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LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

CIVIC NEWS

TREE CONSERVATION IN BARNET

"Landscape" embraces all features of our visual surroundings. Unlike many aspects of town planning, it cannot be designed and implemented at will, it has to be grown. With every individual tree, as with woodlands, there is a continuous cycle of change since a tree is a living thing and if man is to foster this part of his traditional environment he must accept the natural evolutionary process of its creation, and ultimate disintegration. To enable this process to continue a constructive policy of conservation must be adopted involving an acceptance of constant change and regeneration.

Sheer preservation for its own sake is not enough and will sooner or later lead to trouble. This applies, for example, to the preservation of an over-mature Elm so that the old tree becomes dangerous and eventually sheds its branches, or to the preservation of a forest steadily deteriorating because sub-soil water is being heavily extracted by artificial pumping or because of air pollution from nearby industry. In the first case it would be expedient to replace the Elm with a younger tree before it became dangerous and in the other the replacement of indigenous species by introduced species appropriate to the new conditions ought to be undertaken to ensure the continuation of the landscape feature.

The existing landscape in the London Borough of Barnet is derived from tree plantings made mainly in the 18th and more particularly the 19th centuries. The plantings were in the main fostered by an agricultural community to ensure a continuing supply of material needs for building, fuel and the shelter of annual crops. Amenity needs were of secondary importance until the second half of the 19th century when the development of this part of London as an urban community began. We can take considerable pride in our landscape but cannot afford to be complacent about it if we are to ensure that future generations will inherit a landscape they in their turn can enjoy.

In addition to the visual amenity and shelter from high winds which trees

provide, there is also their value in providing food and sanctuary for bird life which adds to the pleasures of everyday existence throughout the seasons.

The Council is anxious to ensure that its policy of conservation and replacement will maintain and enhance the appearance of the Borough. Any policy must be geared to the replacement of unavoidable losses and to the improvement of amenities where they need strengthening. The main instruments of this policy are:—

- (a) The making of a Tree Preservation Order where the loss of trees worthy of preservation is liable to occur.
- (b) The encouragement of new tree planting to replace losses or strengthen existing features.

Tree Preservation Orders

The Town and Country Planning Act, 1962 gives a local Planning Authority power to make Orders for the preservation of trees, groups of trees and woodlands. Once an Order is confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government it prevents the felling and lopping of the specified trees unless permission has been granted

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THE GREAT YEWE—ST. ANDREW'S, TOTTERIDGE



This remarkable specimen which has prime claim to be Barnet's oldest living link with its history may be 800-1,000 years old. The possibility that its existence is recorded in a survey of the Manor of Totteridge made in the 13th century for the Bishop of Ely is interesting and is being further investigated.

In 1796 the tree measured 26 ft. in girth, 3 ft. from the ground, and 171 years later in 1967 the tree still measures approximately 26 ft. in girth, 3 ft. from the ground. The apparent lack of increase in girth over 171 years is typical of ancient trees and illustrative of the difficulties of estimating their age. In fact, the tree is maintaining its growth quite well as new growth appears to be keeping pace with and repairing the ravages of time and heart rot which has probably been present in the tree for some 600 years.

RATE REBATES

Article by The Borough Treasurer — W. R. HARMAN, F.I.M.T.A., F.C.A., F.R.V.A.

The Government has recently published figures which show that in 1966/67 Barnet granted a higher amount by way of rate rebates than any other London borough. The figure for Barnet was shown as £140,000 which was followed in the list by £130,000 for Bromley, Croydon and Havering. This does not mean that the Council has been more generous than other authorities; indeed this is not possible because the rate rebate procedure is set out in the Rating Act, 1966, and is uniform over the whole country. What it may mean is that we have been rather more successful in letting ratepayers know of the availability of this assistance. Certainly the Council has attempted to publicise rate rebates as widely as possible. We have taken up local newspaper advertising space, displayed posters, distributed leaflets with demand notes and to tenants of Council and Greater London Council dwellings and offered leaflets at cashiers' counters and in the public libraries. In addition a year ago I wrote a short article in "Civic News" setting out briefly the facts about rate rebates.

You will appreciate by the total amount granted that the work of dealing with the rate rebate procedure has been very considerable. The Act itself became law in March 1966, a few days before the start of the financial year 1966/67 when the new procedure was to commence. Staff had to be diverted from other work, or had to be recruited and trained. Leaflets, posters, forms and explanatory notices had to be drafted. In the event something like 6,000 applications were received for each of the two rate instalments. Of these, rather more than two-thirds were found to be entitled to some relief from their rate liabilities. Because of the newness of the procedure and the late enactment of the legislation, the Council have allowed ratepayers to receive the full amount of rebates even though their applications were received later than one month after the start of the rate instalment period. This concession cannot be given in 1967/68; if therefore you wish to claim a rebate from your rates in the new financial year, you must ensure that your application is returned by 30th April for the first instalment and 31st October for the second instalment.

Many of the successful applicants have been retired folk, although the scheme is not limited according to age but is based on income. Perhaps it would be as well if I were to repeat the main points concerning entitlement to and calculation of rebates.

Maximum rate rebates for the instalment of rates due on 1st April, 1967, may be claimed by occupiers of houses, flats and other dwellings where their income in the six months' period 1st July to 31st December, 1966, was below £260 (equivalent to £10 a week) for a married applicant, or £208 (equivalent to £8 a week) for a single applicant. These figures are increased by £39 (equivalent to £1 10s.0d. a week) for each dependent child. Rebates of less than the maximum amount may be claimed by ratepayers with incomes slightly above these figures because

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

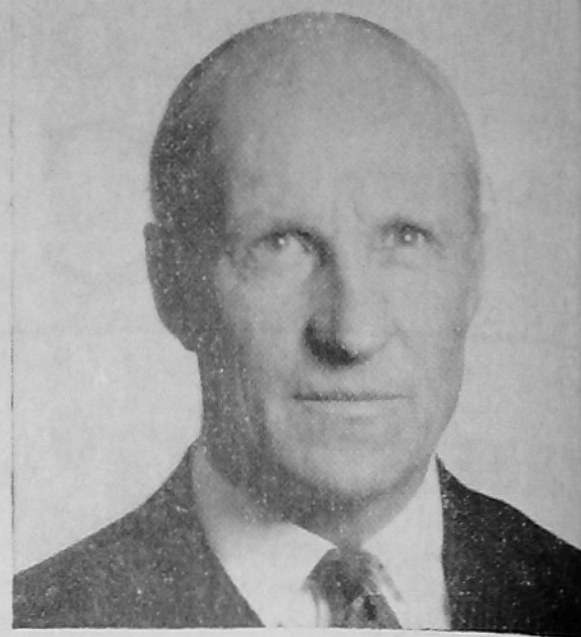
Income is that received from all sources and is to be taken before deduction of income tax, national insurance and other deductions. Capital is disregarded but all forms of income of both husband and wife are to be taken into account with the exception of payments for board and lodging by lodgers or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

The maximum rebate is calculated on the basis that the applicant has to pay £3 15s. 0d. plus one-third of the balance of the half year's rates. Thus a ratepayer living on his own who received less than £208 in the six months to 31st December, 1966, and whose half-yearly rates are £30 can claim rebate of £17 10s. 0d. Where adult persons other than the applicant and his wife (or alternatively another close relative) live in the household, rebate will proportionately reduce.

Persons receiving regular supplementary benefit from the Ministry of Social Security (which has now replaced the National Assistance Board) will not normally gain from the new provisions because in these cases the Ministry is taking the full rates into account in making their assessment. Any person receiving such benefit who is not certain whether full account is being taken of his rates should ask at his local office of the Ministry to see if there would be any advantage to him in making an application for a rate rebate.

I would emphasise that claims may be made both by ratepayers who pay their rates directly to the Council (that is those who receive a demand note) and also those who pay their rates in with their rent, either to the Council or Greater London Council or to a private landlord. In addition, and this point seems to have been somewhat overlooked, claims can be made by

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL



Councillor A. P. Fletcher

After war service in the Army, where he became a Lieutenant-Colonel, Councillor Fletcher settled in Mill Hill with his wife in 1945 and has lived there since; they have four children.

He was one of the Mill Hill representatives on the Hendon Borough Council from 1954 and since his election as a Councillor for Barnet he has been successively Chairman of the Appeals Committee, the Buildings and Town Planning Committee and the Hendon Aerodrome Committee.

For many years he has been on the Parochial Church Council of St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill and served on the Hendon Ruridecanal Conference. He is president of the Mill Hill Cricket and Hockey Club—he was a hockey blue at Oxford—and a Vice-President of the Mill Hill branches of the British Legion and of the United Nations Association.

In the time that is left over from his professional and council activities, his recreations are walking and the study of architecture.

tenants of ratepayers, that is, persons who although they may not pay rates directly to the Council, occupy part only of a dwelling for which they pay rent.

All applicants may be assured that any information is treated in the strictest confidence.

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

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week, 4th-10th June, 1967—the second Mental Health Week—is promoted by the National Association for Mental Health and the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, and all local authorities are being requested to add their support to that of voluntary and professional organisations, psychiatric hospitals, schools, universities and churches throughout the United Kingdom.

The theme for 1967 is "Mental Health—Work to be Done" and the aim is to stimulate interest in mental health careers, to increase recruitment and to encourage those already engaged in other careers to give time to voluntary work in the mental health field.

The London Borough of Barnet is planning an Exhibition at St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church Hall, Redbourne Avenue, Finchley, N.3., which will be formally opened at 8 p.m. on Monday, 5th June. The Guest Speaker will be Christopher Mahew, M.P., and after the formal opening addresses, there will be an opportunity for everybody to view the Exhibition. Light refreshments will be served. The Exhibition will remain open for the whole week from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and members of the staff of the Health and Welfare and Education Departments will be on duty at the Hall to give information and advice on the careers depicted in the Exhibition.

On Thursday, 8th June it is proposed to hold a Brains Trust at the Hall when members of the public are invited to put questions to a panel, who have specialist knowledge of mental health services.

Members of the Panel will be as follows:—

Mrs. Curzon (National Council for the Training of the Handicapped).

Dr. R. Mein, Principal Group Psychologist, Harperbury Hospital.

Mr. S. S. Segal, Head of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt School for Physically Handicapped Children.

Dr. R. C. Greenberg, Principal Medical Officer (Mental Health) London Borough of Barnet.

Mr. D. L. Stewart, Careers Advisory Officer, London Borough of Barnet.

CIVIC TRUST AWARDS

The Civic Trust aims to stimulate and foster interest in the appearance of our cities, towns and villages and to create an awareness of environmental design in all its aspects, including architecture, landscaping, planning and civic design. As a means of drawing attention to the best contributions now being made in these various fields the Trust is again organising a scheme of awards.

The Awards Scheme was instituted in 1959. This is the third time it will operate in London and the first on which it applies to the Greater London area as constituted under the London Government Act, 1963.

The scheme normally covers a period of three years but, owing to the Local Government boundary changes in April, 1965, projects in the London Borough of Barnet area which would otherwise have come under the Scheme for County Council areas in 1965 were precluded from entry. A two year extension has therefore been allowed and the Council of the London Borough of Barnet has agreed to participate in the current Awards Scheme and entries are invited for projects carried out in the Borough by public or statutory authorities or by private enterprise during the five-year period between 1st June, 1962, and the 31st May, 1967. Entries should be submitted to the Borough Planning Officer at Gateway House, 322, Regents Park Road, Finchley, London, N.3, not later than 15th June, 1967.

The aims of the scheme are:—

- (a) To stimulate interest in the total environment, rather than in single buildings;
- (b) To recognise that quality does not

depend on size and that any modest structure or improvement can express quality as fully as a large redevelopment scheme;

- (c) To stimulate local interest by being locally organised, presented and publicised and to emphasise that improvement of the environment depends upon collaboration between all concerned—Planning Authority, owner, architect and contractor.

Two classes of entry are invited:—

CLASS I. New buildings or structures, in the design of which respect has been paid to the character of neighbouring buildings, spaces and natural surroundings.

CLASS II. Other improvements to the visual scene—e.g., shelters and kiosks, footbridges, landscaping schemes, restoration to existing buildings, etc.

Civic Trust Awards in the past have been made on civic centres, hospitals, police and fire stations; hotels, offices, shopping centres; bridges and road improvements; schools, colleges, universities; libraries, theatres and a zoo; churches; flats and all types of housing; restoration of historic buildings; swimming pools and sports pavilions.

An assessor will be appointed on the advice of the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects. The awards take the form of plaques and certificates, which will be presented to the winning entries at a civic ceremony. The Borough Planning Officer will act as co-ordinator with the Civic Trust and the Assessor, and will be pleased to supply entry forms or further information on request.



The Mayoress of the London Borough of Barnet (Councillor (Mrs.) Ena Constable, J.P.), with volunteers of the London Borough of Barnet Division of the Civil Defence Corps after the presentation of Training Certificates at the Town Hall, Hendon, on the 27th February, 1967.

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1. TOWN CLERK

Town Hall, The Burroughs,
Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel. 01-202 8282.

All enquiries and callers to Town Hall,
Hendon.

2. BOROUGH TREASURER

Town Hall, The Burroughs,
Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel. 01-202 8282.

All enquiries and callers to Town Hall,
Hendon.

Payment of rates may also be made at certain specified times at the following district offices:—

Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet.

Council Offices, 28 Station Road, New Barnet.

Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11.

King Edward Hall, 331 Regent's Park Road, N.3.

Rome's Shop, 14 Hampden Square, N.14.

3. BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road,
Finchley, N.3. (4th & 5th floors.)
Tel. 01-349 9121.

Enquiries may be made to Gateway House, but those relating to building inspection should be made to the appropriate division:—

Central Division (Finchley, Golders Green and Cricklewood) 294 Regent's Park Road, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

Northern Division (Barnet, East Barnet, Friern Barnet) Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts.
Tel. 01-449 9181.

Western Division (Hendon, West Hendon, Burnt Oak, Colindale, Mill Hill, Edgware) Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware. Tel. 01-952 7722.

4. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (Health and Welfare Dept.)

General enquiries to:

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road,
Finchley, N.3. (1st & 2nd floors.)
Tel. 01-349 9121.

Specific enquiries for certain services based on other premises may be made as follows:—
Mental Welfare Officers, Ravenscroft House,
61 Wood Street, Barnet, Herts.
Tel. 01-449 5511

District Welfare Officers, 308 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

Public Health Inspectors (for Barnet, East Barnet and Friern Barnet), Church Farm, Church Hill Road, East Barnet.
Tel. 01-368 1116/17

Public Health Inspectors (for Hendon, Mill Hill, West Hendon, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Colindale) *Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware.
Tel. 01-952 7722.

Public Health Inspectors (for Finchley, Golders Green, Cricklewood) Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

*Green Shield House—other enquiries may also be made in respect of Health and Welfare Services.

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Buses: 113, 221, 240, 266

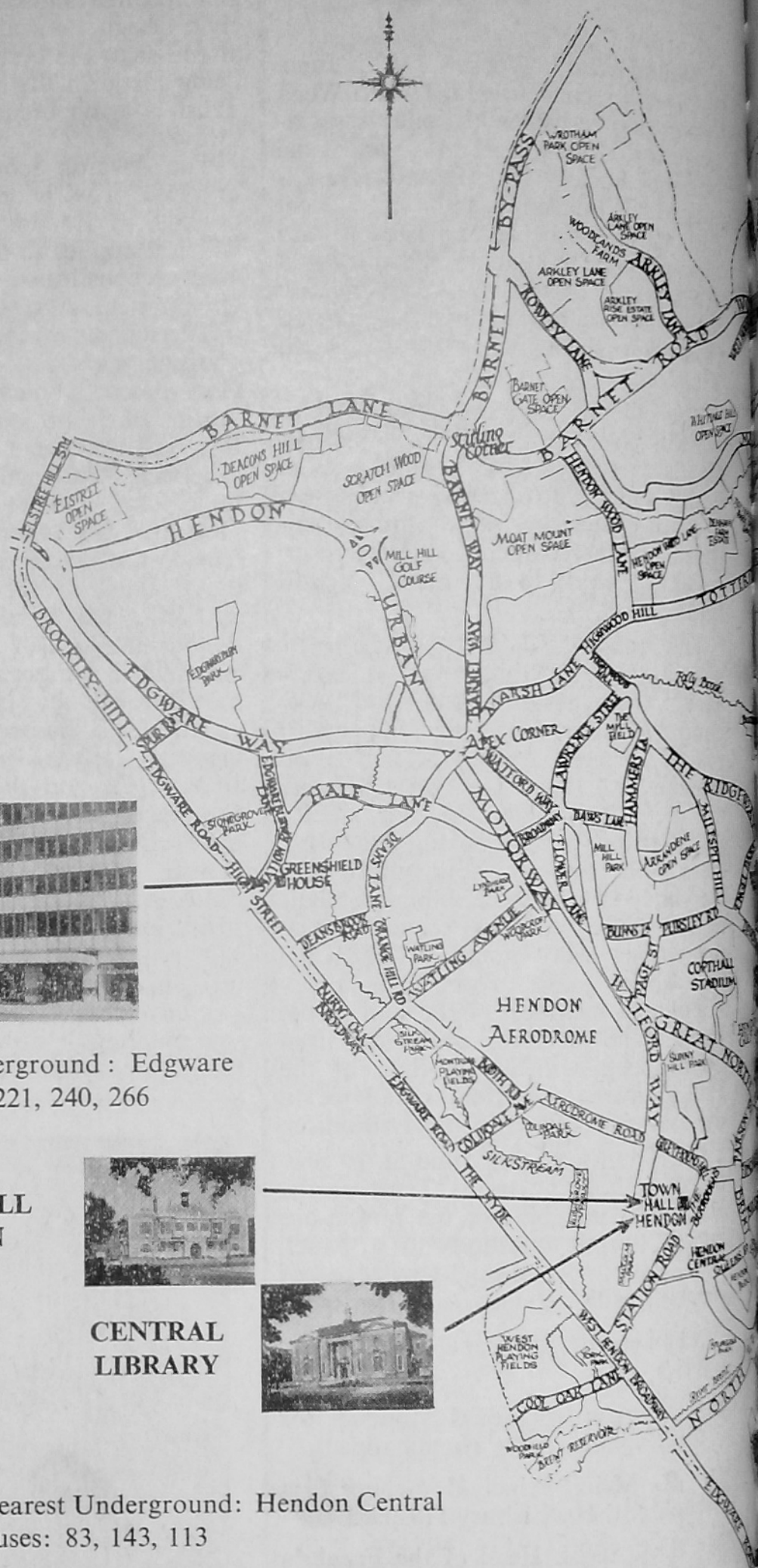
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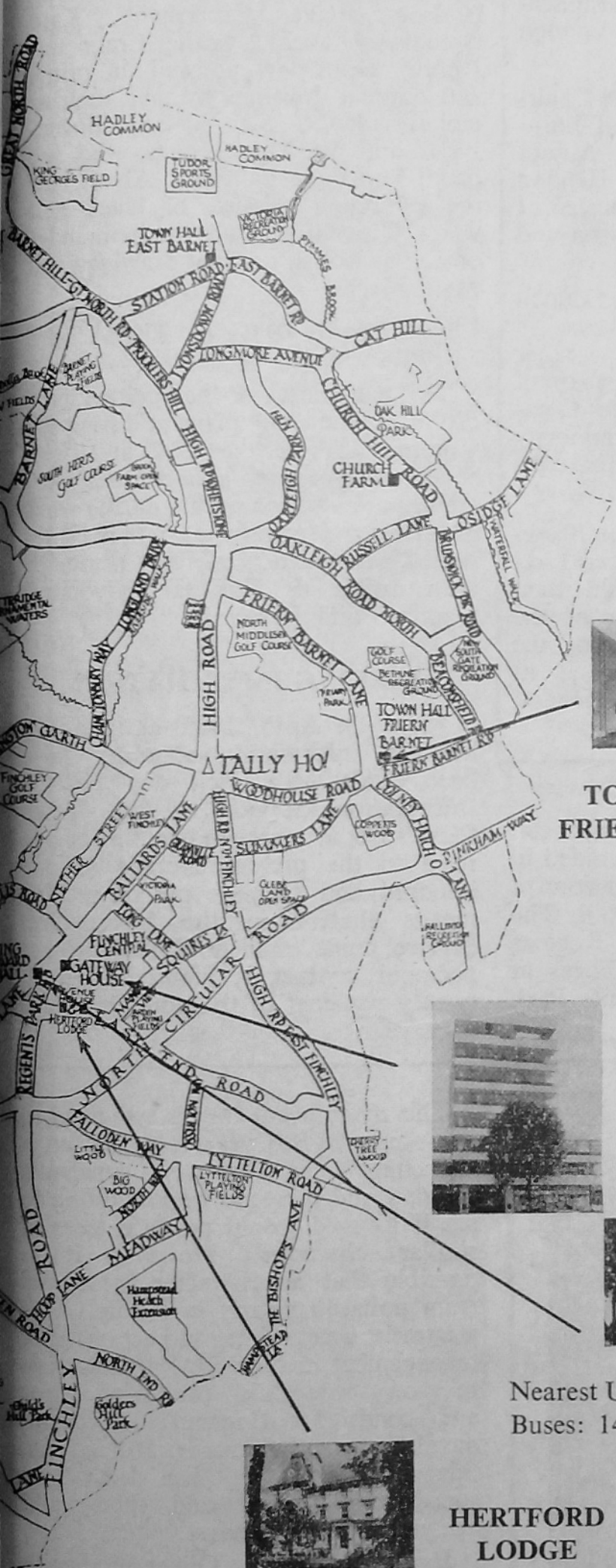
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Buses: 83, 143, 113



DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNCIL



**TOWN HALL
FRIERN BARNET**

Nearest Undergrounds :
Arnos Grove
Totteridge and Whetstone
Buses : 134, 221, 43



**GATEWAY
HOUSE**

Nearest Underground: Finchley Central
Buses: 143, 260, 245, 2



**KING
EDWARD
HALL**



**HERTFORD
LODGE**

Nearest Underground: Finchley Central
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WATFORD WAY, HENDON, N.W.4.

5. CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11.
Tel. 01-368 1101.

All enquiries to Town Hall, Friern Barnet.

6. BOROUGH ARCHITECT

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road,
Finchley, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

All enquiries to Gateway House.

7. BOROUGH PLANNING OFFICER

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road,
Finchley, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

Enquiries may be made to Gateway House, but those relating to development applications should be made to the appropriate divisional planning office:—

Central Division (Finchley, Golders Green, Cricklewood), 294/6 Regent's Park Road, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

Northern Division (Barnet, East Barnet and Friern Barnet), Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts. Tel. 01-449 9181.

Western Division (Mill Hill, Edgware, Hendon, West Hendon, Burnt Oak, Colindale), Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware. Tel. 01-952 7722.

8. BOROUGH LIBRARIAN

Central Library, The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel. 01-202 5625.

All enquiries to the Central Library.

9. *BOROUGH HOUSING OFFICER

King Edward Hall, 331 Regent's Park Road,
Finchley, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

Enquiries may be made to King Edward Hall or to the two District Offices below:—

Southern—Green Shield House, (11th floor), Station Road, Edgware, Middx. Tel. 01-952 7722.

Northern—42 Lytton Road, New Barnet, Herts. Tel. 01-449 9222.

10. BOROUGH ESTATES OFFICER

Hertford Lodge, East End Road, Finchley, N.3. Tel. 01-349 9121.

11. BOROUGH CHILDREN'S OFFICER

Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11.
Tel. 01-368 1101.

Enquiries for service to Family Advice Centre:—

Western Division (Hendon), Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware. Tel. 01-952 7722.

Eastern Division (Finchley, Barnet, East Barnet and Friern Barnet), 1 Friern Park, N.12. (Tally Ho!) Tel. 01-445 4264 & 01-445 8772.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL



Alderman K. G. Pamplin

Alderman Pamplin, who has been a Hendon resident for a quarter of a century, was first elected as a Councillor to represent the Edgware Ward of the former Borough of Hendon in 1952, and was appointed an Alderman in 1962. He served on all the principal Committees, also on Special Committees of that authority, was Chairman of its Buildings and Town Planning, Highways and Finance Committees, and General Purposes and Further Education Sub-Committees of the Education Committee. He was leader of the majority group from April, 1961.

Alderman Pamplin also served on the former Central Middlesex Area Planning Committee, County Planning Committee, Local Area Health Committee, London Council of RoSPA, the A.M.C. Special Committee on Local Government Reorganisation, Borough 30 (former name for the London Borough of Barnet) Joint Committee (Chairman of Establishment Sub-Committee) and the London Boroughs Committee.

He was a Governor (and first Chairman of the Governing Body) of Barnfield, Goldbeaters and Moat Mount Schools, and is a Governor of Hendon College of Technology, and trustee of the Charities of Samuel Atkinson and Others.

Elected an Alderman of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet in 1964, Alderman Pamplin was Leader of the Majority Group, Chairman of the Constitution and Finance Committees and was leader of the minority group on the London Boroughs Committee.

Married, with one son, he is Secretary of Bristol Siddeley Engines, Ltd., Small Engines Division. Alderman Pamplin was the first Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet (for the municipal year 1965/66) and is at present Chairman of the West Hendon Development Committee.

EXTENSIONS TO HOUSES

The Council has produced a guide on the ways in which dwelling houses can be enlarged without spoiling their appearance—and the pitfalls to be avoided in the interests of amenity and good neighbourliness. It is entitled "Extensions to Houses" and copies may be obtained on request from the Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, from the Planning Department at Gateway House, Regents Park Road, Finchley, N.3, or from the three Divisional Planning Offices at Edgware (Green Shield House, Station Road), Finchley (294-6, Regents Park Road, Finchley, N.3), and New Barnet (Town Hall, Station Road).

THE GOLDSMITH OAK, LAWRENCE STREET

CHURCH FARM HOUSE
MUSEUM
EXHIBITIONS

8th April—30th April. 19th Century Book Illustration.

This exhibition includes works by the important British book illustrators of the nineteenth century such as Rowlandson, Blake, Cruikshank, Kate Greenaway, Tenniel, Walter Crane and Aubrey Beardsley, as well as prints and original drawings by men such as Holman Hunt, Sir Edward Burne-Jones and Sir John Millais, who are better known as painters. About half the exhibition consists of black and white illustrations and the remainder of colour prints, original drawings and wood blocks.

13th May—4th June. Japanese Colour Prints.

This is a survey of the "golden age" of the Japanese colour-print during the hundred years between 1740 and 1840. Seventeenth-century monochrome examples are also included, and the work of all the well-known masters is represented with particularly fine prints by such artists as Koriyasu, Kiyonaga, Utamaro and Hokusai.

SEEKING INFORMATION

From 1st April, 1965, at least one hundred information enquiries have been dealt with each day by the Information Service of the Town Clerk's Department, and enquiries have risen to the present average of one hundred and sixty-six per day. This means that from the Information Service point of view alone, a direct personal contact is maintained with twenty per cent of the adult residents each year.

This magnificent Oak is estimated to be some 400-500 years old. Its erect branching character is somewhat unusual and it would be interesting to see if its seed would produce trees of similar character. However it is possible that its character is derived from pollarding early in its life. This treatment was an integral part of forest management in the 16th-18th centuries to grow "ship Oak" producing knees and bends for England's merchant, naval fleets, and churches. If this is so, this particular tree has not been successfully treated and this could account for its survival.

Its association with Oliver Goldsmith is difficult to authenticate and the name may be derived from Goldbeaters—Goldsmiths—Farm which is indicated on a map of 1821 to the south of Lawrence Street.

HENDON CREMATORIUM AND CEMETERY

April and May visitors to the grounds of the Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, N.W.7, will be welcomed by what is planned to be a wonderful splash of floral colour.

Copious applications of hydrated lime and leaf mould to the natural clay structure of the flower beds has aggregated the soil particles and the hundreds of wallflowers which are planted out have weathered the mild winter very well. The tulips are well above the ground surface and during late April and early May will come into bloom simultaneously with the main wallflower bedding.

Between the administration buildings and Holders Hill Road are three oval flower beds in which are planted Scarlet Emperor wallflowers combined with yellow (Mrs. J. Scheepers) tulips, Cloth of Gold wallflowers with white (Zwanenberg) tulips, and Blood Red wallflowers with pale rose (Princess Elizabeth) tulips. Interplanted between these wallflowers and tulips are other tulips of an early flowering variety, Keizerkroon, a single early which is two-toned of red with yellow tips, a truly magnificent specimen. Forming a background to the three oval beds are two borders which back directly against the administration blocks. Into these beds are planted the strong red Farncombe Sanders tulips with surely the finest wallflower of all, Orange Bedder.

Passing through the main entrance archways into the Cemetery, visitors will be faced on the West side of the

Main Drive with some 2,500 double early tulips which will grow away to a height of some 12in. or so, these being bedded out in blocks of contrasting colours. These double early tulips of Peach, Scarlet, Yellow, White and duo colours, will be faced from the East side of the drive by five oval flower beds, each bed containing wallflowers and a contrasting colour of late flowering tulip. It is unfortunate that at a time when the wallflowers are only just past their best it is necessary to remove them in order to bed out the Summer display and this fact should be borne in mind by potential visitors.

Visitors are asked to note that the hours between which the Crematorium and Cemetery are open to the public are as follows:—

March and April, 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
May, June, July, August, September,
8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Correspondence and enquiries should be directed to the Superintendent, Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, N.W.7. (Telephone 346 0629 or 346 0657.)

THE CORPORATION'S ROLE IN THE ADOPTION COURT

The Council's Children's Officer shares with the Probation Service the responsibility for investigating, on behalf of the Court, the suitability of every couple who apply to adopt a child. The High Court, the County Court, and the Juvenile Court all have jurisdiction to hear adoption cases, and no one can adopt a child without first satisfying the Court as to their suitability. To be certain about this, the Court appoints a Probation Officer or the Children's Officer as *Guardian ad Litem*—"The Guardian at Law" of the infant. The Guardian visits the child in his new home and discusses with the adopters their feelings about adopting a child who is not their own. He observes the physical and emotional care of the child, the attitudes of the adopters' relatives, and the likelihood of the adoptive home being suitable in all respects. Enquiries will be directed to the family doctor and to other reputable referees. The Guardian will also ensure that the child's own mother freely consents to the making of the adoption order, thus ensuring that a child's right to be brought up by his own parent is not taken away except when that course is shown to be in the child's interest.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Particulars of Road Safety Activities in the Western Area of the London Borough of Barnet due to take place in the near future.

FRIDAY, 14th APRIL to SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1967.

Road Craft and Safety Exhibition at the Motor Car Showrooms of W. Harold Perry Limited, Whitchurch Lane, Edgware, organised in conjunction with the Harrow Road Safety Council and the Metropolitan Police Road Craft Exhibition Unit. 2.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. daily, but special arrangements will be made for organised parties of Schoolchildren to visit the exhibition from 9.30 a.m. The exhibition will be opened by the Mayor of Harrow (Councillor E. G. Buckle, F.R.I.C.S., J.P.), on Friday, 14th April, 1967, at 11.0 a.m. The Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet (Councillor L. G. Snelling, J.P.), will also take part in the opening ceremony.

SUNDAY, 21st MAY, 1967.

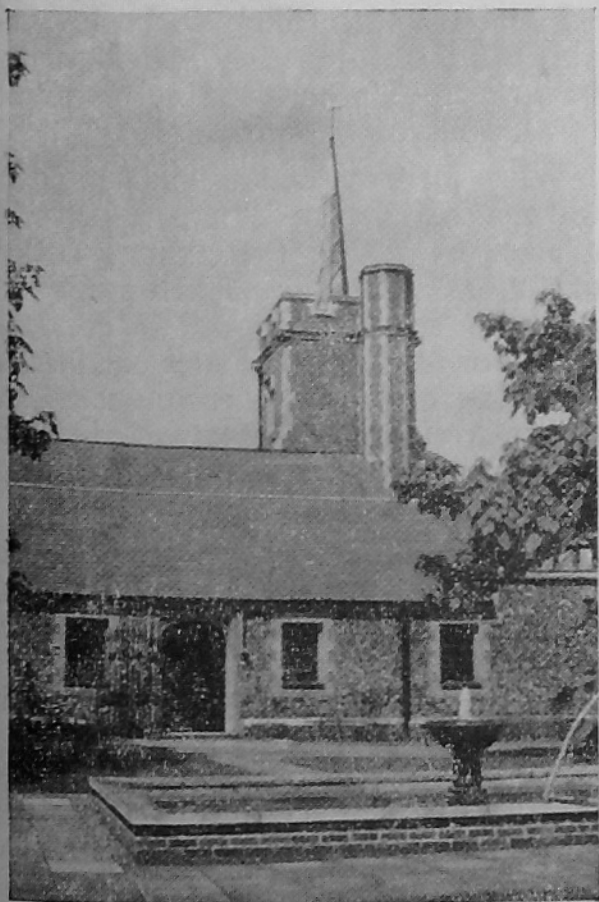
Safe Driving Trials organised by the London Borough of Barnet with the co-operation of the League of Safe Drivers and the Metropolitan Police Driving School, to be held at Hendon Aerodrome, Colindale, N.W.9, commencing at 10 a.m.

A NEW SCHOOL

The new Woodridge School in Southover, N.20, which is nearing completion, will be a junior mixed and infants' school catering for children aged 5-11 years. The school has seven classrooms, a specialist assembly hall with adjacent changing and shower facilities, a separate dining area and a self-contained school meals kitchen.

The site is an area of 3.7 acres and this is sufficient to give a grass playing space immediately adjoining the school buildings.

The school will open in September 1967, but some of the accommodation will be in use from Easter 1967 for children between 5 and 7 years' of age. Parents who are seeking places in September for a child between 5 and 11 years old, or who are seeking a place after Easter for a child aged between 5 and 7 years' old, should write to the Chief Education Officer, Education Department, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11, stating the full name of the child, the date of birth and whether the child is already attending another school. Some parents have already written and if they have received a letter confirming that the child's name has been entered for the new school, they need take no further action.



THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ALDERMEN

Bryson, J. G., J.P., 149 Abbots Gardens, East Finchley, N.2.
 Cohen, A. D., J.P., M.A., 4 Church Mount, N.2.
 Freedman, J. L., J.P., M.A., LL.B., 2 Woodward Avenue, N.W.4.
 Head, S., 20 Hasluck Gardens, New Barnet, Herts.
 Norman, R. J., 8 Church Vale, N.2.
 Pamplin, K. G., 30 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, N.W.7.
 Paul, A., J.P., 160 Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex.
 Reynolds, C. H. F., J.P., 38 West Hill Way, Totteridge, N.20.
 Sheill, C. H., K.S.G., 12 Queens Road, N.W.4.

COUNCILLORS

HIGH BARNET AREA

WARD

Arkley East. Hopkins, Mrs. C. D., B.A., 12 Ravenscroft Park, Barnet, Herts.
Arkley West. Pudney, Mrs. J. E., 13 Aitken Road, Barnet, Herts.
Barnet North. Cheason, Ernest, 66 Old Fold View, Barnet, Herts.
Barnet South. Woodruff, P. G. H., 10 Southway, Totteridge, N.20.
Brunswick Park. Passingham, M. B., 23 Dene Road, New Southgate, N.11.
Cockfosters. Gunning, G. A. J., J.P., 103 Vernon Crescent, East Barnet, Herts.
East Barnet. Vacancy.
Hadley. Jobbins, G. H., 40 Potters Lane, New Barnet, Herts.
Lyonsdown. Asker, E. A. E., J.P., F.C.C.S., A.B.A.A., 35 Northumberland Road, New Barnet, Herts.
New Barnet. Seagroatt, W., J.P., 14 Uplands Road, East Barnet, Herts.
Osidge. Lewis, R. B., 88 Friars Walk, Southgate, N.14.
Totteridge. Franklin, Mrs. B. M., 29 West Hill Way, Totteridge, N.20.

FINCHLEY AREA

WARD

Finchley Central. Klean, K. M., 72 Bow Lane, Finchley, N.12.
 Sapsted, N. J., 1 Chandos Avenue, Whetstone, N.20.
 Snelling, L. G., 97 Abbots Gardens, East Finchley, N.2.
Finchley East. Miller, A. C. D., B.Sc.(Eng.), 2 Greenhalgh Walk, East Finchley, N.2.
 Tibber, A. H., 52 Ossulton Way, N.2.
 Webb, J., J.P., M.C.S.P., M.Inst.S.M., 64 Chandos Road, N.2.
Finchley North. Gibson, F. D., 19 Derwent Crescent, N.20.
 Hart, W. G., 48 Hervey Close, Finchley, N.3.
 Usher, V. H., 46 Chandos Avenue, Whetstone, N.20.
Finchley West. Davis, F., 20 Connaught Drive, N.W.11.
 Medway, M., 21 Crooked Usage, Finchley, N.3.
 Sattin, L., M.A.(Oxon.), 6 Connaught Drive, N.W.11.
Friern Barnet Central. Tomlinson, A. E., 11 Elm Park Road, Finchley, N.3.
Friern Barnet East. Flesher, G. H., F.I.O.B., 116 Raleigh Drive, N.20.
Friern Barnet North. Tangye, W. H., J.P., F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I., 28 Langton Avenue, N.20.
Friern Barnet South. George, E. C., 11 Bethune Avenue, Friern Barnet, N.11.
Friern Barnet West. Constable, Mrs. E., J.P., 43 Church Crescent, N.20.

HENDON SOUTH AREA

WARD

Childs Hill. Hughes, K. W., F.I.O.B., F.R.S.H., "Lyndale", Lilley Lane, Hale Lane, N.W.7.
 Sutton, N. R., A.I.B., 34 Willifield Way, N.W.11.
 Young, A., LL.B., 125 Millway, N.W.7.
Garden Suburb. Finigan, R. J., B.Sc.(Econ.), 9 Denman Drive, N.W.11.
 Mendel, P. D., J.P., 9 Raeburn Close, Wildwood Road, N.W.11.
 Sharman, F. A., B.Sc.(Eng.), A.C.G.I., M.I.C.E., 10 Erskine Hill, N.W.11.
Golders Green. Dickens, G. J., A.M.Inst.T., 16 Montpelier Rise, N.W.11.
 Freedman, Mrs. R. A., 2 Woodward Avenue, N.W.4.
 Harris, C. F., 6 Montpelier Rise, N.W.11.
Hendon Central. Hills, L. A., 31 Ashley Lane, Hendon, N.W.4.
 Lloyd-Taylor, W., 67 Uphill Grove, N.W.7.
 Stewart, T. C., O.B.E., 16 Limes Avenue, N.W.7.
Park. Cullinane, Mrs. N. I., 35 Park View Gardens, N.W.4.
 Gordon-Lee, J. D., 157 Station Road, N.W.4.
 Shock, J. W., M.A., F.C.A., 30 Wykeham Road, N.W.4.

HENDON NORTH AREA

WARD

Burnt Oak. Champion, J. S., 19 Littlefield Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware.
 Robinson, R., 9 Delamere Gardens, N.W.7.
 Collisson, F. J., 247 Wating Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middsx.
Edgware. Brooks, H. R., 9 Lonsdale Close, Orchard Drive, Edgware, Middsx.
 Felton, J. H., F.R.I.C.S., F.L.A.S., 27 Bullescroft Road, Edgware, Middsx.
 Porcas, R. J. W., T.D., 14 Park Grove, Edgware, Middsx.
Mill Hill. Fletcher, A. P., 39 Woodcroft Avenue, N.W.7.
 Simons, D. F., 17 Clarence Court, The Broadway, N.W.7.
 Thubrun, Mrs. Clara, M.B.E., J.P., 6 Lawrence Court, N.W.7.
West Hendon. Marks, L., M.A.(Cantab.), 33 Bullescroft Road, Edgware, Middsx.
 McCormack, B. E., 52 Colin Gardens, Colindale, N.W.9.
 Tyler, F. L., B.A., 2 Corringway, N.W.11.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet will be held at the Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesdays as shown below:

26th April, 1967.
 23rd May, 1967
 (Annual Meeting).
 4th July, 1967.
 25th July, 1967.

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by the Borough Council. In the event of permission being granted, conditions can be imposed governing the treatment of the trees or their replacement according to the particular circumstances.

In some cases the development of land focuses attention on trees which up till that point in time have become neglected and where the removal of poor specimens and over-mature trees gives scope for the further improvement of existing good trees and some carefully designed new planting.

Applications for the carrying out of work on trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order such, for example, as the thinning of dense groups of trees to allow the better development of selected trees are likely to be favourably considered as they will normally be in accord with good silvicultural or arboricultural practice.

When planning permission is granted for new building development on land affected by a Tree Preservation Order conditions can be imposed to suit the particular characteristics of the application. For the most part such conditions would be designed to ensure that the tree or trees are left intact and that the new development is so arranged as not to prejudice them.

There is an ever present danger of a gradual loss of the finer trees over a wide area and this if unchecked could result in deterioration of the value of the landscape generally. A well drafted Tree Preservation Order can be discriminating. Young trees are frequently included amongst those to be protected because future amenity will be more dependent on these than on older trees the life of which is limited.