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TOP OF THE POPS



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CELEBRATES



The amazing Pan African Dance Ensemble Adzido leap into action as one of the exciting opening acts.

New generation superstars joined community groups, families and young children to launch Barnet Council's first month long Arts Festival.

By mid-afternoon on Sunday 1 June the Clitterhouse Playing Fields in Cricklewood were thronging with crowds which swelled to over 4000 during an action-packed day of live music, schools performances, youth and community groups, side shows and a Festival procession.

By 6pm the Claremont Festival, chosen to launch the Barnet Festival Month with its 250 individual events for the whole family, was alive to the music of chart topping bands and soloists who wowed the by now near capacity crowd.

Top liners including Ultimate Kaos, Shola Ama - recently on Top of the Pops - Protege, Public Demand, Glamour Kid and Nerious Joseph had the family crowd roaring for more.

It was a spectacular day for the whole family, attracting visitors from throughout the borough, to a craft fair, displays by local people and an arts tent where young people took part in creative workshops, drama, games and storytelling.

The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Agnes Slocombe, led the Carnival Procession which had the theme of All the Colours of the Rainbow to mark the European Year against Racism.

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The ultra cool Public Demand get the crowd to its feet in the evening at Claremont.



Dragon? What Dragon? Carnival children pose with their new giant best friend.



Chart-topping Shola Ama woos the crowds

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PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

A survey by the council's Trading Standards Officers has shown that older residents in the borough may not be aware of the advice and help they can get in consumer protection.

The survey showed that of all telephone and personal visits to Trading Standards over a four week period, only three per cent were aged over 65.

To find out the types of problems faced by older residents in Barnet, discussion groups were set up around the borough at council day centres, church groups and friendship clubs.

These groups revealed recent problems they had experienced including telephone and doorstep selling, mail order and double glazing sales, with a large number of residents concerned about the pressure put on them to buy goods.

"This survey has helped us focus on the need to promote the professional advice offered by Trading Standards.

"If any older resident has a query or complaint then I urge them to talk to officers to give them peace of mind," said Councillor Jack Cohen, Chair of Development and Protection.

"Over the next few months we will be concentrating on

HELP IS AT HAND

helping residents, highlighting the areas of work Trading Standards undertake and the powers they have to investigate any illegal trading activity," he added.

The council's Trading Standards Officers can be reached by calling 0181-359 2000.

National bike week

The council encouraged residents to pedal up and get on their bikes to join in National Bike Week last month.

Road safety officers visited schools throughout the week giving advice on cycling and safety checking both pupils and staff bikes.

The council also used the week to promote Local Agenda 21 which is a partnership between the council, local residents and businesses and aims to come up with initiatives to improve the local environment.

By encouraging residents to use their bikes, Barnet is meeting another part of its commitment to the aims of Agenda 21.

The council has approved a plan which, with the backing of local residents, will allow cyclists to use routes through four of the borough's parks.

Oak Hill, King George V, Clitterhouse and Copthall parks will have selected paths marked out linking highway cycle lanes with schools as part of the Safe Routes to School project.

Pupils at East Barnet, Ravenscroft and Compton secondary schools will be the first to benefit under the project which will connect them with nearby sections of the London Cycle Network using local parks.

The paths will be clearly marked to ensure walkers and cyclists can share them in safety and comfort.

Barnet is already committed to providing over 30 miles of bike lanes across the borough.

The scheme is part of a

PARKS IN SAFER CYCLING DRIVE

London-wide programme to create a 1250 mile cycle network by 2005.

Cyclists are guided away from busy main roads and into quieter side streets - and now parks.

The park routes will bring an added bonus for all those enticed out of cars and on to bikes by not only avoiding traffic but also offering shorter routes to destinations across the borough which cars cannot use.

"We will ensure other residents using our parks will not be disturbed by any cyclist tempted to misuse the new routes," said Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee.

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

Now detailed plans will be prepared taking into account residents' views and these will be put on display in special exhibitions in local libraries.

Pavilion to rise from ashes

New and improved sports facilities will soon be available again at Basing Hill Park following the council's decision to rebuild the pavilion after the 1996 fire.

Arson and vandalism reduced the building to a shell in February last year causing inconvenience and disruption to local sports clubs.

The council will restore the pavilion to its former glory and at the same time provide added facilities.

The new building will include a secure changing room and toilets making it a safe and attractive addition to the park's amenities.

The pavilion will be used by sports clubs and schools as well as summer play schemes for youngsters.

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Barnet Council Leader, Councillor Alan Williams, Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Agnes Slocombe, Brent Cross Shopping Centre Director, John Bremner and Minister of State for Employment and Equal Opportunities, Andrew Smith MP at the opening of the Shopmobility service.

SHOPPING SUCCESS

The council has launched the first stage of its shopmobility scheme which gives people with disabilities greater access to their local shopping centres.

Under the scheme, first announced at Barnet 2000 last year, the biggest consultation event in the history of the borough, residents with disabili-

ties are provided with motorised wheelchairs and scooters completely free of charge.

The scheme, which sets new high standards in meeting the needs of shoppers with disabilities, was launched at Brent Cross shopping centre last month as the first stage of an ongoing programme.

LINKING OUR FAMILIES

Family Link in Barnet gives parents with children with disabilities a break for a few hours a week or for a weekend once or twice a month or occasionally longer. By spending time with another family the children, who are aged 0-19, benefit from a change in their environment which builds their confidence and gives them a chance to meet new people.

Family Link needs people or families who feel they can look after a child, take them on trips out to the park, leisure centre or zoo or just shopping and visiting friends or relatives.

Some of the children have special medical needs or have a physical disability which makes getting around difficult. Many of the children have a learning disability.

If you think you could look after a child then Family Link would like to hear from you. They need carers who represent the different community groups in Barnet and who can offer one or more of the following:-

- ♥ Have British Sign Language skills
- ♥ Have accessible accommodation and who can look after a physically disabled child
- ♥ Feel confident about dealing with special medical needs
- ♥ Could care for autistic lively youngsters who enjoy physical activities such as swimming

♥ Can include teenagers in their activities

Residents will be able to offer friendship and support to a child and their family. Family Link arrange training and pay an allowance.

Our picture shows Rachel (age six), with Gillian and Nigel Ward and their daughter Rachel (age 11). Rachel, who has cerebral palsy, visits the Wards for one weekend a month. Rachel loves the visits and the Wards are like an aunt and uncle to her. Rachel spends her weekends playing with their daughter Rachel and her sister Helen and joining in with all the family outings. Family Link gives her the opportunity to



make new friends and have new experiences and gives her family the support and break they need.

If you think you feel you can help please contact Laura, Bridget or Linda at the Family Link team on 0181-359 4227 or 4295.

Finchley Lido
Great North Leisure Park
Finchley N12 OAE
0181 343 9830

Holiday Fun

Barnet Copthall Pools
Great North Way
Hendon NW4 1PS
0181 457 9900

TeamBarnet Leisure offer a wide range of sports for children and adults this summer.

Are you over 18? It's never too late to learn, so why not try out a new sport this summer. Play golf at Tudor Golf

Course in New Barnet. New courses start 7 July and 6 August. Pick up a tennis racket at Mill Hill Park NW7 or Hendon Park NW4. New courses start 21 July and 13 Sept

Ring Sports Development for details
0181 457 9909



Four great weeks of Holiday fun and games, Mini Choice for 4-5 year olds, Minor Choice for 6-7 year olds and Super Choice for 8-14 year olds. There is also the 9 O'Clock club for early birds.

Activities include cricket, quadbiking, bungee running, football, short tennis, funswims, day trips and much more.

Contact Sports Development for details
0181 457 9909



Can your child swim? Why not enrol them on a summer crash course. Each course lasts a week and courses start on July 28 with the final course starting on 18 August

Tadpoles and Ducklings for the 3 to 5 year olds, Learn to Swim for 5, and over, diving and synchro for over 7 year olds. Adults can also enrol on Beginners, Improvers or Advanced crash courses. For details

contact Swimming Development on 0181 457 9902



A wide range of adults' classes at both centres continue throughout the summer on a sessional basis, including Aerobics, Keep-fit, Men's circuit, Personal Training, Legs, Bums and Tums, Ante/Post Natal, Box-a-Cise, Walk Reebok, New Body, Step, Yoga, 50+, Gym and Women Only sessions. All classes are payable on a sessional basis, and a free swim is included subject to pool availability.

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LEISURE MANAGEMENT



GOING 'DUTCH' ON OUR ENVIRONMENT

Young people from Rotterdam with an interest in protecting their own local environment were asked where they would like to go to exchange ideas with other schoolchildren.

They chose the UK - and All Saints School in Cricklewood.

Children from the Globe Roman Catholic School in Rotterdam had already shown their determination to safeguard their own local environment by leading the way in the City's drive to encourage the whole community to 'think globally and act locally'.

Their reward after taking part in events like cleaning

and protecting their school, litter picks and helping residents protect the 'green environment' around their school, was to be nominated to visit the UK along with teachers and councillors.

Dutch speaking Councillor Rudi Vis, MP, was asked by the Rotterdam school to welcome the young visitors to the UK and explain how the young people of Barnet are playing such a vital role in protecting the local environment today for all our tomorrows.

Our picture shows Councillor Vis MP with some of the Dutch youngsters tending plants outside All Saints School.

BOOKS ON WHEELS

Barnet's highly successful Mobile Library Service is expanding to meet increasing demand from those who find it difficult to get to their local libraries.

A new service covering the Mill Hill East area started last month with a weekly visit at Mill Hill East tube station every Thursday from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

Residents in sheltered accommodation, and their neighbours, will get visits from the library at Kingsley Court, Edgware (Tuesdays 11-11.30am) and at Homefield Gardens, N2, (Thursdays noon-12.30pm).

Children with special needs and their carers at the Fairway Children and Family Centre also get a new service as will older residents at Abbeyfield

Mobile Library meets local need

sheltered accommodation in Erskine Hill.

The Mobile library provides a lifeline for many in the community who would otherwise not get the full benefit from the wide range of services available to the majority across the borough.

"We are monitoring closely how our services are used and will respond quickly if any group in the community finds difficulty in reaping the benefits on offer.

"Barnet leads the way in London with its 17 libraries lending more books than any other local authority and the mobile library - meeting demand at the point of need - takes the world of books and learning to the four corners of the borough," said Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee.

Times of services in some areas will change to make possible the increased visits.

Curry chef of the year

Your council is calling on its thriving local Asian catering trade to support its first-ever Curry Chef of the Year competition for borough-based restaurants and takeaways.

The council will invite local chefs to come up with the best curry in the borough. A

panel of judges will taste test all entrants with a 'cook off' choosing the final entrant in the national competition, being held in Tower Hamlets in October.

Entrants will not only have to come up with the best curry in town they must also

demonstrate a knowledge of hygiene and food safety.

The competition, taking place throughout the summer, will be organised by Barnet Council's Environmental Health Section with sponsorship from local businesses.

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SHOPPING CENTRE

£200,000 boost for local groups

Local community groups have been given a cash boost of nearly £200,000 by the council's Grants Committee. The council has supported local organisations to the tune of over £1.5m already this year and this next round of funding will help diverse groups such as Barnet Refugee Consortium, Homeless Action in Barnet, Age Concern, Barnet Housing Aid Centre and the Watling Community Association.

The council is supporting a two-year development programme for Age Concern groups in Barnet, with grants of £28,750, which will help them provide day care and neighbourhood services to older people throughout the borough.

Barnet Housing Aid Centre will also receive a further £57,000. This money will support their work, which is in line with the council's homelessness prevention and anti-poverty strategy and Corporate Plan, in helping residents in need of advice on housing need.

A total of £67,000 will support ten organisations providing care services to Barnet residents with HIV / AIDS.

These include Barnet Housing Aid Centre, Terrence Higgins Trust, London Light-house and Positively Women.

The Barnet Refugee Consortium will receive £13,000 to assist the development of new

Grant aid this year

tops £1.7m

and emerging community groups supporting asylum seekers and refugees in the borough.

The Watling Community Association will receive a £1,000 grant boost to provide vital transport for their popular lunch club.

Over 600 residents use the Association which provides a range of social and recreational facilities for all ages living around the Watling Estate in Burnt Oak. This cash backs up the £2,000 already granted in March this year towards running the lunch club itself.



FREE SCHOOL MILK BACK IN BARNET

The council has brought back free school milk for toddlers throughout the borough for the first time since it began being cut nationally 26 years ago.

The council, which has been running an ambitious programme of opening up new nurseries and supporting pre-school groups across the

borough, has won European Union funding support for the scheme.

The EU is supporting the costs for up to four year olds and the council is funding the additional milk for four to five year olds.

Under the scheme, nearly 5,500 three, four and five year olds throughout the

borough are entitled to one-third of a pint of milk every day they are at school.

Total costs of the scheme are expected to be about £180,000 a year.

Our picture shows children at Childs Hill school on the day Barnet brought back free school milk for toddlers.

FINDING A HOME

Free help and advice

Making the decision to leave the independence of your own home and move into residential or nursing care is hard enough - the thought of coping with such a major life change is daunting. Once the decision is made, however, an even harder hurdle is ahead: choosing the right establishment. For elderly people and their families the choice at such a difficult and vulnerable time can be overwhelming.

Joy Bavins and Mandy Joyce, both of whom have worked extensively with elderly people, recognized the problem and set up *Homematch* in response.

Homematch has been operating for over 5 years now and is an entirely independent service offering information and advice on short stays or permanent care, both locally and further afield.

Mandy and Joy are frequent visitors to local Nursing Homes and Residential Homes and have up-to-date details on fees, facilities and type of care available.

You tell them what you want and they point you in the right direction.

Homematch can be contacted from 9am to 5pm Mondays-Fridays.

There is no charge for the service they provide.

Homematch Help Line: 01923 213206



Homematch



BARNET ARTS FESTIVAL

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The Barnet Arts Festival lived up to its launch billing as a borough-wide explosion of entertainment to suit every taste. Old or young, north or south of the borough, there was certain to be something exciting happening near you. Over 250 events in just thirty days, from the Mill Hill Music Festival to the rock Battle of the Bands; from pub theatre to Celtic dance in the park and everyone was there. More pictures pps 7 & 8.

- A One satisfied customer having an ice time at the Watling Festival
- B The stalls at East Barnet Village Fair had them queuing up on 7 June
- C It's behind you! A very vocal packed house at the puppet show in East Finchley Library on 7 June
- D The Dollis Junior School Steel Band drum up a storm as part of the Mill Hill Music Festival



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Intense passion, visits from another planet, blissful music and straight-forward rock 'n' roll - just a few of the events that Barnet was offering throughout June. By the end of the month hundreds of thousands of residents and their friends will have enjoyed the very first, very successful Barnet Arts Festival. More pictures p8.



Drama at the Old Bull



Concentration at East Barnet



Rock 'n' roll at Watling



Alien at Avenue House



The Cavendish Singers at Mill Hill

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Councillor Rudi Vis MP proudly displays the packed Festival Events Diary on the opening day at Claremont



A happy wave from a group of would-be Chinese Ribbon dancers



The Susi Earnshaw students bop til they drop at Claremont Festival



The Romanska Folk Ballet dance up a storm at The Bull, Barnet



Library Tiger Tales for the under 5s



Exotic South Asian Dance

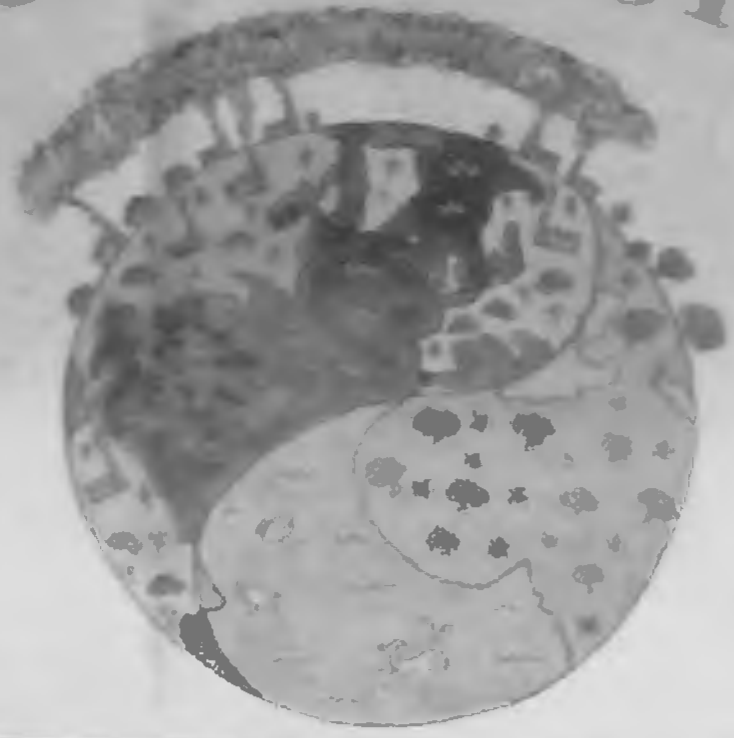


Proud members of the Barnet Elderly Asian Group



Donkey rides at the Finchley College Farm

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Barnet has recently launched two new woodland trails in Oakhill Woods, Oakhill Park, East Barnet. Our picture shows some young residents who came along to the official opening by the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Agnes Slocombe

A celebration of achievements - and rising to the challenges facing the whole community in protecting the environment today for all our tomorrows.

This sums up Barnet's first ever environment week. An action-packed programme with something for everyone - the young, older residents and families with young children.

Barnet's first-ever Environment Week in July continues Barnet Council's commitment to helping and supporting the local community improve their local environment. From the council's use of unleaded petrol in its vehicles to the expansion of the successful door-to-door collection scheme for recyclables, Barnet is creating a cleaner, greener environment.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Gardeners can take along their garden waste to Copthall Stadium during the week and the council will shred it down into compostable waste.

Ever wanted to know how to care for the trees? The council's tree officers will be on hand at an exhibition in Chipping Barnet library on Wednesday 9 July to give residents advice.

If you fancy taking in the sights and sounds of the open road then join a cycle ride organised on Sunday 6 July around North Finchley, Edgware and Friern Barnet.

For residents who do not have a bike there are plenty of organised walks. On Sunday 6 July there are two walks organised for Oakhill Woods, Oak Hill Park, East Barnet and on Tuesday 8 July the Finchley Society have organised a tree walk around Avenue House grounds, East End Road, Finchley.

On Tuesday 8 July residents can join Barnet Council on Clean Barnet Day. With volunteer litterpicks at schools and various areas throughout the borough, a special Barnet team will be on call to deal with littered areas.

YOUR COUNCIL'S COMMITMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

To start the week, the council's Environmental Forum will launch the council's key strategy documents on the environment. These are:

- The council's first-ever draft Local Agenda 21 strategy
- Third Neighbourhood Local Agenda 21 area
- Guide to Pubs and Restaurants with smoke-free areas

Make YOUR pledge

For the first time ever, residents will be able to use the Internet to make their pledge on how they will improve the environment.

Residents can e-mail their pledges to the council on env.response@barnet.gov.uk or just give their views on the environment.

If residents do not have access to the Internet they can

tell the council their views on the state-of-the-art Videobox which will be in the Tesco store at Finchley Central, Ballards Lane.

The main theme running throughout the week is resident participation. Local Agenda 21 is about working together - businesses, Barnet Council and residents coming up with ideas and solutions on how we can all improve the local environment where we live. It is also about learning to live in a way that will create a world which our children's children can enjoy into the 21st century.

There will be a display of environmental projects carried out in schools at the Professional Development Centre, High Road, Finchley between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Residents are being encouraged to work with the council to make Barnet a greener, cleaner, safer, better place to live.

From exhibitions to conferences, walks to bike rides, there is something for everyone to enjoy and take part in.

- Sunday 6 July
- Cycle Ride around North Finchley, Mill Hill and Edgware looking at cycle facilities around

the borough. Start 10.30am at Friary Park, 15 miles. Telephone 0181-359 4349 to register.

- The Friary Area Partnership have organised an afternoon picnic for residents in Friary Park, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Barnet to support their local park. If you are feeling energetic you could always join in with a game of rounders.

- College Farm, Finchley, Country Fair - 1pm to 6pm, exhibitions on Local Agenda 21, walks and composting.

- Oakhill Woods, "Butterfly Walk" - 2pm to 4pm. Meet at old bandstand in the park.

- Oakhill Woods, "Woodland Wonders" walk - 2pm to 4pm. Meet at old bandstand in the park.

- Welsh Harp walk, "Here be Dragons" - 2pm to 4pm. Meet at Woodfield Park off Cool Oak Lane.

- Copthall Stadium overflow car park - residents can come along and shred their garden waste into reusable compost. Between 2pm and 8pm.

Monday 7 July

- Launch of Friary area Energy Action Plan. Energy-efficient displays at Mobile

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Children from Grahame Park Infants and Junior School join Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation, Leisure and Arts, in planting new trees and shrubs in the school grounds

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Action Point, which will be parked at Tesco, Colney Hatch Lane and at George Crescent

● Cophall Stadium overflow car park - residents can come along and shred their garden waste into reusable compost. Between 4pm and 8pm.

● Heritage Surgery - free advice from the council's conservation officers on the maintenance or alteration of historic buildings. Chipping Barnet Library at 10am.

● Meeting of Environmental Consultative Forum, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, 7pm.

■ Launch of draft Local Agenda 21 strategy for borough

■ Launch of third Local Agenda 21 neighbourhood partnership area.

■ Agenda 21 International Summit feedback.

■ Launch of guide to pubs and restaurants with smoke-free areas.

● Cycle marking at Golders Green and Finchley Police stations - 7.30pm

Tuesday 8 July

Clean Barnet Day

Join Barnet in a borough-wide litter pick on Clean Barnet Day.

Groups and individuals who would like to organise their own litter picks, can ring - 0181 359 4806 to register their event and for protective gloves, etc.

This is the opportunity for the whole community to work with the council on this borough-wide day of action

which will have a major impact on our local environment.

Events already organised include litter picks on Grahame Park estate (4pm at the pond) and Stonegrove Estate, parks and open spaces and in borough schools. Rubbish clearing of the Friary Park stream in the morning and Watling Brook. Concentrated removal of unauthorised signs adverts on street furniture by Ward Officer Service. A quick response team will be on call to deal with badly littered areas. Call the team on 0181-359 4117.

● Cophall Stadium, overflow car park - residents can come along and shred their garden waste into reusable compost. Between 4pm and 8pm.

● Guided trees walk with the Finchley Society around Avenue House grounds, East End Road, Finchley, meet at 7pm by the kiosk in the park.

Wednesday 9 July

● Barnet Borough Voluntary Service Council (BBVSC) Advice Sessions.

● Improving Peoples' Living Environment.

● Voluntary Sector Development - How to apply to the National Lotteries Board for Funding. Guest speaker, Dixit Chauhan, National Lotteries Regional Development Officer. 10am to 1pm, Avenue House. Refreshments available. To attend, contact BBVSC on 0181-346 9723.

● Tree Day at Chipping Barnet Library - Advice from the council's tree experts, 10am to 4pm.

● Health Walks - lunchtime circular walks of one mile starting at 12.30pm.

● Barnet House via Dollis Valley.

● Friern Barnet Lane (former Town Hall) via Coppetts Wood meet at front entrance to the building.

● Cophall Stadium overflow car park - residents can come along and shred their garden waste into reusable compost. Between 4pm and 8pm.

● Little Wood Open Air theatre, Addison Way NW11 - Garden Suburb Theatre present - Two Gentlemen of Verona - 7.30pm. Tickets £4.50.

● At 2.15 pm Friern County School, Hemington Avenue, Friern Barnet will be having a display of their work on Agenda 21.

● Parkfield JMI School drama production "Walking to School", School Hall, Hendon, 7pm. By invitation only.

Thursday 10 July

● Car exhaust testing at Tesco, Colney Hatch Lane.

● Cophall Stadium overflow car park - residents can come along and shred their garden waste into reusable compost. Between 4pm and 8pm.

● Little Wood Open Air theatre, Addison Way NW11 - Garden Suburb Theatre present - Two Gentlemen of Verona - 7.30pm. Tickets £4.50/£3.50 concessions.

● Barnet Association of Responsible Dog Owners (BARDO), pilot park clean up scheme, Hendon Park, between

4pm and 8pm.

● Chipping Barnet library, 7.30pm to 10.30pm Disability Association in the Borough of Barnet (DABB). Following annual general meeting, performance by Johnny Crescendo, a talented disabled musician who works for Disabled Action Network which campaigns for accessible transport and civil rights for all disabled people. Also a presentation about Local Agenda 21 and access to the country for people with disabilities.

● "Nature Conservation in Barnet", talk by Professor David Goode, Director of the London Ecology Unit, former Town Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, 7.30pm

● Barnet Chamber of Commerce's first Business Breakfast "How to save your firm money and save the planet as well". Speakers - Stewart Anthony, Middlesex University and Richard Hillman, Nortel. 9.30am Terenure Country Club, Totteridge Lane. Tickets £9.50 members, £12.50 non members.

Friday 11 July

● HRH Duke of Gloucester - planting tree in Little Wood, Addison Way, 10.30am

● Car exhaust testing at Safeway supermarket, Brent Cross.

● Cophall Stadium - residents can come along and shred their garden waste into reusable compost. Between 4pm and 8pm.

● Little Wood Open Air Theatre, Addison Way NW11 - Garden Suburb Theatre presents - Two Gentlemen of

Verona - 7.30pm. Tickets £4.50

Saturday 12 July

● Finchley Carnival at Victoria Park, Finchley Central - Local Agenda 21 exhibition, float and energy efficient vehicles

● Watling Market - stall and exhibition open between 9am and 4pm

● Cophall Stadium overflow car park - residents can come along and shred their garden waste into reusable compost. Between 2pm and 8pm.

● Little Wood Open Air Theatre, Addison Way NW11 - Garden Suburb Theatre present - Two Gentlemen of Verona - 3.00pm and 7.30pm Tickets £4.50.

Cycle security marking by police. Telephone stations indicated and arrange marking of your bike at no cost.

Barnet Police Station - 0181-733 5062

Whetstone - 0181-733 5201

Finchley - 0181-733 5707

Golders Green - 0181-733 5561

Colindale - 0181-733 4587

Hendon - 0181-733 4725

Sunday 13 July

● Barnet Countryside Centre open day, Byng Road (including woodland management displays and exhibitions from Watling Chase Community Forest and Countryside Management Service).

This programme may be subject to change as new events are organised and added to the week. For an update, please phone 0181-359 4657.

HOUSING BENEFIT RULES CHANGE

There will be important changes in the Housing Benefit rules from 6 October which will affect many people in the borough.

You may be affected if you are:-

■ Renting or thinking of renting from a private landlord

■ Single and aged under 60

From 2 January 1996 the way that Housing Benefit was worked out for claimants renting from a private landlord changed. From that date the Rent Officer Service decided the maximum rent that could be paid by housing benefit for homes lived in by a benefit claimant.

If the rent officer decides that the cost of the accommodation was more than the average cost for that type of accommodation in the area, then the rent will not be met in full by housing

benefit.

Currently the maximum benefit is calculated as the average rent for the type of home plus half of any balance between this and the actual weekly value of the accommodation, as decided by the Rent Officer. From 6 October 1997 for any new benefit claims, including those where existing housing benefit claimants change address, benefit will be restricted to the average cost of the type of accommodation.

You will not be affected if:

■ You are a council tenant

■ You are a Registered Housing Association tenant unless your rent is referred to the Rent Officer

■ Your claim was assessed before 2 January 1996 providing it is unbroken and at the same address.

At present the maximum rent

used to calculate Housing Benefit for most single claimants under the age of 25 is restricted to the cost of a single room with shared bathroom and kitchen. The Rent Officer decides how much this should be for a particular area.

From 6 October 1997 these rules will be extended to include most single people between the ages 25 and 59.

The changes will take effect

■ For all new and change of address claims from 6 October 1997

■ For existing claims made after 2 January 1996 the rent will be restricted from the first renewal application on or after 6 October 1997.

This will mean that if, for example, you are currently receiving housing benefit for a one bedroom flat when your current claim expires, at

the end of the benefit period after 6 October 1997, your next claim at the same address will have the rent restricted to the cost of a single room in the area.

You will not be affected if you:

■ Are part of a couple, living together as partners

■ Are a lone parent

■ Are aged over 60

■ Are entitled to a severe disability premium as part of your Housing Benefit assessment

■ Have non dependants living with you

■ Are a council tenant or a tenant of a Registered Housing Association.

If you would like more information on these changes please contact Customer Services at Fenella, Babington Road, Hendon, NW4 4BS or come to one of our local advice surgeries at:

■ United Reformed Church, Chesterfield Road, Barnet. Every Tuesday between 9.30 and 11.30

■ Edgware DSS, Middlesex House, High Street. Every Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.30

■ Barnet DSS, Raydean House, 15 Western Parade. Every Wednesday between 1.30 and 3.30

■ Finchley Employment Service, Ballards Lane. Every Thursday between 9 and 12

■ The Housing Office, Stag House, 94 Burnt Oak Broadway. Every Thursday between 2 and 4

■ The Housing Office, 17 The Concourse, Grahame Park Estate. Every Friday between 10 and 4.

IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN

CELEBRATION OF SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENT

Barnet's schools open up the world of learning to the whole community from 7 to 11 July during Celebration of School Achievements Week.

Schools throughout the borough are playing host to the community with events involving pupils, parents, teachers and school governors.

The week will be a celebration of learning and achievement and demonstrate the role local schools play in the community.

Everyone is being urged to visit a local school to see at first hand just what the young people of the borough are achieving.

In addition to school events, Barnet Council, as the Local Education Authority, is organising with schools several major keynote events including athletics championships at Cophall Stadium for secondary and infant schools, a design and technology challenge for young people, a musical production at local schools and much more.

The message to the community is - wherever you live, visit a school near you and join in this learning experience. These are just some of the events.

Monday 7 July

- ★ Bell Lane, Exhibition of Art, all week.
- ★ Church Farm, Exhibition of Art, all day.
- ★ Cophall, GCSE Art Display, all day.
- ★ Dollis County Infants, launch of "Achievement Book" at opening of Bronze Room (play room).
- ★ The Fairway, infants sports day, pm.
- ★ Goldbeaters JMI, international afternoon, 3.15pm.
- ★ Holy Trinity, week of 150th anniversary.
- ★ Martins Infants, art exhibition of children's work nursery - Yr 6 and display of photographs of 'Early Years Lending Library', 1.30-3.30pm.
- ★ Martin Junior, art exhibition, 1.30-3.30pm.
- ★ Moss Hall Nursery, open day, all week.
- ★ Oak Lodge, visitors welcome at any time during the week.
- ★ St. Agnes', Buggy Malone, 1.30pm.
- ★ St. Catherine's, Buggy Malone by Drama Club, 1.15-3.30pm.
- ★ St. John's, N11, two displays - school journey and results of Health Week, all week.
- ★ St. John's, N20, school journey display, 7.30pm.
- ★ Trent, open evening, 6-9pm.
- ★ Wessex Gardens Junior, open evening, 6.30-8pm.
- ★ Whitefield Secondary, Yr 5 students from feeder schools invited to take part in lessons.

Tuesday 8 July

- ★ Annunciation Infant, musical concert, 2.30pm.
- ★ Annunciation Junior, school play - "Jonah", 7.45pm.
- ★ Barnet Hill, Yr 5 & 6 production of Theseus and the Minotaur, 2pm.
- ★ Brunswick Park, children playing violin.
- ★ Chalgrove, open evening, 6.30-8.30pm.
- ★ Coppetts Wood, book related curriculum evening for parents, 7pm.
- ★ Cophall, Courtland choir singing, orchestra, 2pm.
- ★ Deansbrook Infant, "Healthy Activity Day", 9.30am - 3.25pm.
- ★ Garden Suburb Infants, Yr 2 concert for Members of

Fellowship House, 2pm.

- ★ Grasvenor Avenue Infant, open afternoon to celebrate new play area, 1pm.
- ★ Holy Trinity, week of 150th anniversary.
- ★ Menorah, Design, Technology and Art Day theme - Jewish Culture, 8.45am-4.30pm.
- ★ Pardes House Primary, Science Fair Yrs 5-6, displays of science projects, artwork, displays, written and investigative work, 6.30-8.30pm.
- ★ Oakleigh, open day and music in garden. Tour of school to see pupils and their work, 10.30-11.30am, music 11am.
- ★ Oak Lodge, visitors welcome any time during the week.
- ★ Our Lady of Lourdes, open day, 9.30am-2.30pm.
- ★ Pavilion Study Centre/Park Pupil Referral Unit, open day - half day at both centres, 9.30am-1pm & 1.30-3.30pm.
- ★ Queenswell Infants, open evening, 7-9pm.
- ★ Queenswell Junior, open display evening, 7-9pm.
- ★ Rosh Pinah, Jewish Music Festival for infants (5 Jewish primary schools participating), 1.30-3pm.
- ★ St. Margaret's Nursery, exhibition 9-4pm, Mon-Thurs.
- ★ Underhill Infant, traditional African Theatre performance and workshop for Yr 1 pupils 9.15am, workshops, 10.30am.
- ★ Whitefield Secondary, Yr 5 students from feeder schools invited to take part in lessons and experiences in technology 15 July, all day.
- ★ Woodcroft Infant, "School Open" to parents, am.

Wednesday 9 July

- ★ Barnet Hill JMI, Yrs 5 & 6 production of Theseus and the Minotaur, 7pm.
- ★ Barnfield, sports day, all day.
- ★ Broadfields Infants, Yr 2 show - A Space Adventure, 1.30pm.
- ★ Brookland Infant, whole school concert - The Circus, 2pm.
- ★ Christ Church JMI, musical concert, 7-9pm.
- ★ Christ's College, celebration of pupils gaining merit and progress certificate, pm.
- ★ The Compton, musical Guys and Dolls, 7.30pm.



Cllr. Usha Chopra joined pupils from Livingstone School, New Barnet, during the last celebration of school achievement.

- ★ Edgware Junior, annual junior summer activity afternoon (sports day), 1.30pm.
- ★ The Fairway, junior sports day, 2pm.
- ★ Frith Manor, summer concert, 7.30pm.
- ★ Garden Suburb Infant, Yr 2 concert 9.30am.
- ★ Goldbeaters, open day, all day.
- ★ Grasvenor, open afternoon to celebrate new play area for little brothers and sisters, 1pm.
- ★ Hasmonean Primary, Science Day, 9.30am-3.30pm.
- ★ Holy Trinity, week of 150th anniversary.
- ★ The Hyde, music and dance concert, 6pm.
- ★ Manorside JMI, special assembly on the musical/drama 'Pinocchio' 9.30am.
- ★ Mapledown, Mayor to present Bronze Awards for Youth Award Scheme, am.
- ★ Menorah, Design, Technology and Art Day - Jewish theme - evening for parents, 7.30-9.30pm.
- ★ Moss Hall Junior, sports afternoon, 1.30-3.15pm.
- ★ Northway, open day, 10am-2.30pm.
- ★ Oak Lodge, visitors are welcome at any time during the week, all week.
- ★ Parkfield, Yr 6 presentation "Walk to School", 7pm.
- ★ Queenswell Infants, Book Fair, 9-9.30am & 3.15-3.45pm.
- ★ Sacred Heart RC JM, open evening, 6-8pm.
- ★ St. Catherine's, Buggy Malone by drama club, 1.15-3.30pm.
- ★ St. Joseph's Junior, Second World War theme, 7.30pm.
- ★ St. Vincent's, Centenary Pageant, 1.30pm.
- ★ St. Margaret's Nursery, exhibition Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm.
- ★ Whitefield Secondary, Yr 5 students from feeder schools invited to take part in lessons 15 July, all day.
- ★ Woodcroft Infants, sports afternoon, 1.30-3pm.
- ★ Woodridge JMI, junior music concert, 7.30pm.
- ★ MELSS, exhibition of resources supportive of bilingual

children's learning developed in Barnet primary and secondary schools, 9.30am-6pm.

Thursday 10 July

- ★ Blessed Dominic, open evening - theme story telling, 6-8pm.
- ★ Broadfields Infants, Yr 2 show - A Space Adventure, 6pm.
- ★ Broadfields JM, musical presentation, 7.30-9.30pm.
- ★ Brookland Infant, whole school concert, 2pm.
- ★ Brunswick Park, open afternoon/evening and official opening of the nursery, 3.15-4.30pm & 6-7pm.
- ★ Church Hill JMI, sports day, 10.30am-3.30pm.
- ★ Christ Church Secondary, musical concert, 7.30pm.
- ★ Clitterhouse Infants, concert of song, 2pm.
- ★ The Compton, musical Guys and Dolls, 7.30pm.
- ★ Cophall, Yr 8 with African story teller, 2-3pm.
- ★ Deansbrook Junior, open evening, 3.30-8.30pm.
- ★ The Fairway, open evening, 5-8pm.
- ★ Frith Manor, summer concert, 7.30pm.
- ★ Garden Suburb Infant, Yr 2 concert for members of Fellowship for parents, 9.30am.
- ★ Garden Suburb Junior, Dance Yr 4 - Old Time Musical (90 yrs celebration of beginning of Garden Suburb), chess achievements, art, 1.30pm.
- ★ Grasvenor Avenue Infant, concert, pm.
- ★ Henrietta Barnett, induction day, new Yr 7, all day.
- ★ Hollickwood, open day, display of children's work in classes and school hall, all day & 5-7pm.
- ★ Holy Trinity, week of 150th anniversary.
- ★ Independent Jewish Day, afternoon of dances and from other cultures, 2-3.30pm.
- ★ Monkfrith JMI, infant vocal concert, 9.30am.
- ★ Northway, joint theatre workshop with The Fairway and Salamander Theatre Group, am.
- ★ Oak Lodge, visitors welcome

at any time during the week, all week.

- ★ Queen Elizabeth's Girls', art exhibition throughout the week, chamber concert, 7.30pm.
- ★ Queenswell Infants, Book Fair, 9-9.30am-3.15-3.45pm.
- ★ Queenswell Junior, sports day, 1.30-3.30pm.
- ★ Ravenscroft, new children's visit, all day.
- ★ St. Joseph's Junior, play - Second World War theme, 7.30pm.
- ★ St. Mary's, N3, music concert, 7pm.
- ★ St. Margaret's Nursery, exhibition - "The Nursery Curriculum", 9am-4pm, Mon-Thurs.
- ★ St. Theresa's, concert, 9.30am.
- ★ Tudor, open evening, celebration of the school year, presentation in hall, followed by classrooms being open, 7pm.
- ★ Wessex Gardens Junior, sports day, 1.30-3.30pm.
- ★ Woodcroft Junior, breakfast club followed by an achievement assembly, 8.15am, 9.10am.
- ★ Woodridge JMI, open evening, included art display, 6-9pm.

Friday 11 July

- ★ Blessed Dominic, contributions to Graham Park Festival, singing and art work, all weekend.
- ★ Colindale, fun day, a mixed age problem solving activity day, all day.
- ★ The Compton, musical Guys and Dolls, 7.30pm.
- ★ Edgware Infant, special assembly focusing on the 'arts', 9.10am.
- ★ Garden Suburb Infants, fun day PE/games/activities picnic, am, pm.
- ★ Grahame Park Infants, book week with several activities, and work/friezes centred round books, all day.
- ★ Grasvenor Avenue Infants, concert, am.
- ★ Holy Trinity, week of 150th anniversary.
- ★ Livingstone JMI, whole school D & T Challenge, all day.
- ★ Northside, normal school activities, Yr 6 cricket team to represent Barnet in London Borough Cricket Finals at the Oval.
- ★ Oak Lodge, visitors welcome at any time during the week, all week.
- ★ Queenswell Infants, Book Fair, 9-9.30am & 3.15-3.45pm.
- ★ St. Andrew's, Technology Day, 9.30am-3.30pm.
- ★ St. Joseph's Junior, Design, Technology & IT display and open day, all day.
- ★ St. Paul's, N11, photographic exhibition of school life, 4.30-9pm.
- ★ St. Paul's, NW7, open afternoon, 2pm.
- ★ Woodcroft Infants, class assembly, 9.15am.
- ★ Woodridge JMI, open morning, includes art display, 9-11.30am.
- ★ Woodridge JMI, infant music concert, 9.30-10am.

WHAT'S ON

We welcome contributions to the What's On column. Write to The Editor.

Community News, Barnet Council, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG.

We reserve the right to shorten entries and no responsibility can be accepted for the accuracy of information supplied for the column.

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9 - 12 July
Pentland Finchley Carnival, Victoria Park, Ballards Lane, N3. Willie Webb's Fun Fair, charity stalls, craft stalls, baby show Thurs afternoon, senior citizens' complimentary tea and entertainment Fri afternoon, carnival procession and day of family fun on Sat. Details contact co-ordinator on 01707 662588

10 July, 8pm
New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Society. **Mrs Katherine Turner, Floral Art 'Around London'**, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. Members £1.50, visitors £2. Also 14 Aug. Special 100th Birthday Celebration, by ticket only. Also 6 Sept, 2pm. Autumn Show, St John's Church

Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. 50p. Details 0181-440 3312/449 5290.

13 - 19 July
The Bull Music Fest week starts with Klezmer Swingers 13 July 8pm, continues with different music events, Indian, jazz, blues, classical, Latin, Battle of the Bands. Also comedy with Omid Djalili & Matt Welcome, 12 July 8pm; Ivor Cutler 26 July 7.30pm. Also 30 July-2 Aug, 8pm. MPS Guy Masterson Productions presents 'Bye Bye Blackbird', a portrait of Zelda Fitzgerald starring Beth Fitzgerald winner of the 'Best Actress Award' at the Edinburgh Festival '96. For details of these and other performances in The Theatre and Studio, special events for children and children's holiday activities, practical classes and courses contact The Bull 68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ, tel. 0181-449 0048

Sundays, 2-5pm, from 13 July

Gardens open in aid of Barnet Branch of NSPCC, 13 July, The Hermitage, Hadley Common, Barnet; 6 Langton Avenue, N20. 20 July, 27 Great North Road, Barnet; 7 Byng Road, Barnet. 27 July, Allotments, Gordon Road, Finchley, N3; 2 St Nicholas Close, Elstree; Schopwick House; St Nicholas Church; St Mary's Croft; Pennywell Cottage. Entrance maximum £1 per person, half-price for children. Details/programme 0181-343 9666

17 July, 7.30pm

The Barnet Branch of the London & North Middlesex Family History Society, 'The Availability and Value of Indexes' talk by Derek Palgrave, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. Also 21 Aug. 'What's in the Parish Chest?' talk by Richard Ratcliffe. Details 0181-449 1553

19 & 20 July
RAF Museum Families' Weekend. Special discounts on normal family admission rates, together with a programme of family entertainment. Also 9-17 August, Flight Activities Week, programme of live entertainment, displays celebrating aviation, 12 Aug special appearance by RAF Falcons freefall parachute display team. RAF Museum, Grahame Park Way, NW9. Information 0181-205 2266

21 July-7 Sept
Exhibition 'Made in Heaven'. Wedding photos, costumes and customs. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Tel. 0181-203 0130

27 July, 2.30pm
Golders Green & Hendon Branch of Council of Christians and Jews, **Annual Garden Party**. Talk by Mr Ernest Kaye 'What Else Did They Write' with recorded little known works by famous composers. Refreshments. All welcome. Friends House, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Details. 0181-458 2030

2 & 3 August
Carters Steam Fair, Hendon Park, Queens Road, Hendon, NW4. Details, 0860 343548

6 - 10 August
Nationwide Amusements Funfair, Montrose Playing Fields, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Wed-Sat, 6-10pm; Sun, 6-9.30pm

14 August, 7.30pm
Barnet Borough Confederation of Tenants and Residents Association Meeting, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley

14 - 17 August
Friern Barnet Summer Show and Funfair, Friary Park, Friary Lane, N12. Details, 0181-359 3036

July & August
Children's entertainment in Victoria Park, Ballards Lane, Finchley N3. Also in Victoria Park, theatre and folk concert, 12 & 26 July, 2-8pm, folk and acoustic bands, 30 Aug, 4-7.30pm bands. July - Sept children's entertainment in Friary Park. Also bands in Friary Park, 5 July, 5-8.45pm & 2 Aug, 5-8pm barbeque and Greek band; 19 July, 5-8.45pm, barbeque and Spanish band; 20 July & 24 Aug, 3-4pm. Details 0181-361 7724

The Memory Lane Singing Club meets every Friday 12.30-2.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley Central to learn, practise and perform a wide range of songs from musicals. Details 0181-449 0011

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

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

19 July, 2-4pm
4km ramble through Totteridge fields, expect to see dragonflies, burnet moths, honeybees and other insects around the meadow flowers

20 July, 10am-4pm
Join CMS and Enfield Rangers on 2nd anniversary of Pymmes Brook Trail. Start Picketts Lock, finish Monken Hadley Common, a minibus will return you to start. Book on 0181-807 6976

27 July, 2-4pm
Walk to Hadley Woods, join the trail to follow Pymmes Brook through some public open spaces ending at Arnos Grove tube station

31 July, 11am-2pm
Children's Mini Beast Discovery Day. Discover the underworld of the creepy crawlies on a 1km walk in Cherry Tree Woods. Book on 0181-359 3052

7 August, 10am-3pm
Fun environmental activities for 8-12 yr olds at The Welsh Harp. Book on 0181-359 3052

12 August, 11am-2pm
For children, join the fun, find the object, solve the puzzle at Scratchwood. Book on 0181-359 3052

17 August, 10am-1pm
Totteridge past and present. Discover more about Lords of the Manor, the use of the land and more on 7km easy walk

21 August, 10am-3pm
Environmental activities, fun and games for children at **Tudor Sports Ground**, New Barnet. Book on 0181-359 3052

26 August, 10am-2pm
For children, **create a work of art** using only things supplied by Mother Nature at Edgwarebury Park. Book 0181-359 3052

28 August, 10am-1pm
8km ramble through picturesque Totteridge from Woodside Park

31 August, 2.30-4.30pm
2km easy walk along the Mill Hill Old Railway Nature Reserve, late summer flowers, berries and foxes

7 September, 10am-1pm
9km ramble along the lovely Dollis Brook

7 September, 2-4pm
3km easy walk at The Welsh Harp

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

Your council committees at work

List of Committee Meetings at The Town Hall, Hendon for the period 10 July to 10 September 1997.

Commencing 7pm unless otherwise stated.



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10 July
Compulsory Competitive Tendering Executive Committee

10 July
Direct Service Organisations Executive Committee

14 July
Recreation, Leisure & Arts Committee

14 July
Housing Consultation Forum (Cheshir Hall, Foster Street, Hendon)

15 July
Social Services Committee

15 July
Recreation, Leisure & Arts Consultation Forum (North Finchley Library)

15 July
Development & Protection Consultation Forum (7.15pm)

16 July
General Executive Committee

17 July
Economic Development & Land Executive Committee

21 July
Development & Protection Sub-Committees

22 July
Public Works Committee

22 July
Children and Families Consultation Forum (Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley)

23 July
Personnel Executive Committee

24 July
Budget, Financing & Performance Review Executive Committee

31 July
Community Care Consultation Forum

6 August
Development & Protection Committee

21 August
Compulsory Competitive Tendering Executive Committee

21 August
Direct Service Organisations Executive Committee

26 August
Development & Protection Sub-Committees

27 August
Policy & Resources Committee

1 September
Housing Committee

2 September
Public Works Consultation Forum

2 September
Edgware, Burnt Oak & Mill Hill Town Centre Forum (venue to be arranged)

3 September
Road Safety Consultation Forum (Accident Prevention Centre, Daws Lane, NW7)

3 September
Golders Green and Temple Fortune Town Centre Forum (venue to be arranged)

3 September
Finchley Town Centre Forum (7.15pm, venue to be arranged)

8 September
Barnet Town Centre Forum (venue to be arranged)

9 September
Council Meeting

10 September
Development & Protection Committee

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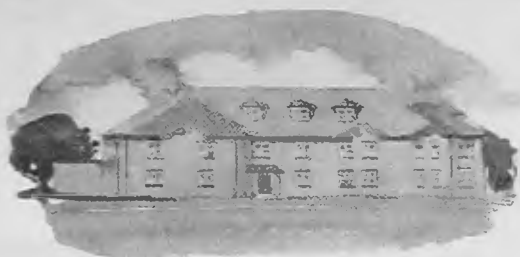
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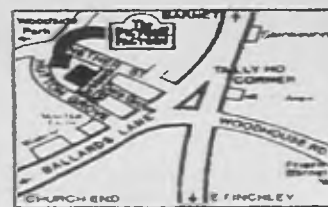
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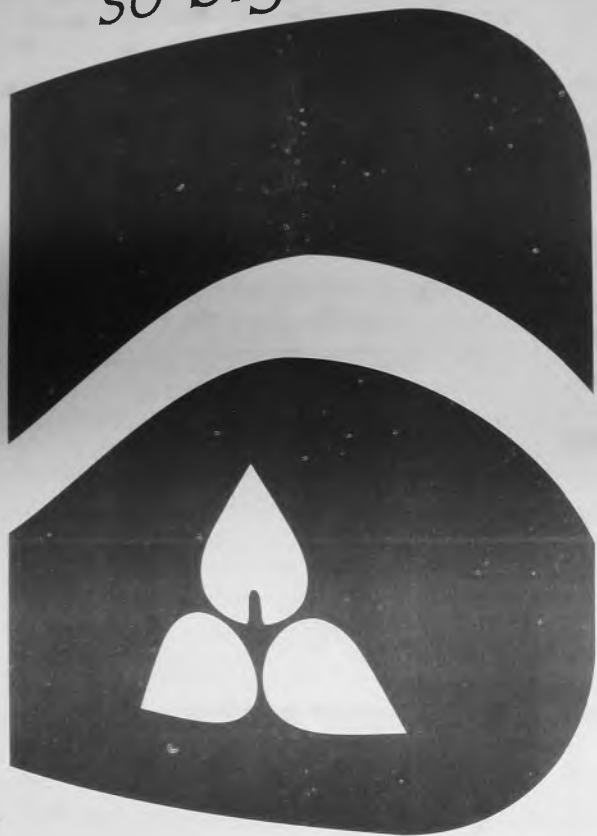
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Chipping Barnet Library
3 Stapylton Road
Barnet

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Don Goodman (Con) 368 0383
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Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware

CHILDS HILL WARD

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Jonathan Davies (LD) 203 6690
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Childs Hill Library, 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2
2nd Tuesday every month 4-5pm
Kent Hall, Westcroft Estate, NW2

COLINDALE WARD

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Gill Sargeant (Lab) 455 1070
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Grahame Park Library,
The Concourse,
Colindale

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Anne Jarvis (Lab) 449 9001
Richard Soer (Lab) 440 5060
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New Barnet Residents' Association
48-50 Victoria Road, New Barnet
Every Saturday 10am-12noon
104 East Barnet Road, East Barnet

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Chipping Barnet Conservative Association,
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Hendon Conservative Association,
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MILL HILL WARD

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Jim Tierney (Lab) 346 3359
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331 Ballards Lane, Finchley

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Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Agnes Slocombe, officially opens the new coffee lounge at South Friern Library, Colney Hatch Lane. Pictured with the Mayor is Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation Leisure and Arts and the Chairman of the Friends of Barnet Borough Libraries, General A.F.H. Parsons. This is the fifth lounge to be opened by Barnet Council, which aims to encourage even more residents to use their local libraries.

CUTTING FUEL BILLS

The council is vigorously promoting schemes to help tenants and leaseholders save energy in their homes and save on heating bills at the same time.

Tenants and leaseholders aged over 60 or receiving benefits such as Income Support or Housing Benefit can qualify for the scheme.

Work including loft insulation, hot water tank lagging and draught proofing is carried out by Department of Environment contractors for the Barnet area.

The council is also setting up a programme of cavity wall insulation work through a partnership with Eastern Electricity and the Energy Action Grants Agency.

NEW LOOK FOR TOWN CENTRES

Working with Town Centre Forums, groups of local people representing residents, local businesses and special interest groups, the council is breathing new life into our town centres making them brighter, safer and better places for shopping, work and leisure.

The Forums play a key role in Town Centre improvements, drawing up lists of projects to be considered by the council.

But it is the Forums which decide which of their key projects are carried out. During the next few months, the council will be investing over £950,000 in the borough's town centres as part of an on-going regeneration programme.

The work of the Town Centre Forums is already having a marked impact on the borough.

Each of the town centres is seeking to create its own unique identity including the design and location of seats and litter bins.

The town centres in the Barnet Town Centre Forum area are the first to see the benefits.

Work started in March with the improvement of two car parks in New Barnet and during the next three months more major improvements will be introduced in New Barnet, Chipping Barnet and East Barnet.

working in partnership

The next areas to benefit from this ongoing programme, which includes welcome signs to the town centres and distinctive signposting alongside pedestrian safety measures and landscaping schemes, will be the three town centres in the Edgware Town Centre Forum area.

Once the Edgware Town Centre Forum has set out its main priorities for improvements in Edgware, Burnt Oak and Mill Hill, work will begin immediately.

The Golders Green and Temple Fortune Town Centre Forum will be finalising ambitious plans for revitalising these areas within months.

All these developments, are in addition to the council's anti-flyposting initiatives, safety schemes and greening of the borough programmes.



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