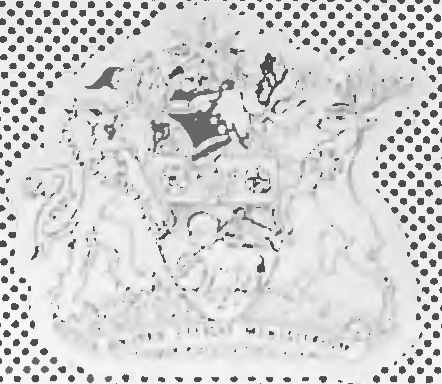
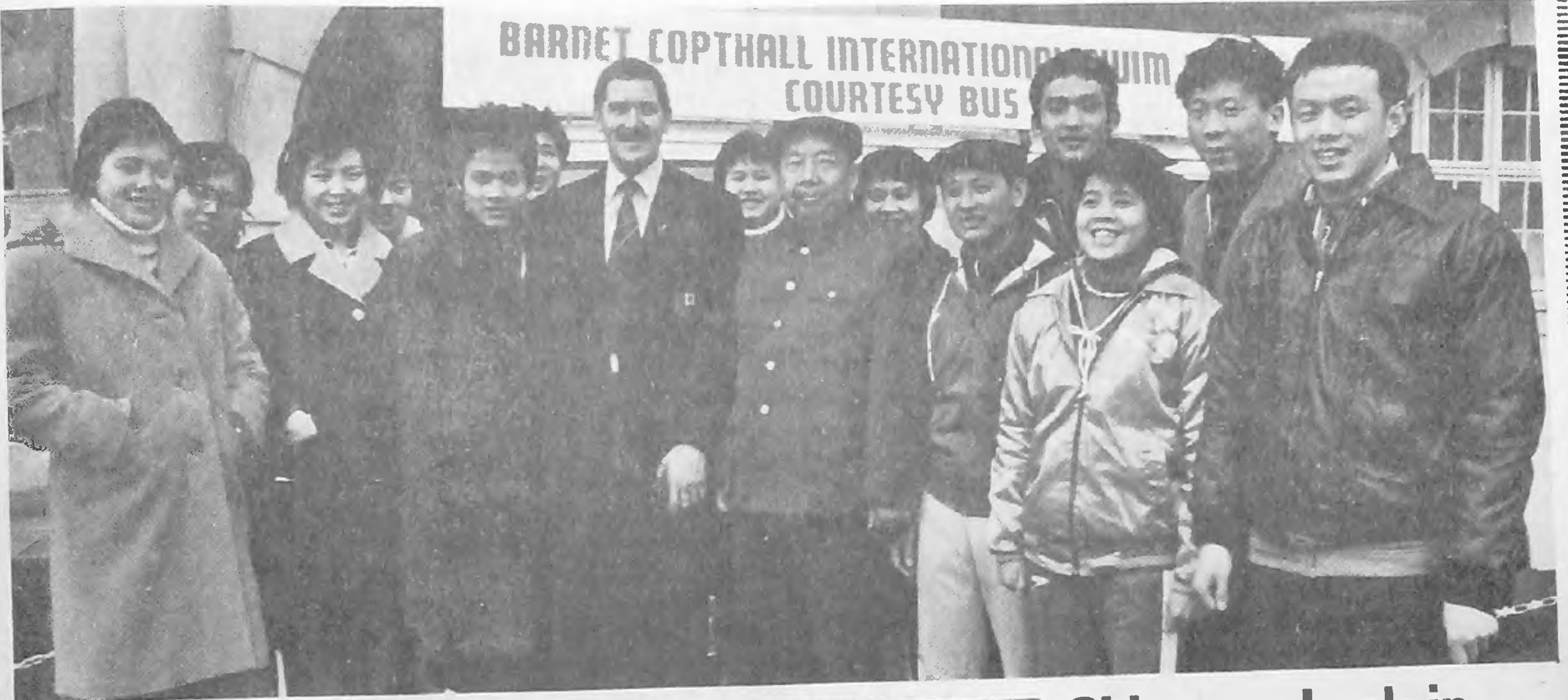


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Chinese check-in

THE CHINESE swimming team made quite a splash for their visit to Barnet and entry in the Barnet Copthall Short Course Swimming Competition. Television cameras visited the pools twice during their visit and on February 19 the team were invited to the Town Hall, Hendon, by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Edna James.

With their leader, Liu Jin, and Alan Hime, Barnet baths superintendent, they toured the Council Chamber and tried on the Mayoral robes.

The swimming competition was also a great success: 22 national records were broken and Susanah Brownsdon set new Commonwealth records for the 200 and 100 metre breaststroke (2 min. 32.13 secs and 1 min. 9.85 secs).



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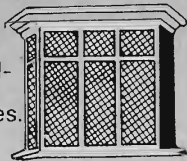


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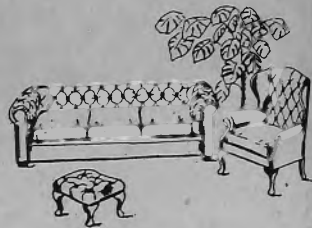
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Council rents rise

COUNCIL HOUSE RENTS in the Borough are to rise by 37 per cent from April 6, 1981. This means an average of £3.95 a week increase with a maximum of £5 a week.

This was agreed at the February meeting of Barnet Council when the recommendation of the Housing Committee was passed.

Barnet Council budgets to maintain a self-balancing Housing Revenue Account. That is: the rents and Government grant income cover all interest charges for new building schemes, and all management and maintenance charges for existing stock. No additional subsidy comes from the general rate fund.

Revised Government subsidy arrangements for 1981/2 mean a loss of income for Barnet Council's Housing Revenue Account of about £2.8 million and to balance this an average rent increase of £2.95 is necessary. The rising cost of maintenance entails a further 50p and in addition another 50p a week has been added to enable the council to implement a seven-year redecoration cycle.

These figures are based on a 52-week year but as council tenants pay their rent on a 48-week year an adjustment has to be made in the actual payment. In the following examples the 48-week year figures are given in brackets.

House type	Present rent	1981/2 rent
Pre-war 3-bed house	£11.63 (£12.60)	£15.93 (£17.26)
New 3-bed house	£22.38 (£24.25)	£27.38 (£29.67)

These figures are for rent only and do not include rates and water rates which the tenants also pay.

It is estimated that 4,800 of Barnet's 20,000 tenants will be relieved of some or most of the increase as a result of the Rent Rebate Scheme and that a further 3,500 tenants will qualify for relief from the increase by additional Supplementary Benefit payments.

MILITARY TAKE-OVER

IT'S A MILITARY take-over of 'Trigger' this month when Army personnel from Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, stage three events in aid of the Mayor of Barnet's Appeal Fund.

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Major Eddie Lyons and Sgt. Malcolm Bailey from Inglis Barracks, are qualified instructors in parascending and between them have trained more than 700 people in the sport.

It will be held over two weekends, Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, from 8.30 am to last light at West Hendon Playing Fields, off Goldsmith

Avenue, and on Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, between the same times, at King George V Playing Fields, Barnet Lane, Barnet.

Each ascent will cost £1 for children under 16 and £1.50 for adults. Children must be over 14 and must produce a letter from parents for permission to parascend. The event is subject to favourable wind and ground conditions on each date.

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Further details may be obtained from Major Lyons on 01-346 2611 ext. 234.

Rugby match

A team selected from Hendon, Finchley, Mill Hill, Barnet and the Old Elizabethans rugby clubs will play an International XV at the Mill Hill RFC ground, Copthall Playing Fields, off Page Street, Mill Hill, on Sunday, March 29, kick-off 3 pm.

The International XV is being raised by Col. Rolph James of Inglis Barracks, who is chairman of Public School Wanderers Rugby Club which frequently fields international sides in aid of charity.

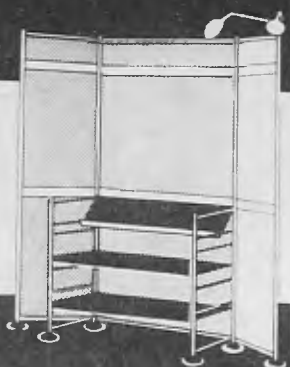
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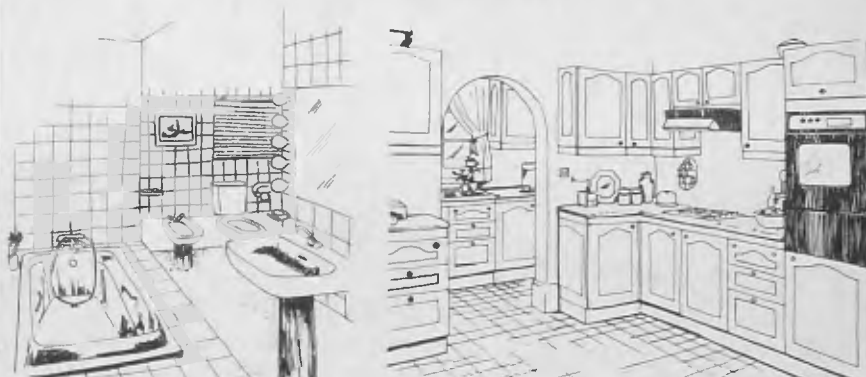
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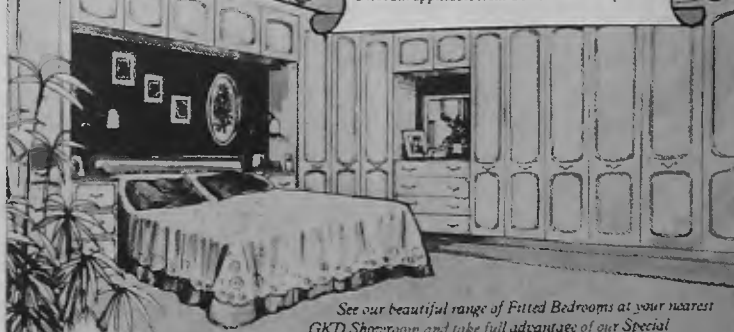
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Books, pamphlets, information and tape services will be on display and the Mobility Officer for the Blind will be present on Monday April 6 and Monday April 13 from 6 to 8 pm, to demonstrate Low Vision Aids.

Smaller displays of material and demonstrations of LVAs will be mounted at other Barnet Libraries during April (see panel).

An exhibition of art and craft work by elderly disabled residents of West Hendon Hospital will be on show at Hendon Library from September 14 to 26. Details will be announced later in the year.

Hendon Library in The Burroughs has been chosen as

the venue for these exhibitions as access is good for the less able. There is a gentle ramp to the front door, good parking facilities and lavatory facilities for the disabled.

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Art by the disabled

AN EXHIBITION of work by disabled and handicapped artists is being arranged by the Barnet Libraries Department, and will be held from July 20 to 31.

The Board of Management of Finchley Progressive Synagogue have offered their premises in Hutton Grove, North Finchley, for the exhibition. The Synagogue is well placed in the centre of the Borough and the exhibition room will be on the ground floor with good access

and a car park adjacent.

The exhibition is being organised by the Special Services Section of the Libraries Department and the Librarian-in-Charge, Miss Liz Holliday, would be pleased to hear from artists who would like to exhibit.

Please telephone or write before April 21. Telephone number 202 5625 ext. 51; address, Room 4, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE.

Choir's new conductor

THE WOODCROFT CHOIR which meets in Mill Hill, was formed several years ago to provide opportunity for local people to get together and sing under the guidance of a competent conductor.

Since then, the original conductor David Lardi has generated sufficient enthusiasm and confidence for the choir to produce several concerts each year.

David has now left to join the Modern Symphony Orchestra and has handed over his baton to John Winter who is no stranger to the group as he has assisted David since the choir began.

Although John has only been in charge a short time he has already planned several concerts in the Mill Hill area.

The first of these will be held

at St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Mill Hill, at 8 pm, on Wednesday April 8, and will include works by Mendelssohn, Bach, Haydn and Mozart. A second concert, with a more light-hearted programme has been planned for Saturday June 20 at Northway School.

The group meets every Wednesday as an evening class of Hendon College at the Flower Lane Centre, Mill Hill.

The rehearsal atmosphere is friendly and informal — no auditions are held and a high standard of sight-reading is not essential.

Anyone wishing to join the choir or wanting further information should contact Mrs. Yvonne Gerrard (tel. 458 6054) who will be happy to help them.

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Flats for sale in Colindale

A FIELD IN Booth Road, Colindale, is the site where Barnet Council are to build 24 one-bedroom flats for sale to Council tenants or people on the Housing Waiting List. These are designed as starter homes for young couples or single people buying their first home or for older couples living in council houses and who now want smaller homes of their own and who will thus release council property for re-letting to a family.

It is a pleasant residential street linking Montrose Avenue and Colindale Avenue, and within easy walking distance of Colindale Underground Station. There are local shops and Burnt Oak shopping centre nearby.

The new flats will be built in three, two-storey blocks of eight flats, which would be classed by a building society as maisonettes, each having its own front door at ground level. The walls are in warm-toned brick under tiled roofs, dropping to a lower

plane over stairways to form a tiled feature above the entrance halls.

The scheme is lightly screened by an existing shrubbery and there will be paved, landscaped car parking bays in front of the blocks with gardens at the rear.

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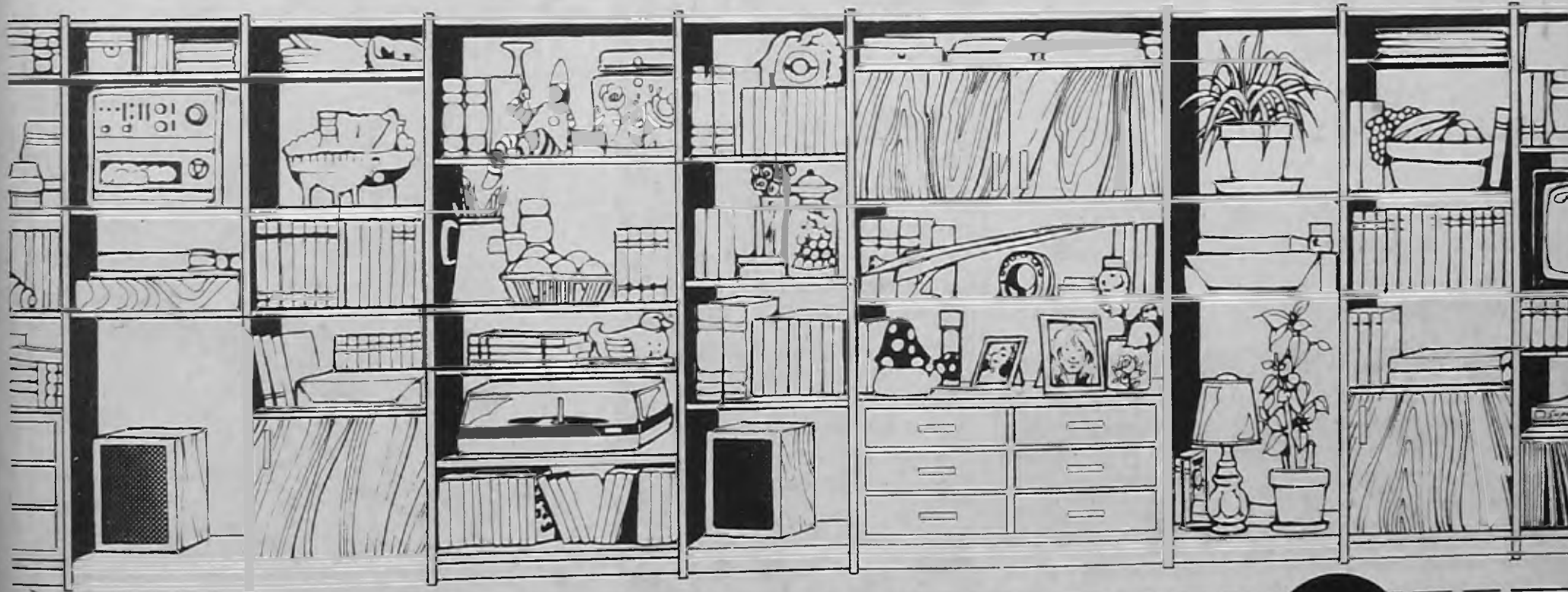
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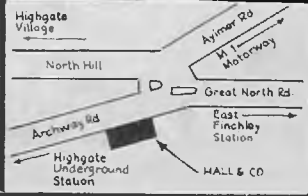
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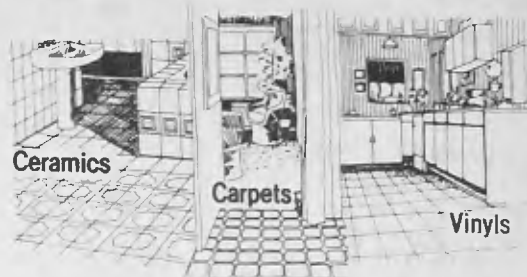
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Letters to the editor

DISABLED SPORTS NIGHT

IN RESPONSE to your article 'Barnet Prepares for Disablement Year...' could you, through Civic News, please bring to the notice of your disabled readers the fact that the Picketts Lock Leisure Centre, Enfield, have a Sport for the Disabled Night every Friday, from 8 pm until 11 pm.

Those of us who go are extremely pleased with the facilities for table tennis, wheelchair basketball and swimming. The sporting activities usually finish just after 10 pm, after which we retire to the bar for a drink and a chat.

There is a charge of 50p per person, to cover the cost of the use of the facilities, but this would be reduced if more disabled came along regularly.

One of our girls, Jenny Orpwood, won gold, silver and bronze medals at the Olympics for the Disabled at Arnhem last year, and many of us have won medals at National Sporting events for the Disabled in Britain, so you can see that this venture can lead to opportunities for real achievement.

It is a great pity that so few disabled people are aware of these facilities, and we feel that

those who would benefit from them in this area live near enough to take advantage of them, if they have their own transport — a big problem for some, we well appreciate.

Enquiries will be attended to promptly and contact can be made by phoning Mr. John Mason on 441 0996, or Mrs. Mary Watford on 441 5197 after 6.30 pm. It may be possible to arrange for transport, through either of these two people, for anyone keen to 'have a go' who hasn't a car.

Anne Rae 12 Barrie Court
Lyonsdown Road New Barnet

This too is vandalism

I HAVE JUST witnessed an act of council-condoned vandalism which I find incredible. A refuse-crushing lorry pulled up outside a house nearby and the men carried out suitcases of clothing and miscellaneous household items and good pieces of furniture and destroyed it on the spot.

In these difficult times when charities are working so hard to help the less fortunate and the welfare state is pressed to the limit, to see such appalling waste is distressing. If a private citizen is so selfishly short-sighted and seeks council assistance in such criminal waste, surely there must be some means whereby the council can promote recycling items in good repair, perhaps through the charities.

The Mayor in your January issue asks people to help fight vandalism when they see it occurring. Surely it must be evident that such waste is just as anti-social as uprooting trees.

J. Sprent
Lichfield Grove
Finchley, N3

The cost of collecting good quality furniture and of storing it until it is required prevents the Council carrying out this service. When used furniture is offered to the Council we have in the past referred the enquirer to local voluntary organisations but they too are finding the cost of collection and the difficulty of organising storage is too much. It does seem a pity when good quality furniture is destroyed and if any local organisation is able to collect and store such furniture the Information Section at the Town Hall, Hendon, would be very interested to hear from them. Tel: 202 8282 Exts 73, 74 and 75.

A good fit

THANK YOU for publishing my letter on Jigsaw 'swops' in Civic News.

The response was marvellous. People who made contact for 'swops' can rest assured they will be informed when jigsaws are available.

Mrs P. R. Mitchell
33 Ryecroft Crescent
Barnet, Herts

Letters to the editor should be sent to: Civic News, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG.

Holiday Carnival

THROUGH Civic News, may I remind charities that Barnet Rugby Club, at its annual Carnival at Byng Road Playing Fields, Barnet, on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 25, will be arranging a Charity Arcade as in previous years. We would welcome new stallholders.

The arrangements are the same as before. A pitch approximately 12 metres by 14 metres is made available for the stallholders to set their sideshows. The charge of £30 is entirely offset by £30-worth of programmes which are given in return for payment which will enable the Charity to recoup their outlay. The club will try to detail in the programme all charities taking part if they confirm by April 1. The programme is £1 for adults, 50p for children and OAPs, the same as last year.

The club are developing an exciting day's entertainment around the main attractions of the Royal Artillery Motorcycle Display Team (two performances); Brian Lecomber's aerobatic performance (two afternoon displays); and the parachute display by the 'Robins'.

Barnet Rugby Club will be making a donation from the proceeds to the British Paraplegic Sports Society towards the costs of the Olympic Village for the Disabled at Stoke Mandeville. This is the club's tribute to the International Year of Disabled People.

Interested Charities should write to me or telephone for information.

C. A. R. Marson
19 Bedford Avenue
Barnet, Herts
Tel: 01-449 5080

ARC LIGHTS

IN THIS International Year of Disabled People I wonder if other readers are aware that arthritis is the greatest cause of disability in this country. One-third of the registered disabled suffer from arthritis, and we who support the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council are redoubling our efforts during the next 12 months to help prevent more and more people from becoming disabled through rheumatic disease.

ARC exists to find the cause and cure of arthritis and rheumatism through its research programme, and this branch will be helping to raise the three million pounds needed for that research this year.

Bonus for prompt payment

MAY I, through the columns of Civic News, make a suggestion that may be of financial benefit to both ratepayers and the Council. This is that ratepayers who pay their rates promptly, and in a lump sum, should receive a 5 per cent discount.

The advantage of this to the Council would be considerable in terms of reducing its borrowing requirements (at high rates of interest) and of course reducing administrative costs in the Treasurer's Department.

I would be interested in hearing the views of other ratepayers and Councillors on this suggestion.

B. E. Monk
41 Ashbourne Court
Woodside Park Road
Finchley, N12

The question of a discount for prompt payment of rates was discussed by the Council's Finance Committee about two years ago.

At that time the Borough Treasurer reported that the

Already research has led to better treatment and fewer people becoming disabled by arthritis, but we will not be happy until all forms of disability caused by the rheumatic diseases are ended through research.

If there are readers who would like to help us during IYDP, or who would like more details of the Council and its work, would they contact me at the address below, or the secretary of the Hampstead Garden Suburb, East Finchley and Golders Green branch, Miss H. Bach, 21 Daniel Court, North Acre, NW9 5UU.

Miss M. Crampton
Secretary, ARC Branch
4 Hale Close
Deans Lane, Edgware

Council was permitted to offer such discounts but that the cost would not be met entirely from savings on interest payments, particularly having regard to the substantial volume of cash which is currently received from ratepayers in the early part of the financial year without any discount facility being granted.

The Committee decided to take no action to introduce a discount for prompt payment scheme but asked the Borough Treasurer to keep the matter under review and report further if circumstances changed and a discount scheme appeared to offer benefits.

Commenting on the current position, the Borough Treasurer, Mr. George Hopkins, said that with the possibility of interest rates continuing to fall in 1981/82 there is still no overall financial benefit to the Council. Only a few local authorities grant discounts and the tendency has been for the arrangement to be withdrawn after a short period of operation.

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Quality News, 14 Greenhill Parade, New Barnet
Sweet News, 15 Lytton Road, New Barnet

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MEMORIAL TO ROBIN BOWYER

Young sailors and canoeists in Barnet will be safer because of a memorial to a young man who died in a yachting tragedy in 1979.

Robin Bowyer was a youth leader at the Council's Youth Sailing Base on the Welsh Harp Reservoir, West Hendon. He took part in the stormy Fastnet Race in 1979 and when the boat he was helping to crew foundered, he was washed overboard and died.

Robin gave his whole enthusiasm to teaching young people to learn to sail or canoe in safety, and on his death his friends, colleagues and students, contributed to a memorial fund. That fund raised more than £2,200 and with the money a

rescue safety launch has been purchased.

Named the Robin Bowyer, the glass fibre boat with its 70 hp engine was launched by Robin's parents in a simple ceremony. The trustees of the fund, Graham Kyte, organiser at the youth sailing base, and Brin Hughes, a member of the management committee and the canoeing coach, were there to explain how the new boat would really come into its own in the summer.

Among those present at the ceremony was Alan Bartlett, licensee of the Torrington Arms, Finchley, and chairman of Barnet Sports Council. Alan was skipper of the boat which foundered in the Fastnet Race.



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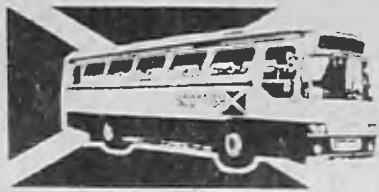
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A TASTE OF THE 'GOOD LIFE'

The television series 'The Good Life' amused us all with the antics of a young couple trying to prove that their suburban garden could give them self-sufficiency by growing the majority of their fruit and vegetable needs.

Many a true word is spoken in jest, and for those tempted to have a go, but who do not have gardens at their homes or are not prepared to dig up much-loved floral displays, an allotment can be the perfect answer.

It can be amazing what Mother Nature can provide for you even though you may not think you have green fingers, so long as you are able to wield a fork without sticking it in your foot. In the London Borough of Barnet we are well endowed with 250 acres of allotment sites, and vacancies still exist for those with sufficient energy and determination. Many of these sites are handy to public transport and by taking on a plot, you will also get the bonus of healthy exercise for less than 15p per week rental.

The provision of allotments by

local authorities dates back to the 19th century and the unit of measurement for plots is still a pole (30¼ sq. yds.). The charge from the 1st April for the standard 10-pole plot is £5 per annum plus £1.50 per annum water charge. Senior citizens receive a 50 per cent reduction on the rent. The standard plot is about 30 yards by 10 yards and may appear formidable to the uninitiated, but there are opportunities to take half plots on most sites at a corresponding reduction in rent.

If you are the proud owner of a freezer, taking on an allotment makes even more sense. Most vegetables can be frozen at harvest time to be enjoyed later in the year.

As an allotment holder, you will inherit rights within your agreement which will enable you to have continuity of cultivation for as long as you are willing to meet certain simple conditions such as keeping your plot well cultivated and paying the rent. This means that the work you invest in your plot cannot be lost to you at short notice through no fault of your own.

Most sites, especially the

larger ones, are run by volunteers who look after the interests of their members in conjunction with the Council's officers and several sites run a trading hut where bulk purchases mean that fertilisers and seeds can be sold to allotment holders at advantageous prices. Apart from such local groups, Barnet has an active Allotment Federation which provides a link between the various allotment sites and the Council. The Federation strives to obtain improvements on site such as adequate fencing and water.

As a hobby or pastime the keeping of an allotment can be as absorbing as any sport and it has the advantage of being something in which the whole family can take an interest. If you are a newcomer to gardening there is generally plenty of advice freely offered by those with long-standing experience. It is frequently at variance but never entirely superfluous and a careful adaptation of the variety of advice will enable even the novice to achieve a successful harvest. New friendships are likely to be formed and can lead to mutual benefit through the

barter of plants or surplus crops.

You cannot, of course, leave everything to nature. To start with you may well be faced with a young jungle and wonder how on earth you are going to cope.

Do not be put off. Even in the first year the cleaning up process may well enable you to obtain a crop of potatoes. The trick generally is not to go at the job like a bull at a gate but to tune yourself into nature's more sedate progress. Gradually allow those long forgotten muscles to become accustomed to the job in hand. Once you have got the plot under control, the rhythm of the seasons will guide you into a productive future.

So to coin a phrase 'Dig that Crazy Allotment: Happy Gardening, Good Housekeeping'.

Those who have had their appetites whetted by this article and wish to discover whether there is an opportunity for an allotment in their locality, should contact the Council's Allotment Officer, Mick Warner on 349 9121 extension 539. He will put you in contact with the appropriate site secretary.

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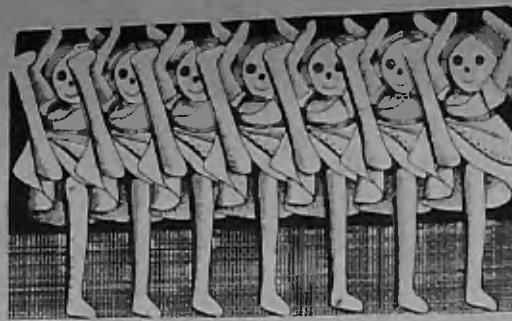
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Young Mums

FORMER FINCHLEY Councillors would get quite a surprise if they called in at Avenue House in East End Road, Finchley, on a Friday morning. In the room which was once their Council Chamber young mums are dancing and leaping to music. It's the Barnet Borough Arts Council Keep Fit and Dance class, complete with baby creche.

For many young mums the



years before their toddlers can go to school are very lonely. So the BBAC have brought a few of them together for this keep fit class. Pauline Cox takes the mums through their exercises while upstairs in the Arts Council Room Ann Latimer and a

Keep Fit

small team of volunteers look after the toddlers.

At the end of the session the mums reclaim their offspring and enjoy a chat and a coffee.

On Wednesdays there is a well established Mothers and Toddlers Arts and Crafts group.

Pauline's class is now running at capacity but if there is enough demand another class could be arranged. Contact Ann Latimer on 346 7120.

Bus routes win reprieve

Strong representations by Barnet Council and local residents have won a reprieve for bus routes 112, 268 and H2 due to be axed by London Transport because they were uneconomic.

In a letter to the Town Clerk Mr. D. C. Fisk, general manager for the Watling District, says that in view of the response to the cuts made by the Council and by users and their representatives, together with London Transport's own regard for its service to passengers, a detailed re-appraisal is to be carried out.

'In the circumstances,' he writes, 'I do not propose to withdraw these services completely but to find a way whereby their losses can be substantially reduced while maintaining a reasonable coverage along the routes.'

'The replanning and re-scheduling could involve reduction in frequency, withdrawal for part of the day and/or at weekends; and withdrawal of parts of the route, with, perhaps, a partial substitution by services diverted from elsewhere. Until any changes are made these routes will be retained in their present form.'

Councillor Bill Hart, Chair-

man of the Council's Public Works Committee, said: 'I am very pleased that London Transport has heeded our representations and is to reconsider its plan to discontinue these routes. Services such as the H2 route in the Garden Suburb are a virtual life line for elderly people who have no cars of their own and rely on their local bus for their shopping and to get to their clubs and see their friends.'

'As a committee we have been very active in our dealings with London Transport and we shall continue to press for a good standard of public transport service to be maintained in our borough.'

BOROUGH PLAN

IN FEBRUARY Civic News the Council invited comments on the latest instalment of the Borough Development Plan, dealing with the Environment.

Many people and local organisations have already sent their views to the Borough Planning Officer at Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley.

Copies of the Topic Study on the Environment can be seen at local libraries and residents have until the end of March to comment on the policies.

Remember, the Council will not adopt any policies before it has considered your views.

THE ROUTES

112 — PALMERS GREEN, Telford Road, North Circular Road, Finchley, Brent Cross, Neasden, Stonebridge Park, Hanger Lane.

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268 — GOLDERS GREEN, Hampstead, Rosslyn Hill, Belsize Park, Swiss Cottage, **FINCHLEY ROAD L.T. STATION**.

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Beware those bogus callers

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Good evening. I am doing market research on the attitude of grand-parents regarding encyclopaedias for children . . .

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Beware! These callers may not be what they claim.

These approaches are some of the ploys used by crooks who want to get into your home to steal or to persuade you to part with money for a bogus service.

Over the years a sense of trust has been built up between the public and the representatives of local authorities and national services. Crooks will abuse this trust by taking on the false identity of the gas man or the council officer, banking on the public opening their doors to such callers without fear or reservation.

This type of con trick goes on day after day, week in, week out.

Bogus callers are men and women pretending to have some official status to gain your trust. Their offer of help is usually so plausible that it is accepted eagerly. But their real aim is theft and fraud.

These individuals are usually well dressed, quietly spoken and often have some knowledge of the householders circumstances. This information is not difficult to obtain with a little research and a few local enquiries. A call on a talkative neighbour with some probable story of wanting to help will soon supply these tricksters with enough facts to worm themselves into the confidence of the victim.

Check identity

So be wary of callers at the door who do not come by appointment, who are not recognisable and who so often pose as the gas or electric meter reader or some other public service or local authority representative. All such genuine people carry some official form of identification which will gladly be shown. Look at it carefully: ask questions. If in any doubt at all do not allow anyone into your home.

Once inside your house or flat

they may assault you and steal or, more usually, pretend to look around, upstairs and down, making very sure you are in one room while they are in another. Away goes the money out of your bag, or from the wardrobe or the tin in the kitchen! Away go your small items of jewellery from the bedroom! They always seem to know the usual hiding places.

A safety chain on the front door will always discourage the bogus caller who will not want to stand on the doorstep pleading to be let in, while the genuine visitor will be tolerant of any reluctance on your part.

Another method employed by these very unpleasant people is to pose as roofing repair men who claim that, while working on a roof nearby, they noticed some slates or tiles missing. An acceptable price is quoted, cash on the nail demanded, with a promise to do the job at once. Of course they do no such thing and make off with your money.

'May I use your lavatory please?' 'I am not well, can I have a glass of water?' These also are common methods used mostly by women to gain unsuspecting entry into dwellings. At the time of writing there is yet another character who calls

at houses with 'For Sale' boards displayed. Having satisfied himself that a lady is alone in the place he enters on the pretext of being interested and then indecently assaults her.

Beware the door-to-door antique dealer. Well spoken and you may think, well intentioned. A bundle of £5 notes in his hand he will give you a lot of money unexpectedly for bric-a-brac rubbish, but will take away some small items of no apparent value but which he knows are of very high value in the antique world. Test the bona fides of the old gold and silver buyer who may call on you. He may be a crook.

Cash payment

Who orders and pays cash deposits for double glazing or central heating from the casual salesman at the door? I am afraid that some have already done so, to their regret!

Do please be careful to whom you open the door and with whom you conduct any business on the doorstep. Of course, not all callers are crooks but you must be alert. Tell the police you are suspicious. Dial 999.

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Those who are not buying new or second-hand motorcycles from dealers can join the course for the fee of £5.75. They should call in at the Council Offices of Barnet Road Safety Section in Smith's Fields, East End Road, Finchley N3 (in the park next to Avenue House), between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday. It is best to telephone first: 01-349 9121, Ext 425.

BE A STAR RIDER! Barnet Road Safety team and local motorcycle retailers are offering a new course for motorcyclists: four hours of tuition off the road when you take over a new or second-hand motorbike purchased from any of the dealers listed in this article.

It is part of the STEP Star Rider Scheme. STEP stands for School Traffic Education Programme and is financed by the Government and the motorcycle industry. To tie in with its name it is a stepped scheme and in Barnet riders can take the Silver and Bronze courses.

The Bronze Star Rider course, offered by the dealers and Barnet Road Safety Section, is held every Saturday at Grahame

This four-hour, off-the-road session can be followed by the Silver Star Rider course which, for £15, gives six two-hour sessions on the roads. This course prepares the rider for the driving test and with the Government preparing legislation to force motorcyclists to take the test within a fixed time period it will be a useful start. Also, like the RAC/ACU scheme for motorcycle training which Barnet Council also run, the Silver Star Rider Scheme attracts insurance discount.

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If you are interested contact Alan Piddington, senior Road Safety Officer, or Phil Saunders on 01-349 9121: Ext 425.

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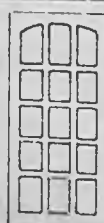
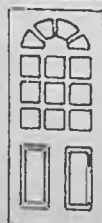
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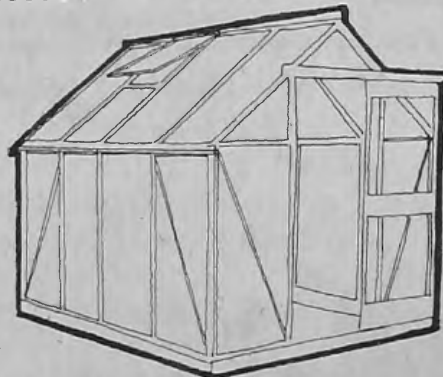
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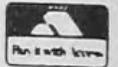
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THIS LIST of activities in the Borough is open, free of charge, to all voluntary and community groups.

Entries for the May issue (May 17 to June 14) must reach the editor by April 10.

Send your entries (as brief as possible and with a contact phone number) to Civic News, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4. Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 71.

*Asterisk denotes regular weekly meetings.

Saturday March 14

*Drama Workshop for children, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Ages 6—8, 4—5 pm; 7—10, 10.30 am—12.30 pm; 8—16, 1.30—3.30 pm (449 0048).

*Barnet & District Athletic Club — Senior team races. Afternoon. For details tel: 61 67888.

*Art/craft and drama workshop for children at Elizabeth Allen Teachers' Centre, Wood Street, Barnet. 9.30 am in term time. (368 2772).

Barnet College Concert, Tudor Hall, Wood Street, Margaret Waterson, soprano, and Angela Aries, contralto. 7.30 pm (440 6321, 449 2916, 953 8413).

London Charity Concert Orchestra. Concert in aid of MENCAP All Saints Church, Durham Road, East Finchley. Tickets £1.50. 7.30 pm (346 0203).

Friends of Siegerland dinner, Avenue House, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm (440 2487).

*Dolphin Swimming Club, Royal Free Recreation Pool, Fleet Road, NW3. 2—5 pm. (349 1844).

*Social Singles (club for unattached) in Barnet area. 8 pm. (440 5075 or 440 6404).

Jumble Sale, St. John's Church, Algernon Road, Hendon. 2 pm. East Finchley Labour Party Jumble Sale, Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, East Finchley. 2 pm.

Barnet Orchestra Concert, Hendon Secondary School, Golders Rise, Hendon. Mendelssohn, Haydn, Brahms. Soloists: Gerald Ruddock (Trumpet). 7.30 pm. (954 2987).

Hendon Salvation Army, Brampton Grove, Hendon. Festival of Music by Boscombe Band. 7 pm. Also Sunday 2.45 pm.

Sunday March 15

*Table tennis training for youngsters, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane. 3—5 pm (440 1721).

*Table Tennis, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Every evening. 7.30—11 pm (440 1721).

*Orange Tree Folk Club, Orange Tree, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Barnet. 8 pm (863 3608).

*Bernie Tyrrell's Salisbury Stompers and Shirley (Jazz Club). The Salisbury Hotel, High

Street, Barnet. 12 noon—2 pm (449 0081).

*Public meetings at Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 10.30 am and 6.45 pm. Adventurers 3 pm.

*Barnet & District Athletic Club. Youngsters and newcomers. Tudor Sports Ground, New Barnet. 10.45 am (882 3265).

*Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, 145 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak. Beginners 8 pm (959 5204).

*Bridge Lane Bridge Club, 71 Bridge Lane, Golders Green. Every day except Friday evening. 1.30—6 pm and 7.45—11.40 pm (455 3711 and 458 1764 after 2 pm).

*Rock & Blues, Torrington Arms, Lodge Lane, High Road, North Finchley. 8.30 pm (445 4710).

*Mind (voluntary mental health organisation) Social Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Road, N3. 3.30—7 pm (349 2930).

*Zen Meditation meetings, 91 Nether Street, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 1819).

*Bible Talk, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Road, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (441 0060 or 449 2055).

*Bob Guthrie Jazzmen, The Queen's Head, 248 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3. 8.30—10.30 pm (346 1012).

*Tae Kwon Do Club, Centre Point, Grahame Park, NW9. 2—4 pm (200 7112).

Octopus Swimming Club for the handicapped, Squires Lane Swimming Baths, Finchley, N12. 12.30—1.30 pm. (346 5944).

Monday March 16

*Barnet Chess Club, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 7.45 pm (445 0635).

EXHIBITIONS

March 16-27

Finchley Art Society members' exhibition, Stanhope Road Centre, Stanhope Road, North Finchley. Open Mon.—Fri. 10 am—noon, 2—4 pm, 6—8 pm (445 6068).

Until March 28

Mirror of Our Times. Newspaper collector John Frost presents highlights of the *Daily Mirror* through the years. The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Open: Mon.—Sat. 10 am—6 pm (449 0048).

Jewellery and drawings by Anita Kay and Harry Kay. The Crest, Totteridge Library, 'Dollisfield', Totteridge Lane. Open: Tues. & Wed. 2—5.30 pm; Fri. 11 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat. 11 am—1 pm, 2—4 pm (361 9648).

April 1-15

Photographs by Denis Reader, The Crest, Totteridge Library,

*Dog obedience training. All Saints' Parish Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Friern Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm; Advanced 8.45 pm (449 4155 after 6 pm).

*Ladies meeting, East Finchley Baptist Church, Creighton Avenue, Finchley, N2 (2.30 pm).

*Boys' Brigade, 4th Finchley Company, Finchley Methodist Church, Essex Hall, Essex Park, Finchley, N3. Pre-junior Section 6—8 years, 5.30 pm; Junior Section 8—11 years, 6.30 pm (446 2690).

*Silver Threads — Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 2 pm (440 8303).

*North London Karate Club, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. Beginners and all grades welcome. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7733 or 440 8633).

*Rhythm, movement and dance workshop, East Barnet Road. All week, evenings and day time (441 0780).

*Barnet Orchestra at Hendon, Whitefield School, Claremont Road, Cricklewood NW2. 8 pm (205 2418).

*Finchley Choral Society, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether Street, Finchley N3. 7.45 pm (445 8401).

*Badminton for young people 14-21, Sports Hall, Christ's College Lower School, Manor Cottage Roundabout, Finchley N3. 8 pm (883 4437; 368 1255).

*Bridge at Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm (346 5125).

*Edgware Sea Cadet Corps Boys and Girls 12-18 years. Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30—9.30 pm (959 0711).

*WEA class, 103 Hampstead Way, NW11. Shakespeare Study Class. 1.30 pm (445 7688).

'Dollisfield', Totteridge Lane. Open: Tues. & Wed. 2—5.30 pm; Fri. 11 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat. 11 am—1 pm, 2—4 pm (361 9648).

Until April 4

Paintings on abstract work based on plant and other natural forms by Joy Weyman-Jones. North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. Normal library opening hours (445 4081).

Until May 5

Pinning Down the Past. A display of finds from digs and photographs by the Hendon & District Archaeological Society. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open weekdays (except Tuesdays) 10 am—12.30 pm, 1.30—5.30 pm; Tues. 10 am—1 pm; Sun. 2.30—6 pm (203 1030).

*New Barnet Literary and Debating Society, The Vestry Room, St. James' Church, East Barnet Road, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 3859).

*Mind in Barnet Advice Centre, 154 Station Road, Hendon. Mondays 10 am—1 pm; Wednesdays 2—4.30 pm; Thursdays 8—10 pm (202 6963 Chairman).

*Livingstone Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, Bevan Park Baptist Church, Grove Road, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 3094).

*Hendon Sea Cadet Corps — Sea and Marine Cadets 12 years - Cool Oak Lane, NW9. 7.30. (200 6286).

*Slimming World, Quakers Meeting Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware. 7.30 pm. (200 6180).

*Barnet Karate Centre, Reynolds Hall, East Barnet Road. Beginners classes, 7.30 pm. (200 3991). Ladies Keep Fit/Karate, 1.30 pm. (346 0630).

*Hagan Social Club, Norrice Lea Synagogue, Lyttelton Road, N2. 1.30 pm (455 8126 or 455 4916).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Community Room, Bigwood House, Bigwood Road, NW11. 8 pm. 'Marquetry' (202 0269).

Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society, Central Library, The Burroughs, Hendon. Eric Parkin 'British piano music of the 1920s and 1930s. 8 pm. (202 6908).

Tuesday March 17

*20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, All Saints' Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 7.45 pm (360 2586).

*Scottish dancing, St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8—10 pm. Children's Scottish dancing, 6.30—7.30 pm.

Modern ballroom and Latin American dancing, Shakespeare Hall, Manor Park Crescent, Station Road, Edgware. 8.30 pm (346 5868).

*Judo, The Quinta Club, Mays Lane, Barnet (449 2914).

*Hendon South Young Socialists Discussions and social activities, 7 Sunnyfields Road, Hendon. 8 pm.

*Hendon South Young Conservatives meeting, 166 Station Road, Hendon. 8 pm (202 7484).

*Friern Barnet Photographic Society, St. John's Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. 8 pm (445 2617).

*Hendon String Orchestra, Whitefield School, Claremont Road, NW2. 7.45 pm (455 5005).

*West Hendon Handicraft Group, West Hendon Community Centre, West Hendon Estate. 2—4 pm (205 0514).

*The Light Brigade — club for those aged 6—12 years at the Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 6 pm (449 8200).

*Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley General Club. 7.30—10 pm.

WHAT'S ON

- *Prayer and Bible Study, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, High Barnet. 7.15 pm (440 8303).
- *57 Nursing Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Carey Hall, Claremont Road, Cricklewood. 7.30 pm (428 4529).
- *WEA class on study of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. Lecturer: Dr. J. T. Dodd. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 7.30—9.30 pm (903 5159).
- *Drama workshops for 12-16 year-olds, The Old Bull Community and Arts Centre. 68 High Street, Barnet. 6.30-8.30 pm (449 0048).
- *Barnet Hockey Club training session, Grahame Park all-weather floodlit pitch. 8 pm (445 8968 or 61 22668).
- *East Finchley Sisterhood, Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. 2.30 pm (444 5756).
- *Hendon Arts Theatre Workshop, Church House, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. 7.45 pm. £1 per session (202 6242).
- *Old Bull Morris Dancers. Mixed sex Clog Morris Team, Assembly Hall, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. Practice sessions 7.45—9.45 pm (440 1861).
- *Manor Drive Methodist Church Wives' Club. Meetings at the Church, corner of York Way and Manor Drive, N20 (during term-time). 2—3.15 pm. Creche available. (368 2193).
- *Dog Training. Reynolds Hall, East Barnet Road, New Barnet. Beginners to championship. £1

- membership, 50p per week thereafter. 7.30—10.30 pm.
- *J.A.C.S. (Jewish Association & Cultural Society), Henriques House, 120 Oakleigh Road North, N20. 1.30—3.30 pm (368 3986).
- *Home League women's meeting, East Finchley Salvation Army, Hertford Road, East Finchley. 2.15 pm. (444 0207).
- *Barnet Tae Kwon Do School, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 7—9 pm. (77 50635).
- *Barnet Karate Centre — Ladies Keep Fit/Karate, Finchley Synagogue, Hutton Grove, North Finchley. 1.30 pm. (346 0630). Children's class, Underhill Junior School, Mays Lane, Barnet. 7 pm. Ladies Karate. 8.30 pm. (203 3991).
- *English Country Dancing, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Church Lane, N2. 7.30 pm. (445 4772).
- *East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, Baroque to Romantic. 8 pm. (440 4376).
- North London Society of Certified Accountants, Royal Chase Hotel, The Ridgeway, Enfield. Joint meeting with Institute of Cost and Management Accountants. 'Deck Top Computers'. 7.30 pm. (445 7498).
- Solo Club (widowed, divorced and single people 26-60), Finchley area. 8 pm. (445 9810 or 346 7466).

- 'Acorns', non-sectarian women's club, Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. London place names. 9.45—11.30 am. Creche available. (346 1507 or 346 0232).
- Totteridge Floral Art Club, Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge. 2 pm. (445 9307).
- Barnet Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Association. Meeting on new Housing Act — What to do, where to go, how to find help (workshops on private and council tenants' concerns), Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 7.30 pm. (346 9723).
- *Home League (open to all women), Hendon Salvation Army, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 2.30 pm.

Wednesday March 18

- *Wednesday Bridge Club, St. Andrew's Small Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 1.30 pm (440 9682).
- *Barnet Cycling Club, United Reformed Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 8 pm (888 7143).
- *Old time and modern sequence dancing, Barnet South Community Association, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm (440 4424).
- *Friary Old Time and sequence dancing Manor Drive Methodist Church Hall, Manor Drive, Whetstone. 8 pm. 7.30 Beginners (445 7127).

- *Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, 8 pm (959 5204).
- *Old Time and modern dancing, St. Luke's Hall, Mountfield Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm.
- *Dog training, St. Philip's Church Hall, Gravel Hill, Finchley, N3. Beginners 7—8 pm; Intermediate etc. from 8 pm (458 7399).
- *West Hendon Liberal Association, 78 Bertram Road, NW4. 8 pm (202 9013).
- *Women's League of Health and Beauty, Christ Church Hall, High Road, North Finchley. Elementary 7 pm; technique 7.45 pm; medium 8.15 pm; sequence 9 pm (455 3904).
- *Chipping Barnet YCs, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8.15 pm.
- *Finchley & Friern Barnet YCs, 212 Ballards Lane, North Finchley, 8 pm (445 9426).
- *Edgware Amateur Cine Society, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 7.45 pm (959 7783).
- *Whist at Fellowship House, Willifield Green, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 8 pm. (458 4023).
- *Yoga, Whitchurch Institute, Buckingham Road, Edgware. 2.30 pm (203 1935).
- *Edgware Photographic Society, Edgware Library, Hale Lane, 8 pm (952 4786).
- *Ballroom, sequence, old tyme and party dancing, St. Mary's Hall, 54 Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 8 pm (803 9028).

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*Home League ladies meeting, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2.15 pm (449 8200).

*Pymmes Judo Club for children, East Barnet School, Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (440 6473).

*Judo, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. Beginners, 6 pm; Juniors, 7 pm; Seniors, 8 pm. Girls and ladies self defence; 8.30—10 pm, Yoga and football. (444 8422).

*Over 60s Meeting, West Hendon Community Centre. 2—4 pm (202 4847).

*North London & District Divorced and Separated Club, St. Paul's Church Hall, High Road, New Southgate. 8 pm (800 9826).

*Incognito Theatre Group, Holly Park Road, New Southgate. 8 pm. New members welcome (445 1576).

*Daniel Court Social Club, North Acre, Grahame Park. 2—5 pm (200 1759 after 6 pm).

*Dog Training, Christ Church Hall, The Crest, Brent Street, Hendon. Beginners 6.45 pm and 7.15 pm; intermediate and competition until 10 pm (202 2888).

*WEA class The Great Age of Baroque. Lecturer: Mrs. C. Ford-Wille. Hendon Library, The Burroughs, 10.30 am—12.30 pm. (903 5159).

*WEA class The Ancient Near East. Lecturer: Dr. U. Leyes. Hendon Library, The Burroughs, 7.30—9.30 pm. (903 5159).

WHAT'S ON

*East Finchley Theatre Group, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley N2. 7.30 pm.

*Mothers and Toddlers Group, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Road, New Barnet. 1.30—3 pm (440 7058).

Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley Central. 7.30 pm. 'Philatelic aspects of Cinderella Stamps'. (883 8724).

Woodside Park Townswomen's Guild, Old Finchleians Club, Southover, North Finchley. 2.15 pm. (445 8952).

Hendon Floral Art Group, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens. 7.30 pm. (959 6111).

Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8.30 pm. (349 2709).

Barnet and District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. 8.15 pm. (Medieval Waltham Abbey and recent excavations. (77 54150).

National Trust Edgware & District, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 'The Golden Age of Dutch Painting'. 8 pm. (952 2688).

National Housewives Register (Barnet & District). 8 pm. (440 8093).

Hendon Unit — Sea Cadet Corps — Girl Sea Cadets 12 years + and Sea Scouts 10½ years +. Cool Oak Lane, NW9. 7.30 pm. (200 6286).

Thursday March 19

*North Side Bridge Club, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, East Finchley. 7.30 pm (445 7788).

*Contemporary dancing, Manor Arrows Youth Club, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. 6.30 pm (368 9876).

*Finchley Old Time and modern sequence dance club, Martin School, East Finchley. 7.30 pm.

*Hendon & Edgware 18 Plus Group, The Bell (lounge bar), Bell Lane, Hendon. 8.15 pm (954 6929).

*National Council for the Divorced and Separated (NW London Branch), Cavalier Rooms, Prince Albert, Golders Green Road, 8 pm.

*Mind Social Club, Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 8—10 pm (444 5847 between 6—7 pm).

*Black Bull Folk Club, Black Bull Public House, High Road, Whetstone. 8 pm (77 58631).

*Finchley Chess Club, Etchingam Park Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley, N3. 7 pm (445 4927).

*Silver Circle, Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2 pm (449 8200).

*Ridgeway Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, St. Mary's Hall, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 7.30 pm (449 2852).

BARNET CIVIC NEWS, MARCH

*Barnet Youth Hostels Association Group, The Scout Hut, Triangle Passage, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 1983).

*Pymmes Judo Club for adults, East Barnet School, Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 6473).

*Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. 7.30 pm, Football; 8 pm, Keep-fit. (444 8422).

*Boys' Brigade, 4th Finchley Company, 11—18 years, Finchley Methodist Church, Essex Hall, Essex Park, Finchley. 8 pm (446 2690).

*North London Karate Club, Queen Elizabeth's Girls School, Meadway, Barnet. Beginners and all grades. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7732 or 440 8633).

Mind in Barnet, an evening with Ann Ladbury, TV dressmaker, Whitefield School, Claremont Road, Cricklewood, 7.30 pm. Tickets £1.50. (202 8781).

*Duplicate Bridge, Friends of the Jewish Day Centre, Michell Sobell House, Limes Avenue, Golders Green. 7.45 pm. £1.00 inc. refreshments.

*Dancing, Conservative Hall, High Road, New Southgate. Children's: old time, Latin, disco. Adults: sequence and modern. 6—10.30 pm (361 9847).

*Rock and Blues, Torrington Arms, Lodge Lane, High Road, N12. 8.30 pm (445 4710).

*Barnet PHAB Group (physically handicapped and able-bodied), Alyth Youth Centre, Alyth

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- Gardens, Temple Fortune. 8.15 pm (906 1505).
- *Old Time and sequence Dance Club, Cadets H.Q., Long Lane, Finchley N3. 7.30 pm (445 3610).
- *WEA class A Hundred Years of 'Progress'? London 1880-1980. Lecturer: M. Brown. Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 7.30 pm (903 5159).
- *Boys Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, High Barnet. 6 pm.
- *Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, girls 12-18 years, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30-9.30 pm (959 0711).
- *The Bob Guthrie Jazzmen, The Queen's Head, 248 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3. 8.30-11 pm (346 1012)
- *8th Barnet Scout Group (Cub Scouts) 8-11 years, The Scout Hut, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 6.30-8 pm (440 7457)
- *Mums & Under 5's Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 10 am-noon. (440 8303). Ladies Meeting, 2.30 pm. (440 8303), Boys' Club, 6.30-8 pm. (440 8303).
- *Hendon and District Aquatic Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 8 pm. (458 5826).
- *Barnet Tae Kwon Do School, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 7-9 pm. (77 50635).
- *Burnt Oak Salvation Army Over 60s Club, Barnfield Road, Burnt Oak. 2 pm. (906 1606).
- Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Road. Wagner, a brief survey. 8.10 pm. (368 2680).

WHAT'S ON

- Stephenson Locomotive Society, St. John's United Reformed Church, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. 'London N.W. Electrics Euston to Watford and Broad Street to Richmond'. 7.30 pm.
- Barnet Friends of the Earth, 72 Cranbrook Road, East Barnet. 8 pm. (440 2580).
- Friern Barnet Branch Labour Party, The Turrets Public House, Friern Barnet. Tom McKendry, prospective GLC Labour Candidate. 8.15 pm.
- World Disarmament Campaign (Hendon and Golders Green), Central Library, The Burroughs, Hendon. Films and discussion. 8 pm. (733 5500 day).
- *Over 60s Club, Hendon Salvation Army, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 2.15 pm.

Friday March 20

- *International folk dancing, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone, 8 pm (368 5345).
- *Hendon Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 7.45 pm (455 0837).
- *Barnet & Finchley Photographic Society, Club Room rear of 37 Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8 pm (368 3917).
- *Mill Hill Over 60s Handicraft Club, Moreton Close Lounge (behind shops at Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill). 2-4 pm (906 1760 or 446 4221).

- *Judo and General Club (ages 7-10), Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. 5.45 pm, Judo; 6-8 pm, General Club (444 8422).
- *Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (346 4265).
- *Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, boys 12-18 years, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30-9.30 pm (959 0711).
- *8th Barnet Scout Group, 11-16 years, The Scout Hut, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 7.30-9.30 pm (440 7457).
- *Over 60s Fellowship, East Finchley Salvation Army, Hertford Road, East Finchley. 2.30 pm. (444 0207).
- *Sally Ann Club. Children 7-11 years. East Finchley Salvation Army, Hertford Road. 5-6 pm. (444 0207).
- *Barnet Arts Workshop Dance/Keep Fit Class, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley

- Central. £1, including creche, 10.30-11.30 am. (346 7120).
- The Historical Association (North London), Enfield Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield. 'The Reichstag Fire'. 7.45 pm. (449 1894).
- Broadfields Evening Townswomen's Guild, Broadfields Junior School, Broadfields Avenue, Edgware. 7.30 pm. (958 4845).
- Barnet Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, Church House, Wood Street. 2.30 pm. (449 6826).
- *Hendon Unit Sea Cadet Corps - Girl Sea Cadets 12 years +. Cool Oak Lane, NW9. 7.30 pm. (200 6286).

Saturday March 21

- Friary Old Time and sequence dancing club dance, Queen Elizabeth's Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm (446 4816).
- Jumble Sale, Moat Mount School, Worcester Crescent, Mill Hill. 2 pm.
- WEA concert, Unitarian Church Hall, Hoop Lane, Golders Green. Marian Lewis (contralto), Geoffrey Elkan (clarinet), Gill Bolland (piano). Tickets £1.3 pm (455 7688).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and committee meetings, held in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7 pm.

- March 16 Housing; Development and Estates.
- March 17 Public Works; Social Services

March 18 Council Rates Meeting

- March 23 General Purposes
- March 24 Education
- March 25 Libraries and Arts
- March 30 Finance

April 14 Council

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Sunday March 22

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Centre, Borehamwood. Sarah Walker and Roger Vignoles. 7.30 pm (959 1173).

Monday March 23

Barnet Play Association. AGM, The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 7.30 pm (349 1424).

Tuesday March 24

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 7.45 pm (202 5625).
Cockfosters Townswomen's Guild, Cockfosters Church House, Kew Gardens. 2 pm.

Barnet Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations Panel on the new Housing Act. How to cater for special needs on estates and local neighbourhoods, and how to organise effectively through tenants' and residents' associations. The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 7.30 pm (346 9723).

Wednesday March 25

Amnesty International (Golders Green), Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, Golders Green. 7.30 pm (883 4893 or 959 3249).

Stonegrove Never Old Club (over 40), Spur Road Community Centre, Green Lane, Edgware. 8 pm (958 2530).

Thursday March 26

Hampstead and District Philatelic Society, Trinity Church Hall, Finchley Road (opp. Finchley Road Station), NW3. 'Russia and the forwarding agents'. 7.30 pm (435 4651).

WHAT'S ON

North London Society of Certified Accountants, Southgate Council Chambers, junction of Broomfield Lane and Green Lanes, Palmers Green. 'Pitfalls of Wills and Intestacy'. 8 pm (445 7498).

Hadley Ward Residents' Association AGM. Friends Meeting House, Leicester Road, New Barnet. 8 pm.

Pensioners' Voice, Whetstone and Finchley, St. Albans Parish Centre, Gainsborough Road, North Finchley. 1.45 pm (445 7413).

Ecology Party (Barnet and Finchley Branch), Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. Any questions? 8 pm (449 8297).

Circassian Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 7.45 pm (950 5756).

Japanese Flower arranging workshop, Ewen Hall, Barnet. 1.30 pm (883 4089).

Christian Contemplative Prayer Meeting. Fortnightly at The Cenacle, 11 Cyprus Road, Finchley Central. 8 pm (346 2783).

Osidge Branch (Women's Section), Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, St. Andrews Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 2 pm (368 5414).

Friday March 27

Introductory talk on Eckankar, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. 8 pm (346 4356).

Grahame Park Residents' Association AGM, Community Centre, The Concourse. 8 pm (200 5941).

Saturday March 28

Finchley Chamber Orchestra Concert, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. Beethoven programme. Soloist: Anthony Milledge (piano). 7.45 pm. Tickets £1.50 (OAPs and students £1) (449 2176).

Ionian Clarinet Choir, Barnet College Hall, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet. 7.45 pm (445 7095).

Sunday March 29

Octopus Swimming Club for the Handicapped, Swimming Baths, Squires Lane, Finchley. 12.30—1.30 pm (346 5944).

Monday March 30

Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society, Central Library, The Burroughs, Hendon. Anthony Hodgson on 'The Interpretation of the later Beethoven Symphonies'. 8 pm (202 6908).

Introductory talk on Eckankar, Edgware Library, Hale Lane, Edgware. 8 pm (431 2587).

Barnet Ratepayers' and Residents' Association AGM, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet.

BARNET CIVIC NEWS, MARCH

Speaker: Mr. H. Hill 'Jubilee of Guide Dogs for the Blind'. 8 pm (449 0807).

Tuesday March 31

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, 'L'Ellis D'Amore'. 8 pm (440 4376).

Finchley Redbourne Townswomen's Guild, Etchingham Park Centre, Etchingham Park Road, N3. 7.45 pm (346 8596).

Acorns, non-sectarian women's club, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road. 'Do you still do your Yoga?' Creche available. 9.45—11.30 am (346 1507 or 346 0232).

Hendon and District Federation of Townswomen's Guilds, St. Albans Church Hall, Golders Green. 2 pm. 'Energy in the 80s' (883 8166).

Wednesday April 1

Finchley and District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley. 8 pm. 'Africa and Commonwealth' and 'Irish Postal History' (883 8724).

Ecology Party, Barnet and Finchley (449 8297).

Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8.30 pm (349 2709).

National Housewives Register (Barnet and District). 8 pm (440 8093).

Thursday April 2

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Road. The Salzburg Festival. 8.10 pm (386 2680).

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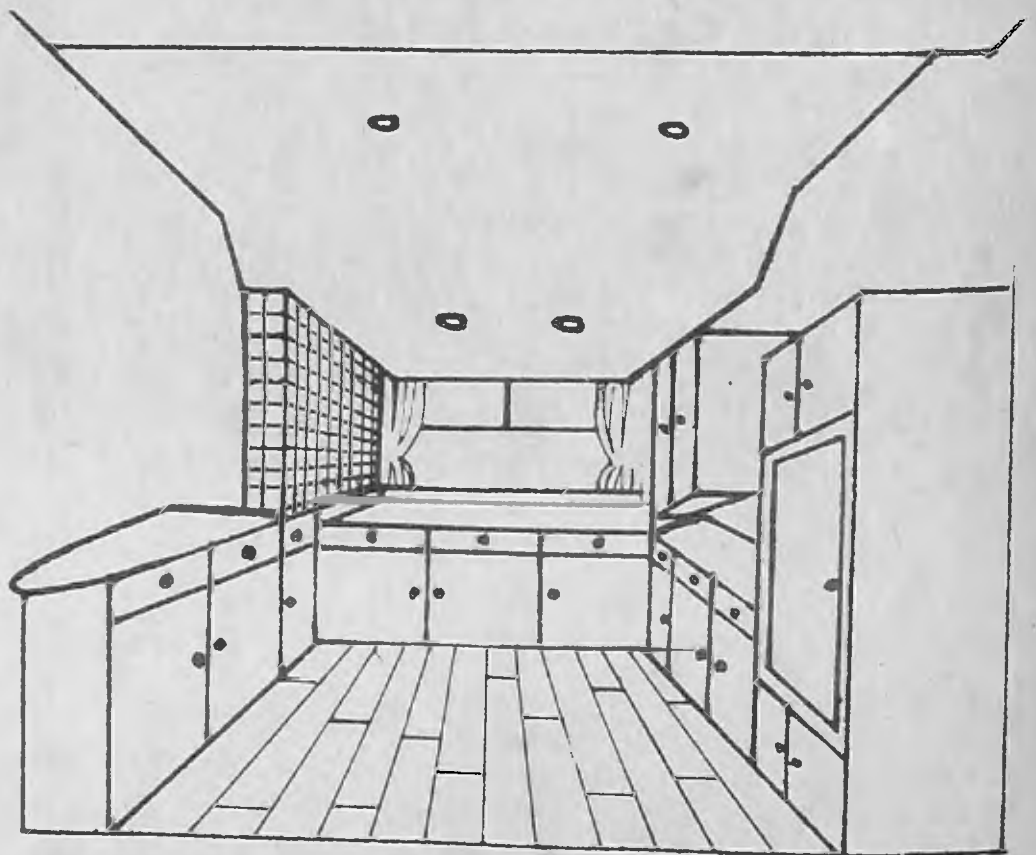
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Barnet Friends of the Earth, 72 Cranbrook Road, East Barnet. 8 pm (440 2580).

Probus Club of Finchley, Finchley Bowling Club, Etchingham Park Road, Finchley, N3. 11 am (445 4727).
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Friday April 3

The Historical Association (North London Branch), Enfield Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield. 7.45 pm (449 1894).

Saturday April 4

Barnet Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show, Ewen Hall, Wood Street, Barnet. 2.30—5.30 pm (440 5953).

20th-Century Sequence Dancing Club — Dance, Queen Elizabeth's Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm (360 2586).

Sunday April 5

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Centre, Borehamwood. Amadeus Quartet. 7.30 pm (959 1173).

Monday April 6

Finchley Chrysanthemum Society, Tudor School, Queen's Road, Church End, Finchley. 8 pm. 'Dahlias' (346 2974).

Tuesday April 7

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, 'Decisions! Decisions!' 8 pm (440 4376).

Solo Club (for widowed, divorced and single people 26-60). Finchley area (346 7466 or 445 9810).

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March 18 to 21

Incognito Theatre Group present Frederick Knott's thriller 'Wait Until Dark', Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road, Friern Barnet. 8 pm (368 0202).

Protos Theatre and Arts Group present 'The Dracula Spectacula', a spooky musical, Institute Theatre, Central Square, NW11. 7.30 pm (mat. on Sat. 2.30 pm) (444 8186).

March 19 to 21

Guild Players present 'Lark Rise' by Keith Dewhurst, Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 7.45 pm (346 1293).

March 24 to 28

Manor House Hospital Operatic Society present 'The Sorcerer' by Gilbert and Sullivan, The Institute, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb. 7.45 pm (346 2104).

Friern Barnet Friary Townswomen's Guild, United Reformed Church Hall, Bellevue Road, Friern Barnet. 2 pm (new Venue (445 8011)).

Wednesday April 8

Hendon Horticultural Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens. 'Your questions answered.' 8 pm (203 3467).

British Computer Society, West Lodge Park Hotel, Cockfosters.

April 3 and 4

Barnet South Community Association Players present 'The Diary of Anne Frank', BSCA Hall, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm (440 8002).

April 7 to 11

Barnet Theatre Company present 'The Glass Menagerie', Barnet College Theatre, Fitzjohn Avenue. 8 pm (449 7961).

Mill Hill Churches present 'One Friday', John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 8 pm (906 1238).

April 9 to 11

Barnet Arts Club presents 'Table Manners' by Alan Ayckbourn, Church House, Barnet. 8 pm (77 43185).

Hendon Catholic Operatic Society presents 'Patience' by Gilbert and Sullivan, Anson Hall, off Chichele Road, Cricklewood. 8 pm (202 0677).

'Database — where are we now?' 7.45 pm (446 1313).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute Society Arts Group. Studio A, Bigwood House, Bigwood Road, NW11. 8 pm (455 3244).

Pensioners' Voice, Barnet Branch, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. 2 pm (449 5241).

Stonegrove Never Old Club (over 40), Spur Road Community Centre, Green Lane, Edgware. 8 pm (958 2530).

Hendon St. Mary C. of E. School Choir, Stainer's 'Crucifixion', St. Mary's Church, Church End, Hendon. 7.45 pm.

Thursday April 9

Hampstead and District Philatelic Society, Trinity Church Hall, Finchley Road (opp. Finchley Road Station), NW3. 'Germany'. 7.30 pm (435 4651).

Welsh Harp Otters Angling Society, White Bear Public House, The Burroughs, Hendon (205 5670).

Ecology Party (Barnet and Finchley Branch), 33 Hutton Grove, North Finchley, Discussion. 7.45 pm (449 8297).

New Barnet Floral Art Society, The Reynolds Hall, East Barnet Road. 'Rustle of Spring.' 8 pm (77 52924).

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 7.45 pm (950 5756).

Christian Contemplative Prayer Meeting, The Cenacle, 11 Cyprus Road, Finchley Central. 8 pm (346 2783).

Friday April 10

Hendon and District Cage Birds Association, Carey Hall, Wilberforce Road, W. Hendon. 7.30 pm.

Saturday April 11

Hendon Songster Brigade of the Salvation Army present Stainer's 'Crucifixion', St. Mary's Parish Church, Church End, Hendon. 7 pm.



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COUNCILLOR MRS. DOT BENSON is a lively, energetic campaigner for those things which improve the quality of life in the borough — from transport to charity collections.

She joined the Council in 1978 after spending four years as a co-opted member of the Education Committee. Today, she is still a member of that committee and chairman of the Schools and Special Services Sub-committee. She is deeply involved in the problem of falling school rolls and the move to close certain secondary schools.

'We are faced with a most difficult situation and it is not going to be an easy decision to make, so we have to be absolutely sure that this is the only way out. But numbers are dropping so sharply that it is not possible to keep all our schools open,' she said.

Dot Benson served with the Wrens during the war and played the piano in a Service band. When she returned to civilian life she still played, taking on evening engagements to earn pocket money. Although she has a classical background she loves jazz. One of her two sons is an accomplished amateur pianist; the other plays the drums. Her husband is a businessman with manufacturing interests in London and Malta and about twice a year she manages to join him on one of his business visits to the island. Now her younger son is setting up a business in Hong Kong.

On the Council Dot Benson also serves on the Finance Committee, is vice-chairman of the governors of Orange Hill and Copthall secondary schools and chairman of a group of primary schools in Burnt Oak and Grahame Park.

She is an active member of London Transport Action Committee and has been associated with Mill Hill East Free Church since it was built. She is also a voluntary driver for the Church's Darby and Joan Club.

Off duty she is a cricket enthusiast.



COUNCILLOR JACK CLARFELT is a local businessman who, from leaving school, found himself involved in community projects — youth club work, helping schools and campaigning to protect the environment. He stood for Council in 1978 because he felt that as a councillor he could make a more informed and positive contribution to the community, and on average he now spends three evenings a week on council work.

He is Jewish but has campaigned to raise money to build a new classroom for St. Paul's C. of E. School in Mill Hill, and to get a zebra crossing for St. Vincent's R.C. School. 'After all, it's the children that matter,' he said. He and his wife, Sandra, have two teenage daughters, Caroline and Deborah, who both attend local schools.

On the Council he serves on the Social Services Committee and Family Care Sub-committee; General Purposes Committee, and Town Planning and Research Committee, being vice-chairman of Western Division Sub-committee.

A member of Mill Hill Preservation Society, he finds this work provides him with an opportunity to 'really do something to make sure we make the best of our environment and prevent our area from being spoiled'. He is a governor of a group of primary schools in Colindale and Burnt Oak, and vice-chairman of the governors of Moat Mount School. He also serves on the Western Area Road Safety Committee.

He is an insurance broker in Hampstead, has a business interest in Burnt Oak and is a member of the local branch of the National Federation of the Self-employed and the Association of Small Businesses. So he is keenly aware of the burden that high rates can place on the business community and is always ready to question expenditure and obtain a full explanation.



COUNCILLOR LESLIE PYM is in his fifth year as Leader of the Council, a political office to which he is elected by his fellow Conservative Councillors. He has represented Hale Ward since 1971, serving on most major committees. Currently he is on Education and Housing committees and is chairman of the Policy Advisory Committee.

An early member of the Grahame Park Committee, he took an active interest in the construction of the estate. At a London level, he is a Barnet representative on the London Boroughs Association.

He is a governor of a number of local schools and is chairman of a Mill Hill group of primary schools. A voluntary youth worker for many years, his initial enthusiasm began as a Hendon Youth Councillor and as a representative on the London Boys' Club Senate. Over the years he has served on major County and National Committees.

He is still a vice-president of Barnet Youth Football League and a Trustee of the Harold Lee Memorial Fund which was instrumental in building Watling Boys' Club.

Within Hendon North Conservative Association, he remains an active 'grass roots' worker after nearly 20 years and is currently president of Burnt Oak Conservative Association.

Councillor Pym, educated at Hendon County School, is married, with three children, and has lived in Mill Hill for almost 25 years. His wife, Gwen, supports him wholeheartedly in his many Civic activities.

A senior bank manager with one of the major clearing banks, his career has included work in computers, work study and economics.

For many years he played for Barnet and Barclays Bank Football Clubs and also specialised in athletics and cricket. An enthusiastic but high-handicap golfer, he is a member of South Herts Golf Club.

Our 'Welcome Home' scheme

SOME BOOKS LEAVE a lasting memory: that first chapter of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* with the Dover stagecoach setting off through the fog and mist and a figure on horseback emerging from the gloom — not, as feared, a highwayman, but a bank messenger with the news of Dr. Manette's freedom from political imprisonment, carried in the words 'RECALLED TO LIFE'.

Many dramatic threads run through the novel but perhaps the most poignant story is that of the doctor who makes the transition between the life of a forgotten prisoner to that of a normal family man with the aid of the home-life created for him by his daughter and friends.

Less dramatic but very much on the same lines is a new service being sponsored by Barnet Social Services to help people who have lived in residential homes or hospitals to move into a family unit and live a normal life in the community.

It is a scheme which aims to help a very wide range of people:

- Teenagers who have been in

residential care and who now need a bridge between leaving the council home and settling into a home of their own. They need a family who can give them a sense of security and belonging while encouraging them to stand on their own feet and take their first steps towards independence.

- Elderly people who can't live alone any more but who, with a little caring support, could be part of a family or even have their own bed-sitter in a house where someone will keep a friendly eye open and give help when needed. The alternative for them must sometimes be a residential home. Many are already in such homes and would benefit by being part of a real family.

- Handicapped people who can't cope with life on their own but need the support of a caring household. During the day they can attend day or training centres, or they may be employed. But they need a home life and the sense of belonging and living in the community without the barriers that even the most enlightened institution can engender.

- People recovering from mental illness need a bridge between

a return to an independent life and that of the hospitalised environment. Again a home background or a bed-sitter within a caring household is an ideal answer.

For many years the idea of fostering children has been a success story. But the idea of 'fostering' adults is quite new. Yet the basic principle is the same. It is the idea of opening your home life to take in someone who is unable to have a home of their own.

The financial arrangements are different for this Adult Boarding Out Scheme. Instead of the Council paying as in the case of foster parents, financial arrangements are usually a private matter between host and lodger. Allowances are available for those adults receiving state benefit, and the Social Services can help further in cases where special care and attention are required.

Just as in the case of fostering children the success of the scheme will depend heavily on the right choice being made in matching the host family and their new boarder. Again this is where the experience and understanding of the fostering service comes in.

It is really a scheme which depends entirely on the generosity of families in offering to share their home with someone who needs a caring environment and so give them the chance to live in the community and to gain security and confidence from the normal everyday relationships that they form within the family circle. It will help them put down roots, to feel there is someone who cares about them as an individual and to be part of a family.

Many families in the borough have a spare room, which could be used, particularly if they also have a little spare capacity for love and caring.

It may be that if you help could return to Dickens and reset that very famous closing sentence of *A Tale of Two Cities*

'It is a far far better thing that I do than I have ever done.'

Help Line

If you can help please contact Vanessa Wiseman, the senior management officer in the Council's Social Services Department with special responsibility for Fostering and Adoption Services. The address is 1331 High Road, Whetstone, N20. Telephone 446 1488.

CHEMISTS' ROTA

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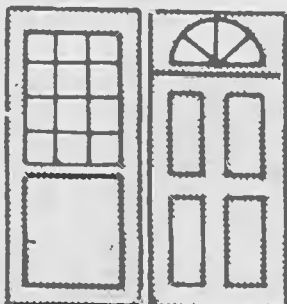
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So when Irene spent an invigorating holiday at a health farm it was natural that she should start thinking about offering her customers a taste of the sun. On her return she replanned her premises so that a room could be set aside for her new sun tan parlour — a place where you can relax with instant sunshine, whatever the temperature outside.

Attractively decorated in soft browns and creams the room is set out with twin sun beds with a private shower, and there is heating for cool weather and air conditioning for summer months.

When it came to choosing her new sun beds Irene decided that she wanted something a little extra for her clients and began a detailed survey of the many types which were available. Some she found were overhead units, others just a sun bed. From the top range of those available she found the machine which she wanted for her clients.

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Before she installed her new solarium Irene checked with the medical profession about the benefits of solarium treatments. She learned that there was more risk from natural sunshine than from the power of the ultra violet A rays which are the sunshine rays used in these machines. The harmful B and C rays are screened out so there is no risk of burning or sunstroke if the solarium is used correctly. Nor does one peel or become dehydrated.

And with a sun tan you look good which usually means you begin to feel good. Somehow a sun tan seems to slim you down, clothes take on a new chic. And how nice to arrive on holiday looking as if you have just flown in from the Riviera and you don't have to go on the beach looking like an aspirin. When you return from holiday with that precious tan, a short weekly session will help to retain that summer glow all year round.

Irene began by installing one machine but demand was such that she had to install a second solarium very soon after. This means that while the solarium is not unisex, special appointments can be

made for husband and wife to enjoy a joint session.

By choosing gentle colours, and furnishing a rest room to complement the solarium, Irene has managed to create the atmosphere of a friendly club and a health centre all in one. She makes sure that while her clients relax in the solarium there is always someone in attendance. Advice is given on skin care and Nada, a trained and qualified masseuse, can be present by appointment.

Now Irene is adding a new service, a facial tanning unit which is specially curved to ensure that an even tan is acquired on the side as well as the front of the face. She believes this is the first machine of its kind in North London.



Clients are delighted. They all tell the same story. The machines are superior to many others they have used elsewhere. As regular users these were the only machines for them. Originally they had required a sun tan but they had soon realised that they were getting more — they were getting an hour's holiday. They felt so comfortable that they were able to close their minds to everyday problems and allow themselves to drift away into a wonderful sunlit world. Aches and pains, including migraine headaches, seemed to fade away. Spotty skin became clearer and in addition to their glowing tan they felt an inner warmth which even on the coldest days would last for hours.

And this is a bonus for Irene. In the fashion trade you can only succeed and go on succeeding if you care about your clients and the way they look and feel. I don't see anything unusual in combining a boutique with a sun parlour; it is all part of caring for appearance and feeling on top of the world. I know people love the sun and with these long winters and erratic summers my sun parlour is really filling a need.

The sun parlour is reserved for ladies during the day and gentlemen can make bookings for the evenings.

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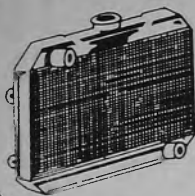
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The course, devised by the College and run in conjunction with the Manpower Services Commission through the Youth Opportunities Scheme, aims at developing skills and techniques which the students will find useful when they get a job.

The students, as well as placing a high value on the practical experience which they accumulate, also appreciate the £23.50 which they receive each week.

In spite of having a good spread of 'O' levels and high grade CSEs, these students were unable to find suitable employment when they left school and the course has given them an opportunity to develop draughting skills, learn associated theory and gain an insight into the role of drawing office staff in the engineering industry.

Courses such as this are obviously designed with the best interests of the school-leaver in

mind, but what do the students themselves think about the benefits of such a course? Is it just a bit more schooling to add on to what they have had already? The current students' answers to these questions seem very positive.

Shakoor Kadiri had believed that college would be very similar to school 'but I soon found out that here one is regarded much more as an adult'. This feeling was echoed by Andrew Ellis: 'Here you are recognised as an individual rather than just being one of a crowd. The way they treat you is important because it means you can get your points across to those around you'.

Confidence

The students generally seemed to feel that they had gained in confidence as well as in practical skills. Alan Holder felt that his lecturers at the college had given him sufficient confidence in his work for him to be able to develop his own style of drawing which in turn has led on to him taking a greater interest and pride in his work.

Not all of those on the course had had much previous experi-

ence of drawing but the intensive nature of the course made it possible for them to reach a high standard in a short time as Martin Murphy discovered: 'I had only taken Technical Drawing for my first three years at school but in the last 18 weeks I feel I have learnt more than school could have taught me in five or six years.'

Gary Ward is one of the students to whom a career in draughting came as a new idea but it is one which he has now taken to enthusiastically. 'This course has opened up an interest for me in draughting and has given me the chance to practise what we are being taught. There is a printing machine in the college drawing office where, under the lecturer's watchful eye, you have the chance to do some finished work which you can take to interviews,' he said.

The high quality of the students' work is recognised by both the Manpower Services Commission and the Institution of Engineering Designers who both award certificates to those who complete the course successfully.

As the course draws to its end interviews are more and more in

the forefront of the students' minds and here the college does all it can to help them through its contacts with industry. Last year three quarters of the students on a similar course were employed by local firms as junior draughtsmen shortly after finishing the course. This year the College has even higher hopes.

Better chances

In spite of the generally bleak employment outlook the current group of students feel that their chances of finding work are better than they were six months ago. Certainly they are better equipped and would seem to have a lot to offer any potential employer.

David Bolton, the head of the Science and Technology Department (951-0333), would like to hear from any local firm which feels that one of these students could fit into their organisation.

The College usually commences courses in September and February each year and anyone who is interested should either telephone the above number or contact their local careers office for further information.

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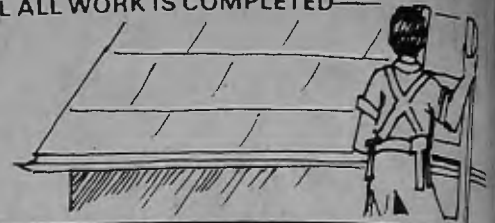
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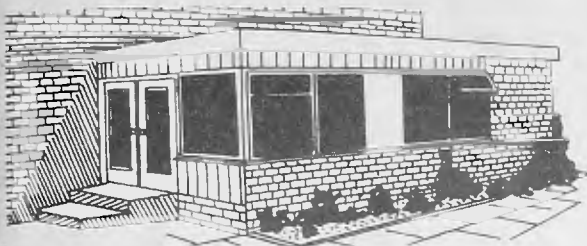
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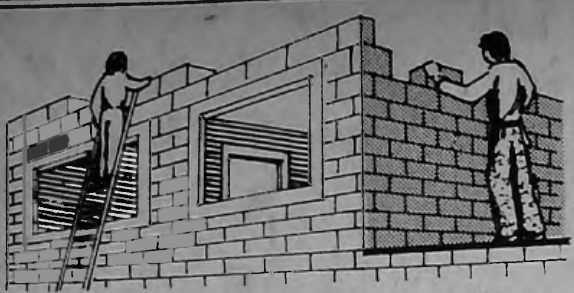
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