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Towering Sports Beacon Planned

Council Leader Alan Williams and Councillor Monroe Palmer join local school children at the Town Hall, Hendon, as plans for a multi-

million pound basketball arena at Brent Cross are unveiled for the first time.

Kinder London Towers have submitted plans

to the Council for a 5,000 seat arena which could be open in less than two years.

When completed, the arena would provide a world-class venue for London. Towers and make Barnet the Basketball capital of Europe.

MORE NEWS AND PICTURES ON THIS NEW SPORTS OPPORTUNITY FOR BARNET ON PAGE 16.

BARNET'S share of the Council Tax has risen just 2.5 per cent - 35p a week on a Band D home and among the seven lowest increases in London.

But despite this low increase, after years of economy, efficiency and best value initiatives the Council has unveiled a budget for the coming year which sees record-breaking millions more being invested in schools, social services, clean, green and safe measures creating opportunity for all and boosting still further pride in the Borough.

"This is a budget of opportunity. It creates opportunities for those who do not have them and provides more opportunities for those who seek them," said Council Leader Alan Williams.

This year's budget, he said, was reaping the dividends created from the drive for efficiency and value for money services introduced over the past few years.

"We can now pass on these dividends equally to

COUNCIL TAX RISE AMONG LONDON'S LOWEST

all residents of the Borough," added Councillor Williams.

Councillor Williams condemned the 15.2 per cent increase in the Greater London Assembly's tax demand which residents are being forced to bear.

"With all London Boroughs fighting to keep down Council Tax increases to the minimum inflation levels, the massive increase demanded by the London Mayor is unfair and unrealistic," added Councillor Williams.

The final Council Tax bill increase, because of the GLA figure, will be 4.7 per cent.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Massive Budget Boost for All Vital Services

The continuing drive for economy and efficiency has paid off again for Barnet as your Council unveils a Budget of opportunity for the whole community.

Despite achieving one of the lowest Council Tax increases in London - just 2.5 per cent or 35p a week on a Band D home - the Council is forging ahead with plans for a multi-million boost for all vital services.

The 15.2 per cent increase forced on Barnet by London's Mayor, which must be added to the Borough's own 2.5 per cent increase, will see Council Tax on a Band D home rise from £874.29p to £915.38.

Residents were again consulted on what they were prepared to spend on local services. More than 10,000 responded and over 60 per cent voted in favour of a 2.5 per cent increase in line with current inflation figures.

After years of economy, efficiency and best-value initiatives, the Council has put all services under the spotlight and drawn up plans for the biggest



Councillor Alan Williams.

investment programme in the history of the Borough.

Every sector of the community, the young, the old and families with young children, will see major benefits as the Council continues the drive to create opportunity for all in a clean, green and safe Borough.

All the Borough's young people will benefit from this year's record-breaking education budget, up seven per cent on last year.

In addition, the entire £8m-plus increase in the Government's grant to education will be passed directly to local schools.

The extra money, and the way the Council is distributing it, will mean individual school management teams will have the chance to make spending plans to meet their own needs in the continuing quest to improve standards for all.

The Council has also allocated record-breaking sums for more breakfast and homework clubs, summer schools, play schemes and youth centres as well as expanding sports facilities for children and the whole community.

The continuing drive to boost pride in the Borough and ensure it is clean, green and safe, sees an extra massive £1.5m for the expansion of closed circuit television, more park keepers, even better graffiti

removal services, more litter bins and an even tougher approach to the crackdown on abandoned cars.

More money has been allocated to expand and further improve street cleaning services, the StreetWise area programmes, highway maintenance and the Borough's award-winning recycling schemes.

Road Safety, traffic management and flood prevention also receive a half a million pound boost following the Council's

continuing consultation with residents and listening and learning approach to tackling head on problems of concern to the whole community.

More money is being made available to breathe new life and prosperity into our shopping centres and housing estates with regeneration at the top of the agenda for change. Continuing to go under the spotlight are new initiatives to stimulate tourism, back small

businesses and encourage ethnic community groups to launch their own enterprises.

"Every sector of the community will see immediate and lasting benefits from a value-for-money, opportunity for all budget which is meeting real needs in education, social services, the environment, making our streets cleaner and safer and continuing to tackle crime and the fear of crime.

"I am proud of our Borough - and this year's budget builds on community pride by providing the funds to tackle the real issues of concern to our communities," said Councillor Williams.



SAFETY BOOST FROM LOLLIPOP TEAM

BARNET children will now be in even safer hands after all the Borough's lollipop men and women successfully completed a first aid course.

A special training day was organised by the Council's Accident Prevention Centre. The whole team passed the course with flying colours and received their certificates from Barnet's Chief Executive Leo Boland.

The Council is always looking for Lollipop men and women to join the team. Anyone interested in this worthwhile paid work can contact the Accident Prevention Centre on 020 8906 8028.

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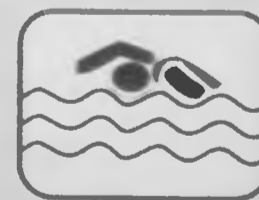
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BUILDING ON SUCCESS

TOURISM TAKES OFF

The drive to breathe new life and prosperity into all areas of Barnet as part of the Council's regeneration plans received an added boost this month with the first meeting of the Borough's new Tourism Association.

The new group, set up just weeks after the Black Business Association sprang into life to encourage and support ethnic groups set up their own business, is just the latest initiative in putting Barnet and all it has to offer on the map.

An accommodation guide has already been produced along with a list of Barnet's many and varied attractions.

Launching the Tourism Association meeting at Avenue House, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration, Councillor Monroe Palmer, praised all the local organisations working with the Council to revitalise the Borough and create real, full-time jobs.

"The Council can and will act as the driving force for change - and hope - for those who live and work in the deprived areas of the Borough. But the Council and our Economic Development and Town Centre Management Teams cannot do it alone. We need - and welcome - the support of residents and the business community," said Councillor Palmer.

The formation of the Tourism Association was, he said, a typical example



Mark Balaam and Councillor Monroe Palmer launch the new tourism association.

of this spirit of partnership to achieve a common goal. The association had been formed as a direct outcome of the enthusiasm of those who had attended the Borough's first tourism conference at the RAF Museum.

The new association will provide the focus to drive forward tourism partnership initiatives.

Councillor Palmer reminded the tourism specialists at the meeting of the countless attractions the Borough can already boast - and highlighted the new hotel developments which were giving new impetus to visitor attractions in the Borough.

"The decision of London

Towers Basketball Team to relocate to a new, purpose-built stadium at Brent Cross further demonstrates the confidence businessmen and women have in the Borough and our ability to attract visitors and spending," said Councillor Palmer.

The new association has set itself a tough agenda for action.

Its main aims include promoting the area as a tourist attraction and day visitor destination, improving access and improving the area as a tourism 'product' and working with other associations to encourage regional and cross-borough co-operation.



Talking town centres - at touch of a button. Councillor Monroe Palmer shows how it's done.

TOWNTALK - AT TOUCH OF A BUTTON

Shoppers and Traders throughout the Borough will benefit from a new website launched by the Council as part of its ambitious plans to breathe new life and prosperity into the Borough's town centres.

The first visitor to the new Towntalk site was Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration Councillor Monroe Palmer.

Exploring the website at its launch at Hendon Library's multi-media centre, he stressed that Barnet's town centres drove the local economy. The website, www.towntalk.co.uk includes information on shops and services, special promotions, maps, links to other useful sites and an e-postcard facility. Individual sites for each of Barnet's 20 town centres are accessible via the homepage.



Getting the message of success - all you ever wanted to know about our town centres.

Towntalk is accessible through the homepage of the Council's website, Barnet Online, at www.barnet.gov.uk. It will be updated regularly to incorporate all the latest information from town centres.

Art transforming empty shops

More and more empty shops across the Borough are being transformed into eye-catching and interesting display centres for art by local students.

Two more shops in Chipping Barnet are among the latest vacant shops to get the artistic makeover organised by your Town Centre Management Teams.

Members of the Local Agenda 21 partnership have joined forces with the town centre teams and local traders to clean up the shops ready for artistic displays by students from Barnet College.

The students have enthusiastically welcomed the chance of displaying their creativity where passing shoppers and visitors can enjoy it without travelling to libraries or galleries.

The volunteers are cleaning up the shops to bring colour and stimulate even more interest in the town centre.

The Council's Town Centre Management Teams work with commercial letting agents and the owners of property to discourage graffiti and ensure empty shops add to the street scene and encourage investment and interest in town centres.



Alan Williams
Leader's view



After years of tough economy and efficiency measures, your Council has been able to introduce an opportunity for all budget for the coming year which sees millions more being invested in the services you need and want - while at the same time setting a Council Tax among the seven lowest in London.

Barnet's share of Council Tax increases have been held down to the 2.5 per cent you voted for in what has now become our annual consultation process.

This increase - just 35p a week on a band D home - is sadly increased by what I consider unrealistically high demands from London's Mayor, the Police and other emergency services.

We have asked - and will continue to ask - families and special interest groups for their views on all major issues. Residents will again have their chance to have their say on 2 May in the local government elections.

I know Councillors from all political parties will join me in urging everyone entitled to vote to do so - to have their ultimate say on the future of their Borough at the Ballot Box.

My message to everyone is - your vote counts. Use your democratic right on 2 May and in the process play your part in the future of your Borough.

SERVICES TO BE PROUD OF

Good and getting better. This seems to be the view of residents across the Borough of the services and facilities provided by your Council.

Latest Government figures show that over 60 per cent - more than six out of ten - residents are happy with the way Barnet runs its services.

The Government's figures show that the Borough's 60 per cent satisfaction figure compares with an average of all London Councils of 54 per cent and demonstrates that Barnet's value and quality initiatives continue to pay dividends.

The Council also scores well above the London average in a whole range of performance figures.

These include the proportion of Council Tax, business rates and rent collected, the number of GCSEs achieved by

Only the best will do

students at local schools, satisfaction with the Borough's parks and open spaces and the time it takes to repair dangerous roads.

Despite the good news, the Council is now putting all services under the spotlight to identify areas where services and facilities can be improved still further.

The Government looked at Council services throughout the UK between April 2000 and March 2001.

According to Councillor Alan Williams, the Council's own continuing round of consultation programmes shows that Barnet's performance has improved still further since then.

Thumbs up for help for vulnerable

Barnet's most vulnerable residents are getting value for money services and help where and when they need it - and things can only get better.

This is the view of Government Department of Health inspectors after they carried out a best value probe into the community care provided by the Council.

Inspectors singled out a whole range of changes introduced by the Council to strengthen the delivery of services for praise. The systematic implementation of action plans to improve services following reviews was particularly commended by inspectors.

Key strengths highlighted for praise in Barnet's services for adults and their carers included a good strategic partnership with

the NHS.

In Barnet, social workers are working closely and efficiently with community psychiatric nurses and community learning disability nurses to continually improve services. The fact social workers are aligned to GP practices, building increased case collaboration, was also praised.

Inspectors found a strong commitment to the delivery of culturally responsive services that are meeting the needs of people in the Borough from all cultures, religions and ethnic backgrounds.

The services also won praise for the efficient use of money and resources and the strategy of seeking partners to modernise residential homes and day care centres for people with learning disabilities.



CHARTER FOR SUCCESS

Barnet's finance team has scooped a coveted charter mark award for the third time.

The Benefits, Revenue and Student Support Services, whose work touches every home and business in the Borough, was congratulated by Government Ministers at an awards ceremony for being a well-run organisation with high standards and with a team of skilled, professional and enthusiastic staff.

The modern service offers on-line and web-access for Council Tax and student support through libraries as well as personal outreach surgeries at Jobcentres, Housing

Finance Teams Scoop Awards

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Celebrating youth

PUTTING YOUNG IN SPOTLIGHT

The Borough's young people are taking centre stage in the biggest celebration of youth culture in the history of Barnet.

Urban-acts is the title of a collaborative project spanning the next four months and the whole Borough culminating in a massive outdoor festival on July 6.

Over the next few months, Urban-acts is staging 123 workshops including DJ mixing, rap, live music production, singing, street dance, breakdance, digital film-making, website design, journalism, visual theatre, stand-up comedy and stage and set design.

Launched at Finchley Youth Theatre last month, the event gave local young people the chance to try out some of the activities on offer and find out more about this celebration of youth.

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL FOR ALL IN JULY

Over 120 young people descended on the Finchley Youth centre to take part in the live music and non-stop attractions including DJs, animation and film-making.

Young people in their droves signed up to take part in future workshops or help plan and run the festival.

Urban-acts is designed to give the thousands of young people in Barnet aged 13 to 25 the chance to get hands on experience of the arts and to create long-



Local young people get in the swing during the street dancing workshop

term cultural opportunities for them in the Borough.

The unique and ambitious project is being co-ordinated by a partnership of local youth and arts groups.

Key partners in the scheme are the Council's Arts and Youth Service, Barnet Action 4 Youth, the Phoenix Cinema Trust and the Bull Arts Centre.

In addition to the Council, the 'opportunity for all' programme is being supported by the Regional Arts Lottery Programme and London Arts.



Stepping out in dance to celebrate youth



Putting on a brave face - and tackling the rigours of one of the acting classes

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MILL HILL HIGH NUMBERS GROW

One of the Borough's high achieving secondary schools popular with parents and children alike has been give the green light to increase the number of pupils it can take.

Mill Hill County High, In Worcester Crescent, Mill Hill, will expand from seven forms of entry - 210 pupils a year - to eight forms taking 240 children from this September.

With the backing of the Council, the decision to increase numbers was made by the Government's Schools Adjudicator and school governors.

The latest move follows a 1997 report which identified a potential shortfall in secondary school places in the Borough by 2005. There has already been expansion at Ashmole School and a third school destined for growth has yet to be announced.

"This is good news for local families. Mill Hill County High is providing the kind of high quality education we are determined to achieve in all our schools across the Borough," said Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education.



Children's author Michael Rosen joins pupils to celebrate the opening of major new extensions at Deansbrook Junior School, Hale Drive, Mill Hill

A successful £1.4m bid for New Deal for Schools funds backed by the Council has given the school eight new classrooms, a computer suite, dining hall and kitchens, an administration block and library. Old temporary classrooms have been demolished and for the first time all the children will be educated in one building.

EDGWARE ACADEMY MEETS NEED

Barnet's Councillors have approved a plan which means rules for getting into the new Edgware City Academy

will give priority to young people from deprived areas in Edgware.

Councillors have given the go-ahead to plans which

will admit 210 pupils in each school year with up to ten per cent selected on the basis of their potential technological skills.

FESTIVAL OF SONG FROM YOUNG

Families, friends and music lovers flocked to celebrations of our local young talent organised as part of the Barnet Primary Schools Music Festival.



performing in a wide range of styles and traditions.

The Council's support for the event - a celebration of song - is based on the principle that music opportunities provided by the Borough's schools helps all our young children develop confidence and self-esteem.



Enthralled audiences were enchanted by the sounds and enthusiasm of our local young people on three days this month at the ever-popular Peel Centre in Aerodrome Road.

The popular annual three-day festival, which traditionally attracts more than 1,000 children with over 300 singing their hearts out for the community each night,

draws young people from over 30 local schools.

As part of the Council's equal opportunity for all initiatives, children are encouraged to take up singing, composing and

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New Vision for Health

PARTNERSHIP BOOSTS HELP FOR MOST VULNERABLE

Your Council has joined forces with Barnet Primary Care Trust and other groups to create a new partnership which will oversee key spending decisions on services for some of the most vulnerable people in the Borough.

The new partnership is one of the first of its kind in the country and sees the creation of a new shared vision for health improvements in the Borough.

The latest move has seen the setting up of a Health and Social Care Partnership Board, Mental Health Partnership Board, Learning Disability Partnership Board and similar boards for children and young people and older people are expected to follow.

Decision-making for the strategic planning and

commissioning of health and social care services will be shared by the Council and the Health Trust as spending decisions totalling £50m transfer to the new body this April.

The changes re-enforce a long-standing and highly successful history of partnership between the two organisations.

The Partnership Board will further develop this collaboration working across health and social care services including those for children, young people, adults of working age, older people, their families and carers.

Your Council's community plan provides the vision for the development of health and social care in the Borough.

Closer partnerships between the Council and the health trust will play a major role in meeting these objectives.

Spending decisions for older people's services along with those for children and young people will be made by the new boards next year.

"This agreement between the Council, the health trust and other key organisations is a major step forward," said Councillor Phil Yeoman, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion.

On your bike for charity

Barnet's Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell is urging all cyclists to join her and get on their bikes for charity.

Riders are needed to join a cycle ride around the Barnet and Hertfordshire countryside to raise funds for her chosen charity - the Barnet

and District Branch of the Leukaemia Research Fund.

The 30-mile ride is on Sunday, 7 April, along cycle tracks and country lanes. There will also be a shorter ten mile ride for those who find the idea of a 30-mile haul daunting. A mobile cycle mechanic will be on

hand in case of problems.

Riders should be over 16 unless accompanied by an adult cyclist and need to register in advance. To register, or for further information, contact Nick Baker at Barnet's Accident Prevention Centre on 020 8906 8028.



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UNITED ATTACK ON THE FLY TIPPERS IN NEW GET TOUGH MOVES

Your Council is appealing for the help of the community in tracking down a gang of organised fly tippers believed to be targeting the Borough.

The Council's Neighbourhood Management Team has been called in to tackle the problem several times. Lorry loads of rubbish and excavated material have already been dumped at over ten different spots in what is feared to be a co-ordinated operation.

So far the tippers have struck at sites ranging from Hendon Football Club in the south of the Borough to Edgware in the north. Supermarket car parks, access roads, approaches to building sites and



Everyone plays a part - children from Parkfield School, West Hendon, hear what their role will be in the clamp-down on litter and graffiti.

allotments have all been used as dumping grounds for between 200 to 300 tonnes of rubbish.

The Neighbourhood Management Team has had to cordon off and clear the rubbish, including bricks, tyres, wheels and gas cylinders.

Investigations are under way at major excavation sites in North London to find the source of the material.

"I am appealing to residents to help us by reporting the make and registration of any vehicles they see tipping in unlikely locations," said Geof Cooke, Cabinet Member for Environment.

Residents can call the Council's Customer Care Line on 020 8359 4600 or the Neighbourhood Warden hot-line on 020 8359 6006. They can also contact the police.

ZERO TOL ON EYE

STREETWISE Barnet has declared an all out attack on urban eyesores such as graffiti and litter.

TV ornithologist and comedian Bill Oddie unveiled StreetWise Barnet in West Hendon town centre which has become the first 'zone' to get the full Street-Wise treatment since the introduction of a successful pilot scheme in East Barnet Village last year.

The ground-breaking scheme is now being rolled out to other town centres across the Borough. Golders Green and North Finchley will follow next month with Edgware, Friern Barnet, Burnt Oak, Cricklewood, Colindale and East Finchley the next to get the Street-Wise treatment.

CRACKDOWN AND DUMPI

StreetWise Barnet introduces a zero tolerance approach to tackling environmental problems and is part of the Council's on-going commitment to create an attractive, clean, green and safe Borough for people to live and work.

Litter, graffiti, fly-posting, damage to roads, pavements, street furniture and grounds maintenance will go under the StreetWise spotlight by Town Keepers.

The scheme operates in specifically designated boundaries and the Town Keepers will carry out early morning patrols of the zone, earmarking any problems



Supt. David Bilson, Bill Oddie and Councillor Geof Cooke plan the next stage of zero tolerance

BARNET TOLERANCE TO SORES

ON GRAFFITI ED LITTER

and carrying out rapid response repairs or arranging for them to be done.

Before each Town Keeper is appointed, each StreetWise zone will receive a thorough in depth clean.

Residents and traders in Street-Wise zones are being urged to support the scheme by signing up to a treaty in which they agree to work with the Town Keepers to

identify problems which need attention.

Traders can also sign an agreement which will allow the Council to remove graffiti free from their property as soon as it is seen.

Joanne Westwood, secretary of the residents' group The Friends of East Barnet Village, is convinced the scheme has already achieved big reductions in graffiti, dog fouling and other environmental crimes since it was piloted in her part of the Borough last November.

"The Streetwise initiative is wonderful. I am



Councillor Cooke and Bill Daddie discuss the benefits of the Streetwise Partnership with Costcutter's Zaffer Akter.

getting so many positive comments. It really is something people have taken to their hearts," she said.

Praising the local Town Keeper, she added: "As far as I am concerned, he can do no wrong."

Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Geof Cooke, said the partnership approach to tackling problems was a key factor in the success of the scheme.



Local residents hear of the lasting benefits of the scheme for their community.



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WasteWise Barnet



FLATS JOIN THE SAVE IT DRIVE

Residents in the Borough's 13,000 flats are being urged to join the save-it campaign by getting the recycling habit and playing their part in conquering the growing, damaging, and wasteful, refuse mountain.

Over the next 12 months, residents groups on every estate in the Borough will be asked if they want to take advantage of a new recycling service for flats launched as yet another strand of the WasteWise campaign.

The latest service gives people living in medium and high rise flats the chance to recycle their paper, glass and cans in specially-developed recycling banks near their homes. Residents will decide where the recycling banks should be placed.

Flats on Colney Hatch Lane in Muswell Hill and Simmonds Close in Oakleigh Park have already chosen to join the scheme which is designed to make recycling easy and accessible for everyone in the Borough wherever they live.

The flats-based initiative backs up the Council's

ANOTHER 13,000 HOMES BENEFIT

weekly doorstep recycling scheme which is being rolled out across the Borough.

By next month, all Barnet's 116,000 houses will have a black recycling box which they can use again and again to recycle glass, cans, tin foil, textiles, shoes, engine oil, batteries and yellow pages.

The new Summers Lane Recycling and Civic Amenity Centre in North Finchley is already recycling 50 per cent of all material it receives.

All these services are provided by the Council in partnership with ECT, the UK's largest community recycling organisation.

Residents who think their block of flats could benefit from the Flats' Recycling Service or would like to know more about the weekly doorstep service can call ECT on 020 8371 3670 or e-mail: info@ectrecycling.co.uk



BEATING WASTE MOUNTAIN

A new battle plan in your Council's war on waste has been unveiled following widespread consultation with the community.

The Council's commitment to create opportunity for all calls for action to ensure everyone can live and work in a clean, green and safe environment.

In recent months residents have been invited to have their say on a Waste Management Strategy For Barnet - a blueprint for action designed to stem the growing tide of household rubbish going to landfill sites and protect the environment.

Key areas for action highlighted in the agenda for action include:

Battle plans for action

- Reducing the amount of waste produced
- Increasing re-use
- Increasing the supply of materials for recycling and composting
- Using waste as a fuel
- Disposing of what is left ensuring health and the environment are protected.

The new strategy forms a major plank of the Council's Waste-Wise initiative.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liferevents

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

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The Bull 12 May - Antonio Reyes Flamenco Group

THE BIG WEEKEND

23-24 March. 10.30am-5pm. A great weekend out for the whole family! A programme of interactive events, fun activities and special 'guest' appearances by Ray Clemence and top UK DJ Norris 'da Boss' Windross are being organised. There will be a dedicated area for children, along with an extensive exhibition area, showcasing services provided by the council and local organisations.

Outside there will be special promotions, stages in a marquee, demonstrations and seminars, workshops, storytelling sessions, competitions, and entertainment including stilt walkers, magic shows, clowns, food, theatre and music. You could also go in the draw to win one of two £125 Brent Cross Shopping Vouchers. Venue: RAF Museum, Grahame Park Way, Hendon NW9 5LL. Park and Ride buses will be running from Brent Cross Shopping Centre via West Hendon, Friern Barnet Town Hall via Strawberry Vale and The Spires via Dollis Valley. For further information or a full programme of activities please contact 020 8359 2339

Charity Cycle Ride

Sunday 7 April 30 mile cycle ride along cycle tracks and country lanes (or a shorter 10 mile ride) around Barnet and the Hertfordshire countryside to raise funds for Barnet's Mayor's Charity the Barnet and District Branch of the Leukaemia Research Fund. There will be a mobile cycle mechanic in case of problems. Cyclists should be over 16 unless accompanied by an adult and need to register in advance. To register or get further information contact Nick Baker at Barnet's Accident Prevention Centre on 020 8906 8028

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

1-9 June A week packed with fun events highlighting local environmental and sustainability issues. Launch **2 June** (Montrose Playing Fields, Burnt Oak) & **3 June** at The Montrose Community Festival (see below) the Green Roadshow, an interactive educational experience combining green circus acts, workshops, stalls and exhibitions. For further information contact Jaimie Meagor on 020 8359 4662.

Montrose Community Festival

3 June, 12noon-8pm A celebration of cultural diversity in the areas of Burnt Oak and Colindale. World Music Stage, acoustic tent, Green Roadshow, urban-acts sound system, Barnet Arts tent, children's theatre, dance stage, carnival and circus performance and the global village food court. Montrose Playing Fields, Montrose Avenue. More details from 020 8359 3153.

THE BULL

68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ. Box Office 020 8449 0048 www.thebull.org.uk Contact The Bull for more information about their events, courses and classes listed below.

Theatre

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

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

4 April, 8pm 'Worm-Hole'. Niki McCretton's portrayal of life's absurdity, seamlessly combining dance, slapstick and satire. A hit at

the Edinburgh Festival 2001 £8/£6 conc.

10 April, 8pm Actors Touring Company 'Arabian Night' an urban thriller about the lives, dreams and erotic fantasies of five characters whose lives become linked in this modern fairy tale. Directed by Gordon Anderson. £9/£7 conc.

23 May, 8pm Off the Cuff Theatre 'Swollen Tongues' Kathleen Oliver's sexy and original modern Restoration comedy. £9/£7 conc.

31 May & 1 June, 8pm Nottingham Playhouse. 'Beautiful Thing'. Jonathan Harvey's hit show. It's a glorious summer on a council estate in SE London and three teenagers are edging towards adulthood. A heart-warming story following the optimism and excitement two people feel as they fall in love for the first time. £9/£7 conc.

Spoken Word

18 April, 8pm Ivor Cutler, poet, singer, writer, composer, painter and very funny man, uses his surreal wisdom, gentle wit and slightly warped insight to shed light on some of the duster and neglected corners of human existence. £12/£10 conc.

Comedy

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

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

13 April, 8pm 'Crouching Ferret: Hidden Beaver', a hit at the Edinburgh Festival a show from Richard Dyball and Alistair Kerr. £9/£7 conc.

21 April, 8pm 'The Treason Show' Satirical comedy group cabaret exploiting the song 'n' sketch revue format. £8/£6 conc.

Music

5 April, 7.30pm 'Raising the Roof'. Soultax lending its support to The Bull's fundraising scheme with an evening of music from the early 1960s era of Stax and Atlantic classics. £10/£7.50 conc.

6 April, 8pm The Selector. A chance to catch this legendary Ska band. £10/£8 conc.

7 April, 8pm Just East of Jazz. Their

fusion of styles displays a huge range of influences, combining Klezmer and Eastern European styles with a remarkable jazz sound. £9/£7 conc.

14 April, 8pm Flamenco Fire and Soul. Juan Martin was voted one of the top three guitarists in the world by US Magazine Guitar Player. £12/£10 conc.

28 April, 8pm The Ukrainians with their fusion of traditional Ukrainian and western music. £10/£8 conc.

3 May, 8pm Sarah Jane Morris will be premiering songs from her forthcoming CD 'August' as well as classics from 'I Am Woman'. £10/£8 conc.



5 May, 8pm London-based group Rivers of Babylon perform religious and secular music of the Jewish-Babylonian (Iraqi) tradition. Featuring choral singing, mandolin, erhu (Chinese two-string fiddle) and percussive accompaniment. £9/£7 conc.

25 May, 8pm Vocalist and composer Jayita Pandey. 'Mythical Love' inspired by the eternal story of Meerabi, a Rajasthani princess, a saint poetess and devotee of Krishna. Accompanied by harmonium and tabla. £8/£6 conc.

Dance

11 April, 8pm London Contemporary Dance School's postgraduate performance group Edge, twelve young artists and works from across the diverse world of contemporary dance. Choreographed by Javier de Frutos and Martin Lawrence. £6/£4 conc.

12 April, 8pm 'Subitango' Tango Siempre perform the passionate dance and music of the Spain genre. Featuring Mina and Giraldo (who appeared in the Lloyd Webber film 'Evita'). £10/£8 conc.

20 April, 8pm 'Urban Shanti' Banerjee Sisters Maya Dance. Six young dancers fuse the traditional Odissi with new

movement set against a backdrop of multimedia work and the rhythms of Talvin Singh's fusion underground music. £9/£7 conc.

4 May, 8pm Snatch - Nina Rajaram Dance Creations present Vaachikam. The Voice of Expression a new work in which the gestural language of the classical dance form Bharatanatyam is combined with Ghazal a style of singing from North India and Pakistan. £8/£6 conc.

12 May, 8pm Antonio Reyes Flamenco Group presents 'Dialogo Flamenco' bringing together some of the finest contemporary flamenco artists. £9/£7 conc.

Children and Youth

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

7 April, 3pm Little Angel Puppet Theatre presents 'Romeo and Juliet'. Shakespeare's story for the very young but with a happy ending. Ages 4+. £4.50

14 April, 3pm MAC present 'Cooking The Books'. The Story Inspector is coming to The Restaurant of Dreams. Things are going wrong. Ages 4-11. £4.50

19 April, 7.30-11pm urban-acts 'A Club Night for the Future'. Run by young people for young people. Local talent and special guests. A mix of DJs, MCs, breakdancers, live theatre and visuals. Part of a youth culture project planned with Barnet Council. £3

21 April, 3pm Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre presents 'Stormwatcher'. A beachcomber tells stories of Magic Lobsters, Seal Girls and Great Storms. Ages 5-12. £4.50

28 April, 3pm 'All By My Own'. Quicksilver Theatre explores the small child's eye view of the big world of emotion. A reflective play for both children and grown ups to experience together. Ages 3-5. £4.50

5 May, 3pm Obeion Art and Puppetry Company presents 'The Three Singing Pigs' rapping and singing their way through well known stories and adventures. Ages 3-7. £4.50

12 May, 3pm Tam Tam Theatre presents 'The Tiger Child'. Using music and puppets the Tiger child is a tale about jour-

neys, discoveries and making new friends. Ages 3-6. £4.50

19 May, 3pm Quicksilver presents 'Big Red Coward Terror'. Three children awake to find themselves alone. The ensuing adventure is darkly comic, scary and very silly. Ages 8+. £4.50

Afternoon Arts Playreadings, music, dance, poetry and history events Tuesdays at 2pm. Mainly for the over 50s, but all are welcome.

Exhibitions **28 March-28 April** 'From R to Z' Using an eclectic mix of styles and a diverse range of media. Kathy Manners observes the contradictory emotions co-existing between mother and daughter. The Gallery

28 March-28 April 'A Wider View'. Through printmaking Kay Davis responds notably to the sea and land and also architectural formations. The Foyer

ALL SAINTS ARTS CENTRE 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. 020 8445 8388. Details of events and classes listed below with contact phone numbers

13 & 14 April, 8pm 'A Montage Messiah'. Music and poetry celebrate The Passion culminating in The Halleluja Chorus. For all to join in. Fundraising for The Bull and All Saints. (020 8445 8388)

Art Life drawing. Sundays 2-3pm (020 8458 6756). Painting for pleasure. Mondays 7pm & Tuesdays 10am (020 8445 2514). Reprographic Unit & Printshop (020 8445 8388)

Dance Ceroc, Mondays & Tuesdays 8pm (0468 005858). Kathak (020 8364 8663). Latin American, Thursdays 7-8pm (020 8361 1832). Salsa, Wednesdays 8pm (01712 721809). Tea Dances, Tuesdays 2pm (020 8360 2216). Irish, Fridays 3-4pm (020 8441 3598)

Music The Da Capo Band, Wednesdays 8pm (020 8883 8114). All Saints Choir, Thursdays 7-8pm (07971 609835). The Spare Studio Band practice (020 8445 8388)

Drama Jigsaw Arts holiday activities (020 8447 4530). After school, Wednesdays 4pm (020 8445 8388). Circus Skills, Tuesdays 7pm (020

8445 8388) **Illustrated Talks** John Hall's Travel Club. Exploring London (01707 657566)

EXHIBITIONS

Until 7 April One man's response to the holocaust - paintings by Morris Weidman. Courtesy of the Ben Uri Collection. Also 27 April - 1 Sept. History of Pubs and Breweries in Barnet Borough. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon.

NW4 Mon-Thurs 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-5pm Closed Fri. Sat 10am-1pm & 2-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm. Free admission. For more information phone 020 8203 0130.

Until 12 May The Jewish Museum. Paintings by Hans Jackson - a graphic illustration of the rise of Nazism. Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, N3. Mon-Thurs 10.30am-5pm; Sun 10.30am-4.30pm. More details phone 020 8349 1143.

The Stephens Museum Collection. Shows aspects of the life of Henry Stephens, the history of the Stephens Ink Company, the history of Avenue House and the development of writing materials. Open Tues-Weds 2-4.30pm. Avenue House, East End Road, N3 3QE. Tel. 020 8346 7812. Free admission.

Manor House Gallery at the Sternberg Centre has a series of exhibitions, including work from the Ben Uri Gallery. For details phone 020 8349 5640.

RAF Museum, Hendon, Britain's National Aviation Museum, houses a collection of over 70 aircraft, together with aviation memorabilia and artifacts, from the early balloon flights to the latest Eurofighter.

2-7 April, Periscope Workshop. Designed for 6-12 year olds bringing science to life. Build a simple periscope and see how it works, then build a miniature diver like the ones in the Light gallery.

18-23 April, Brooks Specialist Car, Bike and Automobile Auction, 28 April, International Plastic Modelling Society (Barnet 7th Annual Show), 4-12 May. Activities to celebrate Local History Week, 28 May-1 June, Half Term

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Search & Rescue Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL. For further details phone 020 8205 2266. Grahame Park Way, London NW9 5LL. For further details and events phone 020 8205 2266.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE

Incognito Theatre in collaboration with professional provider, The Complete Works Theatre Co. Participatory work for children and young people integrated into all-age productions where appropriate and an annual youth theatre project - a dedicated youth based production. Workshops normally held on Wednesday evenings during school terms, 7.30pm to 9pm, for age 14 plus contribute to and run parallel with the production rehearsals. See website www.incognitotoeatre.com. Workshops held near to the theatre at St. Peter's Hall, Colney Hatch Lane, N10. For further details and costs phone 020 8883 0911 or email ITGYouth@incognitotoeatre.com.

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

Rhythmic Music Project

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

FITNESS

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

Reflexology Clinic. Every two weeks on a Wednesday evening. Come along and let experts hands treat your tired feet. Activities Room, Barnet Library. Phone 0797 6297763 or 020 8446 4509.

MUSIC

23 March, 7.45pm Hendon Music Society, Eroica String Quartet. Programme Haydn's Quartet Op 20 No. 5; Beethoven's Quartet Op 18 No. 4; Schubert's Quartettsatz; Brahms' Quartet Op 51 No. 1. Also 27 April, Margaret Fingerhut (pianist) and

Bradley Greenick (violinist). Their programme will include sonatas by Schubert, Debussy and Elgar. Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, NW11. Phone 020 8203 2355 for details and cost (free tickets are offered to 8-22 year olds in full-time education).

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

13 April, 10.30am-5pm London Pro Arte Choir. Carl Orff, Carmina Burana. Open Choral Workshop. Golders Green Parish Church, North End Road, NW11. For details phone 020 8205 4783.

20 April, 7.30pm Barnet Choral Society. Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle. S.S. Wesley The Widemess. Constance Novis (soprano), Hyacinth Nicholls (mezzo-soprano), Huw Rhys-Evans (tenor), Paul Reeves (bass). Conducted by Jeremy Jackman. St John the Baptist Church, Wood Street, Barnet. Tickets £10, £8 (reserved) £6 (unreserved). Box office 020 8449 6809.

23-27 April, 7.45pm (Sat. matinee 3pm) Finchley and Friern Barnet Operatic Society. Gilbert and Sullivan 'Hot Mikado' with fizz. Millfield Theatre, Edmonton. For details phone 020 8482 6923.

24-28 April, 7.30pm (Sun matinee 4pm) Hampstead Garden Opera. 'Orpheus in the Underworld' by Offenbach. Upstairs at The Gatehouse, Highgate Village, London N6. For details phone 020 8340 3488.

28 April, 7.45pm Mill Hill Music Club. Pianist Martin Cousin plays English Suite in D minor (Bach), Piano Sonata in E Op109 (Beethoven), Images, Book 1 (Debussy); Piano Sonata in B minor (Liszt). Also 12 May, Takacs Quartet perform Haydn's String Quintet Opus 77 No. 11; Schubert's String Quartet in D minor ('Death and The Maiden'), Janacek's String Quartet No. 2. Elliott Concert Hall, Harrow Arts Centre, Uxbridge Road, Hatch End. For details phone 020 8959 3866.

11 May, 7.45pm Finchley Chamber Choir. Orff 'Carmina Burana'.

Cover 'My Soul There is A Country'. Mahler 'Ich bin der Welt Berg 'Der Nachigall'. Wilcocke, J 'Three Sea Shanties'. Conductor David Land. Admissions £8/£5.50 conc. Reservations 020 8446 6151.

14-18 May, 7.45pm Manor Opera present 'The Pirates of Penzance' by Gilbert and Sullivan. The Rudolf Steiner Theatre, 35 Park Road, NW11. For details phone 020 7328 7846.

Barnet Folk Club meets monthly on Saturdays, 8.30pm. Relaxed atmosphere for local musicians to play their own brand of unplugged folk music, traditional or contemporary. Players and audience are welcome. 26 May, Phoenix Concert Band, fundraising event for The Bull Theatre roof. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Please contact JJ Dunne on 020 8441 3620.

Mill Hill Jazz Club meets every Wednesday. Top class, different bands every week from duos to septets. Mainstream/modern/swing jazz. The Three Hammers, Hammers Lane, Mill Hill, NW7. Free entry.

East Barnet Library Recorded Music Society 2 April 'Romantic Airs' - Edith Schablin; 16 April 'An evening on the water' - Arthur Rees; 30 April 'The art of the performer II' - David Moldon; 14 May, 'More of my music, mainly Mozart' - Ivan Ward. Meetings 8pm. East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet EN4 8SG. Details, Hon. Chairman 020 8361 9518 or Hon. Secretary 020 8361 9050.

Friern Barnet Library Recorded Music Society 11 April 'The less familiar Beethoven' - Brian Keane; 25 April 'Seventy years young: music from composers' third age' - Liz Hart; 9 May 'Royal Flush' - Leslie Simmons; 23 May 'Tchaikovsky, known and unknown' - Ivor Fersht. Meetings 8pm, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3DS. Details, Hon. Chairman 020 8444 1515.

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

Learn to Sing classes. From Schubert to Showtime. Tues 2-4pm, Weds 7.30-9.10pm, Fri 1-3pm. Finchley Methodist Church, Beards Lane, N3. Phone 020 8455 2403.

THEATRE

20 March-20 April Chichester Shed Theatre presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Chichester Shed Theatre, Chase Side, Southgate, N14 4PE. For times of performances and ticket prices phone the Box Office 020 8292 9222. minicom 020 8350 0676 or email info@chichershed.demon.co.uk

POETRY & TALKS

26 March, 8pm Friern Barnet and District Local History Society 'The Rise and Fall of New Southgate' talk by Colin Bamatt. Also 23 April, '800 Years of St. John's' talk by Steven Krause. Also 28 May, 'Folk Remedies' talk by Dr Oliver Natelson. Old Fire Station, next to Old Town Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. £2 non members. For further information phone 01707 664447 or 020 8444 3089.

28 March, 8pm The Finchley Society, 'Old Finchley and its Surrounds' by Norman Burgess. Drawing Room, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. Also 25 April 'After the Stagecoach had left - development of public transport in Finchley' talk by David Ruddom, Friends of London Transport Museum; 8 May, 'Avenue House Safari: guided visit to the features of the estate'; 18 May, Coach trip to the Isle of Wight; 30 May, 'My Life in Ruins' talk by Tony Rook. Non members welcome. Their newsletter lists dates of coffee mornings and other activities and events. For details phone 020 8883 2633.

9 April, 8pm Hendon & District Archaeological Society 'The Decline and Fall of Roman Britain' lecture by Neil Faulkner. Also 14 May, 'Greenwich', lecture by Harvey Sheldon. Drawing Room, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. For details phone 020 8346 4880.

10 April, 8pm Barnet and District Local History Society 'The History of Early Plastics', lecture by Percy Reboul. Wyburn Room, Wesley Hall, Staplyton Road, Barnet. Also 8 May 'Maurice Thomson: a Jacobean Yuppie?', lecture by Dr Alan Thomson. For details phone 020 8449 6153.

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

The Multi-Lingual Poetry

Ferret appreciates poetry in many languages, meeting monthly and producing bilingual translations (and back English, European and other classical languages). For details phone 020 8455 6281.

The Writers meet once a fortnight on Thursdays at 8.15pm in Edgware. Phone 020 8858 7500 for details.

Finchley Writers meet upstairs in the Tally Ho Pub, N12. Phone 020 8446 3900 for details.

ART

10 April, 7.30pm Finchley Art Society 'Water scene in watercolour', demonstration by Bill Newton. 8 May, 'Conte Pencil Portrait', demonstration by Leo Gibbon. Smith Finchley Art Society Mondays 7.30pm, Trinity Centre, Nether Street, N12; also Wednesdays 1pm, St Mary's, Hendon Lane, N3. Beginners welcome. For details phone 020 8445 2685.

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group meet at Avenue House, East End Road, N3. For details phone 020 8953 0821.

Mildon Art Society On Wednesdays demonstrations or painting evenings. Harwood Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway, NW7. 6 March demonstration by Melanie Cambridge on sea-side watercolours. For details phone 020 8346 7481.

Barnet Guild of Artists meet at Whalebone Studio, Wood Street, Barnet. For details phone 020 8449 7553.

The Barnet Collection hold study days on ceramics and related crafts. For details phone 020 8349 4578/020 8204 6279.

Public Art Course/Studies in ceramics, plaster, drawing and painting, stone, wood, carving, textiles, graphic design, multimedia and computers. The aim is to create artwork in public settings. Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet. For information phone 020 8440 6321.

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre holds course on visual arts and drama. The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4. Phone 020 8202 3999.

DANCE The Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club. English Country Dancing, fortnightly on Thursdays, 7.45-10.30pm. Beginners welcome. The

Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway, NW7. For more information phone 020 8858 7500.

COUNTRYSIDE

28 April, 10.30am Ancient Woodlands Walk. Join the Southern Area Countryside Management Service (CMS) for a short walk (2hr/1.5 miles) from Cherry Tree Wood, East Finchley to Highgate Woods. Learn more about and discuss management options for these ancient woodlands. Meet outside the cafe in Cherry Tree Wood, off A1000, opposite East Finchley tube station. Free. For further details phone 020 8447 5491 or email south.cms@hertscc.gov.uk

BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge on Tuesdays, 8pm. Parking on site. Wat Stack Sports Ground, 19 East End Road, Finchley N3. Further details phone Olive on 07813 765643.

FILM

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

The Phoenix, The Finchley Cinevideo Society and Barnet Borough Arts Council are jointly promoting the first **Barnet Scriptwriting Competition**. Entry fee is £5 for original scripts suitable for a short film. The winning script will be made into a film by the FCS to be screened at The Phoenix, and the winner and short-listed competitors will be invited to a workshop. Entry forms from The Phoenix or BBAC should be returned to BBAC Scriptwriting Competition, c/o All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20 9EZ by 30 November 2002. Phone enquires to The Phoenix 020 8444 6789 (they re-open in March).

STAMP COLLECTING

Finchley & District Philatelic Society meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except July & Aug) at the Carey Rooms, Trinity Church Hall, Nether Street, North Finchley. Visitors and prospective new members welcome. 6 April, the club holds an auction for bidding or selling philatelic items, all local societies are invited. For further information contact Brian Merryweather 020 8444 3251 or website www.stampdomain.com/vn/chley

LIBRARY BOOK SALES 25-31 March, Golders

Green Library, 135 Golders Green Road, NW11 0ZJ. 020 8950 2080. 4-6 April, Chiswick Library, 370 Chiswick Lane, NW0 2DE. 020 8996 9580.

22-27 April, East Barnet Library, 25 Belmont Road, East Barnet, EN4 8SG. 020 8449 4376.

14-18 May, North Finchley Library, Ravensden Avenue, N12 0AF. 020 8445 4381.

14-18 May, George Library, Brunswick Park Road, N14 1TY. 020 8396 6532.

21-25 May, East Finchley Library, 220 High Road, N2 9BB. 020 8883 2064.

University of the Third Age NW London Branch offers a shared learning experience for the over 55s and group holidays and outings. Meet at Michael Sobell Community Centre, Limes Avenue, NW11; Glebe Hall, Glebe Road, Stanmore and Middlesex University, The Burroughs, Hendon. Study groups include a wide variety of subjects. For details phone 020 8731 6638/020 8952 3202.

Barnet Plus social club for adults aged 18 to 36. Regular Sunday evening meetings in upstairs function room of Bull & Butcher pub, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20. £1.60. Further details available from 020 8361 2827. Part of a network of similar groups, see www.barnetplus.com.

Community Focus is a specialist arts centre dedicated to working with disabled people of all ages and offers photography, video, mixed media art, needlecraft, dance, drama and more. Phone 020 8346 0799. **Happy Go Lucky Dance Group** integrates disabled and able-bodied people. Phone 020 8346 9799 for details.

The Centre for Essential Life Skills (Counselling for Personal & Professional Development). A 2 weekend course starting 19 April to cope with personal stress and take charge of life, acquiring focused and specific skills. Also The Art & Skill of Adult Child Communication 10 week courses in Barnet and Edgware for parents and adults. Learn practical skills to understanding the needs within behaviour and being effective in everyday situations with children. Also Women's Heart Circle, Whetstone, welcomes women to its new weekly sessions of personal development. For further details phone Rose on 020 8440 2080 or email res2@barnet.net.uk

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

(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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MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, PUBLIC MEETINGS, ETC

Normally meetings will commence at 7pm and will be held at The Town Hall, Hendon unless otherwise stated. Other arrangements operate for Area Forums and Area Sub-Committees. To find out details for the one near you phone 020 8350 2156.

MARCH 2002

25 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
26 (Tue) - Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee - Barnet House
Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee - Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley - 7.30pm
28 (Thurs) Road Safety & Accident Prevention Liaison Group - 7pm.
Accident Prevention Centre, Daws Lane

APRIL 2002

2 (Tues) Audit and Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
8 (Mon) - Reserved for other Cabinet Meetings
10 (Wed) - Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
15 (Mon) - Audit and Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (to be confirmed)
16 (Tue) - Council Meeting
17 (Wed) - Barnet Area Forum - Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley, Barnet - 6.30 pm
Finchley Area Forum - Avenue House, East End Road, N3 - 6.30 pm

Hendon Area Forum - Small Hall, Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algerian Road NW4 - 6.30 pm
22 (Mon) - Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
23 (Tue) - Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee - Avenue House, East End Road, N3
Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee
24 (Wed) - Planning and Environment Committee
25 (Thurs) - Council Policy Conference
29 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee

MAY 2002

1 (Wed) - Reserved for Overview and Scrutiny Committees
8 (Wed) - Cabinet ICT Committee
14 (Tues) - Annual Meeting of Council
15 (Wed) - Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
20 (Mon) - Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
21 (Tue) - Edgware and Mill Hill Area Forum - venue to be announced - 6.30 pm
Golders Green Area Forum - St Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, Off Golders Green Road, NW11 - 6.30 pm
Whetstone Area Forum - venue to be announced - 6.30 pm
27 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
28 (Tue) - Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee - venue to be announced
29 (Wed) - Reserved for Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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BLOOMING FUTURE FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

A top level independent report has praised your Council for its commitment to improving parks and leisure facilities.

Specialists from the Audit Commission congratulated the Council for its ambitious plans to deliver state-of-the-art facilities such as the £3.4m youth sports centre in Burnt Oak as well as the most recent improvements to Compton Sports Centre and Finchley Lido.

Inspectors also praised the Council for encouraging access to parks, open spaces and play areas and for the commitment to continually improve services.

They also welcomed the wide-range of new ideas launched by the Council to encourage the use of recreation facilities by those

who might not normally do so such as the Fitness for Life scheme for the over 50s, pricing policies targeted to attract specific groups and the free access to sports facilities for looked after children in the Borough.

The Audit Commission review covered all the Borough's 200 parks and open spaces and the six recreational centres managed by the Council.

"We believe well maintained, attractive green spaces and top class leisure facilities are vital to the quality of life of residents. We are determined to deliver the modern and accessible sports facilities and parks residents need and want," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development.

Our picture shows Council Leader Alan Williams and Barnet's Mayor Councillor



Anita Campbell at the launch of Burnt Oak's new leisure complex.

£20,000 Grants For Jubilee Parties

Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee - and pride in your borough.

This is the call from the Council as it encourages all sectors of the community to take part in the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations

This week Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development, announced the Council has set aside £20,000 to award grants of between £50 and £500 to help local communities celebrate the event and create long-lasting memorials to this part of our history.

"The Council is delighted to be able to support groups and individuals mark the occasion - and at the same time build on the community pride which is at the very heart of our local communities," said Councillor Palmer.

To find out if your group qualifies for funding, call Lisa Jerome or Pauline Varnals on 020 8359 2893. Application

forms will be sent which need to be returned by 15 April.



VOTE BY POST

Every resident has the right to vote by post. For more information, call the Council Electoral Register Hotline on 020 8359 2323.

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

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

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

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

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



WHEELS OF FORTUNE - AND LIFE-LONG SAFETY

Barnet's young drivers will be better equipped than ever before to tackle the rigours of our roads if a ground-breaking partnership between the Council and the Police pays off as expected.

After gruelling tests for pupils from local schools, finals were held at the Police Training Centre, Hendon, earlier this month.

To get to the finals

TESTING TIME FOR FINALISTS

schools had to complete an education package including looking at drink and driving, drugs and driving, speeding, the economics of motoring - and risk taking.

Six schools qualified for the finals - and selected six students each to take part in the last leg of the event.

The six schools were Copthall, Ashmole, Finchley Catholic High, St. James' Catholic High, Christ's College and Mill Hill County.

It was tough, but each of the six schools had to pick just six students to take part in the Grand Final.

But the accident prevention team acclaimed everyone as winners by taking part in a programme which will make our roads safer for all.

WE NET BASKETBALL

'TOWERING' SUCCESS FOR BARNET

Barnet looks set to score a towering sports and regeneration success with the opening of a multi-million pound 5,000 seat basketball arena at Brent Cross.



Kinder London Towers has submitted an application for the arena to the Council – and along with it comes major educational and employment opportunities for the whole of North London.

If granted planning permission, the arena would open in just two years time and make Barnet a sporting and tourism hot spot.

Local schools in the area would be able to use the arena to develop their skills in a sport that is breaking new records for participation and attendance every year.

The arena would be built on land adjacent to Whitefield School and the basketball club intends to work closely with the school and its feeder primaries.

London Towers will work with the school, which already has a well-known reputation for sporting achievements, to build on its sports college status.

The basketball club also plans to provide a community room which will



Whitefield pupil Donald Jones

become home to breakfast clubs, an afternoon homework club and internet café for school pupils.

The project, a partnership between Kinder London Towers, the Council and Dawnay Day, is expected to create many local jobs.

One of Europe's top teams, they are the only British club to play in the Euroleague.

"This is tremendous news for the Borough. I am delighted we are being given the opportunity of welcoming

London Towers to Barnet.

"As London's premier borough, it is fitting that we should have Europe's best basketball team based here," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Councillor Monroe Palmer, Barnet's Cabinet Member for Regeneration, also welcomed the plans.

"I see this as a wonderful boost for Barnet, for basketball and for the regeneration of the Cricklewood area," said Councillor Palmer.



L-R Robert Youngblood, Eric Mann, Ted Allen, Stuart Robbins. Whitefield pupil Francesca Robinson celebrated her 14th birthday by meeting her idols London Towers players. Fran is a keen basketball player.

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