



# BARNET

## LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

# CIVIC NEWS

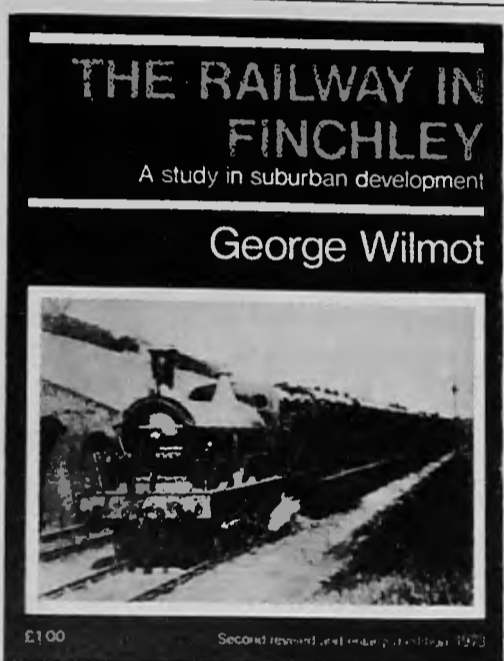
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### A book to interest railway enthusiasts

THE SECOND, revised edition of *The Railway in Finchley—a study in suburban development* by George Wilmot has now been published by the Libraries and Arts Committee of the Borough Council.

The first edition, published in 1962, appeared as part of the Old Finchley Series. The author has completely revised the text and added a new chapter which deals with the problems and developments in railway communications

## BIGGER HENDON LIBRARY HAS NEW LOOK APPEARANCE



in Finchley and Barnet between 1962 and 1973.

The booklet is illustrated with five plates and two maps—one of which shows how the Borough of Barnet would have been affected by early railway plans.

*The Railway in Finchley* is on sale at all libraries in the Borough, price £1.00 or may be obtained by post from: The Borough Librarian, Library Administrative Offices, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE, price £1.00 plus 13p, postage, packing and VAT.

THE ENLARGEMENT and re-modelling of Hendon Library has increased the area of the building from 13,000 to 19,000 square feet, which has enabled the facilities and services of the library to be improved and extended.

The Adult Lending Library now occupies 5,160 square feet, which allows for over 26,000 volumes to be displayed on the open shelves and a further 17,000 volumes to be housed in the reserve stock. This will give easier access to books on all subjects, including the special collections of sociology and motor car workshop manuals. A selection of novels and non-fiction has been chosen specifically for "young adult" readers.

### QUIET PLACE

The Children's Library is now part of the main lending library, although a separate room has been provided for children's activities and study purposes. Reference books are housed in this room to allow young people a quiet place in which to work. On other occasions, the room will be used

for Story-Time and meetings of the Jackanory Club.

The installation of a new method

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### Enlargement of Chipping Barnet School

PROPOSALS submitted by Barnet London Borough Council to make a significant enlargement and to change the character of Queen Elizabeth's Girls School, Chipping Barnet, to provide for about 900 girls of all levels of ability, mainly 11 to 18-year-olds, have been approved by the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

In informing the Council, the Department pointed out that the Secretary of State expected that the proposals will not be implemented at five form entry until the necessary additional buildings are ready.

The Department is informing objectors of the Minister's decision.

### NEW BULLETIN

THE FIRST issue of a new quarterly bulletin entitled *Large Print News* will be produced by the Libraries Department in February.

It will contain information about large print books available from all libraries in the Borough.

The list will include recent and forthcoming titles and will be printed in large type.

## Residents welcome 'Council's initiative'

A RESOLUTION has been passed unanimously by local residents welcoming Barnet London Borough Council's initiative in preparing plans for a general improvement area.

It came at a public meeting arranged by the Council to discuss their proposals to improve the area of Welbeck Road, Jackson Road, Middle Road, Cranbrook Road and part of East Barnet Road.

Councillor N. E. Hirshfield, J.P., Chairman of the Council's Housing Committee, presided at the meeting, which was also attended by Coun-

cillors for the East Barnet Ward, officers of the Council and about 150 local residents.

The resolution looked forward to the early presentation of a completed scheme based on the general principles explained to the meeting and having regard to the views of local residents expressed at the meeting, for the further consideration of the residents.

It was explained that the proposed improvement of the area would be a joint venture between the Council and the local residents

and that the aim was for the Council to improve the environment and for local residents to improve their properties with the help of improvement grants.

The Council's Officers had prepared a suggested scheme which included:—

- (a) the reduction of carriageway widths to reduce the speed of traffic, and to provide scope for landscaping;
- (b) the provision of kerbside parking bays;
- (c) the planting of street trees where appropriate;

- (d) the provision of a small children's play area;
- (e) repairs to fences alongside footpaths and the improvement of the access road to the rear of properties in Middle Road and Jackson Road.

The residents elected a committee with whom the Council's officers concerned will have discussions prior to an amended scheme being prepared for consideration by the Council and by a further public meeting of the residents within the area.

# WHERE TO GO ABOUT MOTOR AND DRIVING LICENCES

JUDGING FROM the numerous enquiries which continue to be received by the Press and Information Service of the Town Clerk's Department there is a misunderstanding by many local residents as to where they may obtain vehicle and driving licences.

The guidance notes on the forms of application advise that (apart from the conditional facility to re-license a motor vehicle through Post Offices) the completed forms, together with certain necessary requirements, should be taken or sent to the Local Taxation Department of the County or County Borough Council.

In the case of applicants who reside within the area covered by the Barnet London Borough Council, it should be noted that the nearest Taxation Department which is under the control of the Greater London Council, is situated at the following addresses:—

### For Motor Vehicle Licences:

84 Uxbridge Road, West Ealing,  
W13 8RB.

### For Driving Licences:

91 Uxbridge Road, Ealing,  
W5 5TJ.  
(Telephone: 567 7755)



**COUNCILLOR CHARLES LATHROPE** has lived in Burnt Oak for 30 years. He is married with three sons, all educated at Goldbeaters and Owens schools, and universities. He works at the Edgware General Hospital as telephone supervisor. He served in the R.A.F. as aircraft fitter from 1941-1946.

On the Barnet London Borough Council, Councillor Lathrope serves on the Development and Estates, Health and Social Services committees.

He is a governor of Orange Hill Senior and Junior High schools, and a manager of Goldbeaters, Barnfield, Woodcroft and Grahame Park junior schools.

Councillor Lathrope is secretary of the Hendon Group Hospitals branch of the National Union of Public Employees, a member of the Borough of Barnet Trades council, Barnet Local Employment Committee, also Family Welfare and Home Safety sub-committees.

He has served on the Youth Employment, Disablement Advisory and Social Security Committees, also Appeals committees. He has been an active member of the trade union movement both nationally and locally for many years.

Councillor Lathrope was elected to the Council in 1971.

He is a member of the Burnt Oak ward Labour party.

# Meet three more elected representatives of the Council



**COUNCILLOR JOHN C. TIPLADY** was born in East Finchley and was educated at Holy Trinity School, Tollington Grammar School for Boys and Clark's College. He has lived in the Borough all his life and works locally as an Executive in the Post Office Corporation.

First elected to the Council in 1970, Councillor Tiplady is one of the three representatives for the Friern Barnet Ward and serves on the Education Committee, Works and General Purposes Sub-Committee (Education), Town Planning and Research Committee and Northern Planning Sub-Committee. He is Vice-Chairman of the Carnivals and Shows Committee and Chairman of the Friern Barnet Summer Show Committee and of the Organising Panel of the Friern Barnet Summer Show. He is also Council Representative on the Northern Area Road Safety Committee and on the Barnet Community Relations Executive Committee.

Councillor Tiplady's interest in education is furthered by his Governorship of the Christ College and Alder Schools, and also of the Haynes, Friern Barnet and Oak Lodge Special Schools. He is also a member of the Managing Body of the Grouped Primary Schools—Coppetts Wood, Hollickwood, Holly Park, Queenswell, Summerside Junior and Summerside Infants.

Both Councillor Tiplady and his wife Margaret have been active workers for many years in the Finchley and Friern Barnet Conservative Association, of which they are both Vice-Chairmen, he being the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Mrs. Tiplady the Chairman of the Divisional Women's Advisory Committee.

Another major interest is in the National Savings Movement, and he is the Post Office Corporation Representative on the London Borough of Barnet National Savings Executive Committee and Investments and Industrial Sub-Committees.



**COUNCILLOR JAMES ALEXANDER** was elected to the Barnet London Borough Council at the last election in May 1971 and has lived in the Golders Green Ward since 1920, apart from War Service in the United Kingdom, Italy, India and Burma.

Since election he has been a member of the Public Works, Town Planning & Research Committees, and also serves on the Western Divisional Planning Sub-Committee. He is also a member of the Libraries and Arts Committee, and the Car Parking Sub-Committee.

Councillor Alexander is a representative manager for the following schools:—

Barnfield J.M.I., Goldbeaters J.M.I., Woodcroft Junior and Woodcroft Infants School, Childs Hill J.M.I., Clitterhouse Junior, Clitterhouse Infants, Wessex Gardens Junior, Wessex Gardens Infants School and Representative Governor for Whitefield School.

An original member of the Brent Bridge Fly-Over Action Committee, he still takes a very keen interest in that organisation.

Amongst his leisure pursuits, Councillor Alexander was past President of the Old Haberdashers' Association and past President of the Old Haberdashers' Rugby Football Club. He is a Technical Sales Executive with one of the larger Carton producing companies in the United Kingdom.

Councillor Alexander visited Templehof in April 1972, when the Council arranged a visit to the "Twin Town" in West Berlin.

# LIST OF ORGANISATIONS IS ON THE INCREASE

A REGISTER is maintained in the Chief Executive and Town Clerk's Department of all known local organisations, to which reference is often made to satisfy the many enquiries received from residents wishing to take part in their own hobby, sport or entertaining.

There are over 700 local organisations in the register, although it is felt that in a London Borough

as large as Barnet there may be many more.

Reply-cards to amend details contained in the register are sent to secretaries of local organisations, and it is requested that Honorary Secretaries of organisations which are not recorded, should inform the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Hendon, NW4 4BG (Ref. Press & Information.)

## General improvement in Whetstone area

A FURTHER PART of the London Borough of Barnet may get a "face-lift" if a recent proposal that an area in Whetstone should be considered as a General Improvement Area, is finally approved.

Announcing this, the London Borough Council is to offer the residents of the area which will be affected—Rasper Road, Sherwood Street, Sherwood Terrace, Green Road, together with certain adjacent properties fronting High Road and Friern Barnet Lane—full participation in the improvement scheme which will not involve demolition but only improvement and rehabilitation of the area.

The Council also propose to take steps to improve their own property adjoining the proposed General Improvement Area and the Capel Close Estate has therefore been included in the suggested scheme of environmental improvements.

Earlier this year, the Council accepted the principle of treating this part of Whetstone as a General Improvement Area and ap-

proved a possible scheme of environmental improvements as a basis "for the fullest consultation and discussion with residents and other interested parties".

A meeting has been arranged for 8 o'clock on Thursday, December 6th at the School Hall, Queenswell Primary School, Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone, at which all those persons with an interest in the area will be able to express their point of view.

In the report submitted to the Council the environmental problems highlighted were a lack of off-street parking facilities and the effect of various industrial concerns in the area.

The main features of the suggested scheme of environmental improvements are:—

(a) A system of one-way traffic flows in Rasper Road, Sherwood Street and Green Road which might provide scope for the provision of parking bays and the planting of trees.

(b) Other uses for certain of the sites at present used for industrial purposes.

(c) The provision of areas for car parking where appropriate and practicable.

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The Civic party meet one of the library assistants Mrs. J. Lloyd (seated). Looking on from left to right are Mrs. J. Hitchon (music librarian), Mrs. R. S. Clothier (senior assistant Town Clerk), the Mayoress, Mrs. E. R. Gibson, Councillor D. E. Dell (chairman of the Libraries and Arts Committee) and The Worshipful the Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet, Councillor Frank Gibson.

The occasion was an "Open Day" at the re-modelled Hendon Library.

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## WHAT'S ON IN THE COUNCIL LIBRARIES

Wednesday, February 6 at East Finchley Library.

**On Foot in Yugoslavia - Norman Booth.**

Chairman: To be announced.

Norman Booth has travelled through most of Eastern Europe on foot, often to remote places seldom visited by the tourist.

**Books to read:**

Cuddon, John A.: Companion Guide to Yugoslavia, 1968. Edwards, Lovett F.: Yugoslavia, 1971. Georges, Pillement: Unknown Yugoslavia, 1969. West, Rebecca: Black Lamb and Grey Falcon: a journey through Yugoslavia, 1942.

Wednesday, February 13 at Burnt Oak Library.

**Japan—Ancient and Modern - Douglas Dickens.**

Chairman: To be announced.

Japan today is an industrial giant. It is still astonishing that it moved from the samurai sword to the forefront of modern technology in a mere 100 years.

**Books to read:**

Buck, Pearl S.: The People of Japan, 1968. Mikes, George: The Land of the Rising Yen: Japan, 1970. Tomlin, Eric W. F.: Japan, 1973. Van Der Post, Laurens: A Portrait of Japan, 1968.

Thursday, February 14 at Hendon Library.

**Gardening—Health from the Soil - W. E. Shewell-Cooper.**

Chairman: Councillor J. S. Alexander.

Dr. Shewell-Cooper will explain how to produce good results in the garden without the use of artificial fertilisers or chemicals.

**Books to read:**

Hills, Lawrence D.: Down to Earth Gardening: Flowers, 1967. Hills, Lawrence D.: Grow Your Own Fruit and Vegetables, 1971. Shewell-Cooper, W. E.: The Complete Vegetable Grower, new ed, 1973. Shewell-Cooper, W. E.: Compost Gardening, 1972.

Wednesday, February 20 at North Finchley Library

**Customs and Costumes of Many Lands - Lailan Young**

Chairman: Councillor J. P. Fitzgibbon, F.R.H.S., F.N.D.S., Dip.Hort. Lailan Young is a fashion writer familiar with the famous Paris couture houses. She has travelled all over the Far East and Turkey, Israel and Mexico.

**Books to read:**

Bradshaw, Angela: World Costumes, 1952. Brasch, Rudolph: How Did it Begin?: customs and superstitions and their romantic origins, 1965. Chaundler, Christine: Everyman's Book of Ancient Customs, 1968. Gilbert, John: National Costumes of the World, 1972.

Thursday, February 21 at Hendon Library.

**The Headless Valley Expedition - Sir Ranulph T. W. Fiennes.**

Chairman: Councillor J. D. Gordon-Lee.

An exciting account of a dangerous journey down some of the roughest and most swiftly flowing rivers in British Columbia.

**Books to read:**

Fiennes, Sir Ranulph: The Headless Valley, 1973.

Wednesday, February 27 at East Finchley Library.

**Down the Blue Nile in Boats - Richard Snailham.**

Chairman: To be announced.

Richard Snailham was a member of the 1968 Great Abbai Expedition which navigated 500 miles of unknown river and penetrated the gorge made by the Blue Nile as it flows out of the highlands of Ethiopia into the plains of the Sudan.

**Books to read:**

Moorhead, Alan: The Blue Nile, rev. ed. 1972. Snailham, Richard: The Blue Nile Revealed: the story of the Great Abbai Expedition, 1968, 1970. Steuben, Kuno: Alone on the Blue Nile, 1973.

Thursday, February 28 at Hendon Library.

**Lapland Journeys - George Spenceley.**

Chairman: Councillor V. S. Hockley, B.Com., C.A., F.A.C.C.A. George Spenceley is a well known explorer, traveller and photographer and has devoted years of study to Lapland and Finland.

**Books to read:**

Brandon-Cox, Hugh: The Trail of the Arctic Nomads, 1969. Crottet, Robert, and Mendez, Enrique: Lapland, 1968. Kallas, Hillar, and others: Finland: an introduction, 2nd ed., 1973. Lister, R. P.: Journey in Lapland: the hard way to Haparanda, 1965.

Wednesday, March 6 at Burnt Oak Library.

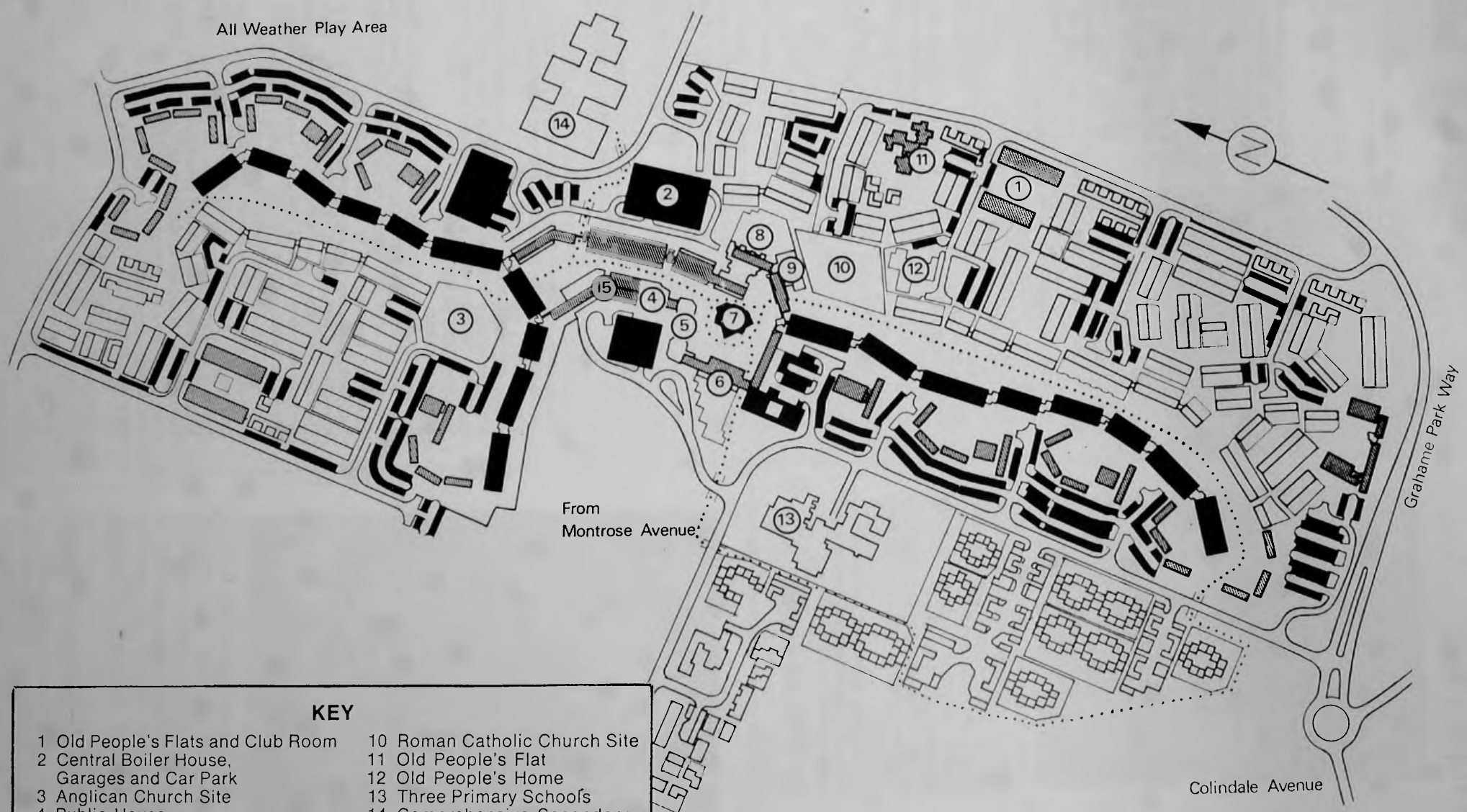
**Through the Rockies to the Grand Canyon - Donald G. Moir.**

Chairman: To be announced.

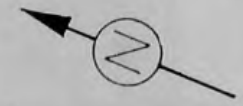
The record of a journey through the spectacular American national parks of Yellowstone and Glacier; the Grand Canyon, Arizona and the Canadian national parks of Yoho and Banff.

**Books to read:**

Carrington, Richard: Great National Parks, 1967. Powell, John Wesley: Down through the Colorado: diary of the first trip through the Grand Canyon, 1869, 1969. Scharff, Robert: Canada's Mountain National Parks, 1966. Sutton, Ann and Myror: Yellowstone: a Century of the Wilderness Idea, 1972.



All Weather Play Area



From Montrose Avenue

Grahame Park Way

Colindale Avenue

**KEY**

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|---|--|
| 1 Old People's Flats and Club Room              | 10 Roman Catholic Church Site                                    |
| 2 Central Boiler House,<br>Garages and Car Park | 11 Old People's Flat   |
| 3 Anglican Church Site                          | 12 Old People's Home   |
| 4 Public House                                  | 13 Three Primary Schools   |
| 5 Branch Library                                | 14 Comprehensive Secondary<br>School and Public<br>Assembly Hall |
| 6 Day Nursery and Garden                        | 15 Information Office and<br>Citizens Advice Bureau              |
| 7 Community Centre                              |  |
| 8 Welfare Centre and Garden                     |  |
| 9 Health Centre                                 |  |

..... Main Pedestrian Route

**WHERE TO FIND WHAT ...**

# AT GRAHAME PARK DEVELOPMENT

## A 'town' begins to take shape

GRAHAME PARK owes its name to the famous pioneer aviator Claude Grahame-White, who in 1910 conceived the idea of using a field at Colindale as a place where he could develop his then greatly-advanced ideas about not only building aeroplanes, but flying them himself.

There are still some residents who vividly recall watching Grahame-White flying his flimsy aircraft, and many forecast his early death as a result. In fact he lived to be nearly 80 and died in the south of France 14 years ago.

However, Grahame-White was not the only adventurous pioneer. In the early 1900s, there were exciting possibilities in aviation and Louis Paulhan, a famous French aviator, won prizes offered by the Daily Mail for a number of flying feats and records using the same Hendon airfield for some of these.

But the most famous French aviator of all was Bleriot and he founded the Bleriot Aviation School at Colindale, where one of his pupils, Pierre Prier, was placed in charge. The proximity of the Hendon Airfield, among other reasons, influenced Frederick Handley Page to move his aircraft manufacturing company from Barking to Cricklewood in 1912 and during the first World War the test flights of the large Handley Page bombers were made from Hendon.

During the inter-war years Hendon became the venue for the annual R.A.F. Flying Display, which attracted more people to Hendon than any other regular event. The airfield played its part during the Second World War and was afterwards used by Transport Command.

Although no longer an operational airfield, part of Hendon Aerodrome houses the Joint Services Trooping Centre, which controls the movements of all service personnel and their families to and from overseas postings.

The associations of the neighbourhood with pioneer flying will not be forgotten, for close to the Grahame Park development is the new R.A.F. Museum, opened by Her Majesty the Queen on November 15, 1972.

The former Hendon Borough Council negotiated for many years for release of land at the Hendon Aerodrome and as early as December 1945, approaches were made to the Air Ministry. Negotiations continued and in February 1964, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government called a conference of representatives of the Air Ministry and local authorities to discuss the possibility of releasing a substantial portion of Hendon Aerodrome for development.

Consultations continued between the former Middlesex County Council, London County Council and Hendon Borough Council in the course of which it was agreed that the land available should be used primarily for housing pur-

poses and also for the provision of schools, school playing fields, shops and public open spaces.

With the re-organisation of Local Government in Greater London in 1965, only two local authorities were concerned—the Greater London Council and the Barnet London Borough Council. They have continued in partnership to plan and design a new environment for 8,500 people at Grahame Park. The land is vested in the London Borough of Barnet which will own and manage the development on it. The G.L.C.'s interest is primarily in local authority housing, while that of

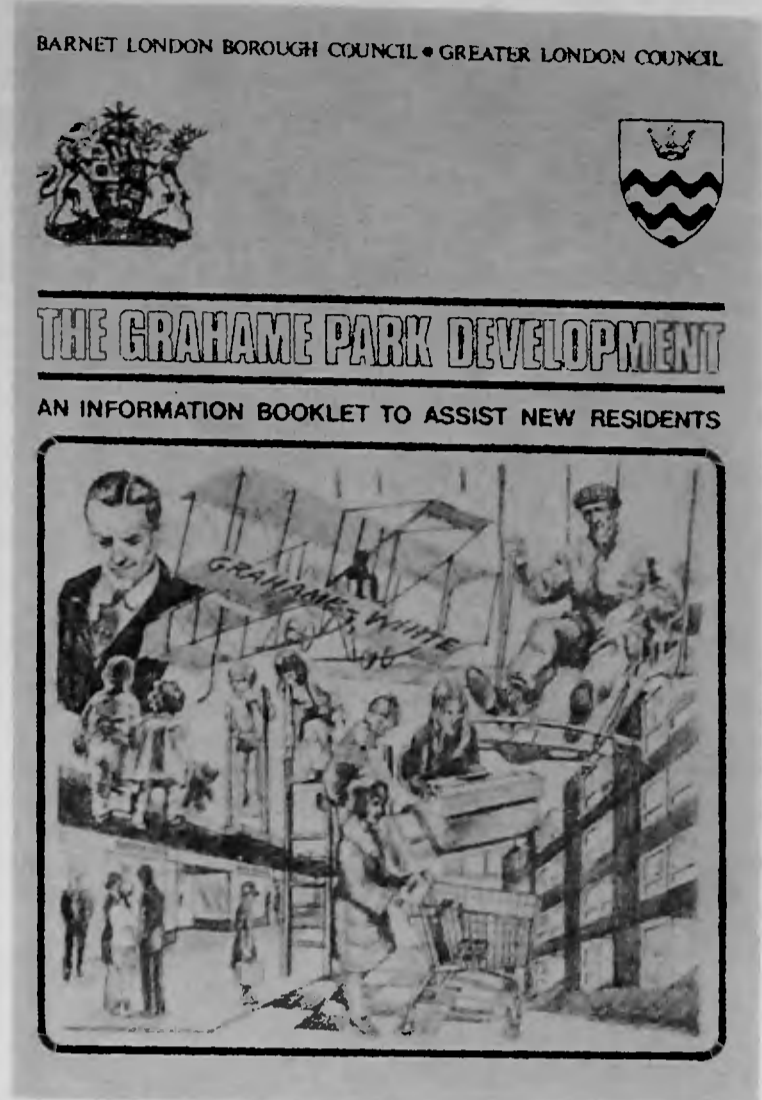


Barnet includes housing, education, public open space, health and social and other services.

Through traffic is routed around the residential part of the development as far as possible and there is a system of pedestrian ways to keep pedestrians and traffic as far as practicable apart.

Particular attention has been given to the location and design of ramps and means of access in the central area to assist disabled people to move about the pedestrian precincts and public buildings with ease.

The railway line along the site's



Reproduction of the front page of a booklet printed recently.

eastern boundary and the M1 urban motorway extension have influenced the proposals in that no dwellings will be built along this part of Grahame Park and the perimeter road, and school playing fields will form a noise-buffer between the railway and people's homes. It follows too, that vehicle access to the east is restricted, consequently the three access points for vehicles are via Bunns Lane in the north, Montrose Avenue to the west and Colindale Avenue to the south.

The central spine of the development comprises local authority flats and maisonettes rising to eight storeys. Spreading out on either side the local authority dwellings is of two or three storeys. A shopping precinct of some 20 shops and a number of public buildings form the centre of the development.

Beyond the dwellings, towards the east, two secondary comprehensive schools are provided and not far from the central area to the west, there are two primary schools and a generous public open space.

Adjoining this area the Ministry of Defence have retained 35 acres of land for housing development and, taking this and all the other proposed development into account, it is expected that a total of 10,000 people will be housed within the new Grahame Park area.

The access roads and the various pedestrian walkways form connecting routes to Colindale and Burnt Oak stations on the London

Transport Northern Line and the British Railways station at Mill Hill. London Transport has now provided a new bus service between Colindale Avenue, the central area of Grahame Park and Montrose Avenue, to connect with existing bus routes. In the first instance the buses will terminate in the central area. Buses in Watford Way will also be accessible via a pedestrian route.

### LOCAL AUTHORITY DWELLINGS

The main feature of the whole development is the provision of local authority dwellings and it has been agreed that the Greater London Council will be nominating tenants for 60% of the dwellings and the Barnet London Borough Council for 40%. There are a number of different styles and types of dwellings, one-room flatlets for single old people, flats for two or three people, both one and two-storey houses and maisonettes for four people, two and three storey houses for five people and three-storey dwellings for families of six. Altogether, there will be 1,809 local authority dwellings and these will house 6,550 people. Some will have their own gardens, some will have a patio, some will be at ground level, whilst others will be in blocks of flats, but none of the blocks will be over eight storeys high.

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# Many facilities are provided at Grahame Park

The categories of the dwellings are:

2-person	172 dwellings
3-person	287 dwellings
4-person	603 dwellings
5-person	375 dwellings
6-person	86 dwellings
Old People's Dwellings—	
1-person	24 dwellings
2-person	262 dwellings
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	1,809 dwellings

Dwellings Housing 6,550 people.

## LOCAL AUTHORITY BUILDINGS AND SERVICES IN THE CENTRAL AREA

Ample services will cater for the needs of Grahame Park residents and in some respects for those living further afield. Some of these are as follows:

### Shopping

In the central area beneath some of the higher flats there is a large retail provision store, 20 shops, an information office to be used subsequently as a Citizens Advice Bureau and a public house. These are within a pedestrian precinct and vehicle access to them with room for loading and unloading is at the rear.

### Library

The Grahame Park Library will be situated near the shops, and is to offer a reference, lending and children's library service. It is one of the 17 libraries in the London Borough of Barnet and the residents of Grahame Park will have access to the resources of the whole system. The nationwide inter-lending service may also be used for obtaining out of print books and specialised material.

As well as the normal provision of books for loan and reference, the services include a special delivery service for housebound readers, art loans—original paintings and reproductions—music, large print books for the partially sighted, play sets and vocal scores.

Anyone who lives, works or studies in the Borough is eligible for membership.

### Health Centre

Here is provided medical service based on a group practice system, with dental and chiropody treatment rooms. In addition, the centre will provide local authority services covering ante natal, child welfare, health education, distribution of welfare foods and facilities for speech therapy and audio therapy.

Accommodation will also be provided for the various disciplines of employment, i.e. health visitors, home nurses, midwives and administrative staff. Rooms are also available for officers of other departments who will be involved in matters of mutual concern in regard to environmental health and social services.

### Day Centre

Close to the Health Centre is the welfare centre providing social and occupational facilities for blind, handicapped and elderly people living in and around the new development. The centre has its own dining facilities, a therapy workshop and gardens specially designed with the needs of the blind and physically handicapped in view. Its kitchens are designed for use to provide facilities for meals for the house-bound or alternatively a daily luncheon club.

### Community and Social Centre

This building is one of the focal points of the central area. It is a medium sized meeting place for the activities of the residents of Grahame Park and for functions and entertainments. It consists of a main hall seating about 150 people, with an adjoining smaller room capable of being divided for smaller gatherings. Refreshment facilities are incorporated.

### Day Nursery

This is designed to provide accommodation for 60 children up to five years of age, divided for ease of supervision into three age groups, babies, tweenies, and toddlers.

All admissions will be in the priority groups as determined by the Council from time to time, but the over-riding principle covering admission to a day nursery is that there should be a health consideration in each case. The nursery has its own play area and direct access from the central area. It will be close to the bus stop and primary schools.

### Car Parking

With the exception of old people's dwellings there has been provided one garage or parking space per residence with an additional one parking space for every 10 dwellings for visitors. Two public car parks in the central area for nearly 200 cars including spaces for disabled persons vehicles, are linked to the shops and public buildings by pedestrian ways and conveniently situated for all the varying activities.

### Old People's Home (Welfare)

Near the central area this building is designed as five wings of bedrooms to house 50 people in need of care and attention. There is a lift to each floor and a sheltered south-facing garden.

### Schools

In the general land use proposals, provision is made for a six-form entry secondary school, and an eight-form entry Roman Catholic secondary school, a two-form entry county primary school and a one-form entry Roman Catholic primary school. The secondary schools will serve to accommodate the children at Grahame Park and a number of children from surrounding areas. The primary schools will for the most part be attended by young children living at Grahame Park itself.

### The County Secondary School

The first stage of this mixed comprehensive school has been built to accommodate 540 pupils and when completed the school will provide for 1,080. The excellent facilities which the school will offer to children of all levels of ability will include a heated, covered swimming pool. The build-



ings also include a 500-seat public assembly hall suitable for many forms of adult entertainment. Immediately adjoining is a separately built Youth Centre which can function as a separate entity or use some of the facilities of the school premises as required. The remainder of the site is laid out as playing fields.

### Roman Catholic Secondary School

It is not expected that this school will be built for several years but the site for both the buildings and some playing fields has been provided. The pupils from the St. James' Roman Catholic School, Burnt Oak, will eventually transfer to the new building, and when complete it will accommodate about 1,400 pupils.

### Primary Schools

The two primary schools are in the south-west of the central area. The first instalment of the county primary school provides accommodation for a mixed junior school of 320 pupils, but until the second stage is completed for a further 240 infant pupils, the building will accommodate both junior and infant pupils. The site of slightly over four acres accommodates both the county primary school and the Roman Catholic mixed junior and infant school (280 places) with certain shared facilities. Children are able to reach the primary schools by means of a system of pedestrian ways with

subways beneath the more important roads.

### Religious Buildings

Two sites near the central area, each of approximately three quarters of an acre, have been provided for religious buildings. Each will accommodate a church, church hall and living accommodation for clergy. The site to the north of the central area is for the use of the Church of England and the one to the south of the central area for the Roman Catholic Church.

### Heating and Hot Water Supply

A great deal of consideration has been given to the method to be used for providing heating and domestic hot water in the local authority dwellings. For approximately 1,170 of these, in or close to the central spine of the develop-

ment, and all the public buildings, central gas-fired boilers provide heat and domestic hot water from a district heating installation. For the remaining local authority dwellings individual gas-fired installations for space heating and domestic hot water are provided.

### Open Space and Children's Playing Facilities

To the west of the central area a 15 acre open space with attractive water features will mature into a notable amenity.

Within the residential areas a number of children's play areas are located. Within the school playing fields an all-weather play area is provided for the joint use of the schools and organised public groups.

### Non-Local Authority Housing Land

Some 25 acres of land to the west of the site have been allocated for non-local authority housing development in which there are to be dwellings for sale and dwellings provided by both Housing Societies and Housing Associations.

### Other Facilities

Other facilities included on the south-eastern fringe of the development and north of the R.A.F. Museum comprise a filling and service station. The estate maintenance depot is also built on this site.

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# At The Burroughs, library interior enjoys a complete transformation

of issuing books, using a 'library pen' linked to the Council's computer, will prove a more efficient and accurate means of recording loans.



## REFERENCE SECTION IS ALSO ENLARGED

The Reference Library has been enlarged and is now on two floors, providing more books on the open shelves and increased accommodation for readers: 76 places compared with the previous total of 35. The microfilm reader is housed in a separate room. Photocopying services are available on application. The Research and Study Library situated on the floor above the main Reference Library contains reference material on sociology, science and technology.

The Music Library which is now situated on the upper floor, has between 16,000 and 17,000 gramophone records openly accessible to borrowers. Music literature, scores, reference books and periodicals are also available.

The Local History Collection is also on the upper floor and contains books, pamphlets, photographs, maps, documents and other items which record the history of the Borough and its residents. All enquiries should be made in the Reference Library.

### LECTURE HALL

The Lecture Hall will provide seating for 150 people and has been designed as a dual purpose room available for the consultation of periodicals when not in use

for meetings or lectures. Facilities for film and slide projection will also be available. An additional small hall has also been provided with accommodation for 50 people. This may be used as an extension to the large hall or separately, for exhibitions and meetings.

Improved lavatory facilities available to the public on the ground floor include a specially designed wheel-chair toilet. A ramp to the front entrance of the library has been provided to enable easier access to the premises for the elderly and infirm.

The staff will be pleased to assist any members of the public who may wish to use the facilities on the upper floors of the library, but are unable to negotiate the stairs.



## ORIGINAL BUILDING OPENED IN 1929

THE ORIGINAL Hendon Library building, designed by T. M. Wilson, was opened in 1929. It was described by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as "a typical example of official architecture in brick with stone dressing, genteelly Neo-Georgian or Neo-Palladian". The building provided approximately 1208 sq. m. (13,000 sq. ft.) of floor area and the main lending library on the ground floor rose to a height of some 21 ft. with a central glass dome approximately 16 ft. in diameter. The total floor area of the remodelled and extended building is 1835.5 sq. m. (19,950 sq. ft.) and this has been achieved by replacing the area previously occupied by the lending library with three floors of new accommodation.



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Additionally, there is a small single storey extension across the full width of the building at the rear of the premises. Externally, the main and side facades of the original building are basically unchanged.

#### Construction

New floors and columns—concrete cast steel stanchions and beams.

New staircases—reinforced concrete cast in situ.

#### External materials

Facing bricks, proflit glazing, aluminium entrance doors—sliding sash windows. New flat roof finished in asphalt with white grit and incorporating acrylic pyramid roof-lights.

## TRADE REFUSE SCHEME

BARNET LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL wishes to remind proprietors of businesses in the Borough of the Trade Refuse Collection Scheme which is operated by the Council. To comply with the Public Health Act, 1936, the Council has fixed the following scale of charges for this service:

- 1. One bin per week Free
- 2. First additional two bins each per week £2.50 per annum  
Each further bin per week £2.00 per annum
- 3. Removal in large containers equalling about 12 bins per week £20 per annum

A trader can make arrangements with the Council for the removal of his trade refuse by

completing a standard form of agreement by arrangement with the Cleansing Superintendent of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department (Tel: 361 0013) who will, if required, send a foreman to call on the applicant to explain the scheme.

When the agreement is signed, an account is rendered by the Director of Financial Services for the service to be provided during the remainder of the financial year.

Traders should not seek to make arrangements for the collection of trade refuse direct with the Council's employees engaged on the domestic refuse collection service.

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## Improvement area

(d) The improvement of the existing Children's play area in Capel Close and its extension to include the site of the Council-owned storage building in Green Road and the disused laundry in Capel Close.

(e) Detailed improvements to the street scene such as unified treatment of front gardens, the renewal of fences, the tidying up of planted areas, the possible removal of overhead wires and the resurfacing of footpaths and roads where appropriate and practicable.

(f) Tree planting on streets and on amenity open spaces where appropriate. An important feature of the scheme is to secure the improvement of houses by the owners with the aid, wherever appropriate, of improvement grants to be paid by the Council under the Housing Act, 1969.

The scheme will not be implemented unless it is shown to have the support of the general body of residents in the area.

# MANOR PARK APPLAUDS A 'FACE-LIFT' SCHEME'

RESIDENTS in the Manor Park Road area of East Finchley, N.2, have welcomed and applauded a revised scheme to give a "face-lift" to their district under a proposed General Improvement Area.

Barnet London Borough Council first met the residents in December of last year and, after full consultation with them, a revised scheme was drawn up.

## Cycling awards presented

THE FOLLOWING five members of the Central Area Junior Accident Prevention Council recently qualified at an examination held at St. Mary's School for the National Cycling Proficiency Instructors and Examiners Certificate: Miss Susan Johnson, Miss Karen Heymerdinger, Christopher Mutlow, Anthony Lai, Barry Page.

The Central Area Junior Accident Prevention Council were also recently awarded the Metropolitan Police Progress Award for the Road Safety Rosebowl Competition.

And at the second meeting held in Bishop Douglass R.C. School on November 15th, 1973, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Council's Housing Committee, Councillor N. E. Hirshfield, J.P., the residents passed this resolution: "That this meeting of residents of Manor Park Road and adjoining roads welcomes the Council's initiative in preparing plans for the general improvement of the area and expresses their complete support for the scheme as shown on the plans exhibited."

The revised scheme includes:—  
(1) The closure of Manor Park Road at its junction with Church Lane, in order to eliminate through traffic which avoids the right turning movement from Church Lane into East End Road by filtering through Manor Park Road, and Sedgemere Avenue, Brackenbury Road or Hamilton Road.  
(2) The conversion of a section of Manor Park Road at its junction with Brackenbury Road into a pedestrian area to provide opportunities for enhancing the street scene by landscaping and tree planting, and the provision of a turning head for the resultant long cul-de-sac of Brackenbury Road, incorporating part of the land men-

tioned under (3) below to be used for garaging.

(3) The use of the site of 69-81 Brackenbury Road for garaging.

(4) The use of the site of 72-76 Manor Park Road for garaging and off-street car parking.

(5) Arrangements for kerb-side parking in Manor Park Road, Sedgemere Avenue, Brackenbury Road and Hamilton Road.

Changes made to the original scheme take account of views expressed by the residents.

These changes are:

(1) The site at 30-40 Hamilton Road, would be redeveloped eventually for residential purposes, and either four three-bedroomed houses or 10 old persons' flats erected on the site.

(2) The rear footpaths shown have been removed following the expression of strong views of the residents. A questionnaire survey confirmed the antipathy to rear footpaths: 52% of the residents were against these footpaths and only 20% in favour.

(3) No trees are to be planted in Sedgemere Avenue since 64% of the residents in that street indicated that they do not wish to have trees planted. However, there will be increased scope in Brackenbury Road for more trees to be planted as 57% of the residents in that street indicated that they want more trees.

(4) The amenity open space to the rear of 121-131 East End Road has been omitted as the residents in Sedgemere Avenue have indicated their disagreement with this proposal. However, part of this site could be used for garages as 60% of the residents in Sedgemere Avenue have indicated that they wish to have garages. A small section of footpath at present in existence to the rear of Sedgemere Avenue could be adjusted to provide adequate pedestrian access to these garages. The uses on the remainder of the site would be left but could be suitably screened.

The total estimated capital cost of the revised scheme is £136,000.



Barnet (Central) Junior Accident Prevention Council member Alison Simmons with the Progress Award presented by Mr. H. J. E. Hunt, Assistant Commissioner (Traffic) at New Scotland Yard last Saturday, September 22. In the background is Mr. A. Dossett, one of the road safety display competition organisers.

## Committees— most now 'open' to Press and Public

BARNET LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL now admits the press and public to most of its Committees—well ahead of new legislation to open them under the Local Government Act, 1972, which becomes operative on April 1st, 1974.

Because of the confidential nature of their business, however, the press and public will be excluded from meetings of the Appeals, Chief Officers Appointments, Establishment and Policy Advisory Committees.

The Committees open to Press and Public are:—

- (a) Allotments,
- (b) Carnival and Shows,
- (c) Development and Estates,
- (d) Education,
- (e) Finance,
- (f) General Purposes,
- (g) Grahame Park,
- (h) Health,
- (i) Housing,
- (j) Libraries and Arts,
- (k) Public Works,
- (l) Social Services,
- (m) Town Planning and Research.

In future, the agenda for meetings of each of these Committees will be divided into two parts, the second part dealing with confidential matters; the first part will be considered in public and the second in private. Copies of the first part will be made available to the press and public upon request.

All meetings are held at the Town Hall, Hendon NW4 4BG and start at 7.00 p.m.

## New Information Office

AN INFORMATION OFFICE is now open at the Grahame Park development NW9, Barnet London Borough Council announces.

The office is situated at The Concourse in the Central area and the telephone number is 205 4141.

A member of the staff of the Press and Information Section of the Chief Executive and Town Clerk's Department will man the office. The normal hours of opening are from: 9.00 a.m. to 1.15

p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. (Friday 5.00 p.m.).

The new office will provide a service to all residents in the area, in connection with the Council and its various departments, as well as a general information service to the public, in addition to the service already provided at the Town Hall, Hendon.

Outside office hours, the Council operates an emergency service, the telephone number for which is 202 8282.