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**Councillor Victor
Lyon, Leader of
Barnet Council**

Welcome to the latest edition of Barnet First, the council's bi-monthly magazine for residents.

In this issue you can read about the first citizenship ceremony to be held by the council, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those people from around the world who have decided to make our borough their home.

As I said at the ceremony, I believe that next to marriage, a change of allegiance is the most important commitment a citizen can make and it is fitting that this should be done on a formal occasion.

We also profile our new Mayor, Cllr Wendy Prentice, who officially began her duties in May. I am sure she will do an excellent job in both representing the borough and raising money for her chosen charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Last month the council launched its new corporate anti-fraud team. Ultimately it is the council taxpayer that bears the cost of fraud and our new-look team will have a much wider remit to tackle this sort of dishonesty.

I look to everyone in the Borough - officers, councillors and citizens - to support this initiative.

Finally, I am delighted that Barnet is taking the lead in tackling the growing household waste mountain by introducing the country's first compulsory recycling scheme. I would like to say a big thank you to all those that are already helping to make this scheme a success and ask that even more people get the recycling habit.

Councillor Victor Lyon
Leader of Barnet Council

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Barnet hosts first citizenship ceremony

Barnet Council has hosted its first citizenship ceremony in the council chamber at Hendon Town Hall.

The new citizens were welcomed to the borough by the Mayor of Barnet Cllr Melvin Cohen, and the Leader of the Council, Cllr Victor Lyon.

During the ceremony the new citizens took an oath of allegiance to the Queen, made a new pledge to uphold British democratic values and received a citizenship certificate.

Those taking part were all residents of the borough and included people originally from India, Kenya, Kosovo, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Africa and Zambia.

Two of the participants told Barnet First they fully supported the idea of marking their new status as UK citizens with a formal ceremony.

Harriet Mankowitz, originally from South Africa, said: "I am quite excited. I think it is a great idea to make an occasion of it – much better than just receiving a letter through the post."

Rosalinda Pintucan, from the Philippines agreed, adding: "It is a very good idea. I was very excited and couldn't sleep last night. I kept dreaming of this occasion." The inaugural ceremony in April was presided over by Superintendent Registrar Janice Thomson and attended by the Queen's representative, Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Barnet, Major Patrick O'Brien.

The ceremonies are part of the Government's citizenship reforms designed to integrate people who adopt the UK as their permanent home. The reforms will encourage new citizens to learn English and gain an understanding of life in the UK.

According to latest Home Office figures as many as 1,600 new UK citizens are expected to participate in citizenship ceremonies each year in Barnet.

Want to know more?

For more information on citizenship ceremonies visit the Home Office's web site www.uknationality.gov.uk



Citizenship ceremony at Hendon Town Hall

New Mayor of Barnet



The new Mayor of Barnet Cllr Wendy Prentice

In May we said goodbye to the former Mayor of Barnet Cllr Melvin Cohen, and hello to the new Mayor, Cllr Wendy Prentice.

Cllr Prentice takes on the position for the year, with her husband, Edward Prentice, as her official Escort.

Cllr John Marshall is Deputy Mayor and Mrs Colinne Martyn the Deputy Mayoress.

The Mayor was elected to the council in 1998. She has served on several committees, and is currently Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She is also a governor at Foulds Primary School.

Cllr Prentice, will be working throughout the year to raise funds for her chosen charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

For more information on the Mayor of Barnet and the Mayor-making ceremony, see the Mayor's website at www.barnet.gov.uk/mayor

Graffiti removal team visit school



Pupils from All Saints' watch as head teacher Sian Davies cleans up graffiti from the school wall

Pupils looked on as one of the council's graffiti removal teams visited a Cricklewood school to clean up walls and surrounding streets blighted by vandals.

Cabinet Member for Environment Cllr Brian Coleman teamed up with the graffiti removal team and local town keeper for the visit to All Saints' C of E primary school in Cricklewood Lane, which was part of a week of environmental activities events organised with the help of staff from the council's Environmental and Neighbourhood service.

The council has introduced three fast-reaction, in-house specialist crews to help rid the borough of graffiti.

The council launched a town keeper service in Cricklewood in December 2002. The borough's town keepers carry out early morning patrols of their patch and can call on the graffiti removal crew at short notice.

News in brief

Community work 'highly commended'

Barnet Council has been 'highly commended' in a prestigious local government award scheme for its work with ethnic minority communities.

The accolade came in the Community Initiative of the Year category in the Local Government Chronicle awards and was recognition for the council's work in helping to establish the first North London Chinese Association.

The Association's centre

provides a number of services to Barnet's large Chinese population including legal advice, a Chinese Saturday school, clubs for the young and elderly and help in reporting racist incidents to the police.

Work to improve the Chinese book and video collection in the borough's libraries and a programme to combat racism during the worldwide SARS outbreak was also praised by the judges.

Football crazy



Pupils from Frith Manor primary school celebrate winning the primary age group in the Barnet Schools Girls' Football Festival.

The event was held at Whitefields Sports College and aims to encourage girls to take up the sport and join a local team.

Other winners this year were

the Compton School in the under-14 competition and Hendon school who secured victory in the under-16 section.

The tournament is organised by Barnet Council's Health and Sports Development Unit in partnership with the national Active Sports initiative.

News in brief

CCTV

catches resident flytipping

A resident caught by the council's CCTV cameras dumping rubbish in North Finchley has been fined by magistrates.

The council's street enforcement service and legal team successfully prosecuted Mrs Rupa Virani of Southover, N12, at Barnet Magistrates' Court for breaching the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Mrs Virani was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay the council's costs of £450.

CCTV operators in the council's high-tech, 24-hour control centre zoomed in on the illegal activities of Rupa Virani as she dumped items of rubbish in Lodge Lane car park in North Finchley in July 2003.

Butchers fined for food safety offences

Two West Hendon brothers have been found guilty of operating an unlicensed butcher's shop and selling unfit chicken following a successful prosecution by Barnet Council's food safety team and legal service.

Owner Abid Ali admitted two offences under food safety regulations and denied one charge under the Food Safety Act. He was found guilty of all charges, fined £900 and ordered to pay £600 costs. Manager Asid Ali, who denied three offences under the Food Safety Act and food safety regulations, was found guilty of all charges, fined £300 and ordered to pay £600 costs.

Pupils walk over 1,000km



Members of the Frith Manor Kidz Conga walk to school

The Deputy Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Wendy Prentice, visited Frith Manor primary school in Woodside Park to congratulate pupils who together have covered over 1,000km walking to school since the autumn.

Members of the Kidz Conga walk almost a kilometre five mornings a week from Sussex Ring to the school in Lullington Garth. The children, and their adult supervisors, have walked a distance equivalent to a journey from the school to Italy - and now have their sights set on covering the distance around the world.

Barnet Council has also set up Kidz Conga walking bus schemes at Christ Church C of E primary school in Byng Road, Barnet and Queenswell infants school in Sweets Way, Whetstone so that children can walk safely to school and develop healthy habits.

Budding Barnet authors right up judges street

Three aspiring writers from Barnet will spend the summer working alongside professional authors and poets after winning a London-wide competition called 'Write up your Street.'

Now in its third year, the competition offers ten places in a young writers' mentoring

programme' as prizes.

The three Barnet winners who's creative writing talent was spotted amongst hundreds of entries were Copthall School pupil Maria Vinogradova (17), Tara Pathirana (17) from St James Catholic School and Gemma Rowland (18) from Totteridge.

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Action plan to help children with special educational needs

Barnet Council has developed an action plan which will drive forward its pledge to provide a first class education for children with special education needs (SEN) following one of the biggest and most successful consultation exercises ever undertaken by the council.

Priorities will include:

- ▶ development of additional provision in mainstream schools for pupils with autism and those with speech, language and communication needs

- ▶ increased support to secondary pupils, on issues relating to behavioural, emotional and social needs
- ▶ development of services to support families of disabled children

The council's draft Special Educational Needs Inclusion strategy, which formed the basis of the consultation, reinforces Barnet's commitment to helping all schools provide inclusive education for children with special educational needs so that as far as

possible they receive the support they need within the borough's mainstream school system.

While the strategy aims to reduce the numbers of children educated in special schools, particularly outside the borough, it recognises that Barnet has excellent special schools of its own and that the council will continue to maintain a range of provision to ensure parents and pupils are provided with a choice. Special schools will be developed as 'centres of excellence' with an increasing focus on supporting inclusion in mainstream schools by offering practical support and training.

There will be further consultation before the SEN action plan is submitted to the council's cabinet for final approval in July.

New crack team launched to fight fraud

Barnet Council has unleashed a new weapon in its fight against fraudsters with the launch of its 'Corporate Anti Fraud Team.'

The new-look team represents a strengthening and expansion of the council's existing anti-fraud measures and will operate with a much wider remit than before, ensuring the borough's zero tolerance approach to fraud within the council and the community it serves is enforced even more effectively.

Designed to deal with fraud in any shape or form, the specialist investigative unit's work will include looking into any financial irregularities within the council, fraudulent applications for grants and funds, contractor fraud and all allegations of housing and council tax benefit fraud.

It is Barnet's council tax payers who ultimately bear the cost of false claims and by using effective prevention and detection measures the team is committed to minimising these instances of fraud in the borough.

Wherever fraud is discovered and investigated the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team will not hesitate to prosecute anyone it suspects of cheating the borough and its residents. It will also take all reasonable steps to recover any funds lost through fraudulent behaviour.

Adopting a pro-active intelligence lead approach, much of the new team's work will centre on training council staff so they are aware of how fraud is carried out and can help prevent it occurring in the first place.



The new corporate anti-fraud team on the look out

To help fight fraud in Barnet you can contact the 'Fraud Hotline' on 020 8359 2007 if you suspect or know of anyone committing fraud against Barnet Council. All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence. Alternatively e-mail caft@barnet.gov.uk or write to CAFT, NLBP, Building 4, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP

Barnet is bloomin' beautiful

Green fingered residents will bring a splash of colour to the borough when they contest the annual Barnet in Bloom competition.

Since it began 14 years ago the number of entries from residents, pubs, town centres, restaurants, places of worship, community centres, schools, businesses and many others has continued to

increase and it is hoped that 2004 will be the most colourful competition yet. As well as being an opportunity to win some great prizes, the contest is a chance to help reinforce Barnet's reputation as one of the brightest and most attractive London boroughs in which to live and work.



One of last year's finalists makes Barnet bloom

Categories up for grabs are:

- ▶ Best Front Garden
- ▶ Best Container Garden
- ▶ Best Balcony Display
- ▶ Best Floral Display
- ▶ The Residential Trophy
- ▶ Best Town Centre
- ▶ Best Bloomin' Pub
- ▶ Best Floral Display and/or Garden outside a Place of Worship
- ▶ Best Educational Garden

Want to know more?

Time is running out to enter this year's Barnet in Bloom competition. Get your entries in by June 18. Call 020 8359 2339 for entry details. For more information on Barnet in Bloom including how to enter call Renae Randle on 020 8359 2339

Barnet honours Normandy Veterans

Residents are being invited to come and pay tribute to Barnet's Normandy veterans who will be parading to mark the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

The spectacular parade will also include military bands, troops, school children, Cadet Forces and a convoy of military vehicles and takes place on Sunday, June 20th

along the High Road in Whetstone.

It will start at 1pm from Buckingham Avenue and finish at St Mary's Church in Athenaeum Road where a service of remembrance and commemoration will take place.

A display of D-day artefacts and exhibits will be staged in Committee Room 1 at Hendon

Town Hall on Wednesday, June 30th (10am – 6pm). There will be an opportunity to meet Normandy veterans and the event will also feature a Holocaust exhibition from Auschwitz and displays from the War Graves Commission, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and Friends of War Memorials.

Protect yourself from fire in the home

Barnet Council and London Fire Brigade are working together to reduce accidental fires and fire related injuries in Barnet.

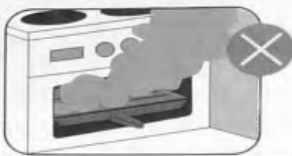
Both organisations have fitted free smoke alarms to thousands of houses in the borough as part of their drive to reduce the number of fires that occur in the home.

Figures show there are over 250 accidental domestic fires in Barnet each year and that half of these are related to cooking.

By cooking safely residents can reduce the risk of fires in the home.

The most important point is to avoid being distracted. Most kitchen fires occur when people leave things unattended.

- ▶ If you're called away from the cooker - by the phone, say, or by someone at the door - take pans off the heat. It's the easiest thing in the world to forget about them.
- ▶ Don't let yourself be distracted while cooking.
- ▶ Don't cook if you're affected by alcohol or prescription drugs.



- ▶ Turn saucepan handles so they don't stick out (and aren't over another ring).
- ▶ Keep the oven door shut.
- ▶ Don't put oven gloves or tea towels down on the cooker after you've used them.
- ▶ Always clean the grill pan after using it.

Deep Frying

The most common type of fire is caused by deep fat frying. 4,000 people are injured in these kinds of fires each year. Think about what you're doing when you're deep-

frying. You're heating several pints of oil to extremely high temperatures. The oil cannot only cause terrible burns, but it can go up in flames. In fact, it's an ideal fuel for a fire, and difficult to put out.

A few tips:

- ▶ Never fill the pan more than one third full.
- ▶ Dry food before putting it in (water can make the oil explode).
- ▶ Test the temperature with a small piece of bread or potato. If it crisps quickly, the oil is hot enough.
- ▶ If the oil starts to smoke don't put the food in. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool.
- ▶ Don't ever leave the pan unattended.
- ▶ If there are flames, never throw water over the pan. It will explode.

Want to know more?

To get advice from the London Fire Brigade on what you can do to minimise the risk of fire in your home or to enquire about having a free smoke alarm fitted you can call 020 7587 2270 for further information.

£10,000 fine for breach of enforcement notice

Barnet Council has won a significant victory that vindicates its tough stance on breaches of planning control.

Mr Amir Goldstein, the owner of 1 Forres Gardens, NW11, pleaded guilty to breaching an enforcement notice on this property at Barnet Magistrates Court and was fined £10,000 plus £1,158.50 costs.

In 2001, Mr Goldstein was

refused planning permission for a side dormer window that had already been constructed at the Golders Green property.

An appeal against a council enforcement notice to demolish the dormer was dismissed by the planning inspector in June 2002, although Mr Goldstein was given until April last year to comply with the notice.

Cabinet Member for Borough

Development and Planning Cllr Kanti Patel said: "This is a large fine, which reflects the seriousness of the case. It demonstrates that the council is likely to be supported by the courts when unauthorised development takes place. The case also sends out a strong message that we can and will prosecute when there is a failure to comply with an enforcement notice."

Festival Hall

exhibition for fostering campaign

Artwork created by children and carers as part of Barnet Council's on-going campaign to recruit more foster parents has been exhibited on London's South Bank.

The display, at campaign sponsor's Pizza Express Festival Hall restaurant, was the culmination of a number of interactive art events organised by the council for the borough's looked after children.

These included a boat trip between Little Venice and Camden Lock in a 'floating classroom.' A professional artist subsequently turned the pictures and designs that the youngsters on board came up with into a mural.

Another highlight saw the creation of a 'Wishing Web.' Each child wrote a 'wish' onto a strip of canvas and these were stitched together to create a colourful cloth landscape of 50 funny and moving messages.

The Festival Hall exhibition has helped the council continue to raise the profile of fostering in Barnet and the artwork featured will now be used in publicity material for the borough's fostering campaign which aims to encourage more local people to help local children.

There is a national shortage of foster parents but since Barnet launched its recruitment campaign in 2002 to tackle the problem locally, enquires from



Some of the artwork designed by Barnet's foster children

potential carers have leapt.

Around 40 new foster families have been found for those Barnet children who need them and further families are currently in the process of being trained to become foster carers.

To mark 'Fostering Fortnight' in May, thank you cards, based on the mural designed by children on last year's boat trip, were sent to all of the borough's new and existing foster carers.

Despite these successes Barnet still needs more foster carers. If you think you can offer a child the love and care they need call the number below for more information.

Want to know more?

Call 0800 389 8740

Consultation on six-term school year

Residents have had their say on proposals to replace Barnet's traditional three-term school year with a new six-term system.

A major consultation exercise was carried out by the Local Education Authority this spring seeking the views of everyone affected by the plans. Questionnaires were sent to parents, teachers, school governors, unions, carers, support staff, businesses and representatives of all the major faiths in the borough.

The proposals follow a report by a national Independent Commission in 2001 which concluded that a six-term year would be a better arrangement than the current system based on religious festivals and agricultural seasons established 125 years ago.

It argues that the advantages of six shorter terms of equal length would include making it easier to plan and assess the school curriculum; reducing sickness absence in the long Autumn term by introducing a two week break in October; and, improving the transition between primary and secondary school.

Barnet Council's Cabinet will consider the responses gathered from the consultation in the summer term before making a final decision. If it is agreed to switch to a six-term year the earliest date changes could be introduced would be 2006/07.

Barnet First

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For general enquiries, or if you know the name of the person or section you want to speak to, call 020 8359 2000.

Visit the council's website at www.barnet.gov.uk for information on all services including contact details and telephone numbers. For more detailed enquiries on council services call into one of our Action Points. The council has four Action Points at: The Town Hall, Hendon, Chipping Barnet Library, Edgware Library and Golders Green Library.

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Residents welcome to major housing conference

Barnet residents are welcome to attend an important housing conference in the borough next month.

Kate Barker, who has recently written a major report for the government on the supply of housing in the UK, will be the keynote speaker at the day-long



event organised by the council's housing service.

The conference will look closely at, and help shape, the council's strategy in key areas – homelessness; affordable housing and shared ownership schemes; the borough's housing regeneration schemes; and the development of Barnet Homes (see story on same page).

Kate Barker will be joined by, among others, Alistair McKintosh, Chief Executive of the Housing Quality Network; Cabinet Member for Housing and Environmental Health Cllr Brian Salinger; Gordon Perry, Chair of the National Federation of Arms Length Management

Organisations; Graeme Moran, Director of Home Ownership Metropolitan Housing Trust; and Brian Reynolds, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Social Affairs at Barnet Council. Local housing associations and other partners will also be attending.

The conference, called 'Housing options – taking advantage of choice', will be held at North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, N11 on July 9, 2004 between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Places at the conference are free for residents.

Those wishing to attend should contact Paul Shipway at Barnet Council on 020 8359 4924 or e-mail paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk

Barnet Homes launches

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Environmental Health Cllr Brian Salinger joined staff for a special day of events in April to celebrate the launch of Barnet Homes.

The organisation has taken over the day-to-day management of Barnet Council's homes and will get initial funding of £19 million from the government to carry out improvements.

Plans include fitting modern kitchens, bathrooms, heating systems and double-glazing. It will also mean better services and a greater say for residents.

The council expects to receive a total of around £88.5 million in government funding between the launch and 2010.

A board of 15 members made up of five residents, five independent experts in different fields and five council nominees will run Barnet Homes.

A recent test of opinion showed the majority of residents were in support of the move to Barnet Homes. Their homes will stay in council ownership and secure tenancies and leases will remain the same.

The major improvements over the coming years from the establishment of Barnet Homes will complement the council's four major housing regeneration



projects for estates at Graham Park in Colindale, West Hendon, Stonegrove/Spur Road in Edgware and Dollis Valley.

Compulsory recycling a success

Barnet Council's radical step of introducing compulsory recycling is already proving a success.

In the first couple of weeks the council received well over 2000 black box requests – proof that residents are willing to work with the council to increase recycling rates.

The innovative scheme is believed to be the first of its kind in the country. Households in four wards - Totteridge, East Barnet, Oakleigh and Brunswick Park - are taking part in the pilot phase, which launched on April 1, 2004.

These wards have been chosen because they currently have the best participation rates in the recycle from home scheme and are expected to take the lead in recycling even more waste.

During the first six-month pilot stage, compulsory recycling will be closely monitored to make any necessary

improvements before the scheme is introduced throughout the borough from October 2004.

The new approach to recycling requires residents to place glass bottles and jars, cans, paper, newspaper, junkmail and magazines in the black box supplied by the council. Residents must not place these materials in their wheeled refuse bin.

Cabinet Member for Environment Cllr Brian Coleman said: "Compulsory recycling is a radical and innovative approach which will help us reach the challenging targets we have been set. We want to create a cleaner greener borough and I am confident that residents will want to do their bit and get the recycling habit. If the scheme is a success it is sure to be copied by others across the country."



Your questions answered

Why is the council introducing compulsory recycling?

It is part of the council's drive to create a cleaner, greener borough. Compulsory recycling will help to increase the amount of household waste recycled and help the council reach its statutory recycling target of 30 per cent by 2006.

How will this be enforced?

Our recycling assistants will visit households who do not regularly recycle in order to further explain the scheme and encourage people to participate. Residents who persistently and deliberately fail to recycle will receive warnings and formal notices. As a last resort the council may prosecute the most persistent offenders.

Is it legal?

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the London Borough of Barnet can legally require residents to use particular containers for different waste materials. In this new scheme, therefore, the Council asks residents to use only the black recycling box for glass, paper and cans. Residents should use their wheeled bin for other general waste.

What if I do not have a black box?

Please contact ECT Recycling on 020 8371 3670 or email barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk to request a black box. Residents can order extra boxes free of charge. You will receive your black box within one week of your request.

Want to know more?

Call 020 8359 7400

e-mail: recycling@barnet.gov.uk



A song and dance from Queenswell junior school at Barnet Schools' Music Festival

Children sing up for Barnet

Around 1,500 children from 50 schools sang their hearts out at the fourth annual Barnet School's Music Festival.

Staged at the Simpson Hall at Hendon's Peel Centre the young singers displayed their musical talents to an audience of parents and invited dignitaries,

including Barnet's Mayor, over four consecutive nights.

Different schools performed on each night of the festival and the theme for this year's extravaganza was 'Celebration.'

Songs included numbers sung in Gujarati and Czech, as well as English, while African drummers

and steel pans added to the cosmopolitan mix on display.

The performances were the culmination of hours of rehearsals, with schools performing their own items as well as singing as a massed choir.

Top performing housing service

Barnet Council's housing service is one of the country's top five performers, according to a nationwide independent report.

The latest survey by the Housing Quality Network shows that Barnet carried out 99 per cent of urgent repairs on time and collected 97.4 per cent of rent. This was coupled with rent arrears of just 2.3 per cent and an average re-let interval of 34 days.

The report examined the recorded performance of local authorities in England, and Barnet was one of only five councils to achieve a top rating against four key indicators.

Out of the two London councils that managed a clean sweep on all four measures, Barnet had the best performance in three out of four categories.

Cabinet Member for Housing

and Environmental Health Cllr Brian Salinger said: "This is great news and recognises the hard work and professionalism of all staff in the housing service, as well as the part played by tenants. Many of the staff have now transferred to Barnet Homes, which has taken over the day-to-day management of 12,000 council homes and will bring with it major improvements for the borough's tenants."

Barnet Homes, an Arms Length Management Organisation, was launched on April 1 and is set to get initial funding of £19 million from the government to create homes that meet modern standards and residents' expectations.

New Borough Commander speaks to Barnet First

Chief Superintendent Mark Ricketts joined Barnet Police as Borough Commander in February 2004 after transferring from Haringey Borough where he was second in command. Here he talks to Barnet First about his role and improving the quality of life for residents.



"My pledge to Barnet residents and visitors is to continue with the successes and initiatives started by my predecessor, Sue Akers", he said.

"I want to get more of the community involved in policing. In my experience, policing is too important to leave just to the police. The extended police family – store detectives, street enforcement officers, door staff at pubs and clubs – many are excellent people and provide valuable support to our role. I would like to extend this to use volunteers to open front offices

at stations. It's an opportunity for people to give something back to the community and feel good about themselves."

On alcohol-free zones he said, "These are just part of managing alcohol-related disorder, to improve the quality of life in Barnet.

"Barnet Council is also getting more power to set licensing hours for pubs and clubs and we will be working closely with them in managing these issues.

"I will be assisting in the enforcement myself if need be! People have the right to go about

the borough and feel safe"

Chief Superintendent Ricketts has particular expertise in crowd control and public order situations so is very mindful of the fact that Barnet officers are sometimes called away to police events elsewhere in London.

"I'd much rather the officers were here in Barnet", he said. "I will be lobbying for more officers for Barnet. This is geographically a large area to police and at the moment we do exceptionally well with the numbers and resources we have."

POOLYMPICS

at Barnet pools this summer!

Volleypool **Pool Racing**
Boat Racing **Water Shootout**
Pool Javelin **Basketpool**
Swim Racing
And more!



Play Poolympics during the summer at Barnet Copthall, Church Farm and Finchley Lido Leisure Centre – and Koolympics at Barnet Burnt Oak, Church Farm, Compton, Hendon and Queen Elizabeth's Leisure Centres!

PLAY-2-WIN!

Visit your local leisure centre this summer and you can win

- 1st a family holiday in Disneyland Resort Paris
- 2nd tickets to Aiton Towers
- 3rd tickets to the London Eye!

Collect a stamp every time you play an activity. Collect 6 stamps during the summer holidays and you can enter a prize draw and win an amazing holiday or day out for you and your family! Ask at reception for more details or visit www.gll.org

Competition terms & conditions: Open to under 16s only at all GLL leisure centres (except London Boroughs of Havering and Tower Hamlets). Other conditions apply. please see www.gll.org for full details.

KOOlympics

Join in the fun during Kool Crew sessions!

Kool Jump **Short Tennis** **Football**
Baseball **Discus** **Basketball**
Volleyball **Kool Run**

There's so much going on THIS SUMMER at leisure centres in Barnet!

Swimming - Why not cool down and have a splash this summer at a pool in Barnet? You and your friends can enjoy fun swim sessions with games, floats and so much more. Have a wicked time this summer at your local pool!

Pools are open 7 days a week at Barnet Copthall, Church Farm and Finchley Lido Leisure Centres. Swim Safety rules apply.



Learn to Swim - Do you want to learn to swim this summer? Or improve your swimming technique? If so then we can help with a Learn to Swim short course at a pool in Barnet.

Our 5 day courses run from Monday to Friday throughout the school holidays at Barnet Copthall, Church Farm and Finchley Lido Leisure Centres

Kool Crew
THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEME

Kool Crew - The ultimate holiday playscheme! Don't stay at home all summer, enjoy a jam packed day of fun and games including indoor and outdoor sports activities, competitions, games, arts and crafts, face painting and more! Your chance to take part in Koolympics.

Kool Crew runs Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm. A holding period is available from 8.00-9.00am and 5.00-6.00pm daily. For 5 to 14 year olds only (varies by centre).



Junior Fitness
for 12 to 15 year olds

Junior Fitness
Come along to a Junior Fitness session and help increase your fitness and physical development. Gain confidence and make new friends during these supervised sessions.

Junior Fitness sessions are available throughout the week at Barnet Burnt Oak and Barnet Copthall Leisure Centres. Please note that a free complementary induction is required. For 12 to 15 year olds.

GLL Football Academy - Improve your football skills this summer! At GLL Football Academy boys and girls can work on dribbling, passing, control and shooting.

We offer courses and drop-in sessions throughout the summer holidays at Barnet Burnt Oak, Barnet Copthall, Compton, Hendon and Queen Elizabeth's Leisure Centres. For age 5 to 14 year olds only (varies by centre).

GLL FOOTBALL ACADEMY



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Birthday Parties -

Is it your birthday soon? Then why not have the best party ever at a leisure centre in Barnet.

Choose from activity parties, swimming parties, football parties and much more.

Birthday parties are available at all leisure centres in Barnet. For under 16s

Sports Activities - Tennis, badminton, trampolining, climbing, karate, gymnastics, basketball... it's all happening at your local leisure centre this summer. Contact your local leisure centre (see the bottom of this page) for full details.

For more information please contact your local leisure centre or visit www.gll.org

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is for any inconvenience the redevelopment may cause. Please note that not all activities run at all centres. Please call to check availability, times and prices.

what's on

Planning a local event? Want free publicity? Barnet first can help you.

Send us details and we'll publicise it on this page (space permitting) and we'll also put it on Barnet's website (www.barnet.gov.uk).

So if you are holding an event at your local pub, youth club, sports centre or wherever send details (including a contact number) to

Susan Segar, Barnet First Magazine, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG, fax: 020 8359 2677 or email: susan.segar@barnet.gov.uk

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16-20 June.

Mill Hill Midsummer Jazz with a programme for traditional jazz aficionados or first-timers.

Campbell Burnap is welcomed back with familiar faces from UK's most established jazz musicians. Mill Hill debut of Gwyneth Herbert who's just signed a major record deal with Universal accompanied by Will Rutter and their band. Gwyn and Will's debut album 'First Songs' features Gwyn duetting with Jamie Callum. The Hertswing Big Band with 'The Best of the Big Band Era' marking the centenary of the birth of Glenn Miller and Count Basie. As well as the ticketed events, there are free events in the park and in pubs. 20 June, 12.30pm, Southland Jazz Band in the Rising Sun Pub, Marsh Lane for traditional jazz and from 6pm The Adam and Eve Garden Party, The Ridgeway, 8-piece band Organzola fronted by Amber Wilson with acid jazz, retro, jazz-funk call it what you will. For more information phone 020 8958 4834 or 020 8346 5120. Programme of events/booking information see website: www.millhillmusicfest.co.uk



Gwyn and Will

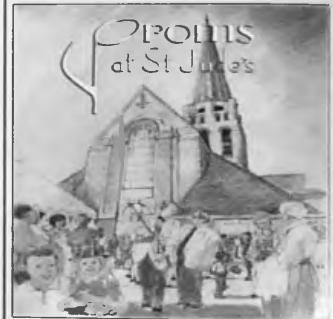


13 June-19 September. 'Puppets and Punch and Judy'. Exhibition featuring puppets from around the world with examples from the simplest glove puppets to sophisticated stage marionettes. Puppets are known from the earliest civilizations and play an important role in many cultures. There are puppets and other toys for younger children to play with and activities for older children too.

The origins of Punch and Judy are uncertain but Punch probably emerged from the Italian Harlequinade. Punch and Judy shows were very popular in this country by the 18th century. From late Victorian times onwards the shows were particularly associated with the seaside. The Museum hopes to present Punch and Judy shows in the garden (weather permitting) during the school holidays. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon NW4. Open Mon-Thurs 10am-1pm and 2-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm and 2-5.30pm; Sun 2-5.30pm. Admission free. Phone 020 8203 0130.

12-20 June. 12th Year of Proms at St Jude's. Central Square, NW11.

A wonderful range of music. In aid of Toynbee Hall and the North London Hospice. Performers include world renowned artists, such as the Endellion String Quartet, Peter Donohoe (piano) and Dame Gillian Weir (organ). Other concerts include Robert Max' The Barbican Piano Trio, with James Boyd (viola) and Mary Scully (double bass); Alessio Bax (winner of the 2000 Leeds International Piano Competition) playing Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No.2 in the Gala Opening Night Concert with the Southbank Sinfonia conducted by Simon Over. On the traditional Last Night Alon Goldstein, the award winning international pianist, playing Grieg's Piano Concerto with Finchley Chamber Orchestra, conducted by David Lardi, in a programme also featuring Melanie Marshall (mezzo soprano). An evening of jazz with Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band, with guest stars Stacey Kent and Jim Tomlinson; and the world famous London Community Gospel Choir. Free Lunchtime Concerts feature young talented musicians at the beginning of their careers. Lunchtime snacks are sold in the church and evening refreshments in the marquee. For more information on how to become a friend or sponsor and/or to receive a Proms leaflet phone 020 8455 8687. Box office: 020 8933 5365, website: www.stjudes.org.uk



19 June, 8pm, Sujata Bannerjee in an evening of Kathak Dance
'Chanda Tarang' (Waves of Rhythm)
4 July, 6pm, Organ Recital with Katarina Chrobokova, the award-winning Czech organist (organist in residence in July); **17 July, 8pm, Starmakers** in an end of term musical with routines from Hard Shoes Tap, Events £5 (£4 in advance). All Saints' Arts Centre, Oakleigh Road North,

Whetstone, N20. For more details of these and the many weekly events phone 020 8445 8388.

20 June, 3.30pm. Phoenix Concert Band, forty-strong, performing songs from shows through to arrangements of classical music, £5. Also 4 July, 'Just the Job Jazz', 3.30pm, £5; 11 July, 'Pride and Prejudice' (Illyria), 4pm, £7.50/£5.50 conc.; 18 July 'Troia Nova' Greek, Turkish and Jewish music, 3.30pm, £5; 25 July 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' (Theatre Set-up), 4pm, £7.50/£5.50 conc. The Bothy, Avenue House Grounds, East End Road, Finchley, N3. Box office 020 8455 4640.

21 June, 10.30-11am, Rhyme Time for under 3s. Join special puppets Molly and Pip for a fun session of songs and rhymes with actions. Starbucks in Sainsbury's, West Hendon; 22 June & 20 July, 2-2.30pm, Action rhymes and songs for the under 2s, Childs Hill Library, 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2. Free. For more details phone 020 8359 7771 or email: sarah.ginn@barnet.gov.uk

24 June, 8pm. The Finchley Society AGM followed by 'Wonderful Whetstone' talk by John Heathfield. Drawing Room, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Non-society members are welcome, free entry.

26 & 27 June, noon-6pm. East Finchley Community Festival. Saturday Parade workshop mainly at The Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, N2 9BA. Parade leaving there on Sunday at 11am. Sunday (main day) live music and stalls, food stalls, beer and tea tents. Cherry Tree Wood, N2. Free entry.

Until 30 June, special exhibition for 40th Anniversary of the Red Arrows. 26-30 July, 11am-1pm & 2-4pm, 'Handling Collection', dress like an RAF flying ace. Children can see how they would look if they were in the RAF. Pose for a polaroid for only £1. Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, London NW9 5LL. Phone 020 8358 4849. Website www.rafmuseum.org Free admission and parking. Please confirm dates and times with the Museum prior to events.

26 June, 7.45pm. Finchley Choral Society Concert. 'Music for Organ'. Programme: Parry, I was Glad; Kodaly, Pange Lingua; Faure, Messe Basse; Dupre, Quatre Motets Op.9; Parry, Blest Pair of Sirens. Richard

Harvey (organist) and George Vass conductor. St. John's Church, Friern Barnet, N11. Tickets £10, £8 conc. Box office: 020 8445 9666.

27 June, 2.45pm. Annual Multi-denominational Service of Remembrance starting with the procession of Salvation Army band. Service starts 3pm, lasts about an hour. All welcome. Prayers by Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist ministers and hymns accompanied by the band. No reserved seats. Free service, charitable collection afterwards. Tea room on site. Time before the service to enjoy the wonderful gardens, or to sit in peace and quiet in the Chapel of Memory. Golders Green Crematorium, 62 Hoop Lane, NW11.

1-4 July, East Barnet Community Festival. Fun Fair, Big Top music tent, youth theatre groups (Friday evening), pop, rock and folk music throughout Saturday and Sunday, many community and crafts stalls, a special food fair, arts and dance workshops include samba and Chinese ribbon dancing, play tent, line dances and others for everyone to join in, sport includes football competitions and basketball coaching. It is hoped to have the amazing Colourscape (a labyrinth of radiant colour and light). Oak Hill Park. For more information phone 07071 781745 or website www.eastbarnetfestival.org.uk

2 & 3 July, 7-10 July. Hampstead Garden Suburb Theatre presents 'The Lady's Not For Burning' by Christopher Fry. Littlewood Open Air Theatre, off Addison Way, NW11. 7.30pm plus matinees Sats. 3rd & 10th, 3pm. Tickets (no advance booking) £7 adults, £5.50 children/conc.

3 July, 12.30-4.30pm. Summer Fete themed 'Tropical Paradise'. Bouncy castle, facepainting, nailart, tombola, bricabrac, strawberry teas, international food, and a lot more. Colindale School, Poolsford Road NW9. Raising money for the school.

4-10 July. Incognito Theatre presents 'Outside Edge'. Richard Harris' hilarious cricket comedy. Directed by Andy Mills. Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road, Friern Barnet, N11. For details contact box office on 020 8361 8310

9-11 July. Grahame Park Festival, The Concourse. On 10 July (noon-5pm), music stage with local bands, African/Asian drumming and dancing, Irish dancing and youth

cabaret. Information on regeneration of Grahame Park and health and employment plus charity stalls, small fun fair, food, football competition. 11 July: youth disco and country and western dance and BBQ. For more information phone 020 8200 3014 or see website www.gponestopshop.org.uk

10 July, 7.45pm. Finchley Chamber Choir and Finchley Chamber Orchestra Concert 'Praise and Celebration'. Byrd, Laudibus in Sanctis; JS Bach, Lobet den Herrn; Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 2, Hymn of Praise. Conductor David Lardi. Trinity Church, Nether Street, Finchley, N12. Adults £10/conc. £7.

14 July. Open Day at The Fertile Oasis. Barnet Market Garden Project. Visitors can tour the growing site with some of the project workers as guides, work continuing as usual. Visitors can buy vegetable boxes and pot grown herbs. The Project encourages community participation and welcomes visits Mondays to Fridays between 8.30am-4pm (please phone beforehand). Based at Fieldways Resource Centre, Dollis Valley Way (off Mays Lane), Barnet, EN5 2UL. For further details or to visit contact Eric on 07919837113 or email: eric.hess@tiscali.co.uk

14-18 July. Finchley Carnival in Victoria Park. Fun fair, many arena events, including Solent Eagles Motorcycle Display Team, charity and craft stalls, dog show. Friday, 2.30-5pm, hospitality afternoon for senior citizens and disabled people; Saturday, Carnival Procession starts 1.30pm Avenue House, East End Road; Sunday from 2pm, family day with farm animals, baby show. For more information phone 020 8349 9691.

Until 11 July, 'Outdoor Habitats', artists work with ideas of 'living outside'; Until 29 August, 'Purl', three British and three American contemporary visual artists inspired by MoDA's archives bringing fresh meaning to embroidery, weaving, decorative painting, printed fabrics and beaded surfaces and with digital technology; 3rd & 17 July, 2 day 'Purl' workshop for adults, tickets £40/£32 conc. payable in advance; 28-30 July & 4-6 August, 6-day 'Endless Pattern' courses for ages 8-13 experimenting with print techniques, collage, stencils and unconventional painting and drawing. Payable in advance £15 per day/£75 for course.

Until 29 August, 'My Life - Our Heritage'. Community Focus, an integrated and accessible arts centre in the borough, has established heritage trails and using their own words and photographs this exhibition by photographers with disability expresses the experience of some of the people who took part in those trails. Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture (MoDA), Middlesex University, Cat Hill, Barnet EN4 8HT. Open Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm. Tel. 020 8411 5244. Free entrance.

25 July, 2.30pm. RSPB Birdwalk from Totteridge Church, Totteridge Lane, N20. Find out what birds are in your area and pick up identification tips. Beginners and accompanied children welcome. For more details phone 020 8958 1193.

Croquet, Bush Hill Park, Enfield (entrance Cecil Avenue, off Southbury Road). Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2.30pm. Beginners welcome. Coaching given. Phone 020 8886 6643.

Flower Arranging Demonstrations. Watch the experts and listen to their tales. £3 entrance. Designs are raffled. 2nd Tuesday, 8-10pm, each month (excl. August). Harwood Hall, Union Church, The Broadway, Mill Hill. Phone 020 8203 1626

Finchley Bowling Club is offering free instruction this summer for beginners on its green at 6 Etchingham Park Road off Ballards Lane. Equipment is provided. Sessions 10am-2pm Wednesdays and other times by appointment. To book phone 020 8449 4506 or 020 8445 7412.

Mill Hill Bowls Club invites new players experienced or not from ages 17-70. Season ends September. Mill Hill Park, Daws Lane, NW7 2BD. Phone Reg Samuels on 020 8958 4194 or email rosakitchen@hotmail.com

Hatha Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30pm. All abilities welcome. Preparation and limbering, posture and breathing exercises incorporated with relaxation, concentration and meditation techniques. £7 per drop in session; £35 (7 sessions) block booking. Hendon, NW4. For more details phone 07855 350684 or email miriam@wynyatt.fsnet.co.uk

Cash boost for planning service

Barnet Council's planning service has been rewarded with a £736,000 cash injection following a substantial improvement in performance.

The Government announced the extra money in the Planning Delivery Grant for 2004/05. The grant allocation recognises in particular improvements to the speed and quality of Barnet's planning control service, as well as progress on the Unitary Development Plan and the delivery of new homes in the borough.

Barnet Council is one of only 24 local authorities in the country to receive over £700,000 from the PDG. Unlike many of these

authorities, however, Barnet does not benefit from special designation such as Enterprise Area status and has to earn every penny of the grant.

The payment caps a successful two years for the council's planning team. In August 2003, the Government praised the authority's progress towards achieving national planning targets after several months of monitoring. A further monitoring report has described Barnet's improvements in key planning performance areas as 'impressive'.

The cash boost from the PDG will now be used to sustain and enhance the levels of service to planning customers.

New children's fund

Children between the ages of five and 13 will benefit from a range of services specifically designed to meet their needs following the launch of Barnet Children's Fund.

The Fund is part of a national initiative whose primary aim is to identify problems early and ensure that the appropriate support is available to those children and families who most need it.

Barnet Children's Fund has commissioned a wide range of preventative services, including supplementary education classes, a Children's Rights Service and parenting and crime prevention programmes.

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