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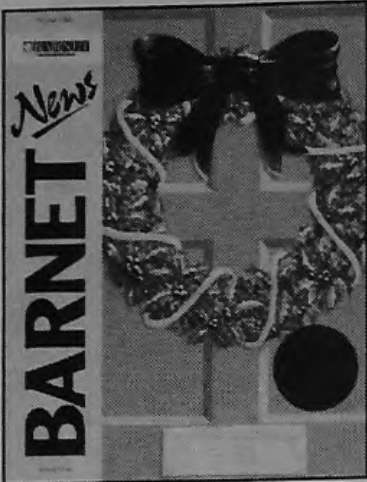
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Building a vision for Barnet

The way Barnet Council prioritises available resources for services to the public will change radically following approval by the Policy and Resources Committee at a meeting on Monday 7 October, of a new procedure which will enable priorities to be set for at least two to three years.

Guidelines are set out in a document called 'Building a Vision for Barnet - Major Priorities for the Borough'.

Key issues

The document sets out the key issues and changes facing the council over the next few years. These include:

- Increasing school age population - Secondary rolls are predicted to rise from 16,089 to 20,800 by the year 2000.
 - Increasing 'Over 85' population - Numbers expected to increase by 29 per cent by the turn of the century.
 - Instability in local government - Both major political parties are promoting change.
 - Financial constraints - Restrictions on money available for the council to spend on large projects are likely to continue; other restraints will mean reconciling the need to spend money on important projects with the likelihood of 'capping'.
 - Voluntary effort - Due to pressure on salary levels many organisations linked with local authorities are finding difficulty in recruiting and retaining helpers either on a voluntary or paid basis.
 - Changes in Health Service provision - it is already clear these will have an impact on council services.
 - Refugees and vulnerable people - Numbers of individuals in these groups show a small but significant increase.
- The aim is to look at resources

for Barnet Council services as a whole, instead of the former system where separate council committees fought against each other for as much funding as possible in their individual areas of interest.

Other issues face Barnet Council such as the proposed replacement in 1993 of community charge with a new tax. It is possible that in 1993 Barnet Council may be faced with administering four taxes - rates, business rates, community charge and council tax.

Changes in the education service mean the council now has very little power to direct and control activities within schools other than by guidance and persuasion.

If more schools opt out or all schools are required to take a positive decision to opt in, the council's role as a local education authority will change radically.

Councillors will also need to address the issue of the maintenance 'timebomb'. The short-term strategy of under investment in maintaining buildings had the advantage of reducing the demand for spending, however the need for major renewals is becoming pressing and the council no longer has power to ensure that money is spent on such projects in schools.

The scope of competitive tendering is constantly being increased, the latest addition being management of major leisure facilities. Councillors need to consider whether any new facilities could benefit from partnership between Barnet Council and the private sector.

Rigorous approach

Council services to children, the elderly and those members of the community with special requirements such as people with severe learning difficulties, necessitate a rigorous needs-led approach if sensible priorities are

to be set out. The Children Act, which became law in October, substantially increases the responsibility of the council and the Community Care Act has similar ramifications.

Priorities

Councillors will now consider the highest priorities for the future.

The three highest priorities are:

- To maintain the standards and facilities of educational provision for the 3-16 plus age group at the current level of activity so as to facilitate the existing level of academic achievement if possible.

- To provide social support services to all individuals who fall within the present criteria of need at the existing service level. To match the volume of service provided to cater for the changing number of qualifying individuals and to increase service provision only as statute requires. To give specific priority to measures which combat homelessness.

- To improve the environment and appearance of the borough by making it a more attractive, cleaner and tidier place to live; keeping the physical infrastructure in good heart; positively promoting and implementing proposals to deal with traffic issues and recycling.

The lower priorities:- it may be necessary to:

- Reduce the level of direct council resource supporting arts provision and endeavour to replace it by external funding.

- Substantially reduce subsidies for leisure and active sport over the period in respect of all direct provision.

- Take no action to increase involvement in economic development matters but only co-ordinate present activity and enable the Barnet Enterprise Trust and the North London Training and Enterprise to achieve their objectives.

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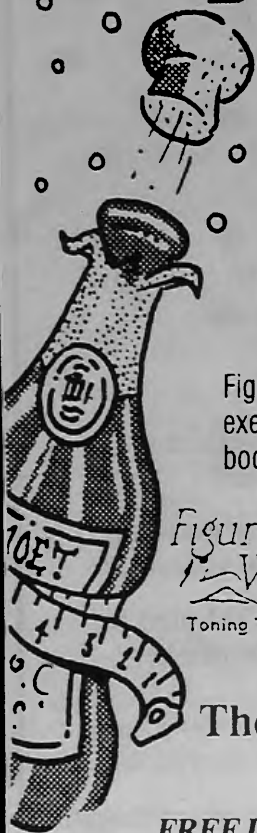


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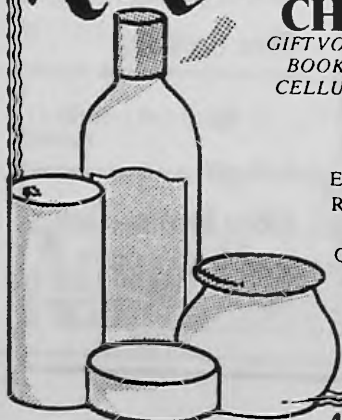
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Arkley Ward: Contact Labour councillors Anita Campbell 440 2703, Pam Coleman 449 6254, Kevin Smith 440 4828. Councillors available first and third Saturdays of month, 10.30-11.30am, St Stephen's Church, Bells Hill and at "Homefield" (common room), Dollis Valley Estate. Advice surgery with a Labour councillor second Saturday of month, 10.30-11.30am, 104 East Barnet Rd, New Barnet

Brunswick Park Ward: Conservative councillors available second Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, Monkfrith Boys' Club hall, Osidge Lane, N14.

East Barnet Ward: Cllr Olwen Evans (Conservative) available first Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. Contact Cllr Jim Anani 445 3872 or Cllr John Perry 368 4368 for personal appointment.

Hadley Ward: Conservative councillors Gillian Bull, Liz Mammatt and Ashley Newman available third Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, 163 High St, Barnet.

Totteridge Ward: Contact Conservative councillors Joan Levinson 368 3298, Victor Lyon 446 4423 and Victor Usher 445 4248.

Finchley & Friern Barnet

Margaret Thatcher, MP, holds regular surgeries for constituents only. For appointment 445 4292 or 445 0856 (24hr message line).

Conservative councillors, first Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3 or phone as above.

East Finchley Ward: Labour councillors every Saturday, 10-11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, N2

Finchley Ward: Contact Conservative councillors Eva Greenspan 203 1598, Barbara Langstone 445 5443 or Leslie Sussman 346 6775. Eva Greenspan available first Friday of month, 10.30am-noon at 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

Friern Barnet Ward: Contact Conservative councillors Chris Platford 368 6817, Brian Salinger 368 1329, John Tiplady 445 5734.

St Paul's Ward: Contact Conservative councillors: Mike Freer 446 5396.

Helena Hart 346 3128 or Mary Phillips 445 9426, or on every third Saturday of month from 10.30-noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

Woodhouse Ward: Labour councillors Stan Cross, Mike Harris and Dennis Reed, every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, Educational Services (formerly Friern Barnet Town Hall) N11.

Hendon North

John Gorst, MP, by appointment, 959 1446 or via constituency office, Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill.

Edgware, Hale and Mill Hill Wards: Conservative councillors, constituency office, alternate Mondays by appointment 959 1446.

Burnt Oak Ward: Contact Labour councillors: Gerald Shamash, 458 2679, Allan Turner 952 2106, Alan Williams 906 0576. Also every Saturday, 10.30am-noon, Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak, 952 5771 (24hr message line).

Colindale Ward: Labour councillors available first and last Saturday of month 2-3pm, St Augustine's, Grahame Park or phone councillors Ellis Hillman 202 7792, Tom McKendry 444 0594 or David Williams 343 1082.

Hendon South

John Marshall, MP, via constituency office, 202 7484 by appointment, see local press for details.

Garden Suburb, Golders Green and Hendon Wards: Conservative councillors, first Saturday of month, 202 7484.

Childs Hill Ward: Liberal Democrat councillors second Tuesday of month, 7-8pm, Garth Hall Community Centre, Mortimer Close, Granville Rd, NW2 or phone councillors Jack Cohen 445 3981, Monroe Palmer 455 5140 or Brian Stone 450 0762.

West Hendon Ward: Labour councillors second Saturday of month, 11am, West Hendon Youth Club, 4A Park Rd, NW4 by appointment, contact councillors Doreen Neall 202 9927, Tim Sims 071-734 8080 or Agnes Slocombe 202 4074.

Euro MP

Pauline Green. Phone 365 1892.

New Councillor elected for Mill Hill



Conservative Jane Ellison has been elected as the new councillor for the Mill Hill ward.

Miss Ellison polled 1,569 votes in the by-election on Thursday 26 September, which was prompted by the death of Cllr Dennis Dippel.

There was a 26.5% turn-out.

Protecting the consumer and upholding standards

Barnet Council's Trading Standards service aims to make sure that the consumer gets a fair deal and that honest traders are not disadvantaged by dishonest competition.

Putting the consumer first means that dealing with consumers' complaints and enquiries is a priority and the section's work reflects the diversity of the problems which are presented to them.

Throughout the pages of this issue of 'Barnet News', you'll find features on the work of Barnet Council's Trading Standards.

Along with the examples featured throughout Barnet News, the section is also responsible for:-

- **C o n s u m e r** Education, staff from Trading Standards give talks to schools, societies and organises the Young Consumer of the Year Competition.

- Providing advice to local businesses on trading standards legislation.

- investigating the sale of cigarettes to children.

- running Watling Market.

- checking for overloaded lorries.

- licensing many types of business activity such as street traders and annual retail sales of fireworks.

Barnet Council's Trading Standards service is based at Hatchcroft, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BN.

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Or you can phone the department on 081-202 8282 ext 2060

Barnet coup over UDP

Barnet Council adopted its Unitary Development Plan (UDP) on 6 November, at least eight months ahead of any other local authority.

The plan was adopted at a special meeting of the council's Town Planning and Research Committee with special guest Timothy Yeo, a Junior Minister at the Department of the Environment, on hand to mark the occasion.

Historic

Mr Yeo described the special meeting as "an historic occasion, a milestone in the planning history of England."

"Barnet Council fully

deserve the commendations of the Government and the whole town and country planning community for being the first authority in the country to adopt its new Unitary Development Plan," he added.

The plan will provide councillors with a co-ordinated strategy for development in the borough over the next decade and will be the first point of reference for council officers in the consideration of planning applications.

Delighted

Cllr John Tiplady, Chairman of the Town Planning and Research Committee said: "I am delighted that the process of producing the UDP has finally been completed. It is quite a coup for the borough to be the first in the country to



"an historic occasion, a milestone in the planning history of England"

Timothy Yeo

Milestones along the way

Aug -
Nov 89

Approval of the two parts of the draft UDP

Consultation on the draft UDP

Dec 89
- Feb 90

May -
Jun 90

Representations invited on proposed UDP

Public Local Inquiry held into representations not already solved.

Sep -
Oct 90

Feb -
Apr 91

Department of the Environment Inspector's Reports received

Statutory six week consultation period over modifications proposed by Inspector

June
91

Nov 91

Barnet Council Unitary Development Plan adopted

adopt a Unitary Development Plan."

"I would like to pay tribute to the officers in the planning department for their painstaking work in preparing the UDP," he added.

The plan tackles issues such as improving employment opportunities by encouraging employers to set up in the borough, siting workplaces nearer to homes to reduce traffic congestion and travel delays.

Preserving character

It will encourage the building of new homes while preserving the existing residential character of the borough and oversee the development of shopping centres and leisure facilities.

The plan will also be used to protect local conservation areas and maintain the quality of the environment.

Preparation has involved detailed consultation with literally hundreds of residents and interested organisations,

including British Gas, Finchley Chamber Orchestra and the English Tourist Board.

The plan has been two and a half years in the making and contains chapters on Environmental Quality, Leisure and Tourism, Community Services, Shopping, Employment, Housing, Movement and Resources & Implementation.

The plan will be reviewed annually, to make sure it is kept up to date and relevant to developments in the borough.



"quite a coup for the borough to be the first in the country to adopt a UDP"

Cllr John Tiplady

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SCHOOL REPORT

Barnet has much to be proud of in the education provision of the council.

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Our primary schools continue to give children an excellent start by their imaginative approach incorporating the best traditions of service.

This commitment is recognised by parents and students alike, with the schools and colleges maintained by Barnet Council attracting large numbers of applicants, including many from outside the borough.

collaboration

In the recent annual review of performance the Education Committee received details of the work undertaken in the past year. Many of the developments and the achievements are due to a collaborative approach on the part of all concerned. Partnership is an important aspect of the service.

An ongoing review of the special needs provision has produced a new policy accepted within the Authority. This was a joint effort between the inspectorate, head teachers, teachers and officers of Educational Services.

The first year of Local

Management of Schools (LMS) in its full form has been successfully completed. Included in this has been the development of effective consultative procedures which has heightened perceptions as to the benefits to be derived through the working together of schools within the authority.

business links

Considerable strides have also been made in establishing links with local business. The newly established Barnet Business Education Partnership became operational in the summer and was commended for its proposals.

Looking to enhance opportunities in Europe the colleges of Further Education have established important links with European institutions.

Every effort is made to extend the opportunities for pupils and students. Exhibitions and displays of work are promoted in many areas including music, art, literature, science and environmental education. Many pupils and students gain individual recognition through their achievements in local or national competitions.

An important part of this extension of opportunity is the work of the Youth Service. More young people are participating in the Duke of

Edinburgh Award Scheme than before and opportunities are provided for adventurous and challenging expeditions by the Apthorp Adventure.

continued change

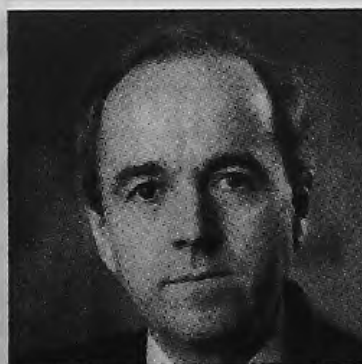
These achievements have been accomplished in the context of continuing change; a situation which will continue into the coming year.

Barnet Council's commitment to education has been demonstrated by its decision to retain Whitefield School and the establishment of the new Compton School.

LMS will continue to develop with its extension to special schools.

New developments in Further Education will come as a result of the latest Government White Paper 'Education and Training for the 21st Century'.

Further information on Barnet's Top Class schools and the Authority's firm commitment to education can be obtained from Educational Services (formerly Friern Barnet Town Hall) Friern Barnet Lane. Telephone 081-368 1255



New Head for new school

Mr Andrew Macalpine has been appointed headteacher of Compton School, the first new secondary school to be opened in the borough in 20 years.

Mr Macalpine, 51, (pictured above) who has a masters degree in education management, was formerly an inspector with the London Borough of Havering.

The school's name was announced at an open

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£3.7M PLAN FOR WHITEFIELD

Barnet Council is to spend £3.7 million upgrading Whitefield School in Claremont Road, Cricklewood. The money will be spent on a series of improvements over three years including a new classroom block. Double glazing and a new roof on the existing building will improve weatherproofing, while cladding on the external walls will form part of a "facelift" of the visual impact of the school. To make Whitefield ready for the extra number of pupils,

adaptations to the existing classrooms will take place and improvements will be made to the vehicle and pedestrian access to the school.

In December last year, the Council made the decision to retain the school to meet the expanding demand on places. Whitefield is doing well in attracting pupils, but new facilities are needed to bring the school into line with other Barnet establishments.

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Having recently visited the home and met the Matron, Mrs Jane Mitchell, I certainly came away with the feeling that the claim is based on solid foundations.

In addition to the frail elderly, The Arkley Nursing Home is also registered to care for younger adults and offers respite and convalescent facilities for the long-term disabled.

The design of the building centres on an enormous, light and attractive

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atrium, featuring a display of indoor foliage plants.

This area is more reminiscent of hotel accommodation than the traditional and sometimes dreary features associated with nursing homes.

Mrs Mitchell explained to us that there is currently a programme of refurbishment underway, and we viewed the newly completed rooms.

Despite the fact that the specialist materials have been used extensively in terms of upholstery, carpeting, etc, the room have a pleasant domestic feel and are certainly equipped to a very comfortable standard.

A telephone (with specially adapted handset if necessary) and a remote controlled television form part of standard equipment.

Colour schemes vary within the rooms and residents may, if they wish, furnish their room with their favourite items, pictures and other

effects, all of which adds to the homely feel.

The matron was keen to point out that the residents are entitled to treat the facilities just as they would their own home, and consequently there are no rules.

Nursing care is of immense importance in this environment and trained nurses are on duty 24 hours a day, guiding and working with a team of care assistants.

A newly installed Nurse Call system, which can be fully mobile to follow the resident around the building, ensures that help is provided when needed.

However physically disabled a person may be, it is important that her mind remains active for as long as possible. A Hobby Therapist visits the home five afternoons each week, and assists the residents in a variety of pleasurable pastimes.

The current schedule includes an art class, reflexology session, craft afternoons, bridge and reading sessions.

The scope of activities includes those which can be enjoyed even by the most severely incapacitated residents.

Local clubs and associations have

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been invited to use the home as a community facility and meeting place. Matron feels that this adds to the general interest and allows the residents to participate in meetings as they occur.

The Arkley Nursing Home caters for and respects individual religious and cultural requirements.

It was certainly refreshing to visit an environment where I came away with the feeling that if my elderly mother was no longer able to look after herself and needed nursing care, Arkley Nursing Home certainly offers a very attractive option.

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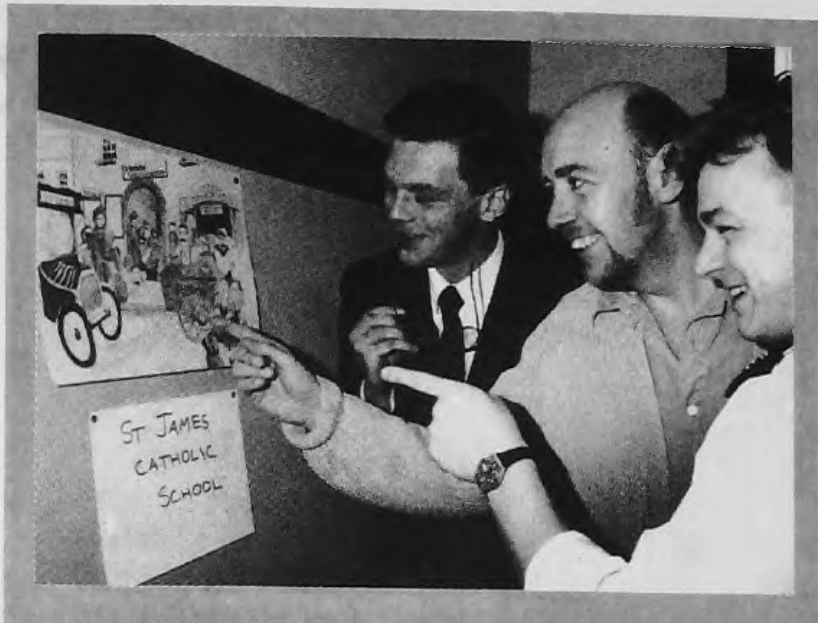
New parking charges for Barnet and Finchley

Changes to the parking charges in Barnet come into force on 2 December 1991. This will enable visitors to the town to park in some on-street parking spaces and the council owned car parks for 20p for 30 minutes and 50p for the hour.

The revised charges allow the flexibility of short stay use of these facilities. The charges for longer stays remain unchanged.

On the same date, parking charges will come into operation in the car parks in North Finchley. The charges will be 20p for 1 hour or 50p for the day.

The charges should ensure better management and turnover within the car parks.



Changes in the issue of travel permits

Barnet is one of ten London boroughs who have decided to issue bus and underground concessionary travel permits themselves next year, rather than use the Post Office as their agent.

Nick Georgiou, Barnet Council's Community Services Controller of Strategy and Policy said: "It is our intention to ensure that the service provided to our elderly residents in this way is at least as good as that provided by the Post Office, if not better."

"We are currently working out the precise detail of the issuing arrangements but in broad terms all centres will be easily accessible by public transport and, by arrangement, issuing officers will visit some day centres to enable permits to be given directly to elderly people attending those centres."

near your home

Four permanent centres will be open throughout the full issuing period which runs from 3 February to 31 March 1992. These centres will be geographically situated throughout the borough and close to Post Offices in order to ensure that all residents are able to attend a centre within a reasonable distance of their home.

In addition there will be temporary issuing offices

which will open across the borough for two week periods.

The council is also investigating the possibility of mobile offices to supplement these arrangements and provide a service in particular estates or neighbourhoods where there is known to be a high number of elderly residents.

We understand the need for a clear, uncomplicated and accessible set of arrangements

Temporary staff employed to issue these permits will be trained and supervised by existing council staff who are already experienced in managing, administering and issuing other assisted or Concessionary Travel Permits.

Mr Georgiou said: "This method of issuing permits will have the advantage of:-

i) providing a more flexible service than Post Office Counters. The previous scheme has been that permits are issued alphabetically, for example A - D by surname for a one-week period. The proposed Barnet

Council Scheme will provide a minimum of two weeks in a particular geographic area of the borough for people to attend.

ii) the provision of a dedicated service concentrating solely on the issuing of Concessionary Fares Permits thereby providing a speedier service to Barnet residents.

assurance

"I would like to assure residents that Barnet Council will make every effort to ensure that these arrangements go as smoothly as possible and that we fully understand the need for a clear, uncomplicated and accessible set of arrangements.

"It is our intention to provide a more efficient, flexible and cost effective service for our elderly residents by implementing these new arrangements," he added.

Starting later this year and continuing into 1992, Barnet Council will launch a major publicity campaign which will give advice on how to obtain the Concessionary Travel Permits.

District Officer Mark Clegg, Ward Cllr Allan Turner and Home Beat Officer Richard Brandon are admiring one of the winners in Barnet Council's 'Paint the Wall' competition, where local schools were invited to submit their ideas for a mural to be painted at Watling Street Market in Burnt Oak.

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There is likely to be more on offer in the shops than ever before, so will you try something new or be a traditional Christmas boar and stick with turkey?

How about a good old English trout for a starter, grilled with butter and chopped almonds?

And what about British beef sirloin for the main meat dish?

Or haunch of venison, marinated in sweet cider and roasted in a chestnut crust?

Goose and turkey will still be popular, but if your butcher boned them out you could stuff them with your choice of fillings.

Why not experience the
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the past by trying some
of these Christmas
dinner ideas this year?

Goose is lovely with a whole plump chicken inside, the chicken itself stuffed with chopped bacon and plums.

Serve with potatoes, roasted in small pieces, with sliced onions, cream, tossed baby sprouts, half boiled chestnuts and mushrooms in butter with a splash of red wine vinegar.

For dessert, try Christmas pudding in brandy butter, or rum butter, or rum or brandy sauce, or clotted cream. Why not try a trifle and make a meal of the pudding another time?

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Freddie knows all about the trials and tribulations of opening public conveniences.

In the television series, set in an imaginary French village, the story line revolves around the installation of a "pissoir" built at the behest of the Mayor.

All the spinsters in the village throw up their hands in horror, claiming it will encourage the young men and women to indulge in lewd behaviour of every description!

Barnet Council, however, is confident that the APC in Hendon will be perfectly respectable!

Joining Freddie for the opening was Cllr Don Goodman, Chairman of the Public Works Committee and officers from the Technical Services department.

Clochemerle is currently being repeated on BBC2 every Friday night.

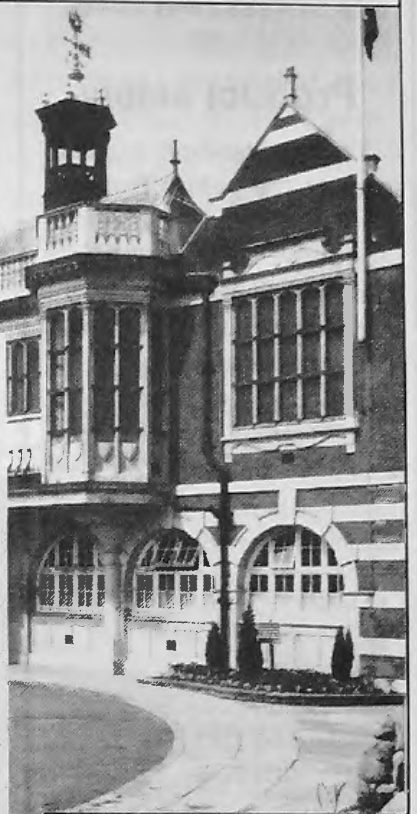


Pictured left to right at the opening are Cllr Don Goodman; Freddie Earle; Golda Halberstadt of Hurstwood Road, Golders Green, a shopper and admirer of the APC; and Richard Golledge of Street Equipment Ltd.

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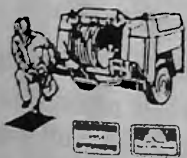
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Homes unveiled in Finchley

Barnet Council unveiled new homes at the Grange Estate, Oak Lane, East Finchley, at an official handover ceremony attended by Finchley MP Margaret Thatcher OM, on Tuesday 15 October.

The £2.9million project made the maximum use of resources, said Director of Community Services, Ray Janering. "The money, which came from a previous Housing Investment Programme bid to the

Department of the Environment, allowed us to carry out major repairs, add an additional floor and create new flats as well as environmentally improve the estate," he added.

Because of the extensive

nature of the works, all residents were contacted for their approval, particularly leaseholders due to the terms of their leases. A Residents' Association was formed and council staff met with them on a monthly basis. These meetings greatly helped to reduce and alleviate concern over the short term disruption on the estate.

Demand

Mr Janering said: "Barnet is facing a substantial increase in the numbers of people presenting themselves as



Please come in! - Ian Wilson invites MP Margaret Thatcher to see his new flat at the Grange Estate. Pictured next to Ian are his parents, Bill and Christine Wilson; his partner, Tracey Staines and their daughter, Louise.

Second stage submission for courthouse

Barnet Council last month moved a major step nearer the development of a single Magistrates Courthouse for the borough.

The council has made a detailed submission to the Home Office for a new ten room courthouse to be built in Mill Hill.

If it gets the go ahead it will be built on part of the old

REME Depot site in Bittacy Hill, replacing the two courthouses currently based in The Hyde, Hendon and Wood Street, Barnet.

The submission is for a three storey, L - shaped building with six courts on the first floor and four courts on the second floor.

It has been produced by Barnet Council's Architecture

and Building Practice in partnership with Barnet Magistrates Court Committee and teams of consultant mechanical, electrical and structural engineers.

The idea was conceived four years ago to provide on one site sufficient court accommodation for current business with an allowance for future

growth.

The Bittacy Hill site was chosen from five original options which included sites in Finchley and Friern Barnet.

Central location

It was chosen because it is central to the borough, was readily available and is adjacent to Mill Hill East underground station and on bus routes.

The Home Office is expected to take approximately three months to consider the submission

- if it gives approval within that period work is planned to begin in Spring 1993 with the completion of the building envisaged for approximately Spring 1995 and occupation of the courthouse during Summer 1995.





The old and the new! The remarkable renovation on Grange Estate

The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Leslie Pym, receives the Eastern Electricity Board civic shield award for energy conservation from Housing and Environmental Service Committee Chairman, Cllr Malcolm Lester.

Thatcher, were invited by Tracey and Ian to see their new home. In fact it was a special birthday for Tracey this year when she and Ian signed the tenancy agreement on her 26th birthday - 2 July.

Tracey said: "It's like a dream come true. Louise, who is almost five-years-old, has a bedroom of her own for the first time. It's fantastic."

"The heating system is great. It's so warm, we can't get used to the fact that we

are warm," she added.

At the official ceremony, Cllr Malcolm Lester, Chairman of the Housing and Environmental Services Committee, presented the Eastern Electricity Civic Shield Award for energy conservation to the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Leslie Pym.

Barnet received a total of three civic shield awards from Eastern Electricity this year for projects, including the works at the Grange Estate.



homeless and the highest level of demand is, at present, in the two-bedroom group.

These new units will be an invaluable addition to the housing stock in the area, providing accommodation for families in high housing need registered on both the

council's housing waiting list and homeless families list."

One of the first families to benefit from this major project are Tracey Staines, her partner Ian Wilson and their daughter, Louise.

After the ceremony the official guests, including Mrs



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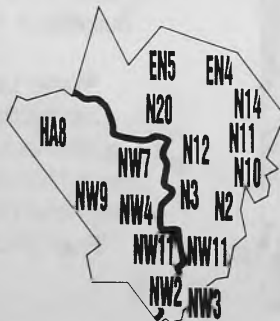
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Please contact your local Social Services Office and ask for the Under 8's section who can provide you with more information

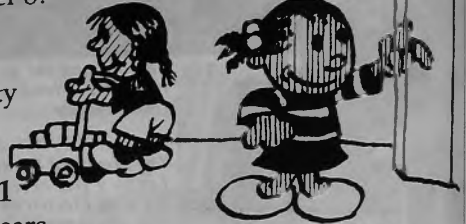
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The Children Act 1989

Important changes to the law affecting the care of children

On 14 October this year, the Children Act 1989 came into effect and changed the law as it affects the care and upbringing of children and the services local councils and other private or voluntary organisations provide for them and their families.

Certain types of childcare must now be registered with the local authority:-

Private fostering *You need to inform Barnet Council*

- Private fostering is when parents make arrangements for their child/children to be cared for by someone else who is not a relative and who will usually receive payment from the parents.

Any parents who have placed their child with someone else by private arrangement or who are intending to do so must by law inform the council, who have a duty to visit children being privately fostered to make sure that they are being well looked after.

Any persons who are or are intending looking after a child or young person under 18 under this sort of arrangement MUST inform their local authority Social Services Department.

Daycare *You need to register*

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- After school clubs or playschemes or holiday playschemes.

Exceptions: Any day care for under 8's operating for less than two hours a day, or provided by relatives in the child's own home does not require registration.

If you think you should register, or as a parent you know a service that should register, please contact your local Social Services office (for details see Ad on previous page) and ask for the under 8's section who can provide you with more information.



(l to r) Barbara Bassey (7), Vickie Golzey (7), Ms Jo Marmo, Ken Ishida (7) and Christopher Guy (8)

TREE DRESSING

These pupils, and teacher Jo Marmo, at Bell Lane Primary School in Hendon are getting ready for National Tree Dressing Day on 1 December.

Children from the school, and Sunnyfields School in Hendon, will be using Japanese designs to decorate trees at Church Farm House Museum as part of the nation-wide campaign, which aims to raise environmental awareness among school children. The project in Barnet has been made possible with assistance

and funding from Task Force Trees, part of the Countryside Commission.

Artist Cas Holmes will be visiting Barnet schools to run workshops on tree decoration, which is an ancient custom in Japan. Cas, whose work has been shown at many prestigious shows, is well qualified for this task as she spent many years studying in Tokyo.

To continue the oriental theme, Japanese poetry, or haiku, will be studied by the youngsters throughout the preparations for the event.

Tough and Fun

Younger residents of Mill Hill will be able to enjoy playtime more now thanks to Barnet Council.

Local residents and their children turned up at the launch in Mill Hill Park, to watch the Mayor, Cllr Leslie Pym, assisted by Mrs Dippel, officially open the newly refurbished playground which will be named after Cllr Denis Dippel who represented the ward until his death earlier this year.

Also on hand was Julie Ashworth a representative of Kompan UK, the suppliers and sponsors of the play equipment. The refurbishment of the playground was

undertaken as part of Barnet Council's 'Plan for Play' - under this scheme the council has introduced a modern, tough and fun selection of apparatus appealing to toddlers through to 12's and incorporating safety surfacing to minimise injury.

Additional seating and picnic tables have been installed from sponsorship raised by local ward Cllr Anthony Antoniou and donated by John Laing PLC, IMRO Ltd and COUTTS Charitable Trust.

For further details about this scheme, contact Rita Andreacchio on 081-446 8511 ext 4488.

Important questions answered about the independent schools

For parents considering private education, help with making a decision is available.

The Independent Schools Information Service, ISIS, can supply you with information and send a free handbook listing all the independent schools in the region accredited to the Joint Council - a trusted hallmark.

Not all schools are the same. Some cater for all abilities, some are more academic and others devoted to children with difficulties.

Parents have a right to choose. Here are the answers to some questions about Independent schools.

Are independent schools for clever children?

Most look after a wide range of ability, and some cater for pupils with problems. Some are for very clever children, and have

exacting entry requirements at 11 or 13.

Are independent schools strict?

Except for those dedicated to pupils with disabilities, most independent schools prepare pupils for public examinations or university entrance, so they believe in hardwork. Guidance is available so attainable targets are set according to the ability of each child.

Must children board?

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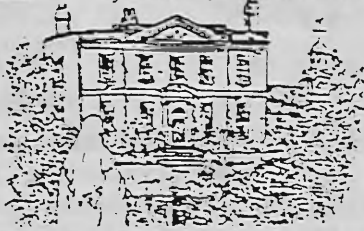
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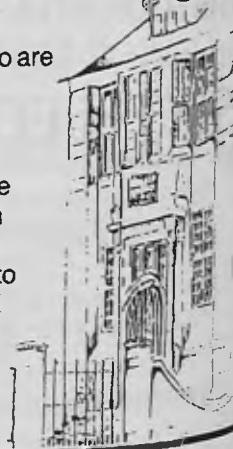
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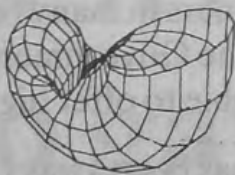
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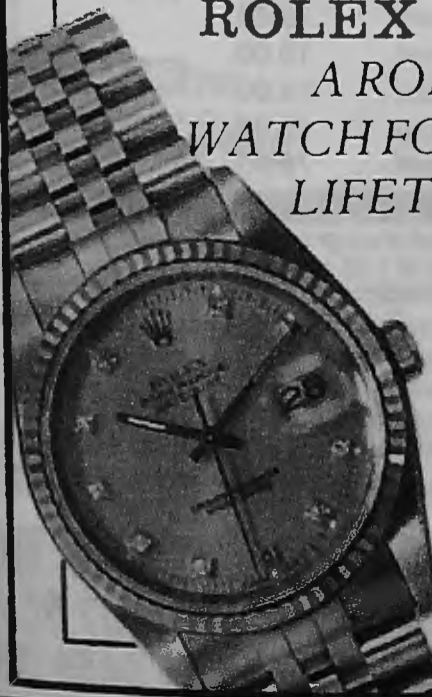
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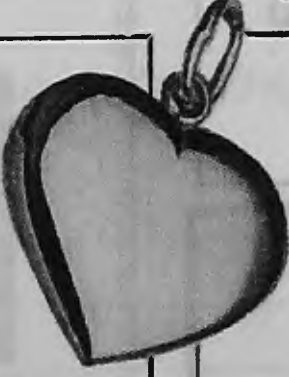
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The group meets regularly at the hospital for relaxed evenings, discussing common problems and sharing personal experiences. Its non-medical group is constantly communicating with helping agencies or can itself provide help to those who prefer it.

There is no need to book an appointment with the Cancer Support Group, you can just turn up. The service is provided absolutely free of charge. For further information on the group, contact Sandy, Sheila or Evelyn at the hospital and ask for details.

Another free service for the community provided by the Garden Hospital are the Public Health Training Seminars that take place throughout the year. These give advice and instruction on a wide range of health matters, from plastic surgery to caring for your feet! Health seminars now mostly take place at lunch hour periods on week days, and further information on times and subjects can again be provided on request.

Of course, much more activity takes place at the hospital than meets the eye. A full range of privately available health care is provided by experienced, professional staff. The hospital works alongside the National Health Service, and patients requesting surgery or consultations must have a letter of referral from their GP, but for other services, such as the Wellperson clinical examinations, no referral is necessary.

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health, including an analysis of the patient's past medical history and a series of skilled investigations and tests.

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Renowned

One of the services the hospital has become renowned for is its pioneering maternity unit, which specialises in natural birth methods. Yoga breathing exercises are taught at ante-natal classes to help women through contractions, and aromatherapy and massage treatments can be used during labour to relax mothers-to-be, and make childbirth an experience to be enjoyed. Bathing pools can be used to assist with labour as well, and traditional methods are still very

popular, with mothers giving birth in private rooms with husbands giving support.

For the fit and active a special sports injury clinic has been established, which provides a complete physiotherapy service for those old breaks, aches and strains.

Headaches

An acupuncture clinic, treating complaints such as headaches, facial pain, rheumatism, lumbago, back pain, arthritis and other causes of chronic pain, has also been set up at the hospital. For those who are travelling or working abroad, the pharmacy provides a full vaccination service. Diseases people are commonly inoculated against include typhoid, yellow fever, cholera, and meningitis.

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A major refurbishment programme is taking place at the Garden Hospital, with a view to further modernise and improve surroundings and make the latest equipment and techniques available for patients. The main building will be totally redecorated, and new ultrasound and x-ray equipment has been provided to give patients the best possible screening and treatments.

The Compass Group aims to improve all its patient services, and has started to implement a total quality management system (TQM) to assist in making sure only care of the highest standards is provided. The group is also working towards gaining the prized quality standard, BS5750, for all aspects of its operations, from the surgery to the kitchens.

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● More information on the Garden Hospital can be obtained from writing to Jane Tibble at 46-50 Sunny Garden Road, Hendon, London NW4 1RX or by phoning 081-203 0111, fax 081-203 4343.

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LETTERS

Dear Sir,
Re: distribution of your magazine mentioned in the Autumn issue.

Since moving to this address in 1986, I have received about 3 copies only. I lived in Golders Green before that, for 20 years, and received maybe 8 copies there. They are mostly delivered just before local elections!

Yours sincerely
Mrs M Jaffe, Brook Avenue, Edgware.

The current Barnet News was relaunched in the Winter of 1990 and this is the fifth edition of this free, quarterly council magazine.

Distribution is through an independent company and ALL borough residents should receive a copy through their letterboxes.

We operate stringent checks on the delivery of Barnet News and are eager to rectify any shortfalls.

If you know of any examples of

non-delivery, please leave details on our answering machine on 081-203 8356 and we will be happy to investigate the matter.

Dear Sir,
I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr Sri and his Highways department at Barnet House, for the help and efficient service I received during the resurfacing of the footpath in Farm Road.

The co-operation between Mr Sri and the contractor was superb. The local government departments do come in for "a lot of stick", and very often rightly so, therefore it is nice to be able to say thank you when it is deserved, something a lot of people tend not to do.

Yours sincerely
Mrs I Adams, Farm Road, Edgware.

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:

Russell Jones,
The Editor, Barnet News,
The Town Hall, Hendon,
London NW4 4BG

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ARTS ROUND-UP

December 1991

6 Friday Barnet Schools Wind Orchestra concert at Finchley Music Centre

7 Saturday Barnet Schools Music Centre concerts morning

Monday 13 February A level music students' Recital

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KEEP BARNET TIDY - WINNERS

The winners of Barnet Council's Environmentally Friendly Artwork Competition had a brush with success when they picked up their prizes at a special presentation on Thursday 26 September.

The winners of the junior school tee-shirt competition, Katie Low, of St Andrew's C of E School in Totteridge, and the senior school logo and slogan competition, Gerald O'Sullivan of Mapledown Special School in Cricklewood, both collected their prizes from the Mayor of Barnet Cllr Leslie Pym, on the day.

While the winner of the poster competition Kirsty Chambers of Martin Infants School in High Road, East Finchley had her prize collected by the head teacher Patricia Douglass.

As well as a display of some of the best entries, a highlight of the presentation, attended by over 50 pupils and teachers from schools in the borough, was the performance of two

songs "Pick It Up" and "It's A Take-Away World" by pupils from Tudor School in Finchley, Church End.

The chairman of the Keep Barnet Tidy Panel, Cllr Don Goodman declared the competition and presentation "a great success."

"I am delighted with the response: the standard of entries was very high and it was lovely to see so many schools get involved," he said.

Other guests at the presentation included Cllr Vic Usher, the Chairman of Barnet Council's Education Committee, Cllr Fred Poole, Keep Barnet Tidy Panel member and John Bailey, the Deputy Director of Education.

The council has produced tee



Winner of the T-shirt competition, Katie Low with (l to r) John Bailey, Cllr Vic Usher and the Mayor Cllr Leslie Pym.

shirts from the winning design in that competition and a calendar has been made up from some of the best entries and is available through the borough's schools along with other merchandise to spread the Keep Barnet Tidy message.

COMMUNITY CARE PLAN



Barnet Community Services, Barnet District Health Authority and the Family Health Services Authority have produced a **Community Care Plan**. This plan will affect how services and support are provided to Barnet's adult population, particularly

- ▶ ELDERLY PEOPLE
- ▶ DISABLED PEOPLE
- ▶ PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS
- ▶ PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES
- ▶ PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS

Before this plan is finalised, we want to hear what you have to say .
We want to be sure that when the final plan is produced on 1 April 1992 it truly reflects local people's views. So, take this opportunity to make your suggestions.

The draft plan is available

in libraries
or from Lynda Shanks,
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