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THE BEST GUIDE TO CELEBRATING THE MILLENNIUM IN BARNET

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

AT last, after months of preparation, the Millennium is here! And Barnet has a host of exciting events throughout the year to mark the momentous occasion.

In this special edition of Community News, we tell you about celebrations taking place over the next 12 months. It tells you how you can be part of them and even leave your mark for future generations.

It will all start with a big bang on 2 January with a Festival of Fireworks at Copthall Stadium like you've never seen before and the whole family can enjoy.

Children are very much the theme of the Millennium celebrations because they are the future.

Therefore, several special events have been organised for Millennium newcomers.

They include a Babies Bookstart Pack, which will be handed to parents by health visitors, and The



Children's Wood with a sapling planted for every new child born in the borough during 2000.

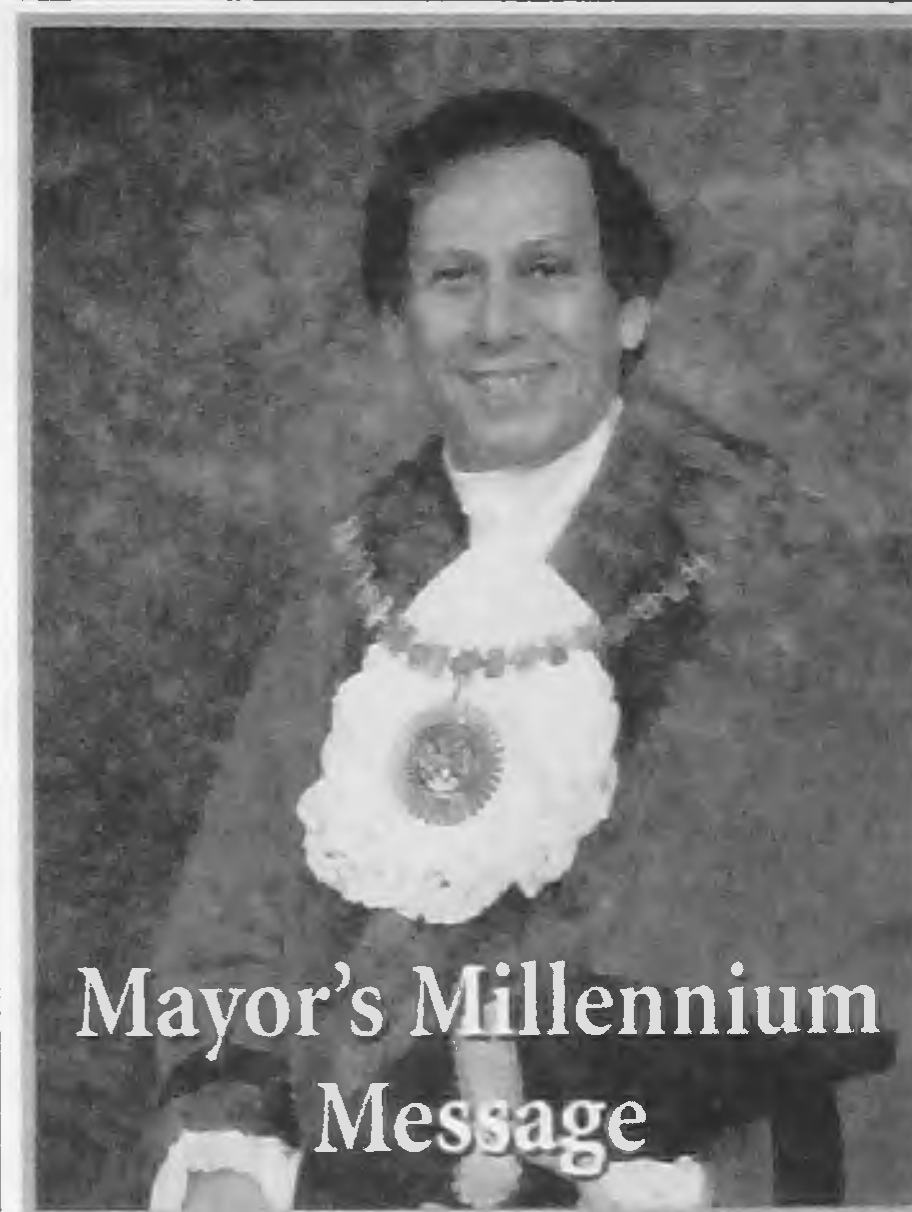
Children from Barnet schools will be taking part in a special concert, Songs for the Millennium, in March. In February, there is the New Skills, New Job, New Hope exhibition to help those in need of a job get off to a fulfilling New Year.

Planned is a Millennium Festival of Arts, a week of spectacular arts events, generated by people in the borough.

And the Cast of 2000 will allow people from throughout the borough express their feelings about their identity and the identity of Barnet through a major performance

event in October.

Barnet Council is raising money for the children's charity Make A Wish during Millennium Year and inside you can find out how you can contribute.



Mayor's Millennium Message

IT IS a great honour to be Mayor as we approach the Millennium.

I am proud of the multi-cultural diversity of the people I serve. All of us in our different ways will be celebrating the new Millennium. To different groups and to each individual the Millennium will mean different things.

However, all of us will want to spare a thought about what the last 2,000 years have meant. There have been wars, plague and starvation and unfortunately they are still with us in the Year 2000.

But we can also celebrate incredible achievements in the arts, technological advances and human being's capacity to do good.

The New Year is traditionally a time to make resolutions. Perhaps all of us can resolve to respect our fellow human beings, be kind to animals and from time to time help someone in need.

These simple truths will ensure a better future for us all.

Cllr Jack Cohen

Start off the new millennium with a big bang

Firework Festival at Cophall Stadium on 2 January

GET ready for the biggest firework spectacular ever seen in Barnet when the new Millennium gets off to a sparkling start on 2 January.

Around 10,000 people are expected to turn up to the two hour Festival of Fireworks at Cophall Stadium starting at 5pm.

A number of events are being arranged separated by several, short firework displays like you've never seen before.

There will be circus acts, jazz and steel bands, breathtaking aerial acts and parades to celebrate the borough's various cultures.

And it will all finish with a grand finale 20-minute firework display to light up the skies of Barnet.

Don't worry if it's cold because hot food will be available to keep you warm and there is a small fun fair for kids.

Entry is by ticket only and you can apply by sending in the coupon below, but hurry because we expect huge demand and only a limited number are available. **The closing date for ticket applications is 14 December.**

A collection will be made for Barnet Council's Millennium charity Make-A-Wish.

* IF YOU are thinking of holding your own firework display to see in the Millennium you should

bear the following advice in mind for yours and everyone else's safety.

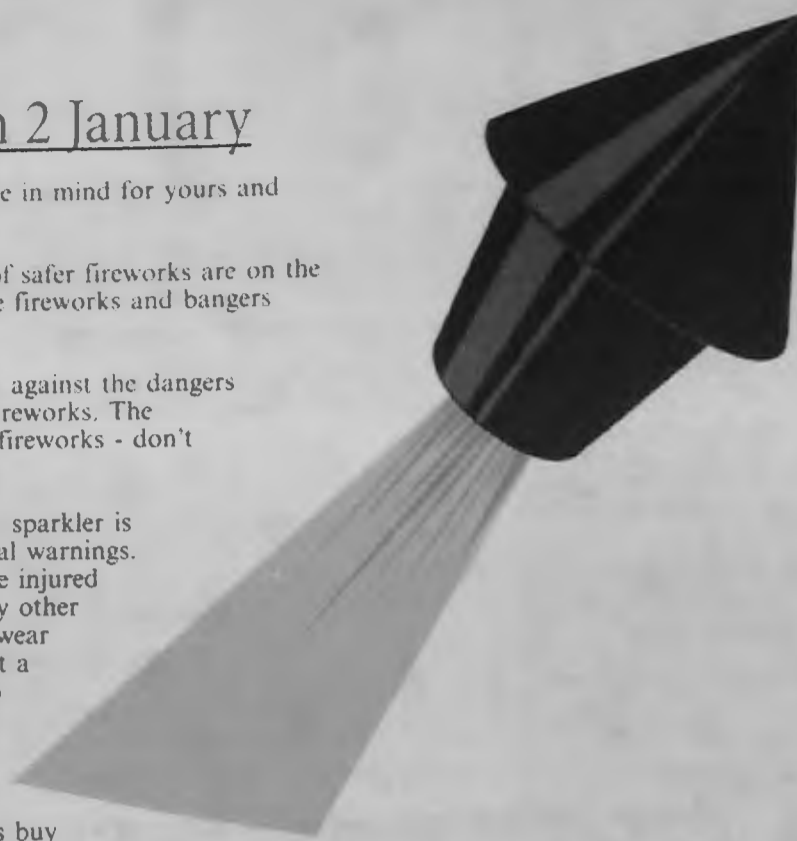
This year a new range of safer fireworks are on the market and certain large fireworks and bangers have been banned.

Trading Standards warn against the dangers of mixing alcohol and fireworks. The message is, 'if handling fireworks - don't drink'.

The apparently innocent sparkler is also the subject of special warnings. More young children are injured by sparklers than by any other firework. The advice is wear gloves, light them one at a time, never give them to children under five and put used ones in a bucket of water

The Firework Code says buy fireworks marked BS 7114 and set aside three areas for the family, storage and setting off. Fireworks should be kept in a closed box and you should follow the instructions on each firework. Light them at arms length using a taper and stand well back. Never go back to a lit firework and never put fireworks in your pocket.

Finally, remember never throw fireworks and keep pets indoors.



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Fund for young artists

THE Milly Aphorp Fund has £18,000 in prizes available to purchase work from young artists in North London.

The purchase prizes range from £100 to £2,000 with a first prize of £5,000. This year it has been extended to young artists between 18 and 30 who work in local boroughs, including Barnet. The selected works of art will be displayed in public buildings.

Two entries, in any medium except photography, may be submitted with a fee of £5 (£3 for concessions) for each entry.

Entry forms and conditions are available by sending an A5 stamped addressed envelope to Arts Office, The Old Town Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, London N11 3DL.

The handing in dates for Barnet entries are 28 and 29 January 2000.

Please send me FREE tickets for the Millennium Festival of Fireworks.
I understand that I may only apply for the number of people in my household in the London Borough of Barnet and that if I am unable to attend, I must return tickets in good time for them to be reissued.

Name: _____
Address: _____
_____ postcode: _____

RETURN THIS COUPON TO:
Lettings Office, Barnet Cophall Pools, Great North Way, Hendon,
London NW4 1PS.
ENCLOSE SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR TICKETS.



Barnet
Millennium
Celebrations

You too can become part of the Cast of 2000 in a multi-media spectacular

AN ambitious multi-arts and multi-media event where ordinary people in Barnet become the actors is being planned called a Cast of 2000.

Images of local people collected throughout the year will be beamed among the audience in a specially built heated marquee on 28 and 29 October.

People's senses will also be stimulated including their sight, sound, taste, smell, touch and temperature.

The theme is 'identity' where ordinary people are asked what aspects of their lives they want to take into the next century and what they want to leave behind.

Hampstead Garden party

HAMPSTEAD Garden Suburb Residents' Association is holding a Millennium Eve Celebration.

It kicks off with a multi-faith period of contemplation at the Friends Meeting House, North Square and continues with games and country dancing at the Free Church Hall, Northway from 9 to 10.30pm.

It is followed by a Champagne reception at St Jude's, Central Square before an 11.30pm candlelit procession around the square.

After a silent contemplation in St Jude's there is a firework display at midnight.

Shop Local for Christmas, shop local for life

CHRISTMAS and new year can be shopping nightmares, busy crowded shops, full car parks, traffic jams and wasted time looking for that special present or bargain.

Try your local centre instead, maybe you can make several short trips to your local shops rather than one Christmas shop and gather your festive shopping in stages.

There are 20 town centres in Barnet from the very smallest local shops at Market Place, Hampstead Garden Suburb to the larger centres in North Finchley, Edgware, Golders Green and Chipping Barnet.

They are all different with a mixture of nationwide multiples and the local specialist shops that give each local centre its character.

The local shop that you can pop down to is not just for that odd item which has run out - it is there for life if you keep it alive.

Dance Festival

The London Borough of Barnet Dance Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary in the Year 2000. Last year 2,000 children from 40 local schools took part and even more are expected this year. The children work with dance professionals before performing over a number of nights in early spring.

Babies Bookstart

Every baby born in Barnet in 2000 will receive a pack of books and leaflets on the benefits of reading. It is part of a national project sponsored by supermarket giant Sainsbury. Barnet Council encloses information about local libraries including a membership application form and information about the Early Years Helpline. The packs are distributed by Health Visitors at the babies' seven month check ups.

Agenda 21 conference

The largest environment conference ever organised in Barnet is to take place at Woodhouse College, North Finchley on 23 January. The Agenda 21 conference is the start of a one year consultation to develop and refocus the council's strategy to improve the quality of our lives and environment, building sustainable communities and greater equality. The conference is open to everyone and starts at 10am until 4pm.

Songs For The Millennium

Eighteen schools have so far entered Barnet's Songs for the Millennium event to be held at The Edgware School, Green Lane, on 23 March. The event is open to entries from small groups, classes and whole schools. All they have to do is write a song to celebrate the new Millennium.

New Skills, New Job, New Hope Exhibition

Looking for a new job in the Millennium? Then the New Skills, New Job, New Hope exhibition could be for you. The job fair, featuring scores of companies and professions takes place at Middlesex University Business School on 10 February.



EVERY new child born in Barnet is to have a tree planted to mark its birth in Millennium year.

It is estimated that 4,200 babies will be born in 2000 and the planting of saplings would considerably add to the greening of the borough.

Parents wishing to take part in The Children's Wood project would be given a commemorative certificate to mark the occasion.

A number of potential sites are being looked at including Woodcroft Park, Hendon Park, Barnet Playing Fields, Lyttleton Playing Fields and Lullington Garth grazing land.

The trees would be planted during National Tree Week which runs from 26 November and December 2 2000. Another tree planting would take place early in 2001 to take account of births later in 2000.

Make a wish come true

FLYING to New York by helicopter, meeting a favourite celebrity or a trip to Disneyworld are the kind of wishes which Barnet Council will be helping to grant for sick children during the Year 2000.

Barnet Council has adopted The Make-a-Wish Foundation, as its Millennium Charity and has a host of fund-raising activities lined up to help grant more wishes than ever during the Millennium Year.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation aims to bring a little sunshine into the lives of children aged between three and 18, suffering from life-threatening illnesses, by turning their dreams into reality.



Make-A-Wish Foundation* UK

The council plans to fund-raise at many of its Millennium events which include: the firework extravaganza at Cophall Stadium on 2 January; a week-long arts festival; a Midsummer Ball and the Children's Wood mentioned above.

The average cost of granting a wish is £2,500 and the Foundation is in constant need of financial support. Community Development Policy Development Committee chair Cllr. Susette Palmer said: "We are urging

everyone to dig deep into their pockets and be as generous as possible so we can help the Make-a-Wish Foundation grant lots of wishes during this special year.

"Supporting this worthwhile organisation is a poignant way to mark the Millennium and one which will be remembered and treasured by many sick children."

Trained volunteers visit each child to find out his/her special wish and then, once the wish has been approved, the organisation ensures it is carried out. Nearly 1,600 special wishes have been granted since it was set up in 1986.

Barnet Council Festive Opening



Friday 24 December

Services open except Mobile Action Point, Church Farmhouse Museum, Libraries (close at 1pm), Flightways and Rosa Morison Day Centre. Asylum Seekers Service (emergencies only) Homeless and Temporary Accommodation Services close at 3pm. Children & Families Service area social work teams and under 5s team open for telephone service from 12.30pm onwards.

Saturday 25 December

Services closed. Emergency cover provided by all essential services over the holiday period. Emergency telephone number 0181-359 2000.

Sunday 26 December

Services closed except Golf Courses. Register Office: Registrar on call 9am to 11am.

Monday 27 December

Services closed except Compton Sports Centre; Golf Courses; Station Road Day Centre. Register Office: Registrar on call 9am to 11am.

Tuesday 28 December

Services closed except Compton Sports Centre; Cophall Pools and Stadium; Finchley Lido; Church Farm Pool; Golf Courses. Register Office: Registrar on call 9am to 11am.

Wednesday 29 December

Services open except Children & Family Centres; Services for Schools (Parent Partnership, Information); Local Land Charges.

Thursday 30 December

Services open except Local Land Charges; Children & Family Centres; Children & Families Services: area social work teams and under 5s team open for telephone service from 12.30pm onwards.

Friday 31 December

Services closed except Cophall Pools and Stadium; Finchley Lido; Golf Courses. Register Office: Registrar on call 9am to 11am.

Saturday 1 January

Services closed except Cophall Pools; Golf Courses.

Sunday 2 January

Services closed except Compton Sports Centre, Cophall Pools, Finchley Lido; Golf Courses, Station Road Day Centre. Register Office: Registrar on call 9am to 11am.

Monday 3 January

Services closed except Compton Sports Centre; Cophall Pools and Stadium; Finchley Lido; Golf Courses. Register Office: Registrar on call 9am to 11am.

Tuesday 4 January

Services open except Broadfields Resource Centre.

How to get help over the Millennium period

HELP is at hand for residents over the Millennium shut down period, with the council and health authority's 24 hour Barnet Millennium Helpline.

The helpline has been set up to give residents a port of call for queries over the disruptive festive and

millennium season, when usual operational hours for businesses and services alter.

From 1 December 1999 to 4 January 2000, staff will be at hand round the clock to deal with queries about:

* Barnet Council services

* Local NHS Services

* Millennium weekend road and public transport arrangements in Barnet and in and around Central London

* London Borough of Barnet shopping times

* Millennium Events programme for 2000

* Millennium Bug problems

The number to call is 0181 359 6060 from 1 December to 4 January 2000.

Barnet Council offices will shut down for 27, 28 and 31 December 1999 and 3 January 2000.

Alan Williams



Leader's View

THE New Year is a time for resolutions, reflection and revelry... although not necessarily in that order.

There's plenty about the revelry in the pages of this special edition of Community News with the numerous wonderful events Barnet has organised to help you celebrate.

Instead I want to concentrate on the reflection and resolutions.

This could not be a more appropriate time in Barnet because we have just updated our Corporate Plan to 2003 which lists our pledges to the people of the borough.

And we are doing a pretty good job of keeping to the promises we have already made.

Barnet Council has now got:

- * A nursery place for every four year old and has plans in place to do the same for all three year-olds by 2002.

- * Class sizes for five-year-olds are down to less than 30 as promised and are on target for six and seven year-olds by 2002.

- * A crime fighting partnership called the Community Safety Executive has been set up which includes the police and council working to a Crime and Disorder Strategy.

- * Neighbourhood Partnerships have been set up to work with local people to improve the environment.

- * The council has moved to sustainable transport vehicles with their conversion to cleaner LPG fuel.

- * Barnet has brought 237 empty properties back into use in 1998/9 and worked with housing associations to provide 155 homes in 1999/2000 and a further 183 by 2000/1.

- * And more than 2,000 new jobs have been created in Barnet with a target of 4,000 by 2002.

Now we are setting even more demanding targets because our resolution is that you will have a Barnet in the next Millennium to be proud of.

Furthermore, as mentioned in my last column, we are also widening the debate so that leading members of the community can help us broaden the appeal of this package of promises which will be launched next summer as the Community Plan.

How much do you know about the history of Barnet?



Barnet Fair: But what part of the body did it give its name to?

Try our Barnet Millennium quiz ...

BARNET has been at the centre not only of the last 2,000 years of history but further back in time.

But how much do you know about the story of the borough you live in?

Try our fun seasonal quiz and test your knowledge.

1 In what year did the former boroughs of Hendon and Finchley and the urban districts of Barnet, East Barnet and Friern Barnet come together to form Barnet Council?

2 Edgware Road was part of one of the important roads of Roman and post-Roman Britain. But what was it called by the Romans?

3 World champion boxer Lennox Lewis is a Barnet resident. But what was the name of the boxing champion who lived in East End Road in the 1860s?

4 Chipping Barnet was founded around 1100 to take advantage of the new main road. It was granted a market in 1199 and a fair in 1588. The fair was such a success that by the 19th century people from all

over the metropolis would visit. The fair became so famous that Barnet became cockney rhyming slang for what part of the body?

5 The Battle of Barnet was fought around Hadley Green on Easter day in 1471. It was an important battle in the War of the Roses and resulted in a momentous victory for the Yorkist king Edward IV. But who was the famous leader of his Lancastrian opponent killed in the fighting?

6 A number of historic churches still stand today. These include Chipping Barnet church that dates from 1250 and Monken Hadley parish church that has a tower built in 1494. But which is the oldest church in the borough dating from 1100?

7 Who in his 17th century diary mentioned there was a famous spa near Chipping Barnet where a modern wellhouse covering can still be seen?

8 Most of the borough's grand houses have now vanished. But where did the famous 16th century mapmaker John Norden live?

9 Hendon was one of the most important pioneering centres of aviation. Claude Grahame-White founded his airport there in 1910 and staged spectacular, crowd-pulling air displays. It was eventually bought by the RAF, which held annual pageants there until 1937. What is housed there now?

10 The borough has been home to many famous residents. Amongst these is the famous politician William Wilberforce, who was prominent in what struggle?

11 One of the most celebrated ballerinas of all time lived in Barnet for 10 years. Who was she?

The answers are at the bottom of the page.

Barnet: A Century of Change

Church Farmhouse Museum will be hosting an exhibition about the history of Barnet this century.

Through old photographs and exhibits from each decade of the century, 'Barnet: A Century of Change', charts the changes that

affected residents in Barnet.

Subjects covered include transport, public services, housing, war, schools, entertainment and shopping.

Based on the book, 'Barnet: the Twentieth Century' by local authors Percy Reboul and John Heathfield, the exhibition runs from 4 December 1999 to 13 February 2000 (closed 25-28 December 1999 and 1-3 January 2000 inclusive).

The exhibition is one of the Church Farmhouse Museum's contributions to Barnet Council's Millennium celebrations.

For details of other Millennium events at the Museum please telephone 0181-203 0130.

ANSWERS:
1 1965, 2 Watling Street, 3 Jim
Mace, 4 Barnet fair = hat, 5
Warwick The Kingmaker, 6 St
Mary's, East Barnet, 7 Samuel
Pepps, 8 Hendon School, 9
Battle of Britain Museum, 10
Abolition of slavery, 11 Anna
Pavlova

Reward points for school dinners



Healthy eater, Claire Louise Sloan, cashes in on Copthall School's new swipe cards

COPTHALL school cafeteria has been dishing up prizes to two health conscious pupils.

Year 11 pupils, Tracy Liu and Daria Khvachtchevskaia, were the first to benefit from the school's innovative reward scheme, set up in September to encourage healthy eating among pupils.

Each have earned 2,000 reward points, which are swapped for vouchers, by opting for healthy menu choices rather than sweet and fatty foods.

Daria received a Hollywood Bowl voucher and Tracy was rewarded with a golf voucher plus a camera for being the first pupil to reach 2,000 reward points.

The healthy eating rewards scheme is linked to the school's cashless payment system introduced last year, which replaces dinner money by issuing children with swipe cards, charged direct to parents.

Copthall School was the first school in Barnet to introduce the new swipe cards which allow parents to keep check on how much their children are spending at lunchtimes as well as monitoring their school diet and even banning them from buying certain foods. Allergies to foods such as nuts can also be monitored.

Chair of Education and Children Policy Development Committee, Cllr. Anne Jarvis who presented the girls with vouchers said: "This scheme is a great way of rewarding children for healthy eating and enabling parents to have a say in what children are eating at school."

Barnet street cleaners have sweeping success

FIFTY roadsweepers have become the first in the country to successfully complete a City and Guilds certificate in Street Cleansing - thanks to a new vocational qualification devised by Barnet Council.

The council's Skills Training Centre in Mill Hill produced its very own award in 1998 for bin men.

The City and Guilds 6033 Environmental Services Street-care certificate awarded to roadsweepers in Hounslow is the first ever qualification to recognise their skills and training.

It is a 'Vocational Qualification' which uses simple and effective methods of assessing the competence and safety of binmen. It was extended in May 1999 with the active collaboration, co-operation and support of the London Borough of Hounslow to cover roadsweepers.

Barnet Council has already assessed its binmen using the qualification and now plans to offer the City and Guilds qualification to the 32 London

boroughs and then other local authorities nationwide

Councillor Kathy McGuirk, Vice-Chair of Barnet Council's Environment Policy Development Committee said: "In providing a cleaner and safer area for residents to live, Refuse and Street Cleansing operatives are often exposed to dangerous and unhygienic conditions during all kinds of weather.

"Barnet Council is committed to providing top quality training for all its staff and we are delighted to have taken this a step further by devising a qualification which is being put into practice by other local authorities."

LDW prize winners

THREE lucky residents have scooped prizes for being clued up on their local council.

Dorothy Macedo and Kate Solomon of East Finchley and Michael Fuller of East Barnet won free video rentals, swims and fitness sessions for scoring highest in the council's Local Democracy Quiz.

Barnet **NHS**

Health Authority

Tel. 0181 201 4700

Here is what the NHS is doing to keep you safe and well in your borough...

Over Christmas and New Year we expect local NHS emergency and out-of hours services to be extremely busy. Please help us to ensure we can help those in greatest need by using local services wisely.

GPs (FAMILY DOCTORS)

- All GPs will have out-of-hours arrangements for emergencies - for urgent medical advice call your surgery and follow the recorded instructions.
- Local surgeries will have details of their opening hours over the holiday.
- Your surgery might offer limited opening on 29 and 30 December - call to check before visiting as these sessions might be for urgent appointments only.

PHARMACIES (CHEMISTS)

- Pharmacists offer professional advice about common complaints and minor illnesses.
- No appointment is needed.
- Details of pharmacy opening hours are printed in local newspapers.

DENTISTS

- If you are registered with a dentist, ring your own dentist and a recorded message will tell you how to contact an emergency out-of-hours service.
- If you are not registered, a service is available at Vale Drive Clinic (0181 440 6615). Open 9.15am - 12 noon Sundays and bank holidays.

URGENT TREATMENT CENTRES / MINOR INJURIES UNITS

- For less serious injuries such as cuts and grazes and sprains.

Local Centres available at:

Edgware Community Hospital, 24 hours
Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0AD
and
Finchley Memorial Hospital, 9am - 7pm daily
Granville Road, North Finchley, London N12 0JE

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY (CASUALTY) DEPARTMENTS

- Open 24 hours for accidents and medical emergencies.
- Remember - more severe conditions are treated first, so you will wait longer if your problem is not urgent, even if you arrived in an ambulance.
- Your local A&E departments are at:
Barnet Hospital
Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, Hertfordshire EN5 3DJ
Northwick Park Hospital
Watford Road, Harrow HA1 3UJ
The Royal Free Hospital
Pond Street, Hampstead NW3 2QG

'MORNING AFTER' PILL (EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION)

Seek medical advice now to avoid pregnancy after unprotected sex.
The 'morning after' pill works best within 24 hours of having unprotected sex, up to a maximum of 72 hours.
The pill is available from the following centres:

Finchley Memorial Hospital 0181 349 3121
Dec 24 am only, Dec 27 4pm - 6pm, Jan 2 4pm - 6pm
East Barnet Health Centre 0181 440 1251
December 20, 21, 22, 29
Vale Drive Clinic 0181 440 1417
December 21, 23, 30
Young Persons Family Planning, Vale Drive Clinic
0181 440 1417, December 22, 29
Torrington Park Health Centre
0181 446 4201, December 20, 22, 23 29
Oak Lane Clinic 0181 346 9343
December 20, 23, 30

Watling Clinic 0181 959 2188, December 20
Mill Hill Clinic 0181 959 2188, December 23, 30
Temple Fortune Health Centre 0181 458 8844
December 20
Central Hendon Clinic 0181 202 6101
December 22, 29
West Hendon Clinic 0181 202 8514
December 21, 22, 29
Edgware Clinic 0181 952 2500, Dec 21, 22, 29
Young Persons Family Planning, Edgware Clinic
0181 952 2500, December 20
Grahame Park Health Centre 0181 205 6204
December 21

BARNET MILLENNIUM HELPLINE 0181 359 6060

This helpline number will provide basic information to callers on the range of health services available during the extended millennium holiday period and access arrangements for the public. This helpline will direct callers to the services that are available during this time.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

If you receive services from a mental health NHS Trust, they will let you know about their arrangements for the holiday. If in doubt, contact them direct before the holiday at:

Edgware Community Hospital
Tel. 0181 732 6990, or
Barnet Psychiatric Unit, Barnet General Hospital
Tel. 0181 216 4000

SOCIAL SERVICES

If you rely on support from social services, such as home helps, social workers or meals on wheels, or attend a day centre, your Social Services Department will let you know about their arrangements for the holiday. If in doubt, contact them before the holiday.

Social Services Department
London Borough of Barnet
The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG
Tel. 0181 359 2000

Through the looking glass at Church Farmhouse Museum

CHURCH Farmhouse Museum curator Gerrard Roots takes a closer look at a recent exhibit.

The Carnival of Glass exhibition at the Greyhound Hill museum in Hendon was a display of press-moulded glass bowls, plates and vases given an iridescent and metallic finish in a huge range of colours.

Based on an extensive private collection that includes many rare and unusual pieces from all over the world, this colourful and striking exhibition demonstrated the astonishing variety of a popular decorative artform.

A second exhibition entitled 'Strange Barnet: Phantoms, Forgers and Funny Faces' looked at the more curious side of the borough's history, including stories ranging from witches' covens in High Barnet to the Hendon Nudist Riots.



Curator Gerrard Roots with one of the glass exhibits

Golders Green Controlled Parking Zone

THE results of a major consultation exercise on the Golders Green Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) have been unveiled by Barnet Council.

The authority introduced the CPZ in September 1998 with a commitment to monitor the success of the scheme and to seek the views of local residents.

Questionnaires went out to all affected residents in July 1999 and the results of the consultation exercise were reported to and discussed by October's Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Subcommittee.

Although objections were considered councillors backed the scheme.

Councillor Monroe Palmer, who represents the area, said: "We have now had an opportunity to improve parking conditions locally and to monitor the scheme.

"We have attempted to provide for the needs of residents, shoppers, businesses and church-goers.

"The meeting gave us an opportunity to fully consider residents' views and concerns before anything was decided."

Barnet Schools buck the trend

PUPILS in local schools have put Barnet amongst the leading authorities when test scores are measured against areas with similar levels of poverty, figures from a leading education publication have revealed.

Analysis by the Times Education Supplement of this year's national test results suggests the borough is moving ahead of most other LEAs where the number of children receiving free school meals is on or around the national average.

The influential TES survey measures the

proportion of pupils attaining level 4 (key stage 2) and level 5 (key stage 3) in English, maths and science against the proportion of children known to be eligible for free school meals. For each key stage the percentages of the subject results are added together to produce a single aggregate score.

The survey reveals that secondary schools in the borough, where nearly 16 per cent of pupils receive free school meals, achieved a higher aggregate score at key stage 3 than any other similarly placed authority. At key stage

2, Barnet primary schools recorded the second highest aggregate score amongst LEAs where, again, 15-18 per cent of pupils received free school meals.

For both key stages the aggregated scores of Barnet pupils in English, maths and science was above the national average. Overall, the survey places Barnet ninth out of the 148 LEAs in England when comparing test results against poverty levels.

Cllr. Anne Jarvis, Chair of the council's Education and Children Policy Development

Committee, said:

"This survey shows that Barnet is doing well in raising standards of achievement for all our children. Our investment in schools, raising achievement, reducing class sizes and increasing the number of nursery places are all paying off.

"I am proud of the achievements of all our schools, which provide challenging environments for our children. The LEA will continue to work in partnership with all our schools to raise the achievement of all pupils."

Using debit and credit cards to pay council bills

SETTLING BILLS is to get easier as the council extends modern methods of payment to embrace many more council services.

Cards are now accepted for any of the services currently available at Barnet's libraries, sports leisure centres, cashiers offices and register offices, Mill Hill Depot and at parking offices.

These include sports ground hire, fishing permits, swimming pool charges and a host of booking fees.

Most library charges

can be handled as well as bookings for the Multi-Media Centre. Cards will be accepted at register offices for all certificates, the hire of the Wood Street marriage room and other fees.

The cashiers offices deal in payments for council tax and business rates, rents, service and other housing charges and residential and home care bills.

Other council services will follow soon.

Chair of the council's Resources Executive Committee, Councillor Danish Chopra,

welcomed the new service saying residents expect modern councils to be flexible and offer the same choices as any commercial organisation.

"We are constantly trying to improve the services we offer and this has to include making it as easy as possible for residents to pay the wide range of charges handled by the council.

"Modern systems of payment can be a great boon to those who use our services making the

whole process of paying and record keeping faster and more convenient.

"Card payments also help ensure revenue is collected as efficiently as possible making it easier for the council to gather the money needed to plough back into improving services for the benefit of everyone.

"The choice of how to pay remains with our residents - we are just making sure that choice is as wide as possible," added Councillor Danish Chopra.



MORE HEALTHY RESTAURANTS RECEIVE HEARTBEAT AWARDS

NINE local eateries have received Heartbeat Awards for providing their customers with smoke-free eating areas, healthier menu options and excellent food hygiene.

The award winners, judged by Barnet Council's Environmental Health Team, were presented with certificates by Cllr. Jeremy Davies, Deputy Mayor of Barnet at the council's annual Heartbeat Award ceremony at The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon.

The Heartbeat Award is a national scheme set up to encourage food hygiene, healthier catering practices and smoke-free eating facilities. They also give recognition to those businesses which achieve results above and beyond statutory requirements.

The winners include a fish and chip restaurant, a garden centre coffee shop, a high street café, and several school canteens.

Councillor Beverley Pearce, Chair of Barnet Council's Environment Policy Development Committee said: "This council is keen to encourage health improvements for all residents in Barnet. We are particularly pleased that more restaurants are helping to reduce the risks associated with passive smoking and giving people the opportunity of a more balanced diet."

Councillor Jeremy Davies said: "This is great news for Barnet! Heartbeat Awards are not easy to achieve and the staff involved should be very proud that they have been recognised for their excellence in food health,

hygiene and reducing the risks of passive smoking."

The award winners received certificates and window stickers to display in their places of work for one year. They also feature in 'Eat Smoke-Free in Barnet' - a free guide which is produced by Barnet Council and Barnet Health Authority.

If you would like a copy of this guide, or would like further information about how to apply for a Heartbeat Award, please contact Neil Alcorn, Environmental Health Officer on 0181-359 4721.

This year's Heartbeat Award winners are:

- **The Place to Eat**, John Lewis, Brent Cross Shopping Centre
- **Bar San Marco**, Ballards Lane, Finchley Central
- **Two Brothers Fish Restaurant**, Regents Park Road, Finchley Central
- **Conservatory Coffee Shop**, Country Gardens, Daws Lane, Mill Hill
- **Hampstead Garden Suburb School**, Hampstead Garden Suburb
- **Oak Lodge School**, East Finchley
- **Clitterhouse School**, Cricklewood
- **St Agnes School**, Cricklewood
- **Misto**, Ballards Lane, North Finchley.

"I am a lot clearer now as to my own position as a Black Woman"

Member of the audience during an interval at the bar during Black History Month

BARNET Council hosted its first launch of Black History Month at The Bull Theatre on 6 October.

The evening was a sell out with people visibly enjoying this vibrant evening of Black and Asian comedy. Comedian Felix Dexter had the audience in stitches, and Carol Russell's charismatic African wisdom was particularly appreciated by the younger viewers. One Nation Under a Groove took a comical look at Asian traditions in their wacky sketches from Don't Look at my Sister Innit.

The Celebration Night was opened by Barnet Council Leader, Cllr. Alan Williams, who stressed the importance of celebrating the achievements of people of African, Caribbean and Asian descent, but also pointed to the continuing responsibility on the part of the council to fight institutional racism.

The performances kicked off with a Tribute to Black History by Professor Heidi Safia Mirza, head of the newly established Centre for Racial Equality at Middlesex University set up in partnership with Barnet Council. Proudly claiming "from our past we have made a presence" she enabled some of the audience to sharpen their own thoughts: "I am a lot



clearer now as to my own position as a Black woman", commented a woman over a drink in the bar during the interval.

The evening ended with the People's Christian Fellowship Gospel Choir bringing the audience to their feet. The choir consists of 30 singers and musicians - including a Barnet Council officer - who only just made their performance after returning from a successful trip to the Copenhagen Gospel Festival.



Above, Dee McCalla demonstrates traditional headwrapping skills; far left The People's Christian Fellowship Gospel Choir and bottom left the One Nation Under A Groove Asian comedy show.

Regenerating Watling

A THREE-YEAR FACE-LIFT for Watling Estate Shopping Centre, Burnt Oak will start next spring now that Barnet Council has been awarded a grant of £180,000 from English Heritage.

The shopping centre has its place in history as home to Tesco's founder Jack Cohen's first store.

The council has heard that its bid to help fund a 'Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme' in Watling Estate Shopping Centre has secured a grant of up to £60,000 a year for three years.

Barnet's Conservation Area Officers and the Town Centre Management Team will be working with businesses in the Watling Avenue and Broadway conservation area so that structural repairs and the replacement of architectural features can begin in April 2000.

Currently more than one in ten businesses in the centre are vacant and some of the businesses are in a poor state of repair.

Barnet Council Leader, Cllr. Alan Williams said: "Barnet Council is committed to preserving the heritage of the borough as well as economic regeneration to create safe and sustainable communities. This means preserving interesting shopping centres such as this, as

well as Barnet's more obvious and well-known heritage buildings.

"Watling Shopping Centre has experienced difficulties in the past and this grant from English Heritage will undoubtedly help it to get back on its feet again."

Watling Estate was one of the first, and largest, post First World War public housing estates built by London County Council.

The Watling Avenue shopping centre was built alongside shortly afterwards to serve the community.

Barnet Council submitted its bid to English Heritage in July 1999.

The Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme assists regeneration in mainly economically rundown conservation areas.

The scheme will be match-funded from various sources including Barnet Council.

The buildings throughout the centre, declared a conservation area in 1998, include red brick, clay tiles and timber sash windows.

The architectural details include roof gables, overhanging eaves and recessed entrances with distinctive fanlights and doors.

BICYCLES AT DAWN

A MUDDY challenge of bicycles took place at the Fun Mountain Bike Duathlon, organised by Barnet Council's Sports Development Team, at Cophall Stadium.

It was a duel for adults and children alike at which the weapon chosen was a strong, but muddy bike.

A Duathlon is a run followed by a bike ride and then another run. It is a variation of the triathlon, which means there is no rest between each discipline and the clock does not stop until competitors cross the line.

Triathlon and duathlon are exciting sports for all ages and abilities that offer fitness, fun and friendly competition. A triathlon event involves a swim followed by a cycle ride and then a run.

It will be an Olympic sport for the first time at Sydney 2000 and will be the opening event of the Games. It is a sport at which Britain excels - five of the last six World Triathlon Champions have hailed from the UK. Thirty children and adults braved the rain last weekend running and riding the track and fields of Cophall. A lap of honour in the stadium finished the race.

Giving this exciting sport a go was the idea of the day. But Dave Drury, from Battersea, came first in the men's category with an impressive time of 34 minutes, 24 seconds for the 4km run, 7.5km bike ride and 2km run. Ruth Miller, from Crouch End, was the first woman past the winning post in a time of 40 minutes, 55 seconds. Boys and girls aged 8 to 15 competed in a shorter version of the course. Gary Tinson, from East Barnet, and Aisling Maguire, from Enfield, were the first boy and girl past the post in the 8 to 11 years age group.

Philip Grundy and Charlotte Unwin from Brighton and Brentwood respectively were victorious in the 12-15 years category. The Fun Mountain Bike

Duathlon follows triathlon events for school children and adults held at Cophall Stadium last summer.

A triathlon training week and aquathon (a swim-run event) are planned for February at Cophall. If you would like to find out more about triathlon training and the aquathon please contact the Sports Development Team on 0181 457 9909.

Energy Action in Finchley

FINCHLEY residents are being advised how to save energy as well as money on their winter fuel bills after Barnet Council launched its new Energy Action Area.

Barnet Council first set up Energy Action Areas in 1997 to meet the requirements of the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (HECA) which states that over ten years, councils must improve the level of energy efficiency in public and private housing by 30 per cent. Currently there are three energy action areas in Barnet at Finchley, East Finchley and St Paul's.

Energy Action areas target specific areas by raising awareness of energy efficiency. The areas remain open for one year during which time newsletters are delivered to residents within the area four times a year, residents receive free energy ratings for their homes and energy advice tailored to their specific needs based on questionnaires completed by householders.

Energy showhomes demonstrate how energy efficiency can be improved and door-to-door surveys are carried out on all homes within the Energy Action area. Meanwhile businesses are encouraged to develop a partnership approach to delivering energy efficiency locally and schools receive free energy computer software and the opportunity to receive class presentations on energy efficiency.

What to do if you

REVELLERS venturing into Central London for the Big Time events and celebrations need to think about how to get there and back, how best to avoid the crowds and how to get the most out of the evening.

Getting lost in Central London, having your car towed away or being stranded overnight are not the best ways to start the new Millennium but can be avoided with careful planning.

Opposite is a map showing the new Millennium clearways (marked green) that act like red routes where parking and stopping is prohibited to ensure people get to the party.

Access networks (marked purple) are local distributor roads which must be kept clear of obstructions.

What's On

The Millennium Experience Company has a host of celebrations, events and breathtaking spectacles in store. As well as events taking place at midnight, there will also be plenty happening throughout the day for people who do not want to stay for the millennium moment.

- The Millennium River Event - known as Big Time - will last from 11am to the dawn of the next millennium.

The celebrations, running along the Thames from Vauxhall Bridge to Tower Bridge, will include fun fairs, stages, dance, music, art, special effects and pyrotechnics.



How the River of Fire on the Thames will look. Picture courtesy of Big Time

AFTER months of planning, you've decided where to go on Millennium Eve, who will be joining you and what you'll be wearing - but have you made your travel arrangements? If you are one of the two million people expected to pack into Central London on Millennium Eve to chime in the Year 2000 the most important thing is planning how to get there and back. The biggest party the capital has ever seen will be staged in an area stretching from Tower Bridge to Vauxhall Bridge and covering a wide area either side of the river. This will involve many road closures and reduced train, bus and Underground services.

- A Caribbean carnival will entertain. There will also be a number of performance stages which will provide wide-ranging entertainment from modern bands to cross-cultural fusion and international DJs. The Mall and Potters Field will have modern and traditional fun fairs.

- As Big Ben strikes a 60m wall of flame - the River of Fire - will travel up the river at 1,240 km per hour marking the beginning of a world class pyrotechnics display.

- The official opening of the Dome is expected to be one of the highlights of Millennium Eve. After the Dome is declared open The Queen will light the first Millennium Beacon at Tower Bridge which will trigger the illumination of 4,000 beacons and bonfires throughout the land.

Getting there and back from Barnet

Whether you take the bus, tube or travel by car you need to work out your route to and from Central London.

The Metropolitan Police will operate special traffic arrangements for the Millennium weekend. Many roads in Barnet and leading to

Central London will be deemed red routes, some areas will be no parking zones and other areas will be closed to traffic.

A wide area of the capital will become a traffic limitation zone and drivers are likely to be stopped and asked to prove they have good reason to be driving across the city.

Those not heading to or from work or making a vital journey are likely to be turned around. Access Networks operating in the borough must be kept clear of obstructions. These roads will be clearly sign posted.

If you plan to drink find out when your local tube train or buses are operating over the Millennium. Most tube stations in Barnet and around the edge of the designated entertainment zone in Central London will be open all through the day and night but within the event area stations will close from 11.50pm on 31 December.

Free travel is available on the London Underground at certain times although you should expect a wait and therefore need to allow plenty of time to make connections.

Public transport across London

- London underground and buses will be running services throughout the day and night and there will be free travel from 11.50pm on 31 December until 9am on New Year's Day.

- London commuter trains will terminate between 9-10pm on Millennium Eve and normal fares will be charged for all mainline train services.

- There will be special services operating between 1am and 4.30am on New Millennium Day to get revellers and workers home.

- Docklands Light Railway will operate a five-minute service up to about 4.30pm on New Millennium Eve and then increase to a three and a half minute frequency up to 3am on New Millennium Day. Services will decrease after this on New Millennium Day and there will be free travel between 11.50pm and 9am on New Millennium Day.

Travelling by car

- In Central London a phased traffic limitation zone London will



Celebrations on Victoria Embankment, picture courtesy of Big Time

restrict vehicle movement so the area is safe for pedestrians.

- Traffic will be excluded altogether from roads in the designated event area which extends from Marble Arch (west) to Aldgate East (east) and from Old Street (north) to Vauxhall (south).

- In Barnet existing clearway and red routes will apply and there will

be new Barnet Millennium clearways which will be sign posted.

- Parking will be very limited in and around London and generally only off-street parking will be available.

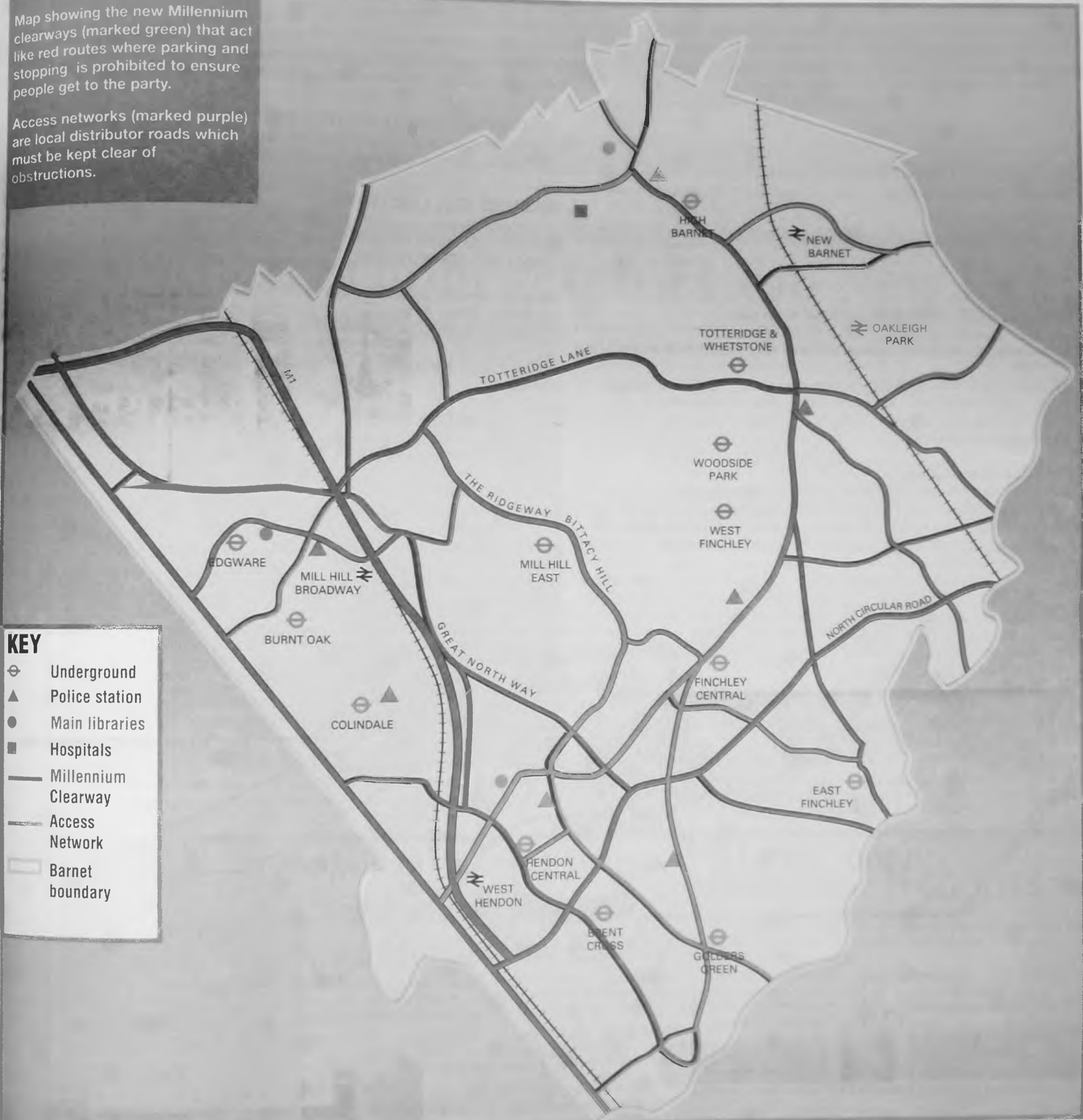
- Special arrangements will be made for disabled people and those needing to get to work.



are going to town

Map showing the new Millennium clearways (marked green) that act like red routes where parking and stopping is prohibited to ensure people get to the party.

Access networks (marked purple) are local distributor roads which must be kept clear of obstructions.



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Season's Greetings from Barnet Council

CHRISTMAS 1999 & NEW YEAR 2000 COLLECTIONS

RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

There will be no recycling collections on Saturday 25 December 1999 or 1 January 2000.

If your last collection was 11 DECEMBER 1999, your next collections will be:

8 January 2000
22 January 2000
5 February 2000
19 February 2000
4 March 2000
18 March 2000

If your last collection was 18 DECEMBER 1999, your next collections will be:

15 January 2000
29 January 2000
12 February 2000
26 February 2000
11 March 2000
25 March 2000

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BOX OUT BY 6.30 AM

A message to all those residents who recycle with Barnet Council:

With your help, this council has recycled nearly 10,000 tonnes of paper, glass, cans and tins, scrap metal, and textiles during the past year. We are collecting over 100 tonnes of paper per week directly from households.

Cut Price Composters

Our Home Composting Initiative continues with bargain composters already sold to over 4,000 households. Ask Customer Care (0181 359 4600) for a leaflet if you haven't bought yours yet. A perfect present for your household!

SPECIAL SEASONAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

From 6 to 23 January 2000 there will be skips for the collection of Christmas trees at:

B&Q Whetstone N20
Homebase, The Hyde NW9
Homebase, Watford Way NW7
Country Gardens, Dawes Lane NW7
Homebase, Finchley High Road N12

CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING

You will also be able to take your old cards to any Barnet library for recycling until the end of February 2000.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

DURING THE WEEK FROM MONDAY 27 DECEMBER TO FRIDAY 31 DECEMBER 1999.

However, normal collections will resume on Bank Holiday Monday 3 January, 2000. All excess household refuse will be cleared during this week.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR REFUSE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY 6.30 AM.

Special Collections

To arrange for a Special Collection, please ring 0181 359 4493. There is normally a charge for this service.

Residents' Waste and Recycling Centre at Brent Terrace NW2

Normally open from 8.00am until 4.00pm daily. It will be closed Saturday 25 December and Sunday 26 December, and Friday 31 January and Saturday 1 January 2000. It will be open from Monday 27 December to Thursday 30 December 1999.



Colour me in.

Barnet Council stages play for older people in Gujarati



BARNET Council's Multicultural Centre in West Hendon has hosted its first ever drama performed in Gujarati to raise awareness of safety in the home for older people.

'As Time Goes By' was a drama production presented by Barnet Older People's Association aimed at older adults to raise awareness of safety issues in the home.

The play which has won awards with national acclaim, highlighted some of the main causes of

accidents by depicting a year in the life of an older woman. Throughout the play, a variety of issues and messages were addressed in an entertaining and enjoyable way and information was also provided on how to gain access to local health and social services.

Barnet Council's Accident Prevention Centre, based in Mill Hill, supported the event which ties in with the borough's Community Safety Strategy. A working group was formed to plan the project and the real life experiences of local people formed the basis for the story line. The council also worked closely with Barnet Health Authority's Health Promotion Centre and various statutory organisations and local voluntary groups in developing the play.



As Time Goes By performers give some handy safety tips, while the audience (above left) looks on

Copthall School gets a £1.6m New Deal



Pictured are Cllr. Anne Jarvis, Barnet's Chair of Education and Children Policy Development Committee, Isatu Sesay, Sarah Chase and Copthall headteacher Lynn Gadd.

COPTHALL SCHOOL has unveiled how it has benefited to the tune of £1.6 million from the Government's New Deal for Schools.

Structural repairs, new windows and wiring were completed in August at the Mill Hill school after work lasting 12 months.

Chair of Education and Children Policy Development Committee, Cllr. Anne Jarvis who was at the school on 4 November to unveil a plaque to mark the completion of the work said: "This is an example of how we can work with the Government to give the children and teachers of Barnet the working environment they deserve.

"Barnet schools are already among the best in London and this will help them raise standards even further."

The New Deal for Schools is a five-year programme, set up in 1997 to improve school buildings and educational standards.

New Deal for Schools allows funds currently used to patch up crumbling buildings, instead to be used for teaching.

The council received £642,000 in March last year towards the cost of the work.

The shortfall was met with an extra £987,500 from Barnet Council and £9,500 from Copthall School.

The original part of the school dates back to the 1930s and has increasingly fallen into disrepair.

Copthall School is one of 15 schools in Barnet to have benefitted from New Deal for Schools and the council is currently preparing more bids to aid other schools in the borough.

More recent improvements, jointly funded by the school and the the Local Education Authority, have also been made to the school's kitchen, dining room, toilet block and humanities block.

Sunday opening for Hendon Library and Multimedia Centre

AS PART of Barnet Council's continuing emphasis on improving services, Hendon Library and Multimedia Centre is now open Sundays from 2pm until 5pm offering its full range of services.

The increase in opening hours is possible thanks to sponsorship from Middlesex University, in return for which the Library Service is providing advertising for the university on date labels and bookmarks.

Nine-year-old Naomi Boyar (left) helps to launch Hendon Library's new Sunday Opening Hours



Hospital Benefits

BARNET'S Welfare Rights Unit has launched a new poster telling people of their rights to benefits when admitted to hospital

The poster shows what the rules are for all major benefits when going into hospital. It also charts the changes after four, six and 12 weeks, and after one year. The last column notes what should be claimed or reclaimed when going home

If your organisation would like a copy of the poster, please write to the Welfare Rights Unit at Rosa Morison House, 83 Gloucester Road, Barnet, Herts EN5 1NA and mark it for the attention of Mrs Pat Doyne.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

(at Bank Holidays, surgery times may change. Please ring beforehand to check) (Con = Conservative, Lab = Labour, LibDem = Liberal Democrat)

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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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N11, 7-8pm. Also: Saturdays at Labour Party Office, 104 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, EN4 8RE, 10.30am-12noon.
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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

improving quality of life

Barnet Council

Cash for Sport give away

Leisure Management's Sports Development Team had a good '99 and plan to have an even better year 2000 by helping groups apply for the latest sports Lottery cash give away.

Last year the team introduced two thousand beginners to a new sport, took care, during their holidays of 800 children and organised Barnet's team for the London Youth Games. Next year the team will organise the Millennium Games, an Aquathon (a fun swim-run race for all the family) and will be organising an evening, on 27 January, for sports clubs and groups to find out how they can get hold of between £500 and £5,000 Lottery money.

Find out more on **0181 457 9909**



EDGWARE WARD**MALCOLM LESTER (Con)**

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Barnet set to meet infant class size targets

BARNET is one of the leading authorities in the capital in its drive to eliminate overcrowding of infant classes, according to government statistics published recently.

The figures, based on a survey of schools in September, shows that only 124 children are being taught in Barnet infant classes of more than 30 - that brings the proportion in overcrowded classes in the borough down to just one per cent.

Welcoming the news, Cllr Anne Jarvis, Chair of Barnet Council's Education and Children Policy Development Committee, said:

"We have already met our pledge that no five-year-old should start school in a class of more than 30.

These figures show that we are well on course to deliver one of our key promises - to reduce class

been a growing success."

Autumn Days, which took place throughout October, was organised by Barnet Council and Barnet Health Authority to keep older people active and help prevent them having accidents.

Activities have included: keep-fit sessions, ten pin bowling, guided health walks, swimming, drama and cycling.

sizes to 30 or less for all five, six and seven year olds. Barnet is one of a number of London councils getting close to hitting a zero target."

Across the country, only eleven per cent of children aged five, six and seven are now being taught in

primary schools in classes above 30. The average infant class size in Barnet is also below the national average.

Cllr Jarvis continued: "To reduce class sizes we have employed more teachers and extended classrooms in a number of schools

with an extra £1.7 million of government funding. We want to raise standards in our schools and give all children the very best start in life.

"As part of this, we have made a very clear pledge on class sizes - and we are keeping it."



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW

BUDDING gardeners were given advice on all manner of plant life at a free gardening question and answer session for the over 50s during October.

Gardening expert Tim Jeffries, advised a group of over 20 residents how to nurture their plants, shrubs and gardens at the final session set up by Barnet Council's Accident Prevention Centre and hosted by Country Gardens garden centre in Mill Hill.

The gardening sessions were just one of the activities on offer during Autumn Days - a month-long programme of activities for the over 50s.

The sessions, aptly named Talk, Tips and Ten per cent off, also offered gardeners a discount on shrubs and plants bought at the centre and a free brew of tea.

Cllr Arun Ghosh, Chair of Barnet Council's Corporate Joint Consultation (Health, Safety and Welfare) Committee said: "Autumn Days has once again been a huge success and immensely enjoyable for everyone involved.

"This particular activity started with just a few people and then as it became more popular it attracted crowds of more than 50 people on some occasions. It literally has

New cycle routes for Barnet

BARNET'S CYCLISTS are set to receive a big boost with the proposed opening of new cycle routes.

Barnet Council has been successful in receiving Government funding to provide a cycle route along the A1000 High Road, East Finchley from the North Circular Road to Creighton Avenue. It has also been awarded funding by the Traffic Director for London for a cycle route between Tilling Road and Cricklewood Lane.

Both schemes are part of a package of measures to benefit cyclists discussed by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee in October.

They will become part of the London Cycle Network (LCN) that will eventually link over 2,000 kilometres of cycle routes across the capital.

The East Finchley scheme will link with the existing cycle route on the A1000 between Summers Lane and the North Circular Road; the Cricklewood route will run parallel to the A41 Hendon Way and will connect Brent Cross to the Cricklewood area.

They form part of Barnet Council's drive to make conditions safer and more pleasant for cyclists and encourage more residents to take up cycling as an alternative to other forms of transport.

Councillor Kathy McGuirk, who chairs the Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee, said:

"Barnet Council is keen to promote cycling as a cheap, efficient and non-polluting way of getting about the borough.

"These new routes will provide an important link in Finchley and Cricklewood and enable cyclists to travel more safely.

Existing cycle routes in Barnet are already encouraging people to choose cycling, and we want more people to enjoy the benefits of cycling safely."

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEES etc

7 December 1999 - 29 February 2000

Notes:

- (a) Normally, meetings will commence at 7pm and will be held at The Town Hall, Hendon unless otherwise arranged.
- (b) Other arrangements operate for Area Forums and Area Sub-Committees. Each Area Forum takes place every two months. To find out details for one near you ring 0181 359 2018.
- (c) Meetings not included will be arranged as and when required.

DECEMBER 1999

7 (Tues)	Environment Policy Development Committee
8 (Wed)	Policy and Implementation
14 (Tues)	Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub (Friern Barnet Lane)
	Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub (Avenue House)
	Hendon Area Planning Sub
15 (Wed)	Community Development Policy Development Committee
30 (Thurs)	Council-In-Committee Agenda Conference

JANUARY 2000

4 (Tues)	Edgware and Mill Hill / Golders Green / Whetstone Area Forums
5 (Wed)	Policy and Implementation
10 (Mon)	Scrutiny Commission - Social Services (Older People)
11 (Tues)	Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub (Friern Barnet Lane)
	Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub (Avenue House)
	Hendon Area Planning Sub
12 (Wed)	Road Safety & Accident Prevention Liaison Group
	Resources Executive
	Planning and Environment Scrutiny Commission
13 (Thurs)	Council-In-Committee (then Council)
18 (Tues)	Barnet / Finchley / Hendon Area Forums
24 (Mon)	Scrutiny Commission - Education and Children
25 (Tues)	Regular Council
26 (Wed)	Hendon Area Environment Sub
	Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub (Avenue House)
27 (Thurs)	Council-In-Committee Agenda Conference

FEBRUARY 2000

1 (Tues)	Environment Policy Development Committee
2 (Wed)	Policy and Implementation
8 (Tues)	Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub (Friern Barnet Lane)
	Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub (Avenue House)
	Hendon Area Planning Sub
9 (Wed)	Education & Children Policy Development Committee
10 (Thurs)	Council-In-Committee (then Council)
15 (Tues)	Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub (Barnet House)
16 (Wed)	Policy and Implementation
29 (Tues)	Edgware and Mill Hill / Golders Green / Whetstone Area Forums

WHAT'S ON

We welcome contributions to the What's On page. Write to: The Editor, Community News, Barnet Council, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG. We reserve the right to shorten entries and no responsibility can be taken for the accuracy of information supplied for the page

5 December, 1-5pm

Barnet High Street will be closed to traffic for **Father Christmas and his reindeer**, plus dancing, music and entertainments and stalls. Christmas music in Barnet Church includes Barnet Madrigal Group, Jane Rosenberg (mezzo soprano), John Dawdeswell (baritone) and Jean Middlemiss (piano) with J J Dunne and Sarah Nash of Barnet Folk Club. Barnet Borough Arts Council and The Barnet Society will serve afternoon teas 2-4pm.

WINTER FUN IN CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES

Winter crafts. All ages welcome. 16 Dec, 4-5pm. Golders Green Library **Drop-in Christmas Party with special visitor!** For under 5s. 17 Dec, 11am-12noon, Grahame Park Library; 17 Dec, 2-3pm, Mill Hill Library; 20 Dec, 11-11.30am, Hendon Library **Polar bears and penguins, with Father Christmas.** All ages welcome. 17 Dec, 2.30-3.30pm, South Friern Library; 22 Dec, 2-3pm, Church End Library. **Ho! Ho! Ho! Holiday Happenings!** For 5s and over. 20 Dec, 10.30-11.30am, Edgware Library; 21 Dec, 2-3pm, Grahame Park Library; 21 Dec, 2.30-3.30pm, Mill Hill Library; 22 Dec, 2.30-3.30pm, Burnt Oak Library; 22 Dec, 2.30-3.30pm, Hendon Library. **Make a Christmas Card.** All ages welcome. 20 Dec, 2-3.15pm, Chipping Barnet Library. **Father Christmas.** All ages welcome. 21 Dec, 11am-12noon, Childs Hill Library; 21 Dec, 2-3pm, East Finchley Library; 23 Dec, 2.30-3.30pm, North Finchley Library. **Make Christmas Tree Decorations.** All ages welcome. 21 Dec, 2.30-3.15pm, Totteridge Library; 22 Dec, 2.15-3.15pm, East Barnet Library; 23 Dec, 2.15-3.15pm, Osidge Library. **Make a Christmas Lantern.** All ages welcome. 22 Dec, 2-3.15pm, Chipping Barnet Library; 23 Dec, 10.30-11.15am, Friern Barnet Library. **Christmas Storytime.** All ages welcome. 23 Dec, 2.30-3pm, Hampstead Garden Suburb Library.

MILLENNIUM EVENTS

31 December, 11pm
Watchnight Service at St Mary The Virgin, Monken Hadley. 11.30pm Loud Peal of Bells, **Lighting of Beacon.** 12 midnight Bells ring in new Millennium.

2 January, gates open 5pm

Festival with Fireworks. celebrating the Millennium at Cophall Stadium. **6pm** Fireworks with sound and light to start, then at intervals throughout, finishing with a grand fireworks finale. Entertainment with music, circus acts, sky diving, parades of Barnet communities with their cultural displays accompanied by jazz and steel bands. Small funfair. Hot food available. Free admission by ticket only. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. Application form published in Community News see page 2.

23 January, 10am-4pm
New Century, New Start: Conference on Barnet's Agenda for the 21st Century (Agenda 21) at Woodhouse College, Woodhouse Road, North

Finchley. Barnet's first Visioning Conference to take forward Agenda 21 in Barnet at which the review process will begin for a new Agenda 21 strategy that will continue throughout the year. Everybody will have the opportunity to voice their ideas for a sustainable Barnet in the new millenium. The conference will be of interest to businesses, schools, local residents, community groups and organisations. There will be workshops and an opportunity to hear about Agenda 21 activity in other areas of the UK. Sarah Parkin (Director of Forum for the Future) will give a speech. For further information contact Linnea Godfrey on 0181 359 4664.

THE BULL

68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ. Tel. 0181 449 0048

Kazum in association with The Bull presents 'The Jungle Book' Christmas Show.

A delightful, brand new, colourful adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's story. All the favourite and well-loved characters will be there - Mowgli the man-cub, Shere Khan, Baloo, Bagheera, Akela and Kaa. Suitable for ages 4+. December 1999, 15-17, 11am, 2.30pm; 18, 2.30pm, 7.30pm; 19, 2.30pm, 6pm; 21-24, 11am, 2.30pm; 26, 4pm; 29-30, 11am, 2.30pm. January 2000, 5-7, 4.30pm, 7.30pm; 8, 11am, 2.30pm; 9, 2.30pm, 6pm. Ticket Prices: afternoon and evening shows, £8, £6 conc; morning shows, £6, £5 conc. School shows (opening 3 days) £3. Tuesday 21 December pay what you can (no pre-bookings).

Theatre

Youth Theatre Shows. 3 shows for the price of one! Tickets £5.

8 - 10 December, 7.30pm

Bull Youth Theatre 2, 'A Christmas Carol'. A brand new devised adaptation of Dickens' famous novel with a cast of 30 young actors, we follow Scrooge on his journey to Christmas' past, present and future. A ghostly, chilling tale for a wintry evening! Bull Youth Theatre 1. **'From Ibiza to the Norfolk Broads'.** An unhealthy obsession with a seventies pop star, a disturbed childhood and a dysfunctional family do not make for a normal teenage life. Martin has to cope with all of this and still face the tricky problem of unrequited love. How will he cope? A cast of 15 in this new production. Bull Youth Theatre 1. **New Devised Work.** 15 actors perform the results of work developed over the last 15 weeks.

16 & 17 December, 8pm

Pint Productions present 'Two'. Join the landlord and landlady for a drink and meet the regulars of a friendly Northern pub in this bitter-sweet comedy by Jim Cartwright. £6, £4 conc.

3 February, 8pm

Graeae Theatre Co.'s The Missing Piece present 'Woyzeck'. People with physical or sensory disabilities perform George Buchner's masterpiece focusing on a series of incidents in the life of an ordinary soldier, Woyzeck. There will be an interpreter for this performance. £5, £3 conc.

6 February, 1-6pm

Launch Day for The Bull's

South East Asian Arts

Festival. Starts with a total Tea House experience, a variety of teas, snacks and cakes from South East Asia. Taking part in the Launch will be the Lahing Kayumamggi Dance Co. of traditional Filipino dancers, Syair classical Malaysian poetry, folktales, music and martial arts forms. Admission free.

10 February, 8pm

Guy Masterson Productions presents 'Adolf'. A powerful performance offering an extraordinary insight into the mind of perhaps the most evil genius of the 20th century. Through Hitler's paranoid rantings to the party faithful, Utton gives an acute anatomy of fascism and its poisoned utopias. £8, £6 conc.

11 February, 7.30pm

Half Moon Young People's Theatre presents 'Yeah, Whatever!' Funny moving play by Ashmeed Sohoye focuses on 2nd and 3rd generation black communities in Britain. Fusing today's street language and youth culture, a dynamic theatrical experience for young audiences. £5

12 February, 8pm

Kazuko Hohki, leader of the pop group Frank Chickens presents 'Toothless' a comic elegy to her mother Yukiko, who was a popular priestess/entertainer in modern Japan. She uses video, computer animation, songs, wind-up toys and stick puppets in a witty and poignant examination of her relationship with her mother, her country, life and death. £8, £6 conc.

Comedy

22 January, 8pm

The Baron Brothers. Cult comedy. The Three, Marcus, Adam and Jason, have special guests songster Donovan Perver (yuk), Jewish rap stars The Hampstead Village People and Labour spoof, the New and Happy Slapstick Nazis. An irreverent and outrageous take on Jewish culture. £7, £5 conc.

27 January, 8pm

Rabbi Bob Alper 'the only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy - intentionally'. All the way from Vermont Bob delivers more of his unique brand of humour that's funny enough for teenagers and clean enough for their grandparents. £10, £8 conc

Music

11 December, 8pm

Bernard Butler. Acoustic performance from the guitarist and songwriter. Playing songs from his debut album People Move On (which went gold in the UK) and previewing tracks from his new album Friends and Lovers. £10, £8 conc.

23 January, 8pm

Stewart Curtis' K-Groove, a band taking an entirely fresh approach to world jazz. Fusing Klezmer, Arabic and Greek melodies with modern dance grooves. K-Groove release their second album in February. £8, £6 conc.

4 February, 8pm

Priti Paintal's Shiva Nova Anglo-Asian, an original classical-jazz-pop crossover, played by virtuoso Indian and Western musicians. £8, £6 conc.

Dance

17 February, 8pm

Sankalpam present a programme of dance that re-defines the Bharata Natyam technique of Abhinaya and

offers audiences a new entry point into classical Indian dance. The double bill combines two new works in which the traditions of India encounter a 1990s perspective. £8, £6 conc.

LITTLE BULL

(All shows £3.50 in advance, £4 on the day unless otherwise stated)

The Little Bull Club. Thanks to the generous support of Sainsbury's, The Bull is delighted to offer children the chance to earn free tickets for Little Bull shows and events. Simply pick up a free membership card and wallet at the box office, or ask for more details.

12 December, 3pm

Banyan Theatre. 'Cinderella Ashputtel'. Stylish and playful reworking of the Cinderella story going back to the heart of the original story using exquisite puppetry, storytelling and music where everyday objects are magically transformed. Ages 4-8.

16 January, 3pm

Storybox Theatre 'The Little Mermaid'. Underneath the deep blue ocean live the sea people. Inspired by Hans Andersen's tale. Imaginative theatre for the very young. Ages 4+

23 January, 3pm

Professor Popup's Puppet Theatre '...And the Rains Came Down'. The story of a man, an ark and a lot of animals. Imaginative re-telling of an old favourite. Ages 3-8.

30 January, 3pm

Brog Puppets 'Kurochka and the Giant'. Against all odds, a brave little hen tracks down a giant egg-thief to his lair high up in the mountain... and so begins a spectacular adventure. Ages 4-8.

6 February, 3pm

Professor Popup's Puppet Theatre 'Festival of the Dragon Moon'. A colourful and delightful new show to celebrate the Chinese New Year, this charming story uses traditional Chinese Palm Puppets and a travelling Pagoda Theatre and authentic Chinese music. Ages 4+

Plus Chinese Dragon

Workshop. A chance to make your very own Chinese Dragon to take home led by Professor Popup. Places very limited. Admission £3

Gallery

8 Dec-6 Jan

'Entropy'. Martin Blazey's composition of structural images of 10cm x 10cm colour photoprints to form an installation with digital collages

11 Jan-1 Feb

'The Arrested Land'. Paul Cairns paintings in oils and other materials come from a direct response to the natural environments the artist has encountered.

4-26 February

Barnet Cancer Care's Millennium Art Competition and Exhibition. In aid of the **Young Families Appeal.** The competition invites artists over the age of 16 to submit paintings and drawings on the theme of Barnet, past, present and future from which selected works will be exhibited.

Foyer

8 Dec - 6 Jan

Tim Webster's **'Even Serpents Shine'.** Photographs are transferred by laser on to reflective metals, taking on an ethereal

expressionist view of London. **Manchester and Stockholm**

9 - 31 January

'Beyond the Package'. Thomas Claxton's atmospheric black and white photographs explore the nature of modern food production

ALL SAINTS ARTS CENTRE

122 Oakleigh Road North, N20 9EZ. Tel. 0181 445 8388

11 December, 8pm

The Da Capo Band Christmas Concert. £5, £4 in advance.

7 January, 7.30pm

8 & 9 January, 3pm & 7.30pm
All Saints' Instant Theatre Co.

in 'Cap O'Rushes' The traditional fairy story in a new adaptation by Ann Deutsch. £5, £4 in advance.

14 January, 7.30pm

15 & 16 January, 3pm & 7.30pm

All Saints' Instant Theatre Co. in 'Dick Whittington and His Travelling Menagerie'. A fun filled family pantomime in which Dick's wicked Cousin Ken (with his pet lizard) and dubious Uncle Jeffrey (with his pet bull-dog) put up as rival Lord Mayors of London. £5, £4 in advance.

Weekly Classes

Art Life drawing, Sundays 2.30-4pm, tel. 458 6756; Painting for pleasure, Mondays 10am-12.30pm & 7-9.30pm; Tuesdays 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm, tel. 445 2514; Art & Craft, Tuesdays 4-5pm, tel. 445 8388. **Dance** CEROC, Mondays & Tuesdays 8-11pm, tel. 0468 005858; Irish Dance, Saturdays 9am-1pm, tel. 441 7869; Kathak Dance, Sundays 11.30am-1.30pm, tel. 441 7137; Latin American & Ballroom Dance, Thursdays 7.30-10.30pm, tel. 361 1832; Salsa, Wednesdays 8.30-11pm, tel. 0800 731 8746; Tea Dances, Tuesdays 2-4pm, tel. 360 2216. **Music** The Da Capo Band, Wednesdays 8-10pm, tel. 368 5046; Magical Music for 6months-5 yrs, Fridays 11-11.30am & 11.30am-noon, tel. 364 9091; The All Saints Choir, Thursdays 8-9pm, tel. 445 5160. **Drama** Jigsaw Arts, Mondays 5-6pm for 8-11yrs, tel. 361 7274; Circus Skills: juggling, monocycling, balloon sculpture, Tuesdays 7-9.30pm, tel. 449 6856.

Illustrated talk 'Exploring London' with John Neal's Travel Club, Fridays, 10am-noon, a talk one week, the next week visiting the area featured in the talk. Tel. 01707 657555.

THEATRE
4 & 9-11 December, 8pm
The Good Companions ADS presents 'Carousel' the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, at John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. Saturday matinees at 4pm. £7 evenings (£6 conc.), £5 matinees. Box Office: Dot Smee 0181 959 6273

8-10 December, 7.45pm
11 December, 3pm & 7.30pm
Guild Players present 'Robinson Crusoe' at Ballards Lane Methodist Church, Finchley. Details 0181 346 6337.

Manor House Opera seek singers and dancers for April production of 'Die Fledermaus'. Rehearsals in Finchley, production at Rudolf Steiner Theatre, NW1. Details 0181 346 2104.

MUSIC
10 December, 7.30pm
Barnet Schools Wind Orchestra Concert, Conductor James Whinnans, at Moss Hall Junior School. Details 0181 359 3111

11 December, 7.30pm
Family Carols. Finchley Choral Society. George Vass (conductor) and Richard Harvey (organ) are joined by **Moss Hall Junior School Choir** with Barbara Honeyball (conductor). All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley, N2. Tickets £5 (£3 conc.) Tickets available in advance from 0181 445 9666 or at entry.

11 December, 7.30pm
Finchley Chamber Choir and Orchestra's 'The Glory of Christmas' a concert for all the family including music by Handel (Messiah), J.S. Bach, Tchaikovsky, Christopher Slaski (Christmas Fantasia) plus carols for all to sing. Christ Church, North Finchley, N12. Admission £7.50, £5 conc, £3 children. Details, 0181 446 6151

18 December, 7.30pm
Barnet Choral Society's Christmas Concert. Jonathan Newell organist and London Contemporary Brass. St. John the Baptist Church, Wood Street, Barnet. Tickets by reservation only, nave, £7 (family £14), aisles £6 (family £12). Details, 0181 441 1443, box office, 0181 449 6809.

20 December, 7.30-8.15pm
Carols at The Spires: community carols for everyone to sing and enjoy, led by the Barnet Band. At the rear of The Spires Shopping Centre, High Barnet. Organised by Churches in High Barnet.

24 December, 7pm
Chipping Barnet Recitals. The Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols St John The Baptist Church, Wood Street, Barnet. Details, 0181 449 3866

8 January, 1-4pm
Edgware Symphony Orchestra playing at the Broadwalk, Edgware. Also 12 February, 1-4pm.

9 January, 7.45pm
Mill Hill Music Club. Min-Jin Kym (violin) and Michael Dussek (piano) playing Mozart, Cesar Frank, Kreisler, Prokofiev, Ravel and Saint-Saens. Elliott Concert Hall, Harrow Arts Centre, Uxbridge Road, Hatch End. Details, 0181 959 3866

29 January, 8pm
Edgware Symphony Orchestra Concert. Conductor Robin Newton, Leader Kate Fow. Programme: G.A. Rossini, Overture La cambiale di matrimonio; W. Boyce, Symphony No. 4; F. Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 4 (Italian). At the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall, Mill Hill. Tickets £5, £4 conc. Details 01923 256186

12 February, 7.45pm
Finchley Chamber Choir 'In Celebration of Rossini's 50th Birthday'. Programme: Rossini, O salutaris Hostia, Petite Messe Solennelle. Trinity Church, Nether St, North Finchley, N12. Admission, £7.50, £5 conc.

26 February, 7.45pm
Hendon Music Society present the Vellinger String Quartet first place winner in the London

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International String Quartet Competition in 1994. Programme includes Beethoven's Quartet Op 59 No 3 'Rasumovsky' preceded by quartets by Haydn and Mendelssohn. Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green. Tickets £9.50 (children free, senior citizens/students/UB40s £7.50). Facilities for the disabled and hard of hearing. Apply with cheque and s.a.e. to Hendon Music Society, 3 Southfields, Hendon, NW4 4LX.

Recorded Music Society Meetings

East Barnet Library Recorded Music Society, 14 Dec. Christmas party and requests; 4 Jan. 'All creatures great and small' - Len Williams; 18 Jan. 'Music to inspire' - Arthur Rees; 1 Feb. 'Nostalgia' - Neville Jones; 15 Feb. 'An evening in the country' - Brian Strong; 29 Feb. 'Not just a match' - Ken Nelms. Meetings at East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, EN4 8SG. Details, Hon. Secretary, 0181 361 9050.

Friern Barnet Library Recorded Music Society

16 Dec. Christmas Party; 13 Jan. 'Millennium miscellany starters' - Alexander Bryett; 27 Jan. 'Influenced by Mozart's rivals' - Ken Brooks; 10 Feb. 'A Baroque feast' - Tony Bralant; 24 Feb. 'A vocal programme' - Marie Smith. Meetings at Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3DS. Details, Hon. Chairman, 0181 444 7215.

Hendon Library Recorded Music Society

7 Dec. Christmas Party; 4 Jan. 'Echoes of toyland' - Annette Saville; 18 Jan. 'Music of the 'sphere' over and underworld' - June Jay; 1 Feb. 'Symphonies' - Dave Beers; 15 Feb. 'Choral music from around the world' - Tony Bralant; 29 Feb. 'Musicians in the making' - another of the popular visits by Barnet's A-level students and tutors. Meetings at Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4 4BQ. Details, 0181 958 5353/0181 450 8305.

Tudor Symphony Orchestra

New term starts 10 January. More string and bass players especially needed. Monday evenings 7.45-9.45pm, Trinity Church (close to Tally Ho Corner) Nether Street, North Finchley. Membership £42 per term. Contact Tony Etherton 0181 954 7302.

Alyth Choral Society welcome new members to sing Handel's Belshazzar

Rehearsals at Alyth Reform Synagogue, NW11. Tuesdays, 8.15pm. Details, 0181 958 9726.

Can you play the fiddle, cello, viola or bass? Hendon String Orchestra

meet Tuesdays at Hendon Methodist Church, The Burroughs. Details, 0181 346 2080.

Barnet Folk Club meet at King George Pub

High Street, Barnet, 1st Wednesday of month, 8.30pm. Details 0181 441 3620.

Chipping Barnet Folk Club

Alternate Mondays 7.30pm at Church House, Wood Street. Details 0181 883 8190.

Youth Music Group from 3 yrs-adults

Ensembles, quartets, orchestras (incl. parents' orchestra) at Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute, NW11. New voice

production classes, Saturday mornings. Details, 0181 343 1940.

Rhythmic Midi Music Project. Youth project based in the Clitterhouse area working with 9-25s, teaching garage and jungle music. Chances to perform at festivals and other music events. Details, 0181 202 5533.

Barnet Schools Music Centres for 4-18 yrs

Saturday mornings starting Spring Term 15 January. Finchley (strings) and East Barnet and Hendon (woodwind/brass). Details, 0181 359 3111.

DANCE

18 December, 7.30-11.30pm

Dancin' Line Christmas Fancy Dress Party

Non-stop music and dancing with Laurel. £7.50. Also

Dancin' Line classes

Mondays, 7.30-10pm, general & intermediate, Thursdays 7.30-10pm, beginners & improvers at Mill Hill County High School, Worcester Crescent, Mill Hill, NW7;

Wednesdays 2-3.30pm, absolute beginners at The Parish Church Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware;

Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, beginners & improvers at Canons Community Centre, Wemborough Road, Stanmore. You don't need a partner just bring yourself, wear comfortable shoes (pref. not trainers). Further details, phone Laurel on 0181 958 4123.

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club

Alternate Thursdays, 7.45pm, from 6 January at The Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway, NW7. Details, 0181 950 5756.

MUSEUMS

4 December-13 February

(closed 25-28 Dec; 1-3 Jan) Church Farmhouse Museum

Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4.

'Barnet: A Century of Change'

an exhibition of photographs tracing the development of our area, based on the recent book by local authors Percy Rebol and John Heathfield. Also 4 Dec-6 Jan, the museum's 1850s dining room will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas. Tel. 0181 203 0130.

Barnet Museum

31 Wood Street, Barnet. Until end of January, exhibition 'Children's Books'. Open 2.30-4.30pm Tues, Weds, Thurs and Saturdays 10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm. Tel. 0181 440 8066.

Jewish Museum

Exhibition 'Jewish Life in London and Leon Greenbaum, British survivor of Auschwitz'. Sundays - Fridays, 10am-5pm at 80 East End Road, N3. Tel. 0181 349 1143.

Until 12 December

The Bow House Gallery, Christmas Exhibition

paintings, prints, sculpture. Thurs-Sats, 10am-5pm, Sundays 2-5pm at 35 Wood Street, Barnet. Tel. 0181 441 5841.

Royal Air Force Museum

Grahame Park Way, NW9.

27-31 December

Beat the post-Christmas gloom with energetic activities for all the family

Phone 0181 200 1763 for more information on events.

ARTS

Barnet Borough Arts Council Exhibition and What's On

The exhibition shows paintings and drawings by local artists, and a What's On stand on the 80 or so

drama, music and visual arts societies who belong to BBAC, 6-18 Dec, Chipping Barnet Library behind The Spires Shopping Centre. Enquiries to Barnet Borough Arts Council, c/o All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20 9EZ. Tel. 0181 445 8388.

Manor House Society 'Where was the Whole World?'

Prints and drawings by Michele Franklin, The Stornberg Centre, 80 East End Road, N3. Mondays-Thursdays, 10am-5pm, Fridays 10am-1pm. Closed 24, 27, 28, 31 December & 3 January. Tel. 0181 346 2288.

Finchley Art Society meets

Mondays 7.30pm at Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12 and Wednesdays 1pm at St Mary's, Hendon Lane, N3. Demonstration at Trinity Church, 7.30pm, 8 December, Pam Wright 'Art Treasures of Florence and Venice'. Details 0181 445 2683.

New Poetry Group meeting

third Monday of the month. Do come along and join to read, discuss, write or just relax and listen. Details, call Irene, 0181 446 7063.

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group

meet at Avenue House, East End Road, N3, first and third Wednesdays of month. Details 0181 353 0821.

Milldon Art Society

Wednesdays, 7.30pm, Harwood Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway. Details, 0181 346 7481.

Monthly lectures: 5 January, Rod Kirby 'Genesis Oil' and 2 February, Tim Harvey 'Rembrandt Pastels'.

GARDENS

9 December, 8pm

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Society

'Christmas with Candles'. Mrs Anne Birch, members £2.50, visitors, £3. Also 13 Jan, 8pm, Quiz Night, members £1.50, visitors £2. Meetings at Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet.

WALKS

For further details phone 0181 359 3052/3317.

All children attending any activity must be accompanied by an adult.

5 December, 10am-12noon

The Holly and the Ivy

Join Mel Lloyd and Susan Osborn and follow the nature trail, an easy 3km circular walk. Discover the history and ecology of Big Wood, an ancient wood. Meet Temple Fortune Hill entrance to Big Wood, Hampstead Garden Suburb.

1 January, 2-4pm

Wildlife Ramble for Millennium Day

5 km circular walk. An easy stroll round Mill Hill Park and Arrandene Open Space looking at trees and hedgerows, organised by the London Wildlife Trust. Meet at the Country Garden car park, Daws Lane, Mill Hill.

2 January, 2-4pm

Winter Wildlife at the Welsh Harp

Easy 4km circular walk arranged by the Welsh Harp Conservation Group looking at wintering birds and other wildlife. Wellingtons may be needed. Meet at the small car park at the top of Woodfield Park, Cool Oak Lane (approach from West Hendon Broadway).

23 January, 2-4pm

Winter Wildfowl at the Welsh Harp

Join Roy Beddard from the Welsh Harp Conservation Group on this 4km circular walk around the reservoir. An opportunity to see wintering wildfowl from the banks and birdwatching hides. Bring your wellington boots! Meet in the car park at the top of Woodfield Park, off Cool Oak Lane (approach from West Hendon Broadway).

13 February, 2-4pm

Welsh Harp

A 4km walk around the Welsh Harp Reservoir, visiting sites which will benefit from Heritage Lottery Funding. The walk is jointly led by Catherine Cairns, Barnet's Countryside Officer and Roy Beddard from the Welsh Harp Conservation Group. Meet in the car park at the top of Woodfield Park, off Cool Oak Lane (approach from West Hendon Broadway).

HORSEBACK RIDE

16 January, 10am-12.30pm

Join the North West London Bridleways Association

on a 8km horseback ride exploring the green spaces around Mill Hill. Horses and riders should be used to traffic as a small amount of the ride is on the road. Charge of £2 per rider. Meet at the Railway Engineer Pub.

FINCHLEY SOCIETY

(tel 0181 883 2633) holds regular meetings and runs the Stephens Museum of Ink & Writing in Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Tues, Wed and Thurs, 2-4pm and College Farm, Regents Park Road, N3 with rare breeds of animals and Art & Craft Fairs, first Sunday each month, details 0181 349 3811.

THE JUNGLE BOOK



The Jungle Book - a Christmas Show from Kazzum in association with The Bull. See page 15 for details.

16 January, 10am-12noon

Rural ramble in the Totteridge Valley

Meet at St Andrews Church, Totteridge Lane, N20.

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BARNET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

8 December, 12.30pm

Barnet Network Buffet Lunch

Pre millennium Tension - an overview of stress and anxiety in the workplace sponsored by Grovelands Hospital. Members £5, non-members £7.50.

13 December, 6.30pm

Barnet Christmas Network Meeting

An evening with Barnet Football Club. Refreshments. Members £5, non-members £7.50.

For more details on the events above and events in the new year please contact Deidre Cavanagh on 0181 343 3833.

22 January, 2-4pm

BARNET BOROUGH CONFEDERATION OF TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS SURGERY

at East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, N2. This is a service for London Borough of Barnet Tenant, Resident and Leasehold Associations representatives to bring along issues that have proved difficult to resolve. Perhaps we can mediate on your behalf. Also surgeries 2-4pm: 25 March at Mill Hill Library; 27 May at Hendon Library; 22 July at Burnt Oak Library; 23 September at Childs Hill Library.

NORTH LONDON HOSPICE

5 December

The Hospice is taking part in Barnet Christmas Parade with Candy Floss and DIY Christmas Cracker stall in the Spires Shopping Centre. Visitors and helpers welcome. Fundraising 0181 446 2288.

7 December, 4.30-7pm

The Annual Carol Singing at East Finchley Tube Station. Singers

needed. More information from Carmel Smedley, 0181 445 1393.

19 December, 8pm

Christmas Carol Concert at the Old Bull and Bush

NW3 with guest of honour Henry Kelly and featuring David Honeyball and the Bull and Bush Brass Ensemble. Warming mulled wine and a BBQ. Tickets £5 incl. raffle from 0181 455 3685. Proceeds to the North London Hospice.

20 December, 7.30pm

British Epilepsy Association, Barnet Branch, Christmas Meal

Details, 0181 444 4453 or 0181 445 8724

LIBRARY BOOK SALES

7 & 8 December, Totteridge Library. 0181 445 5288. 9-11, 13 & 14 December, Church End Library. 0181 346 5711. 16-18 December, Mill Hill Library. 0181 959 5066. 29 & 30 December & 4-6 January, Chipping Barnet Library. 0181 359 4040. 6-8 January, Childs Hill Library. 0181 455 5390. 13-15 January, Edgware Library. 0181 359 2626. 18-22 January, South Friern Library. 0181 883 6513. 21 & 22 January, Osidge Library. 0181 368 0532. 25-29 January, North Finchley Library. 0181 445 4081. 27-29 January, Burnt Oak Library. 0181 959 3112. 1 & 2 February, Totteridge Library. 0181 445 5288. 8-12 February, East Finchley Library. 0181 883 2664. 10-12 February, Grahame Park Library. 0181 200 0470. 15-18 February, East Barnet Library. 0181 440 4376. 17-20 February, Golders Green Library. 0181 359 2060.