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**Right now you are only a click away from discovering everything you ever wanted to know about Barnet.**

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## Investment paves the way

**A recent survey shows that Barnet has some of the best roads in outer London.**

Not surprising given the investment last year of £11 million in road improvements.

Now, almost 90 per cent of the council's road network meets Government standards – a 10 per cent increase over last year.

We have already exceeded our nationally-agreed target for 2005/06, which means we will receive an extra £630,000 to invest in council services.

In 2005, £3 million will be invested in the borough's footpaths. Over 45 locations will be improved including a major £2 million scheme at Tally Ho, North Finchley.

While work is underway, the

council will take the opportunity to clear unnecessary street clutter, such as road signs and bollards, making the borough's streets more accessible.

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#### In brief

### Sell-out at the Albert Hall

Over 1,500 Barnet schoolchildren took to the stage at one of London's most prestigious venues in April.

Representing 31 of the borough's schools and its three music centres, the young people performed a selection of musical styles, including jazz, rock and pop, to a sell-out audience at the Royal Albert Hall.

### Keeping children safe

Barnet has become the first London council to set up a new board, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people across the borough.

The Safeguarding Children Board (SCB), a statutory requirement under the 2004 Children Act, draws its membership from all of the key services working with children, including health, education, the police and voluntary organisations.

It replaces the Area Child Protection Committee and is chaired by Paul Fallon, the council's Head of Children and Families.

One of the board's key activities will be to ensure everyone working with children and families has access to appropriate Child Protection training and support. It also aims to raise awareness of risk, child abuse and neglect across all sections of the community and to promote partnership and participation in safeguarding children.

# Spotlight on our s

One group of Barnet schools have been chalking up some pretty special achievements. Inno  
the borough's four special schools, catering for pupils aged from two to 19 with moderate to severe



## Mapledown MOVE-s up

Mapledown School in Cricklewood has just been launched as a MOVE Regional Centre of Excellence – only the sixth regional centre in the country.

MOVE (Mobility Opportunities Via Education) is an innovative teaching programme combining the work of therapists and educationalists to teach children with physical disabilities and complex needs the functional skills of sitting, standing and walking.

Mapledown, a secondary school

for 11 to 19-year-olds with severe and complex learning difficulties, has been using the programme since 1995 and currently has 24 young people benefiting.

Headteacher Steve Carroll says: “We are delighted that the hard work and dedication of our staff and the impressive achievements of our young people have been recognised.

“As a centre of excellence, we will now be able to receive visitors and give advice about the MOVE programme and the practicalities of introducing it into a school.”



## Northway goes green

Environmentally-friendly youngsters at Northway School have had their efforts to “go green” recognised.

The school was recently awarded a Bronze Eco School award by the former Mayor of Barnet, Wendy Prentice, for its environmental work – just months after launching the programme.

Northway, in Mill Hill, is a specialist primary school, catering for four to 11-year-olds with complex needs and autism.

The school set up its “eco committee” in November last year, meaning each class now has its own recycling system and recycling wheelie bins are available on site. Pupils and teachers have also created a worm farm and a compost

heap, which they will use to fertilise plants in the school’s sensory garden. They also recycle tins and different-coloured glass.

Headteacher Lesley Burgess said: “The children have been so enthusiastic and committed about the project.”

“The Eco committee which consists of five teachers and 10 children, one from each class, have planned and implemented lots of great ideas to make Northway an Eco friendly school, working hard on a daily basis to recycle paper, and kitchen waste.

She added “We also have some more long term Eco plans, such as replacing old leaking taps for brand new ones to stop unnecessary water usage and save the school money.”

# special schools

Innovative work is going on every day at Mapledown, Northway, Oakleigh and Oak Lodge - severe learning difficulties. Barnet First looks at four projects – one at each school.



## Oakleigh gets musical

Pupils at Oakleigh School in Whetstone have teamed up with boys at Finchley Catholic School to form a musical improvisation group.

Each week four male pupils from Oakleigh – one who is visually impaired and a wheelchair user, one who uses a wheelchair, and two with autism spectrum disorder – travel to Finchley Catholic's creative arts department to work with its Year 8 pupils, who have a range of musical abilities.

The sessions are completely improvised and involve the boys responding to each other musically

and spontaneously.

The project has a number of both musical and social aims, including sharing musical ideas in an inclusive environment; facilitating the development of creativity and spontaneity; social interaction; providing an opportunity to explore disability; and providing space for the group members to explore their feelings.

Headteacher Lynn Bhanja says:

"This is an exciting inclusion opportunity and a great learning experience for all the pupils."

Oakleigh caters for two to 11-year-olds with severe learning difficulties.



## Oak Lodge's high achievers

Oak Lodge in East Finchley has become one of the first schools in Barnet to launch a reward programme recognising the efforts and achievements of its pupils.

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme originally started in East London but now has over 500 schools and colleges in London and West Essex participating.

Each month staff and students at Oak Lodge nominate one pupil to receive the achievement award.

The one with the most votes gets a framed certificate and a cheque for £300, from the foundation, to spend on equipment for the school, which they pick from a "wish list" drawn up by fellow pupils.

The "wish list" includes

playground equipment, water coolers for classrooms, bookcases and tape recorders.

"It can be any kind of achievement, big or small," says headteacher Lynda Walker.

"The winner may have been nominated for coming to school every day, being nice to someone, learning to tie their shoe laces or getting into the swimming pool for the first time."

"It's an excellent scheme which teaches the young people about achievement and also about voting, and how important voting can be."

Oak Lodge is a secondary school for pupils aged 11 to 19 years with moderate learning difficulties. It also has its own autistic centre for pupils aged 11 to 16.

According to the results of the annual resident survey 63% of those who responded think that on living in the suburbs and highlighted some of the key issues you raised and the work we are doing

## Secrets and lies – There's more to suburbia than Desperate Housewives

Suburbia isn't always associated with glamour and excitement but speakers at the recent Successful Suburbs conference hosted by Barnet Council say the suburbs are increasingly giving city centres a run for their money.

But the media doesn't seem to have cottoned onto this yet and stereotypes still portray suburbia as a land of twitching net curtains and caravan-washing on Sunday mornings (think Hyacinth Bucket and Victor Meldrew). Sophisticated TV characters don't often live in the suburbs – instead they wear designer clothes and sit sipping lattes in pavement cafes on Kings Road or Soho. Is the underlying message that suburbia is the city centre's dull cousin?

When I first moved from inner London to the leafier environs of Barnet, most of my contemporaries (young professionals fresh from university) still wanted to live in what they perceived to be 'the heart of things'. To them, anywhere beyond zone 2 was a passport to middle aged boredom. But as soon as I moved 'out' I was happier, healthier and got to know people – from my neighbours to members of the local sports club I joined – I felt part of a real community. I had a stream and a field with horses grazing at the bottom of my Mill Hill garden - something not normally available in Islington or Knightsbridge. Of course not all of suburbia is like that but Barnet is unusually green and most of us have some open space nearby.

And over the last five or ten years, some of the most fervent

By Liat Joshi

critics of suburbia among my friends have moved to outer London themselves - in pursuit of greenery, cleaner air and a better environment for raising a family.

They didn't all choose suburban living - rising house prices have pushed young Londoners out into areas that haven't always been the height of fashion – but once here, few would swap their gardens, greenbelt and schools to live in the middle of London's hustle and bustle again.

But it's not just my peers who are changing, so is suburbia. Barnet's streets have more style than ever with restaurants and shops that wouldn't look out of place in the West End. Brent Cross has gone decidedly upmarket with stores such as Hugo Boss, Molton Brown and Hilfiger. The arrival of Carluccio's and Wagamama will please foodies. Meanwhile, just down the road unassuming Temple Fortune has become a designer shopping mecca – with Vivienne Westwood, Chloe, Missoni and Earl Jeans on offer.

But Barnet's restyling isn't just about shopping and restaurants – central to the borough's newly thriving arts scene is *artsdepot* in North Finchley.

*artsdepot* is no ordinary suburban arts centre - take a look inside and it's about as far from net curtains and floral wallpaper as you can get. It's fashionably fitted

out, with slate floors, acres of wood and some rather funky paint colours. There's substance as well as style though - *artsdepot* has attracted Miranda Richardson, Toyah Wilcox and, perhaps ironically, suburbia's Victor Meldrew – the actor Richard Wilson - as patrons and some impressive acts from the musical and theatrical worlds have featured there so far.

Elsewhere, other cultural highlights include the beautiful restored art house Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley and Middlesex University's Museum of Domestic Architecture.

The other great beauty of suburbia is that the inner city is so accessible. I love the fact I can get to the West End in 25 minutes from my local station, yet I have genuine farmland and rural spaces practically on my doorstep – places like the Totteridge/ Mill Hill green belt and Hadley Common are refreshing retreats from our busy lives. Living in Barnet means having the best of all worlds.



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that Barnet is a better place to live than last year. That's why we've included a feature are doing to respond.

## Housing set to improve

With major regeneration taking place across Barnet, council tenants will be getting new and improved homes that meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard. Four priority housing estates and the Cricklewood/Brent Cross area will be rejuvenated over the next 15 years, subject to planning permissions.

At Grahame Park, all 1,777 homes will be replaced and joined by new affordable and private housing. The Colindale area will benefit from a housing scheme for 2,800 homes at RAF East Camp.

Hundreds of new homes will be provided at Stonegrove and Spur Road. The council will consider a detailed planning application this

autumn. Plans for 2,220 new homes at West Hendon will also be considered shortly.

Work on plans for the redevelopment of the Dollis Valley Estate is underway. The local community will be fully consulted this summer.

The Cricklewood regeneration project has been expanded to include the Whitefield estate. Full consultation with residents is taking place before plans are firmed up.

New community facilities will also be provided at each of the regeneration areas, which could include schools, health centres, retail units, and open space. Details on the schemes are available at [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk)

**Did you know that Barnet is one of the safest London boroughs?** We continue to make Barnet even safer by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. New CCTV cameras have gone live at High Barnet, Burnt Oak, Cricklewood, Friary Park, and Hendon. CCTV already operates at Tally Ho Corner, Edgware, Golders Green, Grahame Park Estate, Childs Hill, East Barnet, and Hampden Square. A total of 80 cameras now cover the borough.

A new web site exclusively covering community safety and crime prevention in Barnet has been launched - [www.safercommunities.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.safercommunities.barnet.gov.uk)

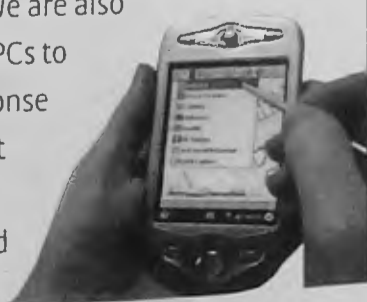


## Cleaner streets

The residents' survey tells us you feel that our streets are getting cleaner. Our new Pocket PC technology will improve things even more. When street enforcement officers find a problem, such as a littered area, they identify where they are on a map, take a picture and email the information back to council HQ.

The council then identifies workers nearest to the location to take immediate action. The Pocket PCs are reducing a significant amount of paperwork in keeping with the council's commitment to reduce waste.

Over time the council can geographically map any problem areas. So, if a particular area has a consistent problem a targeted response can be worked out. We are also using Pocket PCs to improve response times in street lighting, highways, and graffiti.



## Are you getting your share?

The council has launched a campaign to increase the take-up of benefits.

This year we expect to pay over £140 million to help residents on a low income.

But there are still lots of people who don't even realise that they could be eligible for help. Are you one of them?

We can help people of all ages, the employed and the unemployed, people already on benefits, single parents, couples with or without children, private tenants and owner occupiers, amongst many others.

To find out if you are eligible contact the Council on 0208 359 2111 for an application form, or visit [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) and follow the link to 'Benefits and Tax'.

## Recycling on the up

According to the residents' survey you are more satisfied than before with our recycling facilities. These include the Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre, 51 bring banks, communal recycling points for flats, and the successful Black Box scheme.

It is now compulsory for all residents living in houses to take part in the Black Box scheme. Simply put your cans, glass and paper in your Black Box instead of your refuse bin. Black Boxes are provided free.

And to help you recycle even more we are expanding our collection services. Green waste collections will be offered to houses by the end of August.

Further information on local recycling services is available at [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk).

Contact ECT Recycling for your free Black Box on 020 8371 3670.



**In brief**

## Sanctuary project wins national praise

A council project helping victims of domestic violence feel secure in their own homes has won national recognition.

The Sanctuary Project, launched in May 2004, was highly praised in a study about homelessness published by the National Audit Office.

The project helps people to stay in their own homes by taking a few simple steps, such as installing extra locks and panic alarms, to help them feel safe from the threat of domestic violence.

## Royal recognition for Ravenscroft

The Ravenscroft School in Totteridge has been recognised as a centre of good practice and excellence for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It was recently awarded the Barnet Adventure Award Operating Licence and will now oversee award work in schools throughout Barnet.

Headteacher Mary Karaolis, the school's Chair of Governors Andy Hardy, and its Award Officer David Gallagher, travelled to St James' Palace to receive the licence from HRH, the Duke of Edinburgh.



# Zero tolerance for those selling alcohol to youngsters

Barnet Council has introduced a zero tolerance policy against those who flout the law and sell alcohol to youngsters. All licensees in the borough have received strict warning from the council that offenders will be prosecuted and are being consistently monitored. Already this year there have been a substantial number of prosecutions gained and formal cautions issued. If a trader is prosecuted for underage sales the police can apply to the local magistrate's court

to revoke their licence.

The zero tolerance policy is for two reasons. Added vigilance should prevent young people in Barnet from being able to purchase alcohol easily. It will also place the spotlight firmly on those licensees who turn a blind eye to the purchase of alcohol by young people.

Underage drinking is a growing problem nationally and Barnet Council is committed to taking preventative measures to alleviate the problem in the

borough. The Licensing Act 2003 transferred responsibility for licensing pubs, clubs, restaurants and off-licences from the Magistrates to the Council. There are four licensing objectives included in the Act. The prevention of nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm. If you require further details on the licensing policy of Barnet Council please check our website at

[www.barnet.gov.uk/licensing](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/licensing)

## Barnet in Bloom competition

2005 marks the 15th annual Barnet in Bloom competition and is a fantastic opportunity for you to win many great prizes through the borough wide creation of colourful front gardens, balconies, floral displays, or container gardens at your home, place of worship, work place, school or community centre.

Each year the number of entries received from residents, pubs, town centres, restaurants, and many others in the community, continues to increase and we are hoping that 2005 will be the most colourful yet!

Finalists for all categories will also go on to participate in the London in Bloom Competition.

### Entry Form

All entries must be received by Friday 20 June 2005. Please send entries to: Renae Randle, Marketing Officer, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG Fax: 020 8359 2677

**I wish to enter:**

- |  |   |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Front Garden     | <input type="checkbox"/> The Residential Trophy                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Container Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Bloomin Pub   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Balcony Display  | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Educational Garden                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Floral Display   | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Floral Display and/or Garden outside a Place of Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School / Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this competition (Please note that your entry will not be accepted if you do not agree to the terms and conditions, and if your signature does not appear below).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# New Mayor of Barnet

Barnet's new Mayor, Cllr Andreas Tambourides, was officially sworn in at the annual Mayor Making Ceremony in May.



The ceremony took place in the Council Chamber at Hendon Town Hall and was attended by councillors, representatives from local organisations and the new Mayor's family and friends.

Cllr Tambourides is Barnet's first Greek Cypriot Mayor. He has been ward member for Brunswick Park since 1998 and he was the Deputy Mayor in 2003/4.

Throughout his Mayoral year, Cllr Tambourides will be working to raise funds for his chosen charity, Mind.

Cllr Tambourides said: "This will be a valuable experience for me. Barnet is such a wonderful place and I look forward to meeting all the people who make it tick."

Outgoing Mayor Cllr Wendy Prentice, who handed over her chain of office to Cllr Tambourides, worked continuously during her mayoral year to raise the profile and awareness of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, her chosen charity. During her term in office she raised funds through

several charity events which supplied two local people with hearing dogs and raised a grand sum of over £15,000.

Highlights of Cllr Prentice's mayoral year included a charity ball, cycle ride, tree planting ceremony and grand finale charity concert.

Cllr Prentice said: "I've loved every minute of my term in office. It has been a lifetime experience I will always treasure. Thank you to everyone who gave me their support".



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# what's on



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## Leisure/Pastimes

### 50 Years of Church Farmhouse Museum

Until 4 September

This year London Borough of Barnet's Church Farmhouse Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary, and this summer exhibition looks back at its permanent collections of local history and domestic life material, its work with schools and local societies, and its many temporary exhibitions- especially those for children: teddy bears, rag dolls, jigsaws, dolls' houses, and more. There will be toys and games for the very young to play with, and a drawing competition for older children, and free events in the Museum Garden in the school holidays.

Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon NW4. Open Mon-Thurs. 10am-1pm and 2-5pm; Sat. 10am-1pm and 2-5.30pm; Sun. 2-5.30pm. Admission free. Phone 020 8203 0130.

### 'Stately Homes and Stately Lives'

3 July

An historical walk through the Georgian village of Monken Hadley with Paul Baker (City of London Guide). Meet outside The Spires, Barnet High Street at 11am.

### 'Priests, Pomp and Paupers'

17 July

An historical walk through High Barnet. Meet outside Barnet College, Wood Street at 3pm. For more details or bookings phone 020 8440 6805. Both walks, £5, accompanied under 12s free.

### Sacred Heart Line Dance Club

Meets weekly during term time on Thursdays 8.45-10.30pm. Beginners welcome. Sacred Heart Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill, NW7. £3 (refreshments included). For more details phone 020 8445 6580.

## Arts

### artsdepot

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020 8369 5454. artsdepot brings you the best of Latin American



Church Farmhouse Museum

and Spanish culture with Celebra, a festival of music, dance, theatre and art in June and July.

### 'Sensing Change'

8 Jun, 8pm

Union Dance 'Sensing Change' shows how 21st century culture embraces and celebrates transformation. Double bill by distinctive UK choreographers explores rapidly changing ideals through dance and eye-catching design.

### 'Rosebud - The Lives of Orson Welles'

24 Jun, 8pm

Rosebud Productions and Scamp Theatre present 'Rosebud - The Lives of Orson Welles' (one of the hottest tickets at the 2004 Edinburgh Festival Fringe).

### Edinburgh Fringe previews

25 Jun & 2 Jul, 8pm

Avalon bring a riotous line-up of comic geniuses to artsdepot for a series of Edinburgh Fringe previews.



'Rosebud - The Lives of Orson Welles'

For more details about these events, the Celebra festival and other theatre, dance, music, comedy and spoken word activities, exhibitions, courses and classes at artsdepot phone the Box Office on 020 8369 5454 or log onto [www.artsdepot.co.uk](http://www.artsdepot.co.uk)

### Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture

Middlesex University's Campus, Cat Hill EN4 8HT. For opening times phone 020 8411 5244 or see [www.moda.mdx.ac.uk](http://www.moda.mdx.ac.uk) Free entrance.

### 'Outrageous Wallpapers' exhibition

Until 2 October

Around 30 samples from MoDA's collections of the brightest wallpapers produced for the mass market between the 1920s and 1950s.

### 'Climbing the Walls: wallpapers in fact and fancy'

11 June, 10.30am-4pm

Study day. Topics ranging from patterns of the past, today's vibrant designs, wallpapers in decorative schemes and how writers use wallpapers. Cost £25/£20 conc. Optional buffet lunch £6.50. To book phone 020 8411 4394.

### Drop In Session to celebrate Veterans Awareness Week

9 July, 2-3pm

A chance to see items from MoDA's archive dating from the Second World War and the immediate post-war years such as a ration book, utility furniture catalogues and magazines published during the war years.

### 'Wallpaper to Artwork'

16 & 23 July, 10am-4pm

2 day workshop for adults about new ways of design and creative ideas development. Also suitable for beginners. £50/£40 conc. To book phone 020 8411 4394.

### 5 June

Jazz Shed presents Oscar Peterson's drummer Martin Drew with The New Couriers, playing the music of Victor Feldman, Tubby Hayes, Ronnie Scott, Jimmy Deuchar and Clark Terry. Bar/restaurant opens 7pm. Music 8-11pm. Chicken Shed Theatre, Chase Side, Southgate, N14 4PE. Admission £8.50/£6.50 conc. Box Office 020 8292 9222.

### 6th Mill Hill Music Festival

5-11 June

Mill Hill Music Festival has a wide choice of musical events, designed to appeal to all music lovers and showcases new talent. For the first time the festival is playing host to the British Youth Opera. One of the highlights of this year's festival is the international jazz legend Mr Acker Bilk MBE, performing at Holcombe House on 7 June at 8pm. Some very promising acts include the award winning pianist Maiko Mori and rising jazz vocalist Imelda May Higham. The programme is bursting with gifted musicians, amateur or professional, just starting out or long established, local or international. For tickets and a programme of events see [www.millhillmusicfest.co.uk](http://www.millhillmusicfest.co.uk) or phone 020 8953 5198.



Imelda May Higham

**'Twenty First Century Barnet'**  
10 June, 3.30pm

The Barnet Society's 60th Anniversary Competition for local artists at Chipping Barnet Library. Judged by Gilly Kilburn, Head of Art And Design at Barnet College. Please come and support local artists. Admission free. For more details phone 020 8364 8644.

**12th year of Proms at St Jude's**  
11-19 June

Central Square, NW11  
A wonderful range of music in aid of The North London Hospice and Toynbee Hall. Performers include world renowned artists, such as the Endellion String Quartet; the Russian pianist Nikolai Demidenko; soprano Emma Kirkby in a choral concert conducted by Ron Corp; and the sensational young jazz singer Gwyneth Herbert and Her Band. Other concerts include Trumpets in Concert from Vienna and 'Drop Another Hat', a revival of Flanders and Swann songs in the company of Michael Bernstein and Colin Stevens. The Gala Opening Night concert with conductor Rebecca Miller features The New Professionals, in a programme including Beethoven's Eroica Symphony and Schumann's Piano Concerto, played by Danny Driver. The Last Night of the Proms features Tamás András playing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and soprano Isobel Buchanan with the Southbank Sinfonia, conductor Simon Over. Free lunchtime concerts feature young musicians at the start of their careers. Also 3 Promenades on the 11th, 17th & 18th (tickets £5) departing from the Garden Suburb Gallery, Hampstead Way at 10.30am and ending at St. Jude's in time for the lunchtime concerts. On 17 June at 3pm, a traditional cream tea in the Proms marquee, with musical entertainment in aid of the North London Hospice as part of National Hospice Day. For more information or to receive a Proms leaflet phone 020 8455 8687 or see [www.stjudes.org.uk](http://www.stjudes.org.uk) Phone bookings 020 8933 5365.

**The Barnet Collection**  
19 June, 2-5pm

exhibiting a diverse selection of garden art, ceramics and sculpture in the beautiful Mediterranean NSPCC Open Garden at 25A Pinegrove, Totteridge, N20. All work for sale. Also plant sale and teas.

**'King Lear'**

4 - 9 July  
William Shakespeare's classic dark play about family relationships and paternal love. Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road (behind Health Centre),

Friern Barnet, N11. For more details and to book phone 020 8361 8310.

**Finchley Chamber Choir and Finchley Chamber Orchestra Concert.**

9 July, 7.45pm  
Programme: Schumann: Requiem for Mignon; Brahms: Alto Rhapsody; Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 (Choral). Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12. Adults £10/£7 conc. For further details phone 020 8440 1899.

**A Midsummer Night's Dream**

The Garden Suburb Theatre presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare. A modern dress, open-air production by Francis Beckett. Enjoy the magic, lovers, kings, queens and fairies, all staged in an authentic woodland clearing. Little Oak Wood, (off Falloden Way/Addison Way), Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11. Performances 15 & 16 and 20-23 July at 7.30pm with matinees on both Saturdays at 3pm. Tickets £6 (£4.50 conc.). No need to book in advance. For more details phone 020 7723 6609.

**Summer Festivals**

**30th East Finchley Community Festival**

18 June Festival Football at St Martin School Field. Local primary schools' annual football competition, the winning team leading the East Finchley Festival Parade; 25 June, Festival Workshop at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, noon-5pm. Family fun day including bouncy castles, face painting and a workshop for those preparing masks and costumes for the festival parade; 26 June, Festival Parade, leaving the Green Man Community Centre at 11.15am and making its way along the High Road, arriving at Cherry Tree Woods for noon marking the start of the festival. This year's theme is pirates and princesses; 26 June noon-6pm, music on two stages, world food, a beer tent and over 60 craft and charity stalls. Free entry. For more information phone 020 8883 4916 or see [www.eastfinchley.co.uk](http://www.eastfinchley.co.uk)

**East Barnet Festival**

1-3 July  
A 3 day musical extravaganza, starting on Friday at 7pm with Susi Earnshaw's Children's Show. Sat. noon-7pm a music programme with local bands performing. Sat. 1-4pm workshop led by Barnet Folk Club. Sun. artsdepot painting workshop for children aged 5-11. Throughout the festival there's a fairground open from noon-10pm. Also arts and crafts, cakes and international

food, refreshments and a bar plus much more. In the arena there will be a climbing tower, fungee bungee and a bouncy maze. Oak Hill Park, Church Hill Road, EN4. Free entry. For more information phone 01707 781 745 or see website [www.eastbarnetfestival.org.uk](http://www.eastbarnetfestival.org.uk)

**Pentland Finchley Carnival and Monty Hammond Fun Fair in Victoria Park.**

13-17 July  
13th, 5.30-10.30pm, Barnet's own rock band 'The Hush'; 14th, 5.30-10.30pm, arena events including singer Hannah; 15th, 1.30pm, hospitality afternoon for senior citizens and disabled people. Free entry including refreshments; 5.30-10.30pm, arena entertainment; 16th, noon-10.30pm, carnival procession leaves Avenue House, East End Road at 1.30pm. For more information about joining the procession and for sponsorship details contact 01707 661688. This year's theme is myths and fables. Individual groups in fancy dress or national costumes in aid of charity also welcomed. Arena events, arts, crafts and charity stalls, refreshments and BBQ; 17th 2-8pm, arena events, dog show, Junior Talent Show (up to age 14), arts, crafts and charity stalls, refreshments and BBQ. Admission 13th-15th evenings £1, 16th & 17th family ticket £5 (2 adults and 2 children), adults £2, ages 3-16 and conc. £1 (ages under 2 free). For more information phone 020 8349 9691.

**Under 18s**

**Half Term Holiday Workshops**  
Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture (MoDA), Middlesex University, Cat Hill, Barnet EN4 8HT. (for more information and bookings (payable in advance) phone 020 8411 4394).

**For ages 5-12**

Workshops 10am-noon & repeated 2-4pm, cost £5. 31 May, a messy but fun workshop using clay as a base for printing shapes, colours and textures on to paper; 1 June, using all sorts of materials, create a small version of yourself to put in your garden or in a plant pot. Make it as silly or as scary as you like!; 2 June, making fashionable jewellery accessories using fabric, beads and wire.

**For ages 8-13**

Silk screen printing. 3 June, 9.30am-12.30pm & repeated 1.30-4.30pm. Print a poster or t-shirt (bring a t-shirt) using screen-printing techniques. £15/Arts Club members £13.50.

artsdepot, 5 Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, N12 0GA. Box Office: 020 8369 5454.

At half term artsdepot are holding a series of workshops around the theme of 'Carnival'. For details phone the box office number above.

**'The Magic Sandals'**

12 Jun, 3pm  
Tam Tam Theatre presents 'The Magic Sandals' based on a traditional Peruvian tale - a delightful and gentle introduction to the colourful South American culture. Ages 3-8 (£6).

**'The Sorcerer's Apprentice'**

19 Jun, 3pm  
Kazzum presents an unusual version of 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice' inspired by the centuries' old tradition of Vietnamese water puppetry. Ages 3-7 (£5).

**'Goldilocks'**

26 Jun, 3pm  
The traditional tale of Goldilocks given extra drama and humour in this production by Martin Bridle, The Puppet Man. Ages 4-8 (£5).

**Half Term S.O.S**

30 May-3 June  
All ages can get involved in realistic air-sea rescue missions as aircrew survivors in a liferaft or rescuers at a mock 'rescue co-ordination centre'. Helicopter landings. On display exhibits by the RAF, RNLI and Maritime Coastguard Agency including an inflatable Lifeboat. Members of the RAF (22 Squadron) demonstrating survival equipment. It's all free. Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, London NW9 5LL. Free parking. Phone 020 8358 4849 or see website [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org) for details of events.

**Miscellaneous**

**Barnet NCT Nearly New Sale**

9 July, 2.30-4.30pm  
Come along and grab a bargain from the large range of babies' and children's clothes, toys, books and other items. St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. Entrance £1 per adult/children free. If you would like a stall for this popular event, phone 07960 521271.

To publicise your event in What's On (space permitting) and also on Barnet's website ([www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk)) send details to Susan Segar, Barnet First magazine, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG or email: [susan.segar@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:susan.segar@barnet.gov.uk)

## A-Z of services in Barnet



### A

Abandoned vehicles	020 8359 2277
Adoption and fostering	020 8359 5701

### B

Barnet Homes	0800 389 5225
Barnet Homeseekers	020 8359 4797
Barnet Housing Aid Centre	020 8446 2504
Barnet Primary Care Trust	020 8201 4700
Barnet Voluntary Service Council	020 8446 6624
Blue badge parking permits	020 8359 4208/4131
Business rates	020 8359 2735/2163

### C

Council housing repairs	020 8359 5225
Cemetery and crematorium	020 8346 0657
Children's Information Service	0800 389 8312

#### Community centre bookings:

Cheshir Hall, Garth Hall and Spur Road	020 8359 5258
Grahame Park	020 8200 3014
West Hendon	020 8359 5406
Watling	020 8959 2259

Council Anti-Fraud Hotline	020 8359 2007
Council recruitment	0870 161 1613
Council tax enquiries	020 8359 2608
Customer care unit	020 8359 4600

### E

Education service	020 8359 7618
Electoral services	020 8359 5577
Emergency council telephone service	020 8359 2000

### F

First Contact (for all general enquiries)	020 8359 2277
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### H

Hospitals:	
Barnet	0845 111 4000
Chase Farm	020 8366 6600
Edgware Community	020 8952 2381
Finchley Memorial	020 8349 6300

Housing and Council Tax benefits	0208 359 2111
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### L

Leisure centres and swimming pools:	
Barnet Copthall	020 8457 9900
Finchley Lido	020 8343 9830
Hendon	020 8455 0818
Barnet and Burnt Oak Church Farm	020 8201 0982
Compton	020 8368 7070
Queen Elizabeth	020 8361 8658
	020 8441 2933

Libraries	020 8359 2277
London Fire Brigade (Barnet Borough Team)	020 7587 2270

### M

Mobile library service	020 8458 1139
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### N

Noise nuisance	020 8359 7997
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### P

Parking permits	020 8359 7580/1/2
Parks and open spaces	020 8359 4600
Planning applications and enquiries	020 8359 3000

### R

Recycling facilities	020 8359 7400
Refuse collection	020 8359 4600
Registry office	020 8731 1100

### S

Social Security Office	020 8732 6000
Social Services for the elderly	020 8359 2440
Special collections (bulk refuse collection)	020 8359 5043
Switchboard	020 8359 2000

### T

Trading Standards	020 8359 2606
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### Y

Young people's advice line	020 8492 7332
Youth and Connexions service	020 8359 7819/7831