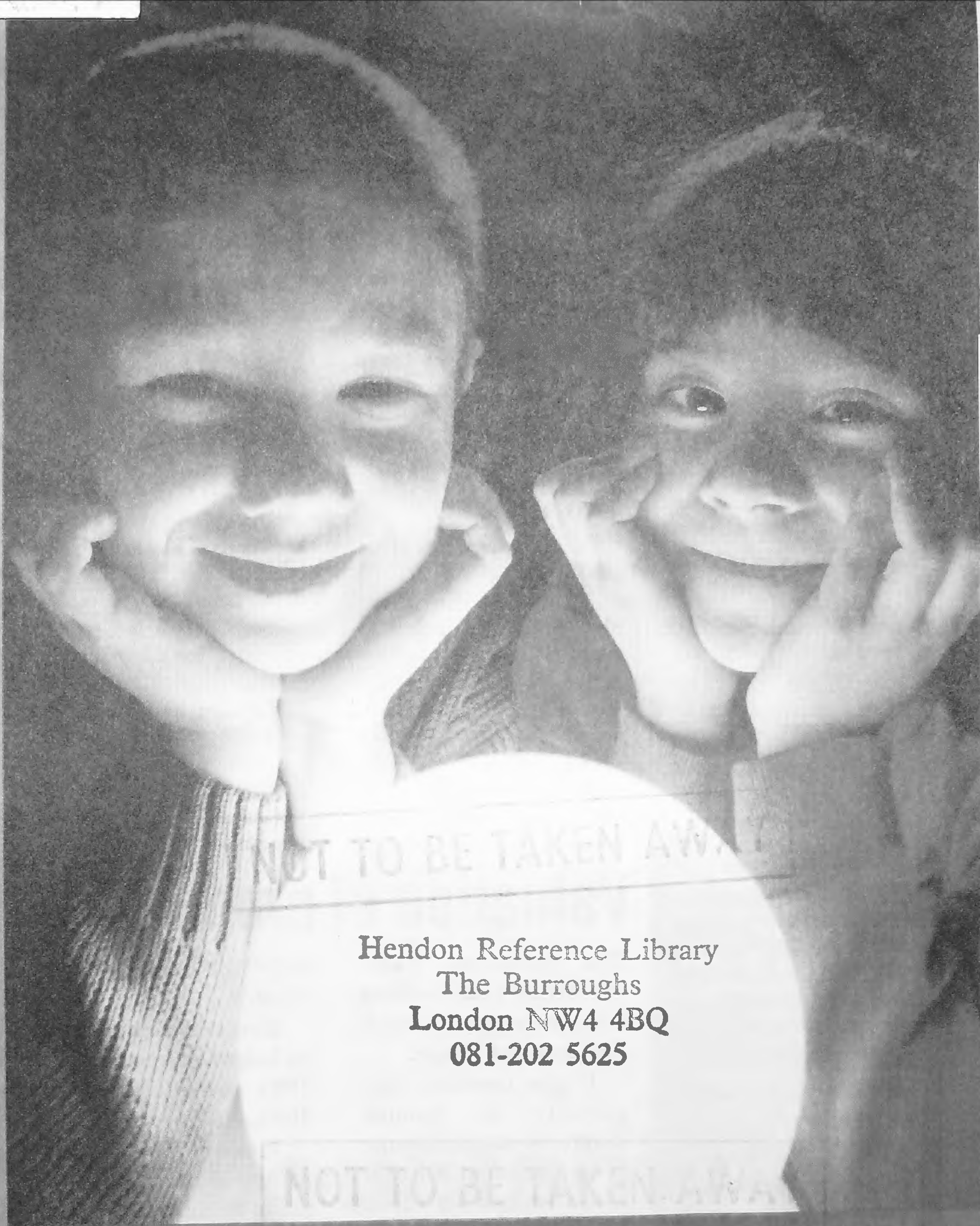


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Council Tax for 93/94

From 1 April 1993 the Council Tax will replace the Community Charge. It is a local tax to help pay for local services.

There is one demand per dwelling, whether it is owned or rented, based on the relative value of the property to others in the area.

50% of the tax relates to property details and 50% to household details.

Two adults

A full Council Tax bill is based upon two adults living in a dwelling and the Valuation Band ascribed to the dwelling.

Reductions to the Council Tax are available where only one adult lives in the dwelling and for people on low incomes, some people with disabilities and in some other special cases.

Valuation of properties

The Valuation Band allocated to your dwelling is shown on your Council Tax Demand Notice.

If you consider your property is banded incorrectly you should write to the Valuation Officer at Chase House, 305 Chase Road, Southgate, London N14 6LZ (Telephone. 081

Payment

Council Tax payers who pay by instalment booklets will find that the April payment slip is contained within the instalment booklet.

Direct Debit

Direct Debit is the easiest and cheapest way to pay your Council Tax, contact the telephone number on your bill.

For Council Tax payers without a Bank or Building Society account, arrangements have been made between Barnet Council and the Post Office, so that for a fee of 25p you can pay your Council Tax over the counter at any Post Office.

882 9988)) and not to Barnet Council.

Generally appeals must be lodged between 1 April 1993 and 30 November 1993.

Please note that lodging an appeal does not allow you to withhold payment of the full or any part of the Council Tax whilst the

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matter is under consideration.

If your appeal is successful you will be entitled to a refund of any overpaid tax.

Valuation Band	Range of Values	Proportion of Band D	Per Annum
A	Up to £40,000	6/9	£366.35
B	Over £40,000-£52,000	7/9	£427.40
C	Over £52,000-£68,000	8/9	£488.46
D	Over £68,000-£88,000	9/9	£549.52
E	Over £88,000-£120,000	11/9	£671.64
F	Over £120,000-£160,000	13/9	£793.75
G	Over £160,000-£320,000	15/9	£915.87
H	Over £320,000	18/9	£1,099.04

SERVICES HIT AS £11m GOVERNMENT CUTS BITE DEEP

The Government's decision to wipe nearly £11m off what Barnet Council needed to spend this year has hit services and jobs throughout the borough.

Councillors have had to grapple with the aftermath of a projected standstill budget of £218m being reduced to £207m.

Cuts and the impact on services would have been worse without the swift action taken last December in the wake of the announcement of the Government's initial spending targets for Barnet.

Review

The authority immediately set in train a complete review of services and staffing levels which resulted in protective redundancy notices being issued to over 300 staff.

**Swift action boosts
full-year savings**

There was also a re-appraisal of service priorities and a new round of negotiations with outside bodies which, with Government approval, levy charges against the council.

This immediate action means Barnet is in a position to take full-year advantage of financial savings.

Any delay would have resulted in much more severe last-minute reductions in services or staff.

Years of economy

The shock announcement from the Government that Barnet was being forced to make massive major savings also followed years of

economy and efficiency measures which were already being reflected in individual service budgets.

The combined effect of economy measures and this swift action dramatically lessens the impact on services but the cuts will none-the-less be felt across the whole borough.

Local accountability...

The ability of the Government to 'Cap' the spending of a local authority with a good housekeeping record like Barnet is 'contrary to local choice and local accountability.'

This was the message to Councillors from Council Leader Roy Shutz as he presented a budget for the coming year "which gives me no

'CAPPING CONTRARY TO CHOICE'

pleasure. It has been prepared within unprecedented financial constraints - an unreasonably low standard spending assessment."

Capping, he said, was contrary to local choice and accountability. He had expressed this view forcibly to the Environment Secretary

and the Local Government Minister.

Stressing that in meeting Government spending limits the council would allocate available resources fairly and to the benefit of the whole community, Cllr Shutz criticised the system under which grant was distributed.

The Government has given Westminster a standard spending figure of £1,213 per person.... Lambeth gets £1,241 per person.... but Barnet gets only £680 per person.

"We acknowledge the need for national financial constraint in the current economic circumstances, but that does not reduce our disappointment at the treatment of Barnet," added Cllr Shutz.

Tough Action Pays Off

Barnet has been in a four-month long fight to protect the Borough's vital, value for money services. From the day the Government announced it was cutting the Council's projected spending by millions, councillors and senior officers began grappling with the task of putting together a revised budget which would limit cuts in services and wide-spread redundancies.

Initial figures suggested the Government would cut the budget from nearly £220m to little over £202m with a warning the Council would be capped if spending exceeded £205.702m.

Councillors immediately called for a meeting with Environment Secretary Michael Howard to put the case for a fair deal for Barnet.

Increased SSA

Following this meeting, the Government increased Barnet's Standard Spending Assessment to £202.749m and raised the capping limit by £1.24m to £206.945m - against the Council's

projected standstill budget of £218m.

As far back as 14 December, and before the Government issued revised figures, councillors set spending limits of £205.499m - just £200,000 less than the then capping figure.

£3.5m boost

Following the modest increase of £1.24m and the decision to spend up to the revised capping figure of £207m, tough negotiations with outside bodies and the use of around £500,000 reserves, councillors have been able to put £3.5m back into the council's budget.

Fair and equal cuts lessen impact on services

Despite an additional £3.5m, councillors have been forced to make £10.6m worth of cuts fairly and equally across all services. However, to lessen the impact on services, reductions are proportionally greatest in central departments.

Education, the Council's biggest service, of necessity makes the largest contribution to the cuts but every effort has been made to protect school's budgets by reducing services provided centrally.

As Council Leader Roy Shutz explained, schools have found these central services valuable and have been told they can continue to buy them if they wish. The majority of these services are now assured of some level of operation, with the total buy back by schools expected to be over 50 per cent.

Education, costing £97.935m, takes up 47 per cent of the total budget followed closely by social services at £41m and absorbing 20% of the budget.

The Social Services Committee, to offset reductions in budget and

ensure greatest possible value for money, is currently reviewing charging policy and setting down clear criteria for those qualifying for services.

During the current financial year, Barnet has spent £3.4m housing homeless people - £1.1m more than originally expected.

Management economy measures and a slight lessening of the problems has enabled this projected budget to be reduced and £500,000 re-distributed to other service provision areas.

Other major cost areas absorbed within the overall budget - and £10.6m savings - are roads, refuse collection and disposal, libraries and parks, sports facilities and numerous other services and facilities which make up the very fabric of the borough.

Building closer links

This is the last issue of 'Barnet News' - but Barnet Council's links with the community will continue to develop through other means.

Barnet News was not giving residents the value for money demanded by the authority.

The council has therefore decided to halt the publication of the

magazine following a further strengthening of the information services Barnet now offers and in the light of a major information and two-way communications programme which the authority plans.

GETTING VALUE FOR MONEY

Most of the money to pay for Barnet services comes from the Government in the form of the Revenue Support Grant (£93.823m) and Business Rates (£63.390m).

The collection of the Community Charge was better than anticipated and it is likely that there will be a surplus of £1.071m which by Government regulation must be used to reduce the 1993/94 Council Tax. This leaves £48.661m to be collected locally through the Council Tax.

The calculation of the Council Tax is based on the estimate that Barnet has 120,532 band D properties.

Barnet's band D charge of £403.72 is calculated by dividing £48.661m by 120,532.

To arrive at the Council Tax payable the charge for the Metropolitan Police and the London Fire Authority must

be added which in the case of a band D house is £128.15 and £17.65 respectively.

This produces the average charge of £549.52.

The Government's transitional relief scheme will cut nearly £4.5m off Barnet Council Tax bills.

In addition to disabled person's relief, there will also be special discounts within Government national criteria and other Council Tax benefit provision.

As an example, Council Tax tables for bands F, G and H are:

Band F *Two people paying full Community Charge*

Council Tax £793.75
Transitional Relief £44.67
Amount Payable £749.08

One person paying full Community Charge

Council Tax £595.31
Transitional Relief £138
Amount Payable £457.31

SERVICE BUDGETS

COMMITTEE BUDGETS

	1993/94	Per
	Original	Band D
	Estimate	Equivalent
	£	£
Budget, Financing & Performance Review Executive	14,945,730	123.99
Contingency	5,919,570	49.11
Revenue Contribution to Capital	0	0.00
Education	97,935,300	812.52
General Executive	12,725,900	105.58
Grants	2,879,100	23.89
Housing & Environmental Services	5,906,100	49.00
Land & Buildings Executive	(795,800)	(6.60)
Public Works	13,854,770	114.95
Recreation, Leisure & Arts	11,531,100	95.67
Social Services	40,959,200	339.82
Town Planning & Research	1,541,300	12.79
TOTAL COMMITTEE NET EXPENDITURE	207,402,270	1,720.72
Contribution To/(From) Balances	(457,020)	(3.79)
BARNET'S BUDGET REQUIREMENT	206,945,250	1,716.93
Revenue Support Grant	(93,822,540)	(778.40)
Business Rate Income	(63,389,590)	(525.92)
Collection Fund Surplus B/fwd - re Community Charge	1,071,640	(8.89)
BARNET'S DEMAND ON THE COLLECTION FUND	48,661,480	403.72

Band G *Two people paying full Community Charge*

Council Tax £915.87
Transitional Relief £150.85
Amount Payable £765.02

One person paying full Community Charge

Council Tax £686.09
Transitional Relief £214.38
Amount Payable £472.52

Band H *Two people paying full Community Charge*

Council Tax £1099.04
Transitional Relief £316.62
Amount Payable £782.42

One person paying full Community Charge

Council Tax £824.28
Transitional Relief £335.46
Amount Payable £488.82

PUPIL POWER BOOSTS NO-SMOKING DRIVE



Children have been called on to 'set their parents a good example' in Barnet Council's campaign to cut down smoking in the borough.

To mark the launch of a smoking ban in all Council-run buildings from 10 March, Barnet is jointly sponsoring with Pentland Industries a borough-wide 'smoking damages your health and the environment' competition for schools, which calls on youngsters to produce a poster on this theme and offers cash prizes for environmental projects within schools.

Announcing the poster competition, Chairman of the

Personnel Executive Committee Cllr Leslie Sussman, praised the borough's schools in promoting the dangers of smoking to children from an early age and welcomed the support of Pentland Industries.

"This new competition acknowledges the work of the schools and their pupils and links in with the existing work being undertaken in the fields of environmental projects.

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Councillors available first and third Tuesday of month, 8.00-9.00pm, St Stephen's Church, Bells Hill and at The Valley Centre, Dollis Valley Estate. 8.00-9.00pm. Advice surgery with a Labour councillor second Saturday of month, 10.30-11.30am, 104 East Barnet Rd, New Barnet

Brunswick Park Ward: Conservative councillors available second Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, Monkfrith Boys' Club hall, Osidge Lane, N14

East Barnet Ward: Cllr Olwen Evans (Conservative) available first Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. Contact Cllr Jim Anani 445 3872 or Cllr

John Perry 368 4368 for personal appointment

Hadley Ward: Conservative councillors Gillian Bull, Liz Mammatt and Ashley Newman available third Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, 163 High St, Barnet

Totteridge Ward: Contact Conservative councillors Joan Levinson 368 3298, Victor Lyon 446 4423 and Victor Usher 445 4248

Finchley and Friern Barnet

Hartley Booth, MP, and local Conservative councillors hold regular surgeries. For an appointment call 445 4292 or 445 0856 (24hr message line)

East Finchley Ward: Labour councillors every Saturday, 10-11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, N2

Finchley Ward: Contact Conservative councillors Eva Greenspan 203 1598, Barbara Langstone 445 5443 or Leslie Sussman 346 6775

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St Paul's Ward: Contact Conservative councillors: Mike Freer 446 5396, Helena Hart 346 3128 or Mary Phillips 445 9426

Woodhouse Ward: Labour councillors available every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, Educational Services (formerly Friern Barnet Town Hall) Friern Barnet Lane, N11, or phone councillors Stan Cross, 444 9178, Mike Harris, 444 0479, or Dennis Reed, 361 8901

Hendon North

John Gorst, MP, by appointment, 959 1446 or via constituency office, Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill

Edgware, Hale and Mill Hill Wards: Conservative councillors, constituency office, alternate Mondays by appointment 959 1446

Burnt Oak Ward: Contact Labour councillors: Gerald Shamash, 458 2679, Allan Turner 952 2106, Alan Williams 906 0576. Also every Saturday, 10.30am-noon, Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak, 952 5771 (24hr message line)

Colindale Ward: Labour councillors available first Saturday of month 2-3pm, St Augustine's Church, Grahame Park or phone councillors Ellis Hillman 202 7792, Tom McKendry 444 0594 or David Williams 343 1082

Hendon South

John Marshall, MP, via constituency office, 202 7484 by appointment, see local press for details

Garden Suburb, Golders Green and Hendon Wards: Conservative councillors, first Saturday of month, 202 7484

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Pauline Green. Phone 365 1892

Ward Details

Arkley and Hadley Wards are both affected by the changes to the Borough's boundary.

For the benefit of new residents we reproduce here, the details of the Councillors for both Wards.



Anita Campbell
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Pam Coleman
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Kevin Smith
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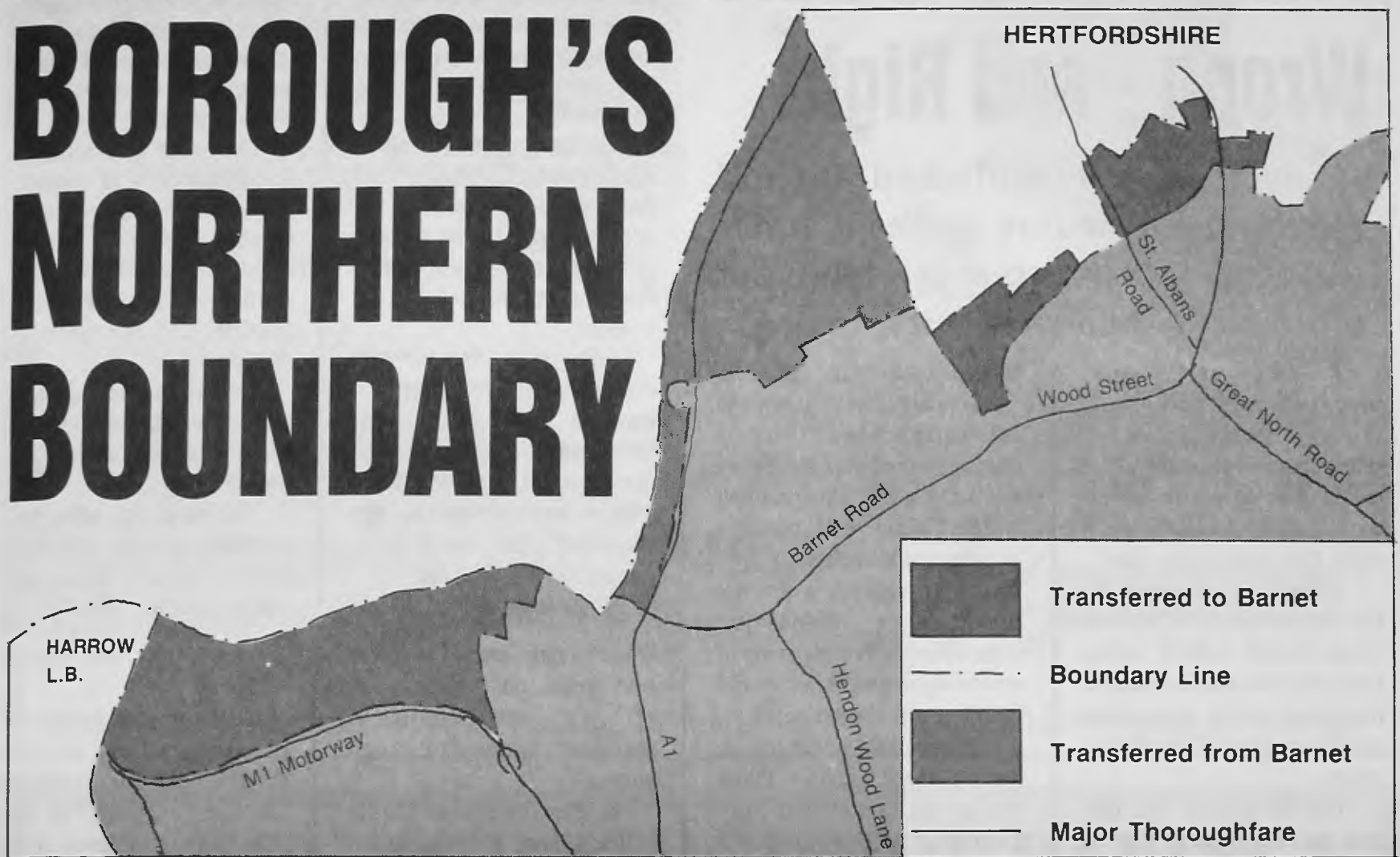


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ARKLEY WARD

HADLEY WARD

DRAMATIC CHANGES TO BOROUGH'S NORTHERN BOUNDARY



The Borough of Barnet takes on a whole new look from 1 April 1993.

Boundary changes coming into effect that day alter the shape of the borough for the first time since it was formed 28 years ago.

Barnet welcomes residents from 136 properties in Hertfordshire and says goodbye to 189 households from parts of Elstree and Borehamwood.

"We are delighted to welcome our new residents from Hertfordshire and are sending each household a pack of information about our London Borough. Here in Barnet we aim to provide value-for-money services

for all our residents, reflecting the needs and expectations of the whole community," said Chief Executive, Max Caller.

Welcome Pack

"The Council's staff will be happy to assist our new residents with any queries they may have and our 'Welcome' pack includes a copy of Barnet's A-Z of Services to ensure speedy reference to the right department in this authority," he added.

Braille or audio tape summaries of the A-Z or translated summaries in Chinese, Gujarati, Greek, Hindi and Urdu are available from The

Information Centre, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon. Tel: 081-202 8282.

Pensioners moving into Barnet are each able to apply for a concessionary travel permit entitling them to free travel on London's buses and tubes. For information on how to apply, pensioners are asked to telephone 081-446 1488 and ask for the Concessionary Fares section.

Electoral Register

Residents are advised to check the Electoral Register at their local library to ensure they are listed for the address at which they were resident on 10 October

1992. If there is no listing, they should make a claim to the authority where they were living on that date to be added to the supplementary register.

Names and addresses for residents moving into Barnet will be transferred to the London Borough from Hertfordshire and all registered residents will receive a form from Barnet's Electoral Registration Office in late August or early September 1993.

There are local elections in Barnet in May 1994 where, as a London borough, all 60 seats in the Authority's 20 wards will be contested.

Tell us when we are Wrong - and Right

Barnet's now established formal complaints procedure makes it easier than ever for residents to get things put right quickly and efficiently.

But the Council's openness and drive for even better two-way communications is prompting more residents than ever before to praise the efforts of staff when they 'get it right, first time every time'.

A typical example is the Environmental Health Department which since December has had to deal with just seven minor complaints and has received 32 thank you letters.

This is despite the fact that the department has to prioritise in order to meet urgent calls for assistance when there is an obvious danger to health which results

in some cases being deferred.

In other cases, the law the environmental health officers are empowered to enforce may not fully cover the problem and the Council will be unable to take further action.

"While we welcome residents discussing complaints with us as a way of reviewing any weaknesses and building even better services, it is particularly rewarding to receive these genuine thank you letters," said Geoff Fish, Controller of Environmental and Consumer Services.

The formal complaints procedure, which was launched with an A-Z

TIP TOP CAMPAIGN

Barnet Council is calling on eagle-eyed residents to help in the ongoing campaign to keep the borough in tip top condition.

The latest council initiative is a Customer Comments Card designed to give residents the opportunity to inform officers of any improvements or repairs that are needed around the borough.

Phil Skinner, the council's Head of Engineering said: "We have a team of District Officers who work throughout the borough and note down where improvements are required. This card is to supplement their work.

"It gives residents a simple

means of pointing out where action is required so that officers can respond more quickly and carry out the necessary work." he said.

The card - available borough-wide in all council offices and libraries - lists a range of areas where action may be required such as fly posting, potholes in roads, graffiti and dangerous pavements.

It also provides space for more information and details of where the action is needed.

The cards can either be posted back to the council or handed in at a library or council office.

Directory of Council Services last year, ensures a fast, efficient and monitored response when things go wrong.

If, after complaining to the office, depot or department concerned residents are still unhappy, they can refer their grievance to one of the liaison officers who will investigate

the case fully and respond within 15 days.

In the unlikely event of the problem not being resolved, residents can refer the matter to the director of the department concerned. If still not entirely satisfied, a resident can write direct to the Chief Executive who has ten days in which to respond.

Barnet volunteers as guinea pig

Barnet does not believe the Government's Audit Commission has got it right in the selection of performance indicators under the Citizens Charter - but is confident enough to be among the first councils tested on them anyway.

The Commission has listened to many of Barnet's concerns over 'irrelevant' proposed indicators and has amended many of them. But the Council still questions whether many of the remaining 77 indicators from

an initial list of 133 are relevant to the people of the borough.

The Council has already introduced performance measurement techniques throughout the borough - backed by the new formal complaints procedure - and has agreed to become a volunteer pilot authority for the Audit Commission to test its current and future proposals against.

Barnet is well placed to lead the field in evaluating the worth of the measures. Most

of the indicators are currently collected and openly reported as part of the Council's existing performance review process.

As a result there will be no major increases in the cost of collection, although some management information systems will have to be amended.

Despite the fact Barnet is ahead of the field in the whole area of performance measurement, interpretation of the information demanded by the Audit Commission will

continue to cause problems.

Councillors have expressed concern over the current proposed requirement for performance indicator results to be published in newspapers covering the whole borough. The cost implications for Barnet are seen to be excessive.

Barnet Council is now awaiting a ruling from the Government on whether council-funded publications guaranteed to reach every home in the borough can be used for this purpose.

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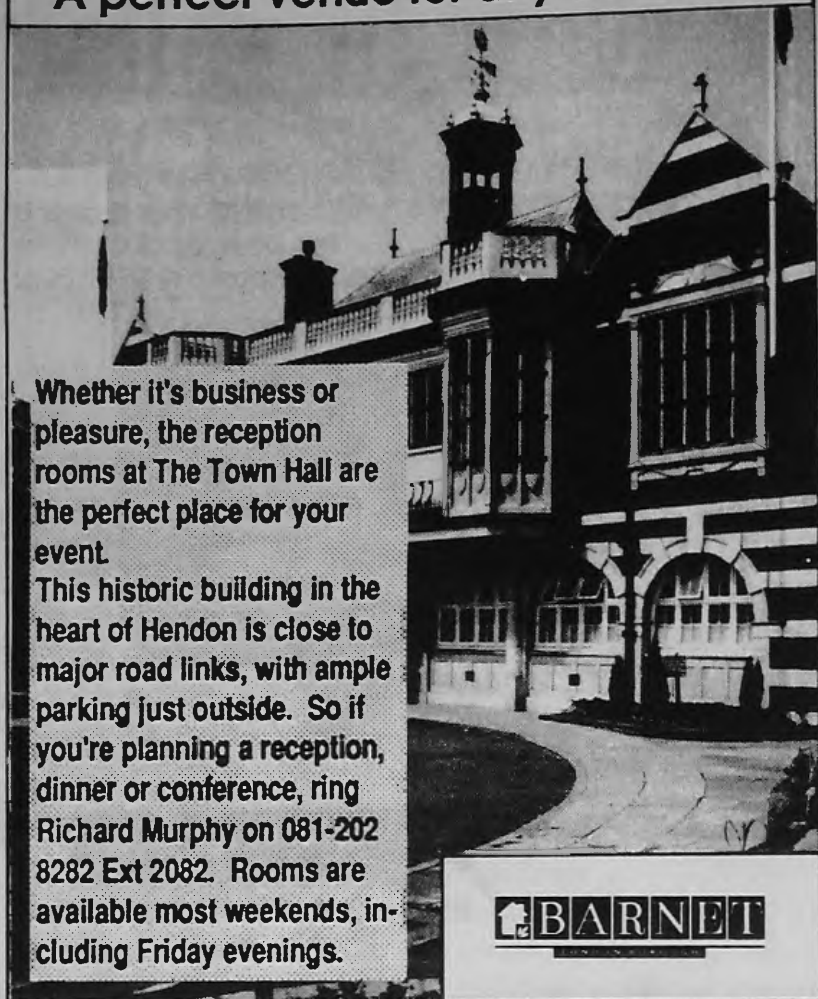
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coffee in the refreshment area or have a sunbed, sauna or steam cabinet.

One member described Poolside Manor as "an oasis in Finchley."

So popular have Poolside Manor's lessons been, that further classes will be available from April in the fabulous new pool at North London Collegiate School in Edgware.

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RESTORED

Part of Avenue House, one of the borough's most famous buildings, has risen from the ashes of an arson attack in May 1989 and is once again open for business.

The East wing was officially re-opened on 25 February - a year to the day after the start of an £800,000 restoration programme which has brought it back to its former glory.

To celebrate the re-opening,



Above: Henry Edmunds, the great grandson of 'Inky' Stephens, examines displays in the permanent exhibition.



Right: Damage to the East wing was so bad that it was thought that the wing might have to be demolished.

ED TO ITS FORMER GLORY

Henry Edmunds, the great grandson of "Inky" Stephens, the most famous owner of Avenue House, was invited along to unveil a plaque in the refurbished wing.

He was joined at the re-opening by the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Fred Poole and, among others, members of a whole host of local groups and organisations that are potential users of the wing.

Permanent exhibition

The wing, which now contains a permanent Stephens Ink exhibition, has been restored with its present use as a meeting place in mind.

The drawing room downstairs

contains a screen for film and slide shows, plus built-in loudspeaker sockets, while a large meeting place has been created upstairs by joining two rooms together.

Avenue House was built in 1859 and was acquired by its most famous owner Henry "Inky" Stephens, the son of the inventor of the famous blue/black writing fluid, in 1874.

In 1918 it was bequeathed to the Borough of Finchley for "the use and enjoyment always of the public" and has remained in local authority hands ever since.

The wing was to become a bustling centre for voluntary groups and local societies up until arsonists

struck on that fateful night in 1989.

Demolition

Ten fire tenders were needed to dampen the blaze and as the last of the smoke drifted away, damage to the building seemed so bad that at the time it was thought that the wing might have to be demolished.

But an £800,000 insurance payout and year of renovation work means that the story has a happy ending.

The wing is once again available for hire to local groups and organisations. The person to contact is Barnet Council Administration Clerk Richard Murphy on 202 8282 ext 2082.

Bloomin' marvellous

Spring is in the air - It's time to get out those gardening gloves and pull on those wellies as Barnet Council announces the launch of the third annual 'Barnet in Bloom' competition.

With two major categories - 'Container Gardening' and 'Best Bloomin' Pub' - the standard should be just as high as last year's entries which made Barnet the focus of the 'London in Bloom' competition in July.

Barnet received special praise from the London judges on the quality of the displays in the borough, and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Floral Arrangement team, representing Barnet, scooped second prize with Christiane Duckworth's superb arrangement at the London in Bloom ceremony.

Last year's gardening winners, Melvin Soer, of Whitings Road, and Kay & Brian Duff of the King William IV in Hadley, have thrown down the gauntlet - they are already working on new displays, determined to repeat their success of 1992.

Green fingered residents keen to know more about the competition should leave their details on the 'Barnet in Bloom' Hotline.

Call the answering machine on 081-203 8356.

Or write to Barnet in Bloom, Press & PR, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BG.



Melvin Soer, last year's winner of the Container Gardening with the Mayor of Barnet Cllr Fred Poole

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Making Barnet's parks a pleasure for everyone

A DOG'S LIFE CAN BE GOOD FOR ALL

In the Winter 1992 edition of Barnet News you may have read that Barnet councillors hope to make new byelaws about dogs in parks, to take into account the interests of all park users. As a resident, Barnet Council would like your views on whether you wish the Authority to proceed with these proposals.

Byelaw proposals

1. Dog Exercise areas

At present, dogs must be kept on leads in some parks. New proposals last year meant that dogs must be kept on leads in other parks (subject to DoE approval).

The public were consulted and dog owners were unhappy about having to keep their dogs on leads.

The provision of fenced-off areas in 14 of the parks, (listed above right) where dogs may run freely off the lead was agreed. Owners must clean up after their dogs in these areas.

The Council wants to provide dog exercise areas in the following parks:-

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| 1 Avenue House Grounds | 9 Riverside Walk, North & South |
| 2 Basing Hill Park | 10 Rushgrove Park |
| 3 Childs Hill Park | 11 Stonegrove Park |
| 4 Edgwarebury Park | 12 Swan Lane Open Space |
| 5 Friary Park | 13 Woodfield Park |
| 6 Greenhill Gardens | 14 Victoria Park |
| 7 Northway Gardens | |
| 8 Princes Park | |

You may see the plans between 22 March - 23 April at The Town Hall, Hendon: Barnet House, Whetstone: or your local library. These will show where the exercise areas will be.

2. Poop Scoop areas

The council wants to increase the number of parks and open spaces where dog owners must remove dog faeces.

There are already byelaws obliging dog owners to clean up after their dogs in many parks. But Barnet Council wants to make all parks and open spaces dog faeces

removal areas (see table below), except those areas regarded as

- woodlands, heaths,
- country parks,
- common land,
- areas where grass is left to grow for conservation purposes.

Two new play areas are to be created, at Hollickwood Park (Cromwell Road) and Boysland Open Space (Glengall Road).

Dogs will be banned from the play areas.

Signs will be put up to explain which byelaws are in force at each park.

These parks will become poop-scoop areas

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| 1 Ballards Lane Spinney | 21 Oakleigh Park Avenue | 39 * Disused Railway Land - Lyndhurst Park | 57 * Regents Park Road/gas showroom |
| 2 Barnet Lane Spinney | 22 Oakhill Road South | 40 * Boysland Open Space | 58 * South Square |
| 3 Brent Green, Brent Street | 23 Riverside Walk South | 41 * Elmhurst Crescent | 59 * Stanhope Road, N12 |
| 4 Cornermead & Lanacre | 24 Sturgess Avenue | 42 * Field Mead | 60 * Stanhope Road, Barnet |
| 5 Cranbrook Road | 25 Tarling Road Open Space | 43 * Garthland Drive | 61 * Stratford Road Open Space |
| 6 Crooked Usage | 26 Vivian Way | 44 * Great North Road/junc Lyonsdown Road | 62 * Tally Ho Corner |
| 7 Cherry Tree Hill | 27 Whitings Hill Open Space | 45 * Hadley Highstone | 63 * Temple Fortune Shrub Beds |
| 8 Eversleigh Walk | 28 Willifield Open Space | 46 * Hadley Ridge | 64 * The Burroughs |
| 9 Finchley Way Open Space | 29 Windsor Open Space | 47 * Haldane Close | 65 * The Walks |
| 10 Friern Barnet Road Open Space | 30 * York Road Open Space | 48 * Hampden Square | 66 * Vernon Crescent/ Mansfield Avenue |
| 11 Gibbs Green Open Space | 31 * Arden Playing Fields | 49 * Mill Hill Village Green | 67 * Watford Way/A41 Open Space |
| 12 Great North Rd Open Space | 32 * Bounds Green | 50 * Mount Grove | 68 * West Holm |
| 13 Grove Road Open Space | 33 * Chalgrove Garden Open Space | 51 * North Square | 69 * West Way Open Space |
| 14 Hollickwood Park - Cromwell Road | 34 * Chiddingfold | 52 * Oak Tree Sports ground | 70 * Windsor Open Space |
| 15 Jubilee Gardens | 35 * Church Road Open Space | 53 * Oakdene Park/Green Road | 71 * Woodside Park Open Space |
| 16 Lincoln Avenue | 36 * Daws Lane | 54 * Oaklands Lane | |
| 17 Lovers Walk (by footpath) | 37 * Deacons Green | 55 * Oakleigh Park/Church Farm Field | |
| 18 Marsh Lane | 38 * Disused Railway Land - Copthall | 56 * Penhurst Gardens | |
| 19 Meadway Gate Open Space, Barnet | | | |
| 20 Oakhill Park/Church Farm Field | | | |

* subject to legal investigation into ownership.

How does this affect me?

The council is seeking the views of all members of the community, whether you are a dog owner, a park user or a parent, to make sure that Barnet's parks are a pleasure for everyone.

What do I have to do?

Please let us have your views by completing the questionnaire and returning it to us before 23 April 1993 to the address shown - **NO STAMP REQUIRED.**

If you want further copies of the questionnaire, please contact Brenda Green at Barnet House, tel. 446 8511 ext 4478: or you can photocopy the questionnaire.

What happens next?

After everyone's views have been collected, the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee will then decide whether to make the byelaws and submit them to the Department of the Environment for its comments.

The council will then place a legal notice in the local press and the public will have another chance to comment.

The byelaws will then be sent to the Department of the Environment for approval. The council will then publicise the byelaws and put them into operation.

The byelaws are expected to come into force in July 1994 at the earliest.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article.

Please complete and return the questionnaire so that your views can be considered.

After reading details of the new byelaws overleaf, please complete the questionnaire below, stating whether you support the following proposals:

Please tick where appropriate

A To make dog owners responsible for clearing up their dogs' mess in parks and open spaces Yes No

B To introduce fenced-off dog exercise areas, where dogs can be allowed off the lead in the 14 parks and open spaces listed in the byelaws Yes No

C How often do you visit parks and open spaces in the borough?
- daily - once a week or more
- once a month or more - less than once a month

D From what standpoint have you answered these questions (you may tick more than one box)
- Borough resident - park user
- parent of young children - dog owner
- other (please describe)

E If you have any other comments or suggestions to make about the proposed byelaws, please outline them:

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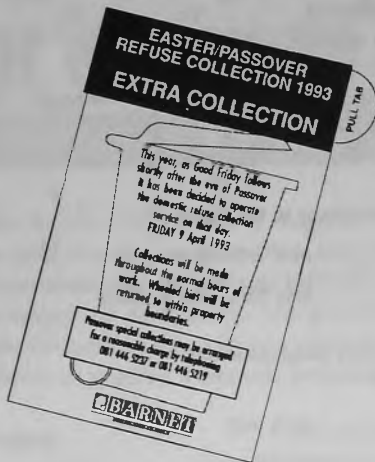
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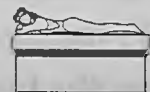
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Space- the final frontier

Schoolchildren Charlotte Brown and Mark Kao were over the moon when they visited the 'Earth in Space' exhibition at the Teachers Centre in High Road Finchley.

The children and their class from Tudor JMI School were just a few of the hundreds of borough pupils who visited the exhibition during the two day spectacular.

The event was organised to teach pupils from around the borough all about the planets and stars and featured among other things a mini-planetarium and displays of moon rock and bits of meteorite.

The displays also aimed to show teachers that fulfilling the requirements of the National Curriculum can be done on a low budget without the use of high-cost, high-tech equipment.

- The Barnet News cover picture shows Fatima Goni and Christopher Older, pupils from Tudor School, pondering on the mysteries of the universe.

LEISURE SCHEME OFFERS BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

The development of a new leisure complex on the site of Finchley open air pool is set to dramatically change the face of leisure in the borough - and it won't cost local residents a penny.

Following extensive consultation, councillors on the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee gave the go-ahead to a scheme put forward by THI Developments Ltd, which includes:

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The development is scheduled to open in Autumn 1994, subject to the granting of planning permission. The developer will be responsible for the running costs and for collecting income from the non-swimming pool element while the council will be responsible for the leisure pool complex.

The management and operation of the pool complex will be put out to tender.

Consultation over the development, which included borough-wide advertising, discussion groups made up of local residents, exhibitions

around the borough and meetings with local groups, produced overwhelming backing for the proposals.

Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee, Cllr Lyon said: "The development provides the borough with the best of both worlds.

"Not only does the council retain a swimming pool facility on the site, which was a clear condition of the tendering process, but residents can also look forward to a wide range of other leisure facilities.

"The results of the public consultation exercise are heartening and show that the proposed scheme is in tune with what people want to see on the site", he added.

In the meantime, Squires Lane pool will remain open until the new centre pool is ready for public use.

TAKE THE STING OUT OF SUMMER

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ISIS, the Independent Schools Information Service, exists to give advice and information to parents faced with this inevitable choice. ISIS will tell you where the schools are, the advantages and limitation of each and what they cost.

A good start is to write or phone (see address at end) for the FREE HANDBOOK. This lists all the independent schools in London and South-east England, which have the hall-

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There are all sorts of schools catering for all ages, genders and for a wide range of abilities and special needs. There are day schools, boarding schools and weekly boarding schools. ISIS could send you a leaflet suggesting all the questions you might ask to find out which best matches your child's needs.

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ISIS would gladly explain the details of The Government Assisted Places Scheme which makes places at age 11 and 16 available for able children whose parents could not otherwise manage the fees.

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So if you would like further information, telephone Mrs Donnelly on 081-446 8511 ext 4745 or Mrs Harrison on ext 4718 or complete the attached slip and return to:

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2. Please send me information on the other services offered by the Agency Services Scheme.

Name

Address

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Tel No

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There are special arrangements designed to ensure that households do not face unreasonable increases between their Community Charge bills and their Council Tax bills.

If you qualify for a transitional reduction, this is stated on your bill as Barnet Council have the information on record and any reduction applicable has been automatically calculated.

The scheme is based on a comparison of the household Community Charge at 31 March 1993, plus Central Government stipulated increase (threshold) as compared to a Scheme Council Tax. This Scheme Council Tax is defined by regulation and is less than the set Council Tax shown on your bill.

The thresholds for each Valuation Band based upon the Scheme Council Tax in Barnet are as follows:

Band	Per Annum	Band	Per Annum
A	£99.81	E	£159.15
B	£114.27	F	£175.08
C	£128.74	G	£191.02
D	£143.21	H	£208.42

However, if your bill for 1993/94 does not include any transitional reduction, but you consider that you might qualify in accordance with the above terms, please contact us.

Changes in Circumstances

If you move house, or are in receipt of a discount or disabled persons reduction, or Council Tax rebate, it is necessary for you to keep Barnet Council informed of any appropriate change in circumstances within 14 days. Failure to advise Barnet Council of circumstances affecting the amount of discount granted could result in the imposition of a penalty of £50.

Where to apply

Forms, advice and information are available from Barnet Council
Director of Finance, Fenella, Babington Road, Hendon, London
NW4 4BS. Please contact us as detailed on the rear of your
Council Tax Demand Notice.