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# Message from the Leader

Welcome to the September/October edition of Barnet First, another packed edition of news from around the borough. Many readers will know that as part of the council's vision to create a clean, green and safe environment we have engaged in a number of initiatives to make Barnet a successful city-suburb where people want to live and work. With over 36,000 street trees and an ambitious programme of tree replacement, Barnet can quite rightly be considered a green and pleasant borough.

Recent research has also suggested that we may have the oldest tree in London, with some authoritative sources suggesting the ancient yew tree located in St Andrew's Churchyard in Totteridge could be as much as 2,000 years old.

Residents can also be proud of the fact that seven of their Premier Parks have been awarded Green Flag status following inspection by the Civic Trust, rewarding the hard work undertaken to provide parks and open spaces for all.

However, while we are rightly proud of the work that we have been doing to make Barnet cleaner and greener, we realise that there is always more that we can do. We are not complacent and we are looking over the coming months to increase further our contact with residents about these issues. If you are unhappy about litter, bin collections or anything else the council is responsible for, we want to hear about it.

Other changes across the borough continue at pace with work now underway at five primary schools as part of the first phase of the council's £90 million First Class Schools Programme to achieve our vision of a bright future for our children and young people. You can read more about the work starting at Whitings Hill School on page 3. Work is also underway at East Barnet, Parkfield, Underhill and the Hyde schools.



# Building a new era in education in Barnet

New building is getting underway at five school sites across Barnet – laying the foundations for the start of an exciting new era in primary education, and a fresh start for a successful secondary school.

**The contract for the initial First Class primary schools was signed by Barnet's Mayor, Councillor John Marshall, and Peter Everard, Managing Director of Barnet Council's development partner, Kier London, before a group of pupils from Whitings Hill in Barnet, one of the first schools to be rebuilt.**

Mr Everard said: "We at Kier London are extremely proud of the part we'll be playing in the delivery of Whitings Hill School and are looking forward to demonstrating excellence in the provision of educational facilities for the 21st century."

The new Whitings Hill School will cater for about 420 pupils plus a nursery, and will replace the existing building which will be demolished. The new school is designed to provide extended use of facilities, which include a new swimming pool, for both the school and the community.

As well as a new school building, pupils are also going to be getting used to a new head teacher, as Susan Convery was appointed to the position in July. She has been a teacher since 1989 and has taught in Haringey,



The old school makes way for the new at Whitings Hill

Newham and Hertfordshire as well as Barnet.

East Barnet School is to be rebuilt by Norwest Holst on a combined site at Chestnut Grove, when its upper school is relocated from Westbrook Crescent. It will be ready to open its doors in 2010 and will cater

for 1350 students.

And Willmott Dixon are getting work underway at three other sites, to provide new schools for The Hyde, Colindale and Parkfield in Hendon, and a new Children's Centre for Underhill in Barnet.

## Cash boost provides holiday fun

**Children and young people from three to 19 years old across the borough took part in a fun-filled summer holiday after more than 40 organisations were granted cash by the council for activities for the second year running.**

A total of 48 organisations from the private, voluntary and independent sectors shared £144,000 made available through the EXCHANGE (Extended Children's Holiday Activities New Grant) programme. More than 3,000 children had the opportunity to benefit from the wide range of activities offered by these groups, a third of which were based in Barnet schools. Activities included a rock band workshop, theatre and drama training and a whole host of sporting events.

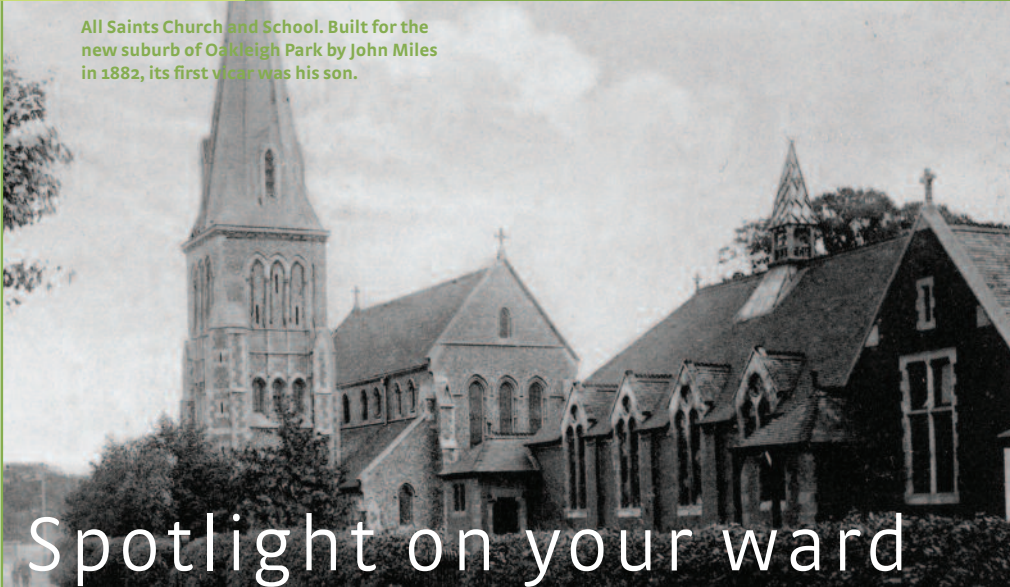
In addition, throughout August, a 'Team Read' challenge organised

by the council encouraged children to discover the joy of reading within their local libraries. With the Olympics in full flow, children were awarded medals after reading three books, while those who managed to read a staggering 6 were presented with a 'Team Read' kit bag and certificate.

### Councillor Tom Davey – correction

In the July/August issue of Barnet First we included a story ("Tom takes his seat") about the election of Tom Davey to the council. The article wrongly stated that Councillor Davey had been elected to serve the Mill Hill ward. This should have said "Hale ward". We apologise for any confusion caused.

All Saints Church and School. Built for the new suburb of Oakleigh Park by John Miles in 1882, its first vicar was his son.



Jack Johnson. Known as the "Galveston Giant" Johnson was an African American who won the world heavyweight championship in the "Fight of the Century" (1910). Johnson became the focus of considerable racial hate. In 1911, his relationship with Lucille Cameron, a white woman, led to the couple escaping to Europe after Johnson had been accused of "white slavery". Johnson trained in Whetstone while he was in London.

Spotlight on your ward

# Oakleigh

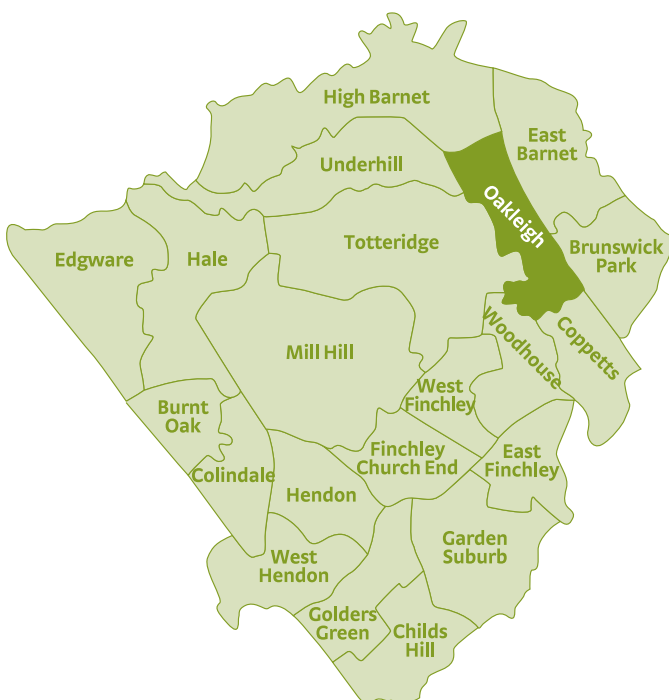
In this issue we turn the spotlight on to Oakleigh situated in the north-east of the borough.

The oldest building in the ward is St James, the parish church of Friern Barnet. There was a church by the 12th century which was presented to the knights of St John by the Bishop of London, but it remained a chapel without a priest until the 15th century and was often considered a portion of the parish of Finchley, even into the 16th century. The church, now called St James the Great, has fabric of the original building in the doorway, but was "enlarged" in 1851.

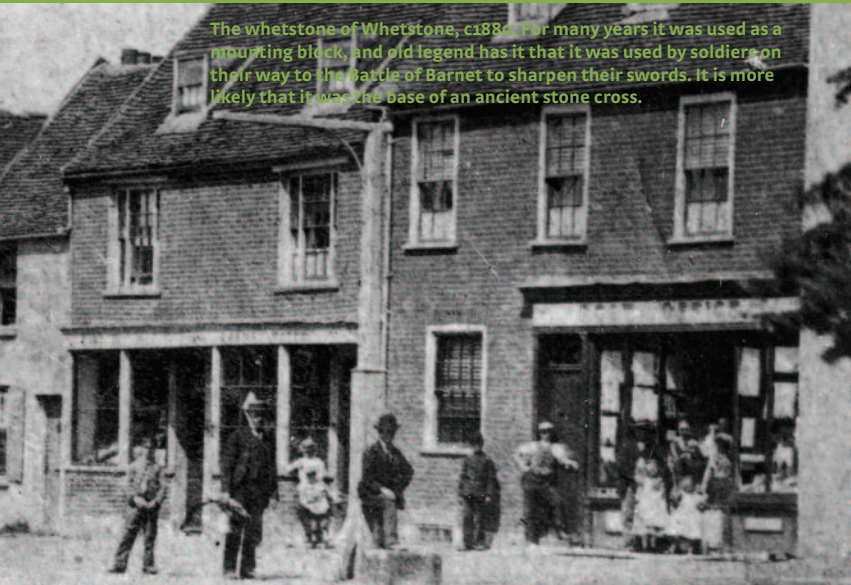
Over the road from St James was Queen Elizabeth's Well. How the well got its name is a matter of speculation. John Heathfield, in Finchley and Whetstone Past, says that Queen Elizabeth I drank from the well in 1558 while en route from Hatfield to London after the death of her sister Mary and ironically didn't like the taste. The well was replaced with a drinking fountain in 1925.

Oakleigh Road has had many names. It was called Avernstreet (1499), Hungerdown Lane (1823 - 1881), Station Road (1863 - 1871) and finally Oakleigh Road by 1873. The first houses in Oakleigh Park were started around 1871. A local landowner and developer called John Miles built All Saints Church in 1882, installing his son Henry Stewart Miles as its first vicar, with All Saints School opened two years later in 1884. Local entertainment was provided by the Athenaeum Institution (1881 - c1892) which had a hall seating 400 people, and provided concerts, lectures on science and literature, and a library. By purchasing Manor Farm, now a golf course, John Miles was able to keep separate the more affluent Oakleigh Park estate from the new developments at North Finchley.

The ward contains the eastern side of Whetstone High Road from Oakleigh Road North. The Green Man may have originally been known in the 16th century as The Lion and there is now a garage of the same name. The Black Bull dated back to the 18th century. It was used by drovers on their way to London and carters bringing hay from Hertfordshire. Percy Reboul, in recordings made by his son, also called Percy Reboul, was brought up in the adjacent Clark's Cottages between 1910 and 1921. Reboul Senior could remember the days when the hay carters from Hertfordshire would stop at the inn on their way into London, sleeping under the wagon at night and popping into the Bull the next morning for hot coffee. During the



The whetstone of Whetstone, c1880. For many years it was used as a mounting block, and old legend has it that it was used by soldiers on their way to the battle of Barnet to sharpen their swords. It is more likely that it was the base of an ancient stone cross.



### Did you know...?\*

- at 7.3 per cent of its total population, Oakleigh has a higher proportion of residents aged 65 to 74 than any other ward
- over 10 per cent of residents in Oakleigh provide unpaid care
- more residents work in the manufacturing sector in Oakleigh than in any other ward
- Oakleigh covers 3.3 sq km and has just under 15,000 residents.

\* Figures taken from 2001 census.

First World War, when Zeppelins and Gotha bombers threatened, he remembered the basement of the pub being used as a shelter. The hall behind the inn was a well known training centre for boxers and a number of American champions, like Archie Bell and Jack Johnson, trained there.

Opposite the Griffin is the famous whetstone of Whetstone. Its origins are obscure but it could have been the base of a stone cross. A local legend grew up with the coach trade and appears in a letter from an un-named man who had travelled to London in 1767 to his mother in York.

“A little later, we arrived at Whetstone, a very pretty little village,

where we had an early breakfast, and were glad of an opportunity to stretch our cramped legs. Father seems to know a very great deal about the road, and he pointed out to me a large stone which stood by the footpath outside an inn and which was reputed to have been used by the soldiers to sharpen their weapons whilst upon their way to the Battle of Barnet. This, he said, was believed by many to have been the origin of the name Whetstone.”

The legend is old enough to have a history of its own but its proposition that the stone is the derivation of the place name is false, as the place name appears in documents written many years before the battle of 1471.

## What's in Oakleigh?

### Parks and open spaces

- Barfield Avenue. Facilities include children's play area, wildlife interest and water feature
- Greenhill Gardens, Great North Road (water feature)

### Allotments

- Barfield Avenue
- Simmons Way, Whetstone

### Schools

- All Saints CE, Oakleigh Road North
- Oakleigh Special School, Oakleigh Road North
- Sacred Heart RC School, Oakleigh Park South

## Your councillors

As with all of Barnet's 21 wards, Oakleigh has three elected members, or councillors, who have been elected by the ward's residents to represent them. Councillors are elected for four years at a time.

**Councillor Sachin Rajput (Conservative)** has been a ward councillor since 2006. He is currently chairman of the Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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**Councillor Brian Salinger (Conservative)**

has served the ward since 1986. He chairs the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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**Councillor Marina Yannakoudakis (Conservative)**

was elected in 2006. She is currently chairman of the Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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### Meet your councillors

Barnet's councillors hold regular advice surgeries to give residents the chance to discuss any topics they wish to raise. You can meet councillors Yannakoudakis and Rajput on every third Saturday of the month 10.30am-12noon at Barnet House, 1255 High Road, N20. You can meet Councillor Salinger on the first Saturday every month, 10.30am-12noon. Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11.

# Food for thought

As the credit crunch continues to bite, new research indicating that the average household throws away up to £420 of food a year shows that we could save a lot of money by just thinking more carefully about our food habits.

**Across Barnet that means that, annually, as much as £54 million of food is being wasted. An analysis of black wheeled bins by the council last year also discovered that a third of the waste being thrown away as general rubbish is unwanted food.**

The council has produced a number of 'top tips' to reduce your food waste. These include:

- make a shopping list
- plan meals with the 'use by' date in mind
- keep your fridge between one and five degrees Celsius to get the best from your food
- make meals from your leftovers
- eat before you shop – shopping when you are hungry will make you buy more food than you need.

If you still find that you are throwing away piles of food, why not

invest in a subsidised compost bin or wormery, or use the council's free green garden and kitchen waste collection service? All uneaten food (excluding bones) can be recycled through this green bin service, which is collected weekly and then composted.

A pilot 'kitchen caddy' project is being run by the council later this year to try to boost the number of people recycling their food waste. Kitchen caddies are small sealable containers placed in your kitchen into which you deposit all your unwanted food – apart from meat bones and carcasses – to provide a simple and effective way of storing your food until you empty it into your compost bin or green waste bin.

An initial 8,400 caddies will be distributed within the pilot area with a view to eventually introducing them across the borough.

For information on how to become part of the green garden and kitchen waste service, or to find out how to buy a compost bin or wormery, call the recycling service on 020 8359 7400.

# Who are your sporting champions?

**Do you know someone who makes a significant contribution to the sporting scene in Barnet?**

Nominations for the 2008 Celebrating Sports Awards are now underway and anyone who lives or plays sport in Barnet is able to nominate the person or team they think is most deserving of a Celebrating Sports Award. This is the second year of the contest after a highly successful launch in 2007.

There are a total of 15 categories and prize winners will receive trophies, vouchers and tickets to major sporting events, at the gala ceremony to take place later this year.

Nominations must be received by Friday 12 September 2008.

The winners will be presented with their awards in October by the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor John Marshall, and guest athletes, and some of the winners will be put forward for London-wide and national recognition following the Barnet event.

To make a nomination, contact Kim Henderson on 020 8359 6344 or email Kim Henderson. Nomination forms are also online at

[www.barnet.gov.uk/celebration-sport-2008](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/celebration-sport-2008)

**The categories for the 2008 Celebrating Sports Awards are:**

- Club of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Disability Coach of the Year
- Sports Performer of the Year
- Young Sports Performer of the Year
- Disabled Performer of the Year
- Young Disabled Performer of the Year
- Adult Team of the Year
- Junior Team of the Year (under 11)
- Junior Team of the Year (11-16 years)
- Primary School Team of the Year

# Schools go green to win prizes



**Two Barnet primary schools have been presented with awards by the Mayor of London for their work to make Barnet cleaner and greener.**

Fairway Primary School was given a distinction in the London Schools Environment Awards for a number of environmental projects including the production of an eco-code and anti-litter pledge, and writing to a local supermarket to lobby for plastic bags to be banned. They also

worked with a shoe and textiles recycling project.

Northside Primary School (pictured) was highly commended for its work which included carrying out litter surveys, writing to local shops about street litter and converting a plot of land into an allotment.

Both schools were presented with awards in a ceremony at City Hall, with Fairway being given a cheque for £2,000 and Northside £1,000 for further environmental work.

# Green is the colour – seven Green Flags awarded to parks

The council has been awarded a magnificent seven Green Flags – the most prestigious status a park can be given – for the quality of its green spaces.

**The haul improves on last year's total of six, and cements the borough's reputation as one of the cleanest and greenest parts of London.**

The awards are given as a mark of quality by the Civic Trust who inspect parks and judge if they are worthy of a Green Flag by looking at the current quality as well as a five-year management plan setting out future planned improvements.

On their visits, the Green Flag judges marked the parks against a set of criteria, including their sustainability, care of their historical heritage, their cleanliness and the involvement of the local

community in making that park a success. The scheme is widely seen as the benchmark against which the quality of public parks and green spaces can be measured.

The successful parks for 2008 were Friary Park, Hendon Park, Mill Hill Park, Oak Hill Park, Old Courthouse Recreation Ground, Victoria Park and, for the first year, Edgwarebury Park. They make up a total of 151 top quality parks in London alongside famous open spaces like Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens.

All the successful parks are among the council's 16 Premier Parks. The Premier Parks scheme has ensured that every Barnet resident has a high quality open space within a mile of their home.

For more information on the borough's Premier Parks, visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/premier-parks](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/premier-parks) or call 020 8359 7823.

If you want to find out more about the Green Flag scheme, visit the Civic Trust's website at [www.civictrust.org.uk](http://www.civictrust.org.uk)

## Museum dig uncovers historic artefacts



**Students from two Barnet schools learnt how to become the next Indiana Jones as they headed down to Church Farmhouse Museum in Hendon to excavate an area with a rich historical heritage.**

Previous digs at the museum grounds unearthed Roman relics, and the youngsters from St Mary's CE School in Hendon and St James's Catholic High School in Colindale found some similarly exciting items during the week-long dig, including some medieval pottery segments.

The dig was led by the Hendon and District Archaeological Society and the University College of London Institute of Archaeology as part of the activities for National Archaeology Week.

The area around Church Farmhouse Museum has been a settlement for around 2,000 years, and boasts some of the oldest buildings in the borough such as Daniel's Almshouses and St Mary's Church.

Gerrard Roots, Curator of the Church Farmhouse Museum, said: "I'm glad that we could bring to life the museum's rich historical heritage for some of our younger visitors this summer, and I was as delighted as they were with the finds that were made."

"The museum always has an exhibition or two on which will be of interest to all the family, and I hope we see more visitors young and old coming to the museum over the coming months."

## Youth activities online!

**BASE is a new web-based directory of positive activities for young people in Barnet. It contains comprehensive information on youth activities taking place all year round ranging from sport to music, volunteering to drama, as well as a wide range of holiday activities and events in the borough. It also contains information and links to health, support and advice services that young people can access.**

This new resource has been developed as part of the council's commitment to publicise positive activities for young people. Young people from the Youth Board and Youth Bank were involved in its development, working closely with the designers to make the site attractive and accessible for young people.

The website aims to be a one-stop site for Barnet's young people, listing activities and events provided by the council, the voluntary youth sector, private and independent organisations. More than 500 different activities are listed, reflecting the numerous opportunities on offer to young people in Barnet.

Anyone providing activities, services or events for young people aged 11 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities) should email full details to [base@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:base@barnet.gov.uk) for inclusion on the site.



## Milly Apthorp Charitable Trust

When John Apthorp's mother Milly had a series of mini strokes she asked her son and her accountant, Lawrence Fenton, to form a charity.



Mr Apthorp signs the Freedom book watched by Barnet's Mayor

**The Milly Apthorp Charitable Trust was founded in 1982 – seven years before Milly passed away.**

In 1990 the council agreed to administer a significant part of the fund (about £600,000 each year) for the benefit of borough residents.

Since then over £10million has been awarded through grants from the three schemes administered by the council's grants unit. Barnet residents have benefited from individual grants and also through voluntary and community sector projects and innovative council schemes supported by the trust.

The trust receives over 600 applications a year and Mr Apthorp, Mr Fenton and a representative from the council's grants unit meet four times a year and deal with a minimum of 100 grants at each session.

Over the years, the trust has helped a broad range of individuals and organisations, including Hendon Youth Sports Centre, Moat Mount Residential Centre, a care and repair scheme for elderly owner occupiers and a Brownies campsite at Edgwarebury.

Mr Apthorp is also a trustee of two other charities: Summary Limited which mainly helps local schools, and the John Apthorp Charitable Trust which helps societies around the Radlett area, where he now lives.



Council Chief Executive, Leo Boland (right) addresses Mr Apthorp



It's official. Mr Apthorp and the Mayor with his Freedom Scroll

## Trust founder receives highest honour

Over 100 distinguished guests including councillors, other freemen, former Mayors of Barnet and members of his family, turned out at Barnet House in Whetstone to see John Apthorp OBE become a Freeman of the Borough last month. The honour – the highest that the council has the power to bestow – was formally conferred on Mr Apthorp by Barnet's Mayor, Councillor John Marshall, and its Chief Executive, Leo Boland.



On song: the choir from the London Academy in Edgware performed



13-year-old gymnast Nicole Hibbert tells her story

# receives Barnet's

**Mr Apthorp and his mother, Milly, founded the Milly Apthorp Charitable Trust in 1982, and since then Barnet residents have benefited from over £10million awarded through grants to voluntary and community sector projects and individuals.**

During the evening, the audience heard from people whose work and lives have been changed by the trust, including 13-year-old gymnast Nicole Hibbert, on course to represent Great Britain at the 2012 Olympics, and Barnet Citizens Advice Bureau – currently funded by the trust to provide a ward visiting adviser at Barnet General, Finchley Memorial and Edgware Community hospitals.

Mr Apthorp joins a roll of distinguished freemen who include Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks and former Barnet Councillor Leslie Sussman MBE who both received the honour in 2006, and former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor John Marshall, said: "I am delighted to be able to confer this honour upon a man who has

served communities in Barnet for so long and in so many different ways.

"Both through the setting up of the Milly Apthorp Trust and in the public roles that Mr Apthorp has undertaken, his actions have been selfless and of benefit to thousands of local residents."

Mr Apthorp was born in 1935 and educated at Aldenham School in Hertfordshire before spending two years in the Royal Navy. He married his wife Jane in 1959 and they have four children.

In 1956 he entered the family firm of Appypack. When the business was sold 12 years later he went round to his family to raise cash to start a company that he called Bejam and his mother invested £3,000. The company prospered and went public in 1973. It was eventually taken over by Iceland in the late 1980s.

Mr Apthorp, who served as a Barnet councillor for Edgware ward between 1968 and 1974, retains a commitment to public service as a governor of the London Academy in Edgware.

# Supporting the vulnerable to work

People with learning disabilities in Barnet are being given an exciting opportunity to find challenging and enjoyable paid work with the council as part of an innovative partnership struck with Mencap.

**Barnet is one of only five authorities in the South East to have employed a co-ordinator from Mencap to help people with learning disabilities find work with the council.**

Entitled Right4Work, the scheme aims to see 40 people with disabilities employed with the council by June 2009.

The council decided to take practical action to increase opportunities for paid employment for people with learning disabilities after it was revealed that only 10 per cent of economically active disabled people in the borough are in work, while Mencap research shows that 65 per cent of people with learning difficulties nationally would like to be in work.

While employment rates for people with physical disabilities have generally improved over the last few years, they have remained static for people with learning disabilities.

The co-ordinator, Nichola Massey, will work within the council's human resources department for a year, where she will identify suitable vacancies, match candidates to vacancies and undertake 'job carving' where job descriptions will be tailored to potential candidates' skills.

As well as this, she will work with managers throughout the council to promote the benefits of employing people with learning disabilities.

The partnership between the council and Mencap has been funded by the Learning Disability Development Fund from the Department of Health.

A motion supporting the initiative was given cross-party support at July's council meeting.

For more information on the project, contact Nichola on 020 8359 7966 or email [nichola.massey@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:nichola.massey@barnet.gov.uk)



## First Extra Care Housing scheme opens

**Barnet's first Extra Care Housing scheme at Goodwin Court in East Barnet has now opened, and the first residents have started moving in**

Built by Sanctuary Housing Association to high design standards, the building is fully equipped to maintain residents' independence and comfort.

There are a total of 63 flats, mainly for rent but also a small number for sale. The flats for rent will be targeted principally at older people, or people with disabilities, on low or moderate incomes, who need assistance with daily living tasks and personal care. The leasehold flats for sale are for those who wish, for example, to use the value of their home to secure the care they need in older age. All properties are wheelchair adapted and have walk/wheel in showers.

In addition to the above there are facilities available to all residents including a restaurant, lounge, conservatory, garden lounge, and a garden courtyard; so that residents can enjoy an active social life.

Other features include a hairdressing salon, therapy rooms, library, internet access plus a motorised scooter store with recharging facilities.



There are 24-hour care staff on site to assist with personal care, and provide reassurance.

One of the new residents who has just moved in said: "I never imagined living in a great place like this because I never thought a place as wonderful as this existed."

If you think that Extra Care Housing would be a good choice for you or someone that you know, for further information contact the Older Adults Duty team on 020 8359 2440 or email

[olderadults.dutyteam@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:olderadults.dutyteam@barnet.gov.uk)

More information is also available on the Barnet Council website - [www.barnet.gov.uk/extra-care-housing](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/extra-care-housing)

# Books, bills and advice under one roof

Burnt Oak Library closed earlier this year after serving the local community for 40 years. Not only was the building, which is located on the corner of Watling Avenue, in need of some care and attention but the services available at the library needed to be expanded to make it a focal point for residents.

**After lots of consultation with customers, and six months hard work, the existing building has been gutted and in its place stands a bright, airy and modern landmark that the residents of Burnt Oak can be proud of.**

Opening in mid September, the new Burnt Oak Centre will have a customer service centre on the ground floor where local residents can get housing and Council Tax advice, access online services and ask for general guidance on council services. The

first floor will house a state-of-the-art library with wi-fi running throughout, study areas for those who want some quiet time, and an extended number of books, CDs and DVDs to rent.

The renovation means that the Housing Benefits Service previously located at Fenella in Babington Road, Hendon, and Cashiers Service based at Hendon Town Hall will both move to the new centre, so residents who live in the west of the borough will be able to seek advice, pay bills, surf the net and

borrow books in one visit. In addition we are pleased to be working with the Citizens Advice Bureau who will be opening an advice surgery.

This is an exciting development and we hope that local residents will come down to see what's on offer. There will also be an official launch later in the year where we expect to have a range of activities to celebrate this fantastic new facility.

For more information call 020 8359 3880 or email [burnt.oak.library@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:burnt.oak.library@barnet.gov.uk)

## Barnet Summer University

Barnet Summer University took place for the first time this year, with over 70 courses being offered throughout August. Over 1,000 young people were given the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities. Courses ranged from contemporary Asian Fusion dance, 'Make a Musical in a Week', 'Actor's Tool Kit', basketball coaching awards, film-making, digital photography, drama, sports, psychology, computer games design and Mandarin for beginners.

**Barnet joined many other boroughs taking part in London 'Summer Uni' to offer these free courses for young people aged between eight and 25 years of age. Led by the council's Youth and Connexions Service, the Summer University programme is part of a range of developments to increase opportunities for young people to take part in positive activities.**

The wide choice of courses was achieved by commissioning providers from Barnet Children's Service, the local voluntary sector and independent providers. These included Finchley Youth Theatre, Chicken Shed, Middlesex University, Rolling Base, Barnet Bulldogs, and Liberty Hall Recording Studios.

The programme was designed to help with young people's future developments with many courses offering accreditation awards and the Music Foundation course offering successful participants the opportunity to access a choice of Middlesex University BA (Hons) Music Degrees.



## Blooming marvellous!

**This year's Barnet in Bloom competition turned out to be the best yet – with the highest ever number of entries (over 50).**

First, second and third place winners were picked in each of the eight categories, and, for the first time, a "most outstanding garden" trophy is being awarded to recognise the high standard of entries.

For more photographs, details and a full list of winners visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/bib](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/bib)

# Get on your bike!

Did you know that the council holds free one-to-one cycle training throughout the year for Barnet residents?

**The courses, delivered by nationally accredited instructors, aim to train adults in the borough who would like to cycle more, either for leisure or commuting.**

Taking place around local roads and parks, anyone from complete beginners to more experienced cyclists can take part.

Councillor Andrew Harper, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, said: "These courses are an excellent opportunity for cyclists at all levels to improve their confidence and skills, and, especially, ride safely.

"I encourage people to take up this fantastic opportunity."

For more information, or to book a place, please telephone 020 8359 7103 or email [road.safety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@barnet.gov.uk)

The council also offers free secondary school cycle route training throughout the year.

The courses help pupils to cycle safely on their specific route to



Barnet schools (home to school and back) by teaching them how to manage the risks and hazards they face along the way.

For more information, and to book a place, call 020 8359 7256 or email [road.safety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@barnet.gov.uk)

## Rewarding schools for achievement in sustainable travel

Following a record number of schools having their School Travel Plans (STPs) approved this summer, Barnet now has 119 schools with an approved plan.

**A STP is a document produced by a school which promotes more sustainable and safe ways for the whole school community to travel to and from school by encouraging walking, cycling and public transport to reduce the number of car journeys to and from schools.**

In recognition of their continued commitment to travel planning, 19 schools from across the borough were invited to central London ceremonies in July to receive the Transport for London Sustainable Travel Accredited and Recognised (STAR) Awards. This London-wide accreditation scheme has been designed to ensure and recognise a long-term commitment to sustainable travel planning in schools. Special congratulations go to Edgware Infant School - the first school in Barnet to receive the Higher Standards STAR award.

For further information about STPs, school travel initiatives and the STAR award scheme, please contact the STP Co-ordinator on 020 8359 7603 or e-mail [schooltravelplans@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:schooltravelplans@barnet.gov.uk)

Putting the Community First



## Can you help us shape the future of day opportunities for adults with mental health problems?

We are consulting on our services and want to know what you think about our ideas

To find out more and to have your say, please contact the Community Network, Adult Social Services on:

**020 8359 3230**  
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**Fax** **020 8343 8902**  
**Website** [www.barnet.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/consultations)

The consultation runs until 24 October 2008

Working in partnership with Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust

# What's on in Barnet during September and October?

## Arts

### Artful Splodgers

**4 September**

Various locations. Arts, crafts and messy play for toddlers and pre-school children. Cost: £4.50. For further information email: [artfulsplodgers@gmail.com](mailto:artfulsplodgers@gmail.com)

### Nature inspired designs in coloured pencil

**13 September**

Middlesex University, Cat Hill, Barnet. Be inspired by the Art Nouveau designs in the MoDA collections and create your own designs in coloured pencil. Cost: £32; concessions: £26.

### East Finchley Arts Festival

**3 – 19 October**

All Saints Church, East Finchley. 12th annual festival in aid of the North London Hospice. Performers include Endellion String Quartet, Hatstand Opera, Finchley Children's Music Group and Punch and Judy. For further information, telephone 020 8444 9214 or visit [www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk)

## Leisure/Pastimes

### The Battle of Britain

**17 September 10.30am**

Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road. Talk by David Keen from the RAF Museum in Colindale. All welcome. Cost: free (40p charge for coffee/tea and biscuits). For further information email: [friern.barnet.library@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:friern.barnet.library@barnet.gov.uk)

### The Hampstead Garden Suburb Story

**24 September 7.30pm**

St John's Church Hall, Friern Barnet Lane. Talk by Rosemary Roome. Free light refreshments. Cost: free to Friern Barnet and District Local History Society members; £2 non members. For further information call: 020 8292 7328.

### A day in the life of a National Trust Area Manager

**31 August 1.30pm**

John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware, HA8 9NT. Edgware and District National Trust Centre present Ian Wilson. Refreshments available. Cost: free for NT members; visitors £2.

## Miscellaneous

### Car boot sale

**13 September**

St Paul's School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Cost: £1.

### Barnet NCT Nearly New Sale

**4 October 10.15am**

Finchley Sea Cadets Hall, 184A Long Lane, Finchley. Barnet National Childbirth Trust event. Plenty of bargains to be found! Cost: £1. For further information, call 07960 521271.

**If you would like your event to be considered for inclusion in Barnet First, please visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk), and add your event details to the "What's On" page.**

## Council meetings – dates for your diary

Meetings are open to the public and are generally held at Barnet House, Whetstone, starting at 7pm, unless otherwise stated.

**The Residents Forums (which start at 6.30pm) meet at a variety of venues around the borough, and details can be found online, on our posters or by contacting the Democratic Services team on 020 8359 2031. Members of the public can ask to speak at most meetings. Further information can be obtained by contacting Democratic Services.**

### September

- 1 Cabinet
- 2 Cabinet Resources Committee
- 3 Planning and Environment Committee
- 8 Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 9 Council
- 11 General Functions Committee
- 15 Standards Committee
- 16 Chipping Barnet Residents Forum
- 17 Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum
- 18 Hendon Residents Forum
- 22 Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee; Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee; Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 23 Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee; Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee; Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee
- 24 Tackling Crime and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- 25 Audit Committee

### October

- 2 Planning and Environment Committee
- 7 Special Committee (Constitution Review)
- 23 Cabinet
- 27 Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee; Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee; Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 29 Planning and Environment Committee

## Webwatch

Want to find out what's new on Barnet Online this month? Then visit [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) to find out about:

- the new Community Permit, a parking permit for people undertaking religious/faith duties, online. Visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/community-religious-faith-permits](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/community-religious-faith-permits)
- did you know that we have RSS feeds available on our website? You can now stay informed by retrieving our latest news, find out What's On in Barnet and view our highlights. Find out more at [www.barnet.gov.uk/rss](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/rss)

# Meet... your members

Note: All codes are 020 unless otherwise indicated.

## Brunswick Park Ward

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Road, N11  
10.30am – 12 noon

### Lisa Rutter (Con)

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### Surgery details:

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2.30pm – 4pm

## Burnt Oak Ward

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7 – 8pm

## Colindale Ward

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### Surgery details:

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10 – 11am

## Coppetts Ward

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### Surgery details:

First Saturday every month,  
Friern Barnet Library, Friern  
Barnet Road, N11  
10.30am – 12noon

Second Saturday every month,  
Hollickwood School, Sydney  
Road, N10

1.30 – 3 pm

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### Surgery details:

First and third Saturday every  
month, Peter Le Poer Church,  
Albion Avenue, N10  
10.30am – 12noon

Other Saturdays, Friern Barnet  
Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11  
10.30am – 12noon

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### Surgery details:

First Saturday of each month,  
New Barnet Community Centre,  
48-50 Victoria Road, New Barnet,  
EN4  
10.30am – 12noon

Third Saturday of each month,  
East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill  
Road, East Barnet, EN4  
10.30am – 12noon

## East Finchley Ward

### Andrew McNeil (Lab)

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### Alison Moore (Lab)

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### Colin Rogers (Lab)

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### Surgery details:

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Lane, East Finchley, N2  
10 – 11.30am

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### Surgery details:

Last Tuesday every month,  
Edgware Library, Hale Lane,  
Edgware, HA8  
5.30 – 6.30pm

## Finchley Church End Ward

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## Garden Suburb Ward

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### Surgery details:

Fourth Monday every month,  
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NW11  
6 – 7pm

## Golders Green Ward

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### Finchley and Golders Green

#### Dr Rudi Vis

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### Hendon

#### Andrew Dismore

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Tel: **020 8202 2122**

### Greater London Assembly

#### Member for Barnet and Camden

**Councillor Brian Coleman**  
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Tel: **020 7983 4367**

#### Surgery details:

Second Sunday every month, Golders Green Library, Golders Green Road, NW11 2.15 – 3.15pm

Fourth Sunday every month, Hendon Sports Centre, Marble Drive, Brent Cross, NW2 12noon – 1pm

### Hale Ward

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#### Surgery details:

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#### Surgery details:

First Monday every month, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 6 – 7pm

### High Barnet Ward

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#### Surgery details:

Second Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN4 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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#### Surgery details:

Third Saturday every month, Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN4 10.30am – 12noon

### Mill Hill Ward

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#### Surgery details:

Selective Tuesdays, Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, NW7 6 – 8pm

Selective Saturdays at Canada Villa, Pursley Road, NW7 10am – 12noon

Ring for dates.

### Oakleigh Ward

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#### Surgery details:

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# High-tech care scheme is a lifesaver

Vulnerable residents in Barnet are being urged to consider the Telecare scheme following an incident in which it saved the life of an elderly person.

**Telecare is a range of technology services which can be used to support people and enable them to be independent in their own homes. In the event of a difficulty, the Telecare wireless device sends signals to the Lifeline box which alerts the response centre and, if necessary, a message is passed to the appropriate relevant response or emergency service. Telecare has a range of devices such as sensors that can detect falls, or a bed sensor for when a person gets out of bed and does not return.**

Telecare provides pull cords for when a person needs assistance in the toilet or bathroom, smoke alarms and heat sensors. It also provides personal reassurance that if a problem arises there is someone to talk to at any time of the day or night.

The system recently saved the life of Eileen Moore, aged 94, of Edgware, when a fire started in her home. The fire set off the smoke

detector which alerted the call centre. They alerted the fire service who responded within minutes. The fire was extinguished and Eileen was able to continue living independently in her home.

Another example is the case of a young autism sufferer called John who regularly leaves his home at night. In the past his parents took turns to stay awake but he still managed to get out. A Telecare voice alert has now been provided, along with a sensor for the downstairs rooms. This means the parents can sleep and allow John to have the freedom of the upstairs in the house. But if he enters any room downstairs his parents will be able to come and assist him to go back to bed.

If you want to see what Telecare can do for you, call the council on the numbers below. Officers will gather initial information about the help you need and you may also be asked a few general questions. This information may be gathered either over the phone or by completing a form which can be sent out to you. We will then carry out an assessment of your needs.

To find out more, call 020 8359 4693 or 020 8359 4307, or email [telecare@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:telecare@barnet.gov.uk)

# Barnet competes in Europe's largest youth games

Young people representing Barnet were among the winners at this year's London Youth Games. Over 20,000 young people from across the capital competed for a medal in the highly acclaimed sports event.

**One of the top performances came from the indoor rowing team which took the silver medal despite having one rower missing from the team.**

Barnet youngsters competed all over London in over 20 sports, with the event culminating at the finals weekend which took place at Crystal Palace last month.

Councillor Fiona Bulmer, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "I'm delighted so many children from Barnet took part in the Youth Games. I know they found the experience of competing in the Games an exciting and enjoyable one and I warmly congratulate the medal winners."



## Medallists included:

### Bronze:

- Senior Fencing Team from Finchley Foils club

### Silver:

- Boccia – pupils from Whitefield School
- Athletics Moderate Learning Disabilities, Long Jump – Chekina Makasi from Oak Lodge School
- Judo – Nazanine Sadeghi from Barnet Judo Club

### Gold:

- Athletics Moderate Learning Disabilities, Javelin – Ethan Colmer Hulme from Oak Lodge School
- Athletics, Visually Impaired Long Jump – Osimo Unoarumhi from Mill Hill County School