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TREE TIME: getting hung up over Christmas is Barnet Council Leader, Alan Williams seen here with son Ross, aged 6 (right) and daughter four-year-old Erin (centre) together with family friend, Sarah Carney (aged 11).

"Decorating the tree is always a high spot for my family," said Cllr Williams. "The kids enjoy it. So do I."

"I'd like to wish everyone in Barnet a very happy Christmas and a great new year."

When it's all over, Barnet Council will recycle old Christmas trees. Residents can take their trees to sites throughout the borough to have them shredded down into compost. Watch local papers over Christmas and New Year for details.

SOCK IT TO 'EM



Didn't we have a luvverley time the day we went to..... Cardiff. Hendon Football Club supporters kicked off in style on their way to cheer themselves hoarse, backing their team in an away match with Cardiff City. Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Pam Coleman and Councillor Rudi Vis are seen here joining the send off.

The game was a lot closer than the 2 nil victory to Cardiff suggests. For many fans, this FA Cup first-round tie match represented a dream come true. The club was up for sale in 1994, but was saved by businessman Ivor Arbiter, whose Barnet based company distributes Fender guitars. Working with Barnet Council to improve the ground and facilities, the club is going from strength to strength.



Free to all our readers:
A to Z of Barnet Council Services

BENEFITS TAKE UP - A PRESSING CASE

The Directorate of Community Services has a small Welfare Benefits Unit (WBU) with a specialist welfare rights adviser focusing on the matter of benefit take up.

Over the years, take up projects have been organised in Social Services day centres, sheltered housing accommodation and many other places where people get together.

Specialised campaigns have been focused on different client groups. For example the Unit is currently assisting people who are under 65 and have hearing disabilities claim their Disability Living Allowance.

From January 1997, a new take up project will start at Mapledown School to assist their students who have a learning disability - and their parents or other carers - to claim all the benefits to which they are entitled.

Some people might wonder why take up schemes are a priority when the government is trying to cut down on the DSS budget. But each benefit that is not claimed is money that is not available to be spent locally. The local economy gains when people use their entitlements to buy goods and services in Barnet.

Also, most people need their benefits to enjoy a decent standard of living. Those who are disabled find it difficult to get well paid work, although they need feeding and clothing and heating like everyone else. Carers also may face a reduced income through the necessity of looking after the person they care for.

Any organisation which might like to take part in one of our future take-up campaigns is invited to write to: The Welfare Benefits Unit, Rosa Morison House, 83 Gloucester Road, Barnet, Herts. EN5 1NA

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SAFER DRIVING

An innovative scheme to help improve the driving skills of motorists is coming to Barnet.

The scheme is already up and running in various areas around Britain but has yet to be tried in London.

Barnet has been chosen as a pilot area in outer London and the scheme will be in place by the beginning of next year.

The scheme, which is run in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police, aims to re-educate and train individuals who have been involved in a blameworthy incident. It is designed to stop them from offending again. Drivers are given the option of joining the course or face prosecution.

"This scheme is just one of the ways in which we can make Barnet's roads safer," said Councillor Stan Cross, Chair of Public Works.

The scheme itself will be entirely self-financing with funds coming from the drivers themselves who are referred by the police and all in-car instruction is performed by Department of Transport Approved Instructors.

Pollution under spotlight

Barnet Council has responded to pleas by the London Wildlife Trust and residents to look into increasing levels of pollution in streams running through the Trust's Nature Reserve in Oak Hill Park, Barnet.

A petition to the council from residents living around Oak Hill Park expressed their concern at the levels of pollution. Investigations by the London Wildlife Trust show a drop in the number of aquatic species living in the streams and suspect the pollution comes from misconnected washing machines, whose outflows go into the streams via stormwater sewers.

Barnet has applied for funding from Thames Water to carry out an in-depth investigation into the problem which will involve house-to-house checks in the area. They will also be working closely with residents and the London Wildlife Trust on identifying areas of pollution in the streams.

"Barnet responded quickly to calls from the Trust for further investigation. We are determined to do all we can to protect residents and areas of beauty in the borough," said Councillor Stan Cross, Chair of Public Works.



Local pupils were welcomed to Barnet Council as part of the first-ever Children in the Work Place Day. Councillor Linda McFadyen gave them an insight into the jobs the council does - running the schools, making sure the shops sell safe food and emptying the wheeled bins.

After that, the young people spent the day "shadowing" council employees working in different areas such as the Finchley Lido, Meadway Nursery and the Architects department.

Tally Ho gets council backing

Barnet Council is putting its shoulder behind the dream of a major new arts centre at Tally Ho Corner. The new centre, proposed for North Finchley, would stage major performances as well as giving a home to local arts groups presently forced to use venues outside the borough.

Barnet Council have set up a £20,000 feasibility study as a first step before making a bid through the Arts Council of England for up to 75 per cent of the building costs to be paid for by the National Lottery.

The council needs backing from local residents and businesses and a meeting to launch a support group will be held at The Bull in High Street, Barnet on 21 January at 7pm.

Among those invited are artists, musicians, local residents with an interest in the arts and those who attended the Barnet 2000 workshop. Anyone else interested, is welcome to come along.

Arts groups and local residents have been calling for a major new arts centre for Barnet for many years because - unlike most London boroughs - it lacks a large hall for major events.

What is urgently needed is a viable venue for larger productions in the borough.

Many organisations have asked for such a facility in Barnet because they have been forced to stage their events in churches or go outside the borough to the South Bank or West End instead.

"This exciting arts centre would be the major shot in the arm that

Barnet has wanted for many years," said Councillor Katherine McGuirk.

"The council is committed to following up the good ideas from local people which came out of Barnet 2000 with concrete action bringing real benefit.

"An arts centre like this would not only provide an excellent and much-needed venue for families and arts groups in Barnet but also boost the local economy and generate new interest," she added.

Anyone wanting more information should contact the Arts Office on 0181 359 3152.

SHORT STORIES

New councillors for Colindale, Edgware and Hendon

Three new councillors join Barnet Council following by-elections held on 14 November.

The by-elections were called after the death of Councillor Tom McKendry and the resignations of Councillors Julian Czarny and Edward Bunn.

Taking their seats for the first time as councillors will be Danish Chopra (Colindale), Anthony Spencer (Edgware) and Andrew Sherling (Hendon).

The first Council Meeting for the new members is on the tenth of December.

Cable link to council

Barnet homes with cable TV will be able to tune in to council services when a new council

teletext cable channel gets up and running next year.

Cable TV viewers will be able to find out who their councillors are, where to find a bottle bank or when the next council meeting is - just by pushing a button in their own living rooms.

Barnet Council has agreed a year's trial run with cable company Videotron.

"This will cost the council nothing," said Council Leader, Alan Williams. "But it will mean that residents can get information quickly and efficiently."

Apologies

We would like to clarify a story in the last Community News about a new council initiative to enable local families to pay their Council Tax and rent bills by Switch and credit cards.

We apologise if our last story gave the impression this service was available now. The council is hoping to introduce this excellent new service next year to make paying council bills more convenient.

**Tally Ho to
The Bull,
High Street
21 January
7pm**

Tackling drugs - Barnet Drive

Drug taking isn't just an inner city problem a Barnet councillor warned at the launch of a major drive to tackle drug misuse among young people.

The Barnet launch of "Tackling Drugs Together" is the biggest attempt yet to co-ordinate the efforts of all those dedicated to stopping the misuse of drugs.

"It would be shortsighted to think only deprived youngsters from the inner city face the temptation of drugs," said Councillor Linda McFadyen, Vice-Chair of Social Services Committee. This was probably the most important single health issue facing our youth, she underlined.

Led by Barnet Health Authority, the project unites Barnet Council, the Police, Probation, Social and Voluntary services at the highest level in a move to combat the use and effects of drugs especially among young people.

The aim is to make

communities safe from drugs and those who sell them, to reduce the health risk and damage caused by drugs and make them less acceptable and available among the young.

This follows the government's call to set up Drug Action Teams to include senior officers from all public and voluntary organisations with a responsibility for education and preventing drug abuse.

The launch was held at East Barnet School - chosen because of the key role it plays in the Health Promoting Schools Initiative.

"The problem is nationwide and puts all our young people at risk wherever they live and whatever their backgrounds," said Councillor McFadyen.

"We will only begin to have an impact on a problem on this scale by working together and pooling our experiences and resources.

"Today's launch of "Tackling Drugs Together"



A tragic tale of heartbreak and waste caused by drug abuse is played out in a tense drama staged by East Barnet School Drama Group. Three victims are played by cast members Laura Pavey, Ellen Fraser and Matthew Rust.

proves that the will is there to face up to this task and underlines the determination of the whole community to play an active part in ridding society of a dangerous menace.

"This is only a welcome first step. We must ensure we work closely with our young people, learn from their experiences and take on their ideas on how to combat the bad effects of the drug culture," added Councillor McFadyen.

The Barnet Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) has produced an Action Plan laying down a strategy from now until 1998.

First, the nature and scale of the local problem will be gauged as will the effectiveness of policies already in place.

The Probation Service is to establish a link with Barnet's Youth Service Detached Youth Team to encourage youngsters to change their habits.

The Police, in addition to their role in enforcement and detection, are fully behind this initiative to prevent young people becoming involved in drugs.

And Barnet Health Authority's Chairman, Fiona Phillips, has pledged continuing support to the many joint projects being undertaken with Barnet Council.

She said, "Raising the awareness of young people on the dangers posed by drugs is a responsibility the Health Authority will not ignore.

"The progress which Barnet has already made in meeting the challenges of "Tackling Drugs Together" shows what can be achieved when we work together.

"The Health Promoting Schools Initiative is just one successful example of a local project which actively involves all the key players especially those most at risk," she added.

BRIGHTER TOWN CENTRES- PLANS IN PIPELINE

Funding to the tune of £300,000 to improve Barnet's town centres has been agreed by the Public Works Committee.

The funds will be used for street furniture, traffic management, landscaping, improved facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users and other environmental improvements in High Barnet, East Barnet and New Barnet.

The Barnet Town Centre Forum are currently looking at ideas. The Forum supports the idea of gateway signs into the three town centres - New Barnet, East Barnet and Chipping Barnet - which will share the funding between them. They also agreed that the centres need new street furniture and environmental improvements.

"One of the key aims of this council's Economic Development Strategy is to revive the commercial base of the borough focusing in particular on high street shopping," said Councillor Andrew Dickie, Chair of the Economic Development and

Executive Committee.

"Our Corporate Plan also states our commitment to make Barnet 'a sustainable high quality, safe environment'.

"This much-needed funding will help the three centres get an even firmer footing for the future by attracting more residents into the wide variety of shops they offer," he added.

TOYS ARE US

An exhibition of construction toys has just opened (December 7) at the Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, London NW4.

The first construction toys - simple wooden building blocks - appeared in Germany in the late 1700s. These were followed by elaborate sets for building castles and houses.

Children became more sophisticated and wanted to build things that moved - Meccano was the answer to be followed by Lego as children demanded more realism.

Admission to the exhibition is free. The museum is open Monday to Thursday 10 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 to 5 pm; on Saturday from 10am - 1 pm and 2 pm to 5.30 pm and on Sundays from 2pm to 5.30 pm. (It is closed on Fridays.)

Don't keep it to yourself- We need your ideas

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We are currently looking for people to join two of our Consultative Forums - Development and Protection, and Environment.

The Development and Protection Consultative Forum is concerned with policies and proposals for the development and use of land in the public interest and consumer protection and environmental health.

The Environment Consultative Forum advises the council on environmental issues and specifically working with the council on developing Local Agenda 21 initiatives.

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RECYCLING PILOT

At the Barnet 2000 Conference in July Barnet launched its first ever door-to-door recycling scheme and from early next year waste paper will be collected from a trial area of 15,000 households, with the scheme going borough-wide during 1997.

TeamBarnet Refuse was awarded the contract for refuse collection in the borough at the end of June and as part of the tender Barnet Council insisted on the door-to-door recycling scheme.

This will be extended in April 1997 to cover the whole of the borough. Also in April a trial area of households will have recyclables such as glass containers, paper, cans and plastic bottles collected and recycled.

Residents will be issued with re-usable boxes for recyclable waste which will be collected by *TeamBarnet Refuse*.

"Barnet is working hard to increase the amount of waste it recycles and we intend to achieve the target of 25 per cent by the year 2000," said Councillor Stan Cross, Chair of Public Works.

"We now have over 80 recycling sites in the borough and the composting scheme is proving extremely popular with residents.

"This scheme will go a long way in increasing the percentage of waste sent by the borough to be recycled," he added.

The council is asking residents to help them monitor the new scheme. Barnet is also changing the days of refuse collection in the borough to stop refuse building up over bank holidays.

Barnet collects 107,000 tonnes of waste each year from 128,000 households and

commercial premises. Currently Barnet's recycling rate is four per cent. With the continuing increase in the use of composters and the introduction of the new scheme this rate should increase to 15 per cent by December 1997.

CASH HELP FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Five voluntary organisations have won £6,000 from Barnet Council. This takes the amount of grant given to the local voluntary sector in the borough to over £2 million this year.

November's Grants Committee agreed grant aid to Oxford and St George's North London Jewish Youth and Community Centre (£3,950), African Cultural Association in Barnet (£1,300) and Barnet Somali Community Centre (£750).



Councillor Stan Cross



Dinner is served: by Mayor Pam Coleman

The committee also recommended a grant of up to £4,500 for the Barnet War Memorials Initiative. For every £1,000 raised by the Initiative for the second phase of work on the memorials they will receive part-funding of £500, up to £4,500 from Barnet Council.

An annual review of the types of grants given out over the last year was also reviewed by the committee. Barnet continually works hard to offer value-for-money, efficient service to its residents and for the last three years it has asked for the same high standards from the voluntary organisations to which it awards grants.

"Voluntary organisations in the borough offer important and valuable services to residents, however these services must be cost-effective," said Councillor Nicholas Kissen, Chair of Grants Committee.

"Up until now the larger grant-aided organisations have submitted performance figures to the council every quarter.

This has given the council a guide as to service levels being offered and has also helped the organisations themselves focus on how they run their service," added Councillor Kissen.

However this has placed growing administrative pressure on many of the organisations. The type of information requested has also not reflected some of the areas the council is keen to monitor such as good management practices, quality standards, user consultation and equal access.

"From now on we will be looking at reviewing the work of these organisations on an annual basis. The review also highlights Barnet's commitment to support the victims of crime, the arts and the homeless with increased funding in all these areas," he added.

Barnet has already put together Good Practice Guidelines for voluntary organisations. The new review process will be based on this and will aim to monitor every aspect of these organisations' work, making sure the grants they receive are spent on value-for-money services for all Barnet's residents.

DINNER IS SERVED

The first ever national Meals on Wheels Day was celebrated by Barnet Council with a special menu for everybody in the borough who gets meals at home.

Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Pam Coleman (seen left) and Chair of Social Services Councillor Helen Gordon marked the occasion by going out to see the service in action and meet residents who benefit from it.

An extensive choice of meals is on offer to cater for the cultural needs and diets of older people from all sections of the community.

Barnet Council provides about 390,000 meals a year to older people who are in the greatest need in the borough.

Last November the council started a new weekend meals on wheels service by providing hot meals to people living alone who are unable to prepare a meal and do not have carers or relatives to cook for them.

Hot meals are prepared at local schools by council staff and then delivered in partnership with Finchley Age Concern, Age Concern London Barnet West and Friern Barnet Voluntary Care for the Elderly.

"I am pleased that Barnet Council is now offering such a high quality service and wide choice of meals to those most in need in the community," said Councillor Helen Gordon, Chair of Social Services Committee.

"Working with voluntary organisations, we are providing a better service than ever to local families," she added.

PAVILION REPLAY

The pavilion at Lyttleton Playing Fields in Hampstead Garden Suburb is to get a new lease of life thanks to Barnet Council.

The two-storey pavilion, which includes changing rooms and showers, is well-used by cricket, football and hockey teams and by pre-school children.

Heating and hot water systems are to be replaced with new energy saving systems.

The shower area at the pavilion will also be expanded with non-slip

floor and wall tiles.

Without these urgent new works there was a real risk that the building would become so run down that it would have to be closed.

"We are taking these steps to protect a valued sports facility which brings a lot of pleasure to local residents of all ages," stressed Councillor Rudi Vis, Chair of the Budget, Financing and Performance Review Executive Committee.

Work on the project is due to start in the spring.



Talkback: Councillor Jack Cohen, Chair of Barnet's Development and Protection Committee, tried out the council's state-of-the-art Videobox at the Brent Cross shopping centre. The Videobox was put in to record the views of shoppers and visitors on the planned expansion of the centre. Brent Cross have applied to the council to extend the centre to include more shopping space, car parking, a new bus station and environmental improvements. The Videobox is part of the council's extensive consultation process.

From tree planting to official openings, Mayoral visits to new playgrounds – there have been hundreds of events and initiatives involving Barnet Council over the last year. Over the next two pages we have selected just a few of the many high spots from an action-packed year.

1. Young people from Manorside and Tudor schools did their bit for the environment in March. The children planted hawthorn, hazel, field maple, rose, holly and willow on the Glebelands Open Space, Finchley which was just one of the projects Barnet Council organised as part of Local Agenda 21.

2. Lord Jack Ashley of Stoke, Patron of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, officially opened the new unit for hearing-impaired children – the Field Room – at Summerside JMI School in North Finchley in June.

3. July saw the launch of 'Poetry on the Buses'. Children from All Saints School, Cricklewood, joined the Chair of Education, Councillor Anne Jarvis, to promote this first-ever initiative to put poems into buses and outside London Underground stations.

4. Queenswell Junior School, Friern Barnet, will remember Lara Akilapa, aged 11, after she planted a copper beech tree in the grounds of the school in March. Lara won an art competition involving the first Local Agenda 21 area in the borough – Friary Park.

5. June saw children and parents from Foulds School stepping out to support National Walk to School Week. Barnet is encouraging parents to walk or even cycle with their children to school.



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6. Dressing up was not hard to do during Barnfield School's, Edgware, International Day in March. Our picture shows (from left to right) Joe Dawson (9), Adithio Noviello (8), Ahella Baby (9) and Roshni Shah (9).

7. A remarkable collection of fans, in every shape, form and colour, came to Barnet Council's Church Farmhouse Museum in April. The exhibition 'The Fascination of Fans' used stunning fans from a collection put together over 20 years by local resident Jacqueline Morris (pictured).

8. Tudor Primary School celebrated the opening of its new library in March by inviting well-known author Charles Thomson to read his popular 'Gurgle Gloop' story. The children also dressed up as characters from their favourite books.

9. Over 60 youngsters met their idol in September when Olympic Judo champion, Neil Adams OBE, opened the new judo club at the council's Hendon Youth Sports Centre.

10. Children got the playground they had asked for in July when Chair of Housing, Councillor Allan Turner joined young people from the Fosters Estate, Eaton Road, to open their new play area.

11. Hundreds of residents, young and old, joined the council to talk about the future at Barnet 2000, the biggest event in the borough's history. Here we have children from Whittings Hill School who put their views.

12. The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Pam Coleman, paid a visit to Watling Market, Burnt Oak, during National Food Safety Week in June. Our picture shows the Mayor sampling some cherries on the fruit and veg stall.

School safety under review

Swift action has been taken to review Barnet school security following the recent tragedies in Dunblane and elsewhere.

"Our schools have always taken security seriously but when tragedy strikes it is right that we look again at our arrangements and reassure parents that effective procedures are in place," said Councillor Anne Jarvis, Chair of the Education Committee.

"Parents, staff and governors do not want to see our schools turned into fortresses. They are a vital focus for the whole community, they have to be accessible and that is their strength.

"But we are not complacent and will constantly upgrade and tailor our security arrangements drawing on the experiences of schools around the country," said Councillor Jarvis.

Local schools are responsible for their own security and are guided by the advice and

TOP MARKS

Barnet schools once again came in the top ten (number five) of Britain's national league tables with pupils scoring high marks for outstanding exam results, diligent attendance and hard work.

"Education is a key priority for Barnet Council," stressed Councillor Anne Jarvis, who chairs the Education Committee as she welcomed the results.

"Over the past two years, we have been able to protect our schools, their budgets and our pupils."

She hoped the government would increase the money given to local councils to spend on schools, so these high standards could be kept up.

League tables only showed part of the picture. All Barnet schools were delivering high quality education.

Barnet had consistently invested more in local education than the government recommended, underlined Councillor Rudi Vis, Chair of the Budget, Financing and Performance Review Executive Committee.

Last year alone, Barnet had spent an extra £13 million over government guidelines.

"I only hope we can keep up this level of investment in our young people," said Cllr Vis.

"But the government is cutting the amount of money it gives to local councils like Barnet, and I am worried."

expertise of the LEA (Local Education Authority).

Barnet's Education Department has drawn up a number of recommendations designed to reinforce measures already in place in the borough's schools.

Many schools already use name badges for staff and visitors, security code systems on doors, better reception areas, mobile phones and pagers and additional signs and locks on doors.

Other schools have held training sessions in collaboration with the local police and other professionals to raise awareness on safety and security among staff and pupils.

Training courses for staff and governors are being provided through the council's Health and Safety Unit.

The security of school buildings is to be a high priority and Barnet Council will match funding being made available through the Department for Education to tackle specific problems on school sites.

Closed circuit television (CCTV) is another option which some schools may want to consider. The LEA will help interested schools apply for government funding to install CCTV systems within local area schemes.

In future, parents will be told through the schools' annual reports what steps have been taken to improve security and of any problems arising during the year.

More than half of the borough's schools have shown an interest in joining a "School Watch" scheme - a private communication network linking schools, the LEA and police. It would offer training and back up support for schools taking part.



Spot on: Chair of Social Services Councillor Helen Gordon is seen here at the official opening of two new flats for older residents with learning disabilities in October at Perryfields, Tyrrel Way, West Hendon. The flats have been made possible through a joint initiative with the Health Authority who provided the funding and Barnet Council who manage the homes.



Children from Parkfield School in Hendon are pictured with Diwali lamps taking part in the borough's Diwali celebrations. Youngsters from local schools including Parkfield made the lights during half-term craft sessions at the library which was also the setting for an evening of dance (see right), drama, music and poetry organised by the council and Vivekanada, a Barnet Asian voluntary group.



Barnet means BUSINESS

At least £1.5 million of new business for local firms could be in the pipeline following this year's 'Meet the Buyers' fair.

This trade fair attracted representatives from over 200 supplier firms and nearly 50 big buying organisations.

The buyers hold the purse

strings which can lead to more local business going to local firms.

In a survey conducted by the North London Chamber of Commerce 42 per cent of buyers attending the event were confident of placing nearly £600,000 of new business with local suppliers - twice the figure at the same point last year.

The buyers came from North London's largest buying organisations including Barnet Council, one of the biggest users of goods and services in the area.

The Barnet Council sponsored event has won universal praise from business and commerce across North London.

It was launched in 1995 as a means of bringing together local suppliers of goods and services with major buyers. "Generating local jobs for local people lies at the heart of our economic strategy," said Councillor Andrew Dickie, Chair of the Economic Development and Executive Committee.

"The council has a job to do in boosting the local economy for the benefit of traders and residents alike."

Plans are already being laid to stage a third 'Meet the Buyers' next year with even more firms expected to take part.

FIVE-A-SIDE

An all-weather five-a-side football and multi-use recreation centre for sports including netball, volleyball and hockey for the whole family is in the pipeline for Friern South Playing Fields, Trott Road.

"Just three years ago this area was being considered for use as a tip. We managed to stop that and now the people of this area will get a much-needed sports and recreation centre," Councillor Joan Ryan, Chair of Policy and Resources Committee underlined.

Under the plans, private organisations were invited to bid to develop the site. A short list was selected to proceed to the next stage.

The council has set out a scheme which provides free facilities for many groups in the area and a sports area for local schools, the unemployed and youth groups.

The new multi-use centre would be a non-membership complex open to everyone in the community.

Councillors confirmed the plans after hearing over 90 per cent of local residents consulted on the development were in favour of the project.

LIBRARY LOUNGES

New coffee lounges at four libraries - Burnt Oak, Golders Green, Osidge and South Friern - are set to open before the end of the year.

Hot drinks, coffee tables, easy chairs, magazine racks and displays of local information will be on offer.

These coffee lounges are building on the success of the coffee lounge at Grahame Park Library launched last year.

Children and students take a break there after school hours when they are in the library to finish homework or research particular projects.

Other people use the coffee lounge as a meeting place or to read newspapers, books or look something up.

The coffee lounges are being set up through sponsorship awarded to Friends of Barnet Borough Libraries by the Milly Apthorp Charitable Trust.

"This is an excellent way of making our libraries even more attractive to people of

TEEN TICKET HITS FASHION SPOTS



A new teenage ticket in libraries has been launched by Barnet Council to deliver an even better service to young people.

The latest initiative from the borough's pioneering library service, in partnership with the youth service, means young people aged 13 to 17 will be able to get videos out of their local library for the first time.

Launched at youth clubs and libraries this month, celebrations included a youth clothes show organised by libraries and youth services.

Teenage girls from Church Farm Youth Club became models for the day, showing off clothes from a local store they had chosen themselves for work and evening wear.

Video titles that young people in local libraries can get out are marked TC for teen certificate and will include a range of films apart from those with 15 and 18 certificates.

Apart from movies and TV shows there are also educational videos available which could help with GCSE exams.

The council is also asking teenagers about which leisure, music and sport magazines they want stocked in local libraries, in another step to ensure that the service meets their needs.

The teen ticket is available to 13 to 17 year olds at their local library and current ticket holders in this age range can swap their old ticket for a new one.

"Barnet Council believes that our libraries are a valuable resource for all parts of the community," said Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee.

"Our libraries are already the busiest in London but we want to encourage even more young people to take advantage of the wide range of excellent services available for both their education and leisure needs," added Councillor McGuirk.

Libraries are not only places where books are stocked - other benefits for teenagers include a place to study, careers information and music tapes, CDs, access to personal computers and CD Roms for hire.

all ages, providing a convenient break from study or place to read in comfort," said Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation, Leisure and Arts

Committee. "It all helps turn our libraries, already the best-used in London, into cultural centres where people can both relax and learn," she added.

Pictured at the Youth Clothes Show organised by Barnet Council's libraries and youth services are (left to right) Anthea Stavrou, Lisa Purdey, Lianne Blandford-Davis and Claire Lincoln. The event helped launch the borough's new library teen ticket.

Barnet's community turned out in force to pay their respects to those who died in wars fighting for their country during the Remembrance Day service at Hendon War Memorial.

Council Leader Councillor Alan Williams and Mayor of Barnet Councillor Pam Coleman were among those who laid wreaths at the Memorial on Sunday (10 November), where the Last Post was played.

The Remembrance service included prayers, hymns and readings and a two minute silence.

Community groups such as marine cadets, sea cadets, air cadets, sea pirates and the Salvation Army then marched from the Memorial back to the Hendon Town Hall and past the Mayor and Council Leader.



On yer bike

A plan to provide nearly 30 miles of bike lanes for cyclists across Barnet has got the green light.

The new route, known as the 'Watling Route', will extend the existing route in the north of the borough to the

south, passing through Edgware, Burnt Oak and Colindale.

The scheme is part of a London-wide programme to create a 1,250 mile cycle network by the year 2005.

Cyclists will be guided off busy main roads and into quieter side streets - all clearly signposted or marked out with white lines.

At some traffic lights they will be given a head start on motorists with the introduction of continental-style stop lines. These let cyclists move up to a line marked on the road ahead of other traffic allowing them to move off first or turn left in greater safety.

At other junctions, traffic lights will be adapted to show a green bicycle letting cyclists cross busy roads at the same time as pedestrians.

"This is good news not just for cyclists but for all road users," said Councillor Stan Cross, Chair of the Public Works Committee.

"Cycling can often be a hazard for motorists and dangerous for cyclists."

The proposed cycle route was drawn up with the help of local residents who were asked for their comments and suggestions on the scheme.

HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES IN BARNET 1997

Anyone who provides Day Care for children under the age of eight for two hours or more on any day must inform the local authority responsible for registration under the Children Act 1989.

The process of registration may take three to six months so it is important that contact is made with the Registration and Inspection Unit at an early stage.

The Registration & Inspection Unit will provide guidelines and details of the requirements of registration. Correspondence should be addressed to:

The Inspection Unit, Friary House
Friary Park, Friern Barnet Lane
London N20 0NR
Tel: 0181-361 2525



TeamBarnet

REFUSE COLLECTION

TeamBarnet has got the important task of refuse collection in the borough. In order to streamline the service, collection days for refuse will change from **MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 1996.**

PRESENT COLLECTION DAY	NEW COLLECTION DAY
MONDAY	FRIDAY
TUESDAY	MONDAY
WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY
THURSDAY (NO CHANGE)	
FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY

- On the day of collection the wheeled bin or sack should be placed at the edge of your property by 7am (except when assisted collection is taking place).
- All waste for collection should be in the bin and the lid closed.
- No rubble or other heavy materials should be placed in the bin.



Shadow Housing Minister, Nick Raynsford (left) with Councillor Allan Turner, who chairs Barnet's Housing Committee

HOMELESS IN THE SUBURBS

The problem of homelessness in the suburbs was highlighted at a major conference held at The Town Hall, Hendon.

The Housing Need In Suburbia conference organised by Barnet Housing Aid Centre and supported by Barnet Council, looked at action plans to help homeless families in boroughs like Barnet.

A panel of experts included Shadow Minister for Housing Nick Raynsford seen above left with Barnet Council Chair of Housing Committee Councillor Allan Turner. The problem of homelessness was not just confined to inner cities they stressed.

Barnet Council has already introduced a number of new initiatives in the last couple of

years aimed at tackling homelessness in the borough.

One council policy is to reduce the use of bed and breakfast accommodation and use other temporary homes for homeless families instead wherever possible. The council is also working with housing associations to provide as many new homes as possible.

"In the last two years the council has substantially reduced the number of families that we house in bed and breakfast," said Councillor Allan Turner.

"At the same time Barnet Council has managed to achieve half a million pounds in savings through its efficiency in providing temporary homes.

"This means that in the last two years Barnet Council has been able to provide higher quality accommodation for homeless families while reducing costs, saving money which can be ploughed back into spending on services.

"The amount of housing available in Barnet is severely restricted, particularly homes for larger families. We are working with housing associations to create new homes for families and also make the best use of available housing," he added.

These initiatives include increasing incentives for families living in properties too large for their current needs. These families are helped to move, thereby freeing that home for a larger family.

CHANGES IN REFUSE COLLECTION

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CHRISTMAS 1996 / NEW YEAR 1997

Check below to see if your collection dates have changed for the holidays.

NORMAL COLLECTION	REVISED COLLECTION
Mon. 16 Dec.'96 - Fri 20 Dec.'96	NORMAL COLLECTION
MONDAY 23 Dec.'96	SATURDAY 21 Dec.'96
TUESDAY 24 Dec.'96	MONDAY 23 Dec.'96
XMAS DAY - Wed. 25 Dec.'96	TUESDAY 24 Dec.'96
BANK HOL- Thurs. 26 Dec.'96	FRIDAY 27 Dec.'96
FRIDAY 27 Dec.'96	SATURDAY 28 Dec.'96
MONDAY 30 Dec.'96	NORMAL COLLECTION
TUESDAY 31 Dec.'96	NORMAL COLLECTION
NEW YEAR'S DAY Wed. 1 Jan.'97	THURSDAY 2 Jan.'97
THURSDAY 2 Jan.'97	FRIDAY 3 Jan.'97
FRIDAY 3 Jan.'97	SATURDAY 4 Jan.'97
MON. 6 Jan.'97 - FRI.10 Jan.'97	NORMAL COLLECTION

The council's Civic Amenity Site at Brent Terrace off Tilling Road NW2 will be open from 8am to 4pm over the holiday period **except** Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December 1996, Boxing Day Thursday 26 December 1996, New Year's Day Wednesday 1 January 1997, Saturday 28 December 1996, Saturday 4 January 1997 and Saturday morning 21 December 1996.



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WHAT'S ON

We welcome contributions to the What's On column. Write to: The Editor, Community News, Barnet Council, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG. We reserve the right to shorten entries and no responsibility can be accepted for the accuracy of information supplied for the column.

infoLINK
These events and late announcements of events or alterations to committee dates are available for viewing on the Libraries' infoLINK local information system. This is available through computer terminals in all Barnet libraries, Action Point, the information centre, the council offices at Barnet House, Whetstone and at Educational Services, Friern Barnet.

For more details on this service, please contact Ciara Shimidzu: 0181-359 2075

7 December - 2 February
Exhibition 'Construction Toys' showing an ingenious, imaginative and absorbing world of play that is slowly disappearing.
Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Tel. 0181-203 0130. Also 7 Dec-6 Jan the dining room will be decorated to celebrate a Victorian Christmas. (The museum will be closed on 25 & 26 Dec and 1 Jan)

12 December, 7.15pm
Barnet Borough Confederation of Tenants and Residents Association Meeting, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley. Also 30 Jan, 7.15pm, AGM at Avenue House.

19 December - 4 January
Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's story **The Bull's family Christmas Show 'The Little Match Girl'** presented by Glenn Lee and The Bull. Matinees 3.30pm, eves 7.30pm. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Tickets £7, £5 concessions. For information phone the Box Office on 0181-449 0048. The Bull has regular performances in The Theatre and Studio, with special events on Sunday afternoons for children and also runs practical classes and an educational programme.

22 December
Barnet 18 Plus Group Karaoke Christmas Party. The group offers a chance for people aged from 18 to 29 to make new friends and enjoy a wide range of fun activities. More information ring Mark on 0181-361 2827 or go any Sunday at 8.45pm to the upstairs room of the Bull & Butcher Pub, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, London N20

3 January, 10am-3pm
An Animation Workshop for Children with Louise Spraggon of the Museum of the Moving Image. Booking is essential. Tickets £16. All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone, N20. Tel. 0181-445 8388. Also 7 January, 5pm, play **'Pinocchio'** performed by Proteus. Tickets £5; 10-12 January, play 'The Fairy Godmother', 7.30pm, matinees 3pm, Sat & Sun. Tickets £5.

20 January, 7pm
Information Evening held by Barnet Borough Voluntary Service Council at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3 for voluntary organisations, community and self help groups in the borough on how to get funding from the National Lottery Charities

Board. A speaker from the Lottery Board will explain what type of activities they wish to fund in the next round. Admission free. Book early by phoning 0181-346 9723

21 January, 7pm
'Arts Centre in Barnet' discussion continuing from Barnet 2000 to look at establishing a new arts centre at Tally Ho Corner. Held at The Bull, High Street, Barnet. Details 0181-359 3152

26 January, 10am (all day)
Clearance and pond work at Totteridge Fields. Totteridge Lane, N20. Details Countryside Management Service, 01707 650041. Also 23 February, Coppetts Wood Ditch Clearance, Coppetts Close Open Space.

Write a 'Creepy Story' for the Point Horror Competition if you are 12-15 years. Pick up an application form and details from your local borough library. Closing date 25 January.

Library Book Sales. For details contact libraries on following phone numbers: Burnt Oak 0181-959 3112; Chipping Barnet 0181-359 4050; East Finchley 0181-883 2664; Edgware 0181-

958 5550; Friern Barnet 0181-368 2680; Golders Green 0181-458 2168; Hendon 0181-359 2628; Osidge 0181-368 0532; South Friern 0181-883 6513

Library Recorded Music Societies meet fortnightly (eves)- Hendon Library, The Burroughs, contact 0181-359 2873; East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, contact 0181-361 9518; Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, contact 0181-444 7215

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (Potters Bar and Barnet Group). For details of events and activities phone Stan Bailey 01707 646073

The Hale Philatelic Society. Varied programme of events held throughout the year. Meet first Friday of every month. New members and visitors welcome. Phone Secretary, John Corscaden on 01923 673347 for details.

Walks/Activities with Barnet Leisure Services. For more information and meeting points phone 0181-359 3052

15 December, 10am
5km ramble starts in Totteridge Village and explores hidden areas

around Folly Brook

22 December, 10am
11km ramble following the Dollis Brook and back across the Totteridge Valley

1 January, 2pm
2km ramble in Friary Park part of the borough's first Local Agenda 21 area and explaining plans to improve the wildlife and bio-diversity

12 January, 10am
8km ramble around Mill Hill Village and across Totteridge Valley

26 January, 10.30am
9km walk in south of Watling Chase Community Forest including parts of Brent Park, Dollis Brook and Sunnyside Park

9 February, 2pm
3km walk at Welsh Harp Reservoir includes a visit to the bird hide

23 February, 2pm
3km walk around countryside at Rowley Green aiming to see unusual plant life

Barnet Chamber of Commerce - Forthcoming Events
For the latest information on events please contact Peter Starling or De Cavanagh on 0181-343 3833

Your council committees at work

List of Committee Meetings at The Town Hall, Hendon for the period 16 December 1996 to 24 February 1997.

Commencing 7pm unless otherwise stated.



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16 December
Housing Committee

16 December
Policy and Resources Committee (Special Meeting) 6pm

17 December
Education Committee

18 December
Planning and Building Control Consultation Forum

18 December
Personnel Executive Committee

19 December
Economic Development and Land Executive Committee

23 December
Development and Protection Sub-Committees

6 January
Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee

7 January
Social Services Committee

8 January
Development and Protection Committee

9 January
Housing Consultation Forum

9 January
Transport Liaison Panel, 4pm

13 January
General Executive Committee

14 January
Public Works Committee

15 January
Personnel Executive Committee

16 January
Budget, Financing and Performance Review Executive Committee

20 January
Family Care Sub-Committee

22 January
Policy and Resources Committee (Special Meeting for Council Tax) 6.30pm

22 January
Council Meeting (Special Meeting for Council Tax) 7pm

22 January
Policy and Resources Committee (Ordinary Meeting) after Special Council Meeting

23 January
Compulsory Competitive Tendering Executive Committee

23 January
Direct Service Organisations Executive Committee

23 January
Children and Families Consultation Forum, Avenue House, East End Road, N3

23 January
Barnet Town Centre Forum, Barnet College, Russell Lane, N20

27 January
Road Safety Consultation Forum, Accident Prevention Centre, Daws Lane, NW7

27 January
Recreation, Leisure and Arts Consultation Forum

28 January
Development and Protection Sub-Committees

28 January
Golders Green and Temple Fortune Town Centre Forum (venue to be confirmed)

29 January
Community Care Consultation Forum, Avenue House, East End Road, N3

3 February
Economic Development and Land Executive Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

4 February
Council Meeting

4 February
Public Works Consultation Forum

5 February
Grants Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

5 February
Edgware, Burnt Oak and Mill Hill Town Centre Forum (venue to be confirmed)

6 February
Public Works Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

10 February
Housing Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

11 February
Finchley Town Centre Forum (venue to be confirmed)

12 February
Development and Protection Committee

13 February
Education Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

17 February
General Executive Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

18 February
Social Services Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

19 February
Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

20 February
Budget, Financing and Performance Review Executive Committee (Special Budget Meeting)

24 February
Policy and Resources Committee (Special Meeting for Council Tax)

24 February
Children and Families Consultation Forum (Annual Conference), 10am, Avenue House, East End Road, N3

Christmas Hamper

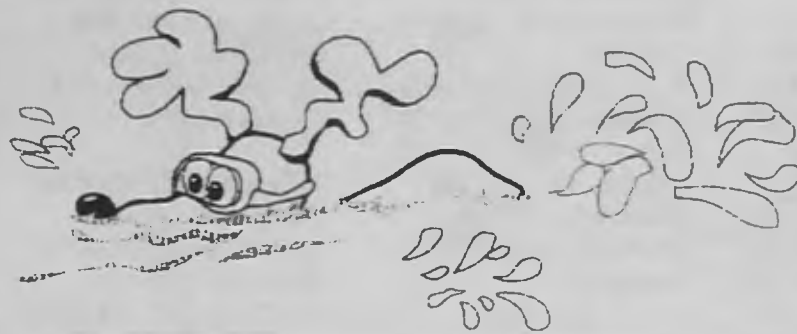


TeamBarnet Leisure are running a Christmas Quiz for customers during December. All you have to do is answer the short quiz sheet available from reception when you visit. The more times you swim, exercise or workout in the gym, the more chances you have to enter the quiz. The competition starts on December 1 and the draw will take place on Friday 20 December, just in time for Christmas. There will be two hampers on offer, one at Finchley Lido and one at Cophall Pools. **For details please ring 0181-457 9900.**

One entry per visit. No purchase necessary.



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BARNET FESTIVE SEASON OPENING

OPEN FOR BUSINESS - Barnet Council provides a range of services between Christmas and New Year

DECEMBER 23

Services open except The Croft Children & Families Centre

DECEMBER 24

Services open except Libraries, Hendon Youth Sports Centre, The Croft and Osprey Children & Families Centres, Flower Lane After School Club (FLASC)

DECEMBER 25

Services closed. Emergency cover provided by all essential services. See emergency telephone number

DECEMBER 26

Services closed except golf courses. Emergency cover provided by all essential services including Register Offices.

DECEMBER 27

Services open except Church Farmhouse Museum, Barnet Cophall Pools, Barnet Cophall Stadium and Finchley Lido, Local Land Charges, Rent Office Service, Croft and Osprey Children & Families Centres.

DECEMBER 28

Services closed except Libraries, Church Farmhouse Museum, Register Offices (open am) Golf Courses, Barnet Cophall Pools (open 8am-4.30pm), Barnet Cophall Stadium, Finchley Lido, Hendon Youth Sports Centre.

DECEMBER 29

Services closed except Church Farmhouse Museum, Golf Courses, Barnet Cophall Pools (open 8am-4.30pm), Barnet Cophall Stadium, Finchley Lido, Hendon Youth Sports Centre. Emergency cover provided by all essential services including Register Offices.

DECEMBER 30

Services open except Rent Officer Service, The Croft and Osprey Children & Families Centres.

DECEMBER 31

Services open except Rent Officer Service, The Croft and Osprey Children & Families Centres.

JANUARY 1

Services closed except Golf Courses, Barnet Cophall Pools and Finchley Lido (open 9am-1pm)

JANUARY 2

Services open except The Croft Children & Families Centre (closed until 3 January 1997 inclusive)

The Home Help Service will not be available on 25, 26 and 27 December 1996 and 1 January 1997 but will operate on 30 and 31 December 1996. All Youth Service provision closed from 25 December 1996 to 1 January 1997 inclusive, **except** Hendon Youth Sports Centre. There will be no fitness classes or sport courses at barnet Cophall Sports Centre from 24 December 1996 to 2 January 1997 inclusive.

Emergency cover provided by all essential services throughout the festive season. Emergency telephone number:

0181-359 2000

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If you

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If you are interested only in the Voluntary Aided Schools, please state that in your letter.

If you want to discuss your interest informally first, telephone Janet England on 0181-359 2036.

People employed by the London Borough of Barnet, other than as a teacher, are not eligible for panel membership.

Interests from all the community groups are welcomed.

M.M. CALLER
Chief Executive

Αυτή η ανακοίνωση αφορά το διορισμό σας ως Μέλους της Επιτροπής Ενστάσεων για την Εισαγωγή στα Σχολεία. Εάν θέλετε να την μεταφράσουμε, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με την Janet England στο 0181 359 2036.

這份通知是關於成為學校錄取上訴小組成員的。假若你想要一份譯文，請用電話號碼 0181 359 2036 與詹尼特·英格蘭 (Janet England) 聯絡。

Ogeysiskan wuxu ku saabsan-wahay Xubin ka nogoshada Gudiga loogu rafcaan qaato (appeal) u ogolaanshada Skoolka. Hadii aad turjumaan u baahantahay, sadlan la xiriir Janet England telefoonkeeda yahay 0181 359 2036.

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Political groups are indicated in an abbreviated form (Lab) = Labour (Con) = Conservative (LD) = Liberal Democrat

ARKLEY WARD

Anita Campbell (Lab) 440 2703
Pam Coleman (Lab) 449 6254
Linda McFadyen (Lab) 440 6254
1st and 3rd Monday every month 8-9pm
St Stephen's Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet
Every Saturday 10am-12noon
104 East Barnet Road, East Barnet

BRUNSWICK PARK WARD

Don Goodman (Con) 368 0383
Rene Palmer (Con) 368 7800
John Rawles (Con) 368 3522
2nd Saturday every month 10.30am-12noon
Monkfrith Boys' Club, Osidge Lane, N14
(Tel. 449 7345 - Chipping Barnet
Conservative Association)

BURNT OAK WARD

Rosemary Carney (Lab) 959 6757
Allan Turner (Lab) 952 2106
Alan Williams (Lab) 906 0576
Every Saturday 10.30am-12noon
Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware

CHILDS HILL WARD

Jack Cohen (LD) 445 3981
Jonathan Davies (LD) 203 6690
Susette Palmer (LD) 455 5140
1st Thursday every month 7-8pm
Childs Hill Library, 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2
2nd Tuesday every month 4-5pm
Kent Hall, Westcroft Estate, NW2

COLINDALE WARD

Danish Chopra (Lab) 449 3231
Gill Sargeant (Lab) 455 1070
David Williams (Lab) 343 1082
1st Saturday every month 2-3pm
St. Augustine's Church (small lounge),
Grahame Park, Colindale, NW9

David Williams 1st Saturday every month 10-11am
Grahame Park Library, The Concourse, Colindale

EAST BARNET WARD

Usha Chopra (Lab) 449 3231
Anne Jarvis (Lab) 449 9001
Richard Soer (Lab) 441 0170
1st Monday every month 7-8pm
New Barnet Residents' Association
48-50 Victoria Road, New Barnet
Every Saturday 10am-12noon
104 East Barnet Road, East Barnet

EAST FINCHLEY WARD

Helen Gordon (Lab) 444 2761
Joan Ryan (Lab) 444 6400
Rudolf Vis (Lab) 444 4051
Every Saturday 10-11.30am
Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, N2

EDGWARE WARD

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Contact councillors direct or Hendon
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Tel. 959 1446

FINCHLEY WARD

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Barbara Langstone (Con) 445 5443
Leslie Sussman (Con) 346 6775
Contact councillors direct or Finchley and
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Tel. 445 4292

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Brian Salinger (Con) 368 1329
John Tiplady (Con) 445 5734
Contact councillors direct by telephone 7 days
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Conservative Association Tel. 449 7345

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Mohammed Khamisa (Con) 458 1996
Roy Shutz (Con) 883 1205
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Contact councillors direct or Finchley & Golders
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HRH HITS FAIRWAY



The Princess Royal discusses Barnet's provision for autistic youngsters with new Director of Education, Michael Daubney.

HRH The Princess Royal is seen here visiting Northway School, The Fairway, Mill Hill where she opened a new Autistic Department for primary aged pupils.

The new department is in response to growing need as more children are recognised as needing special attention in the classroom because they are autistic.

This new unit is matched by another at Oak Lodge School for secondary pupils. The two together make Barnet one of the leaders in the field of providing high quality education for autistic children.

The Princess Royal is Patron of the National Autistic Society and has worked hard to raise public awareness of the condition.

THINGS TO COME



This was one of the options for the future face of Cricklewood and West Hendon featured in a local exhibition.

Organised by Barnet Council and consultants, John Thompson and Partners, the exhibition was put together after extensive research into what local residents wanted their neighbourhood to look like in the next decade.

Ideas ranged from a pedestrian link with Brent Cross (pictured) to the creation of a "corridor of innovation" on redundant railway lands.

BID TO BOOST BARNET'S BUSINESS

Empy council-owned shops in town centres and local shopping parades could be let on short-term, highly competitive rents to boost Barnet's businesses.

"We are encouraging major landlords to offer terms which encourage new businesses to start up in our town centres," said Councillor Rudi Vis, Chair of Budget, Financing and Performance Review Executive Committee.

"The council must take the lead by offering small traders the chance to develop in our town centres by offering short-term agreements rather than long-term leases.

"We must help people with the drive and determination to start trading - or expand their business base into these important areas," he added.

Councillors have agreed to look at council-owned

shops - parade by parade - and set new rents which would attract businesses.

"This will not mean reducing our standard rent charges in every case. Although some rent levels will be changed to reflect the market pressures traders face, it is equally important we look at lease terms because some small retailers will be reluctant to commit to long-term agreements," added Councillor Vis.

The council needed to be flexible both to help traders and their customers.

"We need vibrant town centres and local shopping areas offering a range of products which compete with the major shopping centres and multiples through their emphasis on convenience and value-for-money.

"We intend to get just that," said Councillor Vis.



A right royal hand: Mayor Pam Coleman is flushed with success while Harry Daile - who chairs Barnet Sight Impaired Group - wonders how to deal with it. The pair are playing with extra large cards designed so partially sighted people can still enjoy a game of cards.

Opening eyes to sight problems

Guide dog handling and training demonstrations were part of the package at an open day to underline the problems faced by blind and partially sighted people.

Visitors also saw videos and displays on the work of the organisation run by blind and partially sighted people.

The Barnet Open Eyes event, organised by Barnet Sight Impaired Group, was opened by Mayor of Barnet Councillor Pam Coleman at Finchley Methodist Church at Ballards Lane.



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BLOOMING LOVELY

By the year 2000 Barnet will have an extra 8,000 trees on its streets and in local parks, gardens and other open spaces borough-wide.

"At the Barnet 2000 Conference in July this council made an ongoing pledge to residents to maintain our tree heritage. At the moment Barnet is one of the greenest boroughs in London with 38,000 trees just on the public

highway. And this is not counting those in the open spaces," said Councillor Stan Cross, Chair of Public Works.

"Trees are extremely important in the life of the borough. They not only filter our air but enhance the environment in which we all live and work," added Councillor Cross. "That's why we're going to plant 2,000 new trees every year."