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FRONT COVER

Children's book illustrator Jan
Pienkowski, with the help of chil-
dren from Dollis Junior School,
Mill Hill, paints a mural on the
wall of the children's library,
Mill Hill, as part of Children's
Book Week in October. Two
other local schools, St Vincent's
and St Paul's also took part.

New style - new structure for the 1990s

Barnet Council aims to go into a new decade as a business-like and caring organisation which puts service to its customers high on a list of priorities.

In a major review of the council's management structure and style, considered at a meeting of the General Purposes Committee on Wednesday (September 11), the Chief Executive, Max Caller, emphasised that Barnet should be a 'can do' organisation which responds helpfully in realistic timescales for the services provided by the council.

Responding to needs

Cllr Jack Clarfelt, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee said: 'I welcome the report and there is no doubt that Barnet needs to be more responsive to the needs of the residents and commercial organisations who are our customers.'

'The review will go before a full council meeting in November. If the restructuring is accepted, some organisational changes will take place in the near future. Others involve considerable work and will be phased in during the next two years.'

'One proposal from which we hope our customers will derive considerable benefit, relates to the establishment of comprehensive one-stop shops in strategic places in the borough.'

Advice and service

'This would enable people to be able to call at one office for advice and service, particularly where council departments such as Housing, Environmental Health and Social Services are concerned.'

The review also recommends changes to the council's committee structure to eliminate overlapping responsibility and include issues such as tourism for which there is no real home.

Members of the public who like to attend committees will find no change from the present system in the Education, Social Services or Grants Committees.

The Public Works Committee will continue to cover the same sphere of services, with the exception of responsibility for council markets and street trading which will transfer to a new-

look Housing and Environmental Services Committee.

Minor changes are proposed to the terms of reference for the Town Planning and Research Committee and the three Area Planning Sub-Committees. A report will be presented to the Town Planning and Research Committee in December.

A Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee will replace the current Development and Estates and Libraries and Arts Committees. This is the first step towards providing an all-embracing leisure strategy for the borough.

Policy and resources

The proposals also include the establishment of a Policy and Resources Committee, which will be the council's main instrument of policy planning and deal with resource issues such as finance.

Mr Caller said: 'The new business-like Barnet will be characterised as an organisation which recognises that it has customers who have needs, and who can make choices, and whom it attempts to serve.'

Sheet piles being driven into the bank of Moat Mount lake to provide a new retaining wall



Wet work at Moat Mount and Scratchwood

Restoration work has begun at Scratchwood and Moat Mount Countryside Park, Mill Hill, where Barnet and the Countryside Management Service are restoring to their former glory Scratchwood pond and Moat Mount lake.

Both have become silted up and have suffered from the dry summer, leaving an unsightly residue of mud and rubbish.

Scratchwood pond will be dredged and its basin recontoured to create different levels of water for plant growth. An island, valuable for breeding birds, will be created, and the outflow channel reinforced.

Work is being carried out by the Countryside Management Service of which Barnet is a contributing partner. The Service cares for the Green Belt countryside in Enfield, Hertsmere and Barnet.

Moat Mount lake is being dredged and a new retaining wall built. This work, scheduled for completion in 1991, is funded by the Borough of Barnet.



Simon Walsh, manager with the Countryside Service, indicates the mud hole which was once Scratchwood pond. When restoration work is complete in mid 1990 it will again be a beauty spot, a watering place for wildlife and a home for amphibians and water plants

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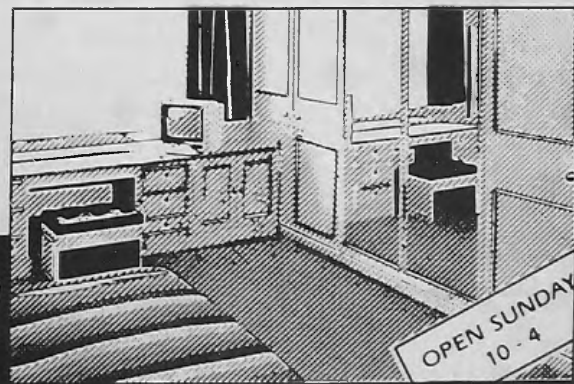
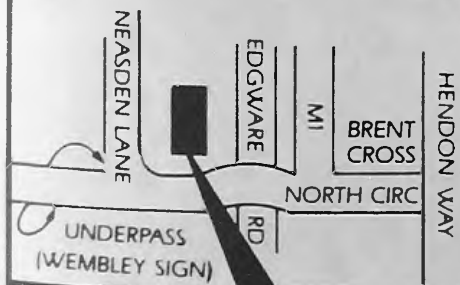
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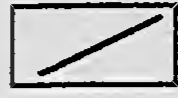


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KEY TO NOTATION

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 BETWEEN L.B. BARNET AND L.B. ENFIELD. 

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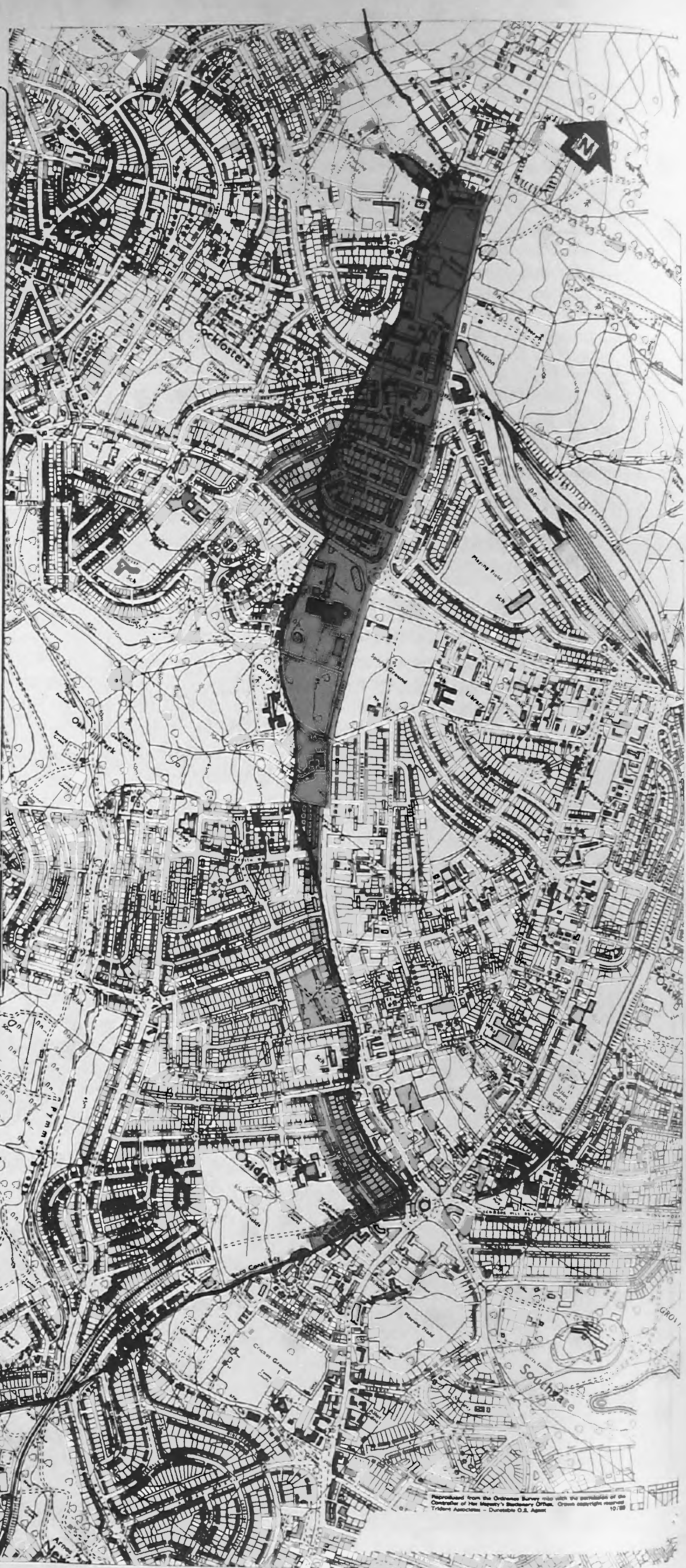
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The Boundary Commission is considering proposals from Barnet and Enfield which could involve moving the boundary between the two boroughs.

Residents of both areas are being consulted and it is important that you register your viewpoint.

There will be two public meetings at which you can ask questions and find out more about the proposals. Barnet and Enfield representatives will be present.

The meetings are on:

Wednesday: November 22

Thursday: November 23

The venue is: **The Assembly Hall, Ashmole School, Cecil Road, Southgate N14. The time: 7.30pm.**

These proposals could affect your child's admission to nursery or full-time education, and other local authority services which your family receive.

Barnet's Proposal

Barnet is asking that the boundary with Enfield be adjusted to

follow the centre of the Cockfosters Road, Chase Side and Crown Lane.

This will still mean that parents in the Borough of Barnet can apply for places at Hampden Way Nursery, Monkfrith and Osidge Junior Mixed Infant Schools and Ashmole School.

Enfield's Proposals

Enfield is asking for either:

(1): An adjusted boundary from Cat Hill to Chalk Lane, to bring Heddon Court Avenue and the surrounding triangle of properties into Enfield, together with a further adjustment from the outskirts of Oak Hill Park bringing the properties on the western side of Chase Side and Burleigh Gardens into its Borough.

(2): Or a brand new boundary along Pymmes Brook which would mean Hampden Way, East Walk and all roads going up as far as Chase Side becoming part of Enfield.

Assistant Commissioner Alistair Stone, appointed by the Boundary Commission, will be

at the two public meetings to hear the views of local residents on the proposals.

If you have any points you wish to raise or questions to ask, come and speak at one of the meetings.

Residents can also comment on the proposals by writing to:

The Boundary Commission, 20 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ.

After the meetings the Commission will consider those views and publish draft proposals.

At that stage there will be a further opportunity for residents to comment.

Maps and information leaflets are being distributed to properties affected by the proposals.

Contact point

If you have not received them and would like to have details the plans are available at:

The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 or you can contact Peter Lorenzo at The Town Hall, Hendon, on 01-202 8282 extn 2089.

Action on pavement hazards

Barnet's District Officer Service made a clean sweep from Hadley Green to Finchley Central, on Friday, October 13, to make sure that the pavements were clear of advertising boards.

An inspection of the route, the previous week, revealed 40 shops and offices where advertising boards were on the pavement

Warning letters

A letter was delivered to each premises warning the manager that signs should be removed or they would be collected by the Council and taken to the pound in Hendon Way Depot.

The warning worked well because on Friday the team with the collection lorry removed only 12 signs. The owners can reclaim them by paying £15 removal charge at the District Officer Service office, Squires Lane Depot, Finchley N3. Tel: 346 0039.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND: REVIEW OF LONDON

NOTICE OF A LOCAL MEETING CONCERNING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN BARNET AND ENFIELD

NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided to hold two local meetings concerning the Enfield/Barnet boundary in the area of Osidge/Southgate and Cockfosters. The purpose of the meetings will be to provide the Commission with first-hand evidence of people's views about the present boundary and possible alternatives which have been suggested, including Pymmes Brook and the southern perimeter of Oak Hill Park. The meetings will be conducted on behalf of the Commission by an Assistant Commissioner, Mr F. A. Stone CBE, DL, on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November in the Assembly Hall at Ashmole School, Cecil Road N14, both starting at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are invited to attend either session when they will be able to express their views without any prior notice.

The Commission's letter giving further details of the background to the meeting; its letter initiating the review; and copies of the submissions of the local authorities with maps, can all be inspected at the Council offices at:

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Copies of the Commission's letters can also be obtained from the following address, quoting reference LGBC/J/47/14.

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It was initiated by Barnet's Arts Office and is run by Stephen Bray, a manager of the New City Gallery in Southwark.

The Rose Gallery exhibits original and limited edition prints at reasonable prices. New works are constantly brought in to replace works sold, and to extend the range on show.

Works include silk-screen prints, water colours, landscapes, portraits

and etchings, at prices ranging from around £18 to £225.

Current artists include Linda Hill who has produced prize-winning silk-screen prints at her Southwark studio, as well as works for Christie's and Liberty's. Sanchia Lewis produces monochrome etchings with a European feel. Gerry Dinnage's watercolour landscapes have a rare mood and intensity. Shirley Trimmer's etchings reflect modern life with fun and a touch of menace.

The Rose Gallery is open on Saturdays, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 2pm to 5pm. For further details, phone the Arts Office on 202 1903.

Get your Barnet Calendar now

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Indian dance classes at Mill Hill

Lovers of Indian dance are being offered an opportunity to learn the art in Mill Hill, from Wednesday, November 1.

Classes in Kathak dance (North Indian style) as well as Hindustani vocal and harmonium will be offered at St Martin's School, Goodwyn Avenue, Mill Hill, on Wednesdays, from 5pm to 6pm, for beginners; and 6pm to 7pm,

for learners with some knowledge. Both courses lead to a diploma.

The courses are organised by The Institute of Indian Culture (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan), 4A Castletown Road, London W14, which promotes the culture of the Indian sub-continent. Details from Mrs Jayashree Rajkotia on 209 1734.

Finchley art on show at Hendon

Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, is displaying work by members of Finchley Art Society, from November 25 to January 7 (except December 24 to 27 and January 1).

The exhibition, which features paintings and photographs is open from Monday to Saturday, except Tuesday, from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5.30pm, Tuesday from 10am to 1pm, and Sunday, from 2pm to 5.30pm. Admission is free. For details contact Church Farm House Museum on 203 0130.

Clive Herbert's November Nature Notes

Survival during the coming months will depend largely on the presence or absence of food. In November many people will return to feeding their garden birds. Feeding birds will increase numbers coming to the garden and enable you to watch them at very close quarters. It is also important to provide a supply of water nearby. Bird tables are popular, but remember some species such as Dunnock will prefer to feed on the ground.

Always ensure that any bird food put out is away from places where potential predators (usually the household moggie) can hide. It is also worthwhile restricting the volume of food at any one time, so that by dusk all morsels have been consumed and little is left overnight for scavenging rats.

This month may provide the last sightings of hedgehogs in 1989. Often animals observed late in the season will be individuals who have yet to put on sufficient weight to enter hibernation. To stand a chance of surviving the winter, a 'hog needs to weigh at least one lb. Below this figure, its only option is to meet a friendly householder who will take it in and feed it.

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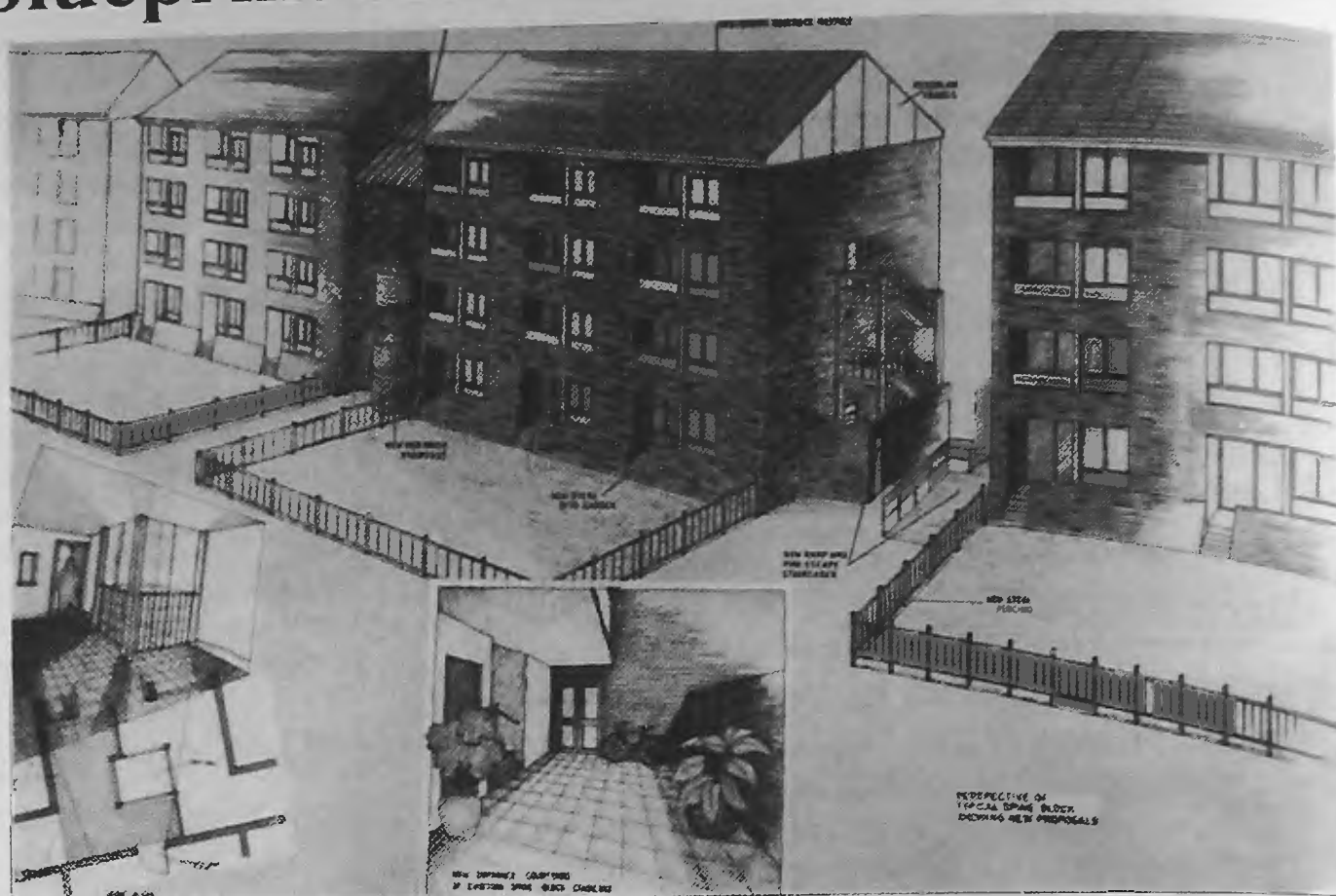
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Grahame Park: blueprint for 1990



Going

The link staircases are to be pulled down so that there will be no throughway from one building to another

Coming

A drawing of the new scheme for the spine blocks. A new entrance will be made in the centre of each block, and a fire escape built where once the linking towers stood. The pitched roofs will be a red brown pantile and the ground floor flats will have gardens

Work has started on the first contract in the £36 million redesign, repair and refurbishment scheme on Grahame Park. It will be carried out in a series of contracts, spread over 10 years, and will completely transform the area.

A better place

Cllr Norman Hirshfield, chairman of Barnet's Housing Committee, said: 'This is the biggest and most imaginative refurbishment project that the Council has ever carried out.'

'I am delighted that we are now moving ahead. Contracts together worth more than £5 million, are being awarded and by Christmas two contractors will be on site.

'From the beginning we have consulted tenants and residents who are strongly in favour of the project. Inevitably there will be some disruption of life during the course of the work but we shall make every effort to keep this to a minimum and in the long run Grahame Park will be a much better place in which to live.'

It was in July 1988 that Barnet Housing announced one of the most ambitious plans in the borough's his-

tory - a ten-year programme to change the design and refurbish the blocks of flats at Grahame Park.

The borough's housing department, working with private consultants, drew up a £36 million scheme which will divide up the long, interlinked spine buildings, introduce gardens, and radically alter the stark skyline with its cube like lift towers and water tanks by building pitched, pantiled roofs on the flats.

Grahame Park, with a population of more than 6,000, was built by the former Greater London Council, GLC, in the 1970s on the site of the old Hendon Aerodrome.

Design problems

The design was more in keeping with an inner city project and suffers from what are now recognised as the design errors of the 1960s:

- Pedestrian linkways running through the blocks of flats which lead to a lack of privacy

- Vandalism is difficult to combat because it is not easy to install entry phones

- There are no private gardens for the flats and maisonettes

- The road system and naming of the blocks is confusing

- Design and construction faults have been found

- Entrances are dark and dingy

The proposals

The proposals, which have been presented to tenants through extensive consultation and public exhibitions, will change the whole appearance and concept of the area.

The concentration of work is on the Concourse and the 17 spine blocks which surround the shopping centre.

The Concourse blocks, which are five to eight storeys high, will have new pitched roofs and new entrances each serving a smaller group of homes. There will be new cladding to replace the monotonous glazing which at present encloses lift and stair wells.

The 17 four and five-storey spine blocks will be separated so that each

becomes self-contained, with a new entrance and central staircase. The link structures will be pulled down and new fire escapes built.

Garage blocks will be replaced with landscaped open car parks, ground floor flats will have gardens, and extensive landscaping is planned.

The work is planned as a series of contracts on a rolling programme with a target of completion in 10 years.

The first contract, valued at £300,000 for the reroofing of Halifax and Guilfoyle, has been awarded to Mansells (City) Ltd and should be completed by Spring 1990.

Spine blocks

The second contract, for the first phase of the spine blocks, valued at £4.8 million, has been awarded to James Lawson Construction Ltd, and will include Hudson, Hector, Gauntlet, Norris, Orde and Roe.

It is hoped that the contractors will be on site by Christmas and the contract will run for 20 months.

Details of the scheme can be seen at the department's office at Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone.

The world comes to Ravenscroft School

October 14 was a special day for the multicultural community at Barnet Council's Ravenscroft School, Totteridge, with 200 people joining in a cultural evening with contributions from all over the world.

There were stalls with an array of dishes for visitors to sample, as well as artefacts such as flags, maps, ornaments and cooking utensils, from Britain, Cyprus, Malaysia, Israel, India, Ghana, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Afghanistan.

Visitors were served by pupils, parents and staff of the school in national dress.

Music and dance displays included Eng-

lish country dancing by Fouldes School, Greek dances by the Independent Greek Institute of Barnet, and Kadum Authentic African Instruments played by an African group led by Nana Appiah.

There was also Indian classical dance by Nira Shah, ballet by Annangi Shah, Piyal Shah, and Karishma Patel, and piano compositions by Keith Barnard, inspired by oriental music.

The event was organised jointly by Ravenscroft School and parents of pupils, as part of the school's effort to promote multiculturalism.

Stag House open all day

From Monday, November 6, Barnet Council's Housing Department's office, Stag House, in Burnt Oak Broadway, which serves tenants living on the Western side of the borough, will be open 9am to 5.15pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 5pm on Fridays.
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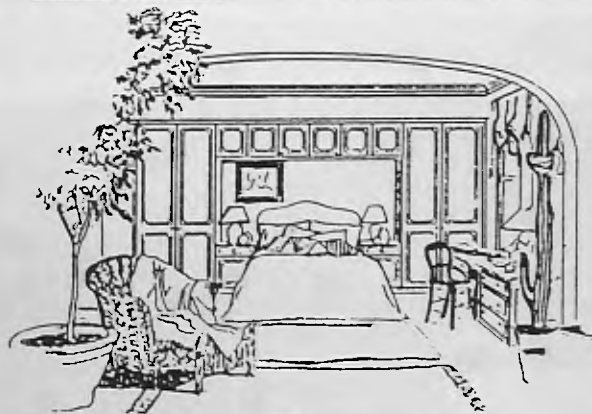
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The majority of boys enter the School at 13+ and although most come from Preparatory Schools, increasing numbers come from State

Schools. Government assisted places are available at this level and most of these, must by the rules of the scheme, be offered to State School candidates. If boys on this scheme wish to be boarders the School can usually provide Bursaries to make this possible.

The School accepts pupils, boys or girls, for the Sixth Form on condition that they gain at least 6 C or better grades in the GCSE. Up to 5 Assisted Places are available at this level. A wide range of A-Level subject combinations is offered together with numerous subsidiary and general studies.

Advertising feature

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The school started computer studies before the government scheme was introduced. The headmaster hopes pupils are computer literate by the time they leave. Children use computers

from the age of 4 and go on write their own programmes, create graphics and use both spread sheets and word processor.

Cross Country running, athletics add to regular games including football & cricket teams for which coaching is available.

Other popular activities are the clubs for debate, drama, books and chess with an Inter-school chess championship.

The school is open till 5.30pm for homework period and activities. Parents of pupils are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their children's needs call: 01-883 4584.

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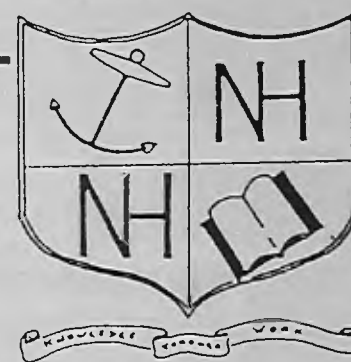
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Children welcome.

For more information on any of the above, please contact:
The Admissions Secretary, The Haberdashers' Aske's School,
Elstree, Herts. WD6 3AF Tel: 01 - 207 4323



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- The school is justifiably proud of its successes enjoyed by late arrivals as well as those who joined us at age 4.
- A cooperative attitude, politeness & strength of character together with academic achievements are our goals.

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A report on the services, developments and spending
for the year 1988/89



Max Caller
Chief Executive

This report looks back at the work that your council has done during 1988/89. It has been a year of achievement, of change, of successes and inevitably some failures. This must be so in any organisation the size of Barnet Council, particularly one with 11,000 employees whose purpose is to serve the public, which in your borough comprises approximately 300,000 residents together with those who shop, work, invest or play in the borough.

Local Authorities are radically changing the way in which they work to comply with new legislation which is being implemented. This has affected every part of the council and it will continue to shape the way in which we are able to respond to our customers. The changes have placed great burdens on many of the staff and there are further changes to come but this is designed to produce a more responsive, caring, "can do" council.

I hope you will read this report which has been redesigned to try and highlight the key points from the past year. I hope you will find it informative and that it will give you a better picture of the complexity of a modern day council and the scale and scope of our services.

More importantly I hope you will take the opportunity to use the contact addresses and telephone numbers in the text if you have any points to make about the services we provide and the way in which we provide them. I do not promise that it will always be possible to do what any one individual might like but it is only from positive feedback that we can improve and no matter how good we are, we always seek to improve.

Contact point

The Information Office can help you find the department or section you want to contact. Contact them on 01-202 8282.

Outside office hours and at all weekends and Bank Holidays, this becomes the Council's emergency number. Service teams are on call, but please, only call outside office hours if there is a real emergency.

	Domestic Rate p in £	Comparison to Barnet as %
Barnet	189.70	-
Enfield	198.00	+ 4.4%
Harrow	185.50	- 2.2%
Brent	261.10	+37.6%
Haringey	226.83	+19.6%

Max Caller
Chief Executive

Town Hall, Hendon where the offices of the Chief Executive are based and where the public are welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings.



Top of the Class - & staying that way

Keeping up with the changes in education today is rather like running up the down escalator. The goal is clear - to produce the best possible education for our children and a wide range of opportunities for higher and further education. But the ground rules are changing, almost daily. As an education authority we are seeing established patterns overturned, and taking on new standards, new systems and new responsibilities.

As legislation is introduced we need to study the effect it will have on local education. If we are concerned at the outcome we must put our views as strongly as possible to central government. Once the legislation is in being we have to plan so that our students will benefit to the full from all the new opportunities offered and at the same time maintain the best existing standards.

New examinations

In 1988/89 - the first year of the new General Certificate of Secondary Education, GCSE, examination - we were fully stretched preparing for the new national syllabus, planning for the introduction of local management of schools, supporting the new governing bodies with their extended powers, and deeply concerned in a review of secondary education provision in the borough.

In Barnet GCSE, had a successful launch. As a borough we have always been 'top of the class' when it comes to examination results. We have a friendly rivalry with our neighbour, Harrow, as to which borough will have the top results in the country. It is too early to establish our national standing but we can say that Barnet pupils sat 24,113 examination papers, 87.7 per cent gained A to E grades of which nearly 10 per cent gained A grades. This is well above the national average of 8.6 per cent.

For the first time - and as far as we can tell a national 'first' - Oak Lodge Special School entered pupils in this public examination and

they passed. This achievement was through the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative, TVEI, which links education to the world of commerce and industry.

It is a two-way link with young people gaining work experience and at the same time drawing the working world into their academic environment. The scope of Barnet's programme was on view in an exhibition at Hendon College in November, opened by the Minister of State for Education, Angela Rumbold. TVEI spans all ranges of ability and during the year the Education Committee approved a plan to extend it from the five pilot schools to all local secondary schools and to sixth form studies.

Giving schools budgetary control

Local Management of Schools, LMS, has been a major issue of the year. This will be introduced in 1990 and is probably the most radical change in the financial management of education since the 1944 Education Act.

The local authority will continue to set the overall budget and to finance and run some key, central services. Each school will receive its own budget, based on pupil numbers with adjustments for special circumstances, and will be responsible for appointing staff and providing for its pupils. So that this major change can be fully appreciated and introduced smoothly we have set up a pilot scheme. One of our main responsibilities in the run up to LMS will be the training of head teachers, senior staff and governors to take on increased responsibilities.

One of the most difficult tasks faced in 1988 was the review of secondary school provision. For many years the number of pupils in secondary schools has been falling because of a lower birth rate, and although the numbers of primary school children are now rising, it is unlikely that secondary schools will ever reach the numbers of the 1960s and early 1970s.



Neil Gill
Director of Educational Services



Captions
Left: TVEI students from Edgware School dress a shop window at Owen Owen of North Finchley

Centre: The Prime Minister, laid the foundation stone of the new St Mary's CE Primary School at Finchley

Right: Minister of State for Education Angel Rumbold at the TVEI Exhibition at Hendon College

Education Services

Ashmole School gained gold and silver awards in the University of Birmingham Maths Challenge



Contact point

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01-368 1255**

**Careers Service:
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01-368 1255
Western:
01-952 1006**

**Teachers' Centre
01-349 9222**

**Child Guidance
Centre:
01-951 1044**

**Environmental
Education Centre:
01-449 6691**

**Barnet College:
01-440 6321**

**Hendon College:
01-200 8300**

Difficult decisions

As a borough we had 2,000 more places than we had pupils. Some schools were fully subscribed. Others had a small intake. We looked at the overall picture, particularly the sixth form situation. The Department of Education and Science estimates that in order to offer a wide choice of subjects, it needs a sixth form with 200 pupils.

The Committee agreed to close one school - Finchley Manorhill - and to merge Hendon and Whitefield on the Whitefield site. This led Hendon to apply to the government for Grant Maintained status, opting out of the Local Education Authority. Another school, Queen Elizabeth Boys' School, made the same decision. We have a sense of loss as these two schools go it alone from September 1989, but we can be sure that Barnet's education service has laid down strong foundations and we wish both schools well.

Education in Barnet is a vast enterprise spending more than £117 million each year. It is impossible to cover all our services in this report but we can pick out initiatives which have played a part in achieving the quality of our education.

Teachers' in-service training

It is not just the administration staff who have to face the changes from new legislation. In the front line are the teachers, and Barnet has been running an extensive programme of in-service training. LMS featured strongly, but so did the wider programme of specialist development, the national curriculum and individual teaching subjects.

For instance a teacher from each of 24 primary schools attended a course of 30 half days on Special Educational Needs in Primary Schools. This training is part of Barnet's 'Whole School' approach, educating children with special needs - such as those with physical handicaps - in our main schools. The teachers who attended will be trained co-ordinators for special educational needs in their schools. This course cost £20,000 and was one of the longest and most intensive yet organised by the borough.

Making History

Friday 14 October was History Day. Barnet Schools celebrated by commemorating the Battle of Hastings which happened on that day 922 years ago. Twenty-eight schools took part and an exhibition, held at the Teachers Centre, included a video news-reel as if for television.

Design Technology

Craft Design and Technology is now a national curriculum core subject resulting in a demand for studios and design workshops. Finchley Catholic High have a new technology block, commissioned by the Prime Minister.

We have introduced *The man from UNCLE* - in real life a chartered engineer who works with a school, alongside a teacher, to give expert knowledge on project work. UNCLE? - that's Undertaking New Curriculum Links with Engineers.

There is obviously a need for skilled teachers in this field and with future recruitment in mind we have held 'taster' weeks in conjunction with Middlesex Polytechnic, to give A-level students a five-day teacher training experience.

Closely linked with design and technology is the national problem solving project. One hundred teachers attended an in-service training day. Schools throughout the borough worked out schemes for a variety of projects, from stage props to games for the school fete. There have been contacts with local industry and an article was written for the magazine *Industry Matters*.

Further and Higher Education

Few boroughs offer a wider range of further education. The two colleges, Barnet and Hendon, provide full time, part time and short intensive courses in subjects from African literature to Yiddish, and accountancy to word processing.

Hendon have for some years specialised in bakery and restaurateur courses. A new training restaurant was opened, attracting students from a very wide catchment area.

Barnet developed courses in fashion, commercial design, communications and marketing. Both colleges take students through to professional qualifications.

The Borough is fortunate in having the Middlesex Polytechnic based partly within its boundaries. From September 1988 the Polytechnic became responsible for its own finances; nevertheless links between Barnet and the Polytechnic remain supportive.

Once again the number of Barnet pupils going forward to higher education was very high. A change in the rules for discretionary grants allowed more students to take up places in less traditional centres of education.



Top: Barnet Schools Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall



Far left: Schools dance festival



Left: Electronic workshop at Barnet College

Information File

Youth and Community

Active is the word for the Youth and Community Service. There were tournaments for most major sports and a full programme of sports coaching, drama, social activities and holiday fun was on offer.

Barnet entered a full team for the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace. The London Youth Games Cross Country event was held at Copthall sports complex and Barnet hosted the London Youth Canoe event on the Welsh Harp. There was an encouraging increase in members of our youth clubs and centres, and a youth officer was appointed as a detached worker so that instead of waiting for young people to come to us, we went out to them.

Young musicians take the stage

The young musicians in Barnet's schools and music centres have gained a reputation which extends far beyond the borough.

Barnet Schools Symphony Orchestra performed at the Royal Festival Hall, the Albert Hall and at St Albans International Youth Festival. Barnet Schools Choir sang on BBC2 television and at the Royal Festival Hall.

Barnet Schools Music Association and the music centres provide a programme of enrichment for the schools including music festivals and visits by professional musicians. Students on the A Level Music Course are now 'head hunted' by centres of further and higher education.

We have:

- 4 Nursery Schools
- 90 Primary Schools
- 22 Secondary Schools.
- 5 Special Day Schools
- 1 Special Boarding School
- These serve
- 509 Nursery pupils
- 22,237 Primary pupils
- 17,575 Secondary pupils
- 2 Colleges of Further Education: Hendon - 7,500 pupils
Barnet - 10,000 pupils
- 2 Careers Offices Which gave 4,000 interviews
- 17 Centres run by Barnet's Youth and Community Service

COMPARISONS 1988/89

	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
EDUCATION				
Primary				
Average no. of pupils per teacher	19.25	21.67	21.56	20.40
Gross cost per pupil (£)	1,220	1,008	1,146	1,177
Secondary				
Average no. of pupils per teacher	14.25	14.88	14.07	14.23
Gross cost per pupil (£)	1,808	1,584	1,852	1,851
School Meals				
Income as a % of Expenditure	42.80	40.30	41.90	31.70

Libraries and Arts



Top: Pavlova - a most successful festival

Top right: How the new Chipping Barnet Library will look.

Below right: Start of work on the library site



From a dream to reality



Wednesday 15 March 1989, was a red letter day for Barnet Libraries, marking the start of work on site of the new library in Stapylton Road, Chipping Barnet. The dream of a library to replace the picturesque but inadequate leased premises in Church Passage, is fast becoming a reality.

A new computerised circulation system has been introduced which means a shorter waiting time for popular books. When a title is asked for the first copy returned to any branch can be diverted to meet the request, instead of having a long waiting list at one library and none at another.

The way ahead?

The Minister for the Arts published a consultative green paper in February, 1988 called 'Financing our Public Library Service - four subjects for debate', it contained many different ideas about the future.

A response from the Libraries and Arts Committee on behalf of the Council welcomed the stated objective 'to preserve and support the provision of a free basic library service at public expense' but requested that careful consideration be given to the definition of what constituted the 'basic service'.

The Committee welcomed the fact that all proposed charges were to be regarded as discretionary but warned against the dangers of that discretion penalising the basic library service.

The Schools Library service brought in a new

educational video lending scheme. Their small, purpose-built mobile library takes an exhibition stock of books to schools during term and doubles up during the summer holidays as the 'Book Bus'.

In the summer of 1988 the 'Book Bus' visited parks and open spaces. Children could borrow books for home reading direct from the bus. In this way youngsters who might not otherwise visit a library were encouraged to do so.

Pavlova Festival

A major event on the arts side was the first Anna Pavlova Festival in April, 1988, under the patronage of Lord Denning, the late Sir Frederick Ashton and the Mayor of the Borough of Barnet. The festival was an unprecedented success.

Events centred on the ballerina's former home, Ivy House, Golders Green. Exhibitions included photographs and costumes and masterclasses were given by Mme Svetlana Beriosova.

A reminiscence project brought letters from all over the world flooding in recalling the ballerina's life. Members of the Anna Pavlova Company were reunited during the week-long celebration.

A series of other exhibitions was held and close liaison between arts and education continued with work in schools by the London Contemporary Dance Company, a programme of jazz in education and a story-telling project.

Contact point

The borough has 17 libraries, three mobile libraries and a housebound library service.

Our headquarters are at:

Ravensfield House
The Burroughs
Hendon NW4 4BE.
01-202 5625

COMPARISONS 1988/89

	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
LIBRARIES				
Net Cost per head of population (£)	4.88	4.66	N/A	5.48
Staff per 1,000 population	0.26	0.26	N/A	0.24

Housing: A £20 million spend

When Barnet announced a £70-million spending programme on major construction and refurbishment of council housing, to be spread over four years, some felt the programme too ambitious. However, we can tell a success story. Last year we reported a £14 million capital spend on housing. This year the figure is £20.4 million.

It was made possible through Barnet's policy of encouraging tenants to buy their own homes. This resulted in capital receipts to the Council, which could be used to build new homes and carry out major repairs on existing housing stock. Over the past two years sales have continued at a record level of 800 a year.

This figure must now begin to tail off, particularly with the current high mortgage rates. Indeed we shall not be able to use the capital in the same way in future years with new legislation on capital control coming into force.

Achievements

Across the borough old flat roofs which were expensive to maintain and often unsatisfactory are being replaced with pitched roofs wherever possible.

We have opened a sheltered scheme at the Rosa Freedman Centre in Cricklewood. A group of 34 houses at Ramsey Close for large families - desperately needed - was opened on the site of the former multi-storey car park at West Hendon. A new group of houses and single-person flats was built on the Edgware Road, at no capital cost to the council, through a land exchange with a developer.

We have introduced a scheme which brings partial central heating to elderly people in unmodernised council housing, and major refurbishment and repairs progress well.

But we are not complacent. This is a period of change in the whole concept of local authority housing and the need to get maximum use from a valuable resource and to seek other means of satisfying demand is a top priority.

Massive task ahead

Barnet's Housing Department has a massive job on its hands responding to housing need and tenants expectations. The number of homes which are available for letting each year remains static at just over 1,000 vacancies. They have to be allocated very carefully to ensure that the people in greatest housing need are rehoused first.

During 1988/89 we were able to rehouse 350 families from the waiting list, 310 homeless families; 239 from the transfer list, together with 90 in the mobility scheme and 26 on short term tenancies.

To ensure that empty homes are filled as quickly as possible, the change-over period has been cut down. We have reduced the number of vacant dwellings at any one time from 354 to 186. That is only 1.2 per cent of the housing stock.

We are working with housing associations and private developers. In this way, through nomination rights, 424 tenants have moved into new homes releasing housing for rent in our own stock. Our work with housing associations in 1988/89 rose in value to £5.55 million an increase of £2.20 million on the previous year.

Helping the homeless

Homelessness continues to be a major problem. Numbers fell slightly in 1988/89 but the underlying seriousness does not diminish. During the year we had 2,370 applications under the Homeless Persons Act. Of those 373 were accepted as homeless and in priority need. Under this Act we rehouse vulnerable people - such as pensioners, families with children, and people with disabilities.

Wherever possible they are housed in permanent housing, hostel accommodation or other properties managed by the council. We have, in the main, avoided using bed and breakfast accommodation which is both expensive and unsatisfactory.

A personal link with tenants

Our tenants first and main point of contact with the Housing Department is the estates officer for the area in which they live.

These officers make frequent visits to tenants' homes. They identify repairs needed, note places which require cleaning or the removal of graffiti and monitor the rent accounts of all the tenants in their patch. This includes arrears control and ensuring that tenants are receiving the housing benefits to which they are entitled.

Many estates have active tenants' and residents' Associations which work closely with the department to the benefit of all.



*Ray Janering,
Director of Housing and
Environmental Health*

Contact point

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1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ
01-446 8511

The office is open
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(Fridays 5pm) and
after hours and at
weekends the
emergency number is
01-202 8282.

We also have an
office in Burnt Oak to
serve the Western
side of the Borough:
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92 Burnt Oak
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Middx HA8 0BU.
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Housing and Environmental Health

H O U S I N G	COMPARISONS 1988/89			
	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT				
Rents paid by tenants as a % of total costs	37.80	37.80	25.80	31.00
Government Subsidy (excluding Housing Benefits) as a % of total costs	2.40	1.70	10.10	10.60
Housing Benefits as a % of Gross Rents	51.60	50.20	49.30	49.00
Management and Maintenance: Cost per dwelling per week (£)	13.85	12.60	13.25	12.88

Environmental Health

The Borough's health check

It's been a busy 12 months for our Environmental Health officers - so let's take a seasonal look at their year.

SPRING

Take-away restaurants are inspected to ensure high standards of hygiene.

Officers from the department took part in BBC Radio 4's Food Programme talking about lead pollution.

A new programme of House Renovation Grants begins: 52 grants are approved and £104,145 is paid for work which had been carried out.

Bacteriological sampling of all cook-chill outlets in the Borough is carried out.

The results of a survey of lead in garden produce is published. Results for Barnet are encouraging.

A plan is introduced to identify empty properties in the private housing sector, aimed at bringing them back into occupation.

The annual sewer baiting programme to reduce the rat population begins.

The team take part in a London-wide Bed and Breakfast Information Exchange, to improve and maintain standards in accommodation for homeless families.

Officers take part in a television programme, *Equinox*, dealing with lead pollution.

Work is carried out with the complete co-operation of Barnet Football Club to replace the perimeter fence and deal with safety matters at their Underhill Stadium.

SUMMER

The department issues food hygiene and health and safety guidelines for market stallholders in the Borough.

Representatives meet colleagues from the Family Practitioner Committee and Barnet Health Authority to plan the Borough's involvement in the national project - Health for All by the Year 2000.

Following an outbreak of Legionella in London, efforts are made to identify susceptible premises in the Borough. Guidance notes and questionnaires are sent out to all such premises.

The Department launches a Customer Satisfac-

tion Survey, sending out 1,500 questionnaires to people who have recently had complaints investigated.

Following an alarming increase in unauthorised gypsy encampments in the Borough, a survey and reporting system is set up to monitor the situation and minimise the nuisance caused to local residents.

National changes to the limits for House Renovation Grants lead us to ensure that grant money is targeted to those most in need.

Representations are made to the Department of the Environment for changes in legislation to enable us to prosecute landlords who fail to carry out repairs. This power is included in the Housing Act 1988.

A local construction firm is fined £4,000 plus £450 costs for causing noise nuisance by working on Sundays.

A comprehensive set of food hygiene requirements for Food Premises is published, aimed at improving standards in the Borough.

A procedure is introduced for dealing with water, gas and electricity disconnections in private rented property to help tenants if the landlord fails to pay the bill.

A pilot agency services scheme is set up in Finchley and Friern Barnet to help elderly home owners and disabled people to organise repairs and improvements, obtain grants financial advice.

Officers take a lead in national media coverage on the large increase in the rat population in London Boroughs (27.5% increase in the number of rat infestations in Barnet).

AUTUMN

The department arranges an agency service with Paddington Churches Housing Association to help elderly people in Golders Green.

Thames Water Authority awards increased funding of £2,300 in acknowledgement of the effective sewer baiting programme.

Plans and finance are approved for carrying out emergency re-roofing works in privately rented houses.

Contact point

Call us for help and advise on air and noise pollution, pest control, health and safety standards. Further information and a copy of the department's comprehensive annual report can be obtained from:
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Barnet House
1255 High Road
Whetstone N20 0EJ.
01- 446 8511

The owners of a warehouse are successfully prosecuted and fined the maximum penalty under Health and Safety at Work legislation following a fatal accident.

Following the national scare of salmonella in eggs, an advisory booklet is produced and sent to food and catering premises in the Borough.

A fish and chip shop is fined £7000 for offences under the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Health and Safety at Work Act.

The department begins work on producing a council wide policy aimed at ending the use of CFCs and moving to ozone friendly products.

The Housing Act 1988 comes into force with new powers for dealing with disrepair in private rented flats and stronger powers of prosecution.

A record level of activity in the grants section involves approvals valued at £334,824 for new work and payments of £288,876 for work carried out.

WINTER

The first three grants totalling £19,470 are paid under the new Common Parts Grants Legislation for the repair of such things as staircases and roofs.

A sampling programme of water quality and a survey of conditions in swimming pools in the Borough begins.

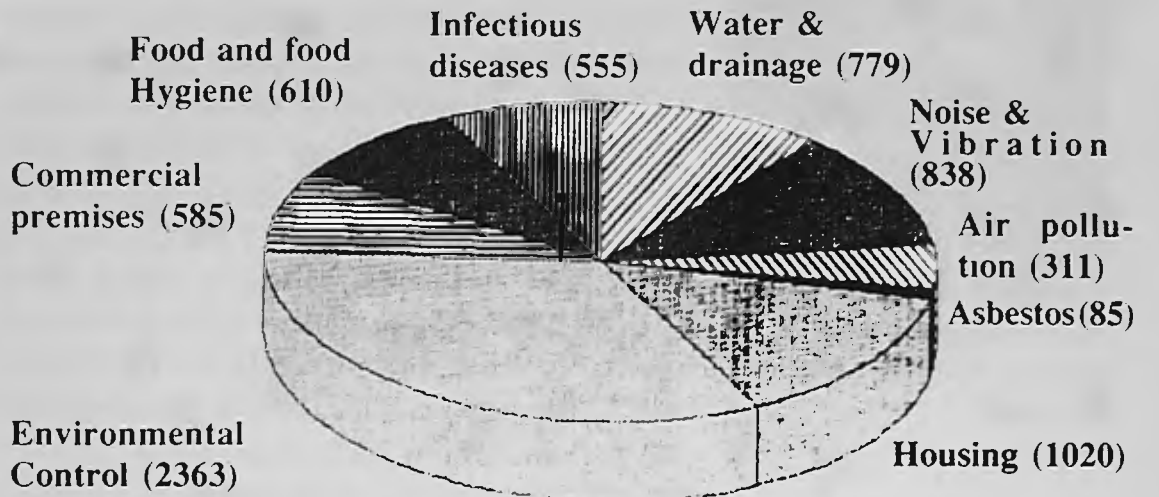
The department is involved in a major food poisoning outbreak involving 101 residents in the Borough following a wedding reception at a leading London hotel.

Barnet formally adopts revised standards for Houses in Multiple Occupation, hostel and hotel accommodation used by other London boroughs for homeless families.

A BBC publication on Food Hygiene and Food Poisoning highlights the investigations and research carried out by officers of the department into an outbreak of food poisoning caused by cooked rice.

Action taken in 1988/89

(IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS AND EMERGENCIES)



Waiting list for Improvement Grants abolished. Turnover time for new applications reduced to three months before approval for works given.

A DIY shop is fined £1,000 with £250 costs under the Health and Safety at Work Act following an accident in which an employee had a finger amputated.

A survey and inspection of all premises with wet cooling towers in the Borough begins to minimise danger of an outbreak of Legionella in the Borough.

The department, in partnership with the Health Promotion Team, organise a successful campaign on National No Smoking Day.

The House Renovation Grant Section reports a record year of activity: 1063 new approvals given totalling £2.9 million and 909 payments made totalling £2.3 million.

The new streamlined procedure which enables repair work to be carried out when a landlord fails to meet required standards, is introduced. Work valued at over £130,000 begins on 21 properties.

Fact File

Pest Control Action 1988/89

We dealt with:

Rats: 2,116

Wasps: 1,404

Mice: 733

Squirrels & foxes: 228

Insects & others: 222



Environmental health officers are part of the borough's campaign against refuse dumping. They are often called out to make sure there is not a health hazard or rat infestation. The problem is that if someone dumps one sack of rubbish, it is soon joined by a pile of other sacks and boxes



Tony Williams,
Director of Technical
Services

Taking Barnet into the 21st Century

Barnet's planners are in the front line when it comes to preserving the quality of the environment in our borough. In 1988/89 they dealt with 4,250 planning applications, ranging from multi-million-pound developments to home extensions. Each has to be dealt with on its own merits in the light of planning guidelines. To make sure that developments meet borough-wide standards the Planning Group of Technical Services Directorate must operate policies which work for Barnet and fit into the Greater London planning strategy.

Barnet is one of the most pleasant residential boroughs in Greater London. No one lives far from a park. There is green belt countryside for all residents to enjoy. There is local employment from commercial and industrial enterprises across the borough which leads to tremendous pressure for further development.

Maintaining a balance

This is no bad thing in itself. Indeed, it is a sign of a vibrant community. However the need to keep a balance in scale with local character, and maintain and improve the quality of the environment is the prime motivation of the Planning Group.

They are involved with local and strategic planning issues for the whole of London through the London Planning Advisory Committee.

Unitary Development Plan

In August 1988 the Town Planning and Research Committee approved the Borough Development Plan for use pending the adoption of our Unitary Development Plan, UDP which will be published for consultation in November 1989. This will set Barnet's planning policies through to the next century. Priority is being given to the quality of the residential environment and the Green Belt. Once the Plan has Department of the Environment approval it should increase our control.

Planning Briefs.

Wherever there is a large or important site likely to be developed in the near future a planning brief is prepared. This goes out to public consultation and is approved by the Council once the views of residents have been taken into account. Such plans provide clear guidelines to developers.

Briefs were prepared for the former East Barnet Town Hall, and for Christ's College, Finchley. A site in Cricklewood, owned by the London

Borough of Camden, was identified as suitable for housing and open space.

Following approval of the revised planning brief for High Barnet Station, permission has been granted for an office development of about 77,000 sq.ft. with commuter car parking.

At Staples Corner, a retail and leisure complex with a restaurant, night club and bowling alley, and six-screen cinema was approved on a site identified as suitable for such a purpose.

A brief for the former RAF Hendon land was approved in 1987. The 18-acre West Camp, off Grahame Park Way, was seen as suitable for housing and permission for more than 600 homes has now been given.

Conservation areas

Important extensions were made to the long established Conservation Areas of Mill Hill and Hampstead Garden Suburb by the inclusion of adjoining cemeteries which are complementary to their locality.

College Farm, Finchley, was designated a Conservation Area, demonstrating the Council's commitment to preserving the site.

How it works

Barnet has three area planning offices - Northern, Western and Central. Sub-committees of the Town Planning and Research Committee serve each area, meeting every five weeks.

When the Council refuses planning permission the applicant may appeal. The number of appeals in 1988/89 was 266, up by nearly one third. The majority sprang from the Council's determination to maintain the Borough's character, protect the green belt and preserve the environment.

The enforcement of planning control attracts increasing correspondence; nearly 1,000 complaints were investigated, and 22 enforcement notices served during the year.

Building Control

The Building Control Section in 1988 dealt with 3,212 applications under the Building Act and Building Regulations. One aspect of their work is to respond when they are called out to deal with dangerous structures. These were always dealt with immediately.

Over the past two years the section has been affected by a shortage of professional staff. This has inevitably led to increased pressures in providing the full building control service.

Contact point

The main office of the Planning Group is:

Barnet House,
1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ.
Tel: 01-446 8511.

The area offices are:

■ Northern:
(for Barnet, New Barnet, Arkley, Friern Barnet, most of Totteridge) Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20.
Tel: 01-446 8511

■ Central:
(for Finchley, North Finchley, East Finchley, Golders Green, Hampstead Garden Suburb and Childs Hill) 23 to 35 Hendon Lane, Finchley N3 1RX.
Tel : 01-202 8282

■ Western:
(for Edgware, Burnt Oak, Hendon, Mill Hill, West Hendon and Colindale) Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware

COMPARISONS 1988/89

	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING				
Net cost per head of population	4.88	4.66	N/A	5.48

Design for living: from the Professionals

Architecture Group

The Architecture Group brings together the professions of the building team: building surveyors, quantity surveyors, services engineers, clerks of works and architects. Our clients include all the committees of the Council, outside organisations, private individuals, local groups and the community at large. The year 1988/89 saw a 20 per cent growth in the Group's workload.

Energy conservation is a 'Green' issue now and Barnet is playing its part in the drive to use fuel more wisely. It makes good, economic sense to invest in energy saving when it costs the Council £4 million a year to heat and light its buildings.

The Fuel Efficiency Unit leads the energy conservation programme. During the year it carried out £300,000 worth of work which should have paid for itself inside five years through fuel bill savings. So far this unit has saved the ratepayers £3 million.

Pride of place in the year was the combined heat and power installation at Copthall, a project strongly tipped to win a regional GEM (Gas Energy Management) award.

Services for Disabled People

There is a need to improve access to public buildings and the Architecture Group also work closely with Social Services teams to provide adaptations for physically handicapped people in their own homes.

During 1988/89 we undertook more than 300 projects, ranging from access ramps to major house extensions, all designed to meet the needs of residents and their families. This work makes a valuable contribution to the quality of life for Barnet's disabled residents.

The Council has a long record of providing architectural and other professional services to help local charities and voluntary groups with special projects. As a follow up to the Mayor's Appeal of 1985/86 the Group provided design services for the new Borough headquarters of St John Ambulance. Building started in July 1989 when the Duke of Westminster laid the foundation stone.

Property Services

By the end of this very busy year terms had been agreed for disposing of property assets worth more than £20 million, and land owned by the Council and listed as under-used within the Barnet Register of Public Bodies Land was reduced to about one acre. In the early 1980s the register contained some 116 acres.

These factors are significant measures of good stewardship. By turning surplus property into cash the Council is able to sustain capital spending where needed.

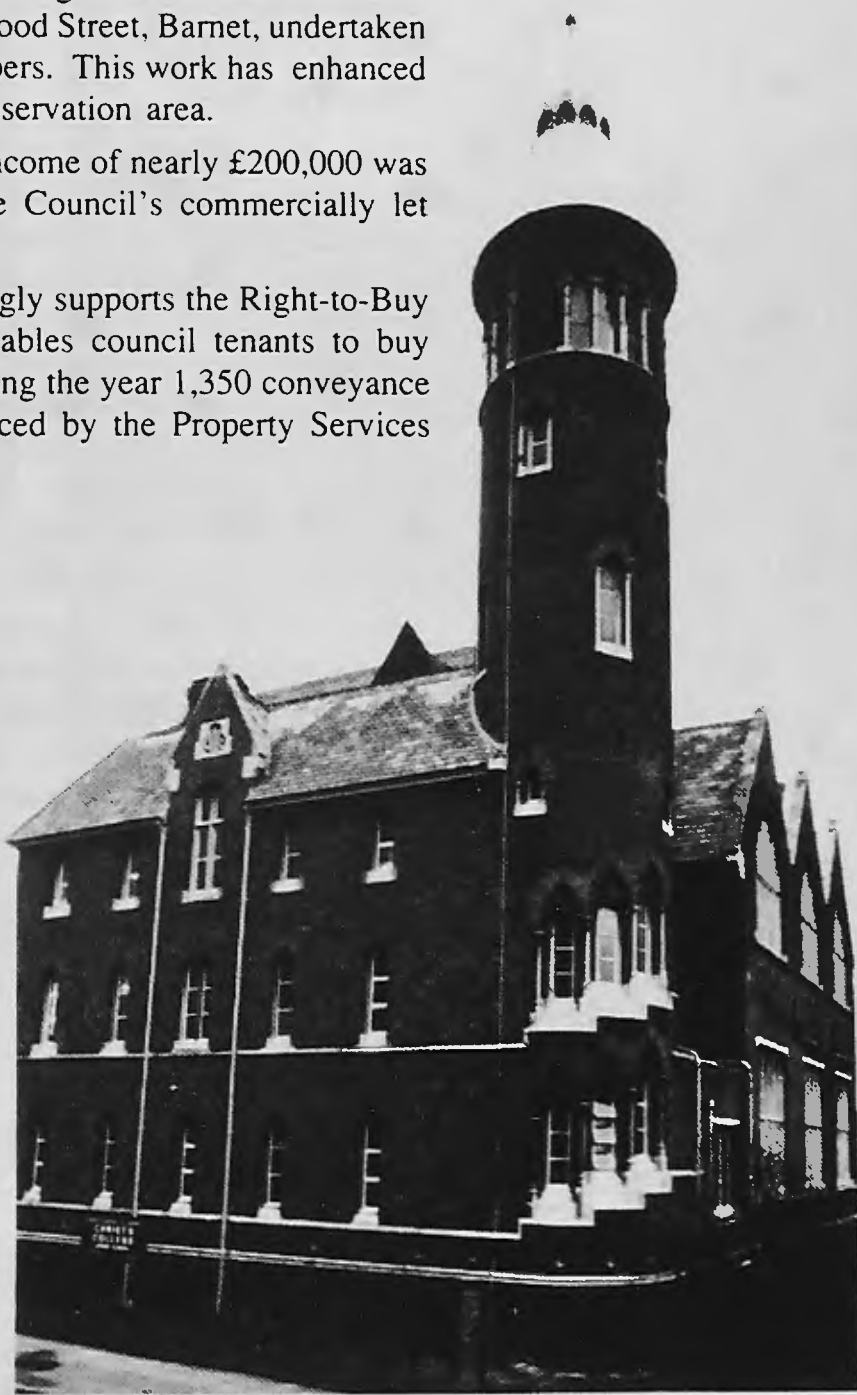
We were able to arrange the renovation of 15 to 17 and 51 to 53 Wood Street, Barnet, undertaken by private developers. This work has enhanced this attractive conservation area.

Increased rental income of nearly £200,000 was obtained from the Council's commercially let industrial estate.

The Council strongly supports the Right-to-Buy scheme which enables council tenants to buy their homes. During the year 1,350 conveyance plans were produced by the Property Services Group.

Contact point

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Top: A planning brief was prepared for Christ@s College building in Finchley. The school will be together on one site in East Finchley in 1990

Left: The Rosa Freedman Centre, for Social Services and Housing, designed by the Council's own team

For your leisure and pleasure

The whole of the Recreation Group has been gearing up to give a better service to Barnet residents - better parks, better play grounds, better sports facilities, better training for employees, better supervision. So let us first look at what has been achieved.

Major works have been undertaken at Cophall Stadium which will make it an athletics centre of national quality. This means that our locally based athletics club, Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers, our local school children who use the complex for athletics training, and local and visiting sports men and women will enjoy the best facilities possible. 1988/89 was the lead in year for this programme.

Plan for Play

Three Playgrounds were completely refurbished at Northway Gardens, Stoneyfields Park and Victoria Recreation Ground at a total cost of £80,000. This is part of our Borough-wide Plan for Play which, on a rolling programme, is upgrading play areas across the borough. We cannot go as fast as we would wish because the programme has to be linked with both financial and manpower resources. But action is being taken to install safety surfaces in playgrounds.

Readers may have read about and seen on television our new Parks Ranger Service. Again 1988/89 was the year in which the plans were made and the chief ranger was recruited. The impact of this service will be significant. The rangers will be friendly advisers, keeping an eye on safety, security and helping to keep the parks vandal and litter free.

We have been taking a close look at sports facilities with a three point plan:

Better service

Increased revenue

Lower expenditure

In 1988/89 fees were increased in order to reduce the subsidy which users had been receiving. In return there are extensive plans in hand to improve grounds and facilities.

Attractions at Cophall

We are out to attract major events to Cophall Centre. In spite of the programme needed for track resurfacing, 1988/89 saw several key events at the Stadium including the London Borough's Athletics Championships and the London Youth Games cross country event. The Rotarians firework display and Star Walk enhanced the event calendar.

At the pools the outstanding event was the FINA

World Cup Swimming Championships which attracted national TV coverage.

Pools gain in popularity

It was a good year for Cophall Pools. The tiles were replaced with a new surface skin and the pools were fully operational all year. Gross income increased by over 80 per cent, numbers using the pool were up, and the mild winter meant that summer patterns were maintained in winter months.

Squires Lane pool was well used with more local schools swimming there and an increased attendance at the new fitness centre.

It seems difficult now to remember how cold and wet the summer of 1988 was, after this year's record breaking sunshine. Finchley Open Air Pool suffered, with 5,000 less adult tickets sold, compared with 1987, and income down by £3,000.

The loss of Barnet Sport, with the ending of the Manpower Services Commission, created a large gap in sports training and development. This has been partly bridged by private schools of sport and the appointment of a Sports Officer should result in a comprehensive programme for Cophall Centre. The potential is there. For instance the pools increased the number of dry sports users by nearly 50 per cent to 16,600.

Ground maintenance

One of the major factors of the year came about under the 1988 Local Government Act which requires Councils to introduce compulsory competitive tendering for many of their services. One of these was grounds maintenance - a large sector of the Recreation Group's responsibility.

To deal with this we had to set up separate client and contractor units. The client specified exactly what was needed within the contract. This included how many times the grass should be cut in a year; what standard of service was needed; and how to respond to changing demands. The contracting unit had to examine the work and see how it could be carried out economically and efficiently to achieve the best price for the job.

Such an exercise takes time and resources, which placed pressure on the Recreation Group as a whole. It was not an easy year. Management were looking for ways of dealing with problems, setting targets and monitoring achievement. But the progress made and the areas identified as needing better service, professional input and stronger resources, mean that Barnet is moving towards becoming a leading borough for recreation and sport services.



Recreation have a wide selection of courses and sports activities. Contact them at their headquarters:

Barnet House
1255 High Road
Whetstone N20 0EJ
01-446 8511
Ext 4492

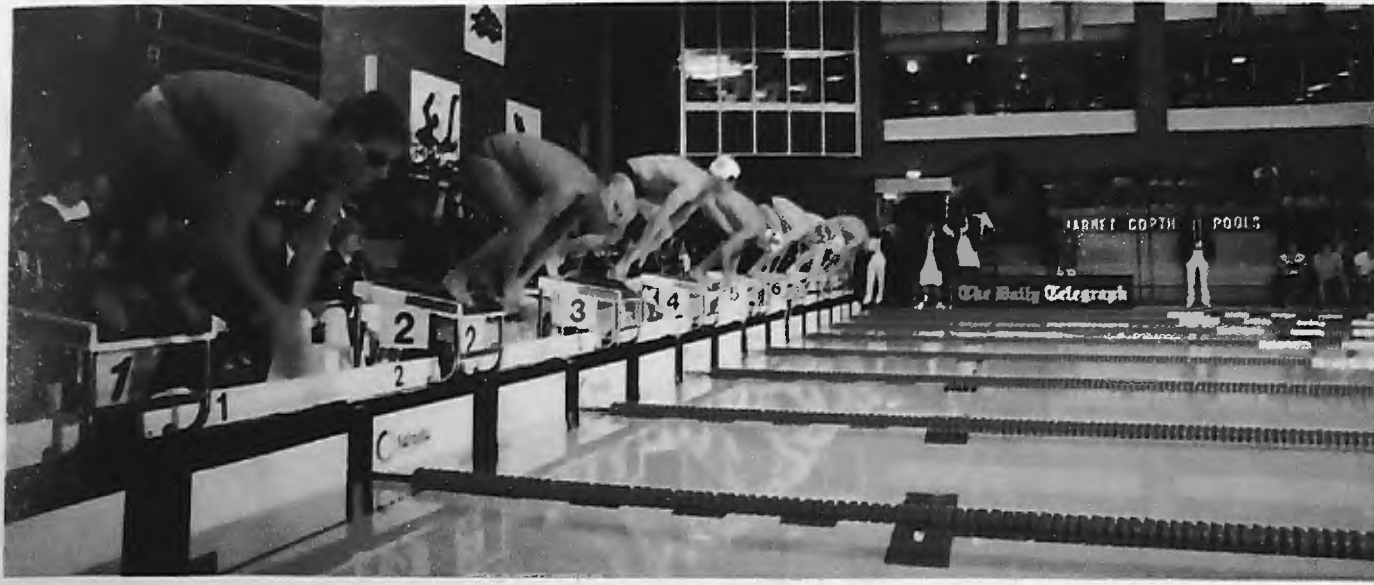
Leaflets are available at Barnet House and your local Libraries

Problems in the Parks?
Call the Parks Rangers
01-446 8511

COMPARISONS 1988/89

RECREATION	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
Net cost per head of population	19.68	17.09	15.73	21.80

Technical Services: Recreation



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CAPTIONS

- 1 The FINA World Cup Swimming Championships, sponsored by the Daily Telegraph, and held at Copthall Pools
- 2 The World Cup trophy
- 3 Golf coaching at Copthall in the Summer Holiday programme
- 4 Horse jumping at Copthall Show
- 5 Montrose Park, Colindale
- 6 Finchley Open Air Pool

Of Roads, Reconstruction and ...

Right: Golders Green gyratory system



Engineering group

Traffic and potholes - two aspects of London life very close to the hearts of all ratepayers. So the Engineering Group of Technical Services Department is in the front line of service.

1988/89 was a year in which results could be seen. There was the introduction of the Golders Green gyratory system. Residents and shop keepers alike, with memories of the Hanger Lane gyratory on the North Circular, trembled and said it would not work. But it has.

Although this is a very busy junction and there will never be a completely free flow of traffic, it now moves through in an ordered sequence, there are fewer tailbacks and the central cross roads at Golders Green looks cleaner and brighter.

Attractive paving

This is partly due to the new style pavement paving which the borough is introducing on a rolling programme in its shopping centres. Small paving blocks are used, in a mixture of red and grey blocks. These are less expensive to repair and stand up better to heavy loads.

Another successful junction was where Colindale Road meets the Edgware Road. Traffic lights and new lanes directing traffic have worked well at a very busy junction.

At long last Barnet has a lorry Park. It is situated off Claremont Way and is very well used. The simultaneous introduction of a borough-wide night-time lorry parking ban has had a lot to do with this.

The engineers continue to work on the introduction of the Barnet/Enfield Lorry Ban, which once installed will further improve the quality of life in the borough.

The year saw an increase in the expenditure on highway maintenance and computerised control systems are being introduced for increased efficiency.

The major work was the reconstruction and resurfacing of the M1 between junctions 4 and 5 on which Barnet acted as agents for the Department of Transport. The contract was completed in 110 days with minimum delay to motorists. The opportunity was taken to construct a crawler lane on the southbound carriageway, which removed a serious bottleneck.

Two new roads were built, to open up underused land for development. Victors Way links Moxon Street to Park Road in Chipping Barnet, running behind the main High Road. The other is St Joseph's Grove, Hendon.

Road Safety

The Road Safety Unit continued to take the message to schools, teaching the youngest children their first kerb drill and the junior children, the Green Cross Code. Motorcycle training was given, leading to Part One of the motorcycle licence test, and cycle proficiency training, motorway driving talks and pre-driving test lectures were held. The two Road Safety Committees, Eastern and Western, reflect public interest in this aspect of our work.

Contact point

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Engineering Group
for:
Traffic Engineers
Highways
Main Drainage
Road Safety
Street Lighting

COMPARISONS 1988/89

	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
TECHNICAL SERVICES				
Highways Maintenance cost per kilometre for non-principal roads (£)	9,291	5,837	5,125	8,560
Refuse Collection				
Net Cost per head of population	11.40	7.40	11.48	10.30

... Wheeled Bins

Works Services

This was the year when the Works Services Group really found itself like the character in A Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy - with two heads.

A tremendous change is taking place in local government with the introduction of Compulsory Competitive Tendering legislation.

Councils now have to go out to tender for services such as refuse collection, building cleaning, catering and ground maintenance.

Before you can go out to tender you need precise specifications on requirements and standards of the service. In the past, a council used its own teams, and over the years services followed traditional patterns, adjusting to change as required.

Now we must have the right specification so that we can get the job carried out to the level we need.

Works Services have been in the forefront of this revolutionary change. They have set up a business-like organisation so that they can tender for the work - and they have been very successful.

So far they have won contracts like the Victors Way road and they have won the building cleaning contract which started in October 1989.

It has been a tough exercise but when any job is studied right back to its roots, stripped of unnecessary procedures, and looked at from a service and value for money aspect, then it has to become leaner and more dynamic.

There may well be some early hiccups in such a revolutionary period of change but in the end Barnet is determined that the residents and traders will get an efficient and cost-effective service.

Keeping Barnet tidy

One change is already well under way. The arrival of wheeled bins for the refuse collection service.

These will help keep the streets free of blown about refuse, they are safer and more hygienic for the collectors to handle, and as this report is published well over half the borough has been brought into the scheme.

As each district is brought into the scheme, bins were delivered, a hot line dealt with individual problems, public demonstrations were arranged, and the service went live on schedule.

Now the Group are looking at better methods of street sweeping; more recycling, and more support for the Keep Barnet Tidy Committee.

This committee, has encouraged the use of sponsored litter bins in shopping centres, supported clean up campaigns in Environment Week, and encouraged the schools to take part in a poster competition, sponsored by McDonalds.



Above: Victors Way, a new road for Barnet opened in 1988.



Left: Mrs Thatcher congratulates Angela Kyprianou on her poster for the Keep Barnet Tidy Poster Competition sponsored by McDonalds



Lower left: The Road Safety unit runs motorcycle training. This group were celebrating passing their Part One test

Contact point

DISTRICT OFFICER SERVICE

District officers are the eyes and ears of the Division in reporting on problems on our streets and highways. They deal with pot holes and pavement parking.

Next year we plan to expand the service from eight to 20. Call them at their depot in Squires Lane, Finchley, on 01-346 3009.

REFUSE SERVICE

Call them at their Summers Lane Depot in North Finchley on 01-361 0013



Alan Gorst,
Director of Social
Services

A year for service with a Plus

For Barnet Social Services 1989/90 was the year of the big PLUS.

- + PLUS in finance as an additional £400,000 was made available for home support.
- + PLUS in support for highly dependent people with a new service - Home Care Plus.
- + PLUS in day and residential care with the completion of the Rosa Freedman Centre
- + PLUS in the help given to young people leaving care and entering adult life
- + PLUS in contact with the ethnic groups in the borough's community.
- + PLUS in the growing demand for our services at all levels of the community.

Pride of place for 1988/89 must go to the Rosa Freedman complex based on the former church of Little St Peter, Cricklewood. Here we bring together all aspects of caring for elderly and frail people.

In a landscaped setting we have provided a day centre with its own dining room, a residential home for the elderly and frail, meeting rooms for community groups, and Barnet's Housing Department have built sheltered housing for elderly people who live independent lives with support from the centre's management.

Thanks to the generosity of the Milly Aphorpe Trust we opened a special unit at Meadowside for elderly confused people. It is bright, beautifully furnished and adds greatly to the quality of support which we can offer.

Helping in the home

Home Care is a service for people who are dependent but who, with support, can remain in their own homes. Barnet has for many years built up a responsive service in helping people to cope at home.

This is a complete Home Support Service with care workers, home helps and specialist services. It helps the elderly trying to maintain their independence, supports families who find themselves in difficulty. It steps in if a carer has to leave a dependent relative for a short time, and raises the quality of life for disabled people. During the year 22,735 people were helped through Home Support.

Home Care Plus

Home Care Plus was a further development of this type of service for the highly dependent. With budgets always under pressure and a growing demand for services it was logical to target this intensive service to those in greatest need.

We link in with the health authority, and while each client has an individually planned support service, a typical day might start with a visit from the community nurse, followed by the arrival of the care worker, who helps with washing and dressing and possibly with preparation of a meal. Shopping arrives in our little red van, and a twilight nurse comes in to help settle the client down for the night. Indeed we made our first video, *Doris Comes Home*, featuring the service.

During the year the number of people receiving home help increased to 2,735. The vast majority were over 75.

The Meals on Wheels Service catered for nearly 350,000 meals during the year. We encourage those who can to attend lunch clubs, of which several are run by Asian groups with Council assistance.

Helping children and families

A large proportion of the work undertaken by the social work teams is focused on the prevention of family breakdown.

The whole country must be aware of the terrors of child abuse. It would be pointless to suggest that 'It couldn't happen in Barnet' but we are taking every possible action to prevent children suffering. We have high levels of staff training, we have set up a joint investigative team with the Child Protection Team of the Metropolitan Police, and we have laid down clear procedures so that staff in the field know they have support from senior officers at all times.

Sadly, in line with national trends, the number of such cases coming to the directorate is increasing. The number of child protection referrals rose from 255 in 1987/88 to 377 in the year under review.

From 1 June 1989 the Social Services Directorate took over from the Area Health Authority the responsibility for maintaining the Child Protection Register.

There is a high demand in the borough for pre-school day care. Our new Meadway Nursery was under construction during the year and it is hoped this will offer drop-in advice sessions and after-school care.

A full summer programme of playschemes was arranged including a new experimental scheme for the 16-plus age group.

At the end of March there were 134 children in the Council's care - but only 47 were in residential homes. Most were placed with families to give them the supportive home life which they need.

For the adolescent age group there is the Ladder Project, now permanently based at 36 Woodhouse Road. This is for young people not yet in employment but who have moved out of education. It helps them develop interests and skills. The Council also supports young adults leaving care and moving into homes of their own.

Finding foster families

We have made a determined effort to recruit more foster families. We are paying high allowances to help foster parents. The Foster and Adoption Unit maintains a list of families for children of all ages but we do need more families to come forward from the Asian, African and Caribbean communities.

We also have a boarding out scheme to encourage Barnet people to take into their home an elderly person who is too independent to settle happily into residential care.

Contact point

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01-446 1488

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42 Lytton Road
New Barnet EN5 5BY
01-449 5511

South East Team
Park House
16 High Road
East Finchley N2 9PJ
01-444 4411

West Team
Barnard House
Burnt Oak Broadway
Edgware
Middx HA8 0UH
01-952 7722

Services for people
with disabilities:
Fiboard House
Oakleigh Gardens
N20 9AB
01-446 4354

Social Services



Helping people with learning difficulties

For all people with learning difficulties, living in the community requires a balance of independence and support if their quality of life is to be acceptable. A refurbished residential unit with single bed sitters and flats for seven people was opened at Friern Barnet. Residents can do their own catering and have the support of a care worker. A care team, linked to New Fieldways, helps with smaller living units where the level of support can be tailored to individual need.

More respite care is needed to help when a carer goes into hospital or needs a break. We use our hostels and Mencap's short term care unit but we are planning a purpose-built unit. One of the most encouraging developments is FLIB - Family Link in Barnet - with 27 families who have helped 42 children with learning difficulties.

Helping people with disabilities

Fiboard House in Whetstone is the power house of services to disabled people. Here there are specialists helping the visually impaired, people with hearing impairment, social workers dealing with assessments for day and residential care, and for holidays for disabled people below pensionable age.

Flightways day centre for disabled people, has been refurbished to give a better service to those who are more highly dependent.



left: A video film was made of the Home Care Plus Service featuring Doris - seen here arriving home from long stay hospital

right: Trainees who have a particularly valuable contribution to make in the work with Barnet's many ethnic communities, were recruited under a special programme. Here Sherry Malik works with a play group as part of her fieldwork training.

Helping people with mental health problems

A multi-disciplinary team was set up in October 1988 to provide a service to older people. Through Joint Finance with Barnet Health Authority we are able to use highly trained, professional staff to give counselling and support.

During the year a social worker was appointed to the new Regional Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit at Napsbury.

The day centres at Broadfields and Station Road serve a steady demand. Broadfields is adapting to meet changing needs and providing a full rehabilitation service. Station Road has launched a drop-in service.

A working party on mental health, which included representatives from MIND and Barnet Health Authority, drew up a report which will form the basis of an action plan leading us into the 1990s.

Working in the community

Barnet has always aimed to work in partnership with local voluntary organisations. This is particularly effective in Social Services. During the year a series of forums was held on which Council staff were joined by the community groups involved, to share our concerns and pool experience.

COMPARISONS 1988/89

	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Total net cost per head of population (£)	65.67	73.91	69.71	79.26
Administration				
Management and Administrative Staff per 1,000 population	0.55	0.44	0.49	0.49
Children in Care				
Children in care as a % of population under 18	0.17	0.30	0.30	0.40
Net cost per child - fostering (£)	5,657	5,078	N/A	4,502
Net cost per child - residential care (£)	30,950	17,511	N/A	23,495
Care of the Elderly				
Residents in homes as a % of population aged 75 and over	6.90	7.00	7.10	6.50
Gross cost per resident week in local authority homes (£)	181.62	166.19	176.35	169.05
Home Helps - Contact hours per 1,000 population aged 65 and over	6,772	9,984	N/A	11,591
Field Work - Social work staff per 1,000 population	0.51	0.57	0.94	0.75

Chief Executive's Department: Grants



Chicken Shed Theatre Workshop, grant aided by Barnet Council

Contact point

Grants Unit
Town Hall
The Burroughs
Hendon NW4 4BG
01-202 8282

Helping you to help others

Few boroughs can be richer in voluntary service than Barnet. From residents who give their own time and experience in the highly skilled service offered by organisations like the Citizens' Advice Bureau, Relate, the WRVS, Old People's Welfare Committees, St John and the Red Cross to mothers running small play groups, and individuals stepping in to help a neighbour.

In the Chief Executive's department the Grants Unit helps many local charities and voluntary groups who need financial support to provide

important services for local people and mount activities which encourage self-development and open up new horizons for children, young people and senior citizens.

To take just one example: Chicken Shed Theatre Workshop received a Council grant of £8,000 to help them in their work which gives young people, many of whom have learning difficulties, the opportunity of working together and developing their talents in the field of drama and stage production.

This can be of tremendous value in boosting the confidence of a child with cerebral palsy, for instance, who can find a new means of expression through joining with others on the stage.

They are just one of 250 organisations whose applications are processed each year by the department, as part of a £1.25 million annual programme overseen by the Grants Committee.

Support is given to lunch clubs for the elderly, youth groups, play schemes, advice centres, arts organisations and many others, from nature conservancy to borough-wide services such as Barnet Mencap.

Contact us

The Grants Committee is established to help. You may know of an organisation which could qualify for a grant.

Advice can be obtained from the Grants Unit.

Chief Executive's Department: Management Services

Keeping the team on top

When it comes to giving service the key to success is employing the right people to do the job and manage the team. An organisation the size of Barnet Council needs a professional approach to its manpower policies. This is provided by the Personnel and Management Services Division of the Chief Executive's Department.

We are the second largest employer in the Borough with more than 11,000 employees, including part-time staff. Only Barnet Health Authority is larger.

The staff of the division are responsible for introducing and reviewing employment policies to ensure that Barnet follows good personnel practice, complies with employment law and maintains good industrial relations.

Throughout this report the effects of the new compulsory competitive tendering are reported.

The division have been playing a major role in preparing the workforce to be able to compete effectively with outside contractors to undertake council services.

During 1988/89 a continuing problem has been the difficulty of recruiting certain categories of professional and skilled staff. Special measures were introduced in an attempt to solve the problem, including expansion of training schemes and a mortgage subsidy scheme to counterbalance the high cost of moving to London.

We are particularly keen to attract women back to work after a career break and to do this we are offering nursery places to staff.

A major event during the year was the successful Barnet Recruitment Fair, attracting 700 people of all ages and qualifications. Another is planned for November 1989, watch for the date in Barnet Borough News and local newspapers.

Contact point

Recruitment Office
16/17 Sentinal Square
Brent Street
Hendon NW4 2EN
01-202 8282 Ext 2372

COMPARISONS 1988/89

	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
EMPLOYEES				
Full-time Employees per 1,000 Population	22.10	23.56	23.64	not available
Part-time Employees per 1,000 Population	13.23	14.17	19.42	not available

On the Barnet consumer beat

Our Trading Standards Service, based in Hendon, has a team of men and women out and about keeping an eye on trading standards and safety. You may have seen them on television showing up the so called 'bargains' that the public are misled into buying at mock auctions.

Did you see the *That's Life* programme in which we helped to reveal that the 'Miracle cross of Fatima' offered by a local mail order company was not 24 carat gold but mainly plastic and the treasure chest 'full of diamonds, emeralds, sapphires and rubies,' contained worthless stone chips.

Spot checks

Trading standards officers make spot checks to see that the law is upheld; that manufacturers and importers do not supply goods which are defective or unsafe; that goods in shops meet safety requirements; and that prices are not misleading. Supermarkets using bar codes must be sure that the price displayed on the shelf is the price charged.

One well publicised piece of legislation during the year concerned the fire resistance and toxic fumes from foam used in furnishing. Our officers check that none of the old foam furniture is on sale, and also advise local businesses specialising in upholstery and interior design.

A glass of wine? How much do you get? Checks made in local pubs and wine bars as part of a national investigation into the quantity in a glass of wine found little standardisation. The volun-



tary code, informing customers of the measure used, was often ignored.

Buying a fridge? Tests were carried out on a cheap Soviet fridge. It did not meet British electrical safety standards. Soviet engineers agreed to alter their production line.

Is your step ladder safe? A mail order step ladder collapsed under its purchaser. Tests showed that the treads, hidden by rubber covers, were low grade plywood of inadequate quality. The product was withdrawn.

Buying a second hand car? Trading standards officers have prosecuted dealers who turn back mileometers. Fines up to £2,000 have been imposed.

Worried about children smoking? Trading standards officers visited shops which sell cigarettes to impress upon shopkeepers that they must comply with the law and not sell cigarettes to children - even if they do say dad sent them.

Trading standards officers regularly check that the heavy goods vehicles passing through the borough are not breaking the law by being overloaded.

Contact point

**Trading Standards
Hatchcroft
The Burroughs
Hendon NW4 4BG
01-202 8282
Ext 2050**

Chief Executive's Department: Legal Services

Busy keeping up with the law

The Legal Service is the Council's own solicitors' practice. It handles the legal work and gives advice to the Council, to its Committees, and to all the other departments. Changes in local government law keep the Council's lawyers very busy.

This year saw major new legislation on compulsive competitive tendering, on the community charge, on local authority housing, and on education, as well as new procedures for dealing with planning inquiries.

Some of the work of the legal service is aimed at protecting the public, or saving the ratepayer money by helping to collect the Council's debts.

A number of unhygienic and insanitary restaurants were prosecuted, resulting in fines and awards of costs totalling thousands of pounds. The Legal Service played its part in ensuring that gypsies and other travellers were evicted as quickly as possible from unauthorised sites.

The Legal Service also has a vital role to play in protecting children at risk, and the social serv-

ices solicitors regularly made urgent and essential applications to the Court.

If the Council refuses planning permission the applicant can appeal to a government inspector. The legal service arranges for the Council's case to be put at public inquiries - there were approximately 40 in 1988/89.

On the property side, we handle most of the Council's conveyancing, including commercial development and council house sales. Last year we sold over 800 Council houses and flats.

The services includes the Local Land Charges Office, which handles enquiries from solicitors each time a property in the Borough changes hands - over two million questions last year.

The Electoral Registration Office which makes up the roll of electors each year, and handles local, parliamentary and European elections also comes under Legal Services.

A new Head of Legal Services is now in post, and is looking forward to the challenges, changes and opportunities that the future will bring.

Contact point

**The Town Hall
The Burroughs
Hendon NW4 4BG
01-202 8282**

Barnet has 60 councillors. The borough is divided into 20 wards and each ward has three elected councillors.

Elections are held every four years and the next election for London Boroughs is scheduled for Thursday 3 May 1990.

Most councillors hold regular 'surgeries' where members of the public can come with their questions and local problems. Other Councillors will make an appointment with ward constituents and local residents.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

ARKLEY WARD

Cllr Ian Balcombe, 39a Stanhope Avenue, Finchley N3 3LX;

Cllr Arthur Beck, 1 Sonia Court, Sonia Gardens, North Finchley, N12 8BD.

Cllr Phil Williams, Hawthorn Cottage, 16 Totteridge Lane, Whetstone N20 9QH.

Surgeries: 1st and 3rd Friday of month, Dollis Valley Community Centre, 7.30pm and 4th Friday, St Stephen's Vicarage, Spring Close, Bells Hill, Barnet, 7.30pm.

BRUNSWICK PARK WARD

Cllr Don Goodman, 35 West Walk, East Barnet EN4 8NU.

Cllr Rene Palmer, 3 Gillum Close, East Barnet EN4 8NE.

Cllr John Rawles, 52 Oakleigh Road South, New Southgate N11 1LA.

Surgeries: 2nd Saturday of month, 10.30am to 12 noon, Monkfrith Boys Club Hall, Osidge Lane N14.

BURNT OAK WARD

Cllr Peter Ellis, 1 Featherstone Court, Bunns Lane Mill Hill NW7 2DS.

Cllr Gerald Shamash, 1 Woodside, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 6HH.

Cllr Alan Williams, 217 Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0NA.

Surgeries: Every Saturday, 10.30 am to 12 noon, Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak

CHILDS HILL WARD

Cllr Jack Cohen, 42 Avenue Road, North Finchley, N12 8PY.

Cllr Monroe Palmer, 31 The Vale, Golders Green, NW11 8SE.

Cllr Brian Stone, 51 Oak Grove, Cricklewood, NW2 3LS.

Surgeries: Every 2nd Tuesday of month, 7 to 8pm, Garth Hall Community Centre, Mortimer Close, Granville Road, Cricklewood.

COLINDALE WARD

Cllr Ellis Hillman, 29 Haslemere Avenue, Hendon NW4 2PU.

Cllr Jenny Manson, 73 Corringham Road, Golders Green NW11 7DL.

Cllr Tom McKendry, 37 Baronsmere Road, East Finchley N2 9QD.

Surgeries: 1st and 4th Saturdays each month., 2 to 3pm, St Augustin's Church, Grahame Park.

EAST BARNET WARD

Cllr Olwen Evans, 20 Summit Way, Southgate N14 7NL.

Cllr John Perry, 158 Osidge Lane, Southgate N14 5DP

Cllr Mamie Perry, 158 Osidge Lane, Southgate N14 5DP.

Surgeries: 1st Saturday of month, 10.20am to 12 noon, Community Centre, Victoria Road, New Barnet. 01-368 4368 for appointment.

EAST FINCHLEY WARD

Cllr Frances Crook, 404a Long Lane, East Finchley N2 8JX

Cllr John Davies, 47 Manor Park Road, East Finchley N2 0SN.

Cllr Laurence Spigel, 36 Durham Road, East Finchley N2 9DT.

Surgeries: Saturdays, 10 to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane N2.

EDGWARE WARD

Cllr David Hammond, 117 Rushgrove Avenue, Colindale NW9 6RG.

Cllr Malcolm Lester, 124 Holders Hill Road, Hendon NW4 1LJ.

Cllr A.T.W. Smith, 29 Heming Road, Edgware HA8 9AB.

Surgeries: Every Wednesday, Hendon North constituency office, Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill from 6.30pm. For an appointment: 01-959 1446

FINCHLEY WARD

Cllr Miles Golding, 22 Claremont Park Finchley N3 1TH.

Cllr Barbara Langstone, 42 Ridgeview Road, Whetstone N20 0HJ.

Cllr Leslie Sussman, 25 Tillingbourne Gardens Finchley N3 3JJ

Surgeries: 1st Saturday of month, 10.30am to 12 noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3

FRIERN BARNET WARD

Cllr Chris Platford, 90 Horsham Avenue, North Finchley N12 9BE.

Cllr Brian Salinger, 32 The Ridgeway, Friern Barnet N11 3LJ

Cllr John Tiplady, 23 Finchley Park, North Finchley N12 9JS.

Surgeries: 1st Saturday of the month, 10.30am to 12 noon, 212 Ballards Lane N3.

Council and Councillors

GARDEN SUBURB WARD

Cllr Malcolm Davis, 43 Holne Chase, East Finchley N2 0QL.

Cllr Roy Shutz, 41 Denman Drive, Hampstead Garden Suburb NW11 6RD.

Cllr Veronica Soskin, 84 Hampstead Way, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 7XY.

Surgeries: Arranged via Hendon South constituency office, 01-202 7484.

GOLDERS GREEN WARD

Cllr Melvin Cohen, 338 Regents Park Road, Finchley N3 2LR.

Cllr Leslie Foster, 82 Cotswold Gardens, Cricklewood NW2 1PG.

Cllr Hadley Hunter, 34 Park View Gardens, Hendon NW4 2PN.

Surgeries: Arranged via Hendon South constituency office, 01-202 7484.

HADLEY WARD

Cllr Gillian Bull, 73 Grove Road, North Finchley N12 9DS.

Cllr Carol Cender, Thackeray House, Hadley Green Road, Barnet EN5 5PR.

Cllr John Hoyle, 101 Longmore Avenue, New Barnet, EN5 1JZ.

Surgeries: 01-446 7684; 01-441 6325; 01-441 5077.

HALE WARD

Cllr Dot Benson, 55 Marsh Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 4QG.

Cllr Jack Clarfelt, Wychwood, Milesplit Hill, Mill Hill, NW7 2RZ.

Cllr Leslie Pym, 34 The Reddings, Mill Hill, NW7 4JR.

Surgeries: Wednesdays, Hendon North Constituency Office, Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill, from 6.30pm. 01-959 1446

HENDON WARD

Cllr Anthony Grosz, 8 Holders Hill Crescent, Hendon NW4 1ND.

Cllr Norman Hirshfield, 20 Downage, Hendon NW4 1AH.

Cllr Fred Poole, 38 Holders Hill Gardens, Hendon NW4 1NP.

Surgeries: Arranged via Hendon South Constituency Office, 01-202 7484.

MILL HILL WARD

Cllr Anthony Antoniou, 6 Mount View, Mill Hill NW7 3HT.

Cllr Denis Dippel, 23 Victoria Road, Mill Hill NW7 4SA.

Cllr John Hart, 11 Mount View, Mill Hill NW7 3HT.

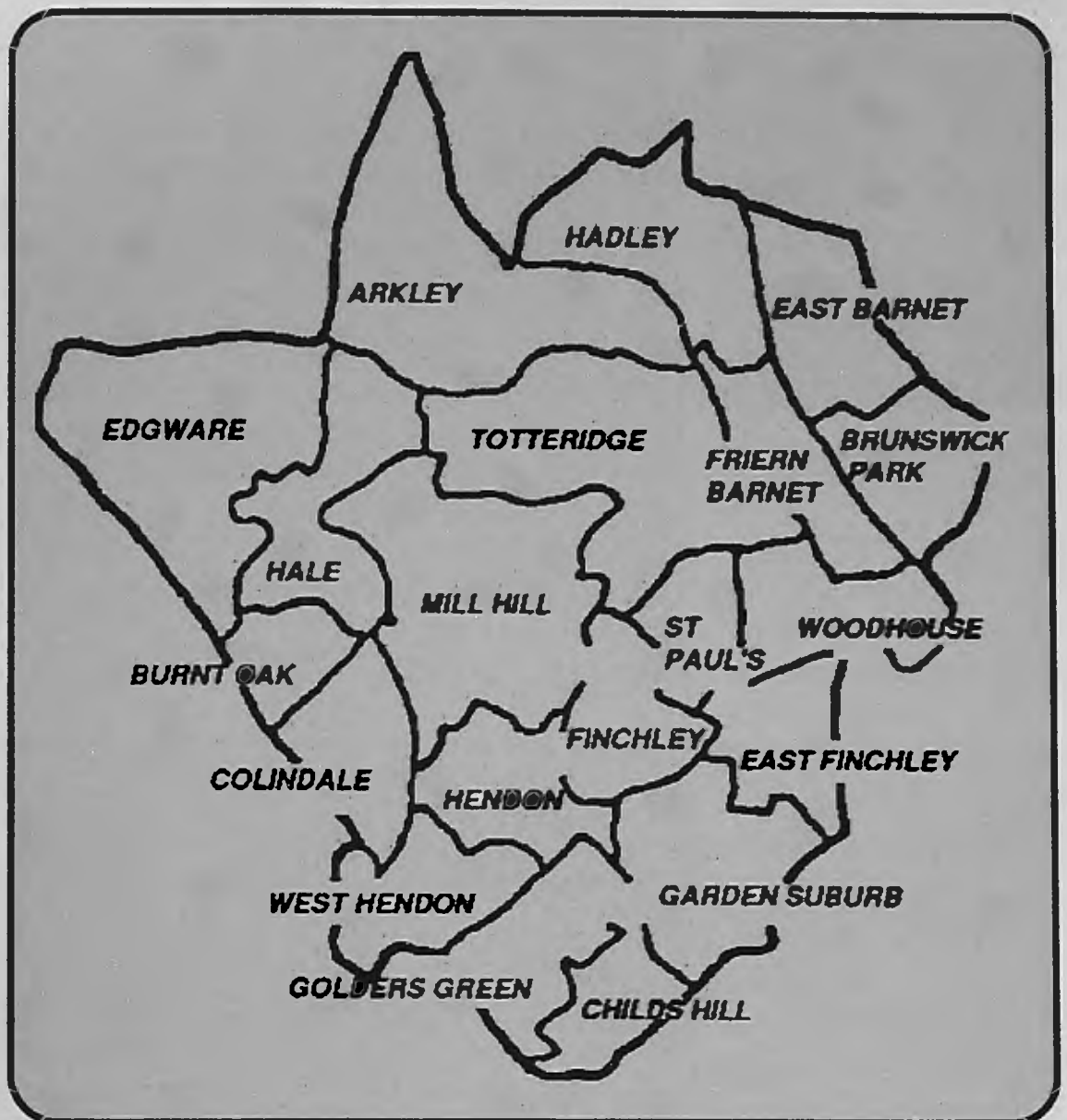
Surgeries: Every Wednesday, Hendon North constituency office, Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill, from 6.30pm. For appointments 01-959 1446.

ST PAUL'S WARD

Cllr Naren Dave, 44 Fallow Court Avenue, North Finchley, N12 0EB.

Cllr Michael Freeman, 62 Antrim Mansions, Antrim Road, Hampstead NW3 4XL.

Cllr Kitty Lyons, 22 Park Crescent, Finchley N3 2NJ.



Surgeries: Every Saturday, 11am to 12 noon, Tally Ho Labour Party Stall, North Finchley.

TOTTERIDGE WARD

Cllr Joan Levinson, 9 St John's Avenue, Friern Barnet N11 3BX.

Cllr Victor Lyon, 10 Charnwood Place, Whetstone, N20 0PE.

Cllr Victor Usher, 46 Chandos Avenue, Whetstone N20 9DX.

Surgeries: 01-368 3298, 01-446 4423, 01-445 4248.

WEST HENDON

Cllr Doreen Neall, 71 Sturgess Avenue, Hendon NW4 3TR.

Cllr Tim Sims, 19 Somerset Road, Hendon NW4 4EP.

Cllr Agnes Slocombe, 16 Layfield Road, Hendon NW4 3UG.

Surgeries: Cllr Sims, 1st Saturday of month, 11 am to 12 noon, West Hendon Youth Club, 44 Park Road, NW4. or Tel: 734 8080 (office hours) for appointment. Or 01-202 9927 or 01-202 4074 for appointment.

WOODHOUSE WARD

Cllr Mike Harris, 29 Hampden Court, Hampden Road, Muswell Hill N10 2HN.

Cllr Dennis Reed, 290 Hurstwood Court, Woodhouse Road, North Finchley N12 0LG.

Cllr Rudolph Vis, 54 Lester Road, East Finchley, N2 9EA.

Surgeries: Every Thursday, 6.30 to 7.30pm, Friern Barnet Town Hall, N11. Also Saturdays at Tally Ho, North Finchley.

Map showing in outline the wards of the borough. A detailed wall map, price £3.50, can be obtained from The Electoral Registration Office Ravensfield House The Burroughs Hendon NW4 4BE

Meetings

Barnet Council and Committee Meetings are held at the Town Hall, Hendon. Dates are given in Barnet Borough News and Council Meetings are also advertised on posters displayed throughout the borough. The meetings start at 7pm and are open to the public.

Agendas and reports are available at the meeting and can be inspected at local libraries three days prior to the meeting



Mike Ross,
Director of Financial
Services

Responding to change

Major legislation, introducing the Community Charge, local management of schools, competitive tendering for services, capital housing management and housing benefits all required substantial financial input.

- Housing benefit changes were implemented.
- Preparation for the Community Charge began.
- A new mainframe computer was installed to deal with the increase in information demanded to run the Community Charge.
- The computer network was expanded, allowing greater access and communication between systems and users.
- A new financial information system was in-

troduced in April 1988, dealing with 2.5 million transactions a year while providing up to date financial information and reports to managers throughout the borough.

Commercial Approach

The Finance Department initiated a drive to introduce a more commercial approach to its activities.

A group of managers have been looking at the way the department works, to identify changes that should be made to meet the current demands of its customers. The aim is to improve services to the clients wherever possible, both to the public and to other sections of the Council itself, and to do so at the most economical cost.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March		1989	1988	NOTES
	See Note	£m	£m	
THE COUNCIL HAD THE FOLLOWING ASSETS:				
Land, buildings etc.	1.	275.1	255.4	<p>1. The figures shown here represent the original cost of the council's assets. If they were to be sold they would fetch much more than the value shown here.</p> <p>2. These assets cannot be sold and so have no resale value. This includes outstanding loan debt on property no longer owned by the council.</p> <p>3. Interest received on this money helps to reduce the rate charge.</p> <p>4. Mainly mortgages to enable council tenants to buy their homes.</p> <p>5. Day to day debtors including outstanding government grants.</p> <p>6. Items held in the council's stores and incomplete rechargeable works such as vehicle cross-overs.</p> <p>7. Mainly long-term borrowing but also day-to-day creditors.</p> <p>8. This is money put aside to meet future expenditure, either planned, or which cannot be predicted.</p> <p>9. Holding this money reduces the need to borrow from outside sources. It will eventually be used either to finance capital expenditure or to repay loan debt.</p> <p>10. This represents repaid loans: capital receipts, grants, and revenue used to pay for capital assets.</p>
Major road works, deferred charges etc.	2.	64.5	28.6	
Investment of income from the sale of the Council's share of Brent Cross Shopping Centre.	3.	17.0	17.0	
Money owed to the Council which will be repaid over a number of years.	4.	27.9	25.5	
Money owed to the Council short-term.	5.	41.6	37.6	
Stocks and work in hand.	6.	2.1	1.7	
		428.2	365.8	
However, to finance this the Council borrowed and owed to others:	7.	(169.6)	(185.0)	
THIS LEFT THE COUNCIL WITH:		£258.6	£180.8	
WHICH COMPRISED:				
Balances on various reserve and revenue accounts.	8.	38.3	26.4	
Unspent income from the sale of assets.	9.	91.1	79.0	
The amount of the Council's land, buildings, etc which are free of debt	10.	129.2	75.4	
		£258.6	£180.8	

SUMMARY REVENUE ACCOUNT

1987/88 ACTUAL		1988/89 REVISED ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
£'000s		£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
NET EXPENDITURE OF SERVICES				
81,228	Education	85,596	85,953	357
312	Careers	368	377	9
824	Housing	921	894	(27)
1,823	Environmental Health	1,926	1,907	(19)
318	Trading Standards	355	345	(10)
23,950	Social Services	26,859	26,909	50
1,160	Recreation	1,405	1,357	(48)
9,079	Highways and Public Lighting	9,181	9,498	317
7,006	Refuse	7,867	7,798	(69)
4,489	Parks and Open Spaces	4,755	4,768	13
4,087	Libraries and Arts	4,381	4,464	83
1,584	Planning and Building	1,617	1,252	(365)
181	Miscellaneous Services	2,315	1,467	(848)
136,041	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	147,546	146,989	(557)
LESS INCOME				
(37,656)	Rate Support Income	(41,767)	(41,768)	(1)
(95,927)	Rate Income	(110,797)	(113,848)	(3,051)
(133,583)		(152,564)	(155,616)	(3,052)
£2,458	(SURPLUS)/ DEFICIT FOR YEAR	£(5,018)	£(8,627)	£(3,609)
£4,694	GENERAL RATE FUND BALANCE	£10,601	£14,210	£3,609

Contact point

Director of Financial Services
Town Hall
The Burroughs
Hendon NW4 4BG
01-202 8282

Housing Benefits Fenella
Babington Road
Hendon NW4 4BS
Private tenants
01-202 1955
Council tenants and owner occupiers
01-202 1844

Community Charge Hatchcroft
The Burroughs
Hendon NW4 4BN
01-202 8282
Ext. 2800/2801

Summary of the major variations between the actual and revised estimate of expenditure

1. INCREASES IN SERVICES NET INCOME	Variations
For example: building regulation and planning fees, charges to residents in social services establishments, other local authorities contributions to Further Education costs, and fees and charges to the public.	£000s (780)
2. VARIATIONS IN STAFFING COSTS	
Due to, for example, increases in demand for part-time college courses and payment of arrears of pay to Social Services staff for the previous year's pay award, but partly offset by reductions in other services staffing levels (eg Planning and Secondary Schools).	480
3. ADDITIONAL RATE INCOME	
which has arisen from arrears of revaluations processed by the district valuer preparing for the new community charge system.	(3,051)
4. ADDITIONAL INTEREST RECEIVABLE	
which is due to the rapid increase in interest rates during 1988/89, thereby increasing the amount earned by the investment of any surplus cash the Council had during the year.	(600)
5. OTHER VARIATIONS	
including reductions in employee overheads, contributions to and from the Council's reserves and increases in service costs (especially transportation)	342
	£(3,609)

COMPARISONS 1988/89

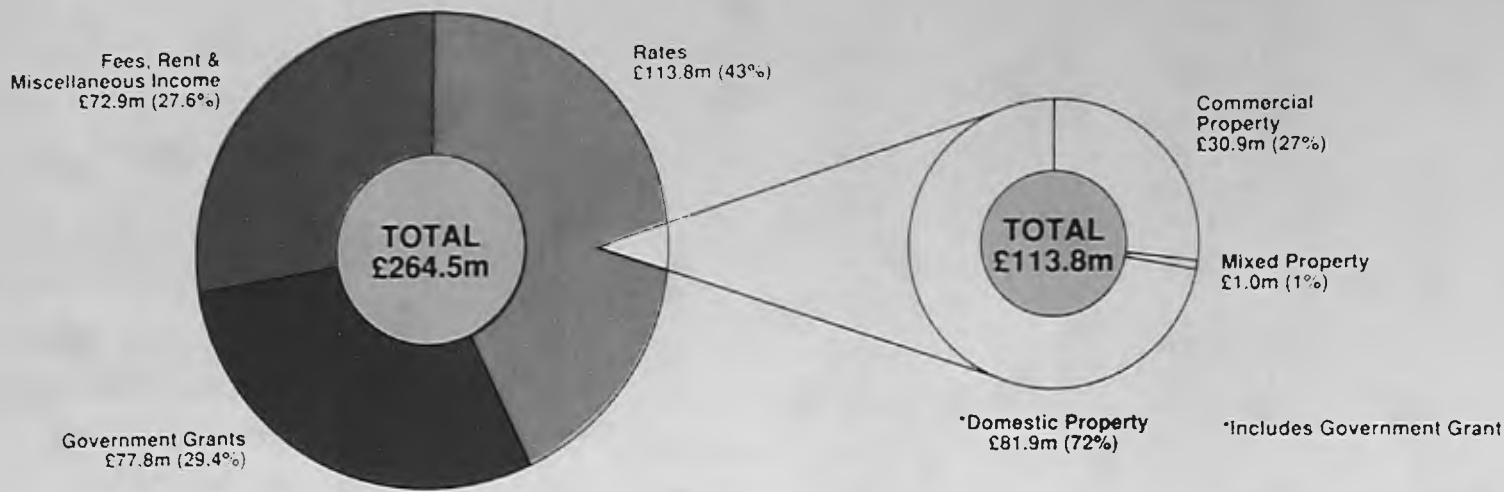
	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	All Outer London Boroughs
GENERAL				
Population (000s)	299.50	260.10	199.70	222.40
Area in Hectares	8,953	8,115	5,082	6,390
ALL SERVICES				
Expenditure				
Total net cost per head of population (£)	534.76	606.96	566.27	602.44

NOTES ON COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

1. Figures are mainly estimates. Actual figures are not available at the time of publication.

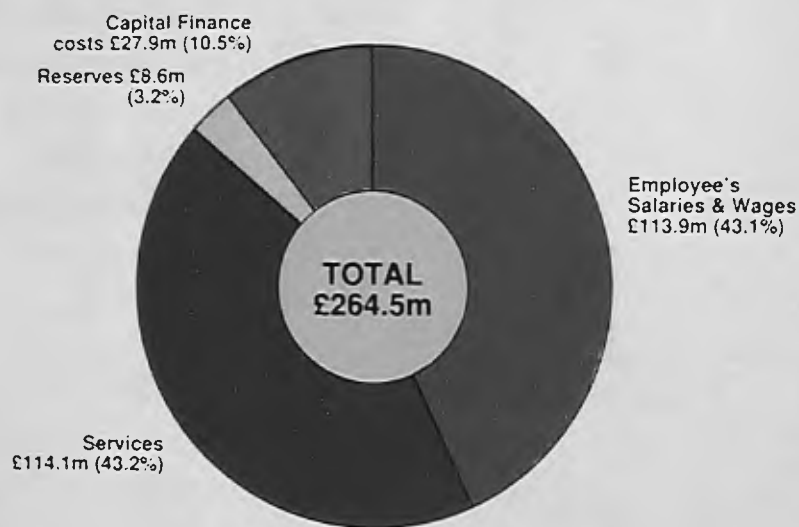
2. The statistics are, in the main, measures of cost. They are of limited use in indicating quality and effectiveness of the services provided or the needs of the individual authorities.

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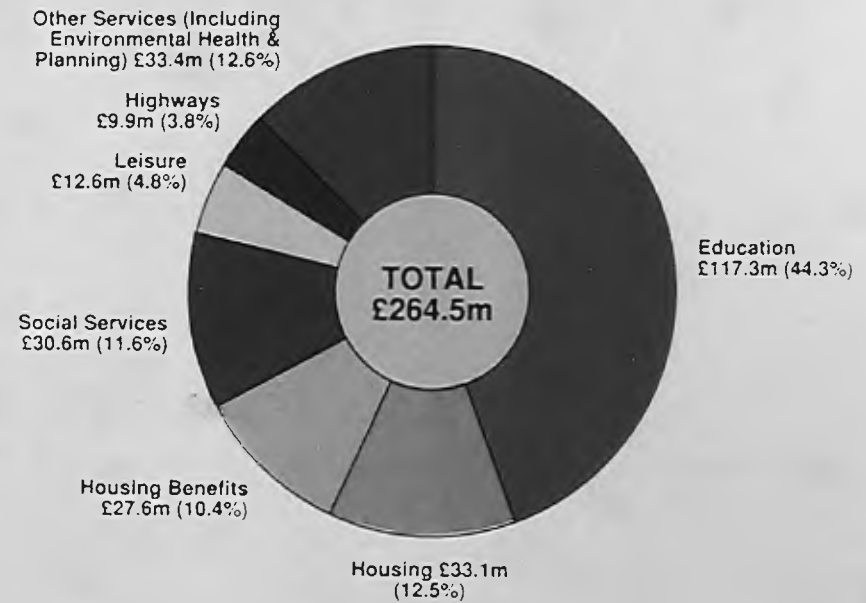


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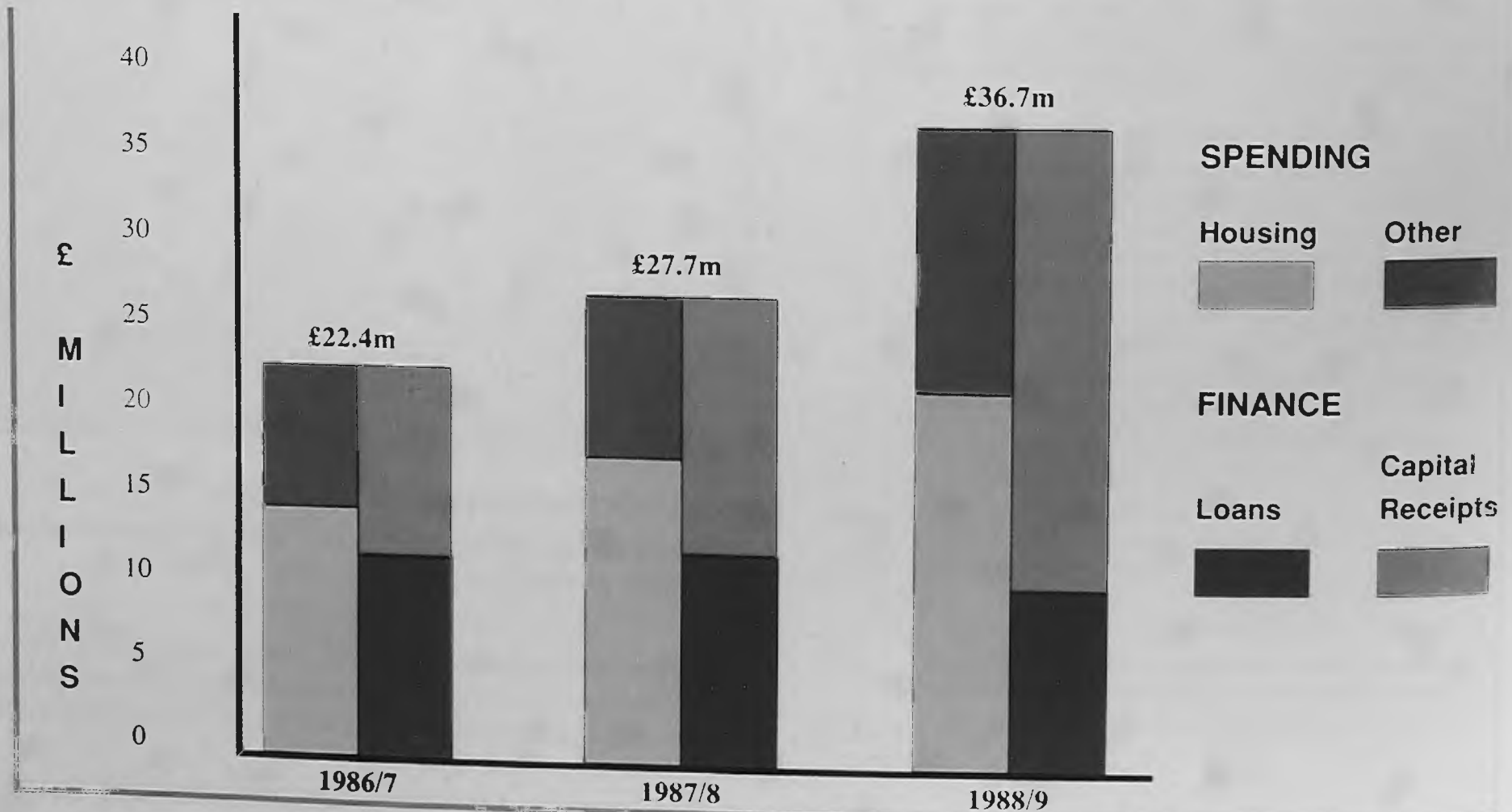
THE MONEY WAS SPENT ON:-



WHICH PROVIDED THESE SERVICES:-



The Council's spending on Land, Buildings and other assets and how they were paid for



OXFORD CENTRE FOR POSTGRADUATE HEBREW STUDIES

The George Webber Prize for
Translation from Hebrew

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*Closing date for the 1990 competition:
19 January 1990.*

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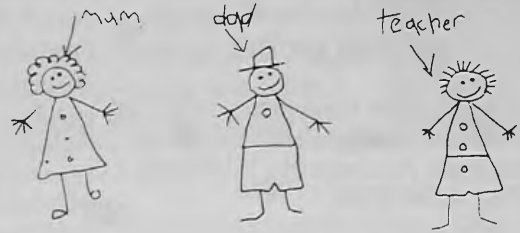
For further details, a copy of our Prospectus, or to make an appointment, please contact:

The Director of Admissions,
Mill Hill School,
The Ridgeway,
Mill Hill,
London, NW7 1QS
Tel. No: 01 959 1176



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Enfield is looking for talented and enthusiastic qualified teachers who are committed to provide a relevant, forward-thinking and high quality education service for pupils. All staff are encouraged to share in the planning for the challenges of the 1990's and we offer Schools the maximum number of incentive allowances in recognition of our teachers' commitment.

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Further details and application forms available from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: ADM/E/20.

Admin Assistant

£9,879 - £12,213 p.a. inc.

This is a busy, interesting post based at Manorside Curriculum Development Centre, Squires Lane, Church End, Finchley. It would suit a person with excellent organisational skills, extensive secretarial skills, knowledge of book-keeping and an awareness of new technology. If you are also familiar with word processing systems and other computerised information processing systems, so much the better - however training is available if required.

Closing date: 17th November 1989.
Further details and application forms available from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: ADM/E/613.

P/T Admin Assistant

up to £10,255 p.a. inc. (pro rate)

Required to work 15 hours per week at Barnet Teachers Centre, 451 High Road, N12 in the Educational Microcomputing Unit. As a key member of the Unit, you will be responsible for providing support to a team of Advisory Teachers working in Barnet schools. Duties will include:

- ◆ operating a desk top publishing system
- ◆ using a database to monitor and control the loan of computer equipment to schools
- ◆ using spreadsheets to monitor and control financial records and sales of consumables to schools
- ◆ providing general clerical and administrative support, e.g. handling telephone enquiries, dealing with routine correspondence, filing, etc.

If you have excellent modern office skills and are co-operative, imaginative, tactful and are able to work on your own initiative - please contact us.

Closing date: 17th November 1989
(This post is initially funded until August 1991).
Further details and application forms available from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: ADM/E/701.

Clerical Assistant (Full or Part-Time)

up to £8,919 p.a. inc.

We are looking for a bright and enthusiastic person to work in our busy general office at Friern Barnet Town Hall.

Working as part of a team, your duties will include sorting and distribution of post, helping with stationery requisitions, photocopying and the collation of documentation. You will also have the opportunity to help out on the reception desk.

Closing date: 17th November 1989
Further details and application forms available from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: ADM/E/111. Please state the number of hours you would like to be considered for.

Laboratory Technician

£9,018 - £9,624 p.a. inc.
+ qualification allowance

You will be based in the Biology and Chemistry Departments in Hasmorean School, Holders Hill, Hendon NW4 and you must be able to prepare practical work up to 'A' level standard or equivalent.

Your duties will include care and maintenance of laboratories, apparatus and equipment; and care of plants. You will also be expected to make a contribution to the work of the Science Department generally.

Closing date: 15th November 1989.
Further details and application forms from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: ADM/S/164/251.

Laboratory Technician

up to £5,161 p.a. inc.
+ qualification allowance
(min. at age 21 £4,185)

You will be working in the Biology Department at Hasmorean School, Page Street, London NW7 preparing practical work up to 'A' level standard. Other duties will include the assembly and care of apparatus.

Closing date: 17th November 1989.
Further details and application forms available from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: ADM/E/164/241.

P/T Temp. Welfare Assistant

£1,491 - £2,066 p.a. inc.
(10 hrs pw, 40 wks per year)
Hyde Junior School, The Hyde, London NW9

A caring person is required to be a Welfare Assistant for a child with special needs. You will also be required to carry out a wide range of non-teaching duties, including assisting the teacher in the classroom and reception of children into the school.

Hours of duty are from 8.45 am - 10.45 am.

Closing date: 17th November 1989.
Further details and application forms available from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: ADM/E/053/531.

Cleaners

£3.17 per hr inc.

Have you a few hours to spare in the afternoon? Are you looking to earn extra money for Christmas? Then this could be just the job you are looking for.

Cleaners are urgently required for:

Hasmorean High School for Girls
2-4 Page Street, Mill Hill, NW7
Tel: 01-203 4294.

St Paul's CE School
The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, NW7
Tel: 01-959 3412.

Christ Church CE School
Byng Road, Barnet, EN5 4NS.
Tel: 01-440 2198.

These appointments will not exceed 12 weeks.

Please contact the Caretaker at the appropriate school for application forms. Please quote Ref: ADM/S/PB/208.

DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Engineering Services Group

Resident Engineer

up to £19,254 p.a. inc.
+ car allowance

For further details of the post and of the Group's future contracts, contact: Philip Skinner or Peter Adams on 01-446 8511 ext 4361 or 4395.

Closing date: 10th November 1989.
Interview date: 24th November 1989.
Further details and application forms available from Address No 2. Please quote Ref: DTS/110.

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- Regularly reviewed wages
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For full time posts we offer - canteen facilities, a minimum of 20 days basic annual leave and additional leave at most Bank Holidays. Assistance with housing, 100% of removal expenses and interest-free loans for annual seasons tickets may be available in approved cases.

Engineering Group

Technician (Survey)

Graduate Engineer

up to £14,213 p.a. inc.

+ casual car allowance, training/study facilities

If you are able to meet our requirements, your starting salary will be close to the top of the scale.

Closing date: 15th November 1989.

Interview date: 24th November 1989.

For an informal discussion phone John Stannard on 01-446 8511 ext 4378.

Further details and application forms available from Address No 2. Please quote Ref: DTS/195.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION - ARCHITECTURE GROUP

A CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY FOR A HIGHLY MOTIVATED PERSON WITH A STRONG COMMITMENT TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Fuel Efficiency Officer

Up to £13,299 p.a. inc.

This post carries a Casual User Car Allowance and an attractive benefits package, including a relocation allowance in approved cases.

If you would like an informal discussion concerning this opportunity, please con-

tact Indra Samaranyake, Senior Fuel Efficiency Engineer, on 01-446 8511 Ext 4571.

Closing date: 19th November 1989.

Interview date: 1st December 1989.

Application forms available from Address No 2. Please quote Ref: DTS/581.

HGV Drivers

£137.20 pw inc.

+ bonus payment - approx £30 pw

We urgently require HGV Drivers to assist in the cleansing of the Borough. Hours: 39pw, with occasional overtime available.

If you are interested, please come to Summers Lane Depot, Summers Lane, N12 on Thursday 2nd November 1989 between 8.30 am and 10.00 am.

DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Trowel Trade Operatives

up to £202.57 pw inc.

max bonus

Our depots in Barnet, Finchley and Burnt Oak have vacancies for experienced tradespeople who can work as part of a team carrying out repairs and maintenance work on the council's housing estates. You should preferably have C&G and/or suitable experience.

As one of London's largest housing authorities we have a varied stock of residential buildings that need both traditional and up-to-date skills, which in turn will give you variety

and the opportunity to use your skills to their full potential.

If you are interested in the plastering and bricklaying field, we would like to hear from you. You will enjoy good working conditions and a 39 hour week, plus travelling allowance.

Closing date: 17th November 1989.

Further details and application forms available from Address No 1. Please quote Ref: CAM/TTO.

Where to apply

1. Recruitment Office, 16/17 Sentinal Square, Brent Street, Hendon NW4 2EN. Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 2372 (01-202 6602 24 hr answer phone outside office hours.)
2. Directorate of Technical Services, Assistant Controller (Support Services) Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. Tel: 01-446 8511 Ext 4454
3. Directorate of Educational Services, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, London N11 3DL. Tel: 01-368 1255
4. Directorate of Social Service, Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 9HZ. Tel: 01-446 6857 (24 hr answering service).

For full-time posts we offer - Canteen facilities, a minimum of 20 days basic annual leave and additional leave at most Bank Holidays. Assistance with housing, 100% of removal expenses and interest-free loans for annual seasons tickets may be available in approved cases.

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DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Work with Elderly People in the Community A Step into Management

Management Officer (North Area Team)

£16,308 - £17,655 p.a. inc.
+ essential car allowance
+ interest free loan scheme

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

Closing date: 17th November 1989.
Interview date: 1st December 1989.
Further details and application forms
from Address No 4. Please quote Ref:
633/85.

Relief Managers /Assistant Managers

Residential Care for Elderly People

(Managers - £14,661 - £18,591
p.a. inc.)
(Asst Manager - £11,202 -
£14,307 p.a. inc.)

Have you had managerial experience in a residential home for elderly people? Would you like the flexibility of working when needed rather than regular permanent hours? Are you flexible and available at a moment's notice?

Closing date: 10th November 1989.
If you are interested, contact Mrs A Marshall or Ms A Brown on 01-446 1488 ext 4261 or 4266.
Application forms available from Address No 4. Please quote Ref: 633/350.

P/T Social Worker Barnet Adult Placement Scheme (BAPS)

£6,289 - £7,785 pa inc.
(+ essential car allowance
+ interest free loan scheme)

BAPS is a generic scheme providing community placements for adults with a learning difficulty, people who are elderly and frail, those with a history of psychiatric problems and people with a physical disability.

Our long-term placement scheme is well established and we are now developing a complementary short-term respite resource.

As part of the Adult Placement team you will develop and promote the scheme from an

area base in East Finchley with supervision and management from the area team. The BAPS team meets regularly and provides colleague support.

We are seeking a professionally qualified (CQSW) social worker with an understanding of disability and a basic knowledge of welfare rights. If you have potential skills in recruiting, assessing and supporting carers and have an appreciation of the needs of ethnic minorities, then we would like to hear from you.

You must have a driving licence.

Closing date: 10th November 1989.
For informal enquiries please contact Mary Rice, Assistant Management Officer, Fostering & Adoption on 01-883 5562/3 or Mike Learner, Principal Management Officer, South East Team on 01-444 4411.

Application forms available from Address No 4. Please quote Ref: 633/970.

P/T Day Careworker £7,902 - £10,482 p.a. inc. (30 hr wk)

New Fieldways Social Education Centre offers services for 50 adults with learning difficulties, providing a range of groups and activities in the centre and local community.

You will undertake specified parts of the Centre's programme of educational, domestic and social skills training and act as a keyworker for up to 10 people, participating in assessments, reviews and programme plans which promote the rights of individuals.

We would like to hear from you if you have group work, counselling or teaching skills, and have experience of working with people with learning difficulties and/or relevant qualification (CSS, CQSW or Dip. TMHA).

As part of the Council's equal opportunity policy, applications are invited from people regardless of race, sex or disability.

Closing Date: 10th November 1989.
Further details and application forms available from Address No 4. Please quote Ref: 633/761.

Nursery Officer £8,688 - £10,935 p.a. inc. (with a qualification bar at £10,575)

If you have a flexible and imaginative approach to the development of services for Under 5's and their families then we need you at Lakeview Nursery, West Hendon.

We offer you exciting scope for professional development through:

- varied and challenging work with young children, and their families
- supportive teamwork and individual supervision
- excellent in-service training

Men and members of ethnic minority groups are currently under-represented in the team.

Applications from these groups are particularly welcome. Section 38 of the Race Relations Act 1976 and Section 48 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 apply.

These posts are open to job share.

For an informal chat please phone Stephanie Lambert (Nursery Deputy Manager) on 01-202 7960.

Why don't you come to our information session on 2nd November and find out more about the Nursery and the skills and interests we are looking for in new staff.

Closing date: 10th November 1989.
Application forms available from Address No 4. Please quote Ref: 633/385.

Admin Assistant up to £10,935 p.a. inc.

Are you an experienced Secretary/PA with first class audio/copy typing and shorthand skills and some knowledge of word processing? If so, we would like to hear from you.

We are looking for someone to provide secretarial support to the Managers of this busy team and lead a small group of typists based in Fibboard House, Whetstone N20. The duties of the post are varied and interesting. In addition to the usual secretarial skills you will be expected to allocate work to the typists, train new staff on word processors and arrange and minute meetings. Flexible working hours are available.

Closing date: 15th November 1989.
For an informal discussion contact Sara Watts on 01-446 4354.
Further details and application forms available from Address No 4. Please quote Ref: 633/582.

Where to apply

1. Recruitment Office, 16/17 Sentinal Square, Brent Street, Hendon NW4 2EN. Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 2372 (01-202 6602 24 hr answer phone outside office hours.)
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The development will consist of three and four bedroom detached homes from the Award Winning Premier Collection and feature no fewer than five different designs.

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Barratt is committed to helping purchasers with a useful range of financial incentives. A number of these - including mortgage subsidy, partnership mortgage, house exchange service and early exchange discount, are available on most developments through the Mastermove Scheme - the most comprehensive package ever available to buyers!



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Advertising feature

Barnet Roundabout

Barnet Council Jobfair

November 9, 10 & 11

What's your line? Teacher, typist, plumber, planner, cleaner, caterer? These are just some of the wide range of jobs available in local government.

Find out more about the careers Barnet Council has to offer by coming to our **JOBFAIR** at Barnet House.

School leavers, graduates, women wanting to return to work, and people seeking new opportunities will find jobs and training programmes to interest them.

Barnet House, at 1255 High Road, Whetstone, has access for people with disabilities and there will be a free creche.

On Thursday, November 9 and Saturday, November 11 the **JOBFAIR** is open to the public. Opening hours are 5pm to 9pm Thursday; 10am to 5pm Saturday.

On Friday, November 10 the Jobfair is open to school groups.

Barnet Council is an equal opportunity employer and wants a workforce which reflects the ethnic composition of the borough. There are many career opportunities for people with disabilities.

So come and meet us - It's **JUST THE JOB!**

Japanese Councillors visit the Borough

A delegation from the Kimitsu City Assembly, Chiba, Japan, visited the Borough of Barnet on October 17 as part of a fact-finding tour of Europe to see how local government operates.

The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Dot Benson, welcomed them to the Town Hall, Hendon, and outlined the history of the Mayoralty.

The Japanese delegation presented

the Mayor with a picture of Kururi Castle, which is a tourist attraction in their town.

Cllr Leslie Pym, Leader of the Council, and Cllr Victor Usher, the borough's longest serving councillor, described the council's structure and Michael Ross, Director of Financial Services, outlined how local government in England is financed.

The visitors, pictured below with the Mayor and council representatives, were: Mr Hiroshi Aiba, Mr Kenjiro Miyahara, Mr Teijiro Hasegawa, Mr Minoru Ishizaki, Mr Teisuke Shirakuma, Mr Nobuyasu Nagashima, Mr Hideo Iizuma, Mr Tsutae Sugiura, Mr Takashi Ogawa, Mr Kunio Tokita, Mr Mitsuo Osumi and Mr Katsuhiko Nakamura.



Scaling the Edgware Heights

A team of four climbers from Yorkshire have been helping the Borough of Barnet to check out the concrete cladding on two blocks of flats at Stonegrove, Edgware.

High Rise Services, a specialist company based in Sheffield, were called in to check the cladding panels on Chichele House and Stratton House, where loose masonry could be a danger.

To do this they used mountaineering techniques, abseiling down the flats. Hammers and electronic techniques were used to detect any defects within the concrete. Barnet Council's Housing department will now study the results of the survey to decide upon the scale of repair works needed.

Lorry ban planned for Barnet and Enfield

Barnet and Enfield Councils are proposing jointly to ban all lorries over 7.5 tonnes from local roads, restricting them to the motorways and trunk roads unless they have a specific business in the area.

In recent years people have become concerned at the ever growing number and size of heavy goods vehicles which use the roads in which they live, work and shop. There is noise, vibration, pollution and a road safety hazard. Long term damage is caused to smaller roads which are sometimes used by lorries as a short cut.

Better environment

Both council's recognise the important role that lorries play in the servicing of commerce and industry, but they are strongly opposed to local roads being used as through routes by heavy goods vehicles.

The aim of the lorry ban is to control the movement of freight and create a better environment for the residents.

A leaflet describing the scheme, states the message clearly:

'If you have business in our borough you are welcome. If not please pass through on the trunk roads and motorways.'

Surveys

Surveys carried out by the two boroughs indicate that over 1,000 vehicles a day could be diverted on to trunk roads.

There is a 16.5 tonne lorry ban in existence, introduced by the former Greater London Council. However, it only applies to very large vehicles and the method of displaying an exempt permit means that a lorry with business in another borough appears to have permission to travel on Barnet's local roads. This makes enforcement very difficult.

The leaflet has a map showing the area of the ban. This will stretch from the A10 in Enfield to the Edgware Road on Barnet's Western boundary, and from the M25 just to the north of the two boroughs to the North Circular Road. It will also cover most of

East Finchley, Golders Green and Hampstead Garden Suburb.

A few roads which link to trunk roads will not come under the ban as the lorries must be able to get on to the trunk roads.

The success of the scheme will depend upon co-operation between the two councils and the transport industry. It is hoped that drivers will respect the ban. Any necessary enforcement will be carried out by the police in liaison with the boroughs' enforcement officers.

Contact for details

Details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting either of the two councils:

Barnet: 446 8511 Ext 4345/4351

Enfield: 366 6565 Ext 3551/3553

The public are being asked to let either of the councils know of their views by November 16.

Both councils are currently involved in dealing with the necessary legal procedures. Once these are successfully completed it is hoped that the lorry ban will come into force in the New Year.

Barnet Diary

Copy date for the December issue of Barnet Diary is November 10. Entries will run from December 9. The Diary is published in full in January, May and September. In other months regular weekly events (except for new entries) are not included.

Council

Meetings

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

Monday November 6

Finance

Wednesday November 8

Town Planning & Research

Tuesday November 14

Education Subs

Tuesday November 21

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday November 22

Planning Subs

Monday November 27

Housing

Tuesday November 28

Education

Wednesday November 29

Libraries & Arts

Monday December 4

Development & Estates

Tuesday December 5

Social Services

Wednesday December 6

Grants

General

November 8, 10 & 11

Robert Rietti with a celebration of Jerusalem throughout the centuries in poetry, prose & song. 8.15pm. Alyth Cntr for Education, NW Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gdns. NW11. 455 6763

Shabbaton. 50 Years On, Memories of what it was like in England during the war; **Tues, Nov 14, 21, 28 & Dec 5.** 8.15pm. Jewish Women on Women; **Mon, Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11.** 8.15pm. The French Revolution, Napoleon and the Jews; **Thur 30, Dec 7, 14, 21.** 8.15pm. Making Jewish Amulets)

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group. Eileen Graham, 'Persian Carpets', Victoria Hall, Victoria Ave. N3. 7.50pm. 441 1399/203 3735 (also **Nov 22.** 'Chinese Lacquer & Enamels, 14th to 18th Century' by Jacqueline Simcox)

Thursday November 9

London Fire & Civil Defence Authority. County Hall, London SE1. Fire Brigade Ctte. 2.30pm. Details, Mrs Duffy, 633 6146 (also **Nov 16,** Personnel Ctte, 2pm, contact Mrs Eustace, 633 7715; **Nov 23,** Scrutiny Sub-Ctte. 2.30pm, contact Ms Saini, 633 3634; **Nov 30,** Policy & Resources Ctte. 2pm, contact Mrs Miller, 633 8162; **Dec 7,** Authority mtg, 2pm, contact Mrs

Miller, 633 8162)

Saturday November 11

E Finchley Community Festival Fundraising Party with jazz by Salamander & The Cherry Tree Wood All Stars. Barnet Drama Cntr, 142 High Rd. N2. 8pm. Tickets. 444 4051 (also **Nov 22,** E Finchley Community Festival Public Mtg & AGM. Neighbourhood Cntr, 42 Church La. N2. 8pm. 444 4051)

Wednesday November 15

The National Trust present 'Island Vacations', talk by Eric Potheary. John Keble Church Hall, Deans La. Edgware. 8pm. Tickets 50p. 952 2688/951 1578

Saturday November 18

Antiques Discovery Evening presented by five specialists from Phillips. Bigwood House Hall, Bigwood Rd. NW11. 7.30pm. In aid of the N London Hospice Building Fund. Talks, valuations, competition. 203 2630. Tickets £6, incl. two valuations of small antiques brought & refreshments, from John Enderby, 19 Chatsworth Ave. NW4 1HU (encl. SAE). Cheques payable to North London Hospice

Monday November 20

Barnet Friends of the Earth mtg. Church House, Wood St. Talk on air pollution. 8pm. 449 5830

Wednesday November 22

Barnet Family Practitioner Ctte. FPC Hse, 313 Ballards La. N12. 2pm. 446 5351

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

Barnet Community Health Council Mtg. Launch of Annual Report. Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 7.30pm. 959 2038

Tuesday November 28

Golders Green Friends of the Earth mtg. Talk 'Recycling Waste' followed by audience views. NW Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gdns. NW11. 8.15pm. 482 4529 (day) 455 6256 (eves)

Wednesday November 29

United Nations Assn open mtg on The International Labour Organisation. Methodist Church Hall, The Burroughs, NW4. 7.45pm. 458 1741

Fed of Ratepayers & Residents Assns of LBB. N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. N12. 8pm. 449 0807

Barnet & Dist Local History Scty. AGM. Barnet Museum, Wood St. 8.15pm. 361 9165

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 So-

cial. 7.45pm. 441 0529 (**Nov 14**)

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**)

Barnet Ratepayers & Residents Assn. (Arkley & Hadley). Harold Fern Rm, Salisbury Rd. 8pm; Surgery 7.30pm. 449 0807 (**last Fri**)

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 (**2nd & 4th Tues**)

Fortnightly

Barnet & Dist Philatelic Scty. St John's Church Hall, Mowbray Rd. New Barnet. 8pm (**alt. Mon**)

Barnet Anglo-French club mtg. Ewen Hall, Wood St. 8pm. 440 6805 (**alt. Tues**)

Advice & Support Groups

Sunday November 12

'Understanding Close Relationships' workshop. Bookable in advance. Details Relate, 5 Woodhouse Rd. N12, 445 9549 (also **Dec 3,** 'Do You Want To Be A Relate Counsellor')

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 support groups contact Brian or Anita 794 6715. Starting November, weekly support group for adults under 45 who have had a parent die recently.

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 (**last Mon**)

Bridge, Whist & Chess

Monthly

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

Weekly

Tuesdays

Barnet Knights Chess Club. Canada Villa Cntr, Pursley Rd. NW7. For beginners to experts. 5.30-9.30pm. 959 2811

Countryside & Wildlife

Sunday November 5

RSPB (Potters Bar & Barnet). Outing to Stocker's Lake, 0707 50900 (also Nov 11, outing to Elmley, 0707 46073; **Nov 15,** outing to Nazeing Marsh; **Dec 3,** outing to Trent Park (Ferry Hill))

Wednesday November 8

RSPB (NW London). Talk 'The Wildside of Barnet' by Desmond Arnold. Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Bdw. 2.30pm. 952 3129 (also **Nov 28,** talk 'Photographing Waders on Three Continents' by Richard Chandler, 8pm) (also **Nov 19,** Coach trip to Welney Wildfowl Trust & Ouse Washes RSPB Reserve, 959 0204)

Thursday November 9

RSPB (N London). Centenary mtg. 'Twelve Reserves, The RSPB Calendar', talk by Martin King & Mike Read. Holy Innocents Church Hall, Tottenham La. N8. 7.45pm. 801 8581 (also **Nov 12,** Coach outing to Walberswick, 359 1621; **Nov 19,** Car outing to Holland Haven and The Naze, 885 3318)

Sunday November 12

Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust (Barnet Group). Clearing timber & bonfires at Darland's Lake Nature Reserve. Meet The Close, by Orange Tree PH, Totteridge La. N20. 10am or later on the reserve. 346 5258 (also **Nov 19,** Walk through Big Wood & Hampstead Gdn Suburb. Meet Henley's Corner, 10.30am; **Dec 6,** Talk on 'Badgers', N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. N12, 8pm)

Monday November 20

RSPB (Potters Bar & Barnet) mtg. 'Forestry in the Flow Country' by Robert Duncan. Oakmere Hse, High St. Potters Bar. 8pm. 0707 58430

Tuesday November 21

Mill Hill Watch Club for children 8yrs+. Craft evening, making Christmas presents & decorations. 6.45pm. Details (eves) 959 6708/441 0899 (also **Dec 3,** Winter wildfowl at the Welsh Harp Reservoir, 2pm)

Sunday November 26

BTCV Conservation Project.

King George's Fields, Barnet. Tree planting as part of Tree Week. Meet High Barnet u/g 10am. 278 4293

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

Monday November 13

Hobby Horse Club (children's folk dancing). 6.45pm. Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club, 7.45pm. Church Hse, Wood St. 449 4425/0724 (also **Nov 27**)

Thursday November 16

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club. Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Bdw. 7.45pm. 950 5756 (also Nov 30)

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**)

Weekly

Wednesdays

Kathak dance classes (N Indian style). Beginners 5pm, intermediate 6pm. St Martin's Sch, Goodwyn Ave. NW7. 209 1734/381 4608

Fridays

Barnet International Folk Dance Club. Some teaching, no partners required. Church House, Wood St. Barnet. 7.30pm. 368 5345

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

Saturday November 25

Gog Theatre Co.'s Circus Skills Workshop. Juggling, stilt walking, clowning & tumbling. Barnet Drama Cntr, 142 High Rd. E Finchley. 1.30-4.30pm. Best suited for ages 14-21. Tickets, 883 9957/449 0048

Monthly

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

Weekly

Saturdays

Drama for 8-13yrs. E Barnet Baptist Church Hall, Crescent Rd. 11.30am. 368 5871

18+ Groups

Sunday November 12

French Food Evening. Barnet 18 Plus Group. Bull & Butcher Pub, High Rd. N20. 8.30pm. Programme of activities for 18-29yrs, 0707 53536

Monthly

Rotaract Club (Mill Hill). 18-28yrs. Mill Hill Tennis Club,

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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 (2nd & 4th Mon)

Rotaract Club (Edgware & Stanmore). The Green Man Pub, Honeypot La. Stanmore. 8.15pm (2nd & 4th Wed)

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

Fetes, Fairs & Sales

Monday November 6
Barnet National Childbirth

Trust. nearly new sale baby & children's clothes & toys, Union Ch. Northiam, N12. 8.30pm

Saturday November 11
Jumble Sale. Bishop Douglass Sch, Hamilton Rd. N2. 10am-2pm. Admission 10p

RSPCA November Fayre. Harwood Hall, The Broadway, NW7. 10am-12.30pm. 959 1552 (Gifts for sale welcome)

Hampstead Gdn Suburb Christmas Craft Fair. Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. 10am-5pm. Admissions & refreshments in aid of NL Hospice

Christmas Fete. St Alban's Church Hall, Dale Grove, N12. TV Personality at opening, 11am-3pm. Admission 20p. In aid of church restoration fund

1st Friern Barnet Boys Brigade Autumn Fayre. Manor Drive Methodist Church, N20. 12 noon. 368 4002

Key Stamps Fair. Methodist Church Hall, Ballards La. N3. 10am. Entry free. 446 1562

Saturday November 18
Christmas Fayre. Friern Barnet Day Cntr. adj. Friern Barnet Town Hall. 10am-12.30pm. Admission 20p. Anything saleable welcome. 368 4278

Friday November 24
Christmas Bazaar. Mapledown Sch Claremont Rd. NW2. Father Christmas, gifts, toys, tombola. 7-9pm. Admission 20p. 455 4111

Saturday November 25
Annual Bring & Buy Sale/Coffee

Morning. Evergreen Cntr, Brookhill Rd. New Barnet. 10.30am-noon. In aid of Christmas parcels/parties for senior citizens. Donations for sale, 449 6956

Christmas Bazaar. Manor Drive Church Hall, N20. Father Christmas, hot lunches. 11am. Entry 25p. In aid of Church

Our Lady of Lourdes School Christmas Fayre. Bow La. N12. 11am-4pm. Father Christmas, good food. Admission by programme 20p

Tudor School Christmas Bazaar. Tudor Sch, Queens Rd. N3. 1.30-4.30pm. Father Christmas, stalls, Children's prize for best pirate or castaway costume worn. Admission 20p

Saturday December 2
Guide Dogs for the Blind Christmas Fair. St. Gregory's Church Hall, Union St. Barnet. 10.30am-1pm. 449 8690/0807

Trent Sch PTA Christmas Fayre. Church Way, Chalk La, Cockfosters. Come and meet Father Christmas. 10am-noon

Winter Fair. Northside Sch, next to Lodge La. Car Park, Finchley, N12. 11.30am

New Barnet & Dist Stamp & Postal History Fair. St Peter's Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. 10am. Admission free. 440 8835

Sunday December 3
Sweet Charity's Annual Gift Market. Bric-a-brac, clothes, toys, cakes. Henriques Hse, 120 Oakleigh Rd Nth. N20. 11am-4pm. Admission 20p,

children free

Saturday December 9
Christmas Bazaar. St John The Evangelist Church, Algernon Rd. NW4. 2-4pm

Horticulture & Floral Art

Monday November 6
Finchley Chrysanthemum Scty. Dahlias, new varieties. Manorside Sch, Squires La. N3. 8pm. 445 1742 (also Dec 4, Christmas Party, 8pm)

Wednesday November 8
New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' & Floral Art Scty. AGM. 1990 seed catalogues. St Peter's Church Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. New Barnet. 8pm. 449 1422 (also Dec 6, Floral art demonstration by Mrs Felicity Varian)

Monthly
Finchley Chrysanthemum Scty. 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 Bdw. 8pm. 959 3530 (2nd Tues)

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

Barnet Flower Arrangement Scty. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm.

0707 57199 (2nd Thur)

Totteridge Floral Art Group. Badgers Croft, Totteridge Village. 2pm. 445 9307 (3rd Tues)

Hendon Floral Art Group. St John's Church Hall, Algernon Rd, NW4. 7.45pm. 202 8756 (3rd Wed)

Fortnightly

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

Keep Fit

Mondays

Women's keep fit. All levels. Canada Villa Cntr, Pursley Rd. NW7. 10am. 959 2811

Tuesdays

Keep fit. Queen Elizabeth's Cntr, Meadway, Barnet. 7-8pm & 8-9pm. 441 2933

Wednesdays

Relax and get supple with Yoga. Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft, N20. 1.30pm. 445 2171

Music

Tuesday November 7

East Barnet Library Gramophone Scty. 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376 (also Nov 21, Dec 5)

Tuesday November 14

Hendon Library Gramophone Scty. The Burroughs. 7.45pm. 202 5625 (also Nov 28)

Thursday November 16

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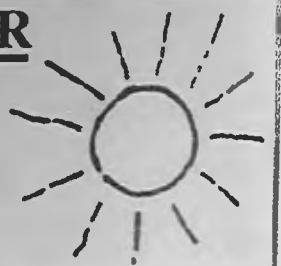
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phone Scty. Friern Barnet Rd. N11. 8.10pm. 449 7111 (also Nov 30)

Monday November 20

Hendon Music Scty. Richard Morrison of The Times assesses 'The Great Singers of Today (and Tomorrow!)' Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 2355

Wednesday November 22

Edgware & Dist Organ Scty. Chris Giles Electronic Organ. Watling Community Cntr, Orange Hill Rd. 8pm. 953 3291

Wednesdays

Hindustani Light & Classical Vocal (N Indian music) & Harmonium classes. Beginners 5pm, intermediates 6pm. St Martin's Sch, Goodwyn Ave. NW7. 209 1734/381 4608

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, business/professional people who live/have lived in Highgate, Hampstead & Golders Grn. 883 2863 (3rd Wed)

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

Pensioners' Voice (Colindale/Burnt Oak). Burnt Oak Library, Watling Ave. 1.30pm. 906 2161 (last Thur)

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley). N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 2pm. 346 6762 (last Thur)

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 & 4th 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)

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 would like this club to meet on Fridays too, contact Paul, 959 2811)

Singles Clubs

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

Thursday November 30

New Friends Social Club (30-45). Variety of activities from cycling to scrabble. The Torrington PH, N Finchley. 8.30pm. 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: **Nov 11** (Hertford), **Nov 25** (Baca Vians), **Dec 2** (Aylesbury). 2nd XV: **Nov 18** (Upper Clapton)

Saturday November 11

Hash House Harriers. Bounds Green & Bowes Park run. Meet Bounds Green u/g stn. 11am (also **Dec 3**, Clayhill & Whitewebbs run. Meet Gordon Hill BR stn. 11am)

Monthly

St Christopher's Cycling Club. Easy rides. Tally Ho Post Office, N12. 10am. 445 0735/361 2281 (1st Sun)

Tuesdays

Swimming for over 50's. Queen Elizabeth's Cntr, Meadway, Barnet. 6-7pm. 441 2933

Women's Clubs

Monthly

Ashley TG. Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns. 7.30pm. 906 1952 (1st Thur)

Barnet Afternoon TG. Church House, Wood St. 2pm. 449 2697 (3rd Fri)

Barnet Evening TG. Church House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 440 1526 (1st Wed)

Broadway Mill Hill TG. Hartley Hall, Flower La. 2pm. 959 0995 (2nd Thur)

Chipping Barnet WI. Church House, Wood St. 10am. 440 8807 (2nd Thur)

East Barnet Monkfrith TG. British Legion Hall, Nursery Rd. N14. 1.45pm. 0707 57092 (1st Thur)

East Barnet (Osidge) TG. Small hall, Brookside Methodist Church. 7.45pm. 368 7346 (2nd Tues)

East Barnet Valley TG. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. New Barnet. 2.15pm. 449 8601/6083 (1st Thur)

Edgware League of Jewish Women. 958 4562 (2nd Tues)

Finchley Church End TG. St Mary's Hall, Hendon La. N3. 2.15pm. 455 7152 (4th Wed))

Finchley Granville TG. Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards La. N3. 2pm. 346 6822 (2nd Thur)

Finchley Redbourne TG. Etchingham Pk Rd Day Cntr, N3. 7.45pm. 346 3305 (4th Tues)

Friern Barnet & Whetstone TG. Manor Drive Methodist Church, York Way, N20. 2.15pm. 446 4816 (3rd Tues)

Friern Barnet Friary TG. Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 2pm. 361 9623 (1st Tues)

Golders Green TG. St Alban's Church Hall, Golders Green. 2pm. 455 4156 (1st Mon)

Hampstead Garden Suburb TG. St Jude's Church Rooms, Central Sq, NW11. 2pm. 458 5072 (1st Mon)

Mill Hill Afternoon TG. Harwood Hall, The Bdway. NW7. 2pm.

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JAX Antiques Fair switch to new date

November 12 will be an outstanding day for antique collectors. The Jax Antiques Fair, at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, Enfield, normally held on the first Sunday of the month, has been switched to November 12 to link in with the Antique Fair at Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.

So that dealers and the public will be able to visit both events, the hours at Picketts Lock will be 7.30am stallholders; 8.30am

trade; 10am to 4pm public.

A recent innovation is the introduction of furniture pitches, some of which are available on a first come, first served basis.

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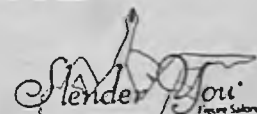
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959 1505 (2nd Wed)

Mill Hill Highwood TG. Hartley Hall, Flower La. 2pm. 959 2519 (3rd Mon)

Montrose WI. Parish Room, St Alphage Church, Montrose Ave. 7.45pm. 205 4960 (4th Tues)

National Council of Women. Barnet & Dist St John's URC Hall, Mowbray Rd. New Barnet. 1.30pm. 368 1442 (4th Mon)

New Barnet Evening TG. Brookside Methodist Church Hall, E Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 1394 (1st Mon)

Royal British Legion Women's Section (N Finchley). Legionway, Summers La. N12. 8pm. 445 9911 (1st Tues)

Totteridge WI. Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge La. N20. 7.30pm. 445 5700 (1st Tues)

Woodside Park Afternoon TG. Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, N12. 2pm. 445 0911 (3rd Wed)

Fortnightly

National Women's Register (Barnet Branch). Discussion Group. 445 4927 (alt. Wed eves)

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

Youth

Friday November 3

Guy Fawkes Disco. 13-18yrs. Bring a sparkler & a friend. Canada Villa Cntr, Pursley Rd. NW7. 8.30-11pm. Admission 80p. 959 2811. Also weekly clubs, Pursley Rd. NW7. 959 2811. **Mondays:** Senior Club, 13-18yrs. Discussions, sports, trips, videos etc. 7.30-10pm (also **Thur**, discos, barbecues, interclub events, games). **Wednesdays:** Intermediate Club, 11-13yrs. Organised activities, incl. girls football team. Please support this new club. 6.30-9pm. **Fridays:** Junior Club, 7-11yrs. Working towards integration of children with disabilities. 6.30-8.30pm.

Entertainment

Until November 11

Tricycle Theatre premieres 'All or Nothing At All' by Caryl Phillips, a play with music about singer Billie Holiday played by Pauline Black. 269 Kilburn High Rd. NW6. Mon-Sat, 8pm & Sat matinee, 4pm. 328 1000 (also from Nov 16, 'Nativity', a new

play set in Britain now about a couple who find a baby, take it home & the effect it has on the people around)

Saturday November 4

Firework Display. St Johns Sch, Crescent Rd. N11. Licensed bar & refreshments. Advance tickets £1.50, children 50p, 368 1154 or at gate £1.80, children 50p

November 7 - 11

Hertsmeare Operatic Scty present 'Oliver'. Hertsmeare Centre, Borehamwood. 7.30pm (also Sat. 2.30pm) Tickets £4 - £5 (conces) from 207 7454

Saturday November 11

Lord Mayor's Show. City of London. Procession from Guildhall to Mansion House begins 10.45am Funfair, Paternoster Sq. 5pm, Fireworks display, Victoria Embankment. Information, 260 1453

Finchley Choral Scty concert. Mozart, Requiem & Haydn, Nelson Mass. St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd. N12. 7.45pm. Tickets £4.50, £2.50 conces. 888 0189

Hendon Music Scty Concert with Erich Gruenberg, violin, John McCabe, piano & John Mayer, tampana. Beethoven, Sonata Op 24 'Spring'; Sonata Op 96 in G, John Mayer, Raga Malika. Trinity Church, Hodford Rd. NW11. 7.45pm. Tickets £5, £4/£2.50 conces. 203 2355

Barnet Schs Brass Ensemble & Barnet Schs Woodwind Ensemble. Concert. Moss Hall Jun Sch, Finchley. 7.30pm. Admission by programme at door

Tudor Symphony Orchestra Concert celebrating conductor Bernd Wynyard's 70th Birthday. Mozart's, Cosi Fan Tutte Overture & 38th Symphony. Guest soloists Joyce Riddell, Emanuel Hurwitz & Christopher Bunting playing Beethoven's Triple Concerto. Trinity Church Cntr, Nether St. N12. Tickets (incl. refreshments) £4, £2 conces, children free. 346 5576/883 6305

Tuesday November 14

Lunchtime Concert Series. Vivienne Bellos, soprano, Naomi Lobbenberg, mezzo soprano & Elizabeth Elton, piano. Works by Faure, Brahms, Berlioz, Mendelssohn & Schubert. Sternberg Cntr, 80 East End Rd. N3. 1.15pm. Tickets £1. 346 2288 (also Dec 5, Frances Lynch, mezzo soprano & Mark Ray, piano. Works incl. Purcell, Schubert, Chopin, Debussy, Cole Porter & Gershwin)

Saturday November 18

Barnet Choral Scty with London Pro Arte Orchestra. Works by Vivaldi, Gloria & David Fanshawe, African Sanctus. St John's Church, Friern Barnet, N11. 7.45pm. Tickets £3.50. 441 5502

Wednesday November 22

Gwalia Male Choir with soloists. St Mark's Church, Potters Rd. New Barnet. 7.30pm. 449 4265. In aid of the Church Urban Fund

Saturday November 25

Sterling String Quartet. Works by Bridge, Fantasy Quartet,

Haydn, Quartet in D major Op. 20 No. 4, Bartok, Quartet No. 2, Beethoven, Quartet in E minor Op. 59 No. 2 (Rasoumovsky). Tudor Hall, Wood St. Barnet. Programmes £2.50, conces. available. 440 6321

Friday December 1

Barnet Schs Symphony Orchestra & Barnet Schs Wind Orchestra. Concert. 7.30pm. Details 346 9507

See Saw Children's Theatre

Christ Church Hall, High Rd. N Finchley. Facilities for disabled. Buses to Tally Ho Corner, 13, 17, 26, 82, 125, 221, 260 & 263. Tickets £1.50, conces. available. 446 4864

Saturday November 4

Pop-Up Theatre presents Cuckoo Time. Magic, puppets & songs. Ages 3-7

Saturday November 11

Pipsqueak's Problem. Puppets & audience participation. There's a thief in the magic toy cupboard. Ages 3-7

Saturday November 25

Pied Piper Theatre Co. presents Father Christmas and the Lost Toys. Ages 4-10

Saturday December 2

Captain Eric and The Winegum Pirates. Ages 4-11

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Saturday November 11

Craft Fair with range of craft demonstrations & refreshments. 11am-4pm. 50p

Children's Puppet Show. Lambeth Theatre Co. present Swift's classic 'Gulliver in Lilliput' adapted by Ray Cook. 2pm

Saturday November 18

Sax and Dance, with Ysabelle Taylor & Kenneth Page. 8pm

Saturday, November 25

'Organ Lollipops'. Two organs in concert with David Patrick, Laurence Nottley & Prudence Lloyd (soprano). 6pm

Saturday December 2

Cap & Bells Puppet Show 'The Magic Pen'. everything the pen draws comes to life. 2.30pm

Old Bull

Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St. Barnet. Box office and information: 449 0048.

November 6 - 26

Staffi Crawford Exhibition. Water colours & pastels used together with the texture of the paper

November 9 & 10

Avon Touring Theatre Co. in 'Moll Cutpurse', the 'queen of the criminals', a legend of her time. 8pm

Saturday November 11

Leicester Haymarket Theatre in 'Jackets' by Edward Bond. In an unnamed European city a squaddie is caught in a cross-fire of bullets and moral choices. 8pm

Sunday November 12

Parachute Theatre Company in

'Oh Noah'. Modern day Noah builds a spaceship and escapes the Um-Um-Um Brothers. Puppets & fun. 3pm. Ages 4-11

Bananas Up the Bull with Pep Talk, Bob Mills & Michael Redmond. 8pm

November 17 & 18

Les Bubb in 'Another Fine Mess' hilarious portrayal of the state of the world. 8pm

Saturday November 18

Raqs Sharqi, traditional Egyptian dance course for women only. 10am-2pm

Sunday November 19

Dance for Everyone in 'The Elements'. Colourful team combine jump, jive, jazz, ballet & ethnic dance in a musical party of a show. 3pm. Ages 4-13

Philip Bent Quintet. 8pm

Wednesday November 22

Lip Service present 'Withering Looks'. Loosely based on the life & work of the Bronte sisters, this potted history is a spoof of 'comic brilliance'. 8pm

Friday November 24

Geno Washington & The Ram Jam Band. 8pm

Saturday November 25

Gog Theatre Co. present 'Birdman'. Blaedud, King of Ancient Britain, obsessed with a dream of flying links legend with present day aspirations to reach ever upwards. 8pm

Sunday November 26

Rosy the Clown with Spotted Elephants, Flying Hats & Broken Eggshells. 3pm. Ages 4-11

Bananas Up the Bull with Patrick Marber, Noel James & Plus Support. 8pm

Nov 27 - Dec 17

Marie Brett Exhibition. Fantasy of drawings. Bizarre visions poke fun at our lives

Nov 30, Dec 1 & 2

The Association present the musical 'Guys & Dolls'. 8pm

Sunday December 3

Mme Souhami & Co. in 'The Kalikantjari'. In Cyprus people leave out honey cakes & wine for the the Kalikantjari. Little Petris begins to worry when his parents forget. 3pm. Ages 4-11

Alan Weekes Quartet. 8pm

December 6 & 7

Factotum Theatre Co. present 'The Rivals' by Richard Sheridan. 8pm

Friday December 8

Los Flamencos with Flamenco music and dance. 8pm

Exhibitions

Until November 12

John Maltby Ltd, story of this distinguished firm of photographers which closed this year after over 40 yrs in Hendon. 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 (Nov 25-Jan 7, Finchley Art Scty Winter Exhibition; Dec 1-Jan 6, Christmas Past, the museum dining room deco-

rated for a Victorian Christmas)

Until November 19

Exhibition of flower paintings by Elizabeth Rogers, S.B.A. & watercolours by George Marier & Colin Allbrook. The Bow House Gallery, 35 Wood St. Barnet. Thur-Sat, 10am-5pm. Sun 2-5pm. 440 4672 (Nov 23-Dec 23, Art for Christmas, paintings, original prints & sculpture, suitable gifts)

Until November 26

20th Century Master Prints. Exhibition showing the contribution Jewish artists have made to art, especially British. Manor House Scty. Sternberg Cntr, 80 East End Rd. N3. 346 2288

Until January 1990

'Life in the Royal Air Force'. Collection of reactions of artists suddenly thrust into the services. RAF Museum, Grahame Park Way, Hendon, NW9. Admission charge (also Fashion for Flying, exhibition of aviation fashion) (also 'Battle of Britain Hall', exhibition of Aviation Photography by Charles E. Brown & Cyril Peckham & 'War Artists of the Second World War' & fine collection of military planes)

Nov 21 - Dec 16

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

Nov 25 - Dec 22

New works by Michal Slater. Monoprints, oil paintings, etchings & drawings. Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4. Library hrs.

Other Exhibitions

Rose Gallery at Totteridge Library, Totteridge La. N20. Pictures at affordable prices. Details, Arts Office. 202 1903

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

Library Lectures

Barnet Libraries popular series of free Wednesday evening lectures starting 8.30pm

November 8

'Back to Cape Horn' by Rosie Swale. Hair-raising journey on horseback in Chile. E Finchley Library, 226 High Rd. N2

November 15

Discover the land and people of 'Madagascar' with Helena Drysdale. Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4

November 22

Hilary Bradt recounts her recent visits to 'The Galapagos Islands'. N Finchley Library, N12

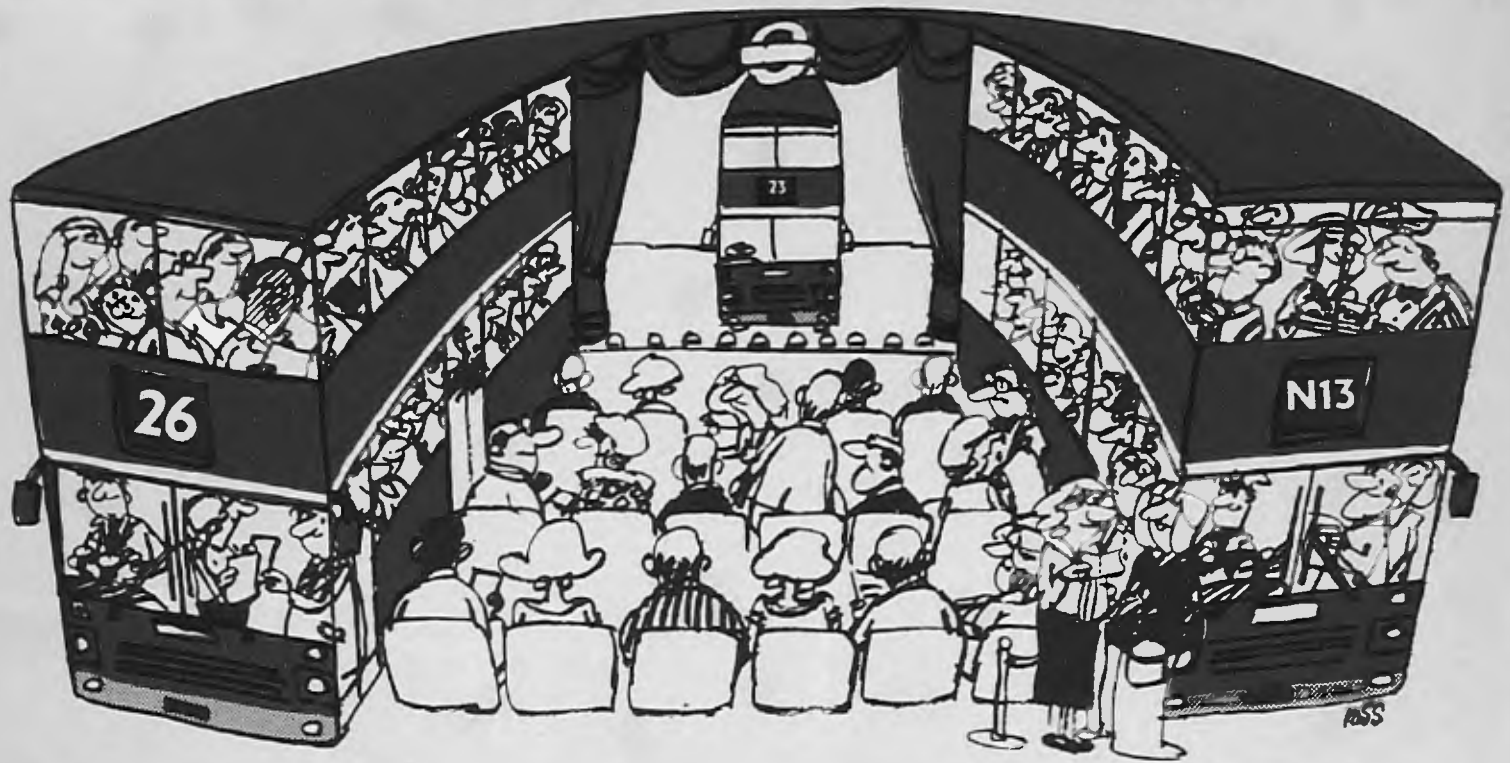
November 29

An audio-visual presentation of 'The Habitats and Wildlife in Southern India' by Brian Barton & Clive Banks. E Finchley Library, 226 High Rd. N2

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Arts & Theatre

Old Bull Arts Centre

68 High Street, Barnet

BUSES: 26, 34, 82, 84, 84A, 107, 234, 263, 307, N1*, N13, N92

You can do it, or you can watch at the Old Bull. There are workshops in the visual arts, dance and drama, and there's a full line up of entertainment. Booking now for: Leicester Haymarket Theatre: Jackets (11th November); Parachute Theatre Co: Oh Noah (12th November); Bananas Up the Bull - cabaret (12th, 26th November and 10th December); Les Bub: Another Fine Mess (17th and 18th November); Phillip Bent Quintet (19th November); Gino Washington - rock (24th November); Gog Theatre Co: Birdman (25th November); The Association: Guys & Dolls - musical (30th November and 1st - 2nd December); Alan Weekes Quartet - jazz (3rd December); Los Flamencos - dance (8th December); Irle: Orfeo in a Night Town - reggae ballet (14th and 15th December); Desmond Dekker (16th December); and for Christmas: Treasure Island (20th - 23rd and 27th - 30th December); Roger Gartland: A Christmas Carol (24th December). And there's more.
Enquiries: Telephone 01-449 0048.

Barnet Arts Workshop

1 Thomas More Way, Finchley

BUSES: 112, 143, 271

Action all film buffs. Barnet Arts Workshop runs many courses - starting with an introduction to camera work, sound, storyboarding and editing in a 3-day intensive course. Other courses cover video editing,

lighting and theory, with drop-in classes in beginners' photography and screen printing.

Enquiries: Telephone: 01-346 7120.



Barnet Drama Centre

142 High Road, East Finchley

BUSES: 17, 102, 143, 263, 263A, N1*, N92

Enter stage left, the bus at the drama centre. Taking you to a full programme of workshops in drama, dance, movement and music and art for all ages - up to 30 workshops and a community theatre. Refreshments served.

Enquiries: Telephone: 01-883 9957.

Music



Trinity Church

Hodford Road, Golders Green

BUSES: 13, 26, 28, 82, 83, 102, 183, 210, 226, 240, 245, 260, 268, H2, N5*, N13, N59

Hendon Music Society, in association with Barnet Libraries present an International Recital Series until May 1990. Beethoven Sonata Op 24 Spring and Sonata Op 96 in G - Eric Cruenberg, violin; John McCabe piano; and John Mayer, tampura, for Raga Malaika (1st London Performance). Advance booking for 1990 performances: Moura Lympany (24th February); Hurwitz Piano Quartet (24th March); Yonty Solomon (12th April); Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble (12th May).

Enquiries: Telephone Hendon Music Society on: 01-203 2355.

Wembley Arena and Stadium

Empire Way, Wembley

BUS: 83

Indoors and outdoors, entertainment on a scale you won't encounter anywhere else in the capital. You'll be overwhelmed by the sheer numbers in the audience and the big

names that come to play here. November and December at the Arena: Neil Diamond (14th - 22nd November excluding 17th November); Aerosmith (17th and 26th November); The Cult (24th-25th November); Gipsy Kings (29th November); Alexander O'Neal (1st December - 9th December - excluding 3rd, 4th and 5th December); Alice Cooper (10th - 11th December); Deacon Blue (17th - 18th December); Brother Beyond (23rd December). November at the Centre: Foster and Allen (10th November); Tammy Wynette (27th November); The Rainbow Show (14th - 18th November). Wembley Stadium: England v Italy (15th November). (And if you're a dog fan, there are regular performances by the greyhounds, here at race meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30pm.)
Enquiries: Telephone: 01-902 1234.

Quick Flicks

Your guide to the big screens by the Big Red Bus.

Barnet Odeon Film Centre, Great North Road. **Enquiries:** Telephone: 01-449 4147.

BUSES: 26, 34, 82, 84, 84A, 107, 234, 263, 307, N1*, N13, N92

East Finchley Phoenix, 52 High Road.

Enquiries: Telephone: 01-883 2233.

BUSES: 17, 102, 143, 263, 263A, 271 (Suns), N1*, N92

Cannon (Ionic) Golders Green, 612 Finchley Road. **Enquiries:** Telephone: 01-455 1724.

BUSES: 13, 26, 28, 82, 83, 102, 183, 210, 226, 240, 245, 260, 268, H2, N5*, N13, N59

Odeon Muswell Hill, Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill. **Enquiries:** Telephone: 01-883 1001.

BUSES: 43, 102, 134, 234, N2

Leisure

Tyran Dance and Social Club

Methodist Church, Heatherway, Potters Bar

BUSES: 84, 263

Used to be in Church Farm, East Barnet. But you can still follow in its footsteps on the bus to Potters Bar. Ballroom Dancing and Latin American from 8pm-11pm - lessons given - every Friday. Only £3.
Enquiries: Telephone: 01-368 2140.

Eats & Drinks

The Greedy Grape Wine Bar

3 Victoria Road, New Barnet

BUSES: 26, 82, 84, 84A, 107, 307, N92

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Enquiries: Telephone: 01-441 2869.

West End and Night Owls

BUSES: West End: 13, 82, 113

Buses back from Trafalgar Square all night: N1*, N13, N92 to Barnet Church; N13 to Finchley Road; N1*, N13 to Finchley Central; N1*, N92 to East Finchley; N1*, N13, N21, N92 to North Finchley; N2, N21 to Friern Barnet; N5*, N13, N59 to Golders Green; N92 to East Barnet and New Barnet.

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