony-trekking and water-skiing will be of help to her at the camp.

The girls of today are still as keen as ever to be Brownies and Guides and get these marvellous opportunities of learning new skill and if anyone is willing to help in any way, would they please contact any of the Commissioners listed below:—

Mrs. K. Thomas, 29 Worcester Crescent, N.W.7;

Miss B. Bray, 6 Holmwood Grove, N.W.7;

Mrs. M. Hawthorne, 22 Holders Hill Crescent, N.W.4;

Miss C. King, 12 Delamere Gardens, N.W.7;

Mrs. M. Roberts, 81 Bullescroft Road, Edgware;

Miss E. Salisch, 39 Ashurst Road, Cockfosters, East Barnet;

Miss M. Smith, 13 Willifield Way, N.W.11.

Without adequate adult help, the girls of the future will not get these opportunities.

UNEVEN PAVEMENTS AND OVER-HANGING HEDGES

The Barnet London Borough Council has been concerned recently at the frequent occurrence of accidents to blind persons through untended trees and through bushes on private property and other obstacles.

The Council, therefore, seeks the co-operation of householders and estate managers in reducing the risk of accidents to blind people by ensuring that bushes and trees bordering public footpaths are regularly trimmed.

Residents are asked particularly to consider the safety of blind persons when negotiating such hazards and to render assistance whenever these arise.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A register is maintained in the Town Clerk's Department of all known local organisations, to which reference is often made to satisfy the many enquiries received from residents wishing to take part in their own hobby, sport or entertainment.

There are 700 local organisations in the register, although it is felt that in a London Borough as large as Barnet there may be many more.

Reply-cards to amend details contained in the register are sent to secretaries of local organisations, and it is requested that Honorary Secretaries of organisations which are not recorded, should inform the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Hendon, London, N.W.4. (Ref. Information.)

HENDON CREMATORIUM AND CEMETERY

The Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery was purchased by the then Hendon Corporation in 1956, but prior to that date was owned and administered by the Abney Park Cemetery Company Limited who opened the Cemetery in 1899, the first interment taking place on 29th January of that year.

In the first booklet issued by the Abney Park Cemetery Company Limited, the Hendon Cemetery was described as being situated "near the rapidly growing suburban village of Finchley" and comprising "over 40 acres of well-wooded undulating meadow land close to the Mill Hill (now Mill Hill East Underground) Station of the Great Northern Railway".

It was not until 1922 that the Crematorium was brought into being and since that time some 9,000 cremations have taken place thereat. The Crematorium chapel is constructed over the area which was originally "a garth of refreshing green sward" enclosed by the cloister walks upon whose walls memorial tablets may be purchased and inscribed. Vaults could be constructed in this enclosed lawn area, and interments take place therein. It need hardly be added that such exhumations as were necessary took place prior to the construction of the Crematorium chapel.

During January of this year both the Crematorium chapel and the adjacent Burial Chapel were completely redecorated, the colour scheme being designed by the Colour Advisory Service of the Imperial Chemical Industries.

Each chapel has an electronic organ installed which is played by very well known organists, and indeed one of the principal organists is at present engaged on a three-week professional tour of Finland and Denmark.

The internal beauty of the chapels is further enhanced by generous floral decoration, the majority of which is donated by bereaved families at the time of funeral services. Visitors may inspect the buildings by appointment with the Superintendent between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Correspondence and enquiries should be directed to the Superintendent, Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, N.W.7. (Telephone FINchley 0657 and 0629.)