



## SUPER STAR LIBRARIES MEETING REAL NEED



**B**arnet Libraries, museums and information services have booked themselves a place in the super star hall of fame.

An exhaustive inspection by the Audit Commission resulted in the services scooping the top three-star rating - one of only two boroughs to achieve this best value mark of excellence.

Your Libraries, Museums and information services have a budget of £6m and issue over three million books, 160,000 records and cassettes and 122,000 videos.

Library membership in Barnet, at 64 per cent of the population, is one of the highest in the country. This resulted in nearly three million visits being made to the 17 libraries across the Borough.

### BARNET SCOOPS TOP MARKS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The Audit Commission said Barnet was providing an excellent, value-for-money service - which could be expected to improve still further.

"The services have a good track record of delivery and responding to user demands. Staff and users share a strong commitment to improve the services," said the Audit Commission.

Barnet also won praise for delivering services to support social inclusion and lifelong learning - key factors in the Council's drive to create opportunity for all.

Audit Commissioners congratulated Barnet for its clear vision in meeting the challenge of change

and for balancing national policy with local priorities.

Commissioners found that despite high levels of use of the services, costs per head of population were low.

"The Council is dedicated to providing first-class services that are accessible to all sectors of the community and this rating is recognition this is being achieved.

"This is yet another excellent example of the Council providing opportunity for all," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development.

Our picture shows Council Leader Alan Williams and Councillor Palmer celebrating the award with library staff.

## Listening and Learning YOU ASKED - WE SAID YES

**W**ithin weeks of analysing the results of the latest Borough-wide satisfaction survey, your Council swung into action to tackle the issues of concern to all sectors of the community. The new co-ordinated 'opportunities for all'

approach to providing services in Barnet and the fast track democratic process launched just weeks ago has seen education, the environment, housing, access to services and much more go under the spotlight.

As part of the Council's five key aims of making

Barnet modern, involving all sectors of the community,



attractive, revitalised and educated, sweeping developments have been launched to build a better Borough for us all.

Hands up for a bright new future - lifelong learning for all

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# SHOPPING GUIDE BOOST FOR TOWN CENTRES

**Y**our Council's drive to revitalise Barnet's town centres was given a major boost with the launch of the Borough's first shopping guide.

Councillor Monroe Palmer, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration, launched the Council's guide called The Essential Guide to Shopping in Barnet, at the Spires Shopping Centre in High Barnet.

The free, pocket-size guide gives a comprehensive listing of all the shops and services in the Borough's 20 largest town centres.

## Shops at a Glance

The guide also includes six maps of Barnet's largest shopping areas.

"We are committed to working with Barnet's Traders to realise the potential of our town centres. This guide will make these shopping areas even more accessible and encourage local people to visit them," said Councillor Palmer.

It is available free from shops and hotels across the Borough as well as Council buildings, or the Town Centre Management team, tel: 020 8359 6030.

## YOU ASKED-WE SAID YES

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The recent satisfaction survey gave a thumbs up for services - but there were areas where residents felt things could be improved.

The environment and fear of crime were areas where residents felt the Council could do better - and the Council has listened and learned and taken swift action to tackle these issues head on.

Barnet Life (see four page pull out section) highlights just some of the latest developments.

During widespread consultation, residents called for Neighbourhood Wardens - and they take to the streets of Barnet this month in the fight against crime and the fear of crime.

As a major plank of the 'opportunity for all' philosophy of the Council, education remains a top priority.

The first ever Barnet Education Act sets out a radical agenda to raise pupil achievement - making lifelong learning and education opportunities for all, a reality in Barnet (see page 7).

Housing and the homeless have come under the spotlight in the drive to 'create opportunity for all' and a stable home with new measures to combat deprivation and the spiral of exclusion.

In recent weeks the Council has asked for the views of the community on the future of housing in the Borough, hosted a ground-breaking conference on homelessness and supported housing and set out bold plans for older people's housing in Barnet.



Neighbourhood Wardens take to our streets.



Stop and think about our roads - our security - our future

"The new co-ordinated approach to tackling real problems is already paying major dividends. Councillors and Council officers have worked together to get real, fast results which will have a major impact on the whole community.

"There are no short-cuts to building a better Barnet - but our modernised approach to decision-making and the insistence that all those decisions must create opportunities for all is already yielding both immediate and



The environment in our hands

long-term benefits for every sector of our community," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

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# BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

## ADDING YEARS TO

**M**ajor plans to improve the health and well-being of older people in Barnet could result in residents living longer - and enjoying a better quality of life.

In a co-ordinated effort to make real changes for older people, your Council's Housing and Social Services, the health service, voluntary organisations, users of services and carers in the Borough have worked together to create this blueprint for a better future.

The plans, which have now been agreed by the Council's Cabinet, set out tough new priorities for action. These include ensuring older people in the Borough are provided with first class information, accident prevention, promoting independence, the Council's residential care, intermediate care between home and hospital services, carers and mental health services.

The ten-year plan heralds a radical change in the way services are planned and delivered. Increasingly Barnet's older people needing help will see the coming together of health and Council services as they provide tailor-made services to meet individual needs.

"The only person that counts is the person that needs a service. If you are an older person requiring help, organisational boundaries are at best irrelevant and at worst a set of hurdles to be overcome when you are at your most vulnerable," said Councillor Allan Turner, Barnet's Cabinet Member for Housing and

## LIFE - AND LIFE TO YEARS

Social Services.

The strategy complements your Council's plans, set out in a recent Social Affairs Bill, to modernise sheltered housing and day and residential services for vulnerable people.

"Health does not just depend on hospitals

and home helps - it is a question of well-being and quality of life. And this includes good housing, parks, libraries, transport and easily accessible information which can be as important as health and social services" added Councillor Turner.



## MAYOR GETS HIP FOR EYE CARE

Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Anita Campbell, donned her 'Shades for the Day' in support of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

The Mayor joined celebrities across the country to highlight the importance of caring for your eyes and protecting them from the sun.

The day also raised funds to help the Guide Dogs Association continue its work in the community. This year the charity celebrates its 70th anniversary.



## Growing Success for Tony

**I**t's official. Tony Sharp of new Barnet has the best allotment in the Borough.

Tony won the Borough Allotment Competition organised by the Barnet Federation of Allotment and Horticultural Societies and sponsored by your Council.

Around 4,000 people in the Borough have allotments - making Tony's £100 win for first prize all the more notable.

Second prize went to Paul Young of North Finchley who

has a plot at Woodhouse Allotments in Grove Road, North Finchley.

"Tony Sharp is a worthy winner. He has a spectacular and beautifully kept plot and his time and effort is well rewarded" said Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development after inspecting the allotment.

Anyone interested in having an allotment plot can contact the Barnet Federation of Allotment Societies on 020 8445 9305.

## LEAFLET TO DRIVE DOWN ACCIDENTS

In its drive to make Barnet a safer place for pedestrians, cyclists and children, the Council has issued a new Guide to Road Safety in Barnet.

The Guide is packed with information on the Council's campaign to drive down the number of accidents and encourage motorists to drive safely.

The guide, which is published jointly with local company Pentland, is available from Council buildings, libraries and action points. Copies are also available from the Accident Prevention Centre, Daws Lane, Mill Hill, telephone 020 8906 8028

## History in the making

When Barnet Council Leader, Councillor Alan Williams, put pen to paper at an historic meeting at Hendon Town Hall, he was also making local government history.

Barnet became the first council in the country to bring into operation a new democratic system under the Local Government Act 2000 enabling its Leader and Cabinet to take lawful decisions.

"We want to inject new life back into local democracy," said Councillor Alan Williams. Councillor Williams (right) is joined by Chief Executive Leo Boland to sign the historic document.



# SPOTLIGHT ON ADOPTION

## Children need families - families need children



If you need a child to make your family life complete - a child in Barnet needs a family to build a new life in a loving, caring environment.

them a new, ongoing start in life. To help place these children - and there

Barnet Council might be able to make this dream a reality. This is the message going out to families throughout Barnet as the Council's Family Placement Team celebrates National Adoption Week from October 8 to 14 and calls on more families to look at the joys of giving children a new start in life.

For every child in care who craves love and the security of a new home, there is a family longing for a son or daughter to enrich their lives.

But not enough people are coming forward to adopt these children and give

are currently 24 seeking adoption.

The Council's Family Placement Team is putting up posters at over 100 sites across the Borough. There will be an advertising campaign in the local Press and thousands of leaflets will be available at libraries, doctors' surgeries and health clinics calling on all sectors of the community to consider adoption - and

giving a new start in life to children who really need and deserve it.

The Council adoption teams are facing a problem in encouraging ethnic communities to come forward for adoption.

"Although we welcome and encourage enquiries from anyone interested in adoption, we need to hear from people who are African, African/Caribbean

### NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK BRINGS NEW HOPE FOR BARNET CHILDREN

or of mixed heritage or in a black and white mixed relationship," said Jenny Belsham, the Council's adoption team manager.

Some of the children are in family groups - with brothers and sisters - and financial support is sometimes available subject to individual financial circumstances.

Several children between the age of one and ten and of mixed heritage are currently waiting for adoption.

"Adoption is a life-long commitment and we appreciate the need to provide support and training for families. We continue to give support whenever and wherever it is needed," added Jenny Belsham.

To find out more about adoption, and how you can give a new start in life to a child in Barnet, telephone the Council's Family Placement Team for a confidential discussion on 020 8359 5701.

## MASKS THROUGH THE AGES.....

Hendon's Church Farmhouse Museum presented a fascinating insight into masks through the ages - from theatrical and ritual to life and death masks.

Visitors flocking to this ever-popular museum at Greyhound Hill, Hendon, were presented with a vast array of masks including venetian, carnival masks, ethnic masks, occupational masks, and those based on television and film characters.



### MORE SUPPORT FOR ALL INVOLVED IN ADOPTION

To provide even more support for all those involved in adoption, Barnet Social Services has entered into a new and innovative agreement with the Post-Adoption Centre (PAC).

Under the new scheme, counsellors from PAC will come to Barnet to provide confidential sessions at the offices of the Overseas Adoption Helpline, 64-66, High Street, Barnet.

The new service is for birth mothers and fathers, all birth relatives, adopted persons, adoptive parents and permanent foster carers and their children and all professionals working in adoption.

Sessions can be arranged via PAC's advice line counsellor by telephoning 020 7485 2931. The advice line is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 am and 1pm and Thursday evenings between 5-30pm and 7-30pm.

The Post-Adoptive Centre also provides mediation and contact services, children and family services and a birth mother support group which can be made available after first contacting the social worker from the adoption or fostering team.

All staff at the Post-Adoption Centre are professionally qualified and are a culturally diverse group of female and male counsellors.

# Celebrating our culture

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

**A** star-studded extravaganza of dance, music, drama and comedy is going to make Black History Month in Barnet bigger and better than ever before.

The month-long Black History Month in October is a national celebration of the history of people of African, Caribbean and Asian descent in the country.

"Barnet Council is proud of the multicultural nature of the community it serves and is equally proud to join the national celebration of Black History Month.

"The programme has grown and the diverse range of events offer something for everyone. Exhibitions, dance, music, comedy and much more for adults, young people and children to enjoy," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Felix Dexter, award-winning star of The Fast Show, Alan Partridge and the Real McCoy, will be bringing his stand-up comedy to The Bull Centre.

Funjabi, Britain's favourite Asian comedy group, return to The Bull Centre with a host of new sketches and comedy to delight audiences young and old.

Actor and storyteller Carol Russell starts the month-long celebration on Saturday, 29 September with African and Caribbean tales for children, young people and adults at Chipping Barnet Library.

Photographer Katerina Kalogeraki has captured the extraordinary lives of older people of African Caribbean and Asian descent living in Barnet through a series of portraits. The exhibition runs at the Barnet Multicultural Centre, Algernon Road, from October 15 to 31.

The fascinating story of a young girl in a search for truth and knowledge is brought to life in Dancing at

### Extravaganza for whole community

the Feet of Kali, a compelling theatre production at The Bull on 8 November featuring live music, martial arts and dance.

Other highlights of an action-packed month include

a talk about Black history by author and journalist Trevor Phillips. Exhibitions and workshops throughout the Borough will explore African, Caribbean and Asian history and culture.



## Autumn Days- Barnet's Celebration of Life For the Over 50's

**L**ife begins at 50-plus - this could well be the message of the celebration being run by your Council throughout October.

A joint effort by Barnet Council's Accident Prevention Centre, Barnet National Health Services and Age Concern, this action-packed month is specially designed for those 50 years or older to keep them young at heart.

A detailed booklet distributed to families throughout the Borough in September spelt out a non-stop round of healthy and fun activities for those seeking a healthier and happier lifestyle when in their fifties.

The booklet, available from Libraries or the Accident Prevention Centre on 020 8906 8028, highlights events of interest to all sectors of the community.

- Events include:**
- Performance of a show promoting safety and accident prevention in the home
  - Guided Health Walks, nature walks, tree trails and cycle rides
  - Tai Chi exercise groups
  - Information on how to be 'web wise'
  - DIY tips and talk sessions

- Ten-pin bowling at special prices
- Health shows
- Awareness day on Osteoporosis
- Stroke awareness day
- Feeling Good Day organised by and for adults with learning disabilities.

The whole month's activities, built around the Council's commitment to creating opportunities for all, is designed to open new possibilities for encouraging health and recreation for all those in the Borough over 50 years of age.



## Your chance to award unsung heroes

**C**ountless people throughout the Borough devote their time and energy to supporting groups and individuals.

These are the unsung heroes of our community - and your Council believes they are worthy of recognition.

The Council set up the awards to acknowledge the selfless contribution from members of the community to voluntary services.

Last year, over 70 nominations were received including carers, people who fought racism, worked with the Council and others to create play groups, those at the heart of community groups or centres for older people

and those who offered friendship and support to the needy and spread hope, community feelings and harmony in the Borough.

Sponsored by the Barnet Press, the awards

are open to every sector of the community.

If you think you know someone who deserves this recognition from your Borough, fill in this form today.

### Barnet Civic Award Nomination Form

To nominate a volunteer, a group leader or a carer for the award, fill in the form below and send it in an envelope marked "Civic Awards" by 8 November 2001 to The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Hendon, NW4 4RG or The Press, Refuge House, 9-11 River Front, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3JZ

I nominate (Name of nominee) \_\_\_\_\_

I think he/she deserves the award because (Briefly state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Continue on a separate sheet if required)

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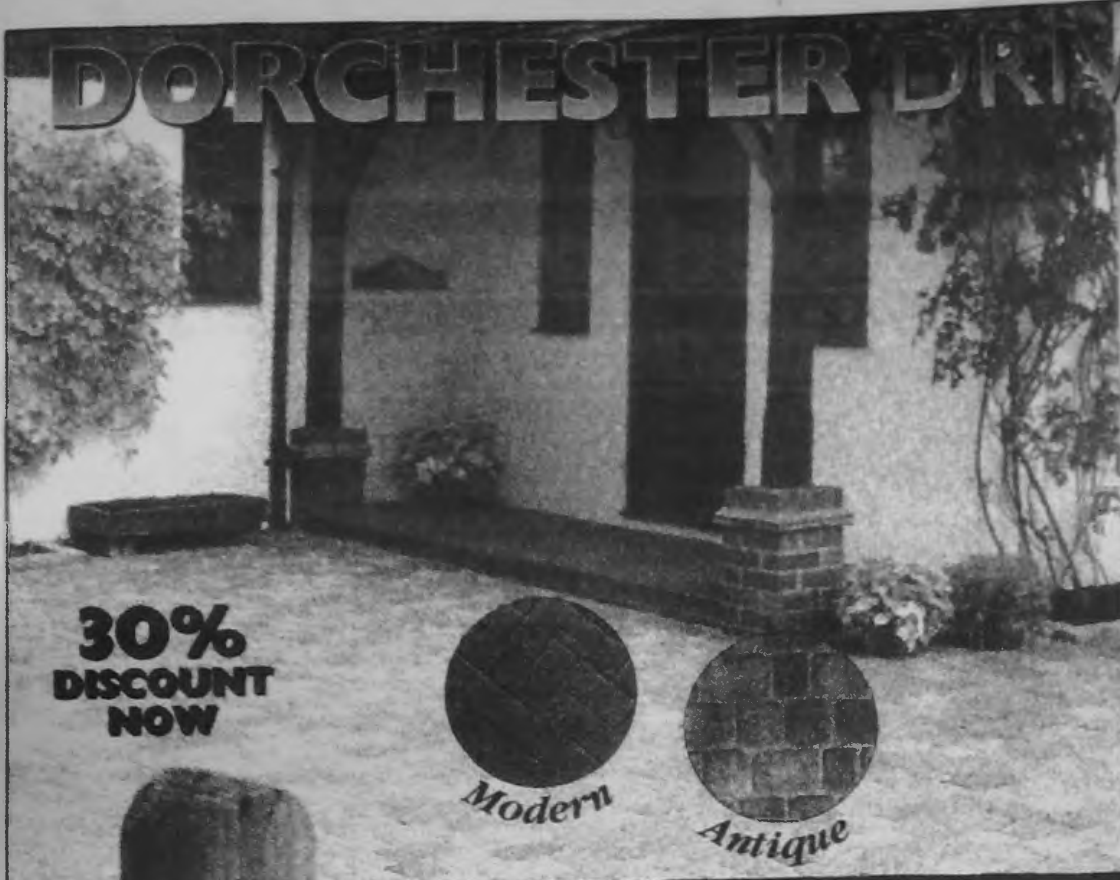
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# SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

## LIFELONG LEARNING NOW A REALITY

**L**ifelong learning for everyone - this is becoming a reality in Barnet as part of your Council's drive to create equal opportunity for all.

The Council has acted with wide-ranging measures to combat lack of opportunity in education - not just for children but their parents and families.

The Council swung into action in the face of statistics which showed too many people - children and adults - were slipping through the educational net.

Fourteen per cent of Barnet schoolchildren come from homes on income support. There are over 1,600 children in need, more



### BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS TO EDUCATION FOR ALL

than 300 in Council care and 26 per cent have special educational needs. More than 40 per cent of children fail to get five good GCSE's.

Far-reaching re-organisation will break down the barriers between learning at school and learning when school is over.

Sweeping plans include refurbishing all schools, creating more secondary school places attractive to parents and children in the south east of the Borough and extending breakfast, holiday and homework clubs.

The Bill, which sets out a new chapter in educational equality in Barnet, tackles head on the need for the Council to bring together pre-school services, social services and primary schools and balance the needs of individuals with the wider demands of the whole school community.

The Council has pledged to boost high quality services for the under fives. There will be more nursery places, priority places for three year-olds from less affluent areas, closer links with primary schools and new childminder networks. The Council is also demanding more teaching of reading and counting skills for young children in reception classes.

The Council is also stepping up its drive to



provide positive support for vulnerable pupils, summer schools, breakfast and homework clubs and a networking system where all schools can learn from each other.

Your Council is pushing ahead with plans for a buildings refurbishment programme, developing new technology and giving parents more real choice in secondary schools.

Community and youth centres as well as libraries will be used for education and skills training, family learning centres, Saturday schooling and homework clubs.

The link between adult and children's services is being re-inforced.

With 2,000 new childcare places, play groups including day care, better mental health

services for young people, more holiday schemes and the guarantee of quality for all cared for children, education in Barnet means much more than just school.

The Council will increase the number of young people staying at school after 16.

Your Council has also pledged to organise more work experience places, raise the number of young people going on to higher education or jobs with training and provide the money, buildings and equipment to make it happen.

The Council will promote Jobs Fairs and call for new training and employment initiatives to be included in the planning of any new developments.

## EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL

**T**he whole community is being asked to comment on sweeping new plans to make Council services, advice and support even more readily available.

As part of its equal opportunities for all drive across the Borough, the Council is planning new initiatives which mean residents can access services locally, quickly and easily.

A modernised approach to delivering services based on residents' needs rather than organisational boundaries has been set out in a Green Paper on which the whole community

### Help where - when - and how you want it

is being asked to comment.

"We have been determined to build services around people's needs but there is much more we can do. Public service boundaries need to be broken down so that people come first. And they will in Barnet," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Through Local Service Action Centres and the innovative and imagin-

ative development of electronic communications, the Council is setting in place plans which mean everyone will get the help they need, when they need it and the way they need it.

Whether by telephone or e-mail, post or face to face with Council officers, the aim is to ensure residents will find a responsive, fast and efficient service staffed by

knowledgeable people who give answers at the same time from the same place.

A keynote of the plans to make information and services even more accessible are Local Service Action Centres based in convenient locations providing round the clock integrated public services including help and support on housing, neighbourhood management, benefits, health and education.

"Everyone in the Borough needs and deserves equal and free access to advice, support and services from the Council. This is what this Green Paper sets out to provide. The feedback from the community will be invaluable in helping us develop still further the ideas we have set out," added Councillor Williams.

The plans build on work already underway including street kiosks with built-in e-mail facilities, a new single interactive website and one-stop Action Points now handling over 130,000 enquiries a year.

## Alan Williams Leader's view



**P**oliticians, both in National and Local Government, often bemoan - and sometimes not without good reason - the fact it takes too long to get things done.

Indeed, I must confess at times to having uttered similar comments myself.

But, as a glance through this latest issue of your Barnet Life will show, that has not been the case in Barnet in recent months.

It is clear changing the way we make decisions and adopting a fast-track way of conducting business is yielding dividends.

Linked to this must be a co-ordinated approach to decision making - and our philosophy which ensures no sector of the community is excluded from the benefits this Borough of ours should and must provide.

While we have continued to tackle every single issue of concern to residents, you the community have asked us to treat as a priority the need for greater life-long learning opportunities for all, the protection of our natural and built environment, creating more affordable housing, combating homelessness and providing even better housing and related services for older people.

You asked - and we said yes. All these areas are among those at the top of our agenda for change.

We will continue to consult, listen and learn. And within the resources available meet the challenge of change.



Staff working in Barnet Libraries have begun training in computer skills so they can help library users get the best from 200 new personal computers being installed in libraries over the next two years.

One of the main training programmes is the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL).

The first person to complete and be awarded the ECDL is Andrew Naismith, manager of the multimedia centre at Hendon Library.

Andrew (pictured above), attended training and sat his test through the IT training unit at Hendon Town Hall.

## Trading Standards Keep up Pressure

**Barnet's Trading Standards Officers are keeping up the pressure on business and individuals to protect our community.**

The Trading Standards Team has just issued a tough warning to retailers tempted to sell cigarettes to under age children.

Officers are targeting premises across the Borough in an undercover survey. Any shops flouting the law and selling cigarettes to children under the age of 16 will be prosecuted.

And in response to a new mail-shot hitting many homes offering prizes, Trading Standards officers are warning anyone receiving the material headed 'Important Notification' to read the small print carefully.



Your Council and the Police are working in partnership to ensure a fast and effective response to illegal travellers in the Borough. Councillor Geof Cooke, Cabinet Member for Environment and Barnet's Borough Commander, Sue Akers, are pictured here signing an agreement reaffirming the co-ordinated approach by Police and the Council to dealing swiftly with travellers in Barnet.

Residents are asked to call a premium rate telephone number to claim a prize - but

the small print reveals it will cost at least £9.50 to find out the prize they have won.

## BARNET TARGETS TOURISM

**B**usinesses and the community will soon be seeing the benefits of more tourists flocking into the Borough after the Cabinet gave the thumbs up to plans to improve tourism.

A local tourism association is being set up and one of its main aims will be to improve facilities

for visitors which at the same time will bring added benefits for residents.

Currently Barnet has no dedicated tourism office and no networked tourist information centre. The Council will be changing this and in the process creating new job opportunities across the Borough.

The plans concentrate on both the tourism and visitor potential of the Borough.

It is expected a guide to tourism in the Borough will be published soon, training courses offered by the London Tourist Board and the involvement of neighbouring boroughs to create a regional focus.

# Hands Up For Better Hygiene

Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education, presented Edgware Junior School pupil Sunna Hussain with her prize for winning the artwork competition organised by the

Council as part of National Food Safety Week.

Year five pupils from schools entered the competition which this year was on the theme of the importance of clean hands.



## DINING IN SMOKELESS ZONES.....

The fifth edition of Eat Smoke - Free in Barnet, jointly produced by the Council and Barnet Health Authority, is now available in local libraries and restaurants.

The ever-popular guide provides an incentive for restaurants to provide smoke-free seating, increases the amount of smoke-free seating for diners across the Borough and is designed to reduce exposure to tobacco smoke.

Armed with the guide, diners can make informed decisions about where to eat out in the Borough. Not only does the guide show the size of the smoke-free area in restaurants, but highlights those catering for vegetarian and children's meals, the kind of foods featured and wheelchair access.

Copies are available from libraries, participating restaurants or by calling Belinda Mouzo, Barnet Council, on 020 8359 4717.

# Protecting the environment

## WasteWise-boost for recycling

Your Council's ambitious plans to improve the local environment and help deliver a better quality of life for everyone in the Borough gets a double boost in October with the launch of WasteWise.

The Council has joined forces with ECT Recycling to launch a new weekly doorstep recycling service on 1 October.

This community based organisation will also provide recycling facilities at the improved recovery site at Summers Lane. Households will get a recycling box for the collection of paper, cans,



glass, tin foil, textiles and shoes when the enhanced service starts.



## Driving litter louts off the road

Your Council is stepping up the drive against motorist litter louts.

This latest move is just part of the Council's backing for a national campaign to stop selfish motorist litter louts dumping hundreds of tons of rubbish on the Borough's roads.

In just over three weeks, the Council's Clean-Up teams collected four and a half tons of fast food packaging, cigarette packets, ice-cream wrappers, lolly sticks and other rubbish from a little over two miles of the A1 Great North Way.

The clean-up was part of a national campaign with the Tidy Britain Group to stop

motorists and passengers discarding rubbish as they drive along or wait in traffic. As well as being an eyesore, roadside rubbish blocks drains and attracts vermin.

While our Clean Up teams were at work, the Tidy Britain Group were distributing stickers and leaflets at petrol stations and garages urging motorists to take their rubbish home.

## LET'S ALL GET 'STREET WISE'

This November sees all sectors of the Council pulling together to encourage us all to become 'Street Wise' - and provide a clean and attractive environment on our streets and open spaces.

As part of its 'Opportunity for All' initiatives, the Council will be mobilising not only those involved in front line

services on streets and open spaces, but calling on all sectors of the community to join in the fight against litter, graffiti and vandalism.

Businesses and residents across the Borough will be encouraged to tell the Council about rubbish and graffiti hot spots - and families and children will be urged to value even more their

local environment and assume ownership for protecting and enhancing it.

While the scheme is Borough-wide, your Council is expected to focus promotion of the 'Street Wise' initiative on those areas with particular environmental and vandalism problems. More details of the 'Street Wise' programme will be announced next month.

## WALK ON THE LIGHT SIDE

A £450,000 investment in improved lighting by your Council is making streets throughout the Borough safer places to walk.

The Council is spending £300,000 on new and improved lighting in streets and £150,000 in areas such as car parks

where crime or the fear of crime is a major concern.

Around 75 streets in Hendon, East Finchley, High Barnet, Hampstead Garden Suburb and Arkley will benefit from improvements, which include the latest in lighting technology.



# WARDING OFF CRIME

**T**he first of Barnet's new 30 Neighbourhood Wardens take to the streets of Barnet this month in the drive against crime and the fear of crime in response to calls for the new service from all sectors of the community.

Initially launched as a pilot scheme in Grahame Park, the scheme now goes Borough-wide in a bid to not only tackle crime and anti-social behaviour but forge closer links between the community and the Council, the Police and other service providers.

In addition to patrolling town centres and neighbourhoods as the eyes and ears of the community on the lookout for criminal activity day and night seven days a week, the wardens will work with residents and businesses, schools and Police to help prevent crime.

Neighbourhood wardens will encourage the two-way flow of information and build trust and confidence within communities.

## Wardens Take to our Streets

Once fully operational, the wardens - working in pairs - will patrol daily in town centres and housing estates in the borough.

Patrolling wardens will be supported by three mobile teams responding to the needs of communities in smaller shopping centres and other areas.

Barnet's wardens have no special powers and are not police officers. With the same powers as any other citizen, they will rely on their presence to deter crime, anti-social behaviour and reassure the community to reduce the fear of crime.

# Protecting the

# Support

**W**ith the support of every sector of the community, your Council is determined to make Barnet cleaner, greener and safer than ever before.

Within weeks of analysing the results of a Borough-wide survey which showed protecting and enhancing our local environment was among the top concerns of residents, your Council swung into action to introduce new measures and launch others which had been planned for months. "I have always said the Council would listen and learn from what the people of this Borough had to say in satisfaction surveys.

"We were of course delighted with the thumbs up services received from all sectors of the community, but the object of the exercise was not to give Councillors and the Council a pat on the back for a job well done. It was to identify areas of concern to residents and within the resources we have available after years of quality and value initiatives tackle those areas of concern," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Geof Cooke, praised the efforts of Barnet staff for working as a team to bring a whole raft of new "green" initiatives to fruition to create the maximum beneficial impact for residents.

"The Council has embarked on a new co-ordinated approach to providing services which will create opportunities for all and tackle issues which affect every sector of the community. This has forged even closer links

between all departments of the Council - and it has paid off already. Staff and Councillors are working as one to get the job done quickly and efficiently," added Councillor Cooke.

In one of the biggest co-ordinated drives to protect and enhance the natural and built environment, crack down on crime and the fear of crime, improve housing estates and stimulate business and job opportunities in the Borough's Town Centres, the Council

has drawn up a fast reaction agenda for change which includes:

• THE LAUNCH THIS MONTH OF A GROUNDBREAKING NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SCHEME

• THE LAUNCH NEXT MONTH OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE AMNESTY

• THE LAUNCH NEXT MONTH OF A NEW 'WASTE - WISE' RECYCLING SCHEME

**More news on your Clean, Green and Safe Barnet**



# environment rting our community

THE LAUNCH IN NOVEMBER OF 'STREET-WISE' - A NEW INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE US ALL TO PROTECT OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

£450,000 INVESTMENT IN STREET LIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH TO MAKE STREETS SAFER

AN INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE TO TACKLE POLLUTION HOTSPOTS AND GLOBAL WARMING

LONG-TERM PLANS FOR IDENTIFYING AND TACKLING THE BLIGHT OF LOCAL CONTAMINATED LAND



## Barnet cleans up on awards



Your Council's innovative block cleansing scheme has cleaned up in hotly-contested national environmental awards.

your Council's victory with the gold award for its community involvement in the Local Agenda 21 partnership.

The Council doubled the frequency of its block cleansing - complete with free skips - as part of its £2m clean-up campaign.

The popular street cleansing service scooped the Silver Award in the prestigious Green Apple Awards for its environmental best practice among local authorities and businesses.

It is the second major success for the Council in the Green Apple Awards after it swept to

The Council doubled the frequency of its block cleansing - complete with free skips - as part of its £2m clean-up campaign.

The twice a year street by street deep clean also includes street cleansing, graffiti removal, highway repairs, gully cleaning and grounds maintenance.

## Environment week soar away success

Residents in their thousands backed your Council's drive to make Barnet a cleaner, greener and safer place to live and work by taking part in the recent Environment Week.

Over 40 events took place under the Environment Week banner in July offering everyone - the young, the old and families with young children - the chance to help improve the local environment and gain a better understanding of social and environmental issues.

Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Anita Campbell, was joined by Cabinet Member for Environment

Councillor Geof Cooke to launch this highlight in the local environmental calendar at an Environment Fair at the Spires Shopping Centre in High Barnet.

From then on it was five-days of non-stop activity across the Borough including the Cricklewood Community Festival where visitors got the chance to experience at first hand the world's first mobile solar-powered cinema. Other highlights in an action-packed week included the Schools Environmental Action Day, a cultural event to raise osteoporosis awareness, a business breakfast on climate change hosted by the

Pentland Group and an Environmental Challenge supported by Nortel Networks.

There were also competitions, a Midsummer Day celebration organised by the Barne; Asian Women's Association, specially organised walks, bike rides and clear-ups across the Borough.

Now an annual event, it is hoped the Environment Week celebration will encourage more and more local people to play an active part in working with the Council and other organisations to protect and enhance the natural and built environment.

## CONTAMINATED LAND UNDER SPOTLIGHT

The Council is taking tough steps to clean up contaminated land in the Borough.

A new, long-term, co-ordinated plan for identifying and tackling the blight of contaminated land has been given

the green light by the Council's Cabinet. In its determination to ensure Barnet is a safe and healthy place to live and work, the Council has to deal with any contaminated land which poses a risk to health and the environment.



# Protecting the environment

## The big crunch - take advantage of Amnesty



**Y**our Council's crack-down on abandoned vehicles gets an added boost next month.

This year the Council has removed and crushed 2,800 abandoned vehicles - with nearly 2,000 of these towed away in the last six months.

Now, a month-long amnesty is being launched from 1 October in the three pilot areas of West Hendon, Burnt Oak and Colindale.

During October, residents in these areas

can have cars taken away for crushing free of charge.

All the Council needs is proof of ownership. The Council will also take away old engines, clutches and gearboxes from homes in these areas.

Homes in the three pilot areas will soon be receiving a leaflet containing a form. To take advantage of this month-long amnesty, simply return the completed form to the Council.



## SAFER STREETS IN BARNET.

**Violent Criminals beware - there is no place for you in Barnet.**

**T**his is the simple message for thieves who prey on people using violence from Barnet's Safer Streets team - Police managers, Council officers, educationalists and criminal researchers.

The Safer Streets team meets regularly to look at the problem of violent street crime and come up with innovative ideas for making thieves think twice.

The group is already notching up noticeable successes. A summer

operation netted 56 arrests, many for robbery and carrying knives, and there were 182 stop and searches.

If you see anything suspicious, call Police immediately on 999. If you have any information about crime call the confidential Crimestoppers Hotline number on 0800 555 111.

A major conference on October 12 will consult community groups on the findings of research. For more information, contact Mekhola Ray on 020 8359 2718.

## THINKING GLOBALLY- WORKING LOCALLY

**T**he Council has re-inforced its determination to improve the quality of life and health of the people of Barnet by signing up to groundbreaking schemes to tackle pollution hotspots and global warming.

Barnet was already one of only 24 pilot authorities taking part in an international programme called Councils for Climate Protection to monitor the main types of greenhouse gases, methane and carbon dioxide.

This scheme has provided the Council with state of the art computer

software to measure the extent of the problem. Now your Council will build on this work by developing a local action plan called Community Solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Borough.

Another major initiative embraced by the Council. Making a Corporate Commitment, focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and waste production. As part of this programme the Council will consider setting targets for a cut in water consumption and action to support biodiversity.

The Council is also signing up to the

Nottingham Declaration which calls on local authorities to act as a lead to businesses in tackling greenhouse gas emissions

The Council has also worked with Middlesex University in leading a bid to the European Commission for funding for an air quality and health improvement project working jointly with local authorities in Barcelona and Chiang Mai in Thailand

All these projects build on the Council's recent declaration of a Borough wide Air Quality Management Area to tackle pollution

# BETTER HOUSING FOR ALL NEW HOMES-OLD HOMES-

## Council Tackles Homes Issues With New Solutions

**T**he co-ordinated approach to tackling housing, new property development and homelessness is already yielding successes in Barnet.

Your Council hosted a conference led by Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council, and attended by the director of Shelter, the chief executive of the Empty Homes initiative, and the chief executive of Anchor Trust to thrash out solutions to a problem affecting every Borough in London.

The day-long event looked closely at what your Council is currently doing and helped shape new initiatives to improve even better services for older people's housing, the role of the private and rented sector, combating homelessness, providing affordable housing and what all these issues mean to the Borough.

Your Council is now drawing up plans to meet these areas of housing concern - and in some cases has already introduced groundbreaking plans



to meet real needs under its 'opportunities for all' programmes.

A highlight of the conference was the signing, by Council Leader Alan Williams, of a 'move-on' quota pact with seven housing associations to provide permanent homes to single homeless people in the Borough.

"This landmark agreement creates a partnership between Barnet Council and social landlords that will help to meet housing need across the Borough," said Councillor Alan Williams.

The seven social landlords signing up to the deal were Genesis Housing Group, Ealing Family Housing Association, Notting Hill Housing Trust, Family Housing Association, Guinness Housing Trust and Network Housing Association.

Single homelessness is a growing problem in Barnet being tackled by your Council, with over 1,500 single people approaching the Council each year for help.

### BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CRICKLEWOOD

The regeneration of Cricklewood moved a step nearer as your Council handed over ownership of the Millennium Green to the Millennium Green Trust to manage and develop its maintenance.

The land, held by the Council, was acquired by Railtrack and then established as ground for a Millennium Green.

The green is part of a nation-wide initiative from the Countryside agency to

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

create up to 250 sites across the country.

### LISTENING AND LEARNING ON HOUSING

Your Council gave all local residents the chance to have their say on the future character of housing in the Borough.

After releasing draft planning guidance on extensions to houses, the Council gave residents until the end of August to make their views known.

The response from the community was so great, the closing date had to be extended to 30 September. Results of the consultation will be published in the next issue of Barnet Life.

### LANDMARK VICTORY ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A landmark blow against developers in the fight to secure affordable housing.

"This is how your Council is describing its High Court victory in overturning a Government planning inspector's decision in favour of developers McCarthy and Stone who did not want to include any affordable housing in 53 homes in East Finchley.

"This landmark decision will reverberate around the building industry - it is excellent news for those who are fighting to ensure developments are not exclusive and also meet the need of the less well off," said Councillor



Monroe Palmer, Barnet's Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

### FUN CLIMAX TO CONSULTATION ON GRAHAME PARK

As part of the 'opportunities for all' initiative, residents were urged to help shape the future of Grahame Park at the fun climax of the Council's consultation on how to improve housing there.

Consultants working for the Council were coming close to the end of their six-month programme to draw up regeneration plans when they held a 'have your say fun day' this month and residents were asked to select their most favoured option for improving their estate.

The results of this consultation will be announced in your next Barnet Life.

Your Council is currently producing a new Unitary Development plan, which covers all these areas of development.

Further regeneration plans on the stocks include Stonegate and Spur Road, plans for the Perryfields Estate in West Hendon and Dollis Valley Estate in Barnet.



Council Leader Alan Williams (seated) signs the move on the quota pact with senior executives of the seven housing associations who have signed up to a groundbreaking deal to provide permanent homes to single homeless people in Barnet

# HOUSING AND LAND UNDER SPOTLIGHT

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# SPORT FOR ALL

## Leisure card boost

**M**aking leisure activities available to all is the aim of your Council's new pricing schemes for sport and leisure facilities across the Borough.

Children, older people and those on restricted incomes will find major discounts extended to all activities during opening hours. These activities

## for recreation

include swimming, badminton, golf and tennis as well as fitness classes.

Payment options are also made simpler with casual 'pay and play' and monthly direct debit.

For regular users a leisure card has been introduced. Different

cards will provide different options ranging from a Registration Card enabling you to book by telephone to the Premier Card which gives unlimited access to casual activities at all centres. The Standard Card, designed specially for the keen swimmer, allows unlimited access to casual swimming sessions at all of Barnet's swimming pools.

Applications for cards can be made at all sports centres.

"It's summertime all the time in Barnet and the leisure is easy. Let's all go for it.



"Three swimming pools, five gyms, three recreation open to all," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development.



## WATER MAINS WORK

Water mains in parts of Barnet are being replaced by Three Valleys Water.

The cast iron mains in Totteridge and Brunswick have been there for 50 years and have now come to the end of their useful life and are being re-lined or replaced in a £6.5m project.

Three Valleys say temporary disruption for residents and traffic is unavoidable but after the work this area should be free of major work for the next 30 to 40 years.

Residents with queries about the work can contact the Three Valleys project help line on 01707 2777229.



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**If so, Barnet Connexions can help with funds**

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# Liferevents



**Hazel O'Connor**

'Beyond Breaking Glass'

## Autumn Days 1-31 October

A month of activities for the 50+ to keep young at heart. A joint initiative by Barnet's Accident Prevention Centre, Barnet National Health Service and Age Concern Barnet. A booklet is available in late

September from local libraries or contact The Accident Prevention Centre on 020 8906 8028. The booklet lists all of the activities taking place during the month: Performance of the drama promoting safety and accident prevention in the home titled 'As Time Goes By'; Guided health walks, nature walks, tree trails and a guided cycle ride all of which start at various places around the borough; Tai Chi exercise groups; Information on how to be 'web wise'; DIY tips and talk session; Ten pin bowling at a knock down price; A health show featuring Tai Chi demonstrations, seated movement to music demonstrations, health talks information stands and lots more. Awareness day on Osteoporosis; Stroke awareness day; Feeling Good Day - organised by and for adults with

learning disabilities within Barnet

## Black History Month

**29 September, 2-3pm** African and Caribbean Story Time with actor and storyteller Carol Russell for children, young people and adults. All welcome. Hyde Room, Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet. Free. More information 020 8346 5711

**1-12 October** 'African and Caribbean History in the London Borough of Barnet from the 18th-20th Century' Exhibition showing a history of people of African and Caribbean descent living and working in the borough. Free. North

Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12 and Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4. More information 020 8359 2874. Also **16-27 October** at East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, N2 and Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware

**1-13 October** 'Festival of Ephemeral Arts'. Exhibition showing contemporary South Asian ephemeral arts such as mehndi, rangoli, pongal, kites and masks. This complements the day festival on 6 October. It is aimed particularly at young people. Free. Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet. More information 01753 571050. Also **15-31 October** at Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4

**1-31 October, 10am-5pm** Displays using text, pictures and video relating to aspects of Black History in the UK. Learning Resource Centre, Barnet College, Grahame Park Way, Colindale, NW9. Free. Further information 020 8362 8041

**6 October, 10am-3pm** Festival of Ephemeral Arts. Asian Arts Access is working with communities in Barnet in presenting the festival which is around the theme of harvests. Look at and join in the artistic expressions. The festival recognises cross-cultural arts and highlights their similarities rather than their differences. Aimed at children, parents, teachers, community artists and the general public. Free. Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algernon Road, NW4. Further information 020 8202 3794

**15-31 October, 9am-5pm (Mon-Fri)**

**Photographic Exhibition 'Exceptional People'** Greek photographer Katerina Kalogeraki has captured the extraordinary lives of older people of African, Caribbean and Asian descent living in Barnet. Free. Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algernon Road, London NW4. More information: 020 8202 3794

**16 October, 6.30pm** A talk about Black history by Trevor Phillips, author, journalist and chair of the Greater London Assembly. St Paul's Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, NW7. Free entry. More information 020 8959 2288

**20 October, 2-4pm** Adventures in Indian Dance, Music, Mime and Mask with Surya Kumari. For adults and children (5 years+). Audience participation welcome. Refreshments. Free. East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, N2. More information 020 8346 5711

**21 October** 'Blaxploitation' Revisited. Film screening (two/three classic films from the 1970s) and talk/workshop. Guests will include Dr Mikel J Koven, author of the Pocket Essential Film Guide on Blaxploitation Movies and Alex Gordon from the University of East Anglia, other academics and representatives from the Black Community. Phoenix Cinema, 52 High Road, N2. More information 020 8883 2233. Box Office 020 8444 6789

**27 October, 2-6pm** 'The Spirit of Africa'. African live music, dance, food and display of arts, crafts and costume. Hosted by the African Cultural Association. All welcome. Free. Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware. Free. Further information 020 8346 5711

**There are also Black History Month events being held at The Bull** (details below)

**THE BULL 68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ.** Tel. 020 8449 0048. Contact The Bull for more information about their events, courses and classes.

**THEATRE**  
**27 September, 8pm** Brighton Theatre Events.

**Bill Bryson's 'Notes from a Small Island'** Before returning to the States, Bill Bryson took one last trip around Britain. His aim was to analyse precisely what it was he loved so much about Britain. Hilarious. £9/£7 conc.

**4 & 5 October, 8pm** 'Love and Other Fairytales'. In this magical re-working of Chaucer's The Wife of Bath, Scarlet Theatre's unique style with the talents of writer Nick Revell reveal a contemporary story which goes into the realm of the comic surreal. £9/£7 conc.

**13 October, 8pm** 'The Girl who cut Flowers'. Horse and Bamboo's contemporary folk tale of a girl's quest to retrieve her soul, told in the company's highly visual theatre style. £9/£7 conc.

**19 October, 8pm** Actors Touring Company presents Bernard-Marie Koltes mesmerising play 'In the Solitude of Cotton Fields' premiered in France in 1987. Directed by Gordon Anderson. £9/£7 conc.

**7 November, 8pm** Pascal Theatre. 'The Yiddish Queen Lear'. A story of love, infidelity, betrayal and exile inspired by Shakespeare's King Lear performed in a vaudeville style within the tradition of Yiddish Theatre. Set in New York in the late 1930s. £9/£7 conc.

**8 November, 8pm** 'Al' Daakan - Dancing at the feet of Kali'. A powerful tale of a young Asian girl setting out to explore her great-aunt's possession by a jealous male spirit. Para Active Theatre's expressive style fuses live music, martial arts, physical theatre and dance. £9/£7 conc. (Black History Month event)

**15 November, 8pm** Third Angel. 'Believe the Worst'. Buried under a mountain of paperwork, deep within the Corporation's business empire three employees work in a grubby little office. But some things have started not to add up and they are pathetically attempting to rebuild their world. A chilling multi-media meditation on 21st century paranoia. £9/£7 conc.

If you would like your event advertised in these pages, please contact Susan Segar on 020 8359 2165

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**16 November, 8pm** Sorted Productions. 'Waiting at the Water's Edge'. Lucinda Coxon's magical and gripping journey from the North Wales coast to the mining heartland of Nova Scotia. The play charts the strength of female friendship and loyalty. £9/£7 conc.

**COMEDY & SPOKEN WORD**  
**29 September, 8pm** Alexei Sayle makes a rare appearance in support of his new novel 'The Dog Catcher'. A chance to share Alexei's hilarious and surreal view of the world in an 'audience with...' style question and answer session. £10/£8 conc.

**27 October, 8pm** With the aid of computer operated gadgets, The League Against Tedium imposes his wonderful and frightening worldview on an unknowing audience. His creator Simon Munnerly describes him as the The High Pope of Nietzschean camp. Surreal and hilarious. £10/£8 conc.

**10 November, 8pm** An evening of high-energy, stand-up comedy with Felix Dexter's new material and much-loved characters. £9/£7 conc. (Black History Month event)

**17 November, 8pm** 'A Punjabi Night'. British live Asian comedy group with a host of new sketches and stand-up comedy. £9/£7 conc. (Black History Month event)

**MUSIC**  
**30 September, 8pm** Humphrey Lyttelton. In aid of The Parkinson's Society. £15

**14 October, 8pm** 'Beyond Breaking Glass'. Hazel O'Connor interweaves stories from her early memories through to Breaking Glass, right up to the present day with a feast of classic songs. Accompanied by Cormac DeBarra on the Irish harp. £12/£10 conc.

**21 October, 8pm** George Melly & John Chiltern's Feetwarmers. The singer and band with their blend of jazz, blues, humour and showmanship. £15/£13 conc.

**26 October, 8pm** 'An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman'. The romantic poetry of Beilul's Andy White, Lancashire's All-Country guru Michael Weston King and Scotland's legendary Rab Noakes with an evening of truly great songs. £10/£8 conc.

**4 November, 8pm** Tarras. This Celtic group's appeal is broad with a contemporary pop-tinged sound to their Celtic roots. £10/£8 conc.

**9 November, 8pm** The Popes. A great mix of foot stompin', head boppin' Irish rock. They headlined last year's Fleadh festival. £12/£10 conc.

**24 November, 8pm** Big Chief. Boogie-woogie to big band with a dose of R & B and reggae thrown in. £8/£6 conc.

**25 November, 8pm**



Sujata Banerjee Dance Co.

**Mari Wilson & Barb Jung.** The two singers and cabaret artists come together in an evening of their favourite material from soul, Philly sound and Stax to classic jazz, in harmony and solo, accompanied by Adrian York on piano. £10/£8 conc.

**DANCE**  
**28 September, 8pm** Anurekha Ghosh & Co. 'The Veil'. Anurekha Ghosh is a young internationally known Kathak dancer. Beautiful steps accompanied by the tabla, the sarangi and a live singer. £8/£6 conc.

**6 October, 8pm** Chando - Encanto (Rhythmic Spell). Sujata Banerjee Dance Co. A fusion of Kathak and Flamenco with live music. A combination of classical Indian singing and passionate Flamenco songs, tabla, guitar and percussion. £8/£6 conc. (Black History Month event)

**28 October, 8pm** Jokee takes the essential elements of flamenco - explosive footwork, haunting singing virtuoso guitar playing and passionate handclapping from Southern Spain. £10/£8 conc.

## CHILDREN

Ticket prices £3.95 in advance/£4.25 on the day (except where stated)

**30 September, 3pm** Garlic Theatre. 'George and the Dragon'. In a cave under the castle lurks a fiery dragon with a taste for princesses. Can George save the fair maiden? A mix of humour and stunning puppetry provide the answers (puppetry, live performers). Ages 5-9

**7 October, 3pm** Freshfield Theatre. 'Frogs & Snails & Teddy Bear Tales'. It's bear's birthday tomorrow. Bedtime stories told in a gentle way. Bear drifts off to sleep with many exciting stories to dream about. Children are invited to bring a teddy bear with them to join in the tales (puppetry, live performance). Ages 3-7

**10-12 October, 11am & 2pm** Razzam 'Dreaming of Home'. Special Free Performances. Two children live in a land of conflict, surviving in the city. Although from opposing countries they become friends and share their hopes and dreams - to travel to a land of peace. Suitable for young people of any language or nationality ages 6+. Apply for free tickets on 020 8275 5375 (Black History Month event)

**14 October, 3pm** Tam Tam Theatre. 'The Tiger Child'. When the Tiger Child has to go into the village on an errand, he gets distracted on the way and on arrival he can't remember what it was his uncle wanted! (puppetry, storytelling, music/songs, live performers). Ages 3-8

**23-26 October, 12 & 3pm (Half Term)** Tall Stories Theatre Company. 'The Gruffalo'. The best-selling story of a mouse's exciting and adventurous journey through the wood. Mouse loves to scare his other animal friends with his tall stories of a creature called the Gruffalo. But who knows what will happen when he comes face to face

with the very creature he imagined? (storytelling, music/songs, live performers) Ages 3-6 £4.95

**11 November, 3pm**  
Theatre Alibi. **'Why the Whales Came'** (based on the book by Michael Morpurgo) Gracie and her friend Daniel discover that the Birdman isn't mad or dangerous like everyone says and he warns them to stay away from Samson Island. When they are stranded on Samson by fog they have to unravel the island's haunting secrets (live performers, music). Ages 8-13 and their families

**18 November, 3pm**  
Theatre Touring Theatre. **'The Snow Egg'**. When a storm sweeps Tommy and his Granny off to sea they begin a great adventure as they rescue two dinosaurs and their precious egg and the world turns to ice (music/songs, live performers). Under 5s

**25 November, 3pm**  
Strawberry the Clown. **'Funny Business'**. Take one crazy clown, add daredevil tricks, a rubber duck and singing caveman. Mix with loads of audience participation, music, eccentric dance and a sprinkle of magic. Ages 3-103

**EXHIBITIONS**  
**Until 7 October**  
Exhibition of sculpture in the garden and paintings in the gallery. The Bow House Gallery, 35 Wood Street, Barnet Thurs-Sat 10am-5pm & Sun 2-5pm. Details 020 8441 5841

**Until 16 December**  
The Jewish Museum **'Some of My Best Jokes are Jewish'**. Exhibition of cartoons by various artists. Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road N3. Mon-Thur 10.30am-5pm; Sundays, 10.30am-4.30pm. Details 020 8349 1143. Also exhibitions at Manor House Gallery at the Sternberg Centre including work from the Ben Uri Gallery. Details 020 8349 5640

**Until 6 January**  
**'Do you believe in Magic?'** The exhibition includes tricks (simple and complicated), magic props and historical material on the story of magic from members of the Magic Circle - both well established and

young and up-and-coming, and from Davenport's Britain's oldest established magic equipment manufacturers. 'Do you believe in magic?' coincides with the publication of the book *Magic Aid*, which contains favourite tricks from magicians like Paul Daniels, David Berglas and Fay Presto. The book will be on sale at the museum and will raise money for children's charities. There will be demonstrations of magic at the museum during the exhibition. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Mon-Thurs 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-5pm. Closed Fri. Sat. 10am-1pm & 2-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm. (Closed 24-26 Dec & 1 Jan.) Free admission. For more information phone 020 8203 0130

**8-10 October**  
Barnet Borough Arts Council & What's On. **Paintings by local artists**, with leaflets and information from member societies. Brent Cross (by Marks and Spencer foodstore). Enquiries to BBAC on 020 8445 8388

**18 November**  
**Autumn Craft Fair.** Exhibition of the work of many local artists. All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. Phone 020 8445 8388 for details

**YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**22-28 October**  
**For children.** Make a gas mask case and sample a 1940s style school lesson. Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL. For details phone 020 8205 2266

**Flash Musicals.** Acting, singing and dancing. Workshops Tues & Weds 7-9pm and Sats 10am-12noon for 8-16 year olds. Edgware. Further details phone 020 8952 9134

**MUSIC**  
**9 October, 7.15pm**  
**Hendon Music Society. Free concert and reception at The JEMCA Showroom.** The Hyde, Edgware Road, NW9. Craig Ogden (guitar) and Alison Stephens (mandolin) playing music featured in the book 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin'. Phone 020 8203 2355 for formal invitations (these will be sent automatically

to all on the mailing list)

**13 October, 7.45pm**  
Hendon Music Society **Julian Bream, guitarist,** celebrating over 50 years as a performer playing pieces by J S Bach, Fernando Sor, Granados, de Falla and Brouwer. Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, NW11. Phone 020 8203 2355 for details and cost (free tickets are offered to 8-22 year olds in full-time education). **Also 10 Nov. Peter Frankl,** pianist plays Beethoven's Sonata Op 28 'Pastoral' and Sonata Op 81/a 'Les Adieux'; Chopin's Fantasy Op.49, Polonaise Fantaisie Op.61, Andante Spianato et Grande Polonaise Brillante Op.22

East Barnet Library Recorded Music Society  
**9 Oct. 'Debt to the past - Part 2'** - Anthony Cutbush; **23 Oct. 'If music be the food of love...'** - Barbara Wynne; **6 Nov. 'What's in a name'** - Valerie Nelms; **20 Nov. 'W.X.Y.Z.: the final hurdle'** - David Ruddom. Meetings 8pm, East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet EN4 8SG. Details, Hon. Chairman 020 8361 9518 or Hon. Secretary 020 8361 9050.

Friern Barnet Library Recorded Music Society  
**4 Oct. 'Music for an autumn meeting'** - Tony Bralant; **18 Oct. 'The historical perspective of recording'** - Angus McKenzie; **1 Nov. 'The strongest link'** - Michael van Blankenstein; **15 Nov. 'Music from the USA'** - Neville Jones; **29 Nov. 'Anniversaries'** - Antony Cutbush. Meetings 8pm, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3DS. Details, Hon. Chairman 020 8444 7215

**21 October, 7.45pm**  
Mill Hill Music Club **The Walton/Owen/Liebeck Trio.** Beethoven's Piano Trio Opus 1 in E flat, Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor and Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor. Elliott Concert Hall, Harrow Arts Centre, Uxbridge Road, Hatch End. Details 020 8959 3866

**27 October, 7.45pm**

Finchley Choral Society **Händel's 'Acis and Galatea'** with soprano Yvette Hammer, tenor Darren Abrahams, bass Mervyn Collins, bass Michael Bundy and The Camera Orchestra, conductor George Vass. All Saints Church, Durham Road, East Finchley, N2. Details 020 8445 9666

**24 November, 7.30pm**  
Barnet Choral Society **Dvorak Mass in D and music by Elgar, Finzi, Vaughan Williams.** Peter Jaekel, organ, conducted by Jonathan Newell. St John The Baptist Church, Wood Street, Barnet. £10/£8/£6 unreserved) Box Office. 020 8449 6809

**Mill Hill Jazz Club Meets every Wednesday.** Top class, different bands every week from duos to septets. Mainstream/modern/swing jazz. The Three Hammers, Hammers Lane, Mill Hill, NW7. Free entry

**THEATRE**  
**24-29 September, 8pm (Sat. matinee 3pm)**  
Incognito Theatre Club. **'Rumours'** by Neil Simon. Incognito Theatre (behind the clinic), Holly Park Road, N11. For details phone 020 8883 0811. Also 4-10 Nov **'Deadly Nightshade'** by Francis Durbridge.

**25-27 October, 8pm**  
Garden Suburb Theatre **'Bedroom Farce'** by Alan Ayckbourn. The Institute, Central Square, NW11. For details phone 020 7723 6609

**20-24 November, 7.45pm (Sat. matinee 3pm)**  
Finchley & Friern Barnet Operatic Society **'The Sounds of Musicals'**. A musical extravaganza. Millfield Theatre, Silver Street, Edmonton. For details phone 020 8482 6923 (Gala Night on Fri. 23rd when all profits donated to the charity Autism London)

**FILM**  
Finchley Cinevideo Society  
**28 Sept.** Indoor shoot for **'Hostage to Fortune'**; **5 Oct.** Sidney Manasseh Competition; **12 Oct.** Website launch; **19 Oct.** Vadim Jean - work in progress; **20 Oct.** Clips with a Purpose; **2 & 9 & 16 Nov.** The Master Class Season. Drawing

Room. Avenue House, East End Road, N3. For details phone 020 8349 0027/020 8292 6367

**26 October**  
**'The Man Who Wasn't There'**. The new Coen Brothers' film about a barber in 1949. The Phoenix Cinema, High Road, N2. For details of programmes contact box office on 020 8444 6789

**POETRY**  
**2 November, 7.30pm**  
Barnet Borough Arts Council Cafe Bar Poetry Club. Guest Kate Campbell. Come along and read your work or just come and listen. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ. For details phone 020 8445 8388. Also 16 Nov **Manifold Voices.** In preparation for St Hilda's Day (17 Nov.) patron saint of English Poetry. 'Turn For the Verse' celebrates her art and lifestyle.

**Barnet Poetry Group** meet bi-monthly 2.30pm on Saturdays at The Friends Meeting House in Leicester Road, New Barnet to study and enjoy English and European poets. Details 020 8883 8146/8449 0526

**The Multi-Lingual Poetry Forum** appreciates poetry in many languages, meeting monthly and promoting original translations to and from English, European and other classical languages. For details phone 020 8455 6781

**ART**  
**3 October, 7.30pm.** Milldon Art Society Demonstration **'Landscapes in watercolour'** by Heather Brown. Harwood Hall Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway, NW7. For details phone 020 8346 7481. Also 7 Nov Demonstration 'River scenes in watercolour' by William Newton. On other Wednesdays painting evenings.

**10 October, 7.30pm**  
Finchley Art Society Demonstration **'Oil pastels'** by Karen Selby. Also 14 Nov Demonstration 'Tiger in Watercolour' by Tim Harvey. Carey Room, Trinity Centre, N12. **6-26 October (Tues-Sat), Annual Exhibition** at East Finchley Library, High Road, N2. Monday evenings 7.30pm.

portraits & still life beginners welcome. Trinity Centre, Nether Street, N12. Also Wednesdays 1pm. St Mary's, Hendon Lane N3. For details phone 020 8445 2685

**10 October, 7.50pm**  
Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group. James McGregor. **'The Cecil Higgins Art Gallery'**, Bedford Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Details 020 8953 0821. Also 14 Oct. Visit to The Cecil Higgins Art Gallery, 28 Oct. Sally Howell-Davis 'Chelsea Porcelain'

**TALKS**  
**27 September, 7.30pm**  
The Barnet Society **'Introduction to Heraldry'** by Sheila Hunt of the Barnet Heraldry Society, Wesley Hall, Stapytton Road, Barnet. For details 020 8441 7175

**27 September, 8pm**  
The Finchley Society **'Trading in the High Street'** talk by Martyn Gerrard (Estate Agent) Avenue House, East End Road, N3. For details phone 020 8883 2633. **Also 25 Oct.** (provisional event) Greater London Assembly talk by Brian Coleman, Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden. **Also 29 Nov.** 'Listed Buildings in Finchley and Friern Barnet' by Mike Brown, Principal Planner, Barnet Council

**9 October, 8pm**  
Friern Barnet and District Local History Society Lecture **'War-time'** by Percy Reboil and John Heathfield. The Old Fire Station, Friern Barnet Lane, N11 (next door to The Old Town Hall). Members free, visitors £2. Further details 020 8444 3089. Also 13 Nov lecture 'Friern Hospital' by Dr O. Natelson

**10 October, 7.45pm**  
Barnet and District Local History Society Lecture **'Families working on the cut (canals)'** by Valerie Johnson. Wybank Room, Wesley Hall, Stapytton Road, Barnet. £1 visitors. For details phone 020 8449 6153

**15 Oct. - 14 Dec.**  
University of the Third Age. Adult Learning Course - Winter Term. Informal classes. Wide

range of subjects including computers, media, arts, sciences, religion, etc. For more details phone 020 8731 8638 or email [leaglo@openaccess.barnet.gov.uk](mailto:leaglo@openaccess.barnet.gov.uk). Held at three venues: Sobell House, Golders Green; Middlesex University, Hendon; Globe Hall, Stanmore. £22 p.a. Members may attend as many classes as they like

**Workers Educational Association (WEA).** New programme for 2001/2 available. The WEA is a national association providing part-time day and evening courses for adults of all backgrounds. Art, literature, music, industrial archaeology, history and social studies are among the courses provided in the borough. 'Old-timers' and beginners all welcome. For details phone Finchley (020 8346 4613); Barnet (020 8445 4433); Golders Green (020 8452 8850); Mill Hill & Edgware (020 8959 1230)

**GARDENING**  
**11 October, 8pm**  
New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Society. Mr Christopher Chadwell - 'Flowers from the Last Place on Earth'. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. Members £1.50, visitors £2. Also 8 Nov. AGM and 2002 Seed Catalogue

**LIBRARY BOOK SALES**  
**4-6 Oct.** Childs Hill Library, 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2 2QE. 020 8455 5390  
**6-14 Oct.** Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4 4BQ. 020 8359 2629  
**16-20 Oct.** North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12 9HP. 020 8445 4081  
**30 Oct. - 3 Nov.** East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, N2 9BB. 020 8883 2664  
**30 & 31 Oct; 2 & 3 Nov.** Totteridge Library, 109 Totteridge Lane, N20 8DZ. 020 8445 5288  
**13-17 Nov.** South Friern Library, Colney Hatch Lane, N10 1HD. 020 8953 8513  
**16 & 17 & 20 Nov.** Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, NW7 2PL. 020 8959 5066  
**28-30 Nov. & 1 Dec.** Church End Library, 24 Hendon Lane, N3 1TR. 020 8346 4702

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 020 8359 2156

**October 2001**

2 (Tues) Metropolitan Police and Barnet  
 Community  
 Consultative Group  
 4 (Thur) - Barnet Area Forum - Cromer  
 Road Primary School,  
 Cromer Road - 6.30 pm;  
 Finchley Area Forum - The Quaker  
 Meeting House, 58 Alexandra Grove, N12  
 - 6.30 pm;  
 Hendon Area Forum - Sunnyfields JMI  
 School,  
 Hatchcroft, Off Greyhound Hill, NW4 -  
 6.30 pm  
 10 (Wed) Audit and Central Services  
 Scrutiny Committee  
 15 (Mon) - Cabinet (Formal Meeting);  
 Street Based Scrutiny Committee;  
 Recreation, Leisure and Arts Scrutiny  
 Committee  
 16 (Tue) - Council Meeting  
 17 (Wed) - Reserved for Overview and  
 Scrutiny Committees; Audit and Central  
 Services Scrutiny Committee  
 18 (Thur) - Reserved for Civic Forum;  
 Road Safety and Accident Prevention  
 Liaison Group (Accident Prevention  
 Centre, Daws Lane, NW7)  
 22 (Mon) - Ratification and Operations  
 Committee.  
 Education and Children O/S Committee  
 23 (Tue) - General Functions Committee  
 24 (Wed) - Chipping Barnet Area Planning  
 Sub-Committee -

Conference Rooms 2 and 3 at Barnet  
 House,  
 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 until  
 further notice, Finchley and Golders  
 Green Area Planning Sub-Committee;  
 Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee  
 25 (Thur) - Finchley and Golders Green  
 Area Environment Sub-Committee -  
 Avenue House, East End Road, N3;  
 Hendon Area Environment Sub-  
 Committee  
 29 (Mon) - Reserved for other Cabinet  
 Meetings;  
 Reserved for Overview and Scrutiny  
 Committees

**November 2001**

6 (Tue) - Edgware and Mill Hill Area  
 Forum - Edgware Parish Hall, Rectory  
 Lane, Edgware - 6.30 pm;  
 Golders Green and Childs Hill Area  
 Forum - Childs Hill School, Dersingham  
 Road, NW2 - 6.30 pm;  
 Whetstone Area Forum - Ashmole School,  
 Cecil Road, Southgate - 6.30 pm  
 7 (Wed) - Planning and Environment  
 Committee;  
 Chief Officers' Appointments Cttee  
 8 (Thur) - Council Policy Conference  
 12 (Mon) - Reserved for other Cabinet  
 Meetings;  
 Education and Children O/S Committee  
 13 (Tue) - Chipping Barnet Area  
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 19 (Mon) - Reserved for Overview and  
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# STREETS AHEAD EMBRACES WHOLE COMMUNITY



## BARNET ARTS WEEK

### DAZZLING MULTI-CULTURAL SUCCESS

Barnet's Streets came alive to the sound of music during the Borough's most successful Arts Week ever during July

The "Streets Ahead" festival hit the streets of the Borough with a blaze of colour, energy and multi-cultural diversity which offered exciting and often new and novel entertainment to suit all tastes and interests.

The Council and its arts team were determined to take the arts out onto the streets and into the community for what has been described as the biggest street party the Borough has ever seen.

Families in their thousands flocked to events staged in every corner of the Borough.

The main thrust of the festival was a Street Theatre tour when some of the world's leading street entertainers descended on the many town centres in Barnet.

For the first time, the festival was backed up with a fringe programme in pubs and venues across the Borough incorporating comedy, rock, garage,



hip-hop, retro, jazz and cabaret events.

A colourful array of community projects demonstrated the theme of neighbourhood streets which bind the people of the Borough together.

The Cricklewood Festival was the culmination of the week-long event and proved a fantastic day for the thousands who attended.

Musicians, acrobats, gorillas, stilt walkers and various characters entertained the vast crowds. Bands played into the evening and the wide variety of stalls, side-shows and rides provided something for everyone.

The "Streets Ahead" celebration kicked off at the Spires Shopping Centre in Chipping Barnet with crowds

of shoppers who were enthralled by comedians, drummers, musicians and breakdancers.

One of the many community projects to have a lasting impact on the Borough can be seen at Edgware Community Hospital where a giant mural covers the hospital hoarding.

Local schools played a major role in the celebration by taking part in photography exhibitions and creating murals, mosaics and sculptures.

"Arts Week was an outstanding success and our thanks go to the Arts Service and the many volunteers who gave their time to see that the event happened," said Councillor Suetis Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development.

