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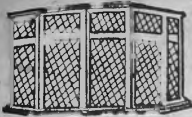
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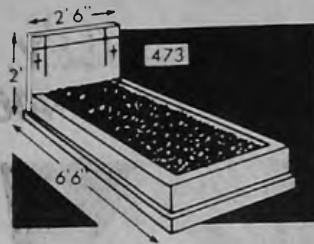
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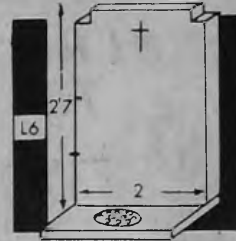
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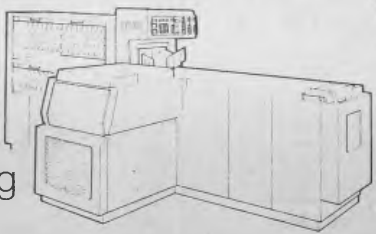
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# The Mayor's lead brings more jobs for the disabled

THE MAYOR OF BARNET'S initiative in calling together local employers as part of a campaign to gain more jobs and new types of work for the disabled, has paid off with positive results.

In September the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Rita Levy, held a civic reception for senior managers and personnel officers of companies in the boroughs of Barnet and Camden. With backing from the Manpower Services Commission and the local job centres and disablement resettlement officers, she demonstrated the need for better working opportunities. And with the aid of Marilyn Alan of the BBC the employers were told that disabled workers were good workers.

Following this initiative to publicise the national Fit for Work campaign, local DROs (disablement resettlement officers) were invited to visit 17

companies and as a result 15 vacancies which could be filled by disabled people, were identified. And it may well be that the employers have recruited other disabled employees by direct advertising.

One man who has no hands has found a job with Homepak, a Mill Hill company specialising in kit-packed furniture.

'It has been a very encouraging result and I hope that over the coming months even more opportunities will be found for disabled people. So often employers just do not realise the ability of the disabled, and these men and women will often put in more effort and more loyalty than other employees,' the Mayor said.

'I hope too that we shall see companies in our borough coming forward to enter the national award schemes. It would be wonderful if one of these very prestigious awards could come to Barnet.'

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Scene: A council office. Now Miss Jones, let's go through those application forms for the vacancy of a visiting music teacher in Barnet Schools.

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# 6 Homes by a tree-lined river walk

ONE OF THE most attractive housing sites in the Borough has recently been completed, handed over and tenanted. It is the new Brent Bridge Estate on the site of the former Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon, at the junction of Brent Street and the North Circular Road.

The former Brent Bridge Hotel was a well-known rendezvous for local clubs and societies who held annual dinners and dances there. Often the football teams, visiting Wembley, stayed there. But in 1974 the hotel closed and the site was bought by Barnet Council.

This new council estate is very much in keeping with today's thinking on housing. It is traditional in construction with brick walls and mono-pitched roofs. The buildings are two and three storeys in height, and very human in scale. Homes are grouped in clusters and are set in landscaped gardens where there is provision for children to play.

There are nine clusters of dwellings on the estate and altogether there are 81 homes for 234 people ranging from bed-sitter flats for the elderly to three-bedroom maisonnettes.

Instead of the elderly being separated from the young people, their flatlets are planned mainly at ground level, but in the same block as the larger maisonnettes for young married couples with children. Some houses have been specially adapted for people with a major physical disability and so a whole cross section of the community is brought together.

The site is gently sloping to the tree-lined banks of the River Brent. Special drainage had to be built to cope with the 50 years flood level of the river — the high storm level which occurs on average once in 50 years — and during construction there were problems with limited access.

The traffic noise from the North Circular and Brent Street meant that double glazed windows had to be installed and a mechanical ventilation system and special roof construction used to increase the sound insulation.

None of the dwellings has a private garden, instead the whole scheme is landscaped with a riverwalk and a footbridge gives access to Brent Park.

Work began in January 1977 but came to an early halt when the contractor went into liquidation. The work was taken over by Holland, Hannen and Cubitts Construction (London) Ltd.

Full architects' services have been provided by the Borough Architect's Department with the heating and mechanical services carried out by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department. The private quantity surveyors were Richardson and Davis.



The picturesque Brent Bridge House in 1901. It was converted into an hotel in 1918.



The flats and maisonnettes which have been built on the site of the Brent Bridge Hotel. The picture above was taken from the approach road and the one below from the footbridge which spans the River Brent and leads into the park.



# HIGH INTEREST RATES AND INFLATION LEAD TO ...

## Council house rent rises

THE HIGH RATES of interest and inflation have meant that Barnet Council Housing rents will be going up by between £2 and £3 a week from the start of the new financial year in April, subject to the approval of the full Council.

At the meeting of the Housing Committee on January 7, Councillor Leslie Pym, Leader of the Council, explained: 'No one likes increasing rents, but the cost of repairs and maintenance, the high interest charges on loans, and inflation generally mean that we will be forced to pass on our increased costs to our tenants.' He also said that unfortunately pay increases have to be passed on to the tenants as well.

Barnet Council have two categories of council housing when it comes to rents: the pre-war properties which are on lower "Pooled" rents, and properties built since 1975 which are on higher subsidised economic rents.

They will all be going up by an average of about £2.15 a week on a 48-week year, with a maximum increase of £3 a week over the same period. This is because council rents are collected over a 48 week period, the tenants having four rent-free weeks during the year. If the increases were spread over a full year

they would be an average of just under £2 a week up to a maximum of £2.77.

The rents of garages are also going up: from 68p a week to £1, the first increase in garage rents since 1968. On top of this there is a payment for rates.

Housing rents are paid into the Housing Revenue Account from which are paid repair and maintenance bills and loan charges — council housing is financed via 60-year loans, similar though larger in scale and longer in repayment period, to mortgages.

This Housing Revenue Account was originally expected to balance, but this year, owing to the soaring rates of interest on loan charges and general rising costs, there is expected to be a deficit of £320,000.

The council has agreed to a supplementary estimate on the General Rate Fund to bring the account back into balance but even with the increased rents there will be no extra money for repairs and maintenance and the council will be working to a very tight budget indeed throughout next year.

The average council house rent in the borough is at present £9.40 a week on a 48-week year (£8.68 on a 52-week year) and this will be going up to £11.55 a week on a 48-week year (£10.66 on a

52-week year), under the proposed rent increases.

Tenants also pay rates on their property which averages out at £2.50 a week and this too will probably be going up in the new financial year.

But for those who are on low incomes and cannot afford to pay their rents and rates there are rebate schemes.

These rent increases do not apply to tenants of the GLC section of the Watling Estate which is due to be transferred to Barnet Council in April. Their rent increases are being notified to tenants by the GLC.

Councillor Graham Fear, chairman of the Housing Committee, said, 'The last year has seen real progress in the Housing Department. A record number of people have been rehoused, and we have been able to cope with the arrears on major repairs. But the momentum cannot be maintained unless major efforts are made to reduce the capital debt by means of the sale of land, houses and empty shops.

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# PUBLISHER'S EDITORIAL

We take pleasure in supplying you with the second issue of *Civic News* which we trust you will find as interesting as the first publication. As no doubt you will recollect in the Chief Executive's introduction in the first issue of *Civic News* he stated that the first issue of a new publication is always followed by a feeling of trepidation on the part of the publishers. This fact is 100% correct. We are pleased to inform you that not only did *Civic News* meet with our requirements and those of the Council but it has been extremely well received almost without exception, even to the extent of receiving acknowledgement in a national trade paper.

It is our pleasure to quote from this article with acknowledgements to the *UK Press Gazette* in their edition of the 21st January, 1980 for their kind permission to reproduce: "More than 30 pages of paid advertisements in the first issue of a 48-page newspaper is good going by any beginner's standard. In this case it will attract major attention because this is the *Barnet Civic News* produced for the London Borough of Barnet.

"The first issue house-to-house distribution is 110,000 free copies.

"That's a readership of about a quarter of a million.

"The editorial pages are free of syrup of the 'Didn't-we-do-well variety' and cling closely to the functional job of answering residents' questions. 'How can I get a council house?' earns its two pages and other readers' service articles tackle mundane but neglected problems such as: 'I have an old refrigerator and settee which I want removed from my home. Do you have a collection service?'

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"'I HAVE seen mice in my house. Do you have a service to get rid of them?' Again the answer is yes, and the chance is high that it won't cost a penny. There is a two-page What's On section which includes dates and times of council meetings. The size is interesting; it provides a type area just half-an-inch shallower than UKPG.

"The editorial matter, which includes a full page on the local school merger debate, is produced and edited by the two journalists already in Barnet's Press and Information dept. — W. G. White and Rosemary Jude.

"The advertisements will have to defray the entire cost of the production and distribution each month."

It would appear, therefore, that we have achieved our initial objective to create a magazine which contains civic news of interest to the community and presented in a manner which is calculated to retain their interest generally. We must, of course, give due credit to the Press Office of the Council who are responsible for the editorial and they, along with ourselves, will endeavour to ensure that the high standard which we have set in the first issue will continue.

Unfortunately as generally happens with any new publication which is being launched we have not been

completely free from problems, most of which are minor. There is, however, one problem which is quite a major factor and is a cause of great concern to both the publishers and the Council.

Door-to-door distributions are generally efficient when handled in a proper manner. We as the publishers were quite satisfied with the arrangements we had made for the magazine to be completely distributed throughout the Borough within a very short period of time. The distributors were well aware of our requirements and had given us assurances that these were within the ability of their organisation. We are sad to relate these facts have not turned out to be correct. Whatever the reasons, the distribution has not been to the satisfaction of either the Council or the publishers, and we do not consider that there is any long-term future in *Civic News* unless the publication can be properly distributed each month. In view of what has transpired we, as the publishers, consulted the Council on this matter after they had made representations and expressed concern about the distribution. We have come to the conclusion that as long as the distribution of this publication remains in the hands of a third party we can never be sure that the service we require will be obtainable. It has, therefore, been agreed that the publishers should take over the complete distribution of this magazine themselves and this we propose to do. The February issue will be distributed by distribution staff under our complete control. It will be efficient and speedy. We would appreciate any person who does not receive a copy informing either us or the press office to enable us to check with the particular distributor in question.

In conclusion we would once again draw the attention of local traders to the huge readership this publication offers them. Approximately a quarter of a million people are going to read the 110,000 magazines we print. This is unquestionably the largest readership and circulation of any local media within the Borough. *Civic News* is produced without cost to the ratepayer and can only continue to be so produced with the support of local trade and industry.

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It all springs from a policy adopted by the Borough in the early 1970s when it was decided to provide public sports halls at some of its secondary schools and so gain maximum use of the buildings and sports facilities within the Borough for both school and community leisure activities.

Councillors and officers saw that sports facilities were very little used when the schools closed at weekends and holidays.

So they started a new programme of

opening selected school buildings and playing fields to the public outside school hours. This has grown into a community service which provides social and physical recreation for thousands of people every week.

In this feature we look at three such centres run by the Borough's Youth and Community Services of the Education Department.

Two of them — the Ashmole Sports Centre at Burleigh Gardens, Southgate and the Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, High Barnet — have been built in association with a school complex.

One — the Hendon Sports Centre in Algernon Road, West Hendon — is a converted Territorial Army Centre and specialises in one of the great growth sports of today, gymnastics.

These are not the only leisure and sports facilities in the Borough, of course.

At Barnet Copthall there is a top quality athletics stadium, extensively used by schools and premier athletics clubs such as Shaftesbury Harriers whose home ground it is. Next to it is the swimming complex which not only offers competition standard pool facilities but also runs an extensive training programme and has a swimming club which in the first two years of its existence has made its mark in national swimming championships.

And at Grahame Park, Centre Point is providing a community focus for all types of activities, offering a youth and community centre, a swimming pool and halls which can stage major dramatic or musical productions, as well as small meeting rooms and sports facilities.

Both these featured in the June issue of Civic News so in this feature we concentrate on our neighbouring sports and leisure centres.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH'S

### Snack bar facilities

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH'S Centre opened in January 1978 and by the following September the sports and social programme was in full swing. Today the Centre is based at the two Queen Elizabeth's schools and more than 2,000 local residents visit the Centre each week taking part in the many sporting and non-sporting activities available.

There is a "Mums' and Toddlers" swimming club where babes of 18 months old get their first lessons in staying afloat. There's the pre-school gymnastic class where four and five-year-olds learn to stretch and roll on a padded mat.

There are tuition groups which cater for advanced level standards for boys and girls who want to follow in the steps of Olympic gold medallist Olga Korbut.

Whereas Hendon is the centre for those gymnasts who are really going places at county, national and even international level. Queen Elizabeth's takes youngsters from about the age of six through the first badges of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association and leads them on to a higher standard at an intermediate level.

#### Sports hall

The well appointed sports hall itself has six badminton courts, basket ball, volley ball and netball courts and facilities for tennis and cricket.

Once a week, on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm, it's the popmobility spectacular. Well-known British coach Ken Woolcott

with his assistants and demonstrators take a class of up to 250 men, women and children of all ages in an exercise session to music more reminiscent of a disco. The gymnasias are well equipped and are popular with gymnasts, with judo groups and with those seeking fitness through games training and circuit training.

The school halls hold a number of dance and Ladies' Keep Fit groups as well. They are also booked for theatrical and musical performances. The dining rooms are becoming increasingly popular as venues for social gatherings. The dining room at the Girls' School, with a terrace overlooking a tree-lined hillside has also seen several wedding receptions.

There's a new sport that is getting its fair share of attention — six-a-side cricket. The batsmen have to score hard and fast in the 10 to 15 overs allowed. With the ball rebounding off the walls it is more like squash than the gentlemanly game played on village greens.

On Sunday nights the Barnet section of the Middlesex Association of Cricket Clubs takes over the sports hall and the small viewing gallery is soon full. The adjoining bar/coffee lounge is a popular meeting place, where members can enjoy light snacks or a glass of wine or lager.

"The great thing about the Barnet sports centres is that they are within a short distance of people's homes and they are small enough for the people to be recognised as individuals and not just as statistics", John Chapman, centre manager, says.

#### Friendly

"People come here to take part in some social or sporting activity, but they also come because they know they will be able to join their friends for refreshment after the session."

John started his career as a physical education teacher and then specialised in promoting community sports facilities in Leicestershire before coming to Barnet nearly three years ago as the first full-time centre manager at Ashmole Sports Centre.

Opening the school buildings outside school hours so that members of the local community can enjoy the facilities is only one facet of the policy.

For the schools and their pupils there are equal benefits as they can use the first class sports hall and swimming pool in the sports centre during school hours. And the Parents' Association have a special booking on Friday evenings — which illustrates the community interest there is.

For further information please contact Mr John Chapman at the Queen Elizabeth's Centre, Meadway, Barnet, Herts. (Tel: 441 2933).

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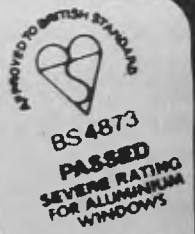
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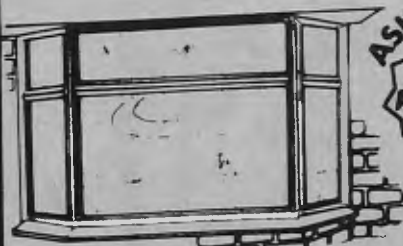


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# Ashmole a hive of activity

THE ASHMOLE CENTRE is not as large as Queen Elizabeth's but it still has more than 1,000 people a week taking part in the various activities it can offer.

It is certainly serving the neighbourhood. Housewives have banded together to form badminton clubs. Industrial and commercial firms book the hall at the end of the school day so that their sports clubs can enjoy a session straight after work.

Local Hindu families have booked the assembly hall and kitchen area for weddings which are colourful gatherings and last all day.

Behind the sports hall at Ashmole is a sweep of open space with two rugby pitches, football and hockey fields, tennis courts and a tree-line jogging area which the centre staff have plans to enliven with exercise stations and obstacles.

Five-a-side football evenings are



Andrew Rich practising his routine on the pommel horse at the Hendon Centre.

particularly popular but there are quieter sessions too. Saturday mornings young wives bring their toddlers along for the first steps in gymnastic training while in the mid-week evenings the junior children work through an award scheme of four badges, organised by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association.

A small room has been set aside for weight lifting using the specialist equipment which is available at the centre.

Once a week there is a Greek parents' evening, so again a particular group of the community has found a neighbourhood rendezvous.

The centre claims with justifiable pride that there is a 98 per cent capacity use of the sports facilities during the evenings.

## Full house

And they are getting some pretty up-market events. They have staged the English Schools Volley Ball Association South East Regional finals and the Middlesex Basket Ball championships take place in the sports hall.

For further information contact the manager, Ashmole Sports Centre, Burleigh Gardens, Southgate, N14 (tel: 368 4984).

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# HENDON TOPS IN BRITISH GYMNASTICS

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The story began when the former Middlesex County Council and the old Hendon Borough Council acquired and converted the former Territorial Army Centre in Algernon Road as a sports centre for West Hendon. When gymnastics suddenly sprung to the fore with the television appearances of the young Russian stars, every little girl wanted to be an Olga Korbut. Hendon centre was able to respond to public demand.

Five years ago, when the centre manager, Evan Tuck, took over, they had 170 members. Today there are 800.

The centre specialises in gymnastics, but there are plenty of other sports as well. By linking with Hendon School where they have the use of the sports hall and gymnasium outside school hours, the sports centre is able to offer five badminton courts, facilities for judo, and weight training groups.

There is trampolining and a twice-weekly popmobility session of exercise to music.

The centre comes to life from Monday to Friday at 4 pm with classes and

sessions running through to 10 pm. At weekends there are classes all through Saturday morning and from 10 am to 8.30 pm on Sunday.

The centre manager, Evan Tuck, is a former teacher and gymnast, who has one full-time assistant and 11 very enthusiastic part-time assistants.

## Sponsorship

Let's take a closer look at the gymnastic side which has now reached such a high standard that national companies such as Jaffa and Niagara, have offered sponsorship. A local sports shop, Williams Sports and Leather, are sponsoring the centre's judo section.

A £6,000 gymnastic pit — a foam filled trough over which athletes can work on bars and beams in complete confidence and safety — has recently been installed. This was partly paid for by the National Sports Council, partly by the British Gymnastics Association, partly by sponsors and partly from the centre's own amenity fund. They have also bought themselves a minibus.

Two things brought about this success. The first is the dedication of the instructors, Evan Tuck, Bill Wills and Neil Lunn. The second is the dedication of the gymnasts from the very earliest age. If you are accepted at Hendon then you are on the way to national standards but you have got to work hard.

All boys and girls have to undergo a selection and aptitude test. Once accepted they are retested at regular intervals, and if they haven't worked hard enough or are not making progress, then they go down a class. Equally, if they are dedicated and progressing they are promoted, and to be in Hendon's top team is to work alongside international gymnasts.

Not that everything that takes place at the centre is hard work. Every Sunday morning from 10 am to noon families with children under five are encouraged to come and take part in a family fitness session.

It is all part of the Barnet leisure policy offering sports facilities for all and close to home. And of course Hendon School benefit having for their use in school hours a good sports hall which can be used for everything from gymnastics to music practice.

For further information contact: Mr Evan Tuck, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon, NW4 (tel: 202 6027).



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Fostering is teamwork in the sense that each foster "Mum and Dad" is supported and helped by their own social worker, the borough services, other foster parents, as well as doctors and teachers.

**The emergency fostering team:** Mother suddenly going into hospital; an urgent call to a sick relative far away; the arrival of a difficult new baby; marriage problems coming to a head; unemployment causing financial strain; or single parents sick and needing a break. All normal family problems but impossible to sort out when you're worried about who will care for the children.

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**The permanent fostering team:** For many reasons, despite our time and efforts, some children who come into temporary care may not be able to return home. They need a permanent Mum and Dad who will love and care for them throughout their childhood — and long afterwards.

The foster Mum and Dad must help the child understand what has happened and face the facts about his natural parents and, since it is difficult to break links of very long standing, enable the child to see his parents from time to time. This may sound difficult but as it usually helps the foster child become settled in the new family it is worth the effort.

**The teenage fostering team:** Although teenage children may need care for the same reasons as young children, their problems are often the result of the stresses and strains of growing up. It may

be they need a place where they can have a bit of peace and quiet to sort themselves out, that they can't concentrate at school, can't settle in a job and feel failures, that they have been in care all their lives and don't know what family life is, or that one parent has remarried and the child needs time to get used to the idea and the step-parent.

A period of calm in a relaxed home can be the greatest help to a teenager.

**The "respite-care" team:** Families with handicapped children need to have a short break from time to time happy in the knowledge that their child will be feeling as safe and familiar with his "respite-care" Mum and Dad as he does with them.

To help you do any of these the council concerned will pay for food, clothing and other items and help with equipment.

If you want to know more contact:

**Barnet Social Services:** Anne Doody, Winston House, Dollis Park, N3. 01-349 9121, ext. 95.

**Camden Social Services:** Sue Anderson. 01-278 4444, ext. 2209.

**Enfield Social Services:** Doreen Kemp. 01-366 6565.

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## No dirty dogs please!

Barnet Council are starting a campaign to persuade owners of dogs to keep them more closely under control in the borough's parks and recreation grounds.

At national level a working party has been studying the problems and benefits of pets in society and has drawn up a code of practice for dog owners exercising their pets in municipal parks. It is this code which the Parks Services Manager for Barnet, Mr. Gerry Fedrick, is hoping to persuade local people to follow.

'Why is it,' he asks, 'that the general public take the greatest care of their dogs at home and on the highways, but allow them to roam indiscriminately when they enter our parks and recreation grounds?'

'We appreciate that dogs need exercise, and the safest place for this is in open space land. But owners should understand that they have an obligation to others who use our parks and whose enjoyment can be spoilt by the behaviour of untrained, uncontrolled dogs.'

Owners should always remember that in the parks there are mothers with toddlers; there are children in the playgrounds; sportsmen using the authorised pitches; old people whose

sight is failing.

'And also as a borough we spend a lot of time and money on the flower beds and landscaping the parks — time and money wasted if dogs are allowed to damage the young plants.'

### Code of practice

The code of practice has six basic requirements of owners:

- **Read and observe the park byelaws** (These are usually available in the parks and in some cases are displayed near the park gates. This is a very important point because Barnet has recently introduced regulations banning dogs from enclosed playgrounds.

- **Ensure your dog is under control even when not on a lead.**
- **Encourage your dog to use your own garden, or the street gutter if really necessary, for toilet purposes.**
- **Do not allow the dog to foul the park areas, particularly on sports pitches, playgrounds, and near park benches.** (If it does, then it is the owner's responsibility to clear up after the dog.)
- **Do not allow your dog access to children's play areas or ornamental gardens — even when on a lead.**
- **Never allow your dog out on its own, unsupervised, even if the park or open space is close to your home.**

### TRAINING COURSES

In an urban area it is particularly important that dogs are properly trained, and dog training classes are run within the borough.

For details contact:

**Woodside Dog Training Club**, secretary, Mr. Eric Fenn, 41 Carnarvon Road, Barnet, EN5 4LX, tel: 449 4155.

**Hendon Dog Training Club**, secretary, Miss Linda Jones, c/o L. E. Jones Group, 746 Finchley Road, NW11, tel: 458 7399.

**Crest Dog Club**, secretary, Mr W. A. Winyard, 22 Alyth Gardens, Golders Green, NW11, tel: 455 5889.

**Chandos Dog Club**, secretary, Mrs. D. Cowling, 25 Chandos Avenue, N20 9ED.

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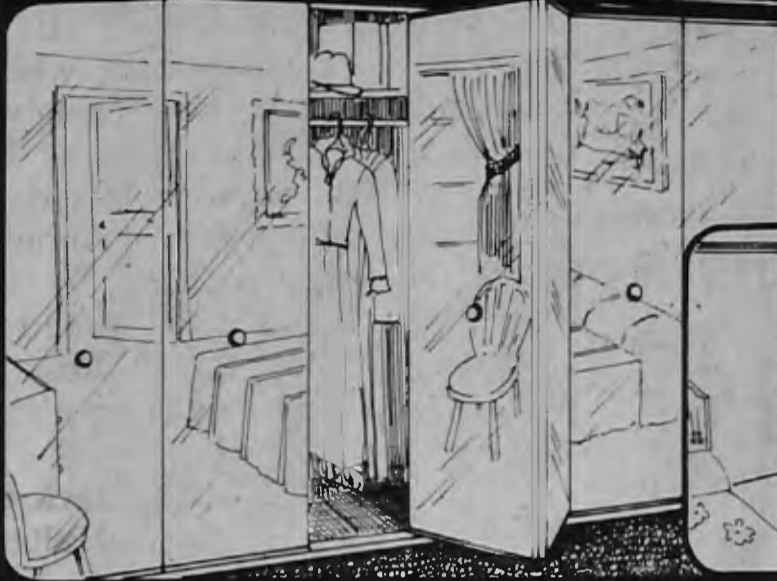
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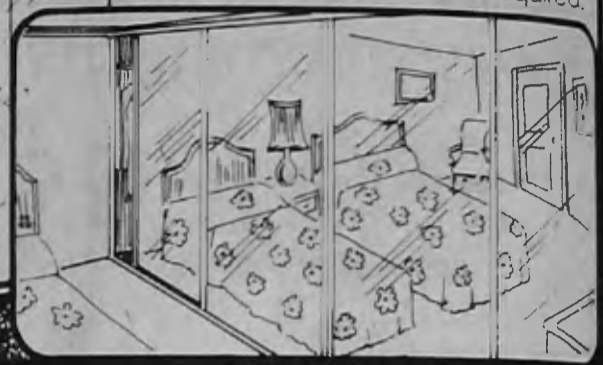
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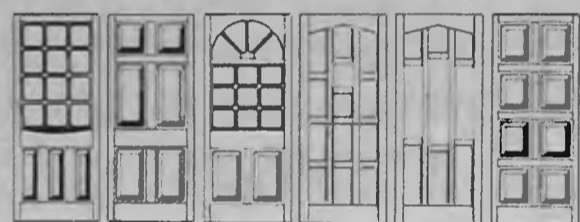


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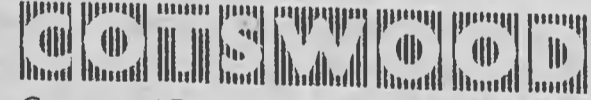
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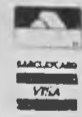
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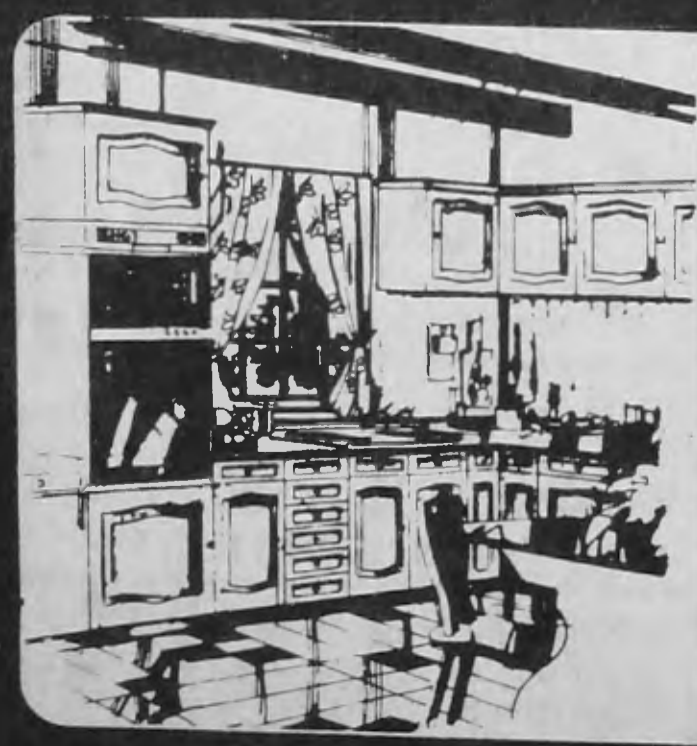
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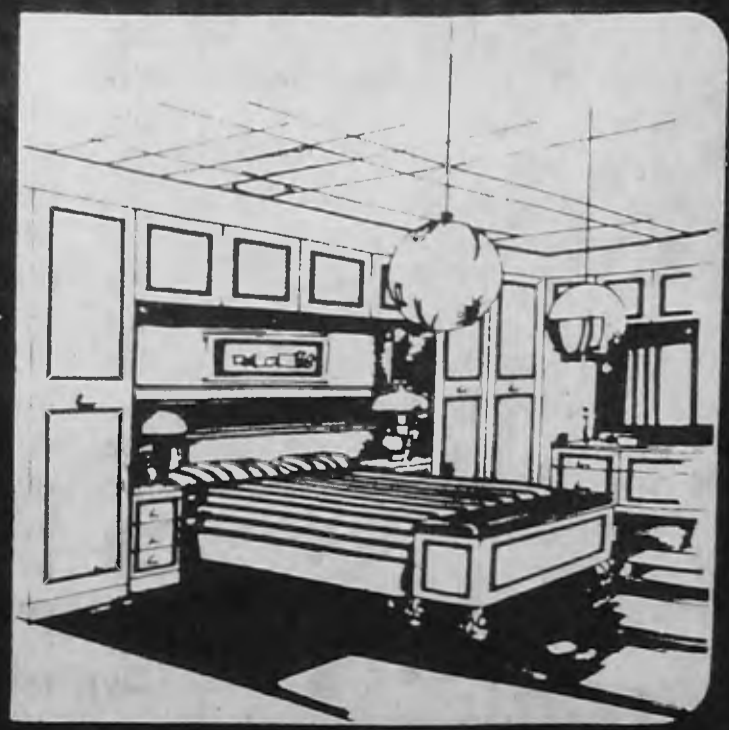
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# Letters and Questions

## VIGILANCE THE REMEDY

As security officer for the London Borough of Barnet and a former Metropolitan Police officer, I was interested in your article on vandalism in January.

The Borough suffers — although perhaps less than some London areas — to no small degree at the hands of robbers, thieves, burglars and even more particularly from those who cause criminal damage.

I prefer not to use the word vandal for people who deliberately, wilfully and senselessly damage the property of others.

These people are hooligans — criminals who should be dealt with according to the law which is adequate as it stands and has been written to help ordinary, law-abiding citizens.

It is up to all of us to identify these criminals and recognise their deeds for what they are — shameful acts calculated to hurt or inconvenience others and which may bring about other serious consequences.

These acts of wanton destruction must be condemned by all thinking people. It is easy to shrug one's shoulders and shift the responsibility for taking action to others, or adopt an attitude of indifference. I venture to suggest that none of us should be indifferent to the type of crime which places our own property and personal safety at risk.

Barnet is a pleasant borough in which to live. I personally try to keep it that way and appeal to all those who live and work here to do the same. We are all in the same business as far as crime prevention is concerned. Once an atmosphere of disrespect is allowed to predominate we will all have an enormous task to restore the situation.

The annual cost, nationwide, of repairing, replacing and renewing senselessly damaged property runs into tens of millions of pounds. Some of this is borne locally and has to be paid for by increased rates, taxes and prices — which are high enough already.

It is a community affair and one where residents, householders, tenants and traders share a responsibility with the Council and Police.

Please ring the police if you see vandalism taking place. Your call will be treated with respect and confidentiality. Complain and report as it happens. Don't wait to complain when it affects you personally later on. Discourage your own children from roaming aimlessly with groups of other children.

Look for damage to trees and shrubs,

telephone boxes, windows in empty houses, graffiti by aerosol paint sprays and damage to unattended Council buildings such as schools. If you see trespassers or youngsters where they have no right to be interfering with cars or damaging the interiors of buses or trains, interfering with lifts or railway lines, park seats and pavilions please phone the police on 999.

We all know the remedy, it is vigilance. We all know the signs and places, let's do something about it — together.

**Jack Bradley,**  
Town Hall, Hendon

## MIND IN BARNET

Mind in Barnet is a voluntary organisation affiliated to the National Association for Mental Health. Our aims are to befriend men and women from all age groups who have suffered from a mental breakdown and need support in the community.

In the early part of this year we anticipate opening an Advice Centre in Hendon, with the support of the Barnet Social Services, but staffed entirely by volunteers, who will help callers in confidence. More details will be made available when we have established our venue.

MIND operates two social clubs where everyone is most welcome — Thursday from 8 pm at the Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon; Sundays from 3.30 pm at the Etchingam Park Day Centre, Etchingam Park Road, North Finchley.

We would welcome people interested, to join our committee, and are in urgent need for voluntary help in our clubs, and to act as Befrienders. For further information please telephone the Chairman on 202 6963, or Miss Outram on 368 2046.

**Miriam Goldstein,**  
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## HELP WANTED

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so couples are helped to achieve this rewarding human experience wherever possible, particularly as the children of the marriage need a stable, loving relationship within which to grow and develop.

Sometimes, however, couples are better apart, and counsellors can then support them through this separation with dignity and understanding towards each other and their young and often thoroughly frightened and bewildered children.

Anyone at all interested in undertaking this arduous but fulfilling work please get in touch with the Director, Mrs. Pat Gilks, 5 Woodhouse Road, Finchley, N12 9EN, telephone 445 9549/8522 for further details.

**Pat Gilks,**  
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**QUESTION:** I believe there is a grant to help me with insulating the loft of my house. Is this true?

**ANSWER:** Yes, there are home insulation grants and full details can be obtained from the Home Improvement Section of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department, Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3, tel: 349 9121.

The basic facts are that if your loft is not already insulated you may be losing up to a quarter of your heat through the roof so if you insulate you can save both warmth, money and energy. To help you pay for your loft insulation there is a grant system for up to two-thirds of the cost up to a maximum of £50. You are entitled to this grant if you own your own home, if you are a tenant or if you are a landlord and your loft is without any form of insulation.

To merit the grant you have to insulate the loft, lag the cold water tanks and pipes in the loft and lag the hot water tank but it is most important that you do not do any of this work before consulting with the Home Improvement Section, as they must approve your application for grant before you undertake the work.

**Q:** I am housebound and unable to get to my local library. Is there any way in which I can obtain library books?

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# Phabulous



Jennifer Pottle finds designing cards is something she can undertake from her wheelchair.

A PROJECT WHICH has brought together the Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre and the Barnet Youth Centre together on an equal footing has proved a real success. It's a photographic session in which everyone can take part.

Every second Tuesday the centre holds a 'Phab' night — that is a night when physically handicapped and able bodied members get together for activities specially geared to the needs of the disabled members.

The problem was to find a project which was of sufficient interest to bring the two groups together. Which is why photography came in.

Community and Recreational Activities Centre at Barnet became involved through the help of resident photographer Maria Bevan who set up a temporary dark room in the Centre.

Here, using a very simple procedure involving a glass screen, photographic paper and a light, the members designed and made their own Christmas cards. The patterns were made up of cut-out ornaments, which were grouped on a sheet of light sensitive paper. The paper was then exposed to the overhead

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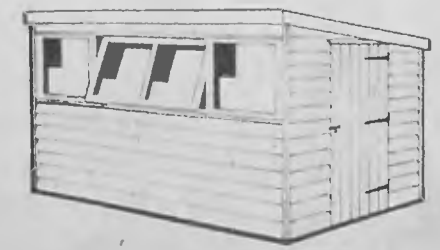


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## A Tuesday special at the Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre



Stan Fassett, volunteer driver, and Carol Treital watch while Robert Easom prepares a photographic Christmas card.

Pictures by Maria Bartha, resident photographer of CRAB.

of light for a given number of seconds. This had then to be developed through a series of three developing dishes and the result was a series of cards, each a personal composition, and each bearing a greeting from the club.

The aim of the group was to produce enough cards to send out to every member of the youth club and to its supporters. But just before Christmas vandals broke in to the club and destroyed over a hundred cards.

Even this senseless destruction could not spoil the project which has delighted the youth club leader, Felicity Newman, and Reg Hammond who is the organiser for the Phab evenings.

'The handicapped members of course can use the club just the same as the able bodied, but because most of them have transport problems we set aside this Tuesday evening once a fortnight, and we have a volunteer driver, Stan Fassett, who brings the members in,' Reg

explained. 'But it has been a problem finding an activity that will bring our able bodied and physically handicapped members together. This photography session has really caught on because it interests everyone.'

The Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre is run by the Youth and Community Service of the Borough's Education Department. The address is Market Place, East Finchley. Tel: 444 8422.

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# Olympic stars in swim gala

**BARNET COPTHALL Swimming Club will have Olympic opposition when they stage their biggest swimming competition in the borough, an international gala, at the pool complex on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 22, 23 and 24.**

Most of the leading swimmers in this country will be competing including Sharon Davis and Margaret Kelly, two of our brightest Olympic medal prospects and other possible Olympians. The Irish Olympic squad have entered as well as two strong teams from Switzerland and France, and three swimmers from Israel.

They will provide testing opposition for Barnet's top swimmers who have already made their mark in major competitive events including Barry Porter (100 and 200 metres freestyle and 100 metres butterfly); Clifford Simon (100 metres butterfly and breast-stroke); Louise Chamberlain

(100 and 200 metres breast-stroke); Philip Sawrey (200 and 400 metres individual medley); David Skepper (100 and 200 metres butterfly); and Mark Reynolds (1,500, 400, 200 and 100 metres freestyle).

The Barnet Copthall Club, the competitive outlet for the borough's training scheme, are hoping the gala will attract widespread support from Barnet residents. If you want to attend, the Copthall pool complex is off the Great North Way, Hendon, with seating for about 400 spectators and admission prices are 50p per session for adults, 25p children. Seats cannot be booked in advance.

There are five sessions — Friday, February 22: Finals, 6.30 pm; Saturday, February 23: Heats, 9.30 am; Finals 6 pm; Sunday: Heats, 9.30 am; Finals 3 pm. Doors open 30 minutes earlier.

The main sponsor for the gala is Optrex Ltd, but every event has been sponsored by local companies.

# COMPETITORS WANTED FOR YOUTH GAMES

**CALLING all Barnet sportsmen and women under 21. You are invited to compete in the 1980 London Youth Games to be held at Crystal Palace on Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3.**

Last year more than 6,500 young people from all the London Boroughs including the City of London competed in the Games and about 200 were from Barnet.

Barnet is now looking for competitors to take part in a wide variety of events, particularly fencing, cycling (road racing), judo and weightlifting for which there were no entries from the borough last year and points were lost. As a result Barnet finished 15th with 374 points, well behind the winners Havering, 553 points.

The other events are archery, athletics, badminton, canoeing, gymnastics, lawn tennis, riding, squash, swimming and diving, volley ball, five-a-side soccer, basketball, men's six-a-side hockey, karate, netball, skiing and table tennis.

The rules state that all competitors must live in the borough they represent and be under 21 on August 3, 1980.

Applications from interested young people with some standard should be sent to the borough organiser, Mr Eric Burton, Town Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Barnet, N11, as soon as possible.

If you are a member of a club specialising in any of the events encourage other members to take part in the Games and help Barnet make a real challenge for the title.

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# WHAT'S ON

**WHAT'S ON IN BARNET** is a list of activities taking place in the borough which will appear on a regular monthly basis.

If you are secretary of a club, association or any local organisation, your help is needed to make this list as comprehensive as possible.

If you want your entry to appear please send details, preferably in writing, giving the name of your club or organisation, the event, date, venue, time and telephone number for contact, to the Civic News, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG, tel: 01-202 8282, ext. 71.

Entries must be received by the 1st of the preceding month; earlier if possible. For example, April entries must arrive on or before March 1 and May entries by April 1.

An asterisk\* denotes a regular weekly meeting.

## Sun Feb 17

\*Mind' Social Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Road, Finchley, N3. 3.30—7.30 pm.

\*Barnet Dance Workshop, St. Peter's Hall, Albion Avenue, Muswell Hill. 6—8 pm. 444 0160.

\*Table Tennis, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Every evening 7.30—11 pm.

\*Orange Tree Folk Club, Orange Tree, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Barnet. 8 pm. 836 3608.

## Mon Feb 18

\*Task Force Bridge Evening, Wendover Lodge, Marriott's Close, West Hendon. 446 4221.

\*Barnet Chess Club, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 7.45 pm.

\*New Barnet Literary and Debating Society, The Vestry Room, St. James' Church, East Barnet Road, New Barnet. 8 pm. 440 3859.

Barnet & District Philatelic Society, Council Chamber, Station Road, New Barnet. 7.30 pm. 441 0300.

Barnet Centre Association. Exhibition by Anne Griffiths, The Old Bull, 65 High Street, Barnet. Until Mar. 8.

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Bigwood House, Golders Green. 8 pm. 202 0269.

Films at Avenue House, BBAC Main Room, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm.

## Tues Feb 19

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, East Barnet. 8 pm. 440 4376.

Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. 346 0782.

\*Modern and Old Time Dancing, All Saints' Hall, Oakleigh Road North,

Whetstone. 7.45—11 pm.

\*Scottish dancing, St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, Golders Green. 8—10 pm. Children's Scottish dancing, 6.30—7.30 pm. 455 1744.

\*Instruction in modern ballroom and Latin American dancing, Shakespear Hall, Manor Park Crescent, Station Road, Edgware. 8.30 pm. 346 5868.

\*Judo, The Quinta Club, Mays Lane, Barnet. 449 2914.

\*Hendon South Young Socialists. Discussions and social activities, 7 Sunnyfields Road, Hendon. 8 pm.

\*Hendon South Young Conservatives. Meetings at 166 Station Road, Hendon. 8 pm. 202 7484.

\*Friern Barnet Photographic Society, St. John's Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone. 8 pm. 445 2617.

Photographic Societies' exhibition, The Crest, Dollisfield Library, Totteridge Lane, Totteridge. 361 9648. Until Mar. 8.

'Acorns' (Young housewives meeting group), East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, N2. 9.45—11.30 am. 346 1507.

Ha'gan Social Club. Visit to Whitefriars glass factory. 12 noon. 455 4918.

## Wed Feb 20

\*Wednesday Bridge Club, St. Andrew's Small Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 1.30 pm. 368 6085.

\*Barnet Cycling Club, United Reformed Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 8 pm. 888 7143.

\*Modern dancing, Barnet South Community Association, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm. 440 4424.

\*Modern old time dancing, Manor Drive Methodist Church, Manor Drive, Whetstone. 8 pm. 445 7127.

\*Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware. 8 pm.

\*Old Time and modern dancing, St. Luke's Hall, Mountfield Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm.

\*Dog training, St. Philip's Church Hall, Gravel Hill, Finchley, N3. Beginners 7—8 pm. Intermediate etc. from 8 pm. 449 2992.

\*West Hendon Liberal Association, 78 Bartram Road, Hendon. 7.45 pm. 202 9013.

\*Women's League of Health and Beauty, Christ Church Hall, High Road, North Finchley. 455 3904. Elementary 7—7.45 pm; technique, 7.45—8.15 pm; medium, 8.15—9 pm; sequence 9—9.30 pm.

\*Chipping Barnet YCs, East Barnet Senior High School, Chestnut Grove, Cat Hill, East Barnet. 8.15 pm.

\*Finchley & Friern Barnet YCs, 212 Ballards Lane. 8 pm. 445 9426.

\*Edgware Amateur Cine Society, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 7.45 pm. 959 7783.

\*Whist at Fellowship House, Willifield Green, Golders Green. 8 pm.

\*Yoga, Whitchurch Institute, Buckingham Road, Edgware. 2.30 pm. 203 1935.

Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm. 883 8724.

Library lecture The Art and Craft of Stained Glass, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley. 8.15 pm. 445 4081.

Harlequin Players present Aladdin, Hartley Hall, Mill Hill. 7.45 pm. 907 4680. Until Mar. 23.

\*Drama Workshop for children aged 12-18, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. 6 pm. 449 0048.

## Thurs Feb 21

Barnet National Trust Association, Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. 449 5896.

\*Contemporary dancing, Manor Arrows Youth Club, Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. 6.30 pm. 368 8976.

\*Modern dancing, Holy Trinity Hall, Church Lane, East Finchley. 8 pm.

\*Dog obedience training, All Saints Parish Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Friern Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm, advanced 8.45 pm. 449 4155.

\*Hendon & Edgware 18 Plus Group, Midland Arms, Church Road, Hendon. 8 pm. 954 6929.

\*North West London Club for Divorced or Separated, Cavalier Rooms, Prince Albert, Golders Green Road, Golders Green. 8 pm. 959 2048.

\*Twenty to Thirty Club, Stable Room, Whalebones, Wood Street, Barnet. 8.15 pm. 886 2184.

\*Mind' Social Club, The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 8—10 pm.

\*British Meditation Society talks, 26 Oakdene Park, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm. 346 2977.

\*Black Bull Folk Club, Black Bull Public House, High Road, Whetstone. 8 pm. 77 58631.

\*Finchley Chess Club, Etchingham Park Centre, Etchingham Park Road, N3. 7 pm. 445 4927.

## Fri Feb 22

\*International folk dancing, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone. 8 pm. 368 5345.

\*Hendon Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 7.45 pm. 455 0837.

\*Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. 7.45 pm. 440 1439.

## Sat Feb 23

\*Table Tennis training for youngsters, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane. 10.30 am—12.30 pm.

Exhibition, Finchley Art Society, Hendon Library, Hendon. Until April 3.

Mill Hill Choral Society, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank. 7.45 pm. 959 3079.

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Hall, Borehamwood. 7.45 pm. 959 1173.

The Crowndale Orchestra, Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute Hall, Golders Green. 8 pm.

\*Drama Workshop for children, The Old

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Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Ages 6-8, 4-5 pm; 7-10, 10.30 am-12.30 pm; 8-16, 1.30-3.30 pm. 449 0048.

## Mon Feb 25

Hendon Recital Series, St. Mary's School, Downage, Hendon. 8 pm. 202 6908.

Series of Open Meetings on three world religions, St. Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley, N3. 8 pm. 346 0821.

## Tues Feb 26

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library, Hendon. 7.30 pm. 202 5625.

National Trust, Edgware & District Centre, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 8 pm. 954 3571.

Ha'gan Social Club, Norrice Lea Synagogue, N2. Film and talk on USA holidays. 1.30 pm. 455 4918.

## Wed Feb 27

Library Lecture on the Characteristics of English Silver, Hendon Library, Hendon. 8.15 pm. 202 5625.

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm. 445 7247.

## Thurs Feb 28

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Road, Friern Barnet. 8.10 pm. 368 2680.

The Finchley Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm. 883 4154.

Exhibition of textile design by Anna Griffiths, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Until March 8. 449 0048.

\*North Side Bridge Club, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, East Finchley. 7.30 pm. 445 7788.

## Sat Mar 1

Finchley & Barnet & District Choral Societies joint concert, Civic Hall, Borehamwood. 7.30 pm. 346 0502.

Edgware Symphony Orchestra, Church Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware. 8 pm. 427 8483.

## Mon Mar 3

Films at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm.

Golders Green Townswomen's Guild, St. Alban's Hall, Golders Green. 2 pm. 455 6999.

Exhibition of oil paintings, Stanhope Road Centre, North Finchley. 445 6088. Until Mar. 23.

Barnet and District Philatelic Society, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet. 8 pm. 441 0300.

Ha'gan Social Club, Norrice Lea Synagogue, N2. Purum Party and fancy dress competition. 1.30 pm. 455 4918.

## Tues Mar 4

Hendon & District Archaeological Society, Central Library, Hendon. 8.15 pm.

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road. 8 pm. 440 4376.

Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Chamber, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. 346 0782.

Acorns Club for Women, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, East Finchley. 9.45-11.30 am. 346 1507 or 346 1345.

## Wed Mar 5

Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm. 888 8724.

## Thurs Mar 6

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society, Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute Hall, NW11. 8 pm. 455 8204. Until Mar. 8.

## Sat Mar 8

Hendon Recital Series, St. Mary's School, Downage, Hendon. 7.30 pm. 202 6908.

Barnet Parish Church Recitals. 7.30 pm. 449 7760.

## Mon Mar 10

Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute Arts Group, Bigwood House. 7.30 pm. 455 3244.

Series of Open Meetings on three world religions, St. Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley, N3. 8 pm. 346 0821.

Exhibition of sculpture by John Somerville, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Until March 29. 449 0048.

## Tues Mar 11

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library, Hendon. 7.30 pm. 202 5625.

## Wed Mar 12

Local Landscape Paintings, The Crest, Dollisfield Library, Totteridge Lane.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC are welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings, all of which are held in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7 pm.

Mon Feb 18: General Purposes

Tues Feb 19: Education

Wed Feb 20: Allotments

Mon Feb 25: Finance

Mon Mar 3: Finance

**Tues Mar 11: COUNCIL MEETING**

Mon Mar 17: Housing; Development and Estates

Tues Mar 18: Public Works; Social Services

Wed Mar 19: Town Planning and Research

Mon Mar 24: General Purposes

Tues Mar 25: Education

Wed Mar 26: Libraries and Arts

Mon Mar 31: Finance

Totteridge. 361 9648. Until Mar. 28.

Barnet & District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. 77 54150.

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm. 445 7247.

Exhibition by local landscape painters, The Crest, Totteridge Library, 'Dollisfield', Totteridge Lane, N20. Until March 28. 361 9648.

## Thurs Mar 13

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet. 8.10 pm. 368 2680.

## Sat Mar 15

Finchley Symphony Orchestra, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. 7.45 pm. 346 8733.

Exhibition by Indian painters of modern Indian paintings, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12. Tues.-Fri. 9 am-7 pm; Sat. 9 am-4 pm. Until April 12. 445 4081.

## Mon Mar 17

Films at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm.

Barnet & District Philatelic Society, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet. 8 pm. 441 0300.

## Tues Mar 18

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, East Barnet. 8 pm. 440 4376.

Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Chamber, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. 346 0782.

Acorns Club for Women, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, East Finchley. 9.45-11.30 am. 346 1507 or 346 1345.

## Wed Mar 19

Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm. 883 8724.

Barnet National Trust Association, Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. 449 5896.

National Trust, Edgware & District Centre, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 8 pm. 952 2688.

Barnet Theatre Company present 'See how they Run', classic farce by Philip King. Barnet College Hall, Wood Street, Barnet. Also on March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29. 445 7961.

## Thurs Mar 20

Play by Barnet Arts Club, Church House, Barnet. 449 9806. Until Mar. 22, 1980.

## Fri Mar 21

Barnet Ceramics & Glass Society, Church Hill Primary School, Burlington Rise, East Barnet. 7.45 pm. 883 3961.

## Awarded OBE



**COUNCILLOR N. J. 'Jimmy' Sapsted**, of Chandos Avenue, Whetstone, last year's Mayor of Barnet and Mayor of the former Finchley Borough Council in 1962/63, was awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list 'for political and public service'.

He began 29 years in local government when he was elected a member of Finchley Borough Council in 1950.

Councillor Sapsted has been a member of St Paul's Ward ever since Barnet Borough Council was formed in 1964. He was Deputy Mayor in 1973/74 and Mayor in 1978/79. He has served on every major Council committee.

He has a wife, Rene, and two sons, Richard and Derek.

# Use centre well

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**WEST HENDON** has a new community centre — a six year dream come true. The new centre in Marsh Drive was opened in December by the Chairman of the Council's Housing Committee, Councillor Graham Fear.

The centre was first planned in 1973 but first there were legal problems over road closures and land ownership. Then came the problem of West Hendon car park which was so vandalised that a decision to demolish the structure has been taken. And finally, after consultation with the residents' association, the siting was changed and the building went ahead.

The opening ceremony was a small, informal gathering of members of the residents association, voluntary workers in the area and the ward councillors and officers of the Housing Department.

They met in the main hall — a pleasant room, furnished with tables and dining-style chairs which are suitable for meetings, whist drives and parties.

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There is also a second smaller room which can be used for committee meetings or even

as a changing room for a bride if a wedding reception was held.

Already a number of events have taken place at the centre and in his welcoming speech Councillor Fear urged residents to make good use of the new building.

'We have great economic pressure in the Housing Department at present, which puts the future of community centres in doubt,' he said.

'We have to consider whether such community centres as we have built in the past are economically viable. So I would say to you and your friends and to young people getting married on the estate — use this centre.'

'West Hendon Community Centre must be well used. If it is, it may well influence the Housing Committee in its decisions when it comes to building future centres.'

'Because even though community centres are a priority they are not a financial priority and, indeed, are an economic drag if they are not well used.'

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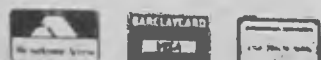
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# WRVS Barnet's Mums' Army

IN 1938 BRITAIN was preparing for war. It was to be a conflict which would subject the civilian population to a bombing raids, inner city devastation and homelessness on a scale never before seen in this island. Against this background Lady Reading was asked to mobilise the women of Britain to form a volunteer force.

So began the story of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service — in those wartime days the WVS. They helped with evacuees, they made tea in bomb-torn streets and church halls. They found furniture and clothes for those who had lost all their possessions and they ran canteens and restaurants wherever they were needed.

When the war ended there seemed to be just as great a need for this volunteer army as ever before. Legend has it that Lady Reading delivered the first Meals on Wheels pushing a pram along to the homes of those in need. The WRVS founded Meals on Wheels which today is looked upon as one of the most essential services in local government.

Today it is a changing 'Mums' Army' but it still has a vital role to play.

In the Borough of Barnet there are five district organisations for the WRVS — Finchley, Hendon, East Barnet, High Barnet and Friern Barnet. They form the Barnet Borough service and in turn are part of the London Division of the WRVS.

Each district is a self-contained unit, running and organising its own services, but reporting back to the borough organiser's office at the back of Avenue House in Finchley.

The Borough Organiser is Lady Tombs who has been with the Barnet WRVS for two years. The Deputy Organiser is Mrs. Jill Hewett, who has a total of 19 years' service with the WRVS and is the Barnet borough Meals on Wheels Service organiser.



Mrs. Jill Hewett, Meals on Wheels organiser, delivers lunch to Mr. J. Klackan of North Finchley.

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They have a direct responsibility for Finchley District. Mrs. Wyn Syres is the district organiser for Hendon; Mrs. Olive Dyke, for Friern Barnet; Mrs. Eva Jones for High Barnet and Mrs. Grace Honeybourne for East Barnet.

One service is common to all — the delivery of Meals on Wheels. In the Borough of Barnet every day, for five days a week, some 600 meals are sent out to elderly and housebound people. Some go direct to private homes, others are served at luncheon clubs.

In many boroughs this service has been completely taken over by the local authority. But in Barnet, while the meals are prepared and cooked in council kitchens and organised by the Social Services, the WRVS volunteers act as escorts or drivers for a borough-wide delivery every weekday.

Every morning the volunteers converge on four centres. Those from Finchley go to Gateway House; East Barnet and Friern Barnet to Friern Barnet Town Hall; from Hendon they go to Hendon Town Hall and the Grahame Park and Edgware volunteers go to Grahame Park. Barnet WRVS supply both drivers and escorts. Finchley district use contract cars and drivers but provide escorts. Hendon WRVS provide drivers and escorts for the Hendon and Edgware areas.

Meanwhile in the North of the Borough, a new experiment is to be carried out at No. 1 Salisbury Road, High Barnet. Here specially packed, pre-frozen meals will be heated and taken out by volunteer drivers and escorts. Until this new scheme is installed the 100 or so meals a day for High Barnet have to come all the way from Hendon Town Hall and the new system will cut down a great deal of travelling time.

For the recipients of these meals it is not just a lunch. It means they have daily contact with someone who soon becomes a trusted friend and a link with the outside world for the housebound.

With the Meals on Wheels Service making such heavy demands on the volunteer service it is all too easy to forget the many other services carried out by the WRVS.

There are clothing stores at High Barnet, Friern Barnet and Hendon. Here, on the recommendation of the Social Services Department, people in need can come for good clothing, most of which has been donated by local residents.

There are hospital trolleys which go round to patients in Edgware General and Colindale Hospitals, so that patients can buy small luxuries and toiletries, thereby allowing them to be less dependent on relatives and friends.

There are tea bars in clinics at Barnet General Hospital and at blood donor sessions all manned by WRVS volunteers.

At Friern Hospital WRVS members run the Willow Shop, taking orders from



**Mrs. Rona Waugh (left), who has been running the Edgware Hospital trolley service for 26 years, and Mrs. Irene Hall serving a patient in the medical ward.**

patients and making up their shopping into individual packages.

In Hendon there are three Darby and Joan Clubs for pensioners and in High Barnet and East Barnet there are pensioners' luncheon clubs.

Then, as a borough-wide service the WRVS organise children's holidays. They have a list of volunteer hostesses in Hertfordshire who will open their home to a child for a country holiday. Often these hostesses give this hospitality completely free, and always the charge is minimal.

At the same time exchange holidays are organised with the Channel Islands and a group of boys and girls in recent years have enjoyed a holiday with hostesses in Guernsey and Jersey.

Then there are the 'one-off' calls on their service. These are the times they are asked to provide teas at old people's events or at exhibitions for the disabled.

They may be asked to undertake escort duty for children who have to cross London, or to help out in a hundred different ways. Everything from running a tea bar at a blood donors' clinic to comforting an old and lonely person who may be going into hospital or has lost a relative.

The people of Britain have got used to calling on the WRVS for help and almost always that help is forthcoming. But as Lady Tombs, borough organiser, and Mrs. Jill Hewett, deputy organiser and



**Lady Tombs (Borough Organiser) and her deputy Mrs. Jill Hewett (right) check the Meals-on-Wheels delivery lists.**

Meals on Wheels co-ordinator, are aware, the service is often strained to the hilt.

'Many of our helpers joined us during the war and they are growing older. The younger women go out to work and have less time for voluntary service. It means we have to depend very heavily on a small band of willing helpers and often we have to ask them to come on duty more often than we would wish.

'We urgently need more volunteers. If people could only offer, say, three hours a month it would help us spread the load. Our members are quite wonderful. They always seem to respond when we call upon them but it is asking a lot when volunteers who have offered to deliver meals on wheels once a month find themselves out every week.'

Mrs. Jill Hewett has experienced that build-up of pressure. She began as an ordinary volunteer, working in the British Restaurant at Gainsborough Road, North Finchley. She left the borough for a period and on her return rejoined the WRVS, gradually finding herself more and more involved with organisation until today she runs the Meals on Wheels Service, providing a total of 36,000 meals a year (nearly 2,000 of those at luncheon clubs), holds regular meetings with the Social Services Department, and organises the children's holidays.

There is another role that the WRVS play in the community and that is as trained helpers ready to cope in times of civil emergency.

They attend lectures and have been trained to cope should, for instance, London be flooded from a build-up of water in the Thames.

They are called in to Central London to help with such problems of the arrival of the first Vietnamese Boat People and they are prepared to give help to the homeless and food to the hungry should any emergency arise in Barnet — or indeed in London.

If you can help by giving up a little time each month — you don't have to enrol as a member, just as a helper — please contact Lady Tombs or Mrs. Hewett at the Barnet Borough WRVS Headquarters, The Training Hut, Avenue House, Finchley, N3, telephone 346 7714.

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**Councillor Mrs. June Cole** finds local government service is almost a full-time job. She is Vice-Chairman of both the Housing and the Allotments Committees and is one of the council's nominees on the Area Health Authority.

Her work for the AHA involves membership of the Barnet Family Practitioners' Committee and hospital visiting. It is an area in which she is well qualified to work as she was a nurse before her marriage.

As the mother of two boys and two girls she had to give up her career in nursing but she later studied home economics and became a teacher.

Her interest in education led to her serving as a co-opted member of the Education Committee of Barnet Council and she was elected a councillor in 1974. Three years later, in Jubilee Year, she was the borough's Deputy Mayor.

She is Chairman of the Managers of the group of primary schools in Brunswick Park and a Governor of Southaw School and she still finds time to be President of the 4th Finchley Company of the Boys' Brigade, a member of the Hasluck Trust, a charity in East Barnet, and secretary to the London Branch of the Association of Home Economists.

She is also an active member of the Methodist Church and is a past chairman of the Finchley Women's Luncheon Club — an inter-church group.



**Councillor Tony Rawle**, who was first elected to the Council in 1975 as the result of a by-election, has become known for his campaigning against vandalism and the conditions which lead young people into crime.

He is an active member of the Catholic Church and regularly speaks at Christian forums on such subjects as the drug habit, youth unemployment and vandalism.

He comes of a family used to public service. Originally of Welsh mining stock, his grandfather was Mayor of Islington. At one time a Labour supporter, Councillor Rawle became a Conservative in the 1960s and is now Vice-Chairman of the Divisional Conservative Association and Chairman of his local branch.

His main interest on the council lies in the field of Social Services and he is also a member of the Town Planning and Research Committee and Chairman of the Northern Division Planning Sub-Committee.

His wife, Gloria, shares his commitment to public service and is in industrial relations. They have a ten-year-old daughter, Kirsten.

'I believe that many of today's problems spring from a lack of parental care and love in the early years of a child's development. People today love possessions and money more than people. Nobody believes they are their brother's keeper. But I believe we are all part of a community and have a responsibility for each other.' Councillor Rawle said.



**Councillor Miss Mary Temple** is one of the younger members of council, although she has served the Borough for eight years and is Chairman of Libraries and Arts Committee, Chairman of Further Education Sub-Committee of Education Committee and a member of General Purposes Committee.

She has close links with her ward, having lived there until her parents moved to Norfolk on retirement, and she attended Monkfrith and Osidge Schools before going to East Barnet Grammar School.

Councillor Miss Temple began her career as a shorthand typist, becoming personal assistant to the managing director of a large company. However, in 1977 she turned to teaching secretarial skills. She now works for the London Borough of Haringey on the Tops (Youth Opportunities) scheme.

She entered local government through the Young Conservatives.

Her work in education is reflected in her council commitments. As Chairman of Further Education Sub-Committee she is a Governor of Middlesex Polytechnic and Hendon and Barnet Colleges; represents Barnet on colleges in neighbouring boroughs and is a governor of several local schools.

As Chairman of Libraries and Arts she represents the borough on the Greater London Arts Association, Barnet Arts Council, and the London and South East Region Libraries Association. Her interests include folk music, theatre, cinema and reading biographies.

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# The Barnet of Tomorrow

LAST JUNE Barnet Civic News carried an article outlining the opportunity residents have to influence the way in which Barnet will evolve in years to come.

It mentioned details about the population of the Borough and other important issues such as employment, shopping centres and transport. In particular the Council extended an invitation to local people to send any views and ideas on these topics to the Borough Planning Officer.

Replies have been received from many people and organisations responding directly to leaflets containing more specific information that were widely distributed throughout the Borough. The Population Topic Study and a document explaining the preparation of the Borough Plan were sent to Councillors, interest groups, local employers and adjoining local authorities and libraries.

The Borough Development Plan tape/slide programme prepared in the Planning Department also provided an audio visual explanation of the subjects and problems the studies would cover.

## Residents were asked for their views on the way Barnet should develop . . .

### Here's how some saw the way ahead

Several organisations have used this programme to inform their members of what is happening at the present time.

#### Population

Most people who wrote on population were worried by the loss of population and stated their concern at the possibility of a decline in the number of people living in Barnet. Recent figures suggest that the decline will probably level out in the 1980s, while the number of households will continue to increase.

Problems concerning employment were not envisaged as a result of the

decrease in population, but the pressure on housing would remain. Others believed that a loss of population would reduce the pressures for further development that may affect areas of environmental quality.

A suggestion was made that more small flats be provided for the increasing number of older residents so that families could move into the vacated houses. It was also thought that more leisure and recreational centres would help to stop the migration of young people out of the Borough.

#### Employment

One major employer was concerned about an inability to attract certain employees because high house prices prevented skilled workers living in the Borough. Other respondents were pleased that jobs were provided by small firms but highlighted the nuisance of businesses located close to their homes.

A general impression emerged that Barnet people want their area to remain largely residential and the local environment of existing places of employment improved.

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Many considered it important that cinemas and other leisure premises should be centralised in main shopping areas. More generally, people thought that Brent Cross provided the type of shop not represented in Barnet previously and that further expansion of shopping facilities was unnecessary.

## Transport

Changes in the structure and behaviour of the population were also seen to question the future adequacy of transport services and facilities. The failings of local buses, the congestion caused by parked cars and the disruption of heavy lorries all featured strongly.

A conservation group suggested that the early completion of the M25 north of the Borough would have beneficial effects on traffic. This was seen to relieve pressure on the A5, A1, A41 and A1000 and consequently to free local roads.

However, more letters focused attention on the provision of parking facilities and congestion caused by on-street parking.

As can be seen the responses covered factors that affect the lives of all in Barnet. Specific points or enquiries were answered separately but replies generally covered most of the issues raised in the publicity material.

Since they represent the views of local residents and amenity groups as well as major national organisations and statutory bodies, they indicate a broad spectrum of opinion.

Similar arrangements for public consultation will be made when the next series of topics are considered.

## Population Monitoring

The projections of population put forward in the Population Topic Study have been reviewed in the light of new information that has become available since the study was undertaken. As a result new projections indicate that the steady decline of population, which has occurred in recent years, is likely to level out giving a somewhat higher population in the 1980s than was forecast.

The projections also show a somewhat steeper increase in the number of

households giving higher levels in the 1980s.

The age structure of the population is not expected to differ very much from that put forward in the Topic Study, although recent evidence of a recovery in birth rates suggests that the fall in the child population will be less severe than was expected.

The age group which is increasing most significantly is the 25/39-year-old group and, while the number in the 60/74 age group is decreasing, there is a small increase expected in the number of people over 74 years of age. With the increasing birth rate rather more 3-4 person households are expected.

The detailed results of the monitoring exercise are available on request to interested organisations from the Planning Department at Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3.

## Future Work

Completion of the Housing Topic Study has been delayed in order to take into account new legislation. Work is proceeding on a number of other studies including, in particular, those dealing with Environment, Employment, and Shopping and Town Centres.



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A list of books in the collections, aptly titled "Wordly Wise", is available from all libraries. It is aimed at adult literacy tutors and gives the reading levels for all titles.

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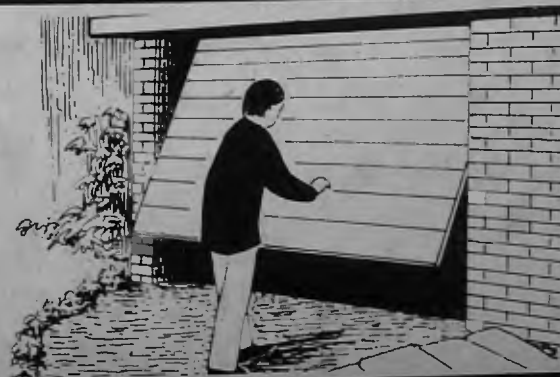
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RIGHT: Unlike today, crossing the road at the Broadway, Ballards Lane, Finchley, presented few problems as children gather round the drinking fountain.



BELOW: Ballards Lane, Finchley, 34 years later in 1938. Horse drawn vehicles have now given way to cars, vans, lorries and buses, but it was not difficult to find a parking spot in those days.



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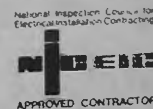
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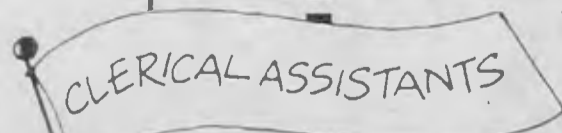
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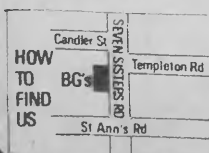
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