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BARNET CIVIC NEWS



Watched by fellow members of the Council, Councillor Norman E. Hirshfield, J.P., F.S.V.A., is installed as the new Mayor of the Borough in the Council Chamber on mayor-making day—the annual meeting of the Council. Our picture shows him receiving the chain of office from the outgoing Mayor, Alderman W. G. Hart. On the left is the Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Mr. E. M. Bennett, B.A., LL.B.(Cantab.).

THE MAYOR, who has lived in the borough for the past 43 years, has been a member of the Council since 1968. His father was a member of the former Hendon Borough Council from 1934 to 1947. During the seven years he has represented Hendon Ward, the Mayor has established himself as one of the leading members of the Council. He has been particularly keen on all aspects of housing and, until the beginning of his year of office, was chairman of the Housing Committee. He has also served on a number of other key committees and sub-

committees. He is also the Council's representative on the Barnet Overseas Students' Friendship Association and Barnet Old People's Welfare Association. He is a member of the school governing body of Hendon Senior High and Junior High Schools and a member of the school managers body of Bell Lane, Brooklands and Garden Suburb Junior Mixed and Infants' Schools. Apart from his many Council commitments, the Mayor is a Justice of the Peace for the North Westminster Division of Inner London. Professionally, the Mayor is senior partner in the West End firm of Norman Hirshfield Ryde

and Browne, surveyors, auctioneers, valuers and estate agents. He is a Fellow of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers. He joined the Auxiliary Fire Service in 1938. In 1942 he was promoted as Operational Staff Officer to Fire Force Commander No. 35 F.F.H.Q., Ealing, where he remained until 1945. Born in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, he came to live in London in 1922 and attended Wilson's Grammar School and City of London School. A keen golfer, he is a member of Mill Hill Golf Club. His other pastimes and hobbies include chess, travel and reading.

THE MAYORESS

The Mayoress, Mrs. Iris Hirshfield, has lived in London all her life and went to Kingsley School in Hampstead. She is a worker with the Jewish Blind Society and has also worked for the "Meals on Wheels" service. She is also a blood donor. Her hobbies include needlework and embroidery, reading, gardening and indoor plants, and flower arranging. She is also fond of classical music. The Mayor and Mayoress married in 1940 and have three children. The elder son and daughter are married and there are three grandchildren.

POSTCARD VIEWS

Blood donors wanted

EVERY day in hospitals, in accident wards, maternity wards, operating theatres and children's wards, patients are being spared to their families by treatment in which blood transfusion is vital. . . . But hospitals can't give blood unless you've given it first.

Help save a life, it doesn't hurt and only takes a few minutes. After a short rest, followed by a cup of tea and a biscuit, you are ready to go back to your work.

Anyone who is between 18-65 and is fit and well can help in this life-saving service.

PLEASE HELP NOW!

by giving your name to:

**NORTH LONDON BLOOD
TRANSFUSION CENTRE
DEANSBROOK ROAD
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Register of organisations

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

There are 700 local organisations in the register, although it is felt that in a London Borough as large as Barnet there may be many more.

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

Club for hard of hearing

DO you know there is a Hendon Group of the Middlesex and Surrey League for the Hard of Hearing?

The club's purpose is to provide a social environment for people who are hard of hearing and their friends.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Hendon club should come along to Maryland House, Downage Road, Hendon, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6.30 p.m.

There is a wide variety of entertainment, refreshments are served and entrance is free of charge.

Further information about the Hendon club can be obtained from Miss Magda Kapelner, 11 Rudall Crescent, London, NW3.



A 1903 postcard view of The Old Forge, Mill Hill

AN interesting exhibition of "Postcard Views" of the Borough of Barnet is being held in the Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, until 23rd June. Admission is free.

For many years the libraries department has been collecting material illustrative of all aspects of the borough, and among this

is a large collection of postcards. Many of these will be exhibited for the first time, and although those shown are mainly of Finchley and Hendon, Barnet, Friern Barnet and Totteridge are also represented. Some of the latter have been kindly loaned by the Barnet and District Philatelic Society.

The cards, of which more than

1,000 are displayed, date from the early part of this century to the present day, and provide an interesting record of roads and streets in the borough.

The museum is open on weekdays (except Tuesday) from 10.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m., and Sundays from 2.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m.



The Market Place in East Finchley in 1900

Domestic Rates League Table

BARNET Borough Council have dropped from third to fifth place this year following the announcement of the levy of domestic rates for the 32 London Boroughs.

Westminster still head the table with Kensington and Chelsea in second place. Barnet has been overhauled by Wandsworth and Hackney whose domestic rate increases of 11.30p and 11.82p respectively, were marginally lower than that of Barnet which was 12.50p.

Barnet's lower position is due to the change in the method of distribution of the Government's rate support grant.

BOROUGH	1975-76 positions		
	Last Year's position	Increase over 1974-75	Domestic Rate in £
1. Kensington and Chelsea	(1)	12.30	39.80
2. Westminster	(2)	15.50	44.50
3. Wandsworth	(4)	11.30	44.90
4. Hackney	(5)	11.82	45.82
5. Barnet	(3)	12.50	46.00
6. Hammersmith	(6)	14.50	48.50
7. Lambeth	(10)	12.20	49.50
8. Lewisham	(15)	11.70	50.40
9. Greenwich	(13)	13.50	51.50
10. Southwark	(16)	15.00	54.00
11. Kingston-upon-Thames	(11)	16.40	54.20
12. Islington	(9)	17.50	54.50
13. Enfield	(8)	19.00	55.50
14. Havering	(27)	12.00	55.50
15. Richmond-upon-Thames	(14)	17.50	56.00
16. Camden	(12)	18.40	56.40
17. Redbridge	(19)	17.00	57.00
18. Merton	(24)	12.30	58.80
19. Croydon	(7)	15.00	59.00
20. Sutton	(29)	15.00	59.00
21. Bexley	(30)	13.50	59.50
22. Barking	(26)	17.22	60.62
23. Bromley	(17)	21.80	61.30
24. Tower Hamlets	(31)	15.50	61.50
25. Harrow	(25)	18.30	61.50
26. Hounslow	(22)	20.00	62.40
27. Brent	(23)	20.00	62.50
28. Hillingdon	(20)	22.00	62.90
29. Haringey	(32)	12.00	64.00
30. Ealing	(18)	25.25	65.25
31. Waltham Forest	(21)	24.50	65.50
32. Newham	(28)	25.70	69.50

* These authorities levied supplementary rates during 1974-75 and the rate increase for 1975-76 shows the increase over the total rate levy for 1974-75. The positions in the 1974-75 league table relate to the rate originally levied on 1st April, 1974.

Athletics and gala

BARNET Sports Gala and Middlesex Schools' Athletic Association Championships will take place at Barnet Cophall Stadium, Great North Way, Hendon, on 13th, 14th and 15th June. This is the first time the gala and athletic championships have been arranged as a joint effort.

The heats of the athletic championships will last all day on 13th June with the finals on the following day until 5 p.m. when the gala will start with a gymnastic display by the Metropolitan Police Cadet Team.

The gala events will comprise hockey, men's and women's football, motor-cycle football in which teams from the Continent will take place, lacrosse, netball, archery and other general sports. The Metropolitan Police will run an Auto-test competition and there will be a thrilling motor-cycle long jump contest.

Reading standards are declining —true or false

A 1972 Report from the National Foundation for Educational Research implied that reading standards were on the decline and shortly afterwards the then Secretary of State set up a Committee of Inquiry. The Chairman was Sir Alan Bullock and its report was published on the 18th February, 1975, and runs to well over 600 pages and has 333 recommendations.

Spurred on by the 1972 report and while the Bullock Committee was still gathering evidence on standards of achievement, it was decided to undertake a pilot survey in Barnet to discover exactly how many children in schools in the borough were experiencing reading difficulties. The idea was to develop a system to help their teachers to meet their special needs.

During the summer of 1974 all children in the final year of the infant age-range, 3,600 of them, were given a word recognition test. Although the project was supervised by the senior educational psychologist and her team working in close consultation with Dr. Moseley, of the Child Guidance Training Centre, Camden, the test was given to the children by their own teachers and in their own schools.

TEST SCORES

The test scores were specially modified by Dr. Moseley to indicate types of reading error. It was discovered that more than one in 10 of the children had word recognition scores below the level expected. All these children were then seen individually, and the specialist remedial teachers and the school psychological service played a very important role in this part of the survey.

Profiles of the children's difficulties were drawn up and these are now with the teachers in the school they attend. In some cases discussion groups have become a routine in which the class teacher, the specialist remedial staff and the educational psychologists all participate to monitor and evaluate the methods and materials which are being used, and additional help which these children are receiving.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Some of the principal recommendations made in 1975 by the Bullock Report—screening at the age of seven, a detailed profile for each child showing the children's strengths and weaknesses, systematised observation, the emphasis on assisting teachers in schools to

make maximum use of their skills to help children with difficulties in reading and allied skills and thus enabling children with the most severe problems to be dealt with more quickly—were already taking place in 1974. But this is a very important topic and there is no room for complacency.

Since its publication in February all schools in the borough have been circulated with copies of a digest of the report which crystallises the 17 principal recommendations and has served as a guide for the more intensive study in which the borough's teachers are now engaged.

A conference of head teachers of all Barnet schools was held in May and Professor J. Britton, who was a member of the Bullock Committee, was among the speakers. Eleven working groups of teachers will then examine and comment on the main aspects of the report in an on-going exercise to ensure that the highest possible standards are achieved by teachers in Barnet schools.

Exhibition of paintings

EXHIBITIONS of paintings are being held in the borough during June and July.

There will be an exhibition by John Lippitt in East Finchley Library from 4th June to 28th June, and in North Finchley Library from 5th July to 26th July.

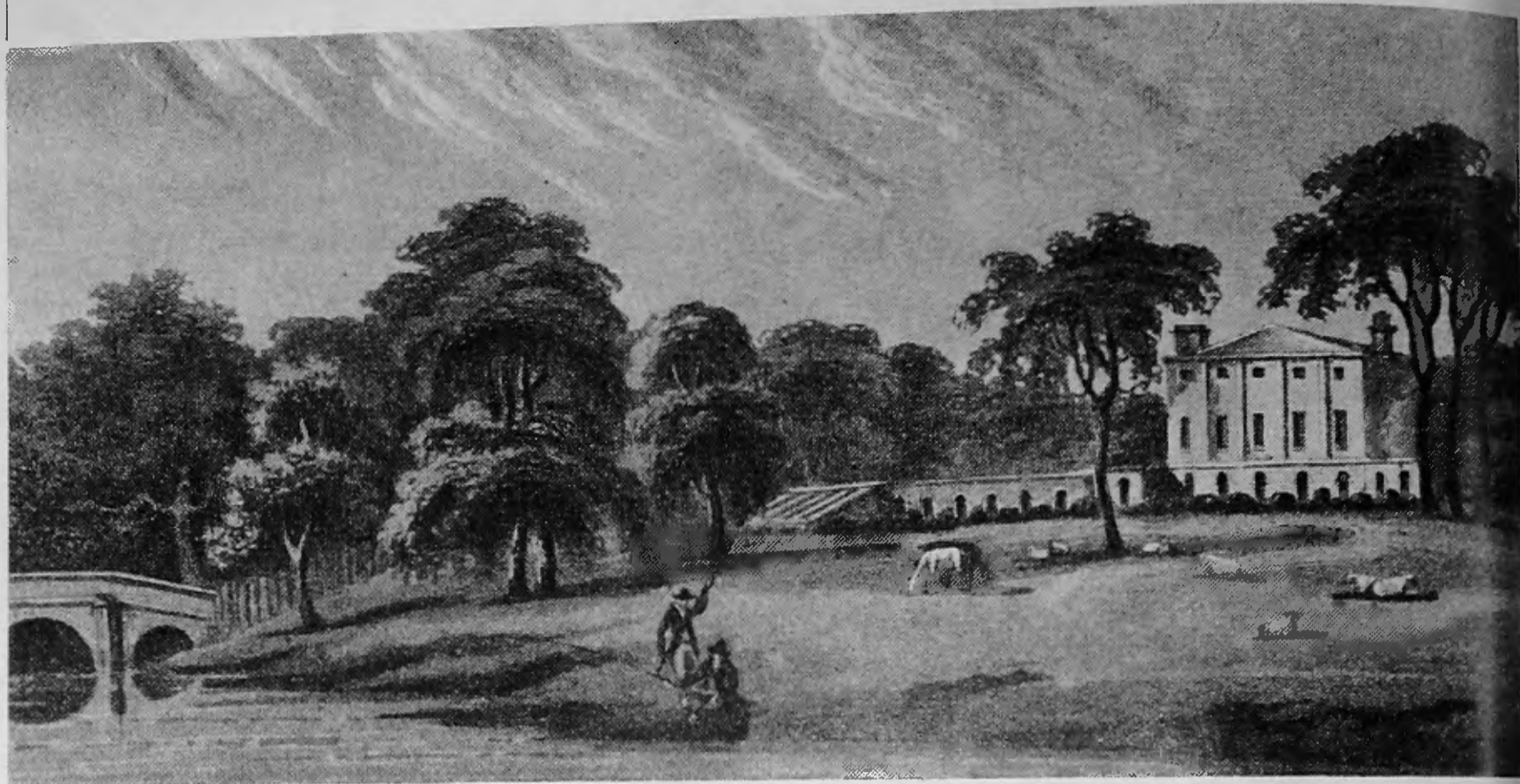
A founder member of the Hornsey Artists' Group, John Lippitt trained at Hornsey College of Art. He has exhibited in all the major exhibitions in London from the Young Contemporaries to the Royal Academy. A portrait shown recently at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters has been selected for inclusion in the society's touring exhibition.

Carole Dodwell will exhibit paintings in North Finchley Library from 7th June to 28th June, and in East Finchley Library from 2nd July to 26th July.

This will be the first exhibition of work by Carole, a young teacher who works in the borough. She gained her B.Ed. degree in education and art at the Sydney Webb College where she studied fabric paintings and collage, drawing and painting. She is particularly interested in system painting and colour kinetics.

Mr John Hease is retiring

AFTER 43 years' service in local government financial administration, Mr. John R. Hease, I.P.F.A., F.C.A., F.R.V.A., Barnet Borough Council's Director of Financial Services and Borough Treasurer, is retiring on 30th June.



Hendon Place (afterwards Tenterden Hall), drawn and engraved by J. Hassell in 1812.

THE site of Hendon Place, later known as Tenterden Hall, was probably the site of the original manor house of the de Rous family, and in the fourteenth century became the Abbots Grange. Cardinal Wolsey is said to have rested there in 1530 on his way to York.

In 1550 Sir Edward Herbert bought the house, and apparently virtually rebuilt it, for the house which was later pulled down is spoken of as an "Elizabethan" mansion. The house was occupied at this time by Sir John Fortescue, one of the Privy Councillors in the reign of Elizabeth I.

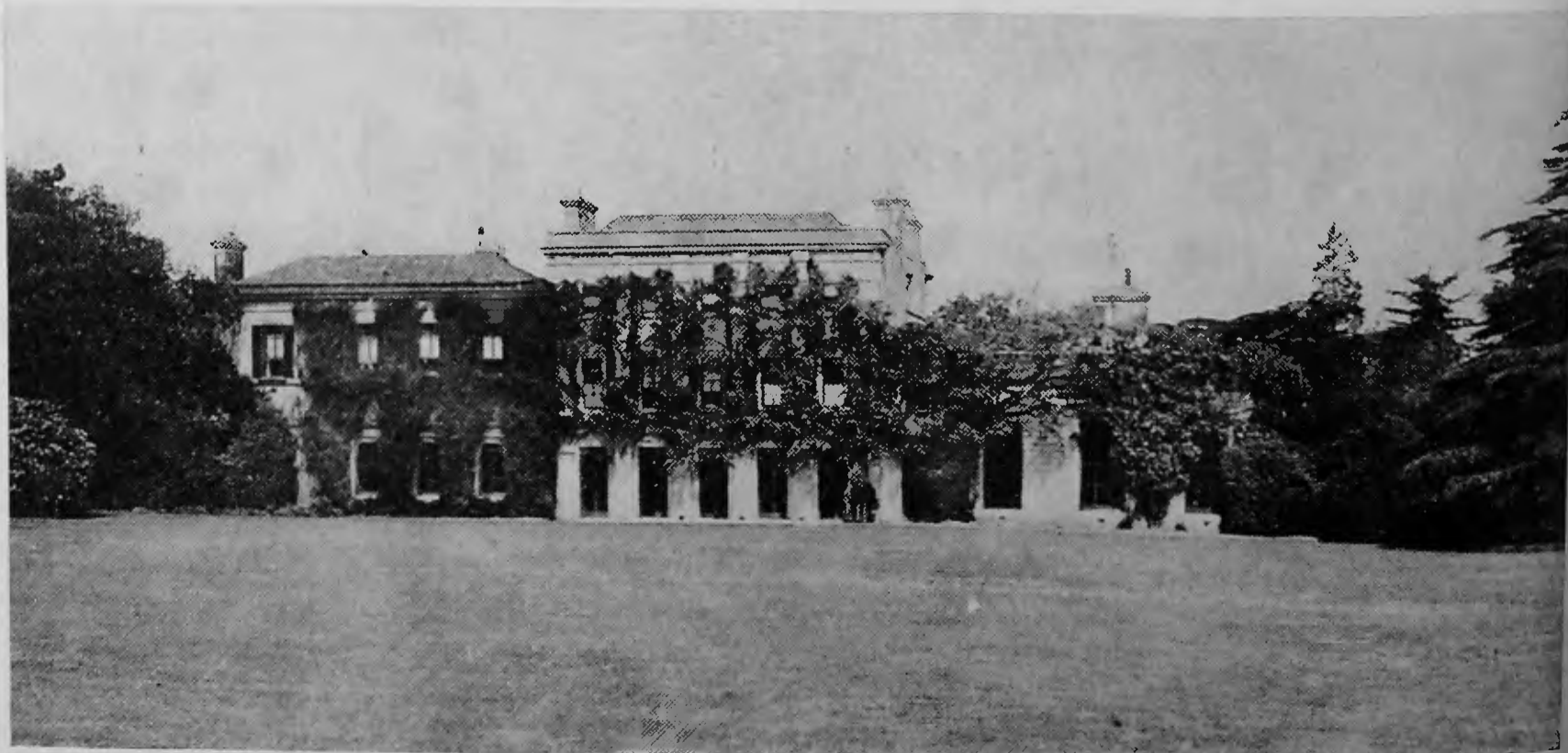
William Nicoll, a member of a prominent local family, bought the house in the seventeenth century. It was held by

his family until bought from them by Thomas Snow, a London banker, a century later, whose son George rebuilt it. The Snow family let the house to the Earl of Northampton, and later to John Aislabie, who spent some £10,000 on improvements to house and garden.

In 1781 the house was sold to Mr. Peters, a Russian merchant, from whom it passed to John Carbonnell. He in turn sold it to Charles Abbott, who became Lord Chief Justice after starting life as the son of a barber in Canterbury. He was raised to the peerage in 1817. He made many alterations and additions to the house, laying out the grounds and forming a lake.

In 1862 a Mr. Sanville bought the property from the second Lord Tenterden, and it was he who was responsible for the development of Waverley and Tenterden Groves. The house was still shown on the Ordnance Survey map of 1864 as Hendon Place, but on that of 1893 the name has been changed to Tenterden Hall.

A boys' preparatory school was started in the building in 1873, and remained there until 1934, when the land was sold for housing development and the house demolished. Tenterden Grove, Tenterden Drive, Tenterden Close, Tenterden Gardens and Cedar Close now cover the site of the house and grounds.



A photograph of Tenterden Hall in 1930.

MR. JOHN HEASE

He joined the finance department on the council's formation more than 10 years ago, having been Treasurer of the former East Barnet Council since October 1961. He came to East Barnet as chief financial assistant in December, 1949.

On his retirement, Mr. Hease will keep himself busy. He and his wife have many friends in Cockfosters where they have lived for 17 years and plan to remain. They have a son living at home and a married daughter living in Dusseldorf whom they would like to visit more often.

He also has a number of other interests to which he wants to devote more time. He is a member of Barnet and District Scout Council; auditor of East Barnet Old People's Welfare Association; a past President of Barnet and East Barnet Rotary Club; and treasurer of Pymmes Youth Club. He is also Hon. Secretary of the Borough of Barnet Savings Committee.

On his retirement he will be succeeded by Mr. George W. Hopkins, I.P.F.A., F.C.A., F.R.V.A., the council's Deputy Borough Treasurer.

'New' homes from 'old'

"THANK you for the lovely home you have now made for us. The whole operation ran very smoothly and the workmen were most helpful and courteous."

This is an extract from one of the letters of appreciation received by Barnet Borough Council's Housing Department following the completion of some of the 286 houses on the Watling Estate, Burnt Oak, since the £1.1 million modernisation scheme started early in January.

By the end of May, 80 of the houses had received a comprehensive "face-lift". They now have part central heating, new electrical wiring throughout, vastly improved kitchens, new w.c. suites and modern bathroom equipment. To round off the work, other minor external and internal improvements are being carried out, and the houses redecorated both inside and out.

"A TREAT"

Commenting on the central heating, another resident said: "It is quite a treat to be able to keep warm and to have plenty of hot water."

As it was realised there would be a certain amount of inconvenience and disturbance while this work was carried out, every effort has been made to help the elderly, the handicapped and residents with special problems. Alternative accommodation has been or is being provided for these residents, if they wish, until work on their houses has been completed, although the majority prefer to stay in their homes.

The cost of the modernisation programme to turn "old homes into new" is costing on average almost £5,000 a house. The scheme is in three phases with parts one and two, involving 46 and 116 houses respectively, due to be completed in November, and the third, which involves 124 houses, by July 1976.

CONSULTATION

The Council is anxious to sort out any problems as they arise and it has been arranged that a member of the Housing Department

will be available for consultation at the Gervase Road Depot, Burnt Oak, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon each Tuesday, and from 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. each Thursday.

In the last ten years, the Council have carried out a number of comprehensive modernisation schemes in the Borough. On the Clitterhouse Estate, Cricklewood, 300 houses were modernised, as were 138 at Reets Farm, West Hendon, 156 on the Hyde Estate, West Hendon, and 46 in Kingsbury Road, West Hendon.

A scheme on the Woodhouse Estate, North Finchley, was carried out in two phases and involved 99 and 111 units respectively. A final phase for the Woodhouse Estate was also planned but had to be postponed because of the recent financial restrictions imposed by the Department of the Environment.



Above is a picture of the kitchen as it was before modernisation and below, how it looks now.



Fete date

Christ's College, Hendon Lane, Church End, Finchley, is holding its annual fete in the school grounds on 5th July, starting at 2.30 p.m. The money raised will be used to provide extra equipment for the school. The money raised last year provided the school with a 17-seater bus.

STUDENTS' VISIT

Making it easier to exchange houses

TO assist Council house tenants who, for various reasons, wish to change their accommodation or move to another part of the Borough, Barnet Borough Council have established a comprehensive mutual exchange indicator display board in the entrance to its housing office at 65 Watford Way, Hendon.

The idea is that tenants can inspect the indicator boards at their leisure to see what property is available. If they see a house, flat or other accommodation which suits them, they make personal contact with the other tenant. If the contact is successful, they apply to the Housing Department for approval.

To assist tenants, the addresses on the indicator board have been divided into areas as follows:

White cards (Northern Area): Barnet, New and East Barnet, Whetstone, New Southgate and the Muswell Hill section of Friern Barnet.

Yellow cards (Central Area): North and East Finchley, Finchley Central, Cricklewood, Golders Green, Hendon Central (NW4) and part of West Hendon, most of Mill Hill.

Pink cards (Southern Area): Parts of West Hendon (NW9), Colindale, including the Grahame Park Estate, Stonegrove, Edgware and part of Mill Hill.

The part of the Watling Estate administered by Barnet Council is shown separately on **green cards**.

REGISTER

Tenants wishing to take advantage of this service can register with the Housing Department, so that their names, addresses and type of accommodation can be placed on the indicator board. Any tenant wishing to withdraw from the list should inform the Housing Manager in writing, to prevent wasted calls.

Tenants are asked to note that repairs and redecorations are normally carried out on an approved programme. No repairs or redecorations can be undertaken by the Council as the result of a mutual exchange.

Each tenant involved in an exchange is asked to certify that he or she has inspected the property and is prepared to accept it in that condition of repair and redecoration, in other words, "as seen".



MR. BRIAN SEAL (left), systems analyst, explains the intricacies of Barnet Council's computer to a group of students from the general secretarial section of Hendon College of Further Education.

From time to time, on request,

the council arranges visits to Hendon Town Hall. The visitors are received in the Council Chamber, where the robes, regalia and maces are laid out for inspection and the working of the council explained to them.

They are also shown the coun-

cil's computer and other aspects of interest, including the central library next to the Town Hall. Literature, containing further information about the council's work and services, is given to them.

GRAHAM PARK LIBRARY OPENS

THE new Grahame Park Library in The Concourse, Hendon, was opened to the public at the end of May. The library is near both the shopping area and the bus terminus and is located between "Mercury" and "Mitchell" blocks. It has been designed to blend in with The Concourse area.

Over 20,000 books are available for home reading from the adult library and a reference section provides a range of material for consultation.

The children's library has books for younger people, ranging from picture books for the very young to a special selection of novels for teenagers.

Anyone who lives, works or studies in the borough may join the library by completing a simple registration form. Each reader will receive a library ticket which may also be used at any other library in the borough.

Readers may borrow books for a period of three weeks, and provided they are not required by other users, books may be renewed for a further three-week period.

The library will be open at the following times:

Tuesday and Friday:
10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.
2.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.

Wednesday and Saturday:
10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.
2.00 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

Americans in Barnet

FOLLOWING a successful and rewarding visit to Davenport, Iowa, in America by two Barnet head teachers last year, the borough are returning the hospitality by entertaining two American Principals (head teachers) this year.

Staying in Barnet between 10th and 27th June will be Mr. Loren (Willie) Stouffer, Principal of Buchanan Elementary School, a large primary school for boys and girls aged five to 12, and Mr. Ed Noto, Principal of Wallace Wood Junior High School for pupils between the ages of 12 and 16. Both acted as hosts when the Barnet teachers visited Davenport.

Four Barnet head teachers will act as hosts during their stay and a full educational programme has been arranged for the visitors.

This visit is a continuing programme of exchanges between teachers and officers in the borough and their American counterparts in Davenport, Iowa.



Barnet Mayors plant a tree

ELEVEN oak and lime trees to commemorate each year in office by the 10 Mayors of Barnet and by the chairman of the 1964-65 inaugural council, have been planted in the Page Street entrance to the Cophall Stadium, Hendon.

Our picture shows Alderman W. G. Hart, the 10th Mayor of the Borough, whose idea it was, planting his tree to mark his year in office. With him are (from left to right), Alderman K. G. Pampin (Mayor 1965-66); Councillor L. G. Snelling (1966-67); Alderman J. L. Freedman (1972-73); Councillor E. A. E. Asker (1970-71); Councillor F. D. Gibson (1973-74); and Mr. L. A. Hills (chairman of the inaugural council in 1964-65), who also planted trees to mark their year in office. On the right is Mrs. Daphne Hart, last year's Mayoress.

Four former Mayors, Mr. P. G. H. Woodruff (1967-68); Councillor J. D. Gordon-Lee (1968-69); Councillor V. H. Usher (1969-70) and Mr. K. W. Hughes (1971-72) were unable to attend the ceremony and trees were

planted on their behalf.

The oak and lime trees were planted alternately and, in future, each Mayor of Barnet is to be asked to plant a tree to commemorate his year of office. For future generations this commemorative avenue of trees along the road will provide an impressive entrance to the sports complex at the Cophall Stadium.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

BARNET Council meetings are held approximately once every six weeks and the next two are on 24th June and 29th July in the Council Chamber at Hendon Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Members of the public are invited to attend. There is a public gallery and copies of the committee reports are available. If you are unable to attend the meetings, copies of the committee reports can be seen in any public library.

RAILWAY IN FINCHLEY

COPIES of the second, revised edition of "The Railway in Finchley—a study of suburban development", by George Wilmot, published by Barnet Council's libraries and arts committee are still available.

The first edition, published in 1962, appeared as part of the Old Finchley Series. The author has completely revised the text and added a new chapter which deals with the problems and developments in railway communications in Finchley and Barnet between 1962 and 1973.

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

The Railway in Finchley is on sale at all libraries in the borough, price £1, or may be obtained by post from The Borough Librarian, Library Administrative Offices, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE, price £1 plus 13p postage, packing and VAT.

Two dates for your diary

Something for everyone, for adults and children, has been planned for this year's Finchley Carnival to be held in Victoria Park, Ballards Lane, Finchley, on 10th, 11th and 12th July.

Hot air balloon ascents, weather permitting, will be a feature of Friern Barnet Summer Show in Friary Park, Friern Barnet, on 15th and 16th August. There will also be a wide range of other events and attractions.

The main exhibition marquees will be the largest ever erected in Victoria Park and Friary Park.

MAKE IT CLEAR

TO AVOID the potential traffic hazard caused by drivers of emergency service and private vehicles moving slowly along roads while trying to locate particular properties, the Council wish to draw attention to the need for numbers and names of properties to be clearly displayed.

There are regulations about the markings of numbers and names of buildings.

Briefly, these require that every number or name of any building shall be marked on the building, gate, wall or fence adjacent to the gate or entrance or in such other position so as to be clearly visible from the street.

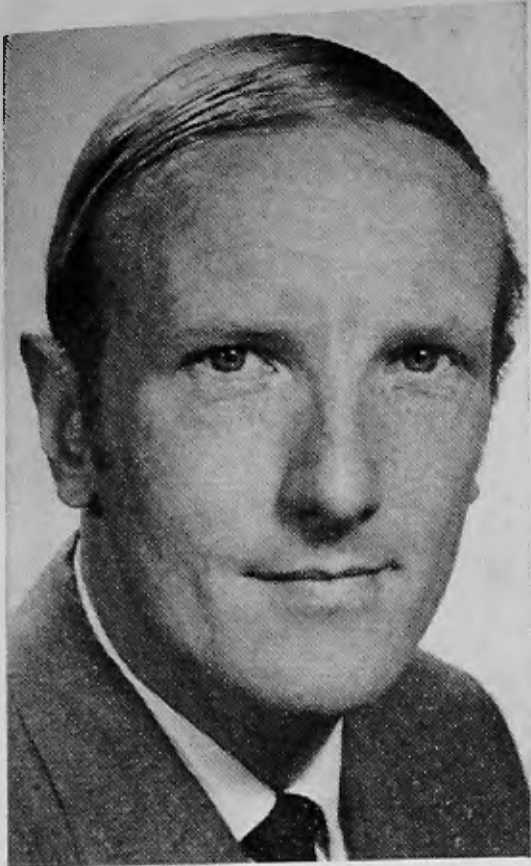
Numerals or lettering must contrast with the background on which they are displayed and their size must be such so that they can be seen easily. If the number or name appears on the building, it must not be more than 20 feet above ground level and if it appears in a position other than on the building, it must not be more than eight feet nor less than two feet six inches above ground level.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are urgently required to assist with the Meals on wheels Service, organised by the W.R.V.S. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. C. Davies (telephone 01-346 7714), where she can be telephoned each morning during the week.

The W.R.V.S. are anxious to extend and improve the Meals on Wheels Service, and look forward to hearing from residents who may be able to assist.

INTRODUCING YOUR COUNCILLORS



COUNCILLOR TIM SIMS has been a member of Barnet Council since 1971 when he was elected to represent West Hendon Ward. Previously he stood for election to the Greater London Council and was a candidate for Parliament in the Newbury Constituency in 1970. He has been secretary of the Labour Group on Barnet Council since 1973.

He has been particularly active in the area of motorway blight and has pressed for adequate compensation to be made available to those residents of the borough who are affected by the motorway and major roads.

As chairman of Princes Park Football Club, a Rugby Union referee and a keen cricketer he is most interested in sport and sports facilities in the borough. He is a member of the Barnet Sports Council and of the Barnet, Algeron Road Sports Centre.

Since moving to Golders Green 16 years ago, he has been vice-chairman of the Hendon South Labour Party, chairman of Hendon Ward and member of a number of local organisations, including the Welsh Harp Conservation Group which he helped to start in 1973, and Hendon Rugby Football Club.

Among other interests are membership of the governing bodies of the Queen Elizabeth's Schools in High Barnet and the local primary schools in West Hendon—Algeron Road and the Hyde Junior and Infants' Schools.

In 1972 he was appointed a General Commissioner of Income Tax and last year was made a Justice of the Peace for the Middlesex area.

With three children, a most interesting job in television, keen sports interests and work on representing West Hendon Ward on the council, his only complaint is that there just is not enough hours in the day to do everything he would like.

He sits on the General Purposes, Establishment, Development and Estates and Accommodation Committees of the Council.



COUNCILLOR MISS MARY TEMPLE represents the Brunswick Park Ward where she lived with her parents until their retirement three years ago when she moved to New Barnet.

She has lived in the borough all her life, attending Monkfrith, Osidge and East Barnet Grammar Schools. She is now a member of the respective managing and governing bodies of these schools and also a governor of the Queen Elizabeth's Schools, Barnet, Southaw School and Barnet College.

Elected to the council in 1971, Councillor Miss Temple served on the Planning Committee for two years before joining the Housing Committee. She is also a member of the Education Committee and vice-chairman of the Libraries and Arts Committee.

Retaining her interest in local cultural activities, she has recently been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Borough of Barnet Arts Council.

She is assistant secretary of the Conservative Group on the council. She has been active in political spheres for almost 10 years, firstly as chairman of a local Young Conservative branch before being elected to the Greater London Young Conservative Executive Committee as chairman of a grouping covering the boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield and Haringey. Until last year she was chairman of the Borough of Barnet Young Conservatives.

Outside politics, Councillor Miss Mary Temple is an administrative executive concerned with the administration and distribution in the U.K. of an internationally known product. She lists dress-making, history and folk music as her main interests, when time permits, and she is a member of a local squash and tennis club.



COUNCILLOR MISS ROSEMARY THORPE-TRACEY has lived in Hendon since 1963 and has represented Colindale, the ward in which she lives, since 1971.

She serves on the Social Services Committee and Family Care Subcommittee—she is the Labour Group's Spokes Person for the Social Services—and the Development and Estates, Grahame Park and Office Accommodation Committees. She is a manager of a group of primary schools in Mill Hill, a governor of Grahame Park Comprehensive School and Hendon College of Further Education, and on the management board of Grahame Park Youth Centre.

She served as secretary of Colindale Ward Labour Party from 1970 to 1973 and political education officer of Hendon North Con-

stituency from 1973 to 1974. She is currently chairman of Barnet Local Government Committee for the Labour Party and is a member of the Co-operative Party, the National Council for Civil Liberties, the Ramblers Association and the Fabian Society.

Councillor Miss Thorpe-Tracey is appointed by Barnet Council to serve on Edgware/Hendon Community Health Council and she is chairman of the Working Group for the Mentally Handicapped. Other local activities include membership of the Barnet Old People's Welfare Committee and she is also convenor and founder member of the Welsh Harp Conservation Group.

She has worked in publishing for 12 years and is a member of the National Union of Journalists. In November 1974 she was appointed Secretary of Lord Snowdon's Working Party on Integration of the Disabled established by Action Research for the Crippled Child.

Besides an involvement with politics, she finds great enjoyment in literature and the Arts, particularly music, and the countryside.

Coming of age

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