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### FRONT COVER

The choir of St Paul's Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, and the Vicar, the Rev John Kettle, the Mayor's Chaplain, sing you season's greetings.

## Barnet Council's Christmas clean-up

Barnet Council is gearing up for a brighter, cleaner 1990

- \* One hundred new large litter bins will be in the shopping centres
- \* Eleven new bottle banks will be in place by mid-December
- \* Eight large suction sweepers will be at work cleaning pavements in the shopping centres

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The new bottle banks will be at:

- East Barnet car park
- Watling Market, Burnt Oak
- Station Road, Edgware
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- Bunns Lane car park, Mill Hill
- West Hendon car park
- Osidge Lane car park, Southgate
- Tesco Store, Colney Hatch Lane
- Cricklewood Lane shops
- East Finchley High Road
- Temple Fortune

Large capacity, powerful suction sweepers will be at work in:

- Chipping Barnet shopping centre
- Edgware shopping centre
- Burnt Oak shopping centre
- Golders Green shopping centre
- Finchley Central shopping centre
- North Finchley shopping centre

In addition there will be two machines which will go out to shopping parades and other areas as and when needed.

## New Year party launches new service

A PARTY for Diwali, the festival of light which marks the Hindu New Year, was held by Barnet Council to celebrate the opening of a new Social Services social centre for elderly people from the borough's Asian community.

The new centre, at Etchingham Park Day Centre, is funded by Barnet Council, to serve older members of the Asian community who may be disabled, house-bound or lonely.

### No longer lonely

Mrs Vijya Bhatt, from Muswell Hill, said: "At home, I am lonely. At the centre I delight in talking to other women of my age. And I enjoy the food!"

Mrs Manjula Bhatt from Finchley said: "Before the centre opened, I had no one to turn to for help. My children have left home and my husband is at work.

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Open 9am to 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday, the centre observes



Lights to represent the coming of the New Year are held by, left to right, Mrs Jyoti Shah, Mrs Vijya Bhatt, Mrs Kusum Meghani, and classical dancer Pooja Shah

the religion, culture, language and food requirements of the Asian community.

Keep fit sessions, entertainment and outings are part of daily life at Etchingham Park.

Barnet Council staff who speak Hindi and Gujarati are involved in assessing new users. Trans-

port to and from the centre is provided too.



Asian residents who wish to use the centre should contact Barnet Council's Social Work Assistant, Janak Chudasama, or Etchingham Park Day Centre Manager Jill Sims on 346 5295.

## HOLIDAY OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

THROUGHOUT the Christmas and New Year holiday period Barnet Council will have teams from Social Services, Housing and Highways Engineers, on standby to deal with emergencies. The 24-hour emergency number: 202 8282

Council offices will be closed from 5pm on Friday 22 Decem-

ber, and will reopen after the New Year's Day holiday, at 9am on Tuesday 2 January 1990.

Libraries will open normal hours until Saturday 23 December. They will be closed on Monday 25 December to Thursday 28 December inclusive; open on Friday and Saturday 29 and 30 December; closed New Year's Day.

Chipping Barnet, Hendon, Church End Finchley and Edgware will open 2 January and all libraries will open from 3 January.

Copthall Pool will open 19 to 22 December, 7am - 5.30pm (for all) and 8pm - 9.30pm (adults only). 23 and 24 December 9am to 4.30pm; 25 to 28 December inclusive, closed. 29 to 31 Decem-

ber inclusive 9am - 4.30pm. New Year's Day, closed.

Squires Lane Pool will close at 4pm on 23 December and reopen on 2 January.

Copthall Stadium will close on December 25, 26 and 27 and on New Year's Day.

Parks will be closed on Christmas Day.



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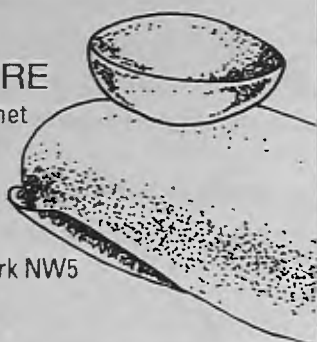
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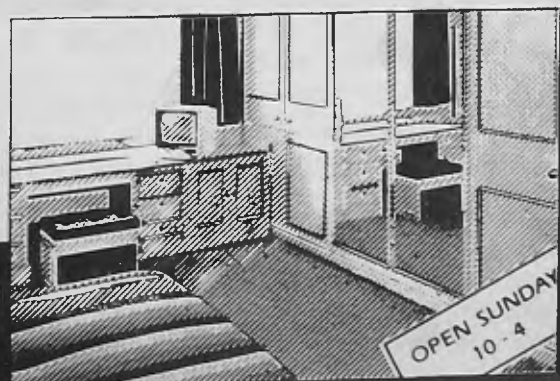
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## Grants with a ten-fold value

GRANTS totalling almost £31,000 were allocated by Barnet Council in November to enable six local voluntary organisations to serve and entertain local residents.

Chairman of Grants Committee, Cllr Don Goodman, said: "We have worked hard to ensure the money set aside for voluntary organisations has been awarded evenly and fairly to local groups who make such a big contribution to life in the borough.

"It is said that for every £1 of grant we award, the people of Barnet get £10 of value. I agree with that."

The largest sum, £10,000, went to Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Services, which serves elderly, housebound and lonely people in its area. The money will go towards improvements and equipment costs and is awarded on condition that the organisation raises a similar amount.

### Rental costs

Hendon and District Retirement Services received £6,750 to meet increased rental costs. The organisation provides a wide range of services to people living in the western half of the borough.

Westcroft Luncheon Club, which offers services to elderly residents on the Westcroft Estate, Cricklewood, was awarded £640 to cover the co-ordinator's honorarium as well as rental and running expenses.

### Day care

The Jewish Welfare Board which provides day care for elderly people, received £2000 to purchase an adapted ambulance.

Finchley Children's Music Group was awarded a one-off grant of £1,000 to help towards the production of a concert.

Finchley Bowling Club received a £7,500 interest-free loan, repayable over 10 years, to cover the cost of renovation works.

### Barnet's contribution

Contributions to the London Boroughs Grants Scheme which affects all boroughs, are still under discussion. But Barnet which is the second largest contributor, has approved a figure which would involve payment of around £1.2m.

## Cantonese food course - A FIRST!



Geoff Fish, Chief Environmental Health Officer, presents certificates to successful candidates

BARNET Council's first food hygiene course in Cantonese, was a winner with 12 staff from a Whetstone restaurant passing the final examination.

Their certificates were presented on 11 November at the Ma and Pa Chinese restaurant, High Road, Whetstone.

Barnet's Chief Environmental Health Officer, Geoff Fish, said: "This is the first course we have run in a language other than English. Other groups of restaurateurs should contact us if they

have special language needs."

The course, one of the first in London, was taught by Man Chiu Leung, an adult education specialist.

### A responsible act

Eric Ma, joint owner of the restaurant, said: "I feel it is time to show the public that we are responsible restaurateurs who provide very clean and tidy premises."

Barnet Council is currently running a further course in Can-

tonese. The fee of £20 per person includes tuition, a copy in Cantonese of the Food Hygiene Book, and certificates to candidates.

For details contact Mrs Kathy May on 446 8511 extn 4763.

The successful candidates from the first course are: Eric Ma, Anthony Leung, Eddy Fung, Vinh Lenh Che, Tammy Yuk Kuen Pang, Chi Ching Lee, Suet Sin Yik, Xiu Ling Ho, Tony Cheung, Wing Ching Wong, Christopher Fat Yau, Khai Wguyen Ha.

## BARNET COUNCIL'S JUST THE JOB



JOBFAIR '89, held by Barnet Council, brought people flooding in to Barnet House, Whetstone, recently. In addition to 800 adults, about 100 school children visited the fair and were able to pick up careers' advice on a wide range of opportunities in Barnet Council's departments.

Displays depicted the work of Barnet Council, including clerical, administration, technical and professional departments and there was the opportunity to talk to

staff. Many visitors live in or near the Borough and were looking for work which would save them from commuting. Barnet Council's Environmental Health Department stand attracted attention because of the live cockroaches on display in the pest control section!

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# Planners give a firm pledge

**Barnet Council will maintain and improve the character and quality of the environment**

FROM EARLY December to the end of January 1990 Barnet Council is consulting widely on a document which holds the key to future development in the borough.

It is the draft of the London Borough of Barnet Unitary Development Plan which details the planning policies and strategies that will set the pattern of development and conservation in the borough through to the 21st Century.

## First policy

Its first policy sets the framework for the whole document:

"Barnet Council will maintain and improve the character and quality of the environment throughout the borough."

Detailed policies are set out in chapters on environmental quality; leisure and tourism, community services, shopping; employment, housing, and traffic and freight movement.

These range from safeguarding the Green Belt to maintaining employment opportunities; from providing cycle routes to control-

## Your chance to comment on Barnet's planning policies in Barnet's Unitary Development Plan

ling freight movement; from preserving the character of residential areas to revitalising town centres; and from support for outdoor and indoor leisure and sports centres to the improvement of school buildings.

Cllr Melvin Cohen, Chairman of the Town Planning and Research Committee, says: "We have emphasised the need to protect the quality of the local environment, our valuable residential amenities and the character of in-

dividual areas," he says. "The best way forward is for a careful balance to be struck between the different forces competing to shape our borough. Many well established policies remain in this new plan, but there are new policies as well, to deal with changing circumstances."

An introductory leaflet will be available from libraries and main council offices, and copies of the draft plan are being sent to a wide range of local groups, including

residents' associations, amenity societies, business and community organisations. The full document will also be available free on request to residents and local groups.

## Future progress

At the end of the consultation period the plan will come back to the Town Planning and Research Committee for approval, modified as necessary to take into account the consultation responses.

The revised plan will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for comment. There will be a six-week period when the plan will be on deposit so that individuals and organisations can formally register objections. A public enquiry may be held if there are any outstanding objections which cannot be resolved.

At the end of this long and detailed procedure the plan will be adopted and become the baseline for all the council's planning decisions. The policies within it are already being used as guidelines against which each new planning application is assessed.

## WHERE TO SEE THE PLAN

### ■ Town Hall

The Burroughs  
Hendon NW4 4BG

### ■ Barnard House

Western Area Planning Office  
158 Burnt Oak Broadway  
Edgware

### ■ Barnet House

Directorate of Technical Services  
1255 High Road  
Whetstone N20 0EJ

### ■ 23 to 35 Hendon Lane

Eastern Area Planning Office  
Finchley N3 1RX.

Copies of the draft plan can be obtained from Barnet Council's Controller of Development Services, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. Tel: 446 8511 Ext 4657. There is a charge of £5 to commercial organisations and groups outside the Borough of Barnet. Cheques should be made payable to Barnet Corporation.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

### In the London Borough of Barnet

## TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 3 MAY 1990

### A Reminder

On 28 November 1989 the Draft Register of Electors in the London Borough of Barnet is published and will be available for inspection at all Council Offices, Public Libraries and Citizens' Advice Bureaux in the London Borough of Barnet.

Remember - to guarantee your right to vote in the local elections, which will be held on Thursday 3 May 1990, or for any national election or by-election which may be held during the life of the 1990 Register of Electors which is in force from 16 February 1990 to 15 February 1991, your name must be on the 1990 register. To safeguard your vote it is vital to ACT NOW.

Anyone who has the right to vote and who was resident in the London Borough of Barnet on the qualifying date - 10 October 1989 - is advised to inspect the Draft Register of Electors to make sure that his or her name is included.

If your name is not registered a Form of Claim may be obtained from the Electoral Registration Officer, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE (Telephone: 01-202 8282 Ext 2175 or 2301). This form must be returned to the Registration Officer not later than 16 December 1989.



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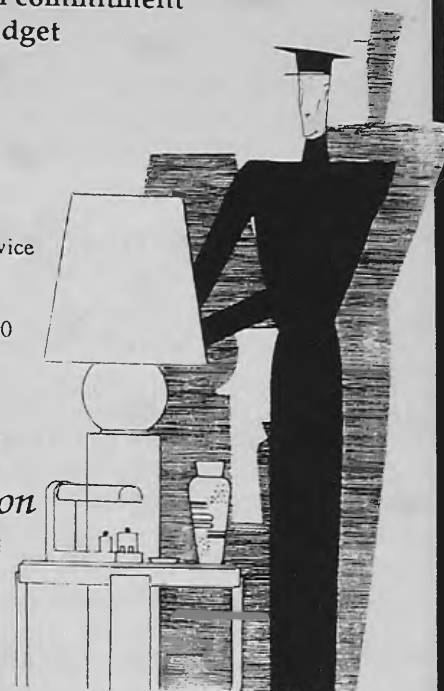
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# Open for the business of play

## *Barnet's new Social Services Children's Centre gives a party*

**IT WAS party time at Barnet Council's new children's centre, Meadway, Barnet, on Friday 3 November, when the building was officially opened.**

The opening ceremony coincided with the Asian festival of Diwali and a celebration lunch was prepared by Mrs Anita Manhotra, the mother of a child who, until recently, attended the new centre.

### **"Magnificent centre"**

Unveiling the plaque to mark the opening, Chipping Barnet MP, Sydney Chapman, said: "I think this is a magnificent building. The design and decor, not least enlivened with the children's drawings, make this a most pleasant place."

The new centre, designed by Barnet Council's architects, is in a landscaped setting with an ecological area, seeded with wild flowers and mixed shrubs. There are two playgrounds, one for the very young children and one for the three and four-year-olds.

It is a replacement for the former Wood Street Nursery in Chipping Barnet, but offers a far wider range of services.



Anne Davies, well known broadcaster on the BBC's *Does He Take Sugar*, makes friends with one youngster while Cllr Gillian Bull looks on



**Meadway Children's Centre offers a bright and friendly settings where mums and dads can come with their children to discover the world of play and caring support which Barnet Council's Social Services team provide**

In addition to day care for children aged two to five years, there is a service for families with children under the age of two.

### **Parent link-up**

Nursery staff are on hand to offer support and the Meadway Children's Centre is operating a keyworker scheme, which means a member of staff will be linked with the parent and child to encourage a relationship to develop.

Playgroups meet both morning and afternoon for youngsters aged three to five, and parents are welcome to come along with their toddlers.

### **Toy Library**

Resources are available for children with special needs, who will be encouraged to reach their full potential. Day respite care will also form part of the service.

The Toy Library incorporates drop-in sessions where parents and children can enjoy a social get-together. There is also a community room where groups can hold meetings or play sessions which can be arranged with the nursery manager.

### **Healthy eating**

Barnet Council's Social Services Catering Department is overseeing the food offered to the youngsters who attend the day nursery and menus are designed to encourage healthy eating.

Fresh fruit, finger food such as raw carrots and cheese feature on a daily basis and there are no artificial additives used in any of the fresh food, which is prepared daily in the Centre's kitchen.

After the official opening ceremony guests,



**Youngsters at the centre have fun on the slide in one of the two playgrounds**

including the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Dot Benson; the Chairman of the Social Services Committee, Cllr Mamie Perry and the Director of Social Services, Alan Gorst, toured the centre escorted by Meadway's Manager, Maureen King.

### **To gain a place**

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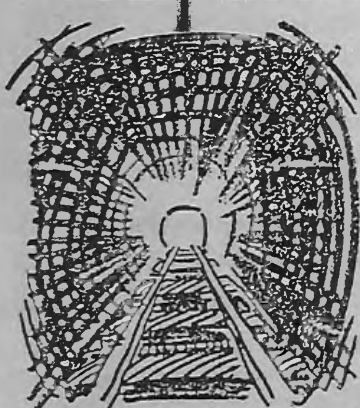
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Every completed questionnaire will be put into draw and there will be prizes for the first eight names drawn out. We have two main prizes of books on wildlife and six books of swimming tickets from Barnet Council's Cophall Sports Complex. The senders of the first 20 questionnaires to reach this office will receive a copy of the official Barnet Guide with its full street plan.

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# Barnet Sportscene 1990

## New Year New Courses at Cophall

THERE'S a New Year look to the sports scene at Barnet Council's Cophall Sports Complex.

A range of new courses includes rugby for girls and boys and yoga for expectant mums.

The first Keep-Fit-in-Pregnancy yoga course begins on 9 January and runs every Tuesday until 13 February. Then a new course begins on 27 February. The fee is £30 for 12 one-hour sessions. And the work-out is followed by a free swim if the pool is available.

The rugby which is suitable for girls is a "no tackling" game.

General yoga courses for men and women are being held on Mondays from January 8 and Wednesdays from January 10. The fee is £18 for 12 one-and-a-half hour sessions.

Women's self defence begins on 11 January and costs £30 for 12 one-hour sessions.

Looking ahead the programme includes Look-good-feel-good karate



Cllr Victor Lyon, Chairman of Barnet Council's Development and Estates Committee, finds himself the centre of a triumphal archway formed by Childs Hill B team, Betty and David Richards and Ena and Peter Martin, who won the Barnet and Haringey Short Mat Bowls Tournament organised by Barnet Council's Recreation Group and sponsored by Liberty Life Assurance Company of Barnet.

for boys and girls; Football Association soccer star awards and five-a-side football coaching by members of Tottenham Hotspur Youth Squad.

Sports such as baseball and American football and expert coaching in cricket are lined up.

You will need to book in advance. Details will be available in local Barnet Council libraries or phone Donna Bagley on 203 4017 or call in at Cophall Sports Centre

## SPORT FOR THE OVER 40s

BARNET Council's Active Life sports courses for the Over 40s have been given a new style for the 1990s. In future there will be evening as well as afternoon courses.

Badminton, indoor golf, yoga and short mat bowls courses have been arranged. These need to be booked in advance. For other courses such as keep fit, multi sport and swimming

you just turn up and pay the organiser.

Each activity is listed with a star guide to fitness rating in attaining stamina, strength and suppleness.

Read about the courses in Barnet Council's Active Life newsletter, available from your local library, or from the Recreation Group by contacting John Harkin on 446 8511 Ext 4489

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## Barnet Calling elderly or disabled home owners!

### Can Barnet's pilot agency services scheme help YOU?

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The Environmental Health Department can give advice on repairs, loft insulation, draught proofing and improvements. They can assist in organising works (both minor and major), provide details of local builders and arrange for a grant, if the works qualify.

Advice on financing the work can also be given together with assistance in obtaining a loan from a local building society, should this be required.

The Housing Department can give advice on the purchase of private sheltered accommodation for the elderly, and advice on the eligibility for Council rented accommodation for those in private rented housing.

The **Lifeline Telephone Alarm** system can now be installed in houses occupied by elderly people who spend a lot of time alone. This enables them to call help in an emergency by using a button on the phone or on an emergency call pendant.

So if you own your own home, are elderly or disabled, and live in the East, Central and North Finchley or Friern Barnet and would like further information, Tel: **446 8511 extn 4745** (for repairs or improvements) or extn **4863** (for sheltered accommodation or telephone alarms) or complete the attached slip and return to:

**Environmental Health Department,  
London Borough of Barnet  
Barnet House  
1255 High Road,  
London N20 0EJ**

#### CUT OUT THIS FORM

Ref EH/RES/FLH/Agency

Yes

I would like further information on the repairs and improvement service

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I would like further information on moving to other accommodation

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I would like further information on the Lifeline Telephone Alarm

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Name.....

Address.....

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All enquiries will be treated in confidence by our council officers.

## Councillors and MPs surgeries

### Chipping Barnet

Sydney Chapman, MP, first Saturday of month 10.30am to 12 noon, Ewen Hall, Wood St, Barnet

**Arkley Ward:** Conservative councillors, first and third Fridays of month 7.30pm, Dollis Valley Community Centre & fourth Friday of month, 7.30pm, St. Stephen's Vicarage, Spring Close, Bells Hill.

**Brunswick Park Ward:** Conservative councillors available second Saturday of month, 10.30am to 12 noon, Monkfrith Boys' Club hall, Osidge Lane, N14

**East Barnet Ward:** Cllr Olwen Evans (Conservative), first Saturday of month 10.30am to noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. Contact Cllrs Mrs Mamie Perry and John Perry on 368 4368 for personal appointment.

**Hadley Ward:** Contact Conservative councillors Gillian Bull 446 7684, Carol Cender 441 6325, John Hoyle 441 5077.

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

Labour councillors available first Saturday of month 10.30 to 11.30am, 104 East Barnet Rd, New Barnet.

### Finchley & Friern Barnet

Margaret Thatcher, MP, for constituents only, via constituency office, on 445 4292.

Conservative councillors, first Saturday of month, 10.30am to noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

**East Finchley Ward:** Labour councillors every Saturday, 10am to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, N2 (Not 22 and 29 Dec)

**Finchley Ward:** Cllr Barbara Langstone can be contacted on 445 5443

**St. Paul's Ward:** Labour councillors Naren Dave, Michael Freeman and Kitty Lyons, every Saturday 11am to 12 noon, Tally Ho Labour Party Stall, North Finchley.

**Woodhouse Ward:** Labour councillors Mike Harris, Dennis Reed and

Rudolf Vis, every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, Friern Barnet Town Hall, N11. Also Saturdays at Tally Ho, Finchley.

**Friern Barnet Ward** - Contact councillors Chris Platford 368 6817; Brian Salinger 368 1329; John Tiplady 445 5734.

### Hendon North

John Gorst, MP, by appointment, 959 1446 or via constituency office, 2 Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill..

**Edgware, Hale and Mill Hill Wards:** Conservative councillors, Grahame Park, first Wednesday of month, and Constituency Office, Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill, every Wednesday (not 27 Dec).

**Burnt Oak Ward:** Contact Labour councillors Peter Ellis 959 6191; Gerald Shamash 458 2679; Alan Williams 906 0576. Also every Saturday, 10.30am to noon, Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak 952 5771.

**Colindale Ward:** Contact Cllrs Hillman 202 7792; McKendry 444 0594; Manson 455 6379; available first and fourth Saturday each month, 2-3pm, St Augustine's, Grahame Park.

### Hendon South

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

**Hendon, Garden Suburb, Golders Green:** Conservative councillors - by appointment, first Saturday of month, 202 7484.

**Childs Hill:** Social and Liberal Democrat councillors every second Tuesday of month 7-8pm, Garth Hall Community Centre, Mortimer Close, Granville Rd, NW2. Contact Cllrs Cohen 445 398; Palmer 455 5140; Stone 450 0762.

**West Hendon:** Labour councillors every second Saturday of month 11am, West Hendon Youth Club, 4A Park Rd. NW4 by appointment. Contact Cllr Sims 734 8080; Cllr Doreen Neall 202 9927; Cllr Agnes Slocombe 202 4074.

### Euro MP

Pauline Green. Contact on 365 1892.

### Clive Herbert's December Nature Notes

Christmas is nearly with us and many homes will be decorated with two plants not normally found indoors except at this time of the year - holly and mistletoe.

Holly is a familiar evergreen with red berries, called drupes, and spiny leaves looking as though they've been polished.

Mistletoe is steeped in legend. In Ancient Britain, the Druids cut the plant with a golden sickle and ensured that it did not touch the ground by catching it in a cloth. Although an evergreen like holly, it differs by living as a parasite on other trees. The commonest host is apple, though it can be found on poplars and, very rarely, on oak. Perhaps the most obvious characteristic is the way the stem forks at regular intervals.

Each fork marks one year's growth and the white berries are borne in the V of the fork. These berries are poisonous to us but are avidly eaten by birds (especially thrushes) during the winter months. After feeding on the sticky flesh of the fruit, the single seed in each berry will pass through undigested and be deposited away from the original plant.

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# Turn back the clock to times past

TURN BACK the clock to a time when Hendon was a rural community and bi-planes first took to the air.

These memories are captured in photographs, chosen by Dr Pamela Taylor, a Barnet Council's Archivist, for a new book called *Bygone Hendon*.

## Pavlova

Pictures of the last hay harvest in 1928 on land near Downage, and of a horse-drawn mower in fields at Greyhound Hill are reminders of days when life moved at a slower pace.

The great ballerina, Anna Pavlova, lived at Ivy House, Golders Green from 1912 to 1931 and a delightful photograph shows her reaching out the hand of friendship to a swan.

Trams and horse-drawn buses, a glimpse of a frozen Welsh Harp in 1895 feature in the book said by Barnet Council's Borough Librarian, David Ruddom to open a window on an age which is becoming increasingly distant and, perhaps, less understood.

'Bygone Hendon' costs £4.40p and is available at most Barnet Council Libraries.



Church End Hendon, on the front cover of *Bygone Hendon*

## A Place In Time

A NEW book from Hendon and District Archaeological Society (HADAS), *A Place in Time*, edited by Dr Taylor, takes readers back even further, telling the story of human settlement and activities in the Borough of Barnet up to the Battle of Barnet in 1471.

Intriguing discoveries made by HADAS members over the years include a green-glazed drinking cup, a silver penny minted about 1309 and a forged groat of the early 1400s.

The Battle of Barnet, fought on Easter Sunday 1471, was one of the decisive battles in the Wars of the Roses. Lancastrians and Yorki-

sts clashed in thick fog and Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick was among the Lancastrian dead. A monument at Hadley Highstone commemorates the Battle.

*A Place In Time* costs £4.50 at all Barnet Council Libraries or £5 by post, cheques made payable to HADAS, from 68 Oakwood Road, London NW11 6RN.

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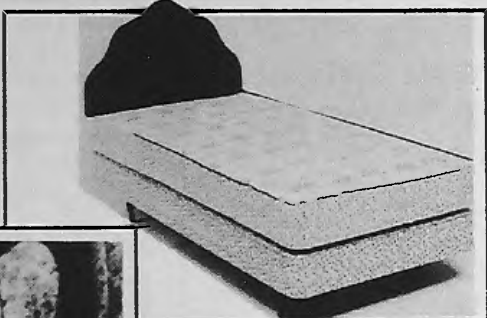
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## Busy Lizzie

5 East Barnet Road, New Barnet

**BUSES:** 26, 84, 84A, 107, 307

A flower shop that's busier than the rest: Busy Lizzie offers beautiful floral arrangements made to order and much more including novelties, cards and gifts. Sounds like the pick of the bunch. Ask Julie and Venetia to decorate your Christmas table - you won't find Lizzie, she's too busy.

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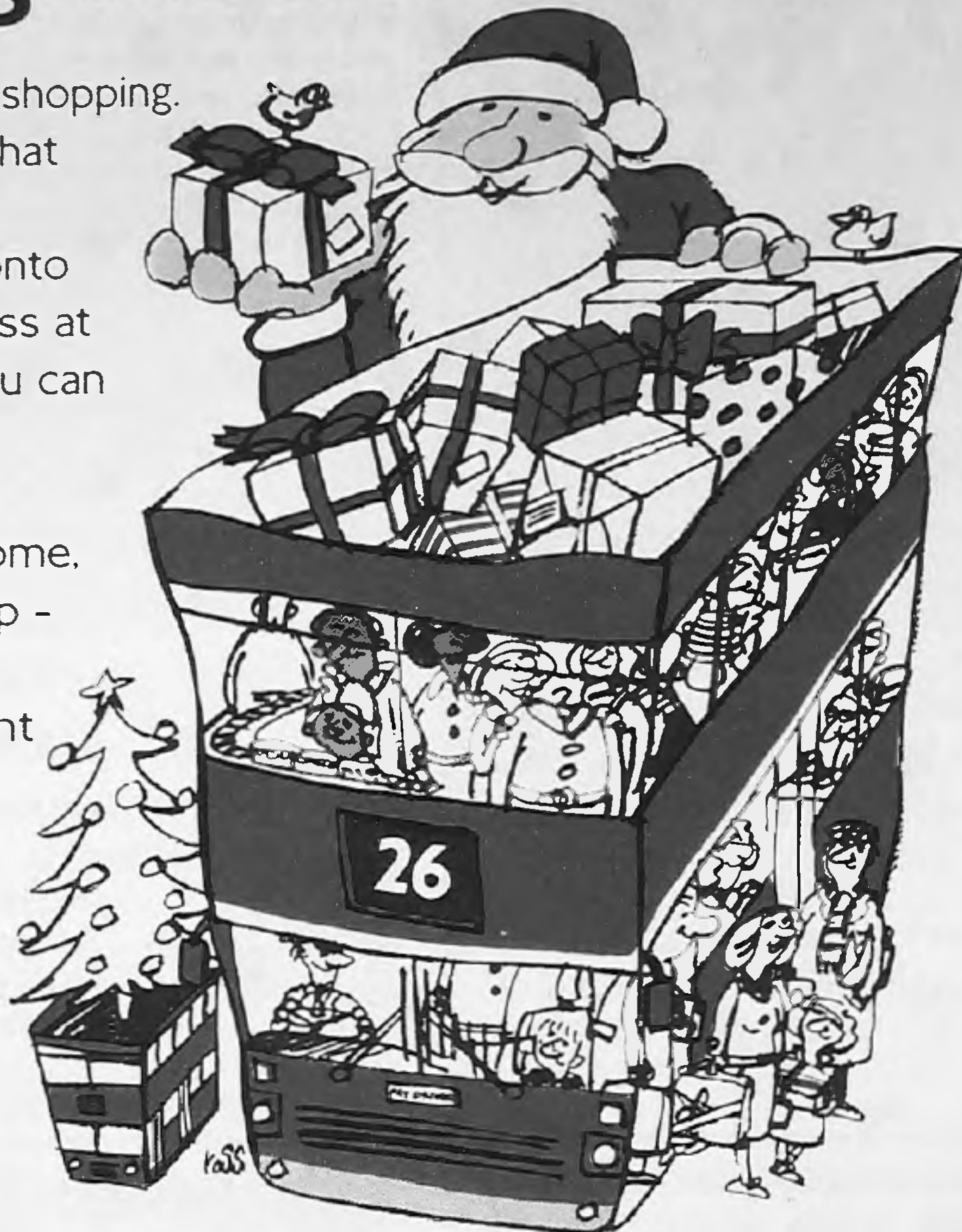


## History Bookshop

2 The Broadway, Friern Barnet Road

**BUSES:** 43, 134, 221, 234

If you know an old campaigner, you'll find something here to make him happy. This is a specialist military bookshop with an



In fact, everything knitted for a present you don't have to think too hard about.

army of books which will defeat most other collections. War historians will travel for miles to find this one, but you could easily trace the thin red line on the Big Red Bus.

## Boutique Christine

203 High Street, Hadley Green, Barnet

**BUSES:** 84, 263

Not your Dallas or Dynasty wardrobe, but certainly an upwardly mobile fashion shop you could easily move up to on the bus for your classic casual clothing. Eterna blouses; Die Lingener blouses. Louis London knitwear, Gardeur and more for that extra special present.

## Rubert

Unit 7, Stirling Industrial Centre, Stirling Way, Borehamwood

**BUS:** 107

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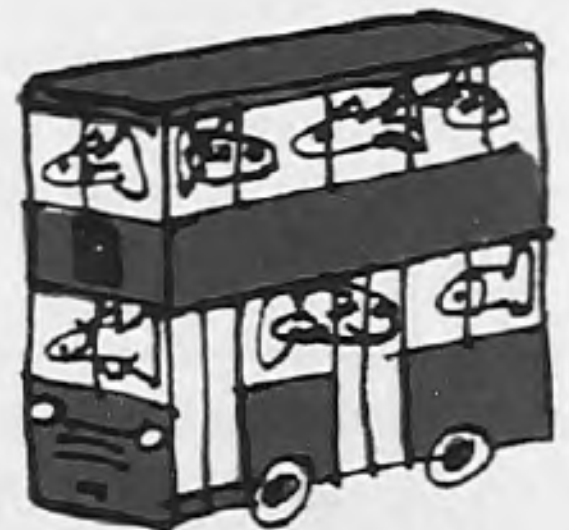
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## Jessop Photo Centre

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**BUSES:** 13, 82, 113

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**BUSES:** 26, 83, 183, 210, 226, 240, H2

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## Return to Treasure Island at the Old Bull

The play is by Rosie Cullen who has written for the Royal Shakespeare Company and is directed by Marina Caldarone.

### Ghost story

A ghost story for Christmas - a reading from *A Christmas Carol*, the novel by Charles Dickens - will be performed by National Theatre actor Groger Gartland, on 24 December, from 8 to 10.15pm. Admission £3.95, children £2.95.

Hans Christian Andersen's stories, *The Ugly Duckling*, *The Emperor's New Clothes* and *The Snow Queen* will be performed by Arena, from 3 to 5 January, at 2.30pm and again at 6pm. Tickets £2.50.

Of every £2.50 collected on 3 to 5 January, 50p will be donated towards the sending of Marlon Tucker, a Severely handicapped boy in Southampton, to the Petro Institute in Hungary, for treatment.

Further details from Anthony Roberts at the Old Bull Arts Centre on 449 5189.



Long John Silver (acted by David Humphries) and his parrot (Carol Bremson) invade the Old Bull Arts Centre for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS celebrations mean it's pantomime time at the Old Bull Theatre in High Street Barnet - the arts centre funded by Barnet Council, include two performances which are a must for everyone.

The season begins with *Return to Treasure Island*, adapted from the novel, *Treasure Island* with a little help from The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Long John Silver and his pirates burst out of a wardrobe in young Jane Hawkins' bedroom in Barnet, and take her off to a high seas adventure.

Music and dance combine to bring the story alive.

The pantomime runs from 20 to 30 December (except 24 to 26 December) from 7pm to 9.30pm. There are matinees on Saturdays at 3pm. Admission £4, children £2.50.

## Christmas Crossword

HERE'S a tasty competition. Enter our Christmas crossword and win a beautifully illustrated cook book: *More from your Microwave* by Judith Ferguson.

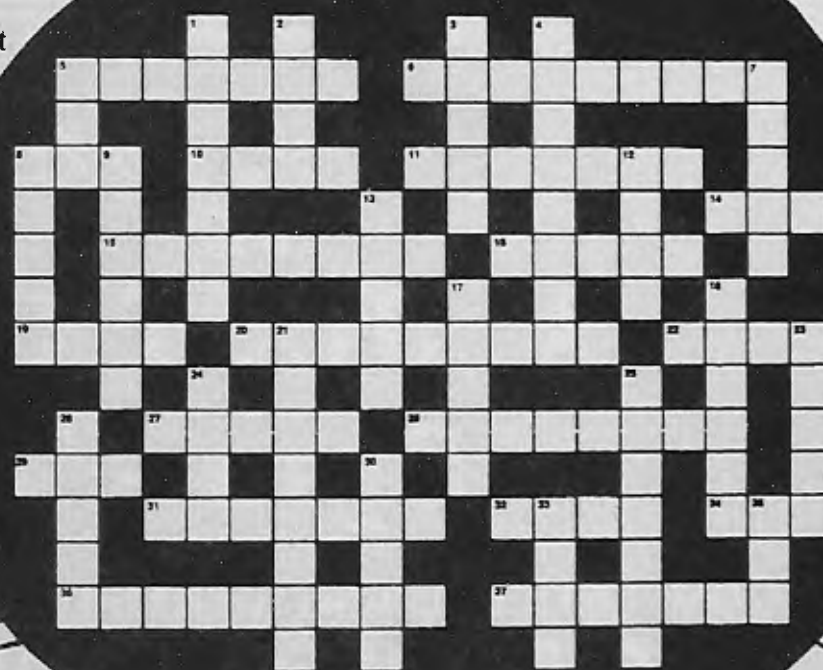
Entries should be sent to:

**BBN Christmas Crossword**  
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The Town Hall  
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Closing date 15 January. The first correct entry to be drawn will win the cook book.

### ACROSS

5. '\_\_\_\_\_ In The Dirt', Paul McCartney's 1989 album (7)
6. These are worn at Christmas diner (5,4)
8. Prevalent colour at Christmas (3)
10. Traditionally they are burned at Christmas (4)
11. '\_\_\_\_\_ Has Broken', a hit single for Cat Stevens (7)
14. Poem meant to be sung (3)
15. The birth of Christ (8)
16. King at the time of Christ's birth (5)
19. The name for a Christmas baby (4)
20. Sauce served with the turkey (9)
22. Connery, the Oscar-winning actor (4)
27. Bing Crosby's Christmas (5)
28. Small planet (8)
29. Number of pipers piping in 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas' (3)
31. Small, brownish-grey bird (7)
32. Christmas trees (4)
34. Roland, the television superstar (3)



36. Jack climbs it in the Christmas pantomime (9)
37. The main character in 'A Christmas Carol' (7)

### DOWN

1. And 23. Shakespeare play which signals the end of the decorations? (7,5)
2. Leaping amphibian (4)
3. Christmas song (5)
4. Rudolph, for example (8)
5. An enemy (3)
7. 'Merry Xmas Everybody' has been a hit for this group on several occasions (5)
8. Bird which appears on many Christmas cards (5)

9. One of Father Christmas' reindeer (6)
12. 'High \_\_\_\_\_', the classic Western (4)
13. Oliver, the director of 'Platoon' and 'Wall Street' (5)
17. Christmas birds with webbed feet (5)
18. See 21 Down
21. And 18 Presley's 1962 Christmas No.1 (6,2,6)
23. See 1 Down
24. Karate blow (4)
25. Rainy season in Asia (7)
26. Meat grilled on a skewer (5)
33. Small measurement (4)
35. Top card (3)

## Visit a Victorian Yuletide

CHURCH Farm House Museum on Greyhound Hill, Hendon, is repeating last year's popular setting - a Victorian dining room at Christmas.

This traditional display is open from 1 December to 6 January. Entry to the museum is free.

From 9 December the seasonal theme continues with an exhibition of dolls from around the world.

See Barnet Diary for details of opening times.

## Barnet Calendar on sale

THE BARNET Calendar is now on sale at all Barnet Council libraries, price £1.50.

There are 12 local views, each of which can be used as a postcard when the dates are no longer needed.

Or copies can be obtained from the Marketing and PR Unit, Barnet Council, The Town Hall, Hendon NW4 4BG price £1.75 to include post and packaging.

# Poop-Scoop gets the green light from residents



What's a dog to do? Carry his own poop scoop? Hobbits the boxer looks thoroughly browned off as he is introduced to the idea by Cllr Olwen Evans and Barnet Council Area Parks Ranger John Bailiss

RESIDENTS have come down firmly on the side of Barnet Council in a plan to introduce more control over dogs in the Borough's parks and open spaces.

Almost 90 per cent of the 8,500 cards returned gave unqualified backing to Barnet Council's proposals in response to a consultation launched in September.

Supporters of the Doe Ray Me Playgroup, Finchley, sent in a 70-signature petition backing the plan. Letters in favour of Barnet Council's proposals have been received from Ratepayers' and Residents' Associations including West Hendon, Hampstead Garden Suburb, Barnet, Childs Hill and Mill Hill as well as from local groups such as the Finchley Society.

## Overwhelming support

Cllr Victor Lyon, Chairman of the Development and Estates Committee said: "The overwhelming support from our residents is indicative of the strength of feeling Borough-wide. I welcome the backing for our proposals from dog training groups as well as individual pet owners, many of whom have commented

on the need for good dog management."

The results of the consultation will be reported to a future meeting of the Development and Estates Committee, who will then need to agree the detailed proposals to be put forward to the Home Office for by-law approval.

## Three levels of control

Areas which will be put forward for a total ban on dogs include children's playgrounds; ornamental gardens and sports areas.

The scheme will include parks such as Barnet Council's award-winning Oak Hill Park, East Barnet; Victoria Park, Finchley; Hendon Park; Edgwarebury Park, Edgware and Childs Hill Park where owners will be expected to clear up after their dogs using a 'Poop Scoop'.

And there will be open spaces where owners can exercise their dogs freely.

Cllr Lyon confirmed that money to bring in the scheme was being sought in next year's budget and it would be introduced as soon as the necessary legal processes are completed.



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## Council

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**Monday 11 December**  
General Purposes Committee

**Tuesday 12 December**  
Public Works Committee

**Wednesday 13 December**  
Town Planning & Research Committee

**Thursday 14 December**  
Establishment Committee

**Monday 18 December**  
Finance Committee

**Wednesday 3 January**  
Planning Sub-committees

## General

**Sunday 10 December**  
Manor House Scty. 'Friday Night Without Chicken'. Cookery with Rabbi Lionel Blue & Evelyn Rose. Is it possible to prepare a vegetarian meal that still tastes like 'Shabbas'? 8pm. £6.50, £5 members. 346 2288

**Wednesday 13 December**  
National Trust. 'Venetian Glass' (17th-early 19th c) by Susan Gaynor from the Wallace Collection. John Keble Church Hall, Deans La. Edgware. 8pm. 952 2688/951 1578

**Wednesday 20 December**  
Hard of Hearing Club. All ages. Trinity Church, Nether St. N12. 2pm. 446 4354

**Thursday 21 December**  
London Fire & Civil Defence Authority. County Hall, London SE1. Fire Prevention Sub-Ctte. 2.30pm. Details, Mrs Duffy, 633 6146 (also 4 Jan, Civil Defence Ctte. 2.30pm, contact Ms Saini, 633 3634)

**Starting 15 January**  
WEA class. 'How to be a school governor'. Edgware Library, Hale La. 8pm. 10 mtgs. Details Viv, 868 0932 (day)

**Monthly**  
Barnet Animal Rights Group. Quaker Mtg Hse, 58 Alexandra Grove, N12. 8pm. 440 1715 (1st Wed)

Philosophy of Yoga. Discussion Mtg. Patanjali Yoga Cntr, 190 Watford Way, Hendon. 4pm. 203 0062 (1st Sat)

N Middx. Family History Scty. Barnet Branch, Church Hse, Wood St. Barnet. Annual Social. 7.45pm. 441 0529 (14 Nov)

Middx Business Club. Enterprise Hse, St Wilfrids Rd. New Barnet. 7.30pm. 447 1000 (2nd or 3rd Tues)

Royal British Legion (N Finchley). Legionway, Summers La. N12. 8pm. 445 9911 (3rd Tues)

Friern Barnet Amnesty Group. Jubilee Rm, St James' Church, Friern Barnet La. N12. 8pm. 368 9487/361 3320 (3rd Tues)

**Bi-monthly**  
Finchley & Dist Philatelic Scty. Carey Rm, Trinity Church Hall, Nether St. N12. 7.30pm. 883 8724 (1st & 3rd Wed)

Jubilee Group. St John's URC, small hall, Mowbray Rd. New Barnet. Creche available. 1.30pm. 449 6097

**Fortnightly**  
Barnet & Dist Philatelic Scty. St John's Church Hall, Mowbray Rd. New Barnet. 8pm

Barnet Anglo-French club mtg. Ewen Hall, Wood St. 8pm. 440 6805

## Advice & Support Groups

**Monthly**  
Alzheimer's Disease Scty (Barnet Branch). Relatives' Group. Blue Beetle Hall, St Mary's Church, Hendon La. N3. 8.15pm. 958 8324 (1st Tues)

Cruse social mtg for bereaved people. Jackson's Lane Cntr, Archway Rd. N6 (opp. Highgate u/g). 4pm. 341 4515 (1st Thur). Also contact Brian or Anita for information on support groups. 794 6715

National Schizophrenia Fellowship. Health Cntr, 23 Temple Fortune La. NW11. 8pm. 455 5133 (2nd Tues)

British Diabetic Assn (Barnet & Dist). Postgraduate Medical Cntr, Barnet General Hospital. 8pm. 368 6993 (2nd Wed)

Oakleigh Carers Group. Health Cntr, Oakleigh Rd Nth. N20. 2pm. 368 8350 (2nd Fri)

British Tinnitus Assn NW London. Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 2pm. 349 9353 (2nd Sat)

Barnet Epilepsy Support Group. Trinity Church Cntr, Nether St. N12. 7.30pm. 446 2003/444 4453 (3rd Mon)

Barnet Action for Mental Health. 154 Station Rd. Hendon. 7.30pm. 203 5879

## Bridge, Whist & Chess

**Monthly**  
Bridge Duplicate. 41 Northumberland Rd. New Barnet. 2pm. 449 0960 (1st Wed)

## Countryside & Wildlife

**Sunday 10 December**  
RSPB (Potters Bar & Barnet). Outing to Walthamstow Reservoirs. 0707 46073 (also 13 Dec, outing to Tyttenhanger Pits, 0707 50900; Dec 18. Mtg.

Oakmere Hse, High St. Potters Bar. 8pm. 0707 58430)

Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust (Barnet Group). Task day at Darlands Lake Nature Reserve. Meet The Close, by Orange Tree PH, Totteridge La. N20. 10am or later on Reserve. 346 5258 (also 1 Jan, New Year look at Darlands Lake. Meet 2.30pm in The Close)

**Thursday 14 December**  
RSPB (N London). Derek Toomer 'Travels in Australia - Birds'. Plus Centenary Round Up, lottery draw & food. Holy Innocents Church Hall, Tottenham La. N8. 7.45pm. 801 8581 (also 17 Dec, car outing to Lemsford Springs, 885 3318)

**Tuesday 19 December**  
RSPB (NW London). Christmas Mtg. Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Bdwy. 8pm. 952 3129

**Monthly**  
Middx Caving Group. St Mary's Hall, Hendon La. N3. 8pm. 803 6008 (1st Wed)

Kingsbury/Brent Geological Scty. 200 1700 (1st Wed)

## Dance

**Saturday 9 December**  
Mountfield Club Sequence Dance. St Mary's Hall, Hendon La. N3. 7.30pm. 959 5185

**Monday 11 December**  
Hobby Horse Club (children's folk dancing), 6.45pm. Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club, 7.45pm. Church Hse, Wood St. 449 4425/0724

**Thursday 14 December**  
Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club. Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Bdwy. 7.45pm. 950 5756 (also Dec 28)

**Monthly**  
Barn dancing. Northiam Union Church, Longland Dv (off Totteridge La.) N20. 8pm. 368 8335 (eves) (1st Wed)

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club. Southgate Upper Sch, Sussex Way, Cockfosters. 7.30pm. 360 2586 (1st Sat)

## Drama

Non-Stop Workshop Theatre Co. with centres in Finchley, Stanmore & Southgate areas. Shows for 5-18 yr olds. Raises money for research into leukaemia. 346 5507

**Monthly**  
Open mtg for people interested in community arts. The Neighbourhood Cntr, 42 Church La. N2. 8pm. 883 2832 (3rd Thur)

## 18+ Groups

**Sunday 10 December**  
'Whodunnit'? Mystery and suspense with Barnet 18+ group (18-29 yrs), Bull & Butcher PH, Whetstone, N20. 8.30pm. Details, 0707 53536

## Monthly

Rotaract Club (Mill Hill). 18-28yrs. Mill Hill Tennis Club, Sylvan Ave. NW7. 8.15pm. 959 1317 (1st & 3rd Mon)

Rotaract Club (Barnet). Barnet Cricket Club, Barnet La. 8pm. 441 5892 (1st & 3rd Wed)

Rotaract Club (Finchley). Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards La. N12. 8.30pm. 445 1393 (1st & 3rd Wed)

Rotaract Club (Friern Barnet & Whetstone). Bull & Butcher Pub, High Rd. N20. 8.15pm. 346 0438 (1st & 3rd Thur)

Rotaract Club (Hampstead, Hendon & Golders Grn). 18-29 yrs. Upstairs Rm, Jack Straw's Castle PH, North End Way, NW3. 8pm. 458 6789

Rotaract Club (Edgware & Stanmore). The Green Man Pub, Honeypot La. Stanmore. 8.15pm

Orbit Club NW London (25-40yrs). Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards La. N12. 8.30pm. 906 2080 (2nd Wed)

## Fetes, Fairs & Sales

**Saturday 9 December**  
Key Stamps Fair. Methodist Church Hall, Ballards La. N3. 10am. 446 1562

## Horticulture & Floral Art

**Monthly**  
Finchley Chrysanthemum Scty. Christmas Party. Manorside Sch, Squires La. N3. 8pm. 445 1742 (1st Mon)

Barnet & Dist. Fuchsia Scty. Methodist Hall, Brookside, E Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 4085 (2nd Mon)

Mill Hill Flower Club. Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Bdwy. 8pm. 959 3530 (2nd Tues)

Hendon Horticultural Scty. Seasonal evening. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 1187 (2nd Wed)

Barnet Flower Arrangement Scty. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 0707 57199 (2nd Thur)

Hendon Floral Art Group. Christmas Exhibition & Social. St John's Church Hall, Algernon Rd. NW4. 7.45pm. 202 8756 (6 Dec)

## Fortnightly

Friern Barnet Floral Art Club. Christ Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth. N20. 8pm. 446 0783

## Music

**Tuesday 12 December**  
Hendon Library Gramophone Scty. Christmas Party. The Burroughs. 7.45pm. 202 5625

**Wednesday 13 December**  
Edgware & Dist Organ Scty. Ken Stroud. Electronic Organ

Concert. Watling Community Cntr, Orange Hill Rd. 8pm. 953 3291

## Thursday 14 December

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Scty. Christmas Social. Friern Barnet Rd. N11. 8.10pm. 449 7111

## Tuesday 19 December

East Barnet Library Gramophone Scty. Christmas evening. 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376

## Weekly

### Mondays

Manor House Hospital Operatic Scty. Rehearsals for 'Count of Luxembourg'. North End Rd. NW11. 7.30pm. 346 2104

### Tuesdays

Finchley Chamber Choir. Rehearsals. Finchley Methodist Church, Essex Pk. 7.45pm. Details, 441 8382

## Pensioners' Clubs

### Monthly

Pensioners' Voice (Mill Hill). John Keble Church, Small hall, Deans La. Edgware. 1.30pm. 959 6180 (1st Mon)

Golders Green & Dist. Pensioners' Assn. Trinity Church, Rodborough Rd. NW11. 1.15pm. 202 0891 (1st Wed)

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet). Methodist Hall, Brookside, E Barnet. 1.30pm. 441 3185 (2nd Wed)

Northern Heights Probus Club. For business/professional people who live/have lived in Highgate, Hampstead & Golders Grn areas. Details, 883 2863 (3rd Wed)

Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance. Avenue Hse, East End Rd. N3. 10am. 445 4821 (3rd Thur)

### Weekly

#### Wednesdays

Edgware Friendship Club (60yrs+). Pauline Glick Hall, Edgware Synagogue, Edgware Way. 12.30pm. Speakers, singers, quizzes, bingo etc. 958 5460

## Pets

### Monthly

Hendon & Dist Cage Birds Assn. Labour Hall, Back La. (off Watling Ave.) Burnt Oak. 7.30pm. 205 2647 (2nd Tues)

Hendon Tropical Fish Keeping Scty. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 458 5826 (2nd Thur)

## Photography, Arts & Crafts

### Monthly

Barnet Ceramic & Glass Scty. E Barnet Upper Sch, Chestnut Grove, off Cat Hill. 446 1022 (1st Wed)

Milldon Art Scty. Harwood Hall, Union Church, The Broadway, NW7. 7.30pm. 907 5740 (1st Wed)

## Barnet Diary



Open mtg for those interested in Community Arts. The Neighbourhood Cntr, 42 Church La. N2. 883 2832 (3rd Thur)

### Playgroups & Under 5s

#### Bi-monthly

'Pram' Service. Songs, stories & prayers. St James' Church, New Barnet. 10am. 449 4043 (1st & 3rd Wed)

#### Weekly

##### Wed & Thur

Jumping Beans Club. Informal gymnastics & play. Canada Villa Cntr, Pursley Rd. NW7. 10am. 959 2811 (If you live locally & would like this club to meet on Fridays too, please phone Paul, 959 2811)

### Singles Clubs

Unattached, 40-60? Clan social club for theatre, exhibition, restaurant outings, wine & cheese evenings. 346 2016/0932 856154

#### Thursday 28 December

New Friends Social Club (30-45). Variety of activities from

theatre to scrabble. 444 0076/446 4058

#### Bi-monthly

Finchley Solo Club for widowed, divorced & single (25-65). 8pm. 445 9810/444 8743 (1st & 3rd Tues)

### Sport

Mill Hill Rugby Football Club. Home Games, 1st XV: 9 Dec (Chingford), 6 Jan Sudbury Court). 2nd XV: 16 Dec (Barnet), 23 Dec (Letchworth)

#### Saturday 23 December

Hash House Harriers. Down The Caledonian Road run. Meet Caledonian Rd u/g stn. 11am (also 26 Dec, St Johns Wood run, meet St Johns Wood u/g stn, 11am; 1 Jan, Hampstead Heath run, meet Jack Straws Castle PH car park, Heath Brow, off North End Rd. NW3, 5.30pm)

#### Monthly

St Christopher's Catholic Cycling Club. Easy rides from Finchley. All welcome. 10am. 361 2281/427 2251 (1st Sun)

### Women's Clubs

#### Monthly

Ashley TG. Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns. 7.30pm. 906 1952

Barnet Afternoon TG. Church House, Wood St. 2pm. 449 2697

Barnet Evening TG. Church

House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 440 1526

Broadway Mill Hill TG. Hartley Hall, Flower La. 2pm. 959 0995

Chipping Barnet WI. Church House, Wood St. 10am. 440 8807

East Barnet Monkfrith TG. British Legion Hall, Nursery Rd. N14. 1.45pm. 0707 57092

East Barnet (Osidge) TG. Small hall, Brookside Methodist Church. 7.45pm. 368 7346

East Barnet Valley TG. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. New Barnet. 2.15pm. 449 8601/6083

Edgware League of Jewish Women. 958 4562

Finchley Church End TG. St Mary's Hall, Hendon La. N3. 2.15pm. 455 7152

Finchley Granville TG. Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards La. N3. 2pm. 346 6822

Finchley Redbourne TG. Etchingham Pk Rd Day Cntr, N3. 7.45pm. 346 3305

Friern Barnet & Whetstone TG. Manor Drive Methodist Church, York Way, N20. 2.15pm. 446 4816

Friern Barnet Friary TG. Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 2pm. 361 9623

Golders Green TG. St Alban's Church Hall, Golders Green. 2pm. 455 4156

Hampstead Garden Suburb TG. St Jude's Church Rooms, Central Sq., 2pm. 458 5072

Mill Hill Afternoon TG. Harwood

Hall, The Bdway. NW7. 2pm. 959 1505

Mill Hill Highwood TG. Hartley Hall, Flower La. 2pm. 959 2519

Montrose WI. Parish Room, St Alphage Church, Montrose Ave. 7.45pm. 205 4960

National Council of Women. Barnet & Dist St John's URC Hall, Mowbray Rd. New Barnet. 1.30pm. 368 1442

New Barnet Evening TG. Brookside Methodist Church Hall, E Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 1394

Royal British Legion Women's Section (N Finchley). Legionway, Summers La. N12. 8pm. 445 9911

Totteridge WI. Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge La. N20. 7.30pm. 445 5700

Woodside Park Afternoon TG. Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, N12. 2pm. 445 0911

#### Fortnightly

National Women's Register (Barnet Branch). Discussion Group. 445 4777

Acorns. Talks, socials, creche. St Paul's Church, Long La. N3. 9.45am. 349 4188/346 7378

Wives Group. Mill Hill East Church Hall, Salcombe Gdns. 8pm. 906 0489

**As many regular meetings will be changed because of the Christmas and New Year holidays please check before attending**



#### Tuesday 5 December

Barnet Schs Brass Ensemble & Garden Suburb Jun Sch Concert. Garden Suburb Jun Sch, Willifield Way, NW11. 7.30pm. 346 9507

#### Saturday 9 December

E Barnet Music Cntr Concert. E Barnet Sch, Chestnut Grove. 10am. 346 9507

Finchley Choral Scty & Moss Hall Jun Sch Choir. Family Carols with Gerald Barnes (organ) & Michael Hamm (conductor). St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd. N12. 7.30pm. Tickets £2, £1 conces. 888 0189

Quiz Evening. Ravenscroft Sch, Barnet La. N20. Tickets £6, children £4 incl. supper. 440 3497. Proceeds to school funds

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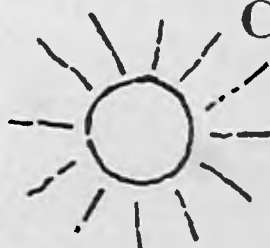
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Hendon Music Cntr & Barnet Schs Brass Ensemble Concert. St Mary's Sec Sch. Hendon. 7.30pm. 346 9507

**Sunday 10 December**  
Handel's 'Semele' by Alyth Choral Scty. NW Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gdns. NW11. 8pm. Tickets £6, £3.50 conces. 346 5821/435 8379 or at door

**Friday 15 December**  
E Barnet Music Cntr & Enfield Salvation Army Band Concert. Clayton Hall, E Barnet Upper Sch. 7.30pm. 346 9507

**Saturday 16 December**  
Finchley Music Cntr Concert. Moss Hall Jun Sch. 10.30am. 346 9507

Barnet Choral Scty. Carols & Christmas music. St. John's Church. Wood St. Barnet. 7.30pm. Tickets. 441 5502

**Monday 18 December**  
Christmas Carols in various languages. St. John's Church. Wood St. Barnet. 7.30pm.

**18 to 23 December**  
Quicksilver Theatre for Children presents 'Mr Biff the Boxer' by Allan & Janet Ahlberg. Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Rd. NW6. Box Office, 328 1000 (also 20-22 Dec, Tricycle Youth Theatre presents 'The Cobweb')

**Tuesday 19 December**  
Concert. Tertia Sefton-Green (soprano), Neil Beardmore (piano). Schumann Liederkreis (song cycle). Sternberg Cntr, 80 East End Rd. N3. 1.15pm. Tickets £1.346 2288

## Old Bull Arts Centre

68 High St. Barnet. 449 0048. For ticket prices & bookings contact the Centre

**Saturday 9 December**  
Remould Theatre Co. 'The Caretakers'. Portrayal of social work in action. 8pm (Workshop. 2.30pm, discussion with theatre co. the issues behind the play)

**Sunday 10 December**  
Norwich Puppet Theatre. 'Ffangs'. He wants to be human, not a vampire. Adapted from Ted Hughes poem. 3pm. Ages 6-13.

Bananas Up The Bull with Boy Wonder, Peter Baynam & Plus Support. 8pm

**14 & 15 December**  
Irie Dance Co. 'Orfeo in a night town'. Reggae ballet telling the story of Orfeo descending into the dangerous underworld for the love of a country girl. 8pm

**Saturday 16 December**  
Desmond Dekker. 8pm

**18 Dec to 8 Jan**  
Christmas Open Art Exhibition.

**20-23 & 27-30 December**  
Christmas Show. 'Treasure Island'. 7.30pm; Sat matinees, 3pm

**Sunday 24 December**  
Roger Gartland reading 'A Christmas Carol'. 8pm

**3 to 5 January**  
Children's shows. Tales by

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**Saturday 9 December**  
Francis Maxey (very musical clown) with 'Spagetti At Large'. 11am. Ages 4-12

**Saturday 16 December**  
Oily Cart Co. 'Chest of Drawers'. Puppets, theatre, music. 11am. Ages 3-7. (Meet Father Christmas after the show)

## All Saints' ArtsCentre

122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. Bookings 445 4654/8388

**Saturday 9 December**  
Free Lance Productions present 'A Town at War'. A drama depicting the impact of Hitler from the first blackouts to the first bombs. 8pm

**Friday 29 December**  
Roller Rink Ball with dry ice and disco lights. 10am, 2pm, 6pm

## Exhibitions

**Until 16 December**  
Barnet Artists' Exhibition. 15th annual exhibition of selected works by local artists. N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. N12. Library hrs.

**Until 22 December**  
New works by Michael Salter. Monoprints, oil paintings, etchings & drawings. Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4. Library hrs.

**Until 7 January**  
Finchley Art Scty Winter Exhibition. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, NW4. Mon-Sat (except Tues) 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm. Tues 10am-1pm. Sun 2-5.30pm. Admission free. 203 0130 (1 Dec to 6 Jan, Christmas Past, the museum dining room decorated for a Victorian Christmas; 9 Dec to 21 Jan, Collection of Dolls from

around the world) (Closed 25-28 Dec & 1 Jan)

**Until 23 December**  
Art for Christmas, paintings, original prints & sculpture, suitable gifts. The Bow House Gallery, 35 Wood St. Barnet. Thur-Sat, 10am-5pm. Sun 2-5pm. 440 4672

**Permanent Exhibitions**  
Rose Gallery at Totteridge Library, Totteridge La. N20. Pictures at affordable prices. Tues, Wed & Fri 2-5pm. Sat, 10am-1pm, 2-5pm. Details, Arts Office, 202 1903

College Farm Gallery, Fitzalan Rd. N3. Admission charge (1st Sun of month & open days)

**Saturdays**  
Anna Pavlova Memorial Museum. Ivy House, Middx Poly, North End Rd. NW11. 2-6pm

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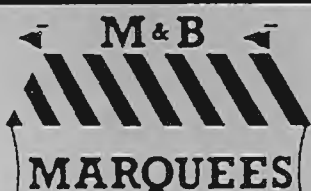
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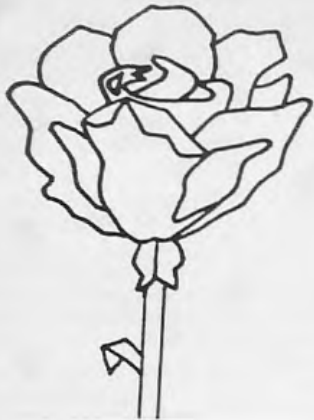
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Housing Initiatives Section (Room 101)  
Directorate of Housing & Environment Services  
Barnet House  
1255 High Road  
Whetstone N20 0EJ



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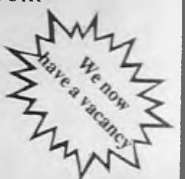
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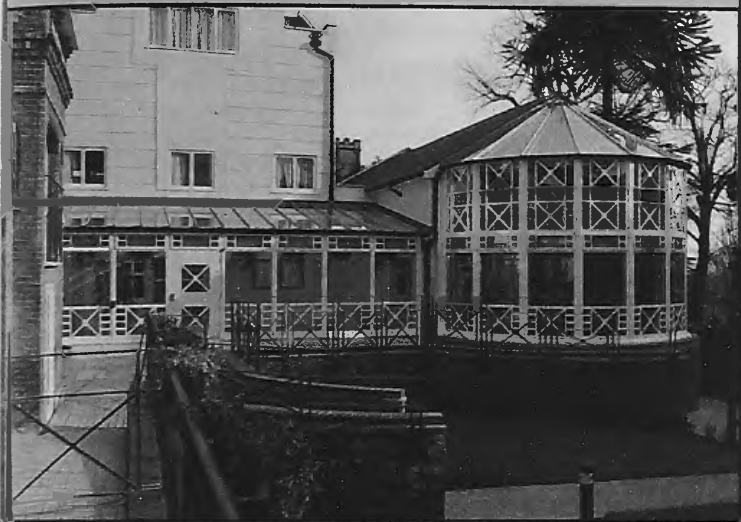
The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs Leslie Foster were in attendance for this memorable occasion, leading a programme of entertainment that included dancing and singing.

The staff had rehearsed very hard during the proceeding weeks, under the guidance of Mrs Ruth Cohen, (the owner throughout the home's history).

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

### **ACCOUNTANCY ASSISTANT**

**£7,755-£8,928 pa inc.**

We are looking for a keen, well motivated person to work in our Accountancy Section. As well as being numerate, you will be expected to be able to cope with strict deadlines, work with the minimum of supervision in a busy section and have excellent communication skills. *Ref: 615H/118.*

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Application forms available from Address No. 1.

## **barnet**

TECHNICAL SERVICES

### **DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Highways Engineering, Maintenance and Legislation  
**up to £12,213 pa inc.**

+ car allowance

Barnet is expanding its successful District Officer Service and extending its scope of operation to facilitate the introduction of Compulsory Competitive Tendering.

District Officers provide the initial contact between the Council and the borough's residents and ensure our services respond to people's needs, particularly in relation to highways maintenance, enforcement of highway legislation, control of P.U.S.W.A. activities and the monitoring and control of the performance of Contractors.

To be successful you should have:

- experience of service provision or administration in a field related to at least one of the above services and be keen to 'grow' with the job
- a courteous but firm manner in pursuing enforcement for highway related offences, including giving evidence in court
- good oral and written communication skills to prepare reports and liaise effectively with the public
- sound physical health and good attendance record
- the ability to maintain and update records of inspections, monitor contractor performance and advise Senior Management
- a desire to see the public provided with an improved standard of service
- a willingness to contribute to out-of-hours duty rotas and work outside in all types of weather.

*Ref: DTS435/442.*

Closing date: 18th December 1989.  
Interview date: 10th January 1990.

For further details contact Peter Adams on 01-446 8511 ext 4395.

Application forms available from Address No. 2.

### **TECHNICAL ADMIN ASSISTANT**

**up to £9,699 pa inc.**

We require an enthusiastic and energetic person with good admin skills, able to work as an effective member of the team supporting our Engineering Group.

The work is varied and challenging and we need someone who has the confidence and skills to deal with difficult telephone enquiries, as well as maintain records accurately and check invoices.

You should have a good standard of education, be numerate and have excellent written and spoken English. You will also need to be self-motivated and willing to learn the work of the rest of the team.

Based in a modern, non-smoking environment, benefits include flexible working hours, staff restaurant and generous annual leave entitlement. *Ref: DTS/168.*

Closing date: 15th December 1989.  
Interview date: 15th January 1990.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity in more detail please contact Mrs Mavis Axham on 01-446 8511 ext 4393.

Application forms available from Address No. 2.

## **barnet**

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### **LABORATORY TECHNICIANS**

#### **Christs College Upper School**

Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3.

**£9,093-£9,699 pa inc.**

Qualified technician required for a large Biology department where duties will include care and maintenance of laboratories, apparatus and equipment, provision of materials for practical work, and care of animals and plants.

*Ref: ADM/S/155/222.*

#### **Ashmole School**

Cecil Road, Southgate, N14 5RJ.

**£6,314-£6,735 pa inc. (at age 21+)**

(30 hrs pw, 40 weeks a year)

Although previous laboratory experience is preferred, a willingness to learn is more important. Duties include assembly, care and maintenance of apparatus and the use of chemicals. You will be part of a team of three other laboratory technicians and a senior technician in a department which has six labs. Times of duty are by arrangement.

*Ref: ADM/S/152/231.*

#### **Mill Hill County High School**

Worcester Crescent, Mill Hill, NW7.

**£2,511-£3,097 pa inc.**

(15 hrs pw, 40 weeks a year)

Previous laboratory experience is not essential, as a willingness to learn is considered more important. You will join our Science Department where you will be responsible for the assembly, care and maintenance of apparatus.

*Ref: ADM/S/167/221.*

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Application forms available from Address No. 1.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Youth and Community Service

**£9,018-£9,624 inc.**

Challenge, variety, hard work and a great environment. You'll experience them all as part of the team working to meet some of the sports and recreational needs of a large number of the Borough's 12 to 20 year-olds.

Based at Hendon Sports Centre the team is not only responsible for all activities carried out there, but also those related to the operation of the Whitfield Youth Club. It's a big task and, as Administrative Assistant, your daily contribution will help make it that much easier for them.

Chief among your duties will be typing and word processing, filing and processing of the post. It's not all office routine, however. You'll also be spending quite a bit of your time dealing with the public, answering questions and taking bookings. And you will be the one responsible for keeping track of income and expenditure as well as preparing routine financial information for use by the Centre Manager.

This key role calls for proven all-round office experience. Ideally, you should also have some knowledge of basic financial matters, although full training in our systems will be provided. An outgoing personality and the ability to work as part of a small team are also essential assets.

While this is a full-time role, applicants wishing to work on a job-share basis will be considered. *Ref: 603/135.*

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Application forms available from Address No. 1.

### **NURSERY NURSE**

**£7,233-£9,276 pa inc.**

If you are a trained Nursery Nurse (NNEB) looking for job satisfaction, Dollis Nursery school has a vacancy for you. You will work 32½ hours a week for 39 weeks a year. *Ref: ADM/E/037/61.*

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Please apply directly to: Mrs Roberts (Headteacher), Dollis Infant School, Pursley Road, Mill Hill, NW7. Tel: 01-959 3995. Informal visits welcomed.

# opportunities...

## THE COMMUNITY

### P/T SCHOOL SECRETARY

**£3,788-£4,556 pa inc.**  
(18 hrs pw, 40 weeks a year)

Required at Blessed Dominic RC Primary School, Lanacre Avenue, Grahame Park, NW9. You will be expected to have good secretarial and book-keeping skills as well as excellent organisational ability.

Ref: ADM/E/019/111.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Application forms available from Address No. 1.

### Catering Opportunities

Barnet is a lively, forward looking local education authority and we feel that we have every right to be proud of the results that our approach produces. However, we don't just provide pupils with food for thought. They need another kind of sustenance, too. For that, we try to offer the best school catering facilities possible. If you want to be part of it, the following positions are currently available.

### GENERAL ASSISTANTS

(Cook 1)

**£3.40 per hr approx.**

#### Ravenscroft School Kitchen

Barnet Lane, N20. (Cash Cafeteria)

Hours: 14 pw.

#### Finchley Catholic School Kitchen

Woodside Lane, N12. (Cash Cafeteria)

Hours: 1 post at 13¾ hrs pw and 2 posts at 12 hrs pw.

#### Littlegrove School Kitchen

Cat Hill, East Barnet. (Traditional)

Hours: 12½ pw.

#### Martin School Kitchen

High Road, East Finchley, N2.

Traditional) Hours: 2 posts at 11½ hrs pw.

#### East Barnet School Kitchen

Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet.

(Cash Cafeteria) Hours: 10½ pw.

#### Ashmole School Kitchen

Burleigh Gardens, N14. (Cash Cafeteria)

Hours: 10 pw.

#### Christ College Upper School Kitchen

Hendon Lane, N3. (Cash Cafeteria)

Hours: 1 post at 16¼ hrs pw and 1 post at 15 hrs pw.

#### Clitterhouse Junior School Kitchen

Claremont Road, Cricklewood, NW2.

Traditional) Hours: 13¼ pw.

### Wessex School Kitchen

Wessex Gardens, NW11. (Dining Centre)

Hours: 12½ pw.

### Bishop Douglas School Kitchen

Hamilton Road, N2. (Cash Cafeteria)

Hours: 10 pw.

For more information please contact Ann Speed on 01-368 1255 ext 3313.

Application forms available from Address No. 1.

## barnet

SOCIAL SERVICES

### SOCIAL WORKER

#### Family Link in Barnet

**£12,579-£15,570 pa inc.**

+ essential car user allowance  
+ interest free loan

Family Link in Barnet is a relief care scheme linking families and their children with disabilities to families and individuals in the Community. It has been established for 2 years and is a well-used resource for children and their families offering up to 28 days relief care per annum. The post is vacant due to promotion.

Professionally qualified with CQSW, you should also have experience in working with children and their families. An understanding of disability and the potential for developing skills in recruiting and assessing relief care families are all essential requirements.

The post is based in Barnet's Fostering and Adopting Team based at Park House in East Finchley where we offer good administrative support, regular supervision, excellent in-service training and pension scheme. Job sharing will be considered.

Ref: 633/970.

Closing date: 15th December 1989. Interviews will be held in January 1990.

For informal enquiries please contact Carol Rogers or Mary Rice, Fostering and Adoption, on 01-883 5562/3.

Application forms available from Address No. 4.

### SOCIAL WORKERS

#### Services to People with Physical Disabilities

As a result of re-organisation towards client specialist services, we need two social workers to join our multi-disciplinary central team based in Whetstone, N20. It consists of specialists for hearing and visually impaired people, occupational therapists and social work assistants.

Both posts require CQSW qualification, a commitment to developing culturally sensitive services, an interest in services/assessment for children and younger adults and a sensitivity towards the particular problems of people with physical disabilities.

#### Post 1:

**£12,579-£15,570 pa inc.**

Ideally we need someone with knowledge/experience of the problems met by young people with physical disabilities and their carers. A considerable amount of work will be with young people about to leave school, undertaking statutory assessments under Section 5 and 6 of the Disabled Persons Act, arranging services and offering counselling. Ref: 633/166.

#### Post 2:

**£13,872-£15,993 pa inc.**

This is a similar position, but you will be working specifically with children and young people who are hearing and/or visually impaired. You will be working in an established group consisting of a Qualified Social Worker for hearing impaired with communication skills, a Mobility Officer for the visually impaired, a Technical Officer and Social Work Assistants. Communication skills are preferable — however training is available. Ref: 633/22.

In both positions we offer an opportunity to develop your special interests, regular supervision, training opportunities and scope to initiate schemes to improve standards and friendly experienced colleagues. Essential car users allowance, car loan and car leasing schemes also offered.

Applications are particularly welcomed from qualified social workers from the black and ethnic minority communities, who are under represented at this level in the department. Section 38(i)(b) of the Race Relations Act applies.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Application forms available from Address No. 4.

### SOCIAL WORKER

#### Community Work

**£12,579-£15,570 pa inc.**

+ essential car user allowance  
+ interest free car loan

You will join one other worker in our Area Social Services Team based in New Barnet, serving a very large and mixed population on the northerly fringe of London.

Ideally professionally qualified with either the CQSW or the Youth and Community Certificate, you should also have a current driving licence.

We are seeking someone who can relate to the Area's large Asian community in particular, and who can assist in developing neighbourhood and community networks serving the needs of that and other minority ethnic groups. You will be able to operate effectively with a wide and varied range of groups and issues, but keen to work for a multi-racial environment and to promote and support projects geared to the needs of the significant black and ethnic minority population in this area.

There is a strong independent and voluntary sector working effectively in many parts of the North Team Community. Ref: 633/99.

Closing date: 15th December 1989. Interview date: 10th January 1990.

Informal enquiries welcomed by Roy Clark, Principal Management Officer, on 01-449 5511.

Application forms available from Address No. 4.

### DAY CENTRE WORKERS

**£9,879-£12,579 pa inc.**

New Fieldways Social Education Centre provides a range of groups and activities for 50 adults with learning difficulties. We are looking for two Day Centre Workers to help us provide a service to people with severe learning difficulties and additional physical or emotional needs.

You will be involved in a programme of social skills training and recreational activities which enable the clients to become more independent, be treated as mature adults and have access to everyday experiences.

You will also participate in the supervising of meal times and be involved in assisting users of the service with personal care.

We would like to hear from you if you have experience of working with people with learning difficulties and/or a relevant qualification (CSS, CQSW, Dip TMHA). We positively encourage applications from black and ethnic minority communities and people with disabilities. Section 38(i)(b) of the Race Relations Act applies. These posts are time limited for up to 3 years. Ref: 633/084/5.

Closing date: 15th December 1989. Interview date: 20th December 1989.

For further details contact Paul Gilbert or Rowena Richards on 01-440 9142.

Application forms available from Address No. 4.

# local opportunities...

## WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

### CLERICAL ASSISTANT

up to £8,919 pa inc.

To join our busy finance section in Whetstone, N20, providing support to specific homes and centres. This will include processing invoices for payment, recording budgetary information, assisting with estimates and establishment visits.

You should be educated to 'O' level standard or equivalent, preferably with relevant office experience — although school leavers will be considered. However, you will need to be methodical, accurate with figures with a pleasant telephone manner and be able to communicate effectively.

Ref: 633/601.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Application forms available from Address No. 4.

### KEYBOARD OPERATOR

up to £8,919 pa inc.

To join our busy team in Whetstone, N20, providing a varied typing service to the Directorate. You will need to be a competent and accurate keyboard operator, preferably with a knowledge of word processing. You will work a 36 hour week, with some flexibility on your starting and finishing times.

Ref: 633/609.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Informal enquiries welcomed by Mr R. Pepper or Mrs M. Pawar on 01-446 1488 ext 4245 and 4211 respectively.

Application forms available from Address No. 4.

### DUTY CLERK/ RECEPTIONIST

£8,490-£9,699 pa inc.

We are seeking an energetic and enthusiastic person to provide essential support to a busy team of Duty Social Workers. Based at East Finchley, your main duties will involve reception of clients and visitors to the Team Office, provision of clerical and typing support, attendance at daily referral meetings and maintenance of the central filing system. Additional duties will include cover for the switchboard, photocopying and filing.

The ability to work on your own initiative in a careful, conscientious and methodical manner is essential as are keyboard and office skills and a

sympathetic and calm approach.

Ref: 633/662.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

Interview date: 11th January 1990.

Enquiries to Andrew Parker on 01-444 4411.

Application forms available from Address No. 4.

The following vacancies are at Morton Lodge, a residence for 60 elderly people in Southgate, N14.

### CARE ASSISTANT

£147 pw inc.

(inc. weekends at an enhanced rate)

You would contribute to the emotional care of our residents, and also their physical well being by assisting them at meal times and with dressing, toileting and bathing. The work is demanding but very rewarding and satisfying.

Ref: CAM/CA1.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

### P/T DOMESTIC ASSISTANT

£3.40 per hr min.

(22 hrs pw inc.)

To work in the kitchen/serving areas, washing up, clearing and laying tables and other tasks related to the preparation and serving of meals. Hours include some evenings, weekends and bank holidays for which an enhanced rate will be paid. Ref: CAM/PTDA.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

For both posts please apply to Mrs Nancy Nelson, Officer in Charge, Morton Lodge, Ashfield Road, Southgate, N14. Tel: 01-368 3857.

## barnet

HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES

### ESTATE SUPERVISORS

up to £13,713 pa inc.

Due to the re-organisation of the cleaning and management services on one of our housing estates, we are looking for people with supervisory experience to fill four newly created posts.

The position offers responsibility, variety and challenge and we require self-motivated people who are committed to providing a high level of service.

You will be responsible for the supervision of a cleaning team, monitoring the performance of a cleaning contractor, dealing with emergencies and health and safety

matters, identifying repairs, assisting Estate Officers on management matters and conducting security checks.

Based in your own site location on a housing estate in the NW9 area you will work on a rota system to include week-end duties.

Effective communication and supervisory skills are essential as is the ability to cope in stressful situations.

Uniform and equipment are provided. Accommodation is available under the key worker scheme.

Although the work involves some physical activity, people with disabilities are welcome to apply as their particular disability may not affect the tasks required. Ref: 9/1/3902.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

To find out more please contact Sara Robinies on 01-952 8911 ext 244.

Application forms available from Address No. 1.

### TECHNICAL TRAINEE

up to £9,699 pa inc.

Are you interested in a professional career in Building Maintenance? Do you have good passes in Mathematics, English and a Science subject or have you recently completed a City & Guilds Advanced Craft Certificate or equivalent qualifications?

If the answer is yes, you could join us as a Technical Trainee receiving training and experience, working alongside Technical Officers who ensure that the Council's housing stock is repaired and maintained in good condition.

We offer day release to study for professional qualifications, good on-the-job training, excellent conditions of service including 26 days holiday and flexible working hours. Ref: 9/1/3497.

Closing date: 15th December 1989.

For an informal chat please contact Tony Joyce on 01-446 8511 ext 4854.

Application forms available from Address No. 1.

Are you looking for a rewarding manual job?

### ESTATE ATTENDANT

around £150 pw inc.

We are re-organising the cleaning and management services on one of our

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## where to apply

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2 Assistant Controller (Support Services), Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ. Tel: 01-446 8511 extn. 4454.

3 Director of Educational Services, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, London N11 3DL. Tel: 01-368 1255.

4 Director of Social Services, Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 9HZ. Tel: 01-446 6857 (24 hour answer service), or 01-446 1488 extn. 4213.

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## Women's Day of Sport

THE Women's Day of Sport, organised by Barnet Council's Recreation Group offered a variety pack of activities at the Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. There was something for every sportswoman, from the keen athlete to the vaguely interested.

In the morning the choice was aerobics, archery and indoor golf. In the afternoon there were demonstrations of synchronised swimming and the Kateda method of self defence. There was a chance to have a fitness test or try out the cut and thrust of fencing.

The popular day's event was sponsored by Liberty Life Financial Services of Barnet.



Robin Hood eat your heart out. Louise Foster gets archery instruction from Maggie Ward



Eva Davies watches her mother-in-law Shirley take a lesson from Andy Ainsworth a professional golfer

## Now try these

WITH ALL the good food and celebrations associated with this festive season, this could be the time to make a New Year Resolution to keep fit.

Barnet Council have designed a series of sporting activities for women so that they can enter the new decade with health, zest and vitality.

### Options

Join the fantastic range of courses for women over the age of 16.

Find out about them in Barnet Council's Options newsletter. There are bookable courses in badminton, indoor golf, self defence, swimming and swim-fit sessions. And drop in sessions for keep fit and multi-sport where there is no need to book, just turn up and pay on the day.

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# IT'S STARTED: A bright future for Grahame Park



Left: A little spade work for the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Dot Benson, and Eyo Nkune, Chairman of Grahame Park Tenants' and Residents' Association, to mark the start of work at Halifax and Guilfoyle flats, which is the first stage of Barnet Council's £36 million Grahame Park Project



It should have been a Bingo afternoon for members of Halifoyle Social Club, but when they heard a start was to be made on the Grahame Park Project they gave up their Bingo and invited the Mayor and guests to tea in their club room. Tea was served by Mary Doe (left), Leonard Blake and Daisy Currie (second right), seen here talking with the Mayor and ward councillor Jenny Manson. In return Peter Eyles, representing the contractor, promised to redecorate the clubroom, which serves the residents in Halifax and Guilfoyle

## Barnet's 7,000th council home customers



Adam Compton, four, plays as his parents celebrate buying their council home. L to R: Sydney Chapman MP; The Mayor of Barnet; Steve and Cathy Compton with Dale, and ward councillor Mrs Mamie Perry

FRIDAY 17 November was a crowded day for Steven and Catherine Compton of 3 Baring Court, Park Road, New Barnet.

Their flat was full of visitors, because it was the day they finalised the purchase of their council home. It also happened to be the 7,000th Barnet Council home sale.

Their visitors included the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Dot Benson, Sydney Chapman, MP for Chipping Barnet, Cllr Norman Hirshfield, Chairman of Barnet's Housing Committee, and Ray Janering, Director of Housing and Environmental Health.

Steve and Cathy lived with Steve's parents when they first

married looking forward to the day when they would have a home of their own. Cathy was born in Finchley and Steve, who is with the Royal Parks Constabulary, has lived in the borough for 15 years. They didn't want to move away and when their second son, Dale, was born they moved into their present home.

"We could never have afforded to buy a flat in this area," Steve said. "But with the council scheme we qualified for a discount of 40 per cent, which meant the price was £39,000 instead of £68,000."

Sydney Chapman said: "This is a very special occasion. You are the 7,000th household in the

Borough of Barnet to take up your right to buy your council home and the importance is shown by the Mayor coming today to wish you well."

Last year more than 800 tenants bought their homes. The money which comes to the council from these sales is used to build new homes and improve existing council houses and flats.

This year Barnet Council will spend almost £26 million on major housing projects, including new homes, refurbishment and improvements, and finance for Housing Associations who provide homes for people on the Council's Housing Waiting List.

## St John's Close gets a new look

THE MAYOR of Barnet, Cllr Dot Benson, signalled the start of work on a full refurbishment of St John's Close sheltered housing scheme in Rasper Road, Whetstone, on 16 November when she handed the keys to Mr Ted Wildey, representing the contractors.

This is one of Barnet's older sheltered schemes and residents HAD shared bathrooms.

### A new design

Now the whole scheme is to be redesigned so that all residents will have a self-contained one-bedroom flat with their own kitchen and bathroom.

New gables will be built to give a more attractive frontage on Rasper Road and to provide additional space. A lift will be installed, and there will be a new residents' laundry, community lounge and a bathroom with special equipment for disabled residents.

When it is complete, at the end of October 1990, it will provide 17 flats for single people and married couples. While the work is in progress residents have been moved to other sheltered housing and will be able to move back when their new homes are ready.



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