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 - The Town Hall, Hendon NW4 4BG
 - Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ
 - Wood Street Cashiers Office, Barnet, Herts EN5 4BD.
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WILL YOU

- Inspect the draft Register to make sure that your name will be properly included.
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- Enquiries about postal or proxy voting facilities, registration of service voters, overseas electors and people in homes and hospitals should be sent to the Electoral Registration Office, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE or telephone 081-202 8282 Ext. 2176.
- All other enquiries should be made to the same address or telephone 081-202 8282 Ext. 2175 or 2301.



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Blueprint for the 90s and beyond

Barnet Council has set its sights firmly on the key issues, challenges and changes facing the borough over the coming years.

A new strategy 'Building a Vision for Barnet - Major Priorities for the Borough' is a blueprint for the nineties and beyond and sets out vital action areas including coping with the rising population of schoolchildren, over 85's and the significant increase in the number of refugees and others whom the council has an inescapable duty to support.

This latest document is an up-date on a 'visions' strategy first launched last year and takes account of the ever-changing needs of a thriving, developing London Borough.

Annual Roll-forward

The latest edition of the document, the first 'annual roll-forward', acknowledges that Barnet is not alone in facing ever-increasing financial constraints, but within available resources the council is determined to maintain current high standards in education, social support, improving the environment and appearance of the borough and its statutory obligations to the homeless.

The latest 'vision' explains that the council will explore its potential role in supporting economic development in the borough, look closely at the impact of changes in health service provision on the services provided by the authority and the plus and minus factors accompanying the potential of the single European market.

The report also faces head on the impact of the Council Tax and its administration, and inevitable continuing pressure on the authority's capital spending programmes.

Agenda for Change

"The vision document is an agenda for both change and consolidation. It faces the challenges head on and gives Councillors a profile of the key decision areas they have set themselves for the months ahead," explained Cllr Roy Shutz, Leader of Barnet Council

"It is clear all in local government and those dedicated to the provision of quality local services will have to prioritise to a greater degree than ever before", he added.

"Councillors and this authority are convinced forward planning, as illustrated in the Barnet Vision, is crucial to ensuring that despite Government financial constraints we continue to provide the best possible services offering consistent value for money." said Chief Executive, Max Caller.

The document also reasserts the council's commitment to continuing consultation with residents and the need for enhanced two-way communications generally.

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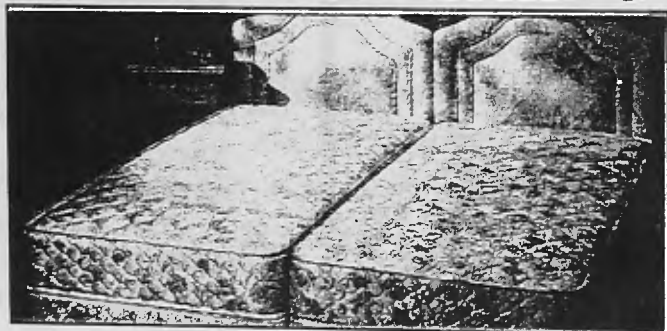


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Brunswick Park Ward: Conservative councillors available second Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, Monkfrith Boys' Club hall, Osidge Lane, N14

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

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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.

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.

Woodhouse Ward: Labour councillors available every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, Educational Services (formerly Friern Barnet Town Hall) Friern Barnet Lane, N11, or phone councillors Stan Cross, 444 9178, Mike Harris, 444 0479, or Dennis Reed, 361 8901

Hendon North

John Gorst, MP, by appointment, 959 1446 or via constituency office, Apex Parade, Selva 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 Saturday of month 2-3pm, St Augustine's Church, 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

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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.

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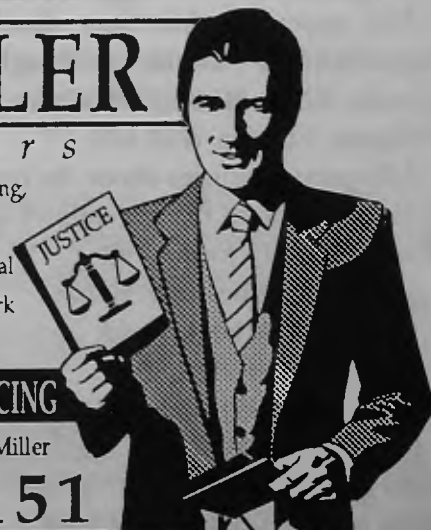
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Council Tax almost in place

New way to pay for local services

From 1 April 1993 the Council Tax will replace the Community Charge as the method of helping to pay for local services.

Under the new tax there will be one bill per dwelling and it will be based on the relative value of the property to others in the area.

There will be discounts, including where only one adult lives in the dwelling.

Bills will also be reduced for people on low incomes, for people with disabilities and for some other special cases.

Valuation of properties

A Valuation Officer, employed by the Inland Revenue, has already assessed the value of every domestic property in the borough, placing it in one of eight valuation bands and compiling a valuation list.

Barnet Council will shortly inform residents of the valuation band of their property although the valuation list is available for inspection at The Town Hall, Hendon and is planned for inclusion on Videotext sites around the borough.

Appeals against the valuation band of a property cannot be made until 1 April 1993.

The appeal at that time should be addressed to the Valuation Officer, Inland Revenue, Chase House, 305 Chase Road, Southgate, London N14 6JS.

Likewise, enquiries about the banding should be made to the Valuation Officer, who is currently located at:

4th Floor, Northway House,
1379 - 1410 High Road,
London N20 9NN.

Telephone 081-445 0904.

From 12 December the Valuation Officer is due to relocate at the Enfield address above. Tel: 081-882 9988.

Liability

The person liable for the Council Tax is one of the following:

A resident freeholder, a resident leaseholder, a resident statutory or secure tenant, a resident licensee, a resident, the owner of properties without residents.

The owner will also be liable instead of the resident in certain special cases, such as houses divided in to bedsits with shared washing or cooking facilities, some hostels, care homes and nursing homes.

Barnet Council will shortly inform residents who it considers to be liable at each of the properties.

Banding

The significance of the banding is that Barnet Council will base a Council Tax on Band D properties

Residents of properties which fall in other bands will be liable for a proportion of the Band D rate as shown below.

Public meetings

A team of officers is available to address any group or association on the subject of Council Tax in Barnet and any interested organisation should contact the Finance Department. A series of public meetings have been arranged as follows:

Burnt Oak Library

10 December 1992

6.15pm - 8.00pm

Chipping Barnet Library

16 December 1992

2.45pm - 4.30pm

North Finchley Library

12 January 1993

6.15pm - 8.00pm

East Finchley Library

19 January 1993

2.45pm - 4.30pm

Hendon Library

27 January 1993

2.45pm - 4.30pm

Helpline available

Although Barnet Council will write to you this month with further information, if you wish to contact our helpline please telephone 081-202 8282 Extns 2815, North Team, 2824 South Team, 2817 East Team, 2821 West Team, during normal office hours.

Band	Property value	Proportion of Band D charge	
A	up to £40,000	6/9	67%
B	over £40,000 to £52,000	7/9	78%
C	over £52,000 to £68,000	8/9	89%
D	over £68,000 to £88,000	9/9	100%
E	over £88,000 to £120,000	11/9	122%
F	over £120,000 to £160,000	13/9	144%
G	over £160,000 to £320,000	15/9	167%
H	over £320,000	18/9	200%

Further information

about the Council Tax

Discounts

The full Council Tax assumes that there are two adults in a dwelling. If only one adult lives in a dwelling (as their main home) the bill will be cut by 25%. The bill will not be increased if there are more than two adults in a dwelling.

Certain people will not be counted as one of the two adults resident in a dwelling. These people include students, student nurses, apprentices, Youth Training trainees and people who are exempt from the Community Charge (such as severely mentally impaired people or people living in a hospital or care home).

Barnet Council already has details of those residents exempt from the Community Charge and properties occupied by single person households. The appropriate discount will be automatically allowed on Council Tax bills.

Exemptions

Some properties will be exempt from the Council Tax. These include dwellings where all the occupants are students and most empty dwellings which would have had a zero Standard Community Charge under the present system.

The appropriate exemption will be automatically allowed on Council Tax bills based on information contained within our existing Community Charge records.

Benefits

Council Tax benefit of up to 100% will be available for people responsible for Council Tax bills who are on income support or low incomes. There will be no minimum contribution.

The amount of benefit you can get depends on the amount of your Council Tax bill, your income and savings and on your personal circumstances - for example, whether you have children and how many, or whether you have a disability.

Reductions for disabilities

If a person with a disability needs additional space for a wheelchair to be used indoors, or an extra room to meet special needs, the Council Tax bill may be reduced to that of a property in the band immediately below the band shown on the valuation list. If your home is in Band A, it will already be in the lowest Council Tax band - so no reduction will apply.

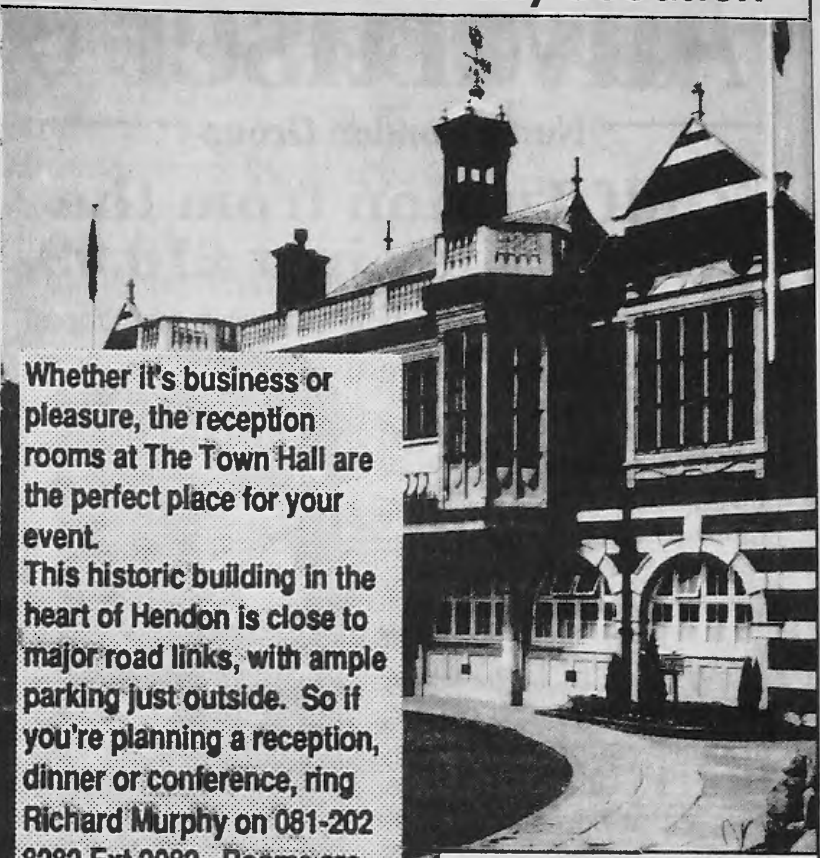
Transitional reductions

There will be a scheme to help ensure households do not face large increases in their bills when the Council Tax first replaces the Community Charge. The Government will be making an announcement about the scheme soon. You will not need to apply for a reduction as the council will work it out for you automatically.

Methods of payment

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Christmas show for all the family

IT'S time once again for The Old Bull Arts Centre in Barnet to present another Christmas Show extravaganza.

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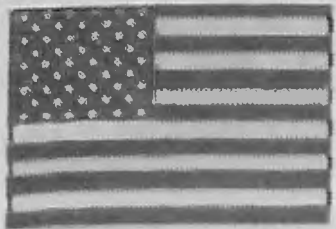


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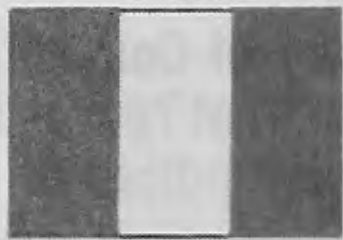
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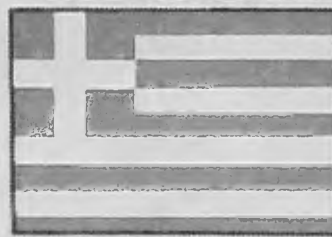
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meal for two inc wine is £27 • Seating
for 55 • Open Mon-Sat • Party bookings
welcome

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Seating for 65 • Open Mon-Sat
6pm-11pm, Sundays all day • Bookings
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Cosy atmosphere • A comprehensive
selection of Indian regional dishes are
available • Average meal for two £24
inc wine • Seating for 78 • Open
Mon-Sat

GURKHA BRASSERIE

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Temple Fortune NW11
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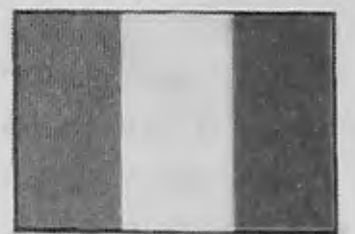
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food in London is available at the
Gurkha Brasserie • Average price for
two inc wine £25 • An intimate
restaurant seating 32 • Open Mon-Sun

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Tel: 081 441 2131/9539

Pleasant atmosphere & friendly service
• Traditional Indian cuisine • Highly
recommended comes Chicken Pakora
(deep fried chicken chunks) followed
by Karahi Kebab Kyberi (diced chicken
with spicy sauce) accompanied with
Aloo Gobi (fresh cauliflower &
potatoes cooked with onion & tomatoes)
together with Pilau Rice • Price inc a
glass of wine, coffee & service charge
is £14.50 • Seating for 60
• Open Mon-Sun

Italian



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308 Ballards Lane,
North Finchley N12
Tel: 081 445 6742

Friendly, family run restaurant •
Bright, modern & informal setting •
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& pizza • Large portions at very
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your choice £2.95 • Eat in or take
away • Seating for 60 • Open Tue-Sun
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Modern Italian cuisine • Average price
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Fully licensed bar • Friendly service •
Average meal for two inc wine £25 •
Seating for 30 • Open Sun-Thur
12 noon - 12 midnight,
Fri & Sat open 'til 1am.
Party bookings welcome.

Where we have quoted the
'average price' this is based
on a meal for two, including
a bottle of house wine.
Exclusive of any additional
service or cover charges.
A 'meal' varies in definition
and 'average price' will
rarely include very expensive
dishes.

Harmful toys present dangerous problem

Over one million children need medical treatment each year because of accidents in and around the home, often caused by the misuse or unsuitability of toys.

With the Festive season upon us, many will be buying childrens' toys as presents. Barnet Council Trading Standards Officers have asked readers to be aware of a number of potential dangers before deciding on which toys to buy.

"It is extremely rare for dangerous toys to find their way on to the market thanks to the vigilance of council officers", said the authority's Chief Trading Standards Officer, David Mosley.

"Occasionally, however, the odd one can slip through the net so I would ask all

parents who have even the slightest doubt about a particular toy to report it to the Trading Standards Office".

David Mosley offers the following simple safety tips which should help parents ensure an accident-free Christmas:

- Avoid buying toys in a rush and do compare prices. A well known brand sold at rock bottom prices could be counterfeit. Buy the right toy for the right age of your child - toys with small pieces can go straight into the mouth of a young child and cause choking

- Always follow the manufacturers' advice and instructions which come with most toys

- Throw away broken toys - giving them on to others passes on a potential accident - With the arrival of new toys, this is a good time to clear out broken and potentially dangerous toys

- Toys left lying around stairs and floors can cause falls and a major source of home accidents among both young and old

Barnet Council's Trading Standards can be contacted between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday at:

Hatchcroft, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BN, or by telephoning 081-202 8282 Ext 2150/2060/2063.

And remember - the team are available during the Christmas week.

Keep in shape with a winter workout

A case of Festive overindulgence? Children bored by Boxing Day? Or just need a break from the barrage of repeats on television?

Then come on down to Copthall Pool and Stadium where friendly council staff will be on hand to help you keep in shape with a relaxing swim or a gentle jog round the track.

As well as offering a great way of keeping fit, indulging in a sporting activity is also an excellent way of keeping the whole family entertained.

The pool and stadium complex will be open throughout the Festive season, closing only for Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Opening times for the pool and stadium are as follows:

22 Dec	Normal
23 Dec	Normal
24 Dec	9.00am - 4.30pm
25 Dec	Closed
26 Dec	Closed
27 Dec	8.00am - 1.00pm
28 Dec	9.00am - 4.30pm
29 Dec	9.00am - 4.30pm
30 Dec	9.00am - 4.30pm
31 Dec	9.00am - 4.30pm

1993
1 Jan 9.00am - 1.00pm

(Residents are invited to turn up for mince pies with Sherry or coffee on New Years Day)

Council & Committee Meetings

The following is a diary of Committee Meetings for the following quarter. All meetings start at 7pm at The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon unless otherwise indicated.

December 1992

7	Whitley Works Joint Consultative Committee
8	Schools & General/ Further Education Sub Committees
9	Council & Staff Joint Consultative Committee
14	General Executive Committee
15	COUNCIL MEETING
16	Town Planning & Research Committee

January 1993

5	Area Planning Sub Committees
11	Family Care SubCommittee
14	Eastern Area Road Safety Sub Committee
18	Housing & Environmental Services Committee
19	Education Committee
20	Town Planning & Research Committee
21	Land & Buildings Executive Committee
25	Recreation Leisure & Arts Committee
26	Social Services Committee
27	Grants Committee
28	Western Area Road Safety Sub Committee

February 1993

2	Public Works Committee
3	Personnel Executive Committee
4	Budgeting, Financing & Performance Review Executive Committee
9	Area Planning Sub Committees
10	Policy & Resources Committee
15	Craftsmen's Joint Consultative Committee
16	Schools & General/ Further Education Sub Committee
17	Joint Consultative (Safety) Committee
22	Policy & Resources Committee (Council Tax)
23	COUNCIL MEETING
24	Town Planning and Research Committee
25	Keep Barnet Tidy Group

March 1993

1	Housing & Environmental Services Committee
2	Education Committee
3	Land & Buildings Executive Committee
4	COUNCIL MEETING (Council Tax & Mayoralty Meeting 6.30pm)

Mega Helmet makes cycling stylish and safe

Over the next few months the streets may well be full of children proudly riding around on new bicycles. Some will be wearing the appropriate safety gear, other may even have had training on how to ride safely.

A few, unfortunately, will join the hundreds of children who are injured each year in the capital as a result of road accidents.

"Statistics from the London Accident Analysis Unit show that last year there were 866 casualties to cyclists in the London area alone", said Alan Piddington, Barnet Council's Senior Road Safety Officer.

"Parents who are planning to buy their children bicycles should consider taking advantage of two schemes run by Barnet Council to promote the safety of children on the roads", added Alan Piddington.

The authority's Road Safety Unit runs a low price scheme for the sale of child cycle helmets which all meet British Safety Standards.

On offer at only £16.50, a child is much better protected wearing a specially designed 'Mega' safety helmet and can retain his or her street credibility by choosing from any of the three colourful designs. Reflective clothing, available



Senior Road Safety Officer, Nick Taylor fits a 'Mega' helmet during a road safety exercise

from any reputable supplier, should also been worn when out on the road.

Further details on how and where to purchase a 'Mega' helmet and other safety advice can be obtained by writing to; The Road Safety Unit, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, London N20 0EJ or by

telephoning 081-446 8511 Ext 4341.

The unit also runs the 'Barnet Safe Cycling Scheme' for 10 year olds and over, which has already attracted nearly 680 pupils on courses held between April and September. For more details contact the unit at the address above.

Timely advice to drivers

Alan Piddington also offered festive party-goers advice to help keep the roads safer for everyone

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

"There really is no excuse for drink driving," explained Alan, "with the wide

range of low and non-alcoholic beverages available, anyone who has to drive is no longer stuck for choice.

"And with numerous taxi firms and a regular transport service, anyone out to enjoy themselves can do so safe in the knowledge that there is an alternative to taking the car".

Open for business

For the first time in a decade, the main council offices will be open during the break between Christmas Day and New Years Day. In the past, most of the authority was shut for up to eight days and provided an emergency service only.

"This is another integral part of our customer care policy", said Chief Executive, Max Caller. "In essence, wherever services, advice and support are likely to be required, council officers will be on duty and offices will remain

It is business as usual in Barnet over the coming festive period, with council offices remaining open during the break between Christmas and the New Year.

open, even during the festive season if that is what is required".

Council offices will only be closed from Thursday 24 December and will re-open from Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 December inclusive, closing again for the New Year holiday until Monday 4 January 1993. This latest development comes hot on the heels of

the introduction of the council's new customer complaints system and demonstrates a commitment to openness and access for every resident in the district.

"We will be there to provide quality services for residents of the borough, in the same way as we do for the rest of the year", added Mr Caller.

Moving towards a new kind of care

THE decision to leave your home and move into a residential care home or nursing home is a difficult one.

But it is a decision which must be made when more care is needed than can be provided at home and a solitary life becomes daunting and a worry to relatives and friends.

There are real benefits to be gained from such a move - constant care, companionship, peace of mind and freedom from the burden of the responsibilities of daily living.

The most important thing is to make sure you choose a home best suited to your particular needs.

Residential care homes provide 24-hour personal care to those who can no longer live indepen-

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'The most important thing is to choose a home suited to your needs'

dently in their own homes. The level of care provided is of a kind that could be expected from a caring relative.

It is the practice of all good homes to meet with each prospective resident and their carers to establish individual needs.

For people needing specific medical care, the solution is a nursing home where dedicated 24-hour nursing care, similar to that of a hospital, is available.

When looking for a home it is prudent to visit several homes in order to make comparisons and make an informed choice as to the home best suited to you.

The Community Care Act will be implemented in April 1993. This transfers the responsibility for funding care in the community from central Government to local government control.

People requiring financial assistance for residential care or nursing care will then apply to the

local authority. The authority will assess the applicant according to needs and means.

The Government and the care community as a whole recognise the principle of choice as a fundamental human and civic right.

This principle is inherent in the Community Care Act. The act states that elderly people requiring care have the fundamental right to choose how and where they are cared for.



A comprehensive list of residential care and nursing homes is available

from: The Registration Unit, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. Tel: 081-446 8511

The Arkley Nursing Home

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Our residents benefit from a comprehensive programme of therapies/activities tailored to suit even the most severely disabled.

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All religious and cultural requirements respected and catered for.

Long term care for: elderly frail residents
younger physically disabled

Short term care for: convalescent/post operative patients
respite care/holiday relief

Registered by Barnet Health Authority

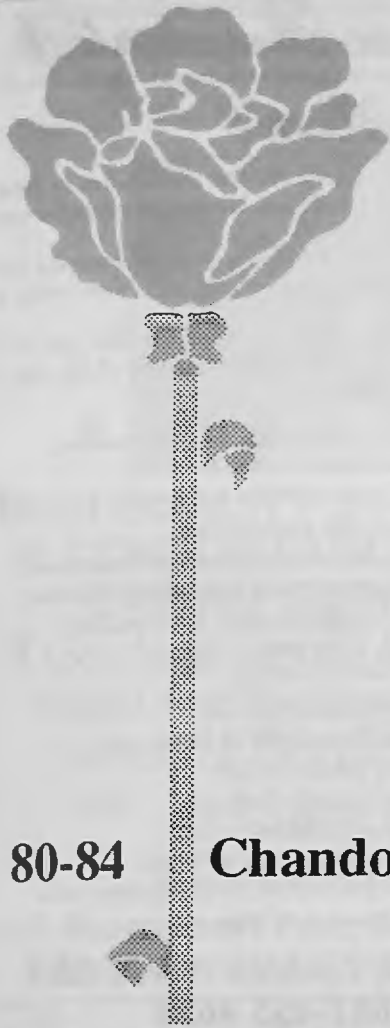
The Matron, will be happy to receive enquiries & welcome visitors at anytime.



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- ★ Well appointed Single Rooms, Dining Room, Lounge and all Amenities.
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Our aim at all times is that both residents and visitors will feel totally at home.

- Call bell system, 24 hour service
- Excellent cuisine, individual diets catered for
- All bedrooms face south with excellent countryside views
- Each room individually furnished to the highest standard
- Visitors welcome at any time

Coopers Lane Road, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 4AD
Tel: 0707 54647/46564

Eastside House Residential Care Home

EASTSIDE HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME was opened in 1964, with a complete refurbishment in 1991, and has become an exclusive and luxury retirement home.

It is a family-run home with a qualified Matron of high reputation and emphasis is on caring with experienced and mature staff who create a happy, homely atmosphere.

We encourage residents to be active within the home and our aim is to meet residents' expectations and achieve the greatest quality of life that is possible, whilst maintaining their independence.

- ★ Situated in a quiet residential area, but close to local amenities, transport and major roads.
- ★ Wheelchair access to all areas of house and garden.
- ★ Landscaped gardens with seating areas.
- ★ Single rooms, all fully centrally heated with television and telephone.
- ★ Spacious lounge with comfortable seating, and quiet lounge adjacent.
- ★ Regular visits from Doctors, Physiotherapists, Chiropodists, Hairdresser, Clergymen.
- ★ Special diets are catered for.
- ★ All laundering included.
- ★ Trained and experienced staff available 24 hours a day.
- ★ Fully automatic passenger lift.
- ★ Bathrooms with Apollo Bath.
- ★ Call system in all rooms.
- ★ Visitors are welcome to the home at all times.
- ★ Daily and weekly newspapers are free, as are local telephone calls.
- ★ Registered with Borough of Barnet.

22-24 Eastside Road, London NW11 0BA
Telephone: 081-455 4624



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- Recreational facilities include:- regular visits by the mobile library; Bingo; Keep Fit; Music Therapy; entertainment and regular local excursions.
- Home cooking and fresh foods are a speciality.

For further details, please contact:-

Mrs A Young. Tel. 081-202 2773/8967
108 Audley Road, Hendon NW4 2HG

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- Friendly-caring staff • Large landscaped garden • 4 person passenger lift • ample parking • visitors welcome any time.

For more information please call

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- All meals provided, with special diets catered for.
- Full laundry service.
- Hand basins in all bedrooms, some with en-suite bathroom.
- Emergency call system in all bedrooms & bathrooms.
- Peaceful lawned gardens with patio.
- Regular visits by G.P., Chiropodist and Hairdresser.
- Friendly, experienced staff.
- Long or short stays welcomed.
- Lift to all floors
- Activities arranged if required.
- Visitors welcomed.

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Whetstone, London N20 9AH

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Remember that
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1993

- All alarm systems in the Borough must be fitted with a 20 minute cut-off device, and
- you must identify the police of the names and addresses of the keyholders.
- A person not complying with these requirements is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of up to £2,000

CUT OUT THE NOISE

New alarm installations and persons taking over responsibility for an existing system must notify the council. For further information contact:

Environmental Health and Consumer Services,
Barnet House, 1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ
Tel: 081-446 8511



REFUSE COLLECTION

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

- Monday 21 December - Thursday 24 December _____ Normal
- Friday 25 December (Christmas Day) _____ None
(will be collected on Saturday 2 January)
- Monday 28 December (Boxing Day) _____ None
(will be collected on Monday 4 January)
- Tuesday 29 December - Thursday 31 December _____ Normal
- Friday 1 January (New Year's Day) _____ None
(will be collected on Saturday 2 January)
- Monday 4 January _____ Normal service resumes

For a special collection over a holiday period or at any other time ring

081-446 5237/5219.



**For the first time in a decade, Barnet Council is providing
a full range of services between Christmas and New Year**

**ALL BRANCH LIBRARIES,
CHURCH FARM MUSEUM &
INFORMATION CENTRE, TOWN HALL, HENDON.**



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January.
31 December early closing at 5pm (libraries)

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January.
reduced service 29-31 December inclusive

**COMMUNITY CHARGE & HOUSING BENEFIT
AND CASHIERS**



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January.
open 29-31 December inclusive **9am-4.30pm**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January.

**SWIMMING POOLS - SQUIRES LANE
- COPTHALL (1 POOL ONLY)**



OPEN 24 December (closed 25 Dec- 1 January inc.)
reduced service - **1 pool only open** except
closed 25-26 December inclusive

GOLF COURSES



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 25 December & 1 January.

**REFUSE COLLECTION &
STREET CLEANSING ENQUIRIES**



reduced service 24 December
closed 25-26 December inclusive & 1 January

**CUSTOMER CARE UNIT (Road and pavement
subsidence, street lighting and other
non-housing services)**



NORMAL SERVICE
24 & 29-31 December inclusive.
closed 25-28 December inclusive & 1 January

**REGISTER OFFICES (Births, Marriages & Deaths)
Burnt Oak and Wood Street, Barnet**



NORMAL SERVICE
(Emergency cover on Bank Holidays)

**PLANNING, ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE AND
PROPERTY SERVICES**



reduced service 29-31 December
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January

LAND CHARGES / ELECTORAL REGISTRATION



NORMAL SERVICE 29-31 December
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January

SOCIAL SERVICES



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January.
reduced service 29-31 December
(Emergency cover on closed days)

**TRADING STANDARDS &
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January.
reduced service 29-31 December inclusive
(Emergency cover on closed days)

HOUSING



NORMAL SERVICE except
closed 24-28 December inclusive & 1 January.
(Emergency cover on closed days)

Leaping over the language barrier

'Hello' in twelve languages - that is the warm welcome offered to the residents of Barnet Council's new residential accommodation for elderly Asian people.

The seven staff at the home in West Hendon speak almost a dozen languages including Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Swahili and Arabic.

The unit at Perryfields, Tyrrel Way, is the authority's first residential accommodation for elderly Asian people and is called 'Amar Ghar' which translates into English as 'House of Rest and Peace'. Consisting of five single rooms, two lounges, a kitchen and dining room plus bathroom

facilities, including one for Muslim residents, refurbishment of Perryfields to accommodate the unit has cost more than £74,000.

Cllr Barbara Langstone, Chairman of the Social Services Committee, was on hand at the opening, to present the residents with a specially designed picture showing a lotus flower, each leaf of which represents a different aspect of life such as health, family and happiness.

Also attending the celebration were Cllr Helena Hart, Vice-Chairman of the Social Services Committee, and Ward Councillors Doreen Neall and Agnes Slocombe, together with friends and relatives of the residents.



The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Poole (Left) and John Apthorp help resident Mrs Bawden cut the cake.



Pictured at the opening ceremony of the new Asian Unit are (from left) Cllr Doreen Neall, resident Kassie Khatri, Cllr Barbara Langstone, Cllr Helena Hart, Unit Leader Kaushik Ramdhary, Cllr Agnes Slocombe together with staff and well wishers

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Apthorp Lodge partnership at work

A shining example of the longstanding partnership between Barnet Council and the Apthorp Trust was unveiled at a ceremony on 3 November.

The official opening by The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Fred Poole, put Barnet Council's former Abbots Lodge in Brunswick Park Road, N11 into retirement and announced the future of Apthorp Lodge. A major refurbishment of the home cost nearly £390,000, of which over half was provided by the Milly Apthorp Trust.

John Apthorp told residents, staff and guests at the celebration: "I think it is absolutely marvellous. A really good job has been done here and I am glad that the Milly Apthorp Trust can continue to work with Barnet. This is a thoroughly worthwhile project."

Cllr Barbara Langstone, Chairman

of the Social Services Committee, replied: "Without your Trust this would not have been possible. We all thank you."

The Mayor declared Apthorp Lodge open with the presentation of a picture and an invitation to resident Mrs Diane Bawden, 83, to help him and John Apthorp cut the special cake.

Acting Manager, Marilyn Sampson, added her words of thanks to staff and residents for their tolerance during the time it took to carry out the work.

The new-look Apthorp Lodge, which offers residential accommodation for 46 elderly residents, also encompasses a Jewish Culture Unit which enables residents to live in a way reflecting their own culture, religion and lifestyle.



Treasure chest of toys

A giant toy chest of elegant, well-loved and unusual toys goes on display this month in a new, free exhibition at the Church Farmhouse Museum in Greyhound Hill, Hendon.

'Toys for your delight' is a revealing exhibition of toys selected from private collections which will charm and inform the young and the young at heart.

From Victorian to modern, the toys show not only what children in the past wanted to play with, but also what adults thought those children should want to play with. The exhibition runs from 28 November until 21 February.

The Museum is open 10am - 5pm Monday to Thursday, 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5.30pm Saturday and 2pm - 5.30pm on Sunday.

◆ The Museum dining room will be decorated to celebrate a Victorian Christmas from 7 December to 6 January

◆ Visit the new Museum Shop for greeting cards, books and plenty of ideas for seasonal gifts

◆ Make beautiful Christmas decorations and presents in a stained glass workshop with June Standing on Friday 18 December

party at Chandos Lodge, Grahame in May 19 October, when Barnet's Mayoress, Cllr Fred Poole and his wife, officially reopened the new-look Chandos Lodge after a £300,000-plus refurbishment. The celebration was 95-year-old Daisy Lawrence who has lived at Chandos Lodge since 1891. Lawrence was invited to help cut the cake. Another resident, Barbara Farrer, presented the Mayoress with a bouquet. Gerry Farrer, manager of Chandos Lodge, received a letter from the Mayor on behalf of all the elderly residents.

Chandos Lodge, constructed in the early '70s, offers small group living units, each with a kitchenette, bathroom and toilet. A total of 35 permanent residents and people on short-term stay can enjoy privacy and independence in the new facilities.

There is a day care facility for up to eight people from Monday to Friday offering a vital role in providing care and support to older people who wish to live independently in their own homes.



Deputy manageress of Chandos, Janice Daley (left) joins in the celebrations with Daisy Lawrence

day time at Chandos Lodge

Tell us when we are wrong

Barnet aims to get it right
first time every time

Putting things right when they go wrong is now a clearer process thanks to the new complaints system introduced by Barnet Council. Complaints will now be dealt with even more efficiently and effectively throughout the authority.

Although Barnet's aim is to 'get it right, first time every time', the council wants to know when things go wrong. That is the message for all residents with the launch of the formal complaints procedure, which accompanied the publication of an 'A - Z Directory of Council Services' in September.

"The council has reviewed the way complaints were dealt with to simplify the whole process," explained Max Caller, Chief Executive of Barnet Council, "We want to hear when things go wrong as well as when we get things right."

The new system features easy-to-follow steps, to ensure complaints are dealt with as quickly and fairly as possible and is an example of Barnet Council's commitment to working in partnership with residents to ensure quality services.

Under the process residents, unsatisfied with the way a council service has been provided, have a new system of complaining to ensure a speedy remedy when things go wrong. The authority's staff are now responding to complaints by specific deadlines.

ONE STEP AT A TIME



Step 1 - If any resident is dissatisfied with the way a particular service has been delivered, the first step is always to contact the office, depot or department concerned. These are usually the people best suited to dealing with a problem. The matter will be investigated and a response will be made within 15 working days.

The declared aim of the authority is to sort out as many complaints as possible at the point of service.



Step 2 - If this response does not resolve the problem, the residents can contact the Customer Liaison Officer, who will investigate the case further. That officer will have 15 working days to organise a response.



Step 3 - The council firmly believes that the majority of problems will be solved at Steps one or two, but should a

resident still be dissatisfied with what they have been told, the matter can be referred to the Director of the department concerned. The Director has 10 working days to answer a resident's query.



Step 4 - As a final appeal, if still dissatisfied with what they have been told, a resident can write

to Max Caller, the Chief Executive of Barnet Council, who will also have 10 working days to respond.

Any resident who believes the authority is guilty of maladministration is entitled to take their case to the independent Local Government Ombudsman.

The five Customer Liaison Officers, who have taken on the job of coordinating the new procedures are Nick Musgrove (Chief Executive's department), Alex Steward (Community Services), Paul Treadaway (Financial Services), Gloria Brooks (Technical Services) and Peter Green (Educational Services).

"The system is working very smoothly," said Paul Treadaway, Customer Liaison Officer for Financial Services, "residents appreciate that we are here to help them."

MANAGEMENT EVENT

The Institute of Management (formerly The British Institute of Management) will be organising a one day event on 8 February 1993 at The Town Hall, Hendon.

The theme "...A Business Like Authority..." was suggested by the venue - The Town Hall, Hendon which was kindly provided by the London Borough of Barnet.

You can contribute to the event as a businessman or service provider by taking a stall, organising a seminar or simply attending the event.

Please apply in writing for further details to this all ticket event from Chico Pacheco MBIM, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ.

Let there be light

Barnet switched on to safety

High quality street lighting plays a vital part in making the borough's streets safer and more reassuring places in which to walk at night.

A well lit street can reduce crime and the fear of crime. Good public lighting also reduces road accidents and improves the quality of life for residents.

Barnet has approximately 27,000 street lamps throughout the borough and the responsibility of maintaining and upgrading them falls to Principal Street Lighting Engineer John Bragg and his team of four.

"We view our role extremely seriously", said John. "We consider ourselves as safety officers, making the borough a safer place for residents and their children".

Scouting

Routine maintenance work includes a weekly after dark 'scouting' to check the lamps in all borough streets, routine changing of lamps after a set period of time and cleaning and painting of equipment.

"It is a bit like working on the Forth Bridge", explained John. "When we have painted every lamp in the borough, it

is time to go back to the first and start all over again".

New legislation has also meant changes to the height and type of lamp now used.

Cast Iron

John and his staff have received complaints in the past from residents who have seen the 'old-style', cast iron, lamps in their streets replaced with taller, modern lamps.

"What residents do not always appreciate is that some lamps which look in good condition have deteriorated below ground level and can be dangerous", explained John. "The legislation calls for taller street lamps and the cost of new cast iron ones is prohibitive".

Barnet Council receives approximately one thousand emergency call-outs in any year, mainly where public lamps have been demolished by vehicles. Missing doors on street lamps are also treated as emergencies because of the potential danger to children of the exposed electrical components.

DID YOU KNOW

- There are approximately 27,000 street lamps throughout the borough
- Last year's annual electricity bill for public lighting was £700,178
- £500,000 will be spent on this year's street lamp replacement programme
- The maintenance bill for street lamps on borough and trunk roads will be £672,000 this year



Please play your part

* Residents can help the council by reporting street lamps that are not working or have been damaged. (It would be helpful if you could quote the column number - found just above the door)

Telephone the Customer Care Unit on 081-446 8511

Extn 4605/4606/4607/4608 between 9.00am and 5.15pm Mon - Fri. An answerphone is available after hours on 081-446 5237. For emergencies outside normal office hours telephone 081-202 8282.

If residents see a public lamp being vandalised, they are urged to advise the police.

- Lighting engineers in Barnet were the first to spot the potential for using newly-developed 16,000 hour lamps in the flashing Belisha beacons on pedestrian crossings. The normal 1,000 hour light bulbs used as flashing lamps were replaced four times per year, but the new lamps with sixteen times the life-span should last up to four years and carry a guarantee for the first twelve months.

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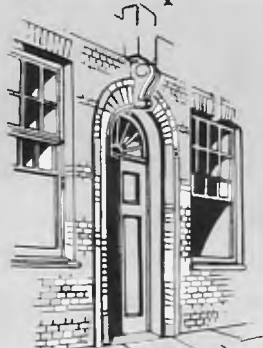
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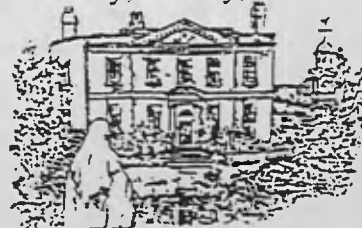


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lar one they need. Others may find general guidance helpful.

An ideal source of sensitive advice is ISIS: the Independent Schools Information Service. The service will tell you where the

'If a child has a particular problem it may be wise to seek a personal consultation'

schools are, what they are like, what they cost and what may be the advantages.

There are boys', girls' and co-educational schools; senior and junior schools and schools for children from seven to 18.

There are boarding and day schools and many have a weekly boarding arrangement that enables pupils to follow purposeful courses during the week, while keeping contact with family and

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ISIS is able to advise parents about where to seek help with the fees. The service will tell you which financial advisers (all members of FIMBRA) may help with

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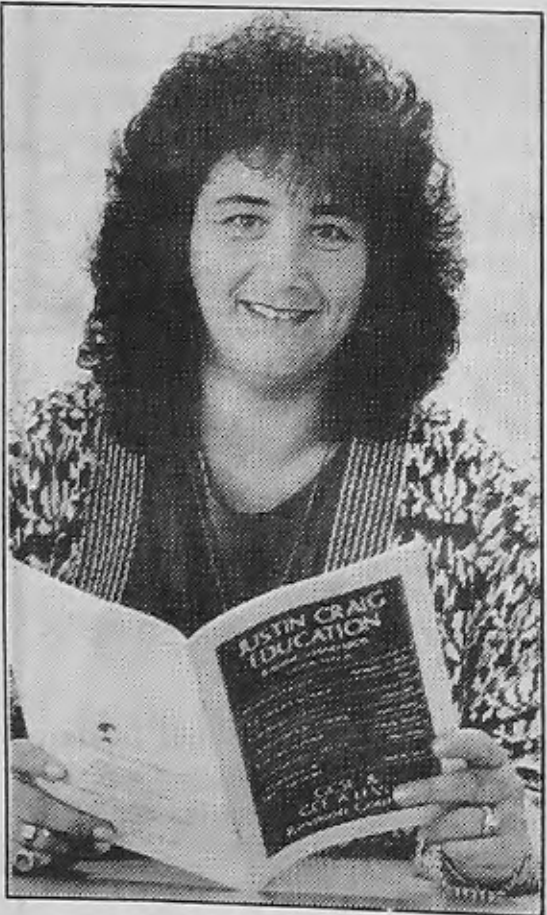
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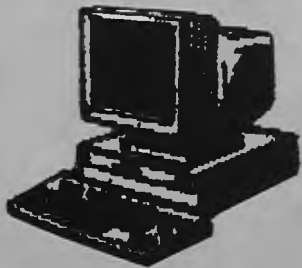
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Patten praises Compton's academic 'zip and vim'

Education Secretary, John Patten, has hailed Barnet's new secondary school as a model for all schools in the country to follow.

Mr Patten was speaking as the official guest at the opening of The Compton School in Summers Lane, Finchley.

"There is obviously a lot of zip and vim and academic bounce at The Compton School. I wish this was the case at every school in the country," said the Secretary of State.

He labelled The Compton School "a well-disciplined school in a family environment" and commented that as such it was a "model of good education".

The school is the first new secondary school to be opened in Barnet for more than 20 years. It is a mixed comprehensive and is designed to accommodate rising rolls in the borough.

Cllr Vic Usher, Chairman of Barnet's Education Committee, said: "Barnet is

Barnet's first new school in 20 years

delighted to be opening a brand new school, which, we believe, is an indication of the confidence we have in the high quality of teaching offered by the Local Education Authority."

The Compton School opening comes just days after a new table of schools' performance was published, which featured three Barnet schools as examples of successful learning centres.

John Bailey, Barnet's Deputy Director of Education, said: "We are proud to welcome The Compton School to the family of Barnet schools."

The opening ceremony was attended by the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Fred Poole and other guests included Finchley MP Mr



John Patten, MP (Right) officially opens the school watched by Hartley Booth, MP for Finchley and Friern Barnet.

Hartley Booth; Barnet Council Leader Roy Shutz and the Mayoress, Mrs Phyllis Poole.

Cllrs Helena Hart and Barbara Langstone, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the school's governors, and Mr Andrew Macalpine, the Headteacher, welcomed the guests.

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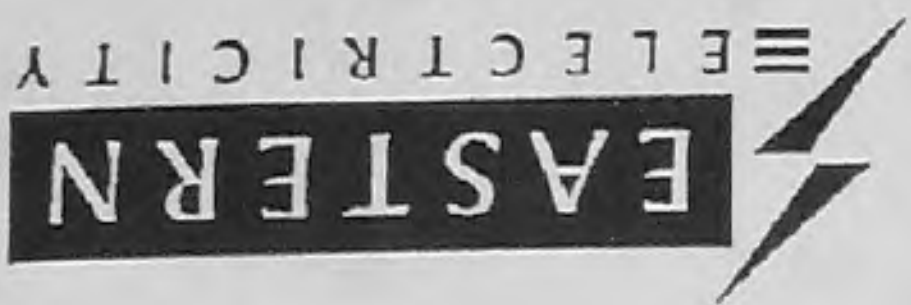


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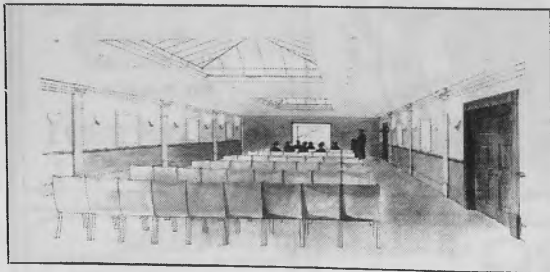
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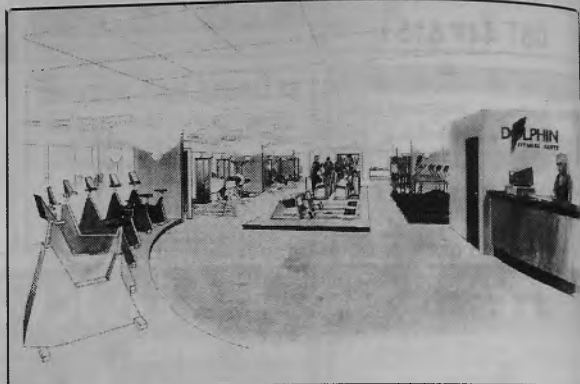
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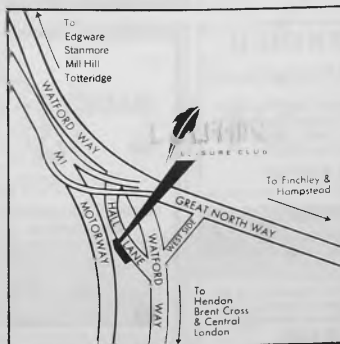


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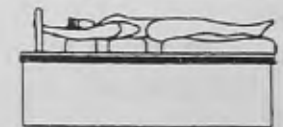
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Today, Barnet Council starts the yearly update of the authority's Environmental Strategy demonstrating its commitment to conserving and improving the natural environment.

The 'Environmental Strategy Booklet', which you will have received with this issue of Barnet News, summarises the strategy and highlights its main aims:

- safeguarding the built and natural environment
- reducing pollution
- conserving resources
- promoting environmental awareness

The booklet also gives details of the ways in which

you can help, listing the numerous recycling points around the borough.

Recycling

Wherever possible the council is committed to both buying recycled products and recycling products it has already used. For example, disposing of Barnet's 144 thousand tonnes of household and commercial waste by landfill every year, could cost up to £1.6m at current prices.

Recycling the waste rather than dumping it can obviously save the authority money, money which can then be used to finance future environmental initiatives.

We can all play a part in protecting the environment by

recycling much of our own household waste. The borough has two recycling centres at Tilling Road, Brent Cross and Summers Lane, North Finchley and a series of paper, bottle and can recycling banks across the borough

Commitment

With the launch of this Annual Review, to produce the 1993 strategy statement, the council is reconfirming its commitment to preserving the best of one of London's most attractive boroughs and joining in the drive to respond to issues of global concern.

Over the next few months,

council officers will be appraising the authority's success in pursuing relevant green policies, reporting back on new advice and directives for protecting the environment and suggesting new initiatives.

As in previous years, a wide range of local organisations are being asked for their invaluable help in updating the strategy. The consultation period is scheduled to run until 22 January 1993.

Relevant council committees will then consider revised green policies throughout the early part of next year, with the aim of achieving final approval by mid-year.

Green and pleasant land

The 'Borough with the green heart' is getting even greener with the planting of a 2.4 hectare woodland at Edgwarebury Park.

This initiative, which is a joint venture between Barnet Council and Watling Chase Community Forest, is a positive step towards creating new habitats for wildlife and increasing recreational opportunities in the borough.

The new woodland comprises broadleaved native trees and shrubs and, during 1993, will form the focal point for the launch of the Watling Chase Community Forest Plan, one of 12 community forests being established throughout England to improve the environment in urban fringe areas.

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

One of Barnet Council's specialists in caring for disabled youngsters has been on a mercy mission to Russia to give her expertise to fledging social services out there.

Rosemary Allegranza, Senior Paediatric Occupational Therapist, has spent the latter part of October and early November tailoring wheelchairs and other items such as

walking frames, surgical boots and posture chairs to meet the needs of disabled Russian children. Rosemary was part of a mission to the town of Kaliningrad on the Baltic Coast.

The project was prompted by schoolchildren from West London who saw three disabled youngsters being wheeled along in ordinary pushchairs.

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Barnet's Fox helps rescue Chinese dog

Barnet Council's dog wardens have received a pat on the back from the Chinese Embassy after rescuing their pet Alsatian from the central reservation of the North Circular Road.

Two days after Heiniu Gina (pet name 'Noo Noo') disappeared from the Ambassador's residence in Golders Green, the dog was spotted cowering in fear against the crash barrier as traffic thundered under a railway bridge over the North Circular Road near Brent Street.

Dog warden, Geoff Fox, said a woman was driving away from Brent Cross Shopping Centre when she saw the frightened pet and reported it to Barnet Council.

Geoff and his colleague, Peter Rollings were helped by a motorist who stopped his car in the offside lane, temporarily halting traffic and giving the wardens a chance to put the animal on a lead.

Diplomat's wife, Mrs Zhang, said: "We thought there was no hope. We thought she might have been stolen. Noo Noo had been missing for two days and we



Dog Wardens Peter Rollings (left) and Geoff Fox hand over Noo Noo to Mrs Zhang

had been to Battersea Dogs' Home as well as contacting Barnet's Dog Wardens.

"Mr Fox called to say they had found a dog of her description and when we saw her again we were delighted. The Wardens have done a fantastic job and we thank them."

● Residents can contact Barnet Council's Dog Wardens at the kennels on 081-205 2134. Further details of the Warden Service can be found in the 'A - Z Directory of Council Services' booklet.

'Dog's life' can be good for all

The latest 'dogs and the community proposal' to be put before Barnet councillors is set to strike a balance between dog lovers and other park users.

The proposed byelaws would mean that:

- the use of poop scoops will be compulsory in the majority of parks, recreation grounds and open spaces except woodlands, heaths and country parks
- dogs may be banned from childrens playgrounds, some sports facilities that are fenced off and specialist gardens
- dogs will have to remain on leads in a small number of parks where large numbers of children play or where there are picnic areas or ornamental gardens. The council aims to provide areas where dogs can be exercised off the lead, within the park or nearby

The proposed byelaws, with a list of the parks and open spaces affected, will be presented to the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee meeting in January 1993.

There will also be an extensive period of public consultation before a final decision is reached. Questionnaires will be printed in a future issue of Barnet News and will also be sent to interested groups and individuals in the new year, on request.

To apply for your copy of the questionnaire please write to: Dogs Strategy, Barnet Council, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG.

Making parks a pleasure for everyone

Barnet Council is preparing new byelaws affecting dogs in parks - The main aim of these byelaws is to oblige dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

The opportunity will also be taken to restrict dogs from certain areas, such as childrens playgrounds, and to protect specialist areas such as sports facilities.

We want to know the views of the whole community before a final decision is made - especially park users, parents, dog owners and community groups.

Questionnaires will appear in future copies of Barnet News, or you can obtain a copy of the questionnaire by writing to:

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History on your doorstep

A new book published this month offers residents the chance to discover the fascinating history around them.

'Finchley and Friern Barnet', has been written and researched by local history librarian, Stewart Gillies and archivist, Pamela Taylor, from Barnet Council's Archives and Local Studies Centre, and traces the history of the two areas from the days when they were both manors of the Bishop of London in the Middle Ages, through to the de-

velopment of housing and civic amenities which joined the settlements together, this splendidly illustrated book benefits from the careful selection of superb pictures from the borough's rich collection of archive material.

● 'Finchley and Friern Barnet', published by Phillimore and Co Ltd, is available, priced £11.95, at all council Libraries, the Town Hall Information Centre, Church Farmhouse Museum, all good book shops and by

Dear Reader

That is a rather formal way of starting a letter but I want to tell you about the special appeal which as Mayor of Barnet I am sponsoring this year.

It is a strong local cause - the Barnet Cancer Care Macmillan Appeal for a day hospice in the borough and particularly for two additional Macmillan nurses to help staff it. The Macmillan nurses are specially trained to care for cancer patients and assist their families. Nearly £10,000 has been raised so far and a strong list of events is on the programme. Come and join in. I am sure it will be fun.

What's happening?

Come Christmas shopping at Brent Cross on Saturday 19 December. The Centre have allocated us a collection day with the Laing Hendon Band providing the music.

Join us for an Old Tyme Music Hall on Saturday 6 February at 8pm at St Mary's Hall, Finchley. Tickets £10 for the show and supper.

Splash out with us on Saturday 13 March as we takeover Copthall Pools for a giant sponsored swim.

And on Saturday 3 April it's the Charity Ball at the Moat Hotel, Elstree - nice and local this year.

Details of what's on from the Appeal Secretary: 50 Thirleby Road, Edgware HA8 0HG. Tel: 081-959 8055.

If you can't join us in any of the events perhaps you could have a coffee morning or even send a donation.

Thank you.

Councillor Fred Poole, Mayor of Barnet

post from: The Controller of Libraries, Arts and Museums, Educational Services (formerly Friern Barnet Town Hall), Friern Barnet Lane, London N11 3DL. Postage is free.

● The Archives and Lo-

cal Studies Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9.30-5.00 (Wednesday 9.00-7.30) and from 10.00-5.00 on Saturdays. Appointments are preferred especially with detailed enquiries. Contact the centre on 081-202 5625 Extn 55.

FROM FRONT COVER

Residents have been cramming into the new, improved Childs Hill Library since its grand re-opening in October. Response has been staggering, with the people of Childs Hill flocking to this new facility.

Scores of residents turned up to the opening which featured a full programme of events including stiltman, Carl Heap (as pictured on the front cover).

The new wheelchair accessible entrance was formally tested by Mrs Anne Davies (pictured cutting the tape), a member of Barnet Council's Social Services Committee and a tireless campaigner for the rights of disabled people.

The library features new cd and video collections and a completely revised book list. Cllr John Hart, Vice Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee, performed the opening ceremony.

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