



BUILDING ON SUCCESS

£2BILLION backs bright new future

YOUR Council's determination to breathe new life and prosperity into the Borough, create opportunity for all and build on Barnet's community pride took a major step forward when Councillors gave the green light to regeneration plans costing a near £370m.

With plans for the regeneration of town centres across the

Borough, Burnt Oak, Cricklewood, North and East Finchley, the total investment in building a better Barnet could top £2bn. The latest £370m. projects will improve the quality of life for thousands of Barnet residents on the Grahame Park Estate, Colindale and the Stonegrove/Spur Road Estate.

These plans reflect the Council's commitment to regenerating all large estates across the Borough, including those at West Hendon and Dollis Valley.

Read more about the regeneration of Barnet in our building on success supplement.



Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council, joins (left to right) Tessa Jowell and Cabinet Member for Community Development Susette Palmer in launching the new landmark

CURTAIN RISES ON NORTH LONDON ARTS BEACON

The stage is set for the opening of the long-awaited landmark project which will transform North Finchley's Tally Ho Corner into a cultural and entertainment centre of excellence not only for North London but the whole of the Capital.

Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Tessa Jowell officially launched artsdepot, the cultural and social heart of the new multi-million pound town centre development, when she announced the Council would be opening the new complex in the Spring of 2004.

Also including shops, a health and leisure centre, flats, restaurants and dramatically improved public transport links, the landmark will bring new jobs and prosperity to North Finchley as well as providing the people of North London with a much needed cultural and entertainment beacon for the best in the arts of all kinds of which they can be justly proud. More news and pictures on this groundbreaking development for North London in our Building on Success four-page pull out on regeneration.

Your Vote Counts

If you are not registered to vote, you cannot vote in May's local Government elections.

Your vote counts - and the Council is urging everyone eligible to vote to use their democratic right and have their say on Thursday, 2 May.

Those not registered to vote should call

the Council hotline on 020 8359 2323.

Residents can now vote by post. Call the hotline for more details.

The Borough's ward boundaries change this year.

For more information on ward changes and new polling stations, telephone the Council on 020 8359 2323.

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LOCAL YOUTH GO FOR IT

Sport for us all

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Barnet's young people are accepting the challenge - and with the support of the Council setting the standards for taking part in recreation, sport and leisure for people of all abilities throughout London to follow.

Hendon Youth Sports Centre was the home for a groundbreaking sports day for deaf children from across the Capital.

Children from 5 to 14 took part in the event for young people with hearing

difficulties at Barnet's showplace youth centre organised by the London Sports Forum and backed by your Council as part of the fourth annual Go For It 4 Sports activity day.

The event, organised by the London Sports Forum for Disabled People, was centred on the Hendon Youth Sports Centre because in line with the Council's equal opportunities policies, it can now offer all local young people a wide range of sporting and recreational activities.



WHEELY GOOD STARS NET THEIR GOAL

OUR CAPITAL WINNERS

EVERYONE IS a winner - this was the clarion cry greeting all the young athletes from Barnet who enjoyed massive success at the London Heathrow Games cross-country event. Barnet's team finished equal third overall out of competing London boroughs at the gruelling games held at Parliament Hill Fields.

Outstanding results included a win for Barnet in the girls 15 and 16 championships and an excellent second in the girls 13 and 14 race.

Wheelchair basketball players were on a roll at Barnet's Compton Youth Centre last month - and scored top marks for being on the ball.

Barnet's Compton Sports Centre was home for the day for yet another 'lets join in the fun' event organised by your Council to promote sporting opportunity for all.

The sports centre in North Finchley was home to

a wheelchair basketball coaching session and mini-tournament in the run-up to Christmas as part of International Disabled Day.

On the starting line were nearly 20 children from the Compton and Mapledown Schools to promote the ability of athletes with a disability and raise awareness of disability issues throughout the Borough.



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BARNET SHOWS WAY ON CONSULTATION

Your Council's ground-breaking work in public consultation has been recognised by a leading national quality standards agency - and now Barnet has been asked to provide training material for over 400 other local authorities.

Recognition by the Improvement and Development Agency, IdeA, means the lessons Barnet has learned in public consultation could benefit every person in the UK.

Innovative techniques the Council has used to encourage every sector of the community to have their say include citizens' juries, public conferences, area forums, and much more. Barnet was the first local authority in the UK to be invited to run a citizens' jury for another borough.

"This is recognition of our expertise in consulting with residents. The initiatives we have developed to ensure everyone has their say on important issues affecting every sector of the community will now be spread throughout the country to benefit everyone," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Local authorities throughout the UK currently spend

SETTING THE STANDARDS FOR OTHERS

£500m a year on staff development and training.

A new national e-learning network was launched last month, which it is hoped will help reduce training costs dramatically.

The new budget consultation system makes it possible for learning packages and good practice by individual authorities to be shared across the UK.

Commending Barnet's consultancy skills and methods, Susan Biddle, IdeA's head of workshop development, said it could cost tens of thousands of pounds to produce one hour of e-learning material.

"It makes sense to let everyone know what's already out there. It will avoid other authorities working in isolation to re-invent the wheel," she added.



Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education, joins students in preparing the time capsule

HOLLY PARK SCHOOL CELEBRATES

Families flocked to Holly Park Primary School, Friern Barnet, to celebrate the last phase of a £1.3m building programme which has created a 52-place nursery, new classrooms, open-plan library for the youngest children

and a landscaped playground.

Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education, led the celebrations at the Bellevue Road School by joining in the releasing of one balloon

for every child in the school, opening a party for the children and helping bury a time capsule to mark the event.

Your Council is committed to creating more nursery places across the Borough and has been a major contributor to the cost and design of the new buildings as part of the borough-wide drive to create opportunity for all.

The success of Barnet's education policies has led to more cash to back up the project from the Government's New Deal for Schools and Holly Park's own funds.

Four new classrooms, a specially-designed art and design room and a music room have also been added on to the existing Victorian building.

An all-weather sports area now transforms the facilities for older children at the school - and gives them a sporting chance to enjoy recreation and train for competitive events across the Borough.

Meeting Real Needs

Good - and getting better. This is the verdict from the Audit Commission on the services offered to the most vulnerable people in Barnet by the Council.

The Audit Commission in its latest independent report says the Housing Needs and Resources Service, which provides housing, advice and help for people including the

homeless, refugees and victims of domestic violence, has further improved.

The Audit Commission's best value inspection team said the services offered were fair and likely

to improve still further because of the Council's commitment to equal opportunities.

Particular praise was for the eight-unit hostel for vulnerable young people.

YOUTH HAVE SAY- AND HELP US ALL

There have been major successes notched up by these young people - and your Council continues to listen and learn from what they have to say.

On 13 March these success stories will be brought together - and shared with the whole community.

Groups who would like to show just what they have

achieved since the launch of the Youth Forum should contact Alison or Lisa at Barnet Action 4 Youth on 020 8205 8341.

Barnet Council is committed to creating equal opportunity for all - and giving the young people of the Borough a voice in their own futures.

"These young people are our future - listening to

what they have to say is an investment in all our futures," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.



Barnet's ground-breaking youth forum celebrates its first birthday on 13 March - with a fanfare to mark real successes which impact on the young, the old and families with young children across the Borough.

When set up last year, our young people set out tough main issues they believed needed tackling - racism, leisure, young people's rights, street crime and education.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

EQUALITY - a fair deal for all and a crack-down on all aspects of discrimination will be the guiding policy behind all Barnet Council's decisions in the weeks, months and years ahead.

This was the clear message to the whole community as Councillors agreed a tough pledge setting out a new fair deal charter designed to ensure no-one misses out on the benefits of a thrusting, vibrant and cultural rich Barnet. Creating Opportunity for All, - Barnet's Equalities Policy, sets out the Council's commitment to improving the life of all residents - no matter where they live, their social or ethnic backgrounds - and creating the opportunities for everyone to play a role in the economic, educational, cultural and social life of the Borough.

The new no-nonsense policies also call for the Council and its officers to

SPOTLIGHT ON QUALITY OF LIFE

tackle head on the need for everyone to live in a safe environment free from discrimination and harassment.

Among issues topping the agenda is the need to provide easy to reach services which meet the real needs of the Borough's diverse communities.

The Council's role as an equal opportunities employer is also highlighted with recognition there is a need to create a workforce reflecting the diversity, talent and experience of everyone in the community.

"Discrimination is a major barrier to a fair and

just society and there are those in our communities who are prevented from taking part in the life of the Borough.

"This new policy will help us deliver on our commitment to challenge all forms of discrimination and inequality by providing the framework backed by Council policies to tackle it," said Councillor Phil Yeoman, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion.

To ensure the Council tackles real, every-day problems as they develop, the new policy will be constantly reviewed to meet the Council's fair deal charter for all.

HOME SWEET HOME STARS SHINE

THE next time you see one of the Council's building maintenance team in your home, you could be forgiven for asking for an autograph.

The repairs staff team, already considered super stars by countless families throughout the Borough who have benefited from their prompt and efficient services, became real screen stars for the day when they filmed the Home Sweet Home training video.

The video, featuring real residents with real building maintenance problems, is designed to promote good practice throughout the Council's housing repair service.

In the video, two typical



David Ramage (left) and George Hawes

repairs are followed from start to finish, from the time a call is logged at the Repairs Reporting Centre until staff carry out work in a resident's home.

While plumber George Hawes went about the business of repairing a tap that would not turn off, co-star Dave Ramage, repairs service manager, went back to the shop floor to become a carpenter for the day and sorted out a broken living room door.

In line with the video's Home Sweet Home title,

filming was an 'in-house' affair, with Tony Nakhimoff, acting policy manager, as director and Phil Buck, principal technical officer in the Housing and Maintenance Team, taking on the role of producer.

"We have always been told that if we treated a customer's home as you would like your own to be treated, you could not go far wrong. That concept comes across in the video and should help good practice," said George Hawes.



ROOTS IN OUR HERITAGE

Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Anita Campbell plants a commemorative tree in the Mayor's Avenue of Trees at Arandene Open Space, Mill Hill, to mark her year in office.

This ceremony, carried out for decades since Barnet became a Borough, recalls the year of office of the Mayor and is a lasting tribute to clean, green and safe Barnet - and the determination of all to protect and enhance our natural and built environment.



Facing Threat of AIDS

A talented Friern Barnet School student has been the driving force behind a poster campaign to raise awareness among young people of the threat posed by HIV/AIDS.

Students at Barnet's secondary schools took part in a competition to design posters that are now on show throughout the Borough.

A special teaching pack with lesson plans was also developed by the Council's Health Promotion Team, its Inspection and Advisory Service and the Equalities Team.

Devyani Patel from Friern Barnet School won first prize and she can now see her design on posters at all of Barnet's major information points.

The poster competition was part of a Barnet Primary Care Trust - sponsored education project to mark

Young Show the Way

World Aids day. It was designed to raise awareness among young people on sexual health issues and the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

Devyani was presented with a £50 book token to mark her success.

"Young people in Barnet need to be aware of AIDS/HIV prevention and this latest project achieved that by firing the imagination of students in the Borough's secondary schools," said Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion Councillor Phil Yeoman.

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Officials and representatives of the Milly Aphorp Trust join council staff in celebrating achievements

CELEBRATING £10M CHARITY GRANTS

In less than 20 years, the Milly Aphorp Trust has made £10m in charitable grants supporting all sectors of the local community.

To mark this charitable milestone, Barnet's Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell hosted a reception at the Town Hall.

Held in the Mayor's Parlour, the event was attended by Trustees, groups and individuals from throughout the Borough who have benefited from the Trust over the years

as well as those who have helped the organisation achieve such outstanding results.

The Trust is mainly administered by the Council and was set up by the Aphorp family - the founders of Bejam Frozen Foods - in 1982 to benefit groups, voluntary organisations and individuals throughout the Borough.

Notable donations have included contributions to Hendon Youth Sports Centre, the Bull Theatre and Age Concern Barnet.

Barnet Sets Standards

Where Barnet leads - other local authorities could follow. A further boost for the Council's award-winning services came with the news the Government has short-listed Barnet for the coveted Beacon Status for the excellence of its urban green spaces and libraries.

Beacon for the nation

Barnet is only one of 17 councils across the country to be short-listed in more than one category.

The Beacon Council scheme was launched by the Government to select leading councils to act as centres of excellence and help spread best practice to all local authorities throughout the UK.

"Getting through to the shortlist is a reflection of the excellent services we are delivering to those who live and work in the Borough," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

"We are rightly proud of all our services. We must now ensure that the services selected for short-listing for Beacon Status act as an example to our other services so that excellence is achieved and seen to be achieved across the board in Barnet," added

Councillor Williams

Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member whose portfolio covers both green spaces and our libraries, welcomed this early recognition of the quality of these important services.

"Once again, Barnet has been recognised to be at the cutting edge in these vital services. It is a welcome recognition of the quality of best value services provided by our staff," added Councillor Palmer.

Local Government Minister Nick Raynsford, MP, congratulated Barnet Council on achieving short-listing.

"I am delighted Barnet has once again been short-listed for Beacon Status. This demonstrates the Council's continued commitment to delivering quality services," added Mr. Raynsford.

COMMUNITY HAS SAY ON BUS ROUTE

THE Mayor of London's plans to improve bus routes across London with the creation of a network of 27 bus routes as they impact on Barnet have been the subject of widespread consultation throughout the Borough.

Steer Davies Gleave carried out the consultation on the busPLUS proposal for Barnet, Brent and Harrow as well as Transport for London.

After calls from the Council, the initial consultation, involving those around Edgware Road and bus stops along the bus corridor, was extended to more homes in the West Hendon area.

Leaflets setting out details of the proposed bus

THUMBS UP FOR BETTER AND FASTER SERVICES

priority measures for Route 32 included a freepost questionnaire. Seven different leaflets were produced to cover all sections of the route.

Over 5,000 leaflets were produced for Barnet prompting 159 responses.

For Burnt Oak, section one of the route, the schemes won 58 per cent of support from Barnet residents.

Consultation on section two of the route, Burnt Oak to The Hyde, involved distribution of 2000 leaflets in Barnet and 58 per cent of residents who responded raised no specific objections to the scheme.

Section three of the planned route, The Hyde to Staples Corner, involved 1,500 leaflets being distributed, with the schemes getting between 41 and 58 per cent support and three to 15 per cent opposition.

Section four of the route, Staples Corner to Cricklewood, shares a common boundary with Brent and the majority of the A406 North Circular with, like section four, slip roads used by route 32, covered by the Red Route side route, traffic order.

In Barnet, 800 leaflets were distributed covering

this section, prompting a return of 2.9 per cent.

All the schemes for this section received at least 75 per cent support and only three to 17 per cent opposition.

There were no specific objections for the plans for the Staples Corner to Cricklewood section.

While supporting moves to improve traffic flow and faster and more reliable bus services throughout the Borough, the Council insisted on the widest possible consultation to ensure the views of business and communities were fully considered before backing the schemes.

HEALTH - A HEARTBEAT AWAY

Awards for 80 of the best food providers

Health is just a heartbeat away - this was the message for all those involved in the catering industry in Barnet as eighty leading food providers received their coveted Heartbeat Awards from the Council's Environmental Health Team.

They won their awards for providing customers with smoke-free eating areas, healthier menu options and excellent food hygiene.

The award winners, judged by the Environmental Health Team, were presented with their certificates by Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Anita Campbell, at the Council's annual Heartbeat Award Ceremony at the Metropolitan Police College, Colindale.

The Heartbeat Award is a national scheme set up to encourage high standards of food hygiene, healthier catering practices and smoke-free eating facilities. They also give recognition

to those businesses achieving results above statutory, legal requirements.

The winners included restaurants, cafes, schools, hospitals, police stations and further education centres.

Award winners receive a certificate to display in their premises for one year and are also featured in "Eat

Smoke-Free in Barnet", a free guide which is produced by the Council and Barnet Health Authority.

Those requiring a copy of the guide or who would like to apply for a Heartbeat Award, should contact Environmental Health Officer Belinda Mouzo on 020 8359 4717.



The Mayor joins award-winners



The Mayor, Councillor Anita Campbell, presents the awards



MORE SUPPORT FOR OUR CHINESE COMMUNITY

THE Council's continuing drive to involve all sectors of the community in local issues as part of the opportunity for all initiatives, has resulted in a new interpreting service being launched for Chinese residents.

The interpreter is being sponsored by Oriental City, Edgware Road, an Oriental shopping mall where the service will be based.

Barnet has the largest Chinese community in London but historically they have been one of the hardest for the Council to reach.

Now the Council is taking its interpreting service out into the community as part of the policy to provide services where and when they are needed.

Oriental City is supporting the costs of the interpreter

and providing rent-free office facilities.

The interpreter, Margaret Lam, already provides a service to the Chinese community on Thursday mornings from the Council's popular translation unit. Callers can speak in their own language and have any query

dealt with by telephoning 020 8359 6114.

Margaret Lam will now spend Thursday afternoons at Oriental City.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Lim and Oriental City we are able to expand our outreach translation service to the Chinese community.



Our picture shows (left to right) head of Barnet's consultation team John May, translator Margaret Lam, Councillor Jim Tierney whose portfolio includes local partnership, and Mr Lim.

NEW BACKING FOR ETHNIC BUSINESS

The Council is helping to set up a black business association in a bid to ensure the Borough's ethnic minority entrepreneurs get the right support and advice to start and develop their companies.

Part of the drive to create opportunity for all and boosting still further the Council's commitment to creating wider participation in the economic and business life of the Borough, the project will be backed up by independent research to help identify the specific needs of minority ethnic businesses.

Due to be launched this spring, the new association has been born of the NEXXUS project, a partnership between Barnet Primary Care Trust, Barnet Council, Middlesex University, Burnt Oak Traders' Association and voluntary and community groups across the Borough.

NEXXUS was set up to support black and minority ethnic community

businesses and social enterprises in Barnet.

According to the London Development Agency, black and ethnic minorities own 62,000, or 19 per cent, of all businesses in the Capital.

Research will identify the number and type of black and minority ethnic businesses, as well as the support they need. Professor David Smallbone of Middlesex University will head the project.

The Council is considering a wide-range of measures to support these businesses including training programmes, improving access to start-up finance and an outreach officer to support and advise firms.

"Minority ethnic businesses have a vital role to play in the local economy but many, particularly African and Caribbean enterprises, are held back by a lack of finance and other problems," said Councillor Monroe Palmer, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration.

JUBILEE FUN FOR ALL

OUR BOROUGH-WIDE PARTY

IN TRIBUTE TO QUEEN

FROM May to July the streets of Barnet will come alive to celebrations marking community pride and the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

For months the Council's Community Pride Action team has been working on plans for what promises to be the biggest celebration in the history of the Borough.

A Jubilee Working group has been drawing up plans

for celebrations involving every sector of the community.

A CD-Rom covering the life of the Borough over the past 50 years is being produced by students of Barnet College who are calling on residents to submit photos or documents to be featured in this important commemorative record. The CD will be distributed free to schools, libraries and

community groups.

Anyone with material that can be included should telephone Lisa Jerome on 020 8359 2893.

A 'tool-kit' has been produced to give advice to those who wish to hold a celebration including street parties. A jubilee diary showing details of all planned events throughout the Borough will be available.

COUNTLESS street parties are being planned throughout the Borough between May and July as the young, the old and families with young children - every sector of our community - prepare to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and the pride in their Borough.

To support the community, your Council is making special arrangements for anyone who wants to organise one of these events.

Instead of having to apply for and arrange permission to close streets, the Council is organising this free of charge.

Groups merely need to let the Council know the date, time and location of the party. Contact Maria Liassides on 020 8359 4330.



It is important organisers of street parties inform the emergency services - particularly the Police and Fire Brigade. They will advise on safety, access and stewarding - particularly important if it is planned to have bonfires or fireworks.

Organisers of events like street parties need to take out public liability insurance cover. Celebrations attracting large numbers of people create lots of litter. Call the Summers Lane Amenity Site on 020 8362 0762 for advice.



Councillor Monroe Palmer and David Lee, Jubilee Working Group Chair, launch the toolkit.

STREETS ALIVE WITH PRIDE

Community and church groups, schools, sports clubs and residents' groups are planning major celebrations.

The Council will support these groups and individuals to hold safe and successful events.

The Council can offer advice and guidance on every aspect of planned celebrations.

The Council is making parks and open spaces in the Borough available for events free of charge apart from a small indemnity fee. For more details contact Pat Mansfield on 020 8457 9902 for advice and approval.

The Council is organising a jubilee diary of events being planned throughout the year. Contact Pauline Varnals or Lisa Jerome on 0208 359 2657 or 2893 who will ensure events are

YOUR COMMUNITY - AND YOUR CELEBRATION

included in the Council's publicity material.

For advice on noise pollution, catering and arrangements for adequate toilet facilities and drinking water supplies, plus information on food and health safety, call:

Chipping Barnet Team:
0208 359 4796

Hendon Team:
0208 359 4398

Finchley/Golders Green Team: 020 8359 4800

Groups intending selling alcohol will need an occasional licence. Contact Barnet Magistrates Court (telephone 0208 8441 9042) and allow at least 28 days for permission.

For a public theatre or public music and dancing

event a public entertainment licence will be needed.

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Contact the Entertainment Licensing Officer on 0208 8359 4654, allowing 28 days for permission.

Community Centres make ideal venues for celebrations. Charges for hiring the centres vary, but full details are available from the Council's local housing team or the Residents' Associations who manage the centre.

Groups considering these venues for their celebrations are urged to book as early as possible. With so many events planned, space at these popular locations is being snapped up fast.

North Road Community Centre, North Road, Burnt Oak. Contact Hendon Housing Team 0208 359 5216

Spur Road Community Centre, Green Lane, Edgware. Contact Edgware Housing Team 0208 952 0463

West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9. Contact Hendon Housing Team 0208 359 5216

Cheshir Hall, Foster Street, Hendon. Contact

Hendon Housing Team
0208 359 5216

Grahame Park Community Centre, The Concourse, NW9. Contact Grahame Park Housing Team 0208 359 2915

Claremont Road Community Centre, Claremont Road, Cricklewood. Contact Morag Taylor 0208 450 9696

Freehold Community Centre, Alexandra Road, N.10. Contact Mrs Leahy 0208 444 7360

Garth Hall, Llanelly Road, Cricklewood, NW2. Contact Finchley Housing Team 0208 359 5309

The Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley Way, Barnet. Contact Youth Service 0208 440 4608

Middlesex University, Hendon Campus, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4. Contact Brian Hipkin 0208 362 6324.

Alan Williams Leader's view



IT'S A New Year with new challenges – but after years of successful economy and best value measures, Barnet is ready for those challenges.

It would be easy to look back on the successes of the past year – and it was a year when working with the community your Council met all its main objectives of improving opportunity for all, protecting our natural and built environment and raising education standards, creating more pre-school and nursery places and investing heavily in life-long learning.

But now is the time to look forward – not back. There is still much to be done, although pride in our Borough and a general feeling of well-being and security is, at least according to those I speak to and my mail-bag, running at an all-time high.

I am proud of our Borough – and proud of all those individuals and families who make it what it is. We want to build on that Civic Pride – and have created a budget creating opportunity for all.

Barnet can look ahead with confidence sadly not enjoyed by all Boroughs. We are still awaiting decisions from those other organisations whose levies on Barnet impact so heavily on our eventual Council Tax levels – London's Mayor, Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

This Council will continue to provide ever-improving, value-for-money services of which we all can be justly proud.

CLEAN GREEN SAFE

A groundbreaking fire prevention system installed in Barnet's new fleet of refuse trucks could have safety benefits for local authorities throughout the country.

The pioneering sprinkler system kicks in just seconds after the start of a fire and not only provides maximum protection for staff but keeps damage and resulting repair times to a minimum.

Development of the safety device, the first of its kind on a council refuse fleet, was made possible thanks to a partnership

WE'RE SAFELY FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS

between the Council, Serco Fleet Services, truck manufacturers Dennis Eagle and the GMB union.

The Council is now in the process of replacing its existing fleet of dustcarts and the system will be fitted free of charge by Dennis



Eagle to the 20 new trucks the Council takes delivery of in weeks

Work to develop the new safety measures was taken in response to concerns after one of the Council's refuse trucks caught fire last year.

"We take the safety of our staff and the community very seriously. After working

closely with our partners we have come up with a modern safety system that will not only benefit our Borough but could be used by all local authorities," said Councillor Geoff Cooke, Cabinet Member for Environment.

The GMB Union has welcomed the new development.

CRUNCH TIME FOR DUMPERS

Barnet's get tough approach on tackling abandoned vehicles received an added boost after the Government unveiled new powers to stamp out the menace which blights our streets.

The Government's new plans co-incided with the end of a month-long amnesty on abandoned cars in Barnet which saw the Council offering residents the chance to have their old cars removed free of charge.

Under the pilot scheme, which operated throughout October in Burnt Oak, West Hendon and Colindale, over 140 vehicles were towed away and crushed.

The initiative was part of Barnet's own drive to speed up and increase the removal of cars dumped on our roads.



Other tough measures have seen Neighbourhood Management officers teaming up with the Police and the DLVA to carry out blitz operations where previously identified untaxed and abandoned vehicles in targeted areas are taken away and crushed after a seven-day notice.

From April until December,

your Council removed over 3,200 vehicles from Barnet's Roads as, like the rest of the country, the Borough feels the effects of the slump in scrap metal prices.

Now the hard-hitting proposals set out by the Government should make it easier for local authorities like Barnet to tackle this blight on the environment.

The new proposals include reducing the notice periods before cars can be taken away from seven days to 24 hours, allowing local authorities to use the DVLA's powers to clamp and remove unlicensed vehicles and tightening vehicle registration procedures.

CLAMPDOWN ON PLANNING BREACHES

The Council is getting tough on those who flaunt planning laws.

With rising numbers of complaints from residents about planning breaches, the Council is planning to streamline the process of dealing with unauthorised

TOUGHER ENFORCEMENT

developments.

The Council is also introducing new measures so that decisions can be reached quickly and fairly for all those concerned.

The majority of planning breaches throughout the Borough are reported to the Council by residents.

There were over 1,400 complaints last year and 74

per cent of these were dealt with within eight weeks.

"We want to improve on this performance further," said Councillor Jeremy Davies, Chair of the Planning and Environment Overview Scrutiny Committee.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Council plans £2billion plus boost for Borough

Your Council's drive to breathe new life and prosperity into the Borough could be set for a £2bn Millennium boost.

Our Town Centres, housing estates and neglected areas of the Borough have gone under the spotlight as the Council plans the biggest regeneration drive in the history of Barnet.

In the wake of the massive boost for North Finchley with the jobs and opportunities the new arts centre complex will bring, the Council is pushing ahead with plans to revitalise East Finchley, West Hendon, Grahame Park and the Stonegrove/Spur Road estates.

The Council is also working on a Heritage Lottery Grant Scheme for major improvements across Burnt Oak and its town centre.

Work is at an advanced stage for a regeneration

Millennium make-over would destroy blight of past neglect

programme for the land around the North Circular and the railway lines at Cricklewood, with the Council working in partnership with Railtrack, Pillar Properties and Bellhouse Joseph.

The partners have formed a new company called Cricklewood Development and submitted an outline planning application for the land on the south

side of the North Circular as far back as last summer.

The plans set out a regeneration scheme which see a new mainline railway station, over 2500 homes, hundreds of thousands of square feet of retail space and office space.

This project alone would cost well over £1bn - and create thousands of new jobs during development and

REGENERATION SPECIAL



later with shops, offices and businesses of all kinds.

There has been some concern over the level of retail development due to the site's close proximity to Brent Cross.

The Council continues to work with the consortium and has encouraged negotiations between the partnership and Brent Cross to ensure the revitalisation of the shopping centre is an integral part of the

overall regeneration scheme.

Cricklewood Development and Hammerson are now working jointly on plans for the land at both sides of the North Circular.

Although private-sector led, the plans will be influenced by the Council because of its joint role as the local planning authority and a major landowner within the area of the scheme.

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A massive £370m boost to community pride - this is how the biggest regeneration projects in the history of the Borough are being described after Councillors gave the green light to create new hope and prosperity on the Grahame Park Estate and Stonegrove/Spur Road Estate.

After one of the biggest consultation programmes ever held in Barnet, when every family was asked for their views on the plans, Councillors have given the go-ahead for the scheme to regenerate Grahame Park,

Colindale, and also chosen the Family Housing Association as the regeneration partner for the Stonegrove/Spur Road Estate scheme.

In line with its opportunity for all policies, the Council has long been committed to revitalising areas of Barnet facing the greatest deprivation such as Grahame Park and the Stonegrove/Spur Road Estates, and Estates in West Hendon and Dollis Valley.

"These £370m developments not only bring major

benefits to the 2,400 families on the Estates but will boost still further the growing pride residents have in their Borough.

"These long overdue regeneration schemes create social justice, improved opportunities, enhance the natural and built environment and will have a major



Residents check out the plans at the Grahame Park 'have your say' day.

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impact on the local economy," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

The Stonegrove/Spur Road Estate, built in the 1950s and 1960s and with seven tower blocks of 600 homes on a 17-acre site surrounding Edgware

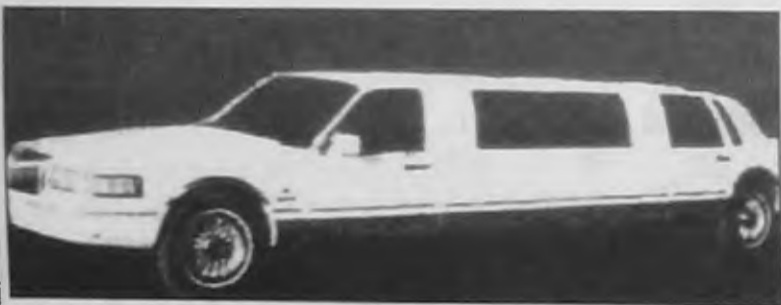
School, is to be redeveloped at an estimated cost of £140m. Now the project has been given the go-ahead, work is expected to begin in September this year.

The Grahame Park Scheme will cost a massive £228m.



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West Hendon's Regeneration

Plans for regeneration of West Hendon moved a step closer when the Council asked developers to come up with plans on breathing new life and prosperity into the area.

The Council has asked developers to come up with ideas to tackle ways of revitalising the Marsh Drive Housing Estate and the surrounding areas.

"We have had considerable interest in this exciting project which will not only regenerate the Marsh Drive Estate but revitalise the whole area," said Councillor Allan Turner, Cabinet Member for Housing

and Social Services.

Responses from potential developers are being evaluated and a shortlist drawn up.

Those short listed will have initial interviews this month with a final shortlist being recommended to Councillors as potential regeneration partners next month.

"Housing on this Estate does not meet the needs of people living there or modern standards.

"Along with the plans for Grahame Park and Stonegrove/Spur Road Estates, we are determined to make Barnet a better, more attractive place to live and work," said Councillor Turner.

IN SUCCESS

PRIDE IN DROUGH



MASTERPLAN FOR GRAHAME PARK

The masterplan for regenerating Grahame Park was drawn up by the Council's consultants Levitt Bernstein after six months of consultation with residents on all the available options.

Residents wanted to see radical solutions to transform the Estate into a more attractive environment.

The Estate, with 1800 homes as well as shops, community facilities and garages, will now see those radical changes.

The masterplan reflects the wishes of residents and calls for demolition of nearly all the flats and replacing them with more low-rise housing as well as the creation of new homes for rent and sale. The scheme also involves extensive refurbishment of some of the existing houses.

The central Concourse area will be replaced with a new village green and a new road layout will make the Estate more accessible and attractive for retail and commercial businesses.

"Both these Estates are in desperate need of regeneration and after these decisions we are now a step closer to improving housing for the people who live there.

"We have worked closely with residents and our final decisions have been guided by their wishes," said Councillor Alan Turner, Cabinet Member for Housing and Social Services.



RESIDENTS HAVE SAY ON PARTNERS

Last June, three housing associations were shortlisted as potential partners for the regeneration of Stonegrove/Spur Road.

Widespread consultation with residents culminated in a 'Your Choice, Your Voice' event when the Family Housing Association was overwhelmingly the preferred partner for the scheme.

Residents selected the Family Housing Association after seeing options for regeneration from all three housing associations in plans, maps, models and drawings.

Family Housing Association plans for the Estate include demolition of existing housing and the rebuilding of new homes for rent and sale.

They also include a green with play facilities, a new road network with more traditional streets, new community centre, nursery

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NEW CULTURAL CENTRE TAKES CENTRE STAGE

North London's own multi-million pound arts and entertainment centre will open in the spring of 2004 transforming North Finchley's Tally Ho Corner into a cultural and entertainment centre of excellence and breathing new life and prosperity into the area

Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Tessa Jowell set the scene for the culmination of years of work by Barnet Council to regenerate the area when she officially launched artsdepot, the cultural and social heart of the new town centre development.

The whole complex and its development which will create hundreds of jobs and provide a massive boost for the local economy will include shops, a health

HOME FOR ARTS IN NORTH LONDON

centre, flats, restaurants, and improved transport links.

"It is a mark of the importance of the scheme for outer London that Secretary of State Tessa Jowell should launch the start of work on the project. Artsdepot will provide a catalyst for regeneration and create new opportunity for all the community," said Council Leader Alan Williams.



Council leader Alan Williams spells out the goals... and Minister Tessa Jowell greets visitors

Tessa Jowell drew comparisons with the Tate Modern on the South Bank and Albert Docks in Liverpool.

"Artsdepot is offering a wide range of opportunities for everyone and reflecting the cultural mix of the area in an inclusive way," she added.

Artsdepot is at the very heart of the new development with the theatre's fly-tower rising above the complex putting North Finchley on the map as a cultural beacon for London.

Artsdepot is approached through a dramatic 30ft glass and metal entrance into a stunning foyer with gallery and café bar.

Facilities within artsdepot will include a 400 seat main auditorium, 150 seat studio theatre, education suite and art gallery, all with access for people with disabilities.

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Flagship For The Arts

led by the Council, artsdepot will be a flagship leader of integrated arts activity and will be the new home for three existing cultural providers in the Borough.

The Bull Arts Centre is relocating to artsdepot and will be joined by Community Focus Disability Arts and the Performing and Public art Courses of Barnet college, who will

have dedicated facilities within the building to extend their work.

Artsdepot will create a unique and pioneering partnership between the professional, educational and disability arts sector.

An extensive pre-opening arts programme begins around the Borough this July under the banner of artsdepot and the Bull relocates into artsdepot in 2003.



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PROGRAMME TO SUIT ALL

The world of art and entertainment in all its facets will come alive at artsdepot, the new cultural heart of our community.

Creative programmes will build on the established excellence of the Bull presentations and develop new and exciting presentations as a result of the partnership with Barnet College and Community Focus Disability Arts.

Artsdepot will build on the Bull's current strengths in creating culturally varied projects and produce and commission work relevant to the community.

Performing arts will

include contemporary and classic theatre, world and contemporary dance, music and comedy and literature events.

Visual arts will include exhibitions in contemporary sculpture, photography, video art and multimedia art.

There will be wide and varied programmes for and involving children. These will include children's theatre, dance, music, club nights and Youth Theatres working with partners such as the Theatre Centre, Kazoo Arts, Theatre Rites and Half Moon Theatre.

There will also be a full and varied programme of art education and outreach for all ages and abilities.

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Wardens 'beat' the villains

IN THE three months since Barnet's Neighbourhood Wardens started pounding the beat they have proved time and again they are beating crime and the fear of crime.

Even before the publication of the Government's White Paper on Police reform, our new Neighbourhood Wardens had already clocked up over 1,200 patrol hours.

The Wardens have been a reassuring presence on the Grahame Park Estate, in Burnt Oak, Edgware and North Finchley town centre and the new service is being rolled out across the whole borough. The mobile team continues to target wider areas across the Borough and in early December patrols began in West Hendon.

The Neighbourhood Wardens are continuing to notch up successes in the fight against crime and anti-social behaviour.

Recent incidents, even before the Christmas period, which saw the wardens deter crime in progress have included

● In Golders Green Wardens interrupted a

mugging - and the thief ran off empty handed.

● During an attempted mobile telephone theft from school children in Brent Street, Hendon, the presence of Wardens prompted thieves to run away. The Wardens then took the school children home. Patrols are now carried out daily in this area.

● In Burnt Oak thieves, who saw patrolling Wardens, abandoned a bicycle they had just stolen. The bike was returned to its owners and Police informed.

● Youths in Lodge Lane, North Finchley, were interrupted while trying to break into a car - they ran away. Police were told and the owner advised on car security.

Other daily initiatives have seen our Wardens carrying out joint patrols with the Police to crack-down on anti-social behaviour by children as they leave school. The Wardens are continuing to help in the clampdown on graffiti offenders by recording and photographing their trademark "tags" to help get information to bring the offenders to book.

Recruitment to this innovative service continues. Over 14 Wardens were in post by December with five more due to start this month.

Another ten Wardens are due to join the Council, bringing the total number on patrol to 29 by March.

Since the first patrols were introduced in Grahame Park last September, the scheme has been expanded to cover Edgware, Burnt Oak, North Finchley, West Hendon, Cricklewood, Golders Green and Hendon Central.

Mobile patrols target wider areas right across the Borough.

"Our Neighbourhood Wardens are playing a key role in stamping out anti-social behaviour. By acting as the eyes and ears of the community they are making Barnet safer and more



Striding out to mark success. Our picture shows (left to right) Paul Lamb of Barnet's neighbourhood service, Government minister Sally Keeble and Barnet Council's Anne Lippitt

attractive for us all," said Cabinet Member for Councillor Geof Cooke, Environment.

MAKEOVER FOR ROADS

SEVERAL environmental improvements for roads in Finchley and Golders Green have been given the Green Light by Councillors.

New planting and landscaping schemes designed to make the streets more attractive in these areas are being introduced in response to calls from the community.

Projects include planting outside East Finchley Library following requests from residents at the Finchley Area Forum, the footpath linking Long Lane to Tarling Road in Finchley and the roundabouts in Park Drive and Park Avenue in Golders Green.

All the environmental improvements are subject to consultation with local residents.

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YOU HAVE SAY ON BUDGET

EVERY HOME GETS OWN PRIORITY QUESTIONNAIRE

FOR the fourth year running, every family in the Borough has been asked for their views on the budget and eventual Council Tax levels for the coming year.

And, as in past years, once the 137,000-plus

households in the Borough have had the opportunity to have their say by the closing date on 25 January,

the Council will adapt its funding for services for the coming year based on those views.

Every home in the Borough should have received a detailed breakdown of the Council's projected spending requirements excluding areas over which it has no control - such as London's Mayor, Police and Fire Services and Emergency Planning.

These costs will be added to Barnet's own Council Tax to make up final Council Tax Bills.

In addition to circulating the explanatory leaflet and the Council's preferred approach to next year's budget which would result in a

2.5 per cent increase in Council Tax, Barnet has also used other wide-ranging consultation methods to seek out the view of the community including Citizens' Panels, Barnet On-Line and new web survey techniques.

centres, more park keepers, even more closed circuit television to cut down on crime.

There would also be seven new daily street cleaning rounds, eight new street sweeping machines and a further boost for the Neighbourhood Management Service.

The Council would also step up still further its crack-down on dumped

Warning on slimming junk mail

Barnet's Trading Standards Officers are warning residents - especially women - not to become distressed by a current mailshot designed to look like letters from friends for pills claiming to aid weight loss.

The junk mail pretends to be a newspaper cutting sent by a friend but with no indication of who mailed it.

The message to residents is not to assume they are being victimised by people who know where they live, but are merely on

the receiving end of a tactless promotion.

Barnet Trading Standards have already received complaints, and many authorities have been inundated with calls as a result of this national campaign originating from the Netherlands.

Barnet's Trading Standards would like to know if any residents have ordered the products - and if they have been delivered.

COUNCIL PLANS JUST 35p A WEEK INCREASE

"The Council's preferred approach to next year's budget would result in a 2.5 per cent increase in Council Tax. But there are other options which we spelt out clearly in all the consultation material. I hope all residents helped us to listen and learn by completing the questionnaire. This Council needs and values the views of all sectors of the community," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Barnet Council has urged the London Mayor to keep his Council Tax increases far lower than last year - but will not know what the final figure is until late next month.

Last year Barnet's share of the Council Tax rose by 3.5 per cent - but the Greater London Authority raised its share of the tax by 22.7 per cent.

Part of the 2.5 per cent increase in Council Tax would see more money targeted at environmental improvements in the Borough including expanding the door-to-door recycling scheme, two more graffiti removal teams and expansion of the StreetWise initiative designed to keep town centres clean, together with more street cleaning and Town Keepers.

Other moves would include expanding the home zone/safer routes to schools programme, more regeneration work in town

cars, invest more in maintaining roads and pavements, education services including homework clubs, provide more support for carers of children and young people and provide additional support for people with learning difficulties.

Other measures on the agenda, if residents backed the 2.5 per cent increase in Council Tax (around 35p per week on a Band D property), would be after school clubs for disadvantaged children, additional education support for disadvantaged children, more education support and free music lessons for looked after children, new breakfast clubs for nine schools, a new music club at Grahame Park Youth Centre, easier access to computers for young people and major developments at Hendon Library.

"Residents were given three options - the increase of 2.5 per cent, a 3 per cent rise or a 3.5 per cent rise. Obviously, the higher the Council Tax, the more we can invest in services

"The Council believes that the vast majority of residents will feel that the 2.5 per cent option, after years of our quality and best value initiatives, will provide the services they need and want while still keeping any increase to the absolute minimum," added Councillor Williams.



THE WHEELS OF FORTUNE FOR CHARITY

Cyclists are being urged to turn their bikes into wheels of fortune for charity this April.

Riders are needed to join the Mayor, Councillor Anita Campbell, in a cycle ride around the countryside in Barnet and Hertfordshire to raise funds for her chosen charity this year - the Barnet and District Branch of the Leukaemia Research Fund.

The ride takes place on Sunday 7 April along a 30-

mile circular route starting and finishing in Barnet.

The ride will be along cycle tracks, country lanes and back roads from Barnet to Stanborough Lakes in Hatfield.

It will be a gentle ride for young and old alike and there is a shorter ride of ten miles for those who find the idea of a 30-mile haul daunting.

Several refreshment stops have been planned and the Mayor is promising a fun day out for the whole family - definitely not a race.

Riders will be accompanied on the circuit by experienced cyclists from the Barnet Cyclists Club and a mobile bicycle mechanic will be on hand in case of problems.

Riders should be over 16 unless accompanied throughout the whole ride by an adult.

Riders need to register for the event in advance.

To register or get further information, contact Nick Baker at Barnet's Accident Prevention Centre on 0208 906 8028.

WASTEWISE BARNET GOES ON-LINE

Your Council's continuing drive to cut-down the amount of waste the Borough produces is hitting the information super-highway.

The Council has now included the groundbreaking WasteWise scheme on Barnet's Web Pages. A section of the Barnet website will bring the latest information on what the Council is doing to stem the growing tide of household rubbish going to over-stretched landfill sites and how residents can help.

The WasteWise website information explains why growing waste mountains are such a threat to the environ-

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ment and what steps the Council is taking to reduce, re-use and recycle waste.

The three R's guide - reduce, re-use, recycle - includes an A-Z guide to recycling, facts and figures on waste and links to other useful websites including Friends of the Earth and the Tidy Britain Group.

The website also has a children and schools' section and the Council's

draft waste management strategy on which residents are invited to comment.

The WasteWise scheme is designed to ensure everyone in the Borough has the chance to live in a healthy, clean and green environment.

Major measures already introduced as part of WasteWise include a weekly, multi-material recycling collection service

MORE CPZ'S PLAN

Have your say on controlled parking zones - this is the call to residents across the Borough from your Council following the success of the zones throughout Barnet.

With the backing of residents, the Council is determined not to allow our streets to become congested and dangerous

and the new Civic Amenity and Re-cycling Centre at Summers Lane, North Finchley.

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commuter car parks. Schemes are on the drawing board for two new CPZ's covering roads around Mill Hill East Station, Hendon Central Station, Brent Street Shopping area and the Burroughs and roads surrounding Brent Cross Station.

Residents in surrounding areas will now get a questionnaire asking for their views, and if the CPZ's get the green light from the community and Councillors parking zones will be introduced on an experimental, lets see the impact basis.

A full review of the impact of CPZ's in each area will be carried out six months after they take effect.

Councillors have also agreed to changes to the existing West Hendon CPZ area to take account of the views of local people.

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THE BULL

68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ. Box Office 020 8449 0048. www.thebull.org.uk. Contact The Bull for more information about their events, courses and classes listed below. **10 February**, 2.30-6pm. Chinese New Year Celebrations & Chinese Tea House. Celebrate in style with a special Sunday afternoon feast of delicious food, great company and activities including calligraphy, Chinese massage and music. Traditional Chinese tea will also be served by May Kuo, the Tea House host. You are welcome to drop in at any time during the afternoon. Suggested donation £3/£1 conc.

Theatre

3 February, 8pm. 'The Year of the Monkey'. Claire Dowie telling hilarious and inspired tales of extraordinary people in this Edinburgh Festival hit show. £8/£6 conc.



Claire Dowie

7-8 February, 8pm. 'Under Milk Wood & Fern Hill'. Guy Masterson Productions present a Dylan Thomas double bill over two nights. 'Fern Hill' earned Masterson the award of 'Stage Best Actor' at the Edinburgh Fringe 2001. The performance includes some of Thomas' finest poetry and short stories including 'Do Not Go Gentle' and 'A Winter's Tale'. £9/£7 conc. (book for both shows and get £2 off Fern Hill)

13-16 February, 8pm. 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'. The Project present a musical comedy revue about relationships. £9/£7 conc.

24 February, 6pm & 8.30pm. A double-bill from The Bull's two resident Young People's companies. BYT2 performs an adaptation of the classic tale 'Arabian Nights'. BYT1 delivers a high-energy new devised piece 'Fake ID' set in a nightclub where people tell their bizarre stories - with a dark twist. £5

27 February-2 March, 7.45pm. Ego Productions present 'Plaza Suite'. Neil Simon's hilarious New York-based 1960s drama set in the Plaza Hotel overlooking Central Park. £8 (Wed); £8.50 (Thu); £9 (Fri & Sat). Box Office 020 8360 1957.

14 March, 8pm. Unlimited Theatre present 'Neutrino' (a Fringe First at the Edinburgh Festival). A story of four people on a train who bizarrely find more and more points where their lives overlap. £9/£7 conc.

15 March, 8pm

Mind the... Gap present George Bernard Shaw's play 'Pygmalion'. Performed by an integrated learning-disabled and non-learning disabled cast. Adapted by writer Mike Kenny. £9/£7 conc.

22 March, 8pm. Hoipolloi present 'Marry Maria' a romantic comedy with a difference. £9/£7

23 March, 8pm. Tabs Productions present comedian and writer Arthur Smith's original West End hit 'Live Bed Show'. £10/£8 conc.

28 March, 8pm. Shifting Sands have created a unique version of the classic tale of 'Faustus' combining clowning, animation and physical theatre. £9/£7 conc.

Poetry

16 March, 8pm. An evening with Roger McGough, OBE. His new 'Everyday Eclipses' shamelessly proffers advice to Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney, Jimi Hendrix and a nation of rock'n'rollers. £12/£10 conc.

Comedy

21 March, 8pm. 'The Weird Sisters Get Around', an outrageous and uncensored comedy. Not suitable for children or faint-hearted adults! £8/£6 conc.

24 March, 8pm. The Treason Show. Four-strong satirical comedy group. £8/£6 conc.

30 March, 8pm. Ken Campbell offers audiences a journey through the bizarre world of a master storyteller. £10/£8 conc.

Music

2 February, 8pm. 'Liveworks'. New, upcoming and innovative musicians and bands. £6 in advance/£7 on the door.

9 February, 8pm. David Thomas & Two Pale Boys. £10/£8 conc.

10 February, 7.30pm. 'The Haunting'. JJ Dunne presents 'The Haunting' with Caroline (vocals) and John Hoare with their own material and some of pop music's great hits. (Fundraising event for essential repairs to The Bull roof). £7

17 February, 8pm. Kalinka Vulcheva performs her haunting renditions of Bulgarian and World folk music. £8/£6 conc.

3 March, 8pm. Ronnie Scott's legendary quartet - John Critchinson, Mark Fletcher, Tim Wells and featuring Pat Crumley continue the work of the great man with a mixture of original jazz and classic standards. £10/£8 conc.

10 March, 8pm. 'The Sumandan Ensemble'. A fusion of Flamenco and North Indian sounds with classic Indian vocalist Sanchita Pal, Flamenco guitarist Eduardo Niebla, Sarangi maestro Pandit Ramash Misra and Tabla virtuoso Partha Sarathi Mukharjee. £9/£7 conc.

17 March, 8pm. 'Electra String Quartet' has worked with Bjork and Massive Attack. Their willingness to experiment and push the boundaries of classical music has earned them huge respect. £9/£7 conc.

Children and Youth

25-26 January. 'Twelfth Night'. Full Circle present this Shakespeare 4 Kidz Musical Spectacular. 7.30pm and 3pm matinee on Saturday. £7/£5 children & conc.

27 January, 2 & 4pm. 'Bill's New Frock'. Nuffield Theatre present the tale about Bill Simpson who one morning wakes up to find he's turned into a girl overnight! Ages 5+. £4.95

31 January-2 February, 11am & 2pm. 'The Lost and Moated Land'. A visually powerful and touching play for under fives and their families to share together. £4.95

3 February, 3pm. 'Cinderella Ashputtel'. Banyan Theatre Co. adapt and rework the tale of Cinderella. Ages 4-8. £4.50

10 February, 3pm. '2002 Space Odyssey'. Storybox Theatre take off on a voyage of discovery across the stars. Ages 5-11. £4.50

19-22 February, 12 & 3pm

'When Snow Falls'. Half Moon present this poetic tale of friendship and discovery. T and mischievous side-kick Midge journey through a magical frosty landscape filled with icicles and snowflakes, polar bears and penguins where things are not always what they seem. Ages 3+. £4.95

If you would like your event advertised in these pages, please contact Susan Segar on 020 8359 2165

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17 January-28 March. 'Bull Act 1' for ages 3-4 to begin to develop basic performance skills (without parents and carers there). Thursdays 2-2.40pm; 'Bull Act 2' theatre course for ages 5-7, Thursdays 4.15-5.15pm. £40. 'Bull Act 3' after school drama club for ages 8-11, Fridays 4.30-6pm. Term ends with a theatre 'sharing'. Parents, friends and carers are invited. £45

18 January-29 March. 'Tiny Bull', an introduction to theatre and storytelling for under 3s (minimum age 18 mths) with their parents and carers. Fridays 11-11.40am and 2-2.40pm. £40

3 March, 3pm. Tiebreak Theatre present 'One Dark Night' a reminder of the diversity and mystery of the world. Three storytellers gather beneath the stars. Ages 7-12. £4.50

8-9 March. Full Circle present 'Romeo and Juliet', an all singing, all dancing production of Shakespeare 4 Kidz' adaptation of this classic. 7.30pm and 3pm matinee on Saturday. A show for all ages. £7/5 children & conc.

10 March, 3pm. Pekko's Puppets present Hans Christian Anderson and stories 'The Ugly Duckling', 'The Little Match Girl' and 'The Lovers'. Ages 5+. £4.50

17 March, 3pm. Lempen Puppet Theatre presents 'Lizzie's Moon' a story about a magical white bird who takes Lizzie on a mystical night journey. Ages 4-10. £4.50

19 March-6 July. Bull Youth Theatre 1 (ages 15-19, Tuesdays 6.30-9pm) and Bull Youth Theatre 2 (ages 11-14, Saturdays 11am-1.30pm). Culminating in two full-scale productions. Places on a first-come, first-served basis. £60

24 March, 3pm. 'Chicken Licken'. Dynamic New Animation. A double bill with 'The Little Red Hen'. Ages 3-6. £4.50

Exhibitions
Until 16 February. 'Cycle' shows the transition of a body of work by Sandra Tracey and how her newer paintings have evolved. The Gallery

Until 16 February. 'Inscapes'. A series of striking abstract paintings that reflect the artist Liz Maxwell's Persian-Jewish heritage. The Foyer

19 February-24 March. 'Total Manipulation'. Large scale photographs by Petros Christosomou of installed objects compositionally taking on varying interpretations with references from Baroque.

Victorian and classical Greek periods to futuristic comic book cultures.

The Gallery

19 February-24 March

'The End is Where We Start From'. Helen Hogan's prints and paintings explore the interplay of opposites and capture via veiled meanings several references within a single piece of work. The Foyer

28 March-28 April

'From R to Z'. Using an eclectic mix of styles and a diverse range of media. Kathy Manners observes the contradictory emotions co-existing between mother and daughter. The Gallery

28 March-28 April

'A Wider View'. Through printmaking Kay Davis responds notably to the sea and land and also architectural formations. The Foyer

Adult Classes

24 January-4 April

Bull Film Club Meets

Thursdays 7.15-9.15pm

From the Auteurs to the new Independents

debates, lectures, work shops, free screenings and ticket offers. Led by Phoenix Cinema's Director Ruth Mulandi. £60

25 January-5 April

Singing & Acapella. Fridays 7.15-9.15pm. A varied course covering a wide range of vocal skills working towards a final performance. £60/£47 conc.

26 January-6 April

Acting & Performance. Saturdays 2-5pm. The Bull's resident adult theatre group. £55/£45 conc.

ALL SAINTS ARTS CENTRE, 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. For details of events and classes which include art, dance, music, drama and talks, phone 020 8445 8388.

EXHIBITIONS

26 January-14 April

One man's response to the holocaust - paintings by Morris Weidman. Courtesy of the Bevington Gallery, Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Mon-Thurs 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-5pm. Closed Fri. Sat 10am-1pm & 2-5.30pm. Sun 2-5.30pm. Free admission. For more information phone 020 8203 0130.

RAF Museum, Hendon

Britain's National Aviation Museum, houses a world class collection of over 70 aircraft, together with aviation memorabilia and artefacts. Covering the first 100 years of aviation development, from the early balloon flights to the latest Eurofighter. 2-8 February, to celebrate National Storytelling Week, members of the Bomber Command Association will be re-telling their personal accounts.

16-24 February (half-term), 'Hot Air Ballooning' Construct your own hot air balloon and watch it soar.

21-26 February, Brooks Specialist Car, Bike and Automobilia Auction

Grahame Park Way, London NW9 5LL. For further details plus information about opening times and admission charges phone 020 8205 2266

Barnet Museum, 31 Wood Street, Barnet. For details of exhibitions and opening times phone 020 8440 8066

YOUNG PEOPLE

Half Term Music Courses for Primary Age Children. Woodwind and Brass

(18 & 19 February at Frith Manor School, Vain and Cello) (18 February at St Andrew's School). Details from the Music Office on 020 8359 3111

Incognito Theatre Youth Group (Patron: David Jason) offers professionally taught theatre workshops for children and young people. Young people are integrated into all-age productions where appropriate together with an annual dedicated youth based production at the theatre. The regular workshops are normally held on Wednesday evenings during school

terms from 5.30pm to 7pm for 8 to 13 year olds and from 7.30pm to 9pm for age 14 plus. Feel free to drop in or telephone 020 8883 0911 for more information or email ITGYouth@IncognitoTheatre.com See also website www.incognitoeatre.com The workshops are held at St John's Church Hall, Friem Barnet Road, N11. Cost £5 per session which includes automatic full membership of the Incognito Theatre.

Flash Musicals. Acting, singing and dancing. Workshops Tues & Weds 7-9pm and Sats 10am-12noon for 8-16 year olds. Edgware. Further details phone 020 8952 9134.

Rhythmic Music Project works with 9-25s teaching garage and jungle, aiming to raise levels of confidence. Chances to perform at festivals. Phone 020 8202 5533.

FITNESS
Body Control Pilates classes. Intelligent form of exercise to strengthen, lengthen and tone in a safe and controlled way. Spaces limited due to small classes. Barnet area. Phone 07836 377504 for details.

MUSIC
2 February, 7.30pm
Barnet Parish Church
Recital. St John the Baptist Church, Wood Street. For details phone 020 8440 8593.

2 February, 7.45pm
The Flask Ensemble
Concert. Classical and light music on the theme of 'Love' led by Richard Aylwin. (In aid of the North London Hospice). St Andrew's Church, Totteridge Village. Tickets £8 from 020 8445 2934/01707 655911 or at the door

16 February, 7.45pm
Finchley Chamber Choir
Concert with Finchley Chamber Orchestra. Mendelssohn 'The First Walpurgis Night' (Dramatic Cantata) and Schubert 'Mass No. 6 in E flat'. Conductor David Lardi. Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley. N12. Admission £8/£5.50 conc. Reservations phone 020 8446 6151.

17 February, 7.45pm
Mill Hill Music Club
 presents Ruth Waterman accompanied by Florian Uhiq, the violin virtuoso, playing Faure's violin

sonata No. 1. Elgar's Chansons and Mendelssohn's violin sonata. Elliott Concert Hall, Harrow Arts Centre, Uxbridge Road, Hatch End. Details phone 020 8959 3866.

23 February 7.45pm.
Hendon Music Society.
 Quatuor Danel. The Danel String Quartet's programme provides a rare opportunity to hear one of Gounod's delightful quartets (No. 1) plus Beethoven's Op 132 and the Quartet by Debussy Also 23 March Eroica String Quartet Programme Haydn's Quartet Op 20 No. 5; Beethoven's Quartet Op 18 No. 4; Schubert's Quartettsatz; Brahms' Quartet Op 51 No. 1 Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, NW11. Phone 020 8203 2355 for details and cost (free tickets are offered to 8-22 year olds in full-time education).

9 March, 7.45pm
Finchley Choral Society
 concert. Mozart: Divertimento in F K138; Mozart: Vesperae Solennes de Confessore K339; Haydn: Mass in B flat (Theresienmesse). Stefanie Heichelheim (soprano); Alison Renvoize (alto); Andrew Carwood (tenor); Simon Neal (bass). The Camerata Orchestra. Conductor George Vass. St Jude's Church, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb. NW11 £10/£8 conc. at the door or phone Box Office on 020 8445 9666.

23 March, 7.45pm
 Finchley Chamber Orchestra concert. Dvorak 'Symphonic Variations' and Beethoven 'Symphony No. 5' Conductor David Lardi Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley, N12. Admission £8/£5.50 conc. Reservations phone 01707 642556

Barnet Folk Club meets monthly on Saturdays. 8.30pm. Relaxed atmosphere for local musicians to play their own brand of unplugged folk music, traditional or contemporary. Players and audience are welcome. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Admission free. Please contact JJ Dunne on 020 8441 3620

Mill Hill Jazz Club meets every Wednesday. Top class, different bands every week from duos to

soprets. Mainstream/modern/swing jazz. The Three Hammers, Hammers Lane, Mill Hill, NW7. Free entry.

East Barnet Library Recorded Music Society
5 Feb 'Flavours sounds' - Susanne Hassel; **19 Feb. 'A night at the opera'** - Joan and Frank Bull; **5 March 'My kind of music'** - Peter Mitchell; **19 March 'Barrett's bonanza'** - Pat Barrett. Meetings 8pm. East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet EN4 8SG. Details, Hon Chairman 020 8361 9518 or Hon Secretary 020 8361 9050

Friem Barnet Library Recorded Music Society
24 Jan 'Rossini in England' - Alexander Bryett; **7 Feb. 'British music'** - John Flowers; **21 Feb. 'A golden opportunity'** Richard Bayfield; **7 March. 'A Salzburg evening'** - Robin Chapman; **21 March 'Our recent releases'** - Simon Briggs of Les Aldrich Music. Meetings 8pm, Friem Barnet Library, Friem Barnet Road, N11 3DS. Details, Hon. Chairman 020 8444 7215.

Barnet Band meet QE Boys School, 7.45pm Wednesdays. New wind players welcome. Phone 020 8889 0689

THEATRE
3-9 February
'A Man For All Seasons'
 the modern stage classic by Robert Bolt charts the dramatic events leading to the execution of Sir Thomas More in 1535. Directed by David Linley. Sunday 6pm (doors open 5.30pm) and Monday to Saturday 7.45pm (doors open 7.15pm) Incognito Theatre (behind the clinic). Holly Park Road. N11. For more details phone 020 8803 1947 or email: enquire@incognitoeatre.com See also website www.incognitoeatre.com

16-23 February
Garden Suburb Theatre
 presents the pantomime: 'Dick Whittington' The Institute Theatre, Central Square, NW11. For details phone 020 7723 6609

27 February-16 March
Chicken Shed Theatre
 presents 'Romeo and Juliet'. Also **20 March-20 April** 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Chicken Shed Theatre, Chase Side, Southgate, N14 4PE. For

times of performances and ticket prices phone the Box Office 020 8292 9222. email: 020 8292 9222 or email: info@chickenshedtheatre.com

POETRY & TALKS
26 January & 9 March, 8pm
Barnet Borough Arts Council Cafe Bar Poetry The Bull Theatre, 85 High Street, Barnet. Come along and read your work or just come and listen. £3/£2 conc. For more details phone 020 8445 8388.

11 February 3pm
Barnet and District Local History Society
 'Hornsey, Hearty, Loving Hertfordshire' (Charles Lamb). Lecture by Ann Marie Parker. Also 11 March, 3pm, 'Early dissenters in Barnet and District (1390-1560)'. Lecture by Dr Stephen Doree. Wyburn Room, Wesley Hall, Stapylford Road, Barnet. For details phone 020 8449 6153.

The Finchley Society
 hold monthly talks at 8pm in the drawing room of Avenue House, East End Road, N3. For details phone 020 8883 2633.

Barnet Poetry Group
 meet bi-monthly 2.30pm on Saturdays at The Friends Meeting House in Leicester Road, New Barnet to study and enjoy English and European poets. Details 020 8883 8146/020 8449 0526

The Multi-Lingual Poetry Forum appreciates poetry in many languages, meeting monthly and promoting original translations to and from English, European and other classical languages. For details phone 020 8455 6281

The Writers meet once a fortnight on Thursdays at 8.15pm in Edgware. Phone 020 8958 7560 for details

Finchley Writers meet upstairs in the Tally Ho Pub, N12. Phone 020 8446 3690 for details.

ART
Finchley Art Society
 Beginners welcome. Trinity Centre, Nether Street, N12, also Wednesdays 1pm, St Mary's, Hendon Lane, N3. For details phone 020 8445 2685

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group meet at Avenue House, East End Road, N3

13 February Professor Aileen Riverero, 27 February, William Kent by Launce Gribbin. For details phone 020 8953 0821

Milkdon Art Society. On Wednesdays demonstrations or painting evenings. Herwood Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway, NW7. For details phone 020 8346 7491

FILM
Finchley Cinevideo Society welcomes visitors on Friday evenings to their meetings in the drawing room of Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Phone 020 8349 0027/020 8292 6367

LIBRARY BOOK SALES
29 Jan-2 Feb North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12

9-11 Feb 8.45-10.15
4-8 Feb East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet EN4 8SG. 020 8440 4378

12-16 Feb East Finchley Library, 228 High Road, N2 9BE. 020 8583 2664

14-16 Feb Barnet Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware, HA8 0UB. 020 8850 3112

26 Feb-2 March South Friem Library, Colney Hatch Lane, N10 1HD. 020 8893 0513

9-9 March Friem Barnet Library, Friem Barnet Road, N11 3DS. 020 8368 2680

7-8 March Edgware Library, Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 8NN. 020 8359 2626

13-16 March Church End Library, 24 Hendon Lane, N3 1TR. 020 8346 5711

26-31 March Golders Green Library, 156 Golders

Green Road, NW11 8HE. 020 8359 2060

Community Focus is a specialist arts centre dedicated to working with disabled people of all ages and offers photography, video, mixed media art, letterpress, dance, drama and more. Phone 020 8346 0788. **Happy Go Lucky Dance Group** integrates disabled and able bodied people. Phone 020 8346 9788 for details

The Botley Project aims to restore the gardener's house in Avenue House grounds to create an arts centre. Work continues on the restoration of the walled garden and volunteers are always welcome to assist. If interested in helping phone Finchley Arts Centre Trust on 020 8445 4640

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, PUBLIC MEETINGS, ETC

Normally meetings will commence at 7pm and will be held at The Town Hall, Hendon, unless otherwise stated. Other arrangements operate for Area Forums and Area Sub-Committees. To find out details for one near you phone 020 8359 2156

25 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
26 (Tues) - Cabinet ICT Committee
 Cabinet Social Inclusion Committee
27 (Wed) - Planning and Environment Committee

JANUARY 2002
28 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
29 (Tues) - Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
30 (Wed) - Road Safety & Accident Prevention Liasion Group - 7pm, Accident Prevention Centre, Daws Lane

MARCH 2002
4 (Mon) - Reserved for other Cabinet Meetings
5 (Tue) - Council Meeting
6 (Wed) - Reserved for Overview and Scrutiny Committees
11 (Mon) - Reserved for Overview and Scrutiny Committees
 Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
12 (Tue) - Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee
13 (Wed) - Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
 Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
 Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
14 (Thur) - Council Policy Conference
18 (Mon) - Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
19 (Tue) - Edgware and Mill Hill Area Forum - Dining Area, The Edgware School, Green Lane, Edgware, HA8 8BT (to be confirmed) 6.30 pm
 Golders Green Area Forum - Childs Hill School, Densingham Road, NW2 - 6.30 pm
 Whetstone Area Forum - Greek Cypriot Brotherhood Community Centre, Britannia Road, North Finchley N12

FEBRUARY 2002
4 (Mon) - Reserved for other Cabinet Meetings
5 (Tue) - Council Meeting
6 (Wed) - Reserved for Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Cabinet Equalities Committee
11 (Mon) - Reserved for Overview and Scrutiny Committees
 Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Drawing Room, Avenue House)
13 (Wed) - Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
 Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
 Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
14 (Thur) - Council Policy Conference
18 (Mon) - Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
 Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee
19 (Tue) - Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee - Avenue House, East End Road, N3
 Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee
20 (Wed) - Barnet Area Forum - Lyonsdown Hall, 3 Lyonsdown Road, Barnet - 6.30 pm
 Finchley Area Forum - Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, N2 9BA - 6.30 pm
 Hendon Area Forum - Lecture Theatre, Barnet College, Grahame Park Way, Grahame Park NW9 - 6.30 pm

20 (Wed) - Cabinet Resources Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
21 (Thur) - Reserved for Civic Forum
25 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
26 (Tue) - Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee - Barnet House
 Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee - Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley - 7.30pm
26 (Thurs) - Road Safety & Accident Prevention Liasion Group - 7pm, Accident Prevention Centre, Daws Lane

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Our Unsung Heroes

AWARDS FOR THOSE AT HEART OF COMMUNITY



Sheila Abbott



Sylvia Grant



Pam Edwards

FIVE unsung heroes at the very heart of Barnet's thriving and diverse communities won overdue recognition when they were presented with the Borough's coveted Civic Awards this month.

Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Anita Campbell, praised them all for their often behind the scenes but vital work in helping groups and individuals - and making such a valuable contribution to community pride.

Sadly, she said, there were countless deserving people nominated for awards who could not be recognised for the help and support they give others in this, the second year of Barnet's Civic Awards.

"We had to decide on just five recipients for awards from all the nominations received. It

was an almost impossible task", said the Mayor.

In presenting the award to Sheila Abbott, a teacher for the past 35 years and head teacher at Brooklands Infant School since 1986, the Mayor praised her for her dedication to education and for her role as secretary of the Barnet Teachers' Conference.

Stan Davison won the award for his unstinting efforts in supporting the causes of workers and his voluntary work in the interests of older people in the Borough.

Although now retired, the former electrician works virtually full time in the interests of older people - including being Chair of Barnet Senior Citizens Forum.

A dedicated advocate for the arts in the Borough is the way award winner Pam Edwards is described by all those who know her.

With a love of the arts in all its forms and particularly the Theatre, Pam has played a major role in the Barnet Arts Council and the Bull Arts Centre.

Think of the Barnet Women's Aid Organisation - and Sylvia Grant's name immediately springs to mind. This popular Civic Award winner is the longest serving member of the charity and has acted as secretary of the Board of Trustees for the past 19 years.

The Safe Start Foundation, whose award was accepted by Tom Beisty who was one of its founder members and is Chair of the Management Committee and a Trustee, has provided temporary accommodation, long-term housing, training and employment assistance to countless members of the community.



Tom Beisty



Stan Davison

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

If you are not registered to vote, you cannot vote in the Local elections on 2 May.

If you are not registered to vote, call the Council Electoral Register today on 020 8359 2323.

If you want to vote by post, call the hotline for more details.

There are several ward changes, ward name changes and new polling stations this year.

For more information, call the hotline on 020 8359 2323.

Your vote counts - use your democratic right on 2 May and have your say on the future of the Borough.

THEY HELP US ALL

Community projects play a major role in the life of our Borough - and their work is now recognised by the Community Project Awards sponsored by Middlesex University Business School

On the same night Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Anita Campbell, honoured

Barnet's Civic Awards recipients, she also presented £1,000 in prizes to three organisations providing valuable services to all sectors of the community.

First prize of £500 went to Barnet Law services, launched in May of last year with the aim of offering a casework service to those from disadvantaged

groups in the Borough.

The organisation also plans to provide a telephone support line giving specialist legal advice to agencies dealing with these legal cases.

Second prize of £300 was awarded to The Larches for its work with people with learning difficulties who attend their Arts in Action projects.

The money is to be spent on support for volunteers, including a new training booklet.

The £200 third prize, presented to Home Start Barnet, will be used to establish a library of books for the under fives.

The books will be used by volunteers when they visit families across the Borough.

Our New Winter Menu

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- * A 25% reduction on food for up to eight persons, available, Monday to Thursday all day, Friday and Saturdays before 4.0pm and valid Sunday.
- * Offer does not include drinks. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion or discount and is subject to availability.
- * Only one voucher per party, up to eight persons.
- * To claim the 25% reduction, you must complete the details on the voucher and present with payment.