

Barnet CIVIC NEWS



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Forty-eight schools took part in this year's Infant Music Festivals organised by Barnet Schools Music Association from March 9 to 18. The theme this year was 'Water and the Sea' Four communal songs were learnt by all schools and each school presented an individual item including percussion and instrumental work, country or folk dancing, story with musical accompaniment or part singing.

Twelve host schools entertained several other schools. They were St. Theresa's, Finchley; Dollis, Mill Hill; Coppetts Wood, Friern Barnet; Holly Park, Friern Barnet; Childs Hill; St. Paul's, Mill Hill; Littlegrove, East Barnet; Grasvenor, Barnet; Broadfields, Edgware; Foulds, Barnet; Frith Manor, Woodside Park; Queenswell, Whetstone.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Rosa Freedman, visited two of the schools during the festival — Childs Hill, where our picture was taken, and Queenswell.

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Barnet's new rate

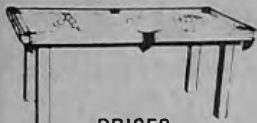
Barnet Council, at its special meeting on March 18, set the new rate for 1982/83. Domestic and commercial/industrial ratepayers in the borough will be paying 21.5p in the pound more than last year. The new rates are:
Domestic property: 122.5p in the pound — increase 21.3 per cent.
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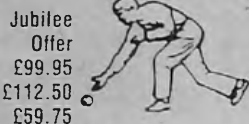


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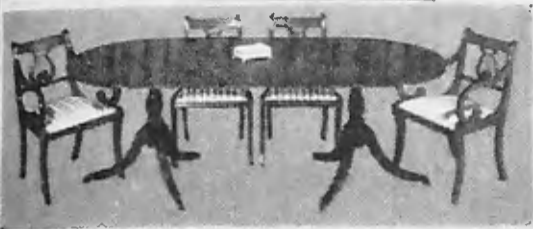
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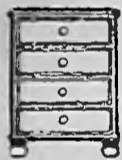
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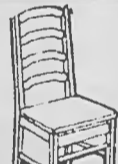
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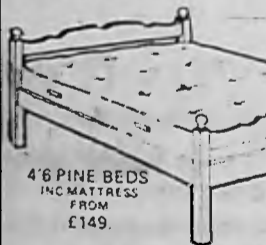
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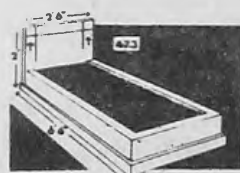
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THE RATES REPORT

BARNET RATEPAYERS will be asked for 21.5p in the £ more on their rates bills for 1982/3. At their Special Meeting on Thursday, March 19, the Council confirmed the new General Rate for the borough as 122.5 in the £ for domestic properties and 141p in the £ for commercial and industrial properties. Properties with a mixed domestic and business use will pay rates on a sliding scale between 138.7p and 131.8p in the £.

This is an increase of 21.3 per cent for domestic ratepayers whose rate last year was 101p in the £, and 18 per cent for commercial and industrial ratepayers who last year paid 119.5p in the £.

So the average domestic ratepayer whose house has a rateable value of £380 will be paying an extra £1.57 a week or £81.70 a year.

When the budgets for the coming year were prepared the Committees were asked to keep a tight reign on spending and when all the totals are added up the Council is increasing its expenditure by just over 6 per cent. But the Greater London Council precept — that is the money paid by the local authority to the GLC — has almost doubled, from £10.5 million to £20.5 million, and the Metropolitan Police precept has also risen from £9 million to £10.8 million. Thus the increase of 21.5p in the £ can be summarised:

	p in £	Percentage of Domestic Rate
Barnet Council	2.2	2.2
Greater London Council	16.6	16.4
Metropolitan Police	2.7	2.7
Total	21.5	21.3

In his statement to the Council, Councillor Norman Hirshfield, chairman of Finance Committee, expressed disappointment that 'the domestic ratepayers will have had their rate bills increased by 75 per cent in the past

three years.

'I consider that these annual increases are reaching a level when the rate burden will become intolerable for many ratepayers,' he said. 'I hope therefore that the Government will give urgent priority to the reform of the rating system.'

This year Barnet Council was set a spending ceiling of £94,079,000 by Central Government and for every £100,000 the borough spends above this limit there is a penalty of £120,000 lost from Government Grants. Only £35,000 stands between Barnet and this penalty.

The Borough Treasurer, Mr. George Hopkins, in his report emphasises this danger. 'In the circumstances it will be more than ever essential to maintain in 1982/3 the strict financial control which has been exercised on spending in the current year with supplementary estimates restricted to items of extreme urgency or vital in the interests of safety,' he said.

In their estimating the spending committees had to find compensatory savings when planning any growth in services. However, an additional £150,000 is to be spent on highways maintenance after the winter ravages and £150,000 allocated as a partial restoration of the Libraries' book fund, cut last year.

When rents and service charges, housing subsidies and money due to Barnet from other public authorities have been taken into account, Barnet Council's requirements are £94,043,300 million and a further £727,000 which is not being taken into account when assessing the Council's spending limits. is being raised to strengthen the Council's balances, depleted in the current year.

Reporting on the Greater London Precept, which amounts to a rate of 34.32 in the £, an increase of 16.57p.

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A few facts and figures

- A penny rate in Barnet is estimated to produce £598,000. Last year it was £589,000.
- The Borough maintains 90 primary schools, 26 secondary schools and two colleges of further education.
- In 1981/2 there were 42,282 pupils in our schools. For 1982/3 the figure is expected to drop by 482 to 41,800.
- The cost per pupil in primary schools is estimated at £723 and in secondary schools at £1,061.
- In 1981/2 Barnet Council owned 20,396 dwellings and the total average cost to manage, repair and maintain a dwelling and repay debt charges was £1,200. This year's figure is estimated at £1,300.
- The Council owns nearly 4,000 allotment plots.
- 630,000 swimmers used Barnet's swimming pools during 1981/2.
- Maintenance of our parks and open spaces is estimated to cost just under £8.70 a head of the population in the year.
- Barnet has 17 public libraries and the travelling library visits 21 sites. Readers borrow more than 4 million books in the year as well as 73,000 gramophone records and nearly 1,000 pictures. The cost of the service per head of population is estimated to be £9 in 1982/3.
- Barnet Council is responsible for 336 miles of district roads which in 1981/2 cost £9,200 a mile to repair and maintain. This year the cost is estimated at £10,000 a mile.
- During the year the Borough Engineer's Department removed 250 abandoned vehicles at an average cost of £6 a time.
- The cost of collecting refuse is going down. This year it cost £30.60 per ton to collect. For 1982/3 the estimate is £28 per ton.

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RATES REPORT

Mr. Hopkins says.

'A major part of the increase, approximately 5p, is to finance the accumulated deficit on London Transport which will remain after taking into account the additional revenue from the fares increase on March 21.

'As a result of the fares subsidy the GLC have exceeded their Government spending ceiling and have lost rate support grant equivalent to 4p.

In his summing up, the Borough Treasurer draws attention to the problems of the present rating system.

In three years domestic ratepayers will have seen their rate bills increase by approximately 75 per cent and there is little doubt that increases of the sizes experienced in recent years can only lead to greater pressures for either the abolition or reform of the rating system.

'The Government Consultation Paper unfortunately cannot suggest any new methods of raising local authority revenue other than those which were contained in the earlier Layfield Report and I doubt whether any other practical propositions which will be workable in the short term are likely to come from elsewhere. Until such time as a system of local income tax might be introduced to replace rates, and we are told the earliest that this could be done is not until the 1990's, it is in my view all the more essential that the rebate system is kept under continuous review to ensure that adequate relief is given to those who lack the ability to pay.'

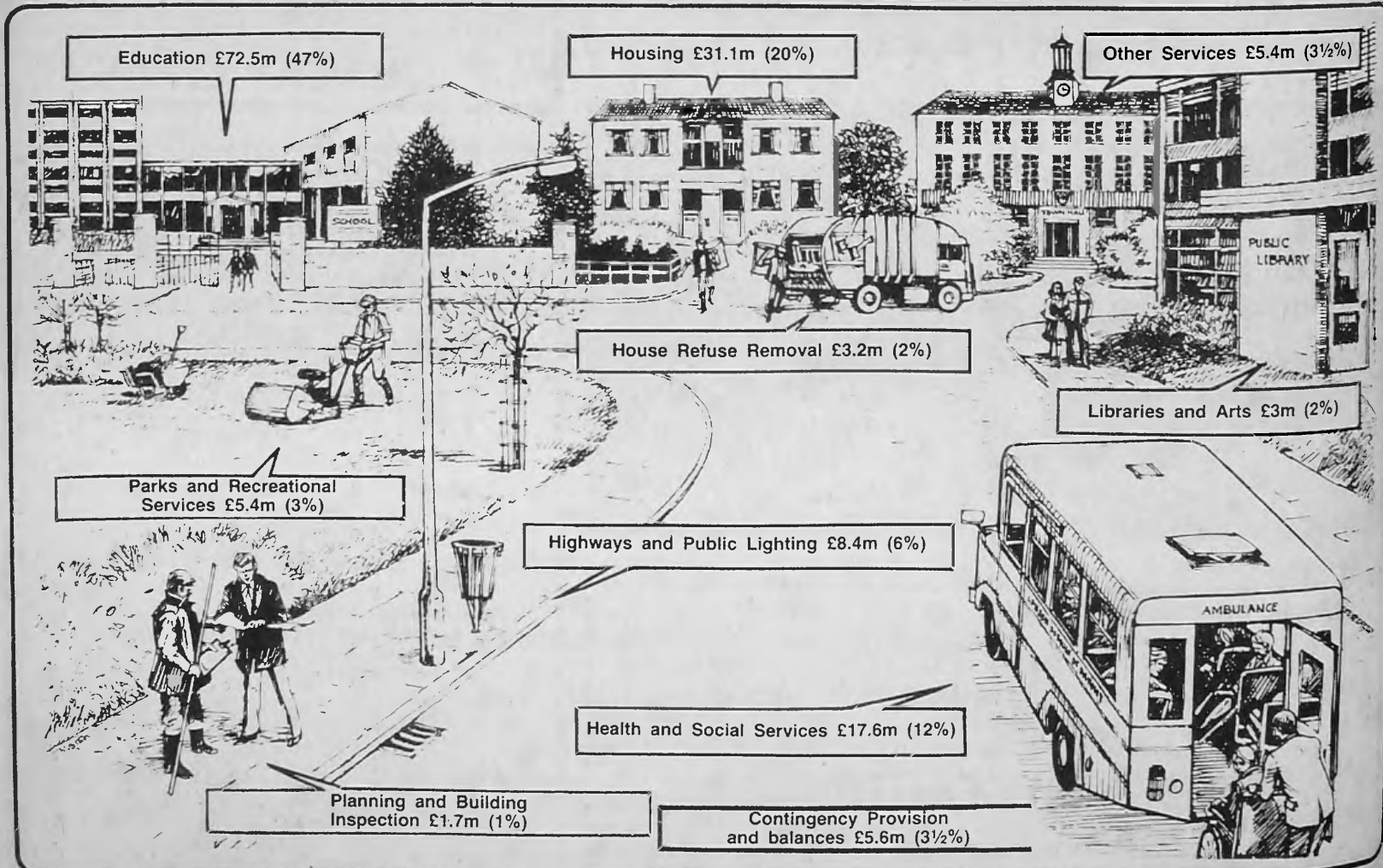
Where the money comes from

1981/82		1982/83	
£	% of Total	£	% of Total
26,587,180		35,079,580	
8,816,750		9,480,030	29
35,403,930	25½	6,986,600	
8,025,600		7,580,380	9½
7,563,800			
15,589,400	11		
88,535,600	63½	94,770,300	61½
£139,528,930	100%	£153,896,890	100%

How the money will be spent

1981/82		1982/83	
£	% of Total	£	% of Total
67,673,690	49	72,494,690	47
27,141,100	19	31,100,320	20
14,633,720	10½	16,236,470	10½
6,804,190	5	7,382,190	5
4,938,610	3½	5,381,170	3½
3,282,890	2	3,203,700	2
2,685,360	2	3,001,030	2
1,345,010	1	1,407,780	1
1,585,700	1	1,661,700	1
1,004,130	½	1,051,250	1
581,660	½	601,910	½
3,802,870	3	4,797,680	3
4,050,000	3	4,850,000	3
—	—	727,000	½
£139,528,930	100%	£153,896,890	100%

THE LOCAL BUDGET



SPONSORING THE MAYOR

THE MAYOR of Barnet, Councillor Mrs Rosa Freedman, who is 73 and is celebrating her Golden Wedding Anniversary this month, is taking part in the London Mayors' Charity Walk from the Whittington Stone on Highgate Hill to the Mansion House on Sunday, April 25.

She is hoping to raise money through sponsorship for her Mayor's Appeal Fund which is in aid of CIRCA (Crohn's Disease in Childhood Research Association).

This is an annual charity walk in which many of the Mayors from London Boroughs join, each raising money for a charity of their own choice.

Barnet's Mayor could have asked her Deputy to stand in, but, as she explained: 'People have been so generous in responding to my appeal, and have organised events throughout the borough, I felt I should do my bit and join the walk. I don't know if I shall complete the five miles but I am determined to have a go and I am hoping that people from all over the borough will encourage 'a senior citizen' by sponsoring me in a good cause.'

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BARNET COUNCIL has published a new consultative Town Planning Study on Cricklewood outlining the problems of the area and setting out proposals which will provide more employment opportunities, increase sports and parks facilities and give a lift to the shopping centre.

The Council is very keen that the public should play their part in planning the future of the area and it is hoped that Cricklewood organisations and individuals will contribute their views.

Copies of the study can be seen or borrowed from Childs Hill Library and the travelling library which visits the area. Further copies are available from the Borough Planning Department, Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3.

All comments and views should be sent to the Borough Planning Officer at Gateway House by May 14.



A new focus for the shopping centre with a retail store on this site.

CRICKLEWOOD, in the South West corner of the Borough of Barnet, is an area with many planning and environmental problems. It grew up as a community around the railway and the growing commerce of the Edgware Road at the turn of the century. It is a roughly shaped rectangle of land defined by major roads such as the Edgware Road, the A41 Hendon Way, and the North Circular, while the railway passes between residential and industrial land in a broad band from North to South.

Narrow roads used by heavy lorries, older housing estates close to industrial land, a shortage of car parking space, and a lack of recreational land in the southern part of the area: these are some of the problems faced by the 10,000 residents of the area.

Barnet Council's town planning study about Cricklewood is of importance to all who live or work there.

Local residents' organisations and amenity groups will receive copies. A tape/slide programme pointing out the main issues is being prepared, and screening can be arranged by writing to the Borough Planning Officer at Gateway House.

It describes the area, examines aspects of local life, reports on actions and initiatives the council is already taking and makes further suggestions for development and improvement.

The study was presented to various Council committees last week and is now the basis of a consultation exercise throughout the area so that people and groups with an interest in Cricklewood can make their ideas, views and reactions known to the Council. These comments will be taken into account by the

CRICKLEWOOD today & tomorrow

Council in deciding whether to pursue the suggestions for development and improvement within the study area.

The report focuses on the problems and the opportunities of the area. It highlights the car parking problems in many residential roads, the volume of traffic on the major roads and nuisance this creates in some areas.

The shopping centre has seen a gradual fall in the number of major chain stores but local people like the friendly atmosphere to be found among the 250 smaller shops which make up the entire Cricklewood shopping centre, and would like to see it improved. Parts of the shopping centre are in the London Boroughs of Brent and Camden who are co-operating with Barnet to co-ordinate policies and proposals.

Many of the environmental difficulties in Cricklewood cannot be resolved quickly or easily. Indeed, the report recognises that some will continue for the foreseeable future. However it also identifies situations where early action may be possible.

Housing

The Council has already agreed an improvement scheme for Whitefield Estate with tree planting and environmental work. A link road from Brent Terrace North to the Claremont Way Industrial Estate is already under construction and it is hoped this will ease the problem of heavy vehicles through the housing estate.

The Tree Groves — Elm, Ash, Oak and Yew — are seen as areas where housing improvement and environmental work are needed. And similar

measures are outlined for the Lichfield Road, Claremont Road (southern end) and Cricklewood Lane area.

Road and access changes are suggested for Brent Terrace, a line of former railway cottages.

The Clitterhouse Estate is congested with parked cars and the study suggests additional parking spaces and further environmental improvements. These are also proposed for the Prayle Grove estate.

Commerce and Industry

As well as general improvements to pavements and street furniture, a new focal point for the shopping centre is proposed on a vacant site on the north side of Cricklewood Lane. On land owned by British Rail the study suggests a large retail store should be built which should be associated with a small urban square, new public conveniences and a car park for at least 200 cars.

A number of sites within the area are now becoming available where suitable develop-

ment would improve the local scene, make more productive use of land, boost local employment prospects and help to finance other open land being developed for recreational purposes.

The Council has already decided in principle that a Council-owned area of land next to the Brent Cross flyover should be used for well-designed, medium-rise offices on one section and school playing fields with an all-weather pitch on the other. Another site jointly owned by Barnet and the GLC south of the North Circular Road adjoining the elevated access road to Brent Cross Shopping Centre is earmarked for suitably designed industrial or warehouse buildings and a five-acre public park as well as a civic amenity site.

The Clitterhouse school meals kitchen in Claremont Road is now no longer needed by the Council and it has been decided that this should be developed for housing.

All the views and comments will be taken into account when the study goes back to the Council Committees for final approval so do send your views in to the Borough Planning Officer. Remember the closing date is May 14.



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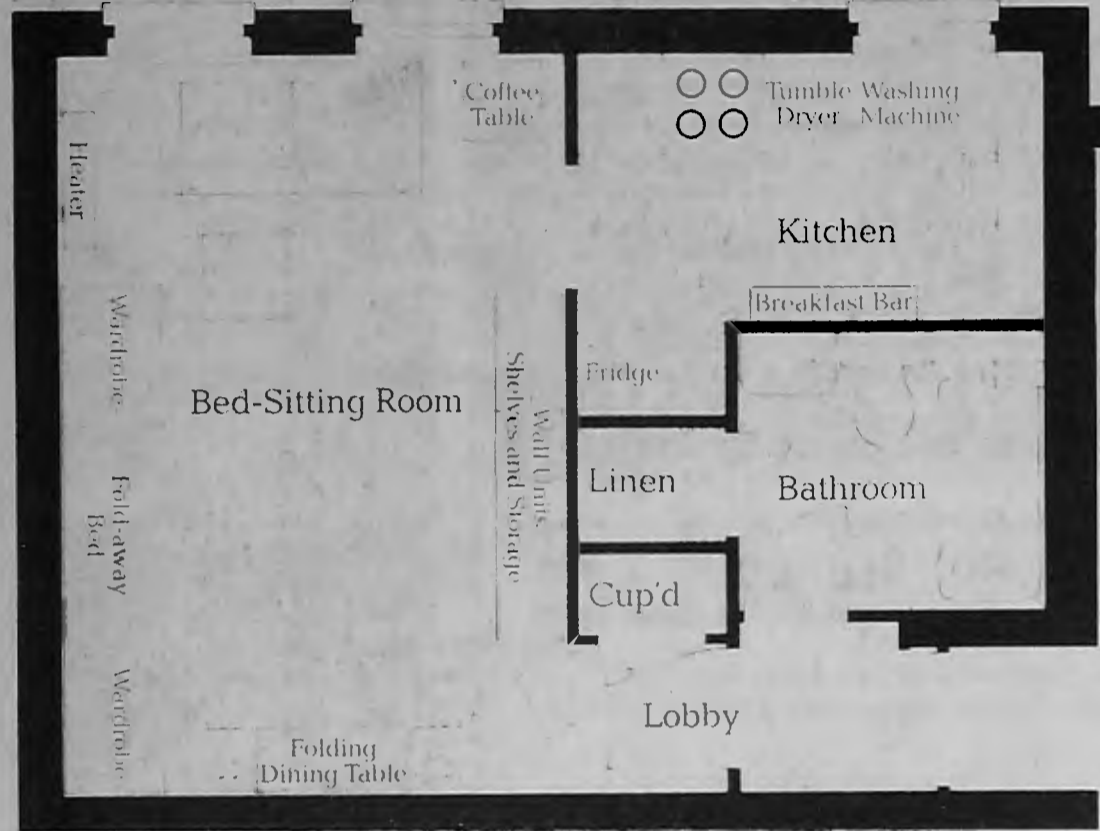
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Of the two additional homes planned, one will be fully staffed and

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The second will have visiting staff and encourage the residents to be more self-sufficient and self-motivating. Those living in the home already established have only a minimum of helpful supervision.

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Carnival Queen competition

The search is on for the 1982 Borough of Barnet Carnival Queen. Open to girls 16 or over who live, work or attend school in the borough. Heats to pick the 12 finalists will take place at Avenue House, East End Road, Church End, Finchley, on Saturday, April 24, at 10 am. The final will be at the Ladbroke Social Club, Burnt Oak Broadway, Burnt Oak, on Thursday, May 27. The main sponsors are the Hendon Times, Ladbroke Entertainment and Owen Owen.

----- Carnival Queen Entry form -----

Name.....

Address.....

Age.....

I enclose a black and white photograph taken within the last six months. I agree to the picture's publication in the Hendon Times series of newspapers or any other associated publications.

Signed.....

Forms to be returned to the Editor (Carnival Queen), 71 Church Road, Hendon, NW4, by first post on Friday, April 23.

WEA SUMMER CLASSES

THE WORKERS' Educational Association have arranged a wide variety of classes through the borough for the summer term. The term runs for six weeks.

Barnet: Wednesday, April 28: English Literature, St. Mark's Church Choir Vestry, Potters Road, New Barnet, 10 am.

Wednesday, April 28: Music, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, High Street, Barnet, 8 pm.

Thursday, April 29: Music, St. Mark's Church Choir Vestry, 10 am.

Thursday, April 29: Women Worldwide: Their position in society and their place in the

home. Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, 8 pm.

Further details, secretary, 30 Park Road, Barnet, Herts (tel. 449 6682).

Friern Barnet: Tuesday, April 13: Appreciation of Music, 321 Colney Hatch Lane, N11, 10 am—12 noon.

Tuesday, April 13: Modern drama, South Friern Library, Colney Hatch Lane, N10, 8—10 pm.

Wednesday, April 14: Heritage in Art, 321 Colney Hatch Lane, 2.30—4.30 pm.

Thursday, April 15: London

Life and London Buildings, South Friern Library, 8—10 pm.

Further details telephone 368 6612.

Finchley: Friday, April 16: Literature, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3, 10 am—noon (creche facilities).

Thursday, April 22: British Birds, Wimbush House, Westbury Road, North Finchley, 2—4 pm. (tel. 446 2143).

Mill Hill: Thursday, April 29: Adult Literature class, Small Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway, Mill Hill, 1.30—3.30 pm (tel. 954 6633).

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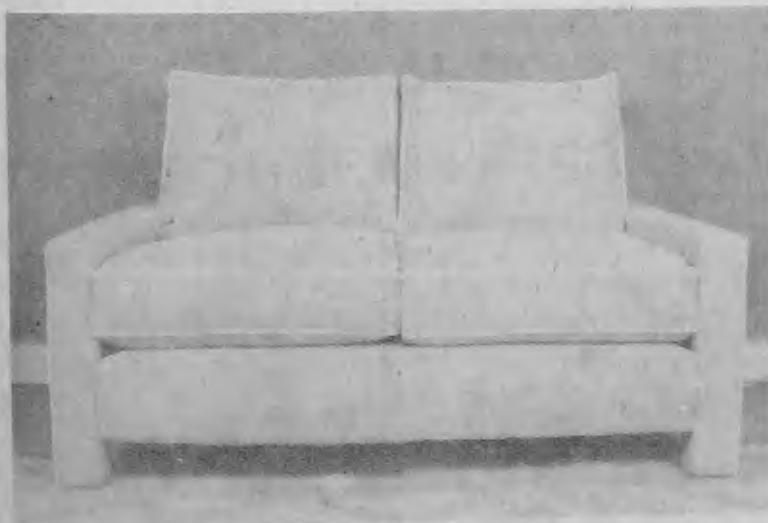
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Letters to the editor

'RARE' EXHIBITION

MAY I draw your readers' attention to an exhibition which might provide a little interest of a different kind.

Barnet Model Railway Club does not usually seek the lime-light as restricted premises and limited membership make it impossible to throw our doors open to all and sundry, but our exhibitions are recognised as among the best in the country and worth, I think, a little local mention.

The fact that exhibitions staged by the Club happen so rarely makes them something of an occasion. The one to be held in the Territorial Hall in St. Albans Road on Saturday, May 8 from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm is only the fifth in the 15-year history of the club — and promises to maintain the high standards which have attracted so many enthusiasts from many parts of the country in previous years.

Of the 12 hand-picked layouts on display, seven have merited articles in the model railway Press, three have been described as 'railway of the month', and one, 'Wyndlesham Cove', has just won the coveted 'Railway Modeller' Cup for

1981. Also present will be the Model Railway Club's famous 'N' gauge award winning 'Chiltern Green' line, and the Barnet Club's popular 'Peterborough North'.

A good range of books and accessories will be displayed on trade stands, and one well-known retailer will have a 'pay and drive a train' line for the youngsters — with proceeds going to a local charity. Weather permitting, there will be live steam rides outside the hall.

All three major gauges — 'O', 'OO' and 'N' — will be represented. The engines and rolling stock on show will range from some of the fine 'out of the box' models which have appeared recently to the finest super detailed hand made models in the country.

May I add that I read Civic News with interest and appreciation because it fulfils an essential function with its useful information in providing about the only link in this sprawling, lop-sided Borough.

Ralph Cooper,
Barnet MRC
28 Bedford Avenue,
Barnet, Herts.

Tale of two churches

IN YOUR interesting article 'Conservationists meet the Planners' in the March issue of Civic News, I was surprised to see that under the drawing of the Lutyens designed Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church the caption read St Jude's Church. St Jude-on-the-Hill was also designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and has a spire as against the Free Church dome.

The following story of our beautiful Church will no doubt be of interest to your readers. At the Joint Suburb Christian Unity Service held at the end of January in the Free Church, the Dean of St. Paul's, the Very Revd. Alan Webster, in his sermon, said: 'This is the first time I have visited a Church in the Hampstead area but I have been in this Church before — in New Delhi. There, the Cathedral of the Redemption, also designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, is a virtual replica of this building except that due to the heat the floor is of marble and there is no glass in the windows.'

Peter Richard
2 Leaside Crescent
London NW11

ON PAGE 6 of the March issue of Civic News there is a picture of a Church described as St. Jude's, Hampstead Garden Suburb. This is incorrect. The picture is that of the neighbouring Free Church. St. Jude's stands southward of this and has a lofty spire.

As a boy of eight I moved with my parents into our new house in Willifield Way in the summer of 1910. I saw St. Jude's built and attended its consecration of which I still treasure a copy of the service pamphlet.

I lived in the Suburb until 1929 when I married and my family remained there until 1939, moving to Barnstaple shortly before the house was seriously damaged by a land mine. Today (March 10, 1982), is my 80th birthday.

C. G. Slade
124 Whitehouse Way
Southgate N14

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There were also a number of telephone calls pointing out the mistake and we thank our readers for their interest.

Red Cross need help

THERE ARE 8,760 hours in the year. Can you spare two of these for the Red Cross? Many Red Cross trained volunteers in the Borough of Barnet spend up to 10 hours each week, year in year out, helping the sick, the elderly and the handicapped of all ages. They also help out at weekends in Barnet's hospitals, provide First Aid coverage for public events like the sports events in Cophall Stadium and they train young people and adults in First Aid and nursing skills.

This means Red Cross volunteers work up to 500 hours each year. All they are asking is that you give them a mere two hours.

Red Cross Week is from May 2-8. This is what we want you to do. Sell flags on May 8, Red Cross Day. Act as Red Cross collectors in your works or office. 'Adopt' one or more streets by collecting from house-

to-house during the week. All that the Red Cross does for those less fortunate than ourselves in Barnet represents good value for money. But the Red Cross can only carry on this work if you help them two hours each year. If you want to help please ring or contact:

Florence Marsh, MBE, 10 Downage, Hendon, NW4 (203 0567).

Pat Fleming, St. Albans Road, Barnet, Herts. (449 8969).

Anne Painter, 172 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3 (346 2588)

If you cannot spare the time, would you please send a donation? Make the cheque payable to the 'British Red Cross Society' and mark it 'Appeal Week'. Thank you very much indeed.

Alan Simpson,
(Press Officer, Hendon Red Cross),
83 Watford Way,
Hendon, NW4

New pensioners' club

THE NEED for more facilities for elderly, retired and house-bound people in the Church End, Finchley, and North Finchley areas was discussed by people working in the local community at a meeting of the Finchley Neighbourhood Forum.

As a result a Health visitor, a Task Force worker and a Community worker wrote to local pensioners inviting them to a meeting in St. Paul's Church Hall, Long Lane, Church End, Finchley.

There was an excellent response. More than 70 people attended and the meeting agreed to form a Pensioners Club and Health Course.

A small committee was formed to organise a programme of interest to the older person and were helped to find speakers on specialised subjects.

A lot of work is needed to raise funds, organise publicity, provide refreshments and, perhaps most important of all, to provide transport for those who otherwise could not get to the club. Can you help? We need:

- Volunteers to drive people to and from the club.

- Drivers and escorts for the minibus which can take wheelchairs. We hope to reimburse expenses to volunteers who should phone Janet Heathfield at Task Force on 446 4221. In

her absence there is an Ansaphone.

All pensioners are welcome to the club's first meeting on April 19 at 1.30 pm when the subject will be 'What is aging — are our illnesses just our age?'

There will be time for tea, for questions and for ideas on further discussion subjects. Those already arranged include 'Cooking for one', 'Keep fit' and 'Safety in the home.'

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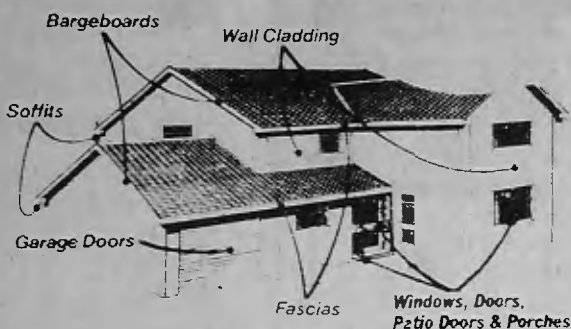
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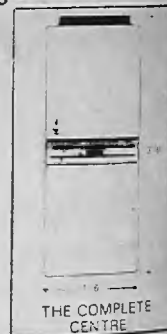
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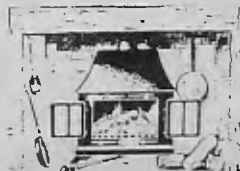
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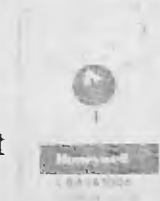
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INTERNATIONAL SET

EVERY TUESDAY evening the Parish Centre of St. Philip's Church, Gravel Hill, Finchley, turns into a mini United Nations. It's Intercon night, a club for students, Au Pairs and younger people from abroad working in this country. And British members are welcome.

They come from South America, Finland, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Spain, Italy, Australia, India and France, and the organisers, Sophia and Martin Culmer, of Friern Mount Drive, Whetstone, would like to see every nation represented.

The club began 11 years ago in Hatfield, but in January this year they opened at St. Philips, a good central venue within easy distance of Finchley Central Underground station and near several bus routes.

The centre has its own bar where drinks are sold at club prices, and the club has its own disco equipment with a wide

selection of records. Visiting disc jockeys set the pace for the evening and Sophia arranges the hall like a night club with candle-lit tables and soft lights — leaving the disco lights to work their own magic. Sometimes a special international night is arranged. A recent success was a Caribbean Carnival, masks and all. On April 24 the Club has booked a river boat on the Thames which includes dancing and a buffet supper for £6.50. And there's still time to join and book.

Membership is open to Au Pairs who get a special low subscription and attendance fee, overseas students, who also have a reduced subscription, and British and overseas people working in this country and who are over 20.

Call in at St. Philip's Parish Centre at 8 pm on any Tuesday or contact Sophia Culmer on 445 0580.

Switch-on date deferred

BRITISH RAIL London Midland Region has deferred the start of the new electric train service between London and Bedford which was to have been introduced on May 17.

This is because the recent rail dispute delayed negotiations on

manning and essential driver training.

The aim now is to get the new trains running by July. Meanwhile the existing diesel trains will operate an interim timetable from May 17.

THE MAYOR OF BARNET Councillor Mrs. Rosa Freeman, gets set to launch the new ambulance bought by the Chipping Barnet Association for the Welfare of the Handicapped at a ceremony at the British Red Cross Headquarters, St. Albans Road, Barnet.

It was seven years ago that the association bought their first purpose-built ambulance. Since then it has been used on approximately 50 outings a year as well as bringing the handicapped to the association's monthly meetings.

The cost of the new ambulance — more than £11,000 — was three times that of the first ambulance.

Among those who attended the ceremony was Councillor Mrs. Shirley More, president of the association; Mr. Sydney Chapman, MP for Chipping Barnet, and the Rev. Frederick George, who blessed and dedicated the new ambulance.

Most of the helpers have been with the association for many years and they are now looking for newcomers in the 25 to 50 age group to carry on the work started 20 years ago. If you can help, please contact the chairman, Mrs. M. F. Wright, 63 Burlington Rise, East Barnet, Herts. (361 9079).

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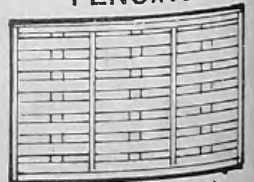


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Mayor launches ambulance



Wonderful Barnet kids

BARNET School Children had a spontaneous vote of thanks for the Mayor's Appeal Committee for their marvellous behaviour during the Sponsored Swim at Cophall Pools on Saturday, March 13.

The minutes record: 'Not only do we thank them for their civic mindedness in generously supporting the Mayor's Appeal, but also for the way in which they behaved. They were a credit to Barnet.'

More than 160 took part in the swim, most from Barnet Schools with teams from Hendon Police College and Inglis Barracks also taking part. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Rosa Freedman, and her Escort, attended and congratulated the organiser Mr. Gerald Kirby.

Altogether nearly £3,000 is promised from sponsorship. Top swimmer was Keith Brown of Finchley Manorhill School with 100 lengths. Top sponsorship was collected by Mr. Brian Goodman. The swimmers included Councillor Mrs. Mary Phillips and Mr. Alan Gorst, Director of Social Services.

Moss Hall Junior School also joined the swim at their own pool on Wednesday, March 10.

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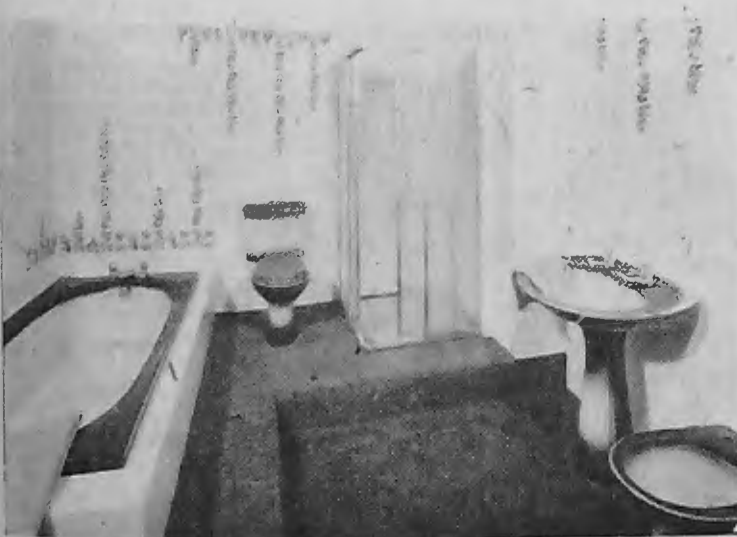
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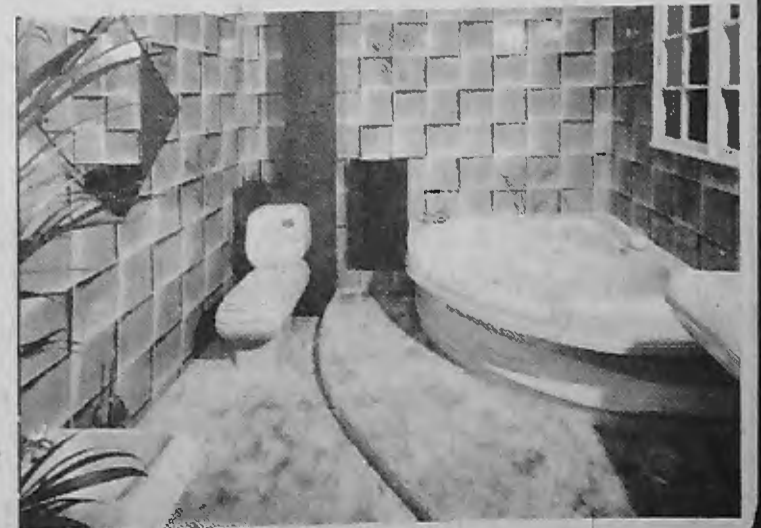


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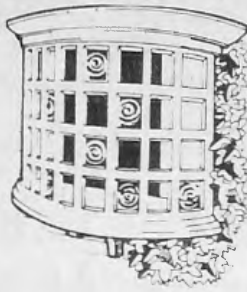
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THIS LIST of activities in the Borough is open, free of charge, to all voluntary and community groups.

Entries for the June issue (June 12 to July 12) must reach the editor by May 11.

Entries to Civic News, address: page 4.

***Asterisk denotes regular weekly meeting.**

Saturday April 10

British Tinnitus Association (NW London), The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 1.30 pm (444 9657).

Flower arranging competition at The Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. Theme: 'The Arts'. 11 am—5 pm (449 0048).

*Drama Workshop for children, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Ages 7—10, 10.30 am—12.30 pm; 10—12, 1.30—3.30 pm. 50p per session (449 0048).

*Art/craft and drama workshop for children at Elizabeth Allen Teachers' Centre, Wood Street, Barnet. 9.30 am in term time (368 2772).

*Dolphin Swimming Club. Tuition in swimming for adults and children of all ages. Warm indoor pool in Hampstead. 2—5 pm (349 1844).

*Social Singles Club for unattached people 30 to 50; 8 pm (368 3978) or SAE to 62 Hand-side Lane, Welwyn Garden City.

*Indian Classical Dance Class, Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre, Meadway, High Barnet. 11 am—12 noon (368 0842 after 6 pm, 574 0371, day).

*Barnet Thirty Plus Group unattached people 30 to 50; 8 pm. Social events (531 5993 or SAE to 43 Abbots Crescent, Chingford).

Sunday April 11

Octopus Swimming Club for the Handicapped, Squires Lane Baths, Finchley, N3. 12.30—1.30 pm (346 5944).

*Barnet and District Athletic Club, youngsters training, Victoria Hall, Park Road, East Barnet. 10.30 am (882 3265).

*Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Every evening. 7.30—11 pm. Training for youngsters. Sundays 3—5 pm (440 1721).

*Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, 145 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak. Beginners 8 pm (959 5204).

*Bridge Lane Bridge Club, 71 Bridge Lane, Golders Green. Every day except Friday evening. 1.30—6 pm and 7.45—11.40 pm (455 3711 and 458 1764 after 2 pm).

*Mind (voluntary mental health organisation) Social Club, Day Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley, N3. 3.30—7 pm (455 2850).

*Zen Meditation meetings, 91 Nether Street, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 1819).

*Bible Talk, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Road, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (441 0060 or 449 2055).

*Tae Kwon Do Club, Grahame Park Centre Point. 2—4 pm (200 7112).

*Finchley Crusaders, Christian Youth Group for boys and girls.

Ages 5-11, 3—4 pm, 46 Dollis Avenue, N3 (346 6715); 11-18, 3—4 pm, St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3 (346 1277).

*120 (Hendon) Squadron Air Training Corps, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Road, Colindale, NW9. Boys 13½-15½. 10 am—12.30 pm (205 7297).

*Wembley Sailing Club, Birchen Grove, NW9. Sailing on Welsh Harp. Beginners welcome (455 5073).

Monday April 12

*Annunciation Youth Centre, Thirleby Road, Burnt Oak. 6 pm Judo; Guitar; Football, girls and boys 11-16; 8 pm. General activities 13-17. **Tuesdays:** Irish dancing 5 pm; Popmobility girls 7.30 pm, ladies 8 pm. **Wednesdays:** 6.15 pm Brownies; 8 pm girls' football general club 13-17 yrs; **Thursdays:** Over 60s 2 pm; Guides 7 pm; **Fridays:** Junior Youth Club (9-12 yrs) 6 pm; General Club (12-14 yrs), 7.30 pm; Friday's People (18-25 yrs) 8 pm; **Saturdays:** Irish dancing 10 am; Boppers Disco (9-12 yrs) 7.30 pm (959 7840).

*New Barnet Literary and Debating Society, East Barnet Baptist Church Hall, corner of East Barnet Road and Crescent Road. 8 pm (440 3859).

*Woodcraft Folk (High Barnet) — Barnet Hill School, Dollis Valley Way, boys and girls 6-10 years 6.15—7.30 pm (440 5369), 10-13 years 7.45—9.15 pm (449 7709); Foulds School, Byng Road, Barnet, 6-10 years 6.15—7.30 pm (449 0361), 10-13 years 7.30—9 pm (449 6038).

*4th East Barnet Mixed Venture Scout Unit (16-20), Netherlands Road, near Oakleigh Park Station, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 1210).

*Barnet Chess Club, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 7.45 pm (445 0635).

*Dog obedience training, All Saints' Parish Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Friern Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm; Advanced 8.45 pm (449 4155 after 6 pm).

*Ladies' meeting, East Finchley Baptist Church, Creighton Avenue, Finchley, N2. 2.30 pm.

*Boys' Brigade, 4th Finchley Company, Finchley Methodist Church, Essex Hall, Essex Park, Finchley, N3. 6-8 years, 5.30 pm; 8-11 years, 6.30 pm (446 2690).

*Silver Threads — Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 2 pm (440 8303).

*North London Karate Club, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7733 or 440 8633).

*Bridge at Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm (959 4723/346 6925).

*Edgware Sea Cadet Corps Boys and Girls 12-18 years. Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30—9.30 pm (959 0711).

*Livingstone Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, Bévan Park Baptist Church, Grove Road, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 3094).

*Hendon Sea Cadet Corps — Sea and Marine Cadets 12 years plus. Cool Oak Lane,

NW9. 7.30 pm (200 6286). *Barnet Karate Centre, Reynolds Hall, East Barnet Road. Beginners classes, 7.30 pm (203 3991). Ladies' Keep Fit/Karate, 1.30 pm (346 0630). *Rhythm, movement and dance workshop, Church End, Finchley, N3. All week, evenings and daytime (346 4558).

Mental Health Association (MIND) Advice Centre, 154 Station Road, Hendon. Mondays 10.30 am—12.30 pm; Wednesdays 2—4 pm; Thursdays 8—10 pm. No appointment necessary.

*1st Hendon Company Boys' Brigade, United Reformed Church, Eversfield Gardens, Mill Hill. 6-8 years. 4.30 pm; 8-11 years. 6.30 pm; 11-17 years. 8 pm (427 6237).

*Pop-Flexibility Sessions (exercise to music), held at Finchley Sports Hall. 7.30—9.30 pm (349 1844).

*Modern sequence and old time dancing, St. Paul's Church Hall, High Road, New Southgate (end of Woodlands Road). 7.30 pm (886 3799).

*Self-defence course for girls, Bunyan Hall, Trinity Church, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 7 pm (346 3621).

*Visual Arts Club, Old Bull Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet — adults £1, 1.30 pm; 7-12-year-olds 4 pm, 50p (449 0048).

Tuesday April 13

Open House — social and cultural meetings — s.a.e. to 146 Oakleigh Road South, N11.

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 8 pm (954 4944).

National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NW London), Temple Fortune Health Centre, Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. 8 pm (455 5113).

*Barnet and District Athletic Club Training Night, Victoria Hall, East Barnet. 7.15 pm (441 1589).

*Scottish dancing, St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8—10.30 pm. Children's Scottish dancing, 6.30—7.30 pm.

*Modern ballroom and Latin American dancing, Shakespear Hall, Manor Park Crescent, Station Road, Edgware. 8.30 pm (346 5868).

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

*Hendon South Young Socialists meeting, 7 Sunnyfields Road, Hendon. 8 pm.

*Hendon South Young Conservatives meeting, 166 Station Road, Hendon. 8.15 pm (455 9136).

*Friern Barnet Photographic Society, Dollisfield Library, Totteridge Lane. 8 pm (445 2617).

*West Hendon Handicraft Group, West Hendon Community Centre, West Hendon Estate. 2—4 pm (205 0514).

*Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. 2—4 pm open for unemployed young people 16-21 years;

7.30—10 pm Senior Youth Club 13-21 years — occasional disco, general club activities (444 8422).

*Prayer and Bible Study, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 7.15 pm (440 8303).

*57 Nursing Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Carey Hall, Claremont Road, Cricklewood. 7.30 pm (428 4529).

*Barnet Hockey Club training session, Grahame Park all-weather floodlit pitch. 8 pm (445 8968 or 61 22668).

*East Finchley Sisterhood, Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. 2.30 pm (444 5756).

*Hendon Arts Theatre Workshop, open to all, 7.45 pm (202 6242 to apply).

*Old Bull Morris Dancers, Mixed Sex Clog Morris Team, Assembly Hall, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 7.45—9.45 pm (440 1861).

*Manor Drive Methodist Church Wives' Club, corner of York Way and Manor Drive, N20 (during term-time). 2—3.15 pm. Creche available (368 2193).

*Jewish Association & Cultural Society, Henriques House, 120 Oakleigh Road North, N20. 1.30—3.30 pm (368 3986).

*Home League women's meeting, East Finchley Salvation Army, Hertford Road, East Finchley. 2.15 pm (444 0207).

*Barnet Tae Kwon Do Club, Trinity Church Hall, Dale Grove, North Finchley. 7—9 pm (77 50635).

*Barnet Karate Centre — Ladies' Keep Fit/Karate, Finchley Synagogue, Hutton Grove, North Finchley. 1.30 pm (346 0630). Children's class, Underhill Junior School, Mays Lane, Barnet. 7 pm. Ladies' Karate. 8.30 pm (203 3991).

*Home League women's meeting, Hendon Salvation Army, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 2.15 pm.

*Tae Kwon Do Club, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 8—9 pm (200 7112).

*Ladies' Fellowship, United Mission, Pembroke Road, Muswell Hill. 2.15 pm (444 5536).

*Friern Barnet Photographic Society, St. John's Hall, Friern Barnet Lane (next to Whelstone Police Station). 8 pm (445 2617).

*Friends of Clitterhouse Junior School — Bingo session during term time — Claremont Road, Cricklewood. 8 pm.

*English Country Dancing, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Church Lane, East Finchley, N2. 7.30 pm (445 4772).

*120 (Hendon) Squadron Air Training Corps, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Road, Colindale, NW9. Boys 13½-15½. 7.30—9.30 pm (205 7297).

*Goodwyn Avenue Badminton Club, Methodist Church, Goodwyn Avenue, Mill Hill. 8 pm (953 2021, ext. 82 between 9 am—5 pm).

*Spark Community Social Club (for anyone who has had a stroke), Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak. 7 pm (952 3322).

*Slenderquest, Small Room, St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Hall Road, East Barnet (203 0898).

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Silver Studios — Exhibition on the work by this London Design Studio which has produced designs for a wide range of fabrics, wallpapers and other furnishings, Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: weekdays (except Tues.), 10 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Tues, 10 am—1 pm; Sunday 2—5.30 pm (203 0130). Collection is now held by Middlesex Polytechnic.

April 17 to May 1

Barnet & Finchley Photographic Society Annual Exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. Normal library opening hours (445 4081).

April 17 to May 15

'Here Today — Gone Tomorrow' — contemporary photographs recording subjects which may soon disappear, taken by members of Hendon Camera Club, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal library opening hours (202 5625).

April 19 to May 15

Watercolours by Graham Cole and coloured pottery by Gilles le Corre, The Old

Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. Open: Mon.—Sat., 10 am—6 pm (closed Thurs. pm) (449 0048).

April 21 to May 12

Paintings and prints by Diana Davies, The Crest Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane. Open: Tues. and Wed., 2—5.30 pm; Fri. 11 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat. 11 am—1 pm, 2—4 pm (361 9648).

April 22 to May 6

Pastel drawings by Leonard Bennetts, Stanhope Road Adult Centre, North Finchley. Open: Mon.—Fri., 10 am—12 noon, 1—3.30 pm, 6.30—8.30 pm (445 6068).

May 8

Barnet Model Railway Club, Territorial Hall, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 10.30—6.30 pm. Admission 50p, children and pensioners 30p, family ticket £1.50.

May 13—27

Calligraphy by students of Ann Trudgill, Stanhope Road Adult Centre, North Finchley. Open: Mon.—Fri., 10 am—12 noon, 1—1.30 pm, 6.30—8.30 pm (445 6068).

WHAT'S ON

British Computer Society (North London Branch), West Lodge Park Hotel, Cockfosters Road, Hadley Wood. 8 pm. 'Non-stop computing'. (363 8879).

Hendon Horticultural Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 'The best way to show flowers for exhibition'. 8 pm (346 7392).

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet Branch), Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Barnet. 1.30 pm. Speaker: Miss Betty Millard. National President. (449 6023).

Friary Ladies Club, Assembly Rooms, Colney Hatch Lane, N11 (entrance at rear in Lyndhurst Avenue). 8 pm (368 0638).

Barnet Friends of the Earth, venue varies. 8 pm (441 0792).

Finchley Floral Art Society, Friends Meeting House, Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. AGM and social evening. 8 pm (446 0835).

*Barnet Caving Group, The Joiners Arms, Ballards Lane, N3. Beginners and experienced cavers welcome. 9 pm (959 4615 or 444 4374).

*Wednesday Bridge Club, St. Andrew's Small Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 1.30 pm (440 9682).

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

*Old Time and modern sequence dancing, BSCA: Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm (440 4424).

*Friary Sequence Dance Club, Manor Drive Methodist Church Hall, Whetstone. 8—10.30 pm (446 4816).

*Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, Watling Community Cen-

tre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware. 8 pm (959 5204).

*Dog training, St. Philip's Church Hall, Gravel Hill, Finchley, N3. Beginners 7—8 pm; Intermediate etc. 8 pm (458 7399).

*West Hendon Liberal Association. 7.45 pm (202 8087) Sunday to Thursday evenings only.

*Women's League of Health and Beauty, Christ Church Hall, High Road, North Finchley. Graded classes from 7 pm onwards (Hatfield 61448).

*Chipping Barnet YCs, Barnet Conservative Club, 33 High Street, Barnet. 8 pm (449 7345 daytime).

*Finchley & Friern Barnet YCs, 212 Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 9426).

*Edgware Amateur Cine Society, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 8 pm (959 7783 or 428 9659).

*Whist at Fellowship House, Wilfield Green, Golders Green. 8 pm (458 4023).

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

*Edgware Photographic Society, Edgware Library, Hale Lane. 8 pm (952 4786).

*Ballroom, sequence, old tyme and party dancing, St. Mary's Hall, 54 Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 8 pm (803 9028).

*Home League ladies meeting, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2.15 pm (449 8200).

*Pymmes Judo Club for children, East Barnet School, Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet.

6.30 pm (440 6473).

*Judó, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. Beginners, 5.15 pm; Juniors, 6.15 pm; Seniors, 7.15 pm. Girls' and ladies' self defence; 8—9 pm, Yoga and football (444 8422).

*Over 60s Meeting, West Hendon Community Centre. 2—4 pm (202 4847).

*North London & District Divorced and Separated Club, St. Paul's Church Hall, High Road, New Southgate. 8 pm (360 0879).

*Incognito Theatre Group, Holly Park Road, New Southgate. 8 pm. New members welcome (445 1576).

*Daniel Court Social Club, North Acre, Grahame Park. 2—5 pm

(200 1759 after 6 pm).

*Dog Training, Christ Church Hall, The Crest, Brent Street, Hendon. Beginners 6.45 pm and 7.15 pm; intermediate and competition until 10 pm (202 2888).

*East Finchley Theatre Group, Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. 7.30 pm.

*Mothers and Toddlers Group, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Road, New Barnet. 1.30—3 pm (440 7058).

*Yoga classes (fit or disabled), St. Mary's Church Hall, East Barnet. 2 pm—3.30 pm (440 1828). Multiple sclerosis group starting soon.

*Mountfield Old Time and Modern Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, Finchley N2. 7.30 pm.

*East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, N2. Social Work Surgery. 1.30—3.30 pm (444 6265).

*Drama Workshop for children 5—7, Old Bull Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. 4.15—5.45 pm. Teenagers 6.30—8.30 pm. 50p per session (449 0048).

*Drama-Growth for adults, Old Bull Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. 8.30—10 pm (77 58636).

Broadway. 7.45 pm (950 5756).

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

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

*Finchley Old Time and Modern Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, East Finchley. 7.30 pm.

*Hendon & Edgware 18 Plus Group, Midland Arms, Church Road, Hendon. 8.15 pm (452 6144).

*National Council for the Divorced and Separated (NW London Branch), Cavalier Rooms, Prince Albert, Golders Green Road, Golders Green. 8 pm.

*Mental Health Association (MIND) Social Club, 154 Station Road, Hendon. 8—10 pm (455 2850).

*Finchley Chess Club, Day Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley, N3. 7 pm (445 7560).

*Silver Circle, Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2 pm (449 8200).

*Ridgeway Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, St. Mary's Hall, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 7.30 pm (449 2852).

*Barnet and District Athletic Club — Joggers night at Victoria Hall, Park Road, East Barnet. 7 pm (441 1589).

*Barnet Youth Hostels Association Group, The Scout HQ, Triangle Passage, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 1983).

*Pymmes Judo Club for adults, East Barnet School, West-

Council meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and Committee meetings in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7 pm.

Wednesday, April 14: Town Planning and Research.

Tuesday, April 20: Council Meeting.

Monday, April 26: Housing; Development and Estates.

Tuesday, April 27: Public Works; Social Services.

Thursday April 15

Greater London Old English Sheepdog Club — grooming/obedience training. Hendon Football Club, Claremont Road, NW2. 8 pm (458 7028). Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill

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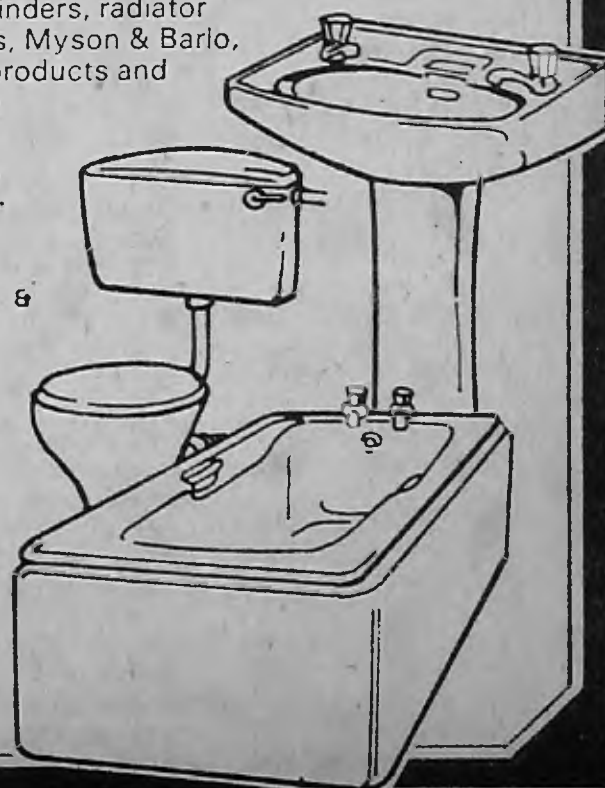
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brook Crescent, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 6473).

*Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. Senior Youth Club (13 to 21 years) and general activities. 7.30 pm (444 8422).

*Boys' Brigade, 4th Finchley Company, 11-18 years. Finchley Methodist Church, Essex Hall, Essex Park, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (446 2690).

*North London Karate Club, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7733 or 440 8633).

*Duplicate Bridge, Friends of the Jewish Day Centre, Michael Sobell House, Limes Avenue, Golders Green. 7.45 pm. £1.20 inc. refreshments.

*Dancing, Conservative Hall, High Road, New Southgate. Children's: old time, Latin, disco. Adults: sequence and modern. 6—10.30 pm (361 9847).

*Barnet PHAB Group (physically handicapped and able-bodied). Alyth Youth Centre, Alyth Gardens, Temple Fortune. 8.15 pm (906 1505).

*Old Time and Sequence Dance Club, Cadets HQ, Long Lane, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm (445 3610).

*Boys Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, High Barnet. 6 pm.

*Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, girls' 12-18 years, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30—9.30 pm (959 0711).

*8th Barnet Scout Group (Cub Scouts) 8-11 years, The Scout Hut, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 6.30—8 pm (440 7457)

Ladies' Meeting, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 2.30 pm. Boys' Club, 6.30—8 pm (440 8303).

*Hendon and District Aquatic Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 8 pm (458 5826).

*Barnet Tae Kwon Do Club, Trinity Church Hall, Dale Grove, North Finchley. 7—9 pm (77 50635).

*Burnt Oak Salvation Army Over 60s Club, Barnfield Road, Burnt Oak. 2 pm (906 1606).

*Over 60s Club, Hendon Salvation Army, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 2.15 pm.

*Tae Kwon Do Club, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 8—9 pm (200 7112).

*9th Hendon Boys' Centre, Edgware Methodist Church, Garrat Road, Edgware. 8-11 years. 6.45 pm (958 8285).

*Boys' Brigade, 1st New Barnet, Brookside Methodist Church, East Barnet. 6-8 years. 6 pm; 8-11 years. 6.30 pm (441 2042).

*Hendon Chess Club, 7 Sunningfields Road, Hendon. 7.30 pm.

*Sequence Dancing, St. Stephen's Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. Beginners class 7.30—8.30 pm; General dancing 8.30—10 pm (77 52949).

*High Barnet Woodcraft Folk, Underhill School, Mays Lane, Barnet. Boys and girls 6-10 years 6.15—7.30 pm (441 3233).

*8th Hendon Company Boys' Brigade (Pre-Junior) 5-8 years 6 pm, Mill Hill East Church, Salcombe Gardens (205 3182/346 6167).

Russell Club (National Association of Women's Clubs),

Southaw School, Russell Lane, Whetstone. 8 pm (361 1553).

*JACS (Finchley Branch) — cultural club for retired people, The Caller Wing, Finchley Synagogue, Kinloss Gardens, Finchley, N3. 1.30 pm (368 3986).

*Retirement Club, Montagu Road Centre, Montagu Road, Hendon. 1.45 pm (202 2233).

*Over 60s Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 2 pm.

*Pop-flexibility sessions, Finchley Sports Centre, High Road, N3. 7.30 pm (349 1844).

*3rd East Barnet Scout Group (11-16 years), Headquarters, Vernon Crescent, East Barnet. 6 pm.

*Barnet Youth Hostelling Group, The Scout Hut, Triangle Passage, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 5475).

Friday April 16

Barnet Afternoon TWG, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. 2 pm (449 0714).

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

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

*Barnet & Finchley Photographic Society, rear of 37 Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8 pm (368 3917).

*Mill Hill Over 60s Handicraft Club, Moreton Close Lounge (behind shops at Salcombe

Gardens, Mill Hill). 2—4 pm (959 3858).

*Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. Junior Youth Club (8-13 years), general activities. 5.45 to 8.15 pm (444 8422).

*Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (346 4265).

*Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, boys 12-18 years, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30—9.30 pm (959 0711).

*8th Barnet Scout Group, 11-16 years, The Scout Hut, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 7.30—9.30 pm (440 7457).

*Over 60s Fellowship, East Finchley Salvation Army, Hertford Road, East Finchley. 2.30 pm (444 0207).

Barnet Arts Workshop Dance. Keep Fit Class, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley. 75p (creche). 10—11 am and 11.15 am—12.15 pm (346 7120).

*Hendon Unit Sea Cadet Corps — Girl Sea Cadets 12 years plus. Cool Oak Lane, NW9. 7.30 pm (200 6286).

*Bible Fellowship, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 7.45 pm (449 8200).

*5th Hendon Boys' Brigade, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 8-11 years, 6.30 pm; 11-18 years, 8 pm (952 3385).

*Barnet Blind Bowls Club, Drill Hall, St Albans Road, High Barnet. 2.30 pm (449 7058).

*High Barnet Woodcraft Folk Venturers 13-16+ (enquire at

Queen Elizabeth's Sports Centre for location) (440 2426).

*Mother and Toddlers Group, The Hyde URC Hall, Colindale Close, Colindale. 2—3.30 pm During school term (200 5375).

*120 (Hendon) Squadron Air Training Corps, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Road, Colindale, NW9. Boys 13½-15½. 7.30—9.30 pm (205 7297).

*3rd East Barnet Club Scout Pack (8-11 years), Headquarters, Vernon Crescent, East Barnet. 6.30 pm.

*1st Golders Green Ranger Guide unit (14-19 years), St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 7.45 pm (360 6456 day).

*Siddha Meditation — Satsangs — chanting, talks and meditation. 7.45 pm (446 1650).

Hendon & District Cage Birds Association, Carey Hall, Wetherforce Road, West Hendon. 'Budgerigar Bar Head Table Show. 7.30 pm (205 2647).

Saturday April 17

John Major, GLC member for Chipping Barnet, and a Barnet Councillor, hold an advice bureau, 163 High Street, Barnet, 10.30 am—12 noon (449 7345).

Monday April 19

Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service whist drive, Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 2.15 pm (368 4278).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Bigwood House (Junior School), Bigwood Road, NW11. 'Royal Worcester Porcelain', 8 pm (202 0269).

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Tuesday April 20

Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (26-60) Finchley Area. 8 pm (889 0513/346 8978 evenings).
Osidge Young Wives Group, Brunswick Park Road Health Centre, N11, 8 pm (368 3370).
Pre-driving test lecture, Road Safety Centre, East Barnet Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet. Fee: £1, 7.30-9 pm (349 9121, ext. 422).
Barnet Branch of the North Middlesex Family History Society meeting, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet, 7.45 pm (449 5080/6153).

Wednesday April 21

Barnet Association for the Advancement of State Education, Moat Mount School, Worcester Crescent, Mill Hill. Panel of political representatives on educational policy for the Borough (346 0358).
Barnet & District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet, 8.15 pm. 'Mesolithic Period in the Lea Valley' (77 54150).
Lions Club of Finchley, Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, Hendon, 7.30 pm (951 2196).
Woodside Park TWG, Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, 2.15 pm (346 2095).
Hendon Floral Art Group, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 'With holidays in mind' and bring and buy, 7.30 pm (959 6111).
Women's League of Health and Beauty, Free trial class. Come and try! Christ Church Hall, High Road, N. Finchley. 7 pm (Hatfield 61448).

Thursday April 22

Institute Society Arts Group,

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday April 27

Finchley Redbourne TWG, Etchingham Park Centre, Etchingham Park Road, Finchley N3, 7.45 pm (346 8596).
Acorns, non-sectarian club for women, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, 9.45-11.30 am. 'The Rothschilds in England' (346 0232/449 8613). Creche available.
Hendon Red Cross - Bring & Buy - The Centre, 10 The Downage, Hendon, 10 am-12 noon.

Wednesday April 28

Friary Ladies' Club, Assembly Rooms, Colney Hatch Lane, N11 (entrance at rear in Lyndhurst Avenue), 8 pm (368 0638).
Amnesty International (Golders Green Branch), Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, NW11, 7.30 pm (346 3138).

Community Room, Bigwood House, Bigwood Road, NW11, 8 pm. Talk and criticism of members' work, 8 pm. Non-members 25p (455 3244).
Hendon & District Aquatic Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon, 8 pm (368 8430).

Osidge Branch (Women's Section), Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, St. Andrew's Hall, Chase Side, Southgate, 2 pm (368 5414).
Finchley Church End Afternoon TWG, St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley N3, 2.15 pm (346 4178).
Bible Study led by Major Leslie Condon, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet, 7.45 pm (440 4649).

Friday April 23

Broadfields Evening TWG, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware, 7.30 pm (958 4845).

Saturday April 24

Phoenix Club - dance at Mill Hill East Church (corner of Salcombe Gardens/Sanders Lane), 7.30 pm. Tickets: £1.40.
5th Edgware (John Keble) Scout Group Grand Jumble Sale, John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware, 2 pm.

Sunday April 25

Octopus Swimming Club for the Handicapped, Squires Lane Baths, Finchley N3, 12.30-1.30 pm (346 5944).

Thursday April 29

The North London Society (Association of Certified Accountants), Royal Chase Hotel, The Ridgeway, Enfield, 8 pm. AGM, followed by 'Accounting for Charities' (445 7498).

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway, 7.45 pm (950 5756).

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley), St. Albans Parish Centre, Gainsborough Road, North Finchley, 1.30 pm (445 7413).

Pensioners' Voice (Colindale/Burnt Oak), Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, 1.30 pm (959 4683).

Barnet/Finchley Community Health Council meeting, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, 7.30 pm (449 3714).

Saturday May 1

Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service, Whist Drive, Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11, 8 pm (368 4278).
Sydney Chapman, MP for Chipping Barnet, and a Barnet Councillor, hold an advice centre, 163 High Street, Barnet, 10.30 am-12 noon (449 7345).

5th Hendon Boys' Brigade Parents' Association Spring Fair, St. James United Reformed Church, Heather Walk, Edgware, 2.30-5 pm. Admission free (959 0333).

New Barnet Salvation Army Corps Centenary Reunion Festival of Thanksgiving, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet, 7 pm.

May Day Fair, and opening of the Crafts Studio Workshops, The Old Bull Arts Centre (Court-yard behind), 68 High Street, Barnet, 11 am-4 pm (449 0048).

Hendon Salvation Army, Brampton Grove, Home League Week-end. Special visit of Leeds Temple Songster Brigade.

Sunday May 2

New Barnet Salvation Army Corps Centenary Reunion. Public meetings 10.30 am and 6.45 pm. Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet (440 4649).

Monday May 3

National Federation of Pensioners' Association (Mill Hill, London), John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware, 1.30 pm (349 0426).

Tuesday May 4

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Local Theatre Guide

April 22 to 24
Barnet Arts Club present 'The Rape of the Belt' by Ben Levy, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. Admission £1.50, £1.20 (449 9806).
Hall, Mill Hill. 8 pm (202 0023).
Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society present 'The Children's Hour' by Lillian Hellman, The Institute, NW11. 8 pm (445 8204).
Brookland Players, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. 'Our Town' by Thornton Wilder. 8 pm (207 2114).

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Mill Hill Theatre Club present 'Whose Life is it Anyway' by Brian Clark, Hartley

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Therapy Department, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. 7.30 pm (Hemel Hempstead 55913).

Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Belle Vue Road, N11, 1.45 pm (445 8011).

Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (26-60), Finchley area, 8 pm (889 0513/346 8978, evenings).

Osidge Young Wives Group, Brunswick Park Road Health Centre, N11, 8 pm (368 3370).

Wednesday May 5

Lions Club of Finchley, Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, Hendon, 7.30 pm (951 2196).

Ecology Party (Barnet Finchley), 449 8297.

Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, N12, 8.30 pm (349 2709).

Barnet Evening TWG, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet, 7.45 pm. 'The story behind the stories' (449 6809).

Thursday May 6

Women's Aid monthly meeting. Contact Jean Feldman on 449 4847.

Hendon Afternoon TWG, Cheshire Hall, Foster Street, Hendon, 2 pm (202 6081).

Probus Club of Finchley, Finchley Bowling Club, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley N3, 11 am. 'Works of a Jeweller'. (445 4727).

Multiple Sclerosis Society (Barnet & District), Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet, 7.30 pm (Hatfield 64282).

Saturday May 8

British Tinnitus Association (NW London), The Meritage Club.

Church End, Hendon, 1.30 pm (444 9657).

Antiques and Collectors' Fair, Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Village, 10.30 am—5 pm. Refreshments. Car Park. Admission 25p (children free if accompanied by an adult) (445 8391).

Sunday May 9

Octopus Swimming Club for the Handicapped, Squires Lane Baths, Finchley N3, 12.30—1.30 pm (346 5944).

Monday May 10

Finchley Chrysanthemum Society, Manorside School, Squires Lane, Finchley N3, 8 pm. Bring and Buy (346 2974).

Finchley District League of Jewish Women, Kinloss Synagogue, Kinloss Gardens, N3. Guest Speaker: Lady Amelia Jacobovitz, 1.15 (882 3064).

Tuesday May 11

Open House — social and cultural meeting — s.a.e. to 146 Oakleigh Road South, New Southgate, N11.

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway, 8 pm (954 4944).

National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NW London), Temple Fortune Health Centre, Temple Fortune Lane, NW11, 8 pm (455 5113).

Acorns, a non-sectarian club for women, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, 9.45—11.30 am. Inland

Waterways' Creche available (346 0232/449 8613).

Wednesday May 12

Barnet & District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. Illustrated lecture on 'Archaeology in East Hertfordshire'. 8.15 pm (77 54150).

British Computer Society (North London Branch), West Lodge Park Hotel, Cockfosters Road, Hadley Wood, 8 pm. 'Computer fun and games' and AGM (363 8879).

Hendon Horticultural Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens. 'Enjoying Roses', 8 pm (346 7392).

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet), Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Barnet, 1.30 pm (449 6023).

Friary Ladies' Club, Assembly Rooms, Colney Hatch Lane, Friern Barnet (entrance at rear in Lyndhurst Avenue), 8 pm (368 0638).

Barnet Friends of the Earth, Varied venues, 8 pm (441 0792).

Finchley Floral Art Society, Friends Meeting House, 58 Alexandra Grove, North Finchley, 8 pm (446 0835).

Thursday May 13

Hampstead Scientific Society, Burgh House, New End Square, NW3, 8 pm. 'Video recording' (794 9341).

Friern Barnet Branch Labour Party, 3 Beaconsfield Road, Friern Barnet, 8.30 pm (368 9414).

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway, 7.45 pm (950 5756).

Hendon & District Aquatic Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon 8 pm (368 8430).

Pensioners' Voice (East Finchley), East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, 1.30 pm (444 5950).

Barnet Flower Arrangement Society, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Bar-

LATE ENTRIES

Tuesday, April 13—18: Holiday Tennis Course for children 8 to 16, Brampton Grove Tennis Club, Prothero Gardens, Hendon (202 9118).

Friday, April 30: Barnet Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, WRVS Luncheon Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. Surgery 7.30 pm; Committee meeting 8 pm.

Saturday, May 1 and Monday, May 3: Book sale, St. Albans Hall, West Heath Drive, Golders Green. 9 am—5 pm. In aid of Christian Aid (455 4525).

Saturday, May 8: Jumble Sale, St. John the Apostle Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. In aid of Church Heating Fund.

Sunday, May 9: Bazaar, Edgware Hasmonian School, 261 Hale Lane, Edgware. 2—5.30 pm. Entrance Adults 25p, children free.

Monday, May 10: Barnet

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net, 8 pm. 'The London I Love' (77 52924).

Barnet & District Fuchsia Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. Speaker: Mr Don Stillwell, 8 pm (St. Albans 59989).

Friday May 14

Hendon & District Cage Birds Association, Carey Hall, Wilberforce Road, West Hendon. Bird ailments, 7.30 pm (205 2647).

Saturday May 15

Family Holiday Association South Annual Fete, Hill Close, Hampstead Way, NW11. Usual events, produce and entertainments, 2 pm (455 1777).

Citizens' Rights Group. First AGM. Speaker on Disability Rights. Meadowside Day Centre, Holden Road, N. Finchley (446 2717).

Tuesday, May 11: Finchley Citizens' Advice Bureau. AGM. Hertford Lodge Annexe, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 6 pm

Wednesday, April 14: International Night at the Opera. St. Mary's Church, Church End, Hendon, 8 pm. In aid of Save the Children Fund. £2. OAPs 50p.

April 21 to 24: Hendon Catholic Operatic Society presents Orpheus in the Underworld, Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute, Central Square, 7.45 pm (202 0677).

Sunday, May 2: St. Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, N3. A service of church music. 6.30 pm (346 0821).



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Sunday April 11

Barnet Parish Church Recitals. Easter Carol Service. 6.30 pm (449 7760).

Monday April 12

*Finchley Choral Society, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether Street, Finchley, N3. 7.45 pm (445 8401).

*Barnet Orchestra at Hendon, Whitefield School, Claremont Road, Cricklewood. 7.45 pm (205 2418).

*Tudor Orchestra, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Finchley, N2. 7.45 pm.

Tuesday April 13

Hendon Library Gramophone Society, The Burroughs. 'Schwanengesang'. 7.30 pm (202 5625).

*Finchley Chamber Choir, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, Church End, Finchley. 8 pm (959 2681).

*Hendon String Orchestra, Whitefield School, Claremont Road, Cricklewood. 7.45 pm.

*Apollo Singers, Hendon's Male Voice Choir, Grahame Park School, Corner Mead, Colindale. 7.45 pm. New members welcome. (959 1244).

Wednesday April 14

*Barnet and District Choral Society, Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Street, Barnet. 7.45 pm (368 5897 or 440 1157).

Thursday April 15

*Finchley Chamber Orchestra, Moss Hall Junior School, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm.

April 16 and 17

Chicken Shed present 'Star-gaze', All Saints Arts Centre, Oakleigh Road North, N20. 8 pm (363 9697).

April 17

Festival by the Lamplough Family (music party from Chester-ton) and New Barnet Songster Brigade and Band, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 7 pm (440 4649).

April 18

Y Front Theatre Group present Bright Spark, Old Bull Community and Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. 8 pm (449 0048).

New Barnet Corps Salvation Army Songster Sunday, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 10.30 am. 3 pm (festival by the Lamplough Family) and 6.45 pm (440 4649).

April 20

East Barnet Library Gramophone Society, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet. 8 pm. 'From the heart to the heart'. (440 4376).

April 21 to 24

Hendon Catholic Operatic Society present 'Orpheus in the Underworld', The Institute, NW11. 7.45 pm (203 2798).

April 22

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Road. 8.10 pm. 'Music which entertained Henry VIII'. (368 2680).

April 24

Finchley Chamber Choir — a continuous sponsored sing — Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane. Gilbert & Sullivan Operetta. 10 am—6 pm (959 2681).

Gothenburg Cathedral Boys' Choir, All Saints Church, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 7.30 pm (449 4873).

April 26

Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. The Hendon Singers: 8 pm (959 1257).

April 27

Hendon Library Gramophone Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 7.30 pm. 'God is gone up with a merry noise'. (202 5625).

April 30 to May 1

Olde Tyme Music Hall with Bill Owen's 'Laundry Girls', All Saints Arts Centre, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone (363 9697).

May 1

Tundra duo of Kentish songs and tunes. Old Bull Community and Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. 8 pm (449 0048).

May 4

Hendon Library Gramophone Society, Central Library, The Burroughs. 7.30 pm. Bill Lewis's 'More of my favourite chamber music'. (202 5625).

May 5

Barnet College Concerts, Tudor Hall, Wood Street. Carla Brellos (mezzo soprano), Lesley Barnes (piano), John Field (art-historian). 7.30 pm (440 6321).

May 6

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Road. 8.10 pm. 'Sir William Walton at 80'. (368 2680).

May 8

Barnet Parish Church Recitals, High Street. Choral and organ music. 7.30 pm (449 7760). Finchley Chamber Choir, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane. Haydn's 'The Creation'. 7.45 pm (959 2681).

May 9

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Hall, Borehamwood. George Malcolm and the Albion Ensemble. 7.45 pm (953 9872). London Charity Concert Orchestra, St. Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley, N3. Works by Paganini, Balakirev, Schubert and Kalinnikov. 8 pm. Admission £1.50, senior citizens/children £1. (346 0203). In aid of The Chantry Trust.

May 10

Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society, Central Library, The Burroughs. 8 pm (959 1257).

May 11

East Barnet Library Gramophone Society, 85 Brookhill Road. A programme by Colin Kemp. 8 pm (440 4376).

May 11 to 15

Manor House Hospital Operatic Society present 'Die Fledermaus', The Institute, NW11. 7.45 pm (348 3972).

May 12 to 15

Finchley and Friern Barnet Operatic Society present 'Liza', Hornsey Town Hall, N8. 7.30 pm (445 3391).

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BARNET COUNCIL'S Housing Committee set a precedent in consultation when they took the unusual steps of inviting a deputation from the tenants of the Broadfields Estate, Edgware, to speak to the committee and to answer Councillors' questions on the problems the estate is facing.

Four members were invited to sit in the Council Chamber for the occasion and two presented their case. More than 100 tenants from the estate came in a supporting role to fill the public gallery and an overflow committee room which was wired-up for sound so that they could hear the debate.

Afterwards, Councillor Graham Fear, Chairman of the Committee, congratulated the delegation on the way they had put their case.

Factory made components

Broadfields Estate was built in 1968 by using factory-made components assembled on site. These industrialised systems were then favoured by Central Government as a rapid building method to solve the national housing crisis. Standards of insulation laid down at that time, the climate of this country and the form of construction combined gave rise to major problems of condensation and water penetration on estates throughout the United Kingdom.

Mr. John Sullivan, speaking on behalf of Broadfields Tenants, said the first complaints began in 1971

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tenants get a hearing

and had continued ever since. Many families were unable to use one or more rooms in their homes.

He and his fellow delegate Mr. Norman Varnham invited the Councillors to come and see for themselves the conditions on the estate.

In 1979 Barnet Council appointed one of Britain's leading firms of Consulting Engineers to survey the main components of the properties. They found that the buildings themselves were structurally sound — but that there were major problems including water penetration, condensation and lack of insulation.

In December 1980 it was decided to rehouse the tenants in 1 to 12 Prior Court and use that building as a pilot scheme for remedial work. Detailed studies could then be made on structural problems and water penetration. As the Borough Architect, Mr. Derek Buckman, explained: It was easy to identify where water was coming out — that was what the tenants could see for themselves. The problem with these pre-cast sectional buildings was that the water could be coming in in an entirely different place 15 or 20 feet away.

While tenants from Prior Court were being rehoused detailed surveys were being undertaken and

remedial work planned. At the same time writs were issued against the main contractor.

Mr. Buckman explained that at the June 1982 meeting of the Housing Committee a fully detailed report would be presented giving two basic options.

- The extensive rehabilitation of the whole estate.
- Demolition and rebuilding.

The scheme

He identified five major areas of concern and outlined the steps to be taken if rehabilitation was agreed.

Windows: Replacement of all windows with plastic coated steel framed units.

Dampness: This fell into two headings — water penetration and condensation. Extensive tests had been carried out at Prior Court to identify the problems of water penetration and work would be carried out to deal with this problem. To overcome condensation, chemical treatment and dry linings would be applied to external walls reducing the problems of cold concrete panels.

Heating: Full central heating with a radiator system would be installed

but if this was to be effective against condensation it was necessary for tenants to co-operate and maintain low background heating even when the rooms were not occupied.

Environment: A programme of environmental improvements would be drawn up.

Noise: Tests had been carried out and noise levels recorded from flats facing the railway line and these would indicate that parts of Prior, Boysland and Acrefield Courts and Rushmead Close qualified for double glazing.

The tenants are thanked

While major structural works would be carried out on a phased programme as tenants were rehoused and properties made available for the contractor, it might be possible to carry out certain window replacements right through the estate in advance of the full scheme.

In thanking the Tenants' Association for putting their case forward with such clarity and courtesy, Councillor Fear said that he hoped members of the committee would visit the estate and he assured the delegates that the committee was aware of the problems they faced.

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A full report will be submitted to the Housing Committee Meeting on June 21 following discussions with the Department of the Environment on the financial implications of the two alternative schemes — to rehabilitate or to rebuild.



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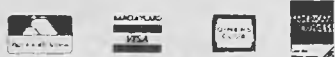
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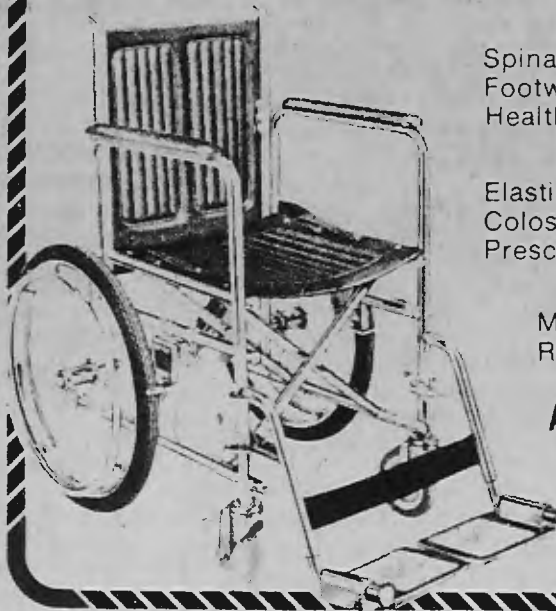
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INGLIS BARRACKS at Mill Hill are staging a Military Tattoo, Carnival and Tournament all rolled into one on Sunday, May 9 and there's a borough-wide welcome for everyone.

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From 1 pm to 6 pm it will be non-stop entertainment. In the Grand Arena the programme features the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers; the Metro-

politan Police Band, The Glentrew Pipe Band, the Saffron Majorettes Display Team; the Police Motor Cycle Precision Team, the Police Dogs display and English Folk Dancers.

Around the grounds will be stalls galore, displays and a kiddies' fun fair. And there will be displays by the Royal Engineers Philatelic Team; the Infantry Display Team; the REME, RAMC, RCT, RAPC and The

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See the Mayor of Barnet arrive by Helicopter. Meet Ozzie the six feet Wise Owl. See Dinkie the miniature pony; visit the Police Underwater Search Unit; the Autodrome, the Fun Castle; try the pony rides, the .22 rifle range, ride the Noddy Train, test the trampolines; score a goal, test your darts skill, meet

the Wet Sponge Horror. Take up the Rubic Cube challenge, play Bingo, beat the Space Invaders.

Refreshments will be on sale and Riverside Nurseries are running a plant and flower stall.

The Fete is in aid of the Mayor of Barnet's Appeal for research into Crohn's Disease in children. Admission is 30p (children 20p).

Festival time in the Garden Suburb

THE WHOLE of Hampstead Garden Suburb will be in festive mood for the first week in May as they celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the suburb in an eight-day Spring Festival.

From Saturday May 1 to Saturday May 8 the Suburb is opening its metaphorical doors to all who enjoy music and drama, arts and crafts, history, food and fun. It's an open invitation to residents and visitors to participate and the programme offers something for all.

It was on May 2, 1907 that Dame Henrietta Barnett cut the first sod to mark the start of a residential experiment which has been recognised as

one of the finest designs of urban planning this century.

For Dame Henrietta life was more than just finding a home, it was a combination of culture and environment and the grouping together of people from all walks of life to form a real community.

This concept is captured by the festival programme. Saturday, May 1 gives the festival a magnificent send off with everyone invited to join in the singing of Handel's Messiah.

At noon on Sunday a plaque commemorating Dame Henrietta's residence at Heath End House, will be unveiled. There will be a service of thanksgiving at St. Jude's — the church with the spire —

and the official exhibition will open at the Free Church — the one with the dome.

The Bank Holiday Monday is Fund Day. Fancy Dress for the children, model railways, sports, Punch and Judy, refreshments, Barbecue and Fireworks.

There is too much to report but watch out for the highlights. Open Days and evenings at the Institute, a dramatic Dialogue, Henrietta and Samuel, spoken by husband and wife team Cyril and Violet Luckham; an international food evening at which you can either pay an entrance fee or bring along a traditional English dish. There's the Henrietta Barnett memorial lecture by Professor Lord Robbins; and the HGS Drama-

tic Society staging a Victorian and Edwardian Miscellany.

If you play an instrument you can join the Crowndale Orchestra at a rehearsal — the latest in play-alongs; and the festival ends with a concert by the Youth Music Centre.

Don't forget during the week at the Tea House:

Oxfam and Hendon and District Archaeological Society have charity stalls, and work by the Institute Society Art Group is displayed. Refreshments are supplied by the Institute Society from Monday to Wednesday 7.30 to 10 pm. and

At Fellowship House the Over 60s club is open to visitors every afternoon Monday to Friday from 2.30 to 4 pm.

Programme details: Tel. 445 9951

Saturday May 1

Handel's 'The Messiah' — a workshop performance, St Jude's Church. Conductor Peter Lea Cox. Admission by programme at the door £1.

Sunday May 2

Unveiling of GLC Memorial Plaque to Dame Henrietta Barnett at Heath End House, near The Spaniards Inn, Hampstead. 12 noon.

Interdominational Service of Thanksgiving in St. Jude's Church. 3 pm.

Official opening of exhibition 'The Making of the Garden Suburb' arranged by the HGS Archives Trust, Free Church, Central Square. (Open Sunday 4—8 pm; Mon. 10 am—8 pm; Tues.—Fri. 3—9 pm; Sat. 2—6 pm).

Monday May 3

Afternoon of events and entertainment for all the family, Central Square (including children's fancy dress and competition, model railway, Punch and Judy). 2.30—5 pm.

Barbecue Party and Grand Fireworks Display, with musical entertainment by the U.C.S. Palm Courtette. Tickets in advance £1.50 from Institute Office or new HGS Trust, £2 on the night. (Kosher Barbecue will be available) 8 pm.

Institute Open Evening — calligraphy, bookbinding, drawing and general art, jewellery, oil painting, sculpture, life drawing, pottery. 7—9 pm.

Hendon Camera Club — exhibition of members' work — Bigwood House Hall. Open 6.30—9 pm until Friday.

Tuesday May 4

Open Morning at the Norrice Lea Synagogue with a conducted tour by Rabbi Edward Jackson. 11.30 am.

Henrietta Barnett Memorial Lecture, Institute Hall. Speaker: Professor Lord Robbins 'Some thoughts on Higher Education'. Admission free by ticket in advance from the Institute Office or the New HGS Trust Office. 8 pm.

Institute Open Evening. Water colour, crochet, fabric printing and

design, sculpture, life drawing, pottery, keep fit. 7—9.15 pm.

Wednesday May 5

'Henrietta and Samuel' — a Dialogue spoken by Cyril and Violet Luckham, Friends Meeting House, North Square. Tickets in advance from Institute Office or New HGS Trust. Collection for charity. 8.30 pm.

Annual Fashion Show and Parade, Institute Hall. 8.30 pm. Institute Open Evening, Water colour, embroidery, lace, amateur Geological Society, sculpture, life drawing, yoga, keep fit. Exhibitions of glovemaking, leatherwork, soft toys, lampshades, dressmaking, the work of the Antiques Circle and Hendon and District Archaeological Society. 7—9.15 pm.

Thursday May 6

International Food Evening — prepared by students of the English as a Foreign Language Department. Tickets from the Tea House, Institute Office or New HGS Trust (or why don't you bring a dish of traditional

British food). 7.30 pm. HGS Dramatic Society present 'Come into the Parlour'. Institute Hall, Tickets £1.50 from the Society or Institute Office. 8 pm.

Friday May 7

Crowndale Orchestra invites you to an Open Rehearsal. Players of all instruments welcome. Institute Hall. 7.30 pm.

Nonsuch Folk Dance Group invite you to join them in Bigwood House Hall for traditional country dancing. 8.30 pm.

Saturday May 8

HGS Horticultural Society and Floral Arrangement Club. Exhibition. 3 pm, Free Church Hall. Friendly tennis match between players from the Suburb Clubs. 2.30 pm on Central Square Courts.

Festival concert by the Youth Music Centre Orchestra, Institute Hall. Programme includes Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C, guest soloist Mattheu Dixon. 8 pm. Tickets £1.50 (OAPs/children 80p) from Institute Office, Youth Music Centre or New HGS Trust Office.

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TOYS TO TEACH TECHNOLOGY

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The Craft, Design and Technol-

ogy in Education Research Unit have devised more than 40 models which will be fun for 10 to 18 year-olds and which will, at the same time teach them the mysteries of hydraulics and basic technological principles.

'Our models are enjoyable and educational,' John Cave, head of the unit, explained. 'Most

schools want to introduce technology but find the equipment far too expensive. Our toys illustrate basic principles for a few pounds rather than thousands.' In the picture Bonny Ng, Don Hardy, Genevieve Tester, Dr. Raymond Rickett, director of the Polytechnic, Judy McDonald and David Mecklin.

Cancer victim forms charity group

A GROUP of Friends of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund has been formed in East Finchley, started by a young Finchley mother, Gay Woodcock, who recently became a victim of a form of cancer. After an operation and radio and chemotherapy, she felt all the normal human reactions — dependency and fear — common to people who are told they have cancer.

Funds for Research

However, Gay overcame these feelings and decided she was going to do something positive about it. Anxious to help towards funds for research into cancer, she telephoned the fund organisers who told her there was no branch covering her particular postal area of East Finchley (N.2). 'Why not start

one,' they suggested, 'we'll put you in touch with others who want to help.'

Thus was formed a new branch of the Friends. It covers the postal districts of N.2 and N.10 and is called the 'Muswell Hill Friends' — there is already a successful Finchley branch covering North Finchley (N.12) and Church End, Finchley (N.3). The areas of this new branch are East Finchley and Muswell Hill.

Gay formed a committee with two other fellow-sufferers, Marie and Tony, and involved a number of housewives and friends to support them.

Gay and her friends were particularly impressed that Imperial Cancer Research Fund keeps its expenses to a very low level. Almost 93 pence out of every £1 raised is applied to research.

Volunteer helpers are urgent-

ly needed, not so much to commit their time regularly but to help in various ways. For example, the week June 1-8 is the fund's annual Flag Week and the committee desperately need volunteers to collect in the East Finchley and Muswell Hill areas.

More helpers wanted

Also, the Muswell Hill Friends of Imperial Cancer Research Fund want to launch other fund-raising events and would like to hear from anybody able and willing to spare the occasional few hours to this great cause. The committee have already held one fund-raising event, a disco dance.

If you can offer help in other events and, particularly to sell flags during the annual Flag Week in June, telephone Gay on 346 0586.

Radio Colindale ready to go live

AMBITIOUS programme plans for the new Colindale Hospital Radio station have been revealed as building work on the studios nears completion.

As well as a wide variety of music, the team of volunteers hope to be able to produce regular features on local events, arts programmes with theatre, cinema and book reviews, celebrity interviews and the occasional drama.

Spokesman for the group, Lew Cheal, says: 'Obviously music will play an important part in our programme plans, but people want more from their radio than that — especially in hospital where they want to

keep in touch with what's going on outside. We aim to devote as much time as possible to the talks and feature side of things. Also we're hoping to get together a first class sports programme for Saturday afternoons. If we can get the co-operation of other hospital radio stations up and down the country there's no reason for instance why we shouldn't get regular reports when London soccer teams are playing away.'

Some of the group will be putting their amateur dramatic experience to work in producing short plays or serials for the station.

On the music side there are

plans to cater for minority tastes as well as pop. There will be 'Memory Lane' shows and a fast, efficient request service.

To help put these ambitious plans into action we are appealing for more people to present programmes, as well as people to help out behind the scenes. No experience is necessary as training will be given but, says Lew Cheal, 'we do need people with plenty of energy and enthusiasm.'

The group hopes to be able to announce its 'on-air' date soon. Meanwhile volunteers are asked to contact Jacqui Howes on 261 2579.

MAYOR'S APPEAL

THE MAYOR'S APPEAL fund in aid of research into Crohn's Disease in childhood is now nearing £23,000 and money from several major events is still to come in.

Meanwhile for diaries:

Saturday, April 24: Hindu Cultural Society concert, 6.30 pm, Finchley Manorhill School.
Sunday April 25: Mayor's sponsored Walk.

All the money raised through the Appeal will go to CICRA — Crohn's in Childhood Research Association, towards the equipping of a specialist research laboratory at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the support of research fellows.

Changes in bus routes

THE FOLLOWING changes in local bus routes have been announced by London Transport. The new schedules will operate from April 24.

Bus route 84 (St. Albans — South Mimms — Barnet — Arnos Grove)

Bus route 84, which at present operates between St. Albans and Arnos Grove will operate in two parts.

The northern section, between St. Albans and New Barnet Station, will have a reduced level of service and be operated by London Country Bus Service Limited. A basic half-hourly service on Mondays to Saturdays will be provided, with additional buses at peak times. An hourly service will operate on Sundays.

The southern section of the route, renumbered 84A, will operate every half hour on Mondays to Saturdays between Barnet Church and Arnos Grove with certain school journeys extended to Barnet Chestfield Road.

Bus routes W9 and 244

Bus route W9 will be extended from Southgate Station to Muswell Hill Broadway as a replacement for bus route 244, which will be withdrawn. The present Monday to Friday peak hour service to Golders Green will be withdrawn as sufficient spare capacity exists on bus route 102 over this section.

A basic half-hourly service will operate on Mondays to Saturdays with the last bus at about 8 pm from Enfield. The Sunday service will be withdrawn due to its high cost of operation and the limited use made of the service.

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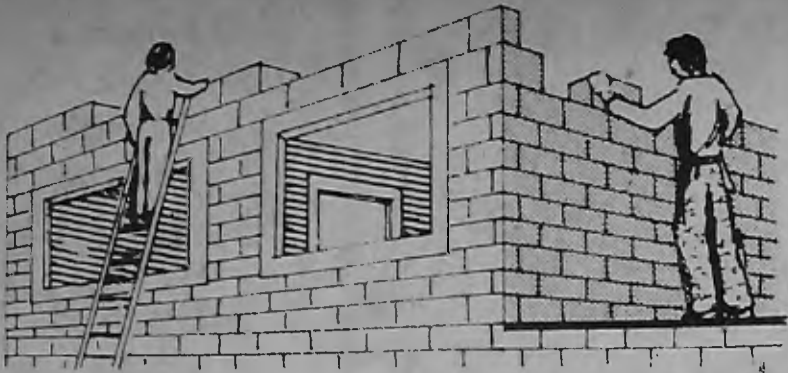
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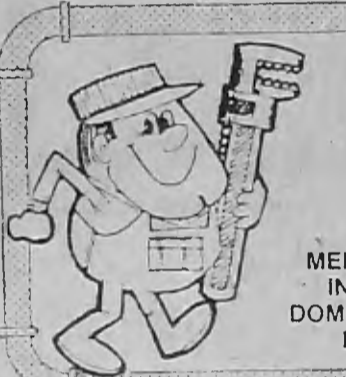
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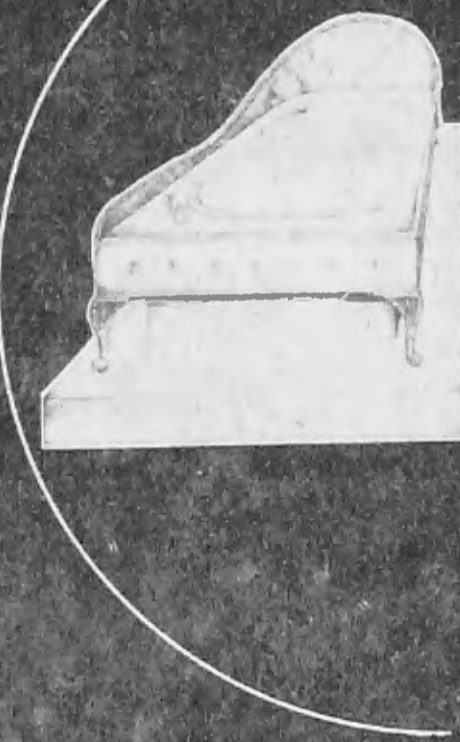
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