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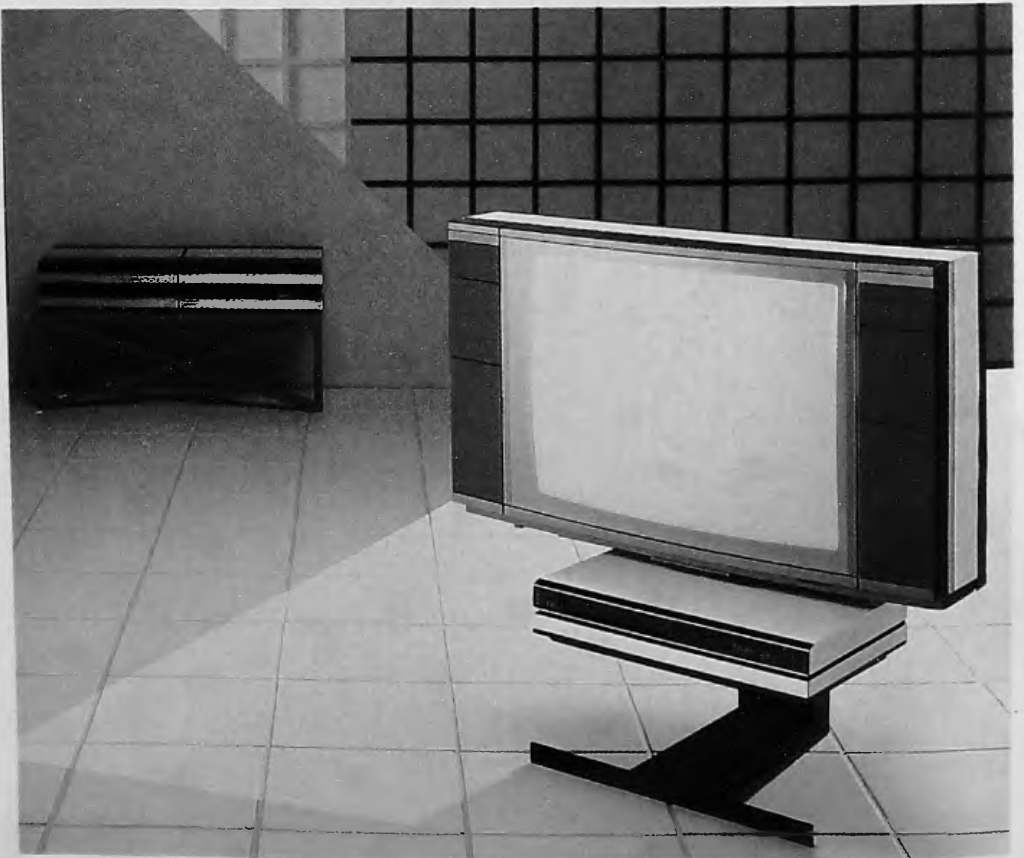
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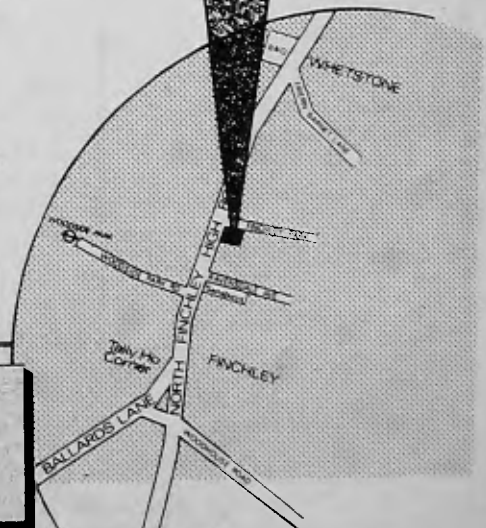
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FRONT COVER

The Dussehra Festival at Victoria Park is dominated by the effigy of the wicked King Ravan. The finale of the festival is the great bonfire and firework display signifying good overcoming evil. Pictures of this year's festival appear on page 63.



The Mayor demonstrates the Lifeline phone, helped by Dennis Signy, appeal committee chairman, and Sue Mitchell, principal housing welfare officer.

LIFELINE LINE-UP

SEVEN elderly ladies who all live alone, have a new friend in the house — a Lifeline telephone.

They were presented to them by the Mayor, Cllr Don Goodman, who welcomed them to the Town Hall, Hendon, on Monday, October 17. A further five are going to housebound residents.

More ordered

The Lifelines are the first consignment to be purchased through the Mayor of Barnet's Appeal Fund. And a further 10 have been ordered.

Each Lifeline phone is linked to Barnet's own control centre at Whetstone. It is a traditional phone plus a large red emergency button which when pressed opens up a direct voice link to the centre. At the same time in the centre the name and address of the caller is

flashed onto the screen together with any necessary information.

With the telephone goes a neck pendant which can be worn as a necklace. When it is pressed it activates the warning in the control centre and help can be sent, even if the elderly resident is unable to speak.

'You are getting a friend in the house,' the Mayor said. 'I believe you will feel a lot more confident now that you have help available at the touch of a button.'

Events

The Mayor's Appeal for Lifeline was set up in May. Each phone costs £250 including two year's monitoring fee.

The money has been raised by sponsorship, charity events and donations.

Among those who have already

helped the fund to purchase the first 22 phones are: Debbie Sussman, sponsored wing walk; Trust House Forte; The Hendon Times and Cannon Cinema, charity film show; Cllr Denis and Lorna Dippel, supper evening; Impress PR on behalf of Laing Homes; Flairline Furniture; Ashmole School; Dollis Junior School; Joan and Roy Upton-Holder, concert; Finchley Pensioners' Club; Methodist Church, Finchley; St. Mary's at Finchley PCC; Hendon Reform Synagogue; John Keble Badminton Club; Mill Hill Horticultural and Allotment Association; Arkley Golf Club; Dragon Inn, Hendon; Hendon Co-ordinated Charities; Youth and Community Service; J. C. Richardson, concert; Hendon and District British Dental Association; North London Local Advertiser, Barnet Borough News and Willie Webb's Fun Fair at Finchley Carnival; and many local residents.

Boost for Barnet's tennis

BARNET Leisure Link's programme received a big boost this month when the Lawn Tennis Association Trust, the new wing of the Lawn Tennis Foundation which was formed on October 1, awarded them a generous grant of £2,000 for the sport.

The award was made in recognition of Barnet's ambitious plans to improve tennis facilities in the borough. Already £50,000 has been spent by the Council on refurbishing and upgrading 21 court surfaces, introducing a comprehensive coaching programme, and improving publicity which has re-

sulted in more than 100,000 players using the courts in the last 12 months.

With the proposed introduction of an advanced computer booking system in the spring and the expected increase in the use of the courts next year, never before has financial sponsorship been more important to the borough's tennis programme and the award has come at the perfect time.

Because of the ever increasing popularity of the sport, tennis courts will remain open all this winter but it is advisable to telephone before turning up, to check

that the courts are in a useable condition.

There will also be a selection of courses, so if you want to stay fit and trounce your opponents at the beginning of the next tennis season, then contact Mike Behnke on 01-446 8511 for further details.

WINNERS

The winners of the Welephant colouring competition in the August Borough News were Angela London (aged nine), New Barnet; Chia-Yen Oh (10) Whetstone; and Paula White (six), East Finchley.



Design a Poster Competition

HUNDREDS of pounds worth of prizes are being offered to Barnet Schools by McDonald's Hamburgers Ltd, in a poster design competition to support the Keep Barnet Tidy Campaign.

The Keep Barnet Tidy Group organised the competition which is open to all schools in the borough.

There are five classes: One for infants and nursery schoolchildren aged three to

seven years; one for junior schoolchildren, aged eight to 11; and three for secondary schools for ages 12 to 14; 15 to 16 and 17 to 19.

The students are invited to design a poster to promote the Keep Barnet Tidy campaign.

The winners of each class will receive £100 for their schools and £10 for themselves plus a special certificate. The winning posters will be displayed at an exhibition in spring next year and the best of these may actually be reproduced for the campaign itself.

The competition was made possible by McDonald's,

whose headquarters are in East Finchley. They agreed to fund the printing and prizes as a joint sponsorship by the three local restaurants; Colindale, Golders Green and Chipping Barnet.

Cllr Dot Benson, chairman of the Keep Barnet Tidy Group, said: 'It is very encouraging when an international company with a strong local base, shows such active support for the work we are doing to improve the quality of the local environment. I hope that the schools will give the scheme their full support.'

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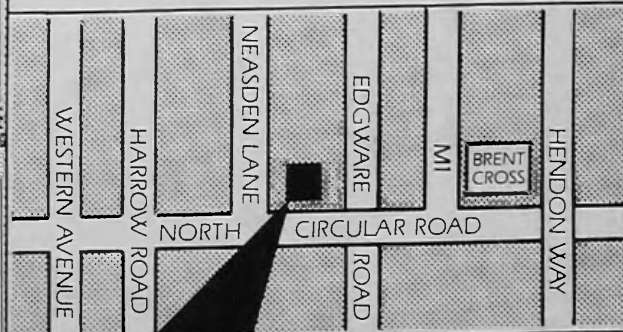


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Barnet Arts Workshop

Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley

BUSES 143, 271 (or a short walk from 13, 26, 82, 143, 260)

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Trinity Church

Hodford Road, Golders Green

BUSES 13, 26, 28, 82, 83, 102, 183, 210, 226, 240, 245, 260, H2, N13, N59

Hendon Music Society present in association with Barnet Libraries and Arts an international recital series until May 13th. Advance Booking for: Moura Lympany (piano) Nov 12th, and Myriad - presenting Twentieth Century Blues, Feb 18th '89. Enquiries: Telephone Hendon Music Society on: 01-203 2355.

Hendon Library

The Burroughs

BUSES 143, 183 or short walk from 113, 186

Three to book in the Library: Nov 17th, A Musical Biography of Moura Lympany who plays in the Barnet International Series on Nov 12th - a prelude; Dec 5th, Great Australian Artists in the world of music - a presentation of Peter Gammond; Feb 6th, Conifer Records: recent Releases - a presentation by John Kehoe. Enquiries: Telephone: 01-203 2355.



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Barnet Odeon Film Centre, Great North Road. Enquiries: Telephone: 01-449 4147.

BUSES 26, 34, 82, 84, 84A, 107, 134, 263, N13, N92

East Finchley Phoenix, 52 High Road. Enquiries: Telephone: 01-883 2233.

BUSES 17, 102, 143, 263, 263A, 271 (Suns), N92

Cannon (Ionic) Golders Green, 612, Finchley Road. Enquiries: Telephone: 01-455 1724.

BUSES 13, 26, 28, 82, 83, 102, 183, 210, 226, 240, 245, 260, H2, N13, N59

Odeon Muswell Hill, Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill. Enquiries: Telephone: 01-883 1001.

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Labour councillors available first Saturday of month 10.30 to 11.30am, 104 East Barnet Road, New Barnet.

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Conservative councillors, first Saturday of month 10.30am to noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3

East Finchley — Labour councillors every Saturday, 10am to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane N2.

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Friern Barnet Ward — Contact Cllrs Chris Platford (368 6817), Brian Salinger (368 1329), John Iplady (445 5734).

Hendon North

John Gorst, MP, November 25, by appointment. At other times tel 959 1446 or via constituency office, 2 Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill. **Conservative councillors**, Grahame Park, first Wednesday of month, and Mill Hill, every Wednesday.

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Hendon South

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Childs Hill — Social and Liberal Democrat councillors every second Wednesday of month 7-8pm, Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, NW11 and every fourth Monday of month, 7-8pm, St Peter's Church Hall, Cricklewood Lane, NW2. Cllrs Cohen (445 3981), Palmer (455 5140), Stone (450 0762).

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Euro MP

John Marshall, Euro MP, contact Euro agent: 440 7328.

Nature Notes NOVEMBER

By Clive Herbert

A naturalist's year is extremely variable — and that's part of what makes it so interesting. However, there are a number of regular items to be dealt with.

For instance, in March the telephone rings continually with reports of frog spawn. By May the requests for help often come from people who believe they've found abandoned young birds. While June and July can largely be devoted to attending householders who discover part of their property being used as a bat roost.

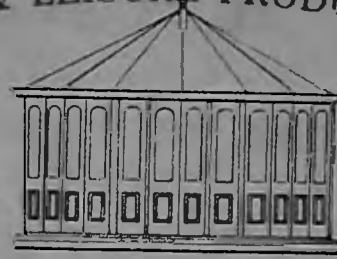
Life becomes a little quieter in August and September — but not for long! By the autumn, questions are often concerning hedgehogs.

Hedgehogs are one of the few British mammals to hibernate (others are bats and dormice) and in order to prepare for this they need to lay down considerable fat reserves. At this time of the year, late born juveniles can often be found foraging day and night. Unless a hedgehog weighs about 1¼lb it is not going to survive hibernation. Its only chance is for someone to "take it in" and feed it through the winter. Missing out on hibernation will not harm it — the alternative for an underweight animal is death.

And finally, an annual reminder about your garden bonfires. If built over a period of several days, these can seem like an ideal hibernation site. Check them for hedgehogs before they are lit!

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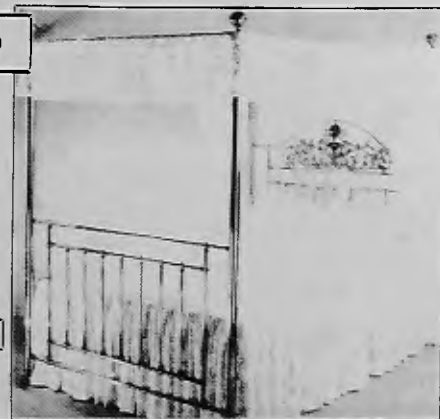
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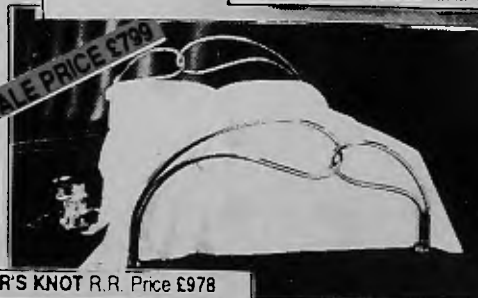
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THE BOROUGH's Environmental Health Department is taking stock of its service to customers. The staff are asking 'Are you free to answer questions which will help us to help you?'

In order to assess how well they are doing in reaching their ultimate goal of not just satisfying customers but delighting them, the Department has sent out questionnaires to a random sample of 1,500 people who have contacted the department within the last year.

It is not often that members of the public are given such an opportunity to comment on the services provided by individual departments of the Local Authority. Chief Environmental Health Officer Geoff Fish hopes those who have received the questionnaire will take the time to complete it and return it to him.

Questionnaire

Residents who have not received the questionnaire can still take part in the survey by contacting Mr Fish on 446 8511 extn 4806 or either of his deputies, John Osborne extn 4702 or Jim Spears extn 4703.

Barnet's Environmental Health Department receives thousands of complaints and requests for information every year. The staff deal with a wide range of work from pollution and food control, private sector housing, health and safety at work to general public health nuisance.

During the last two years, staff at all levels have worked to improve systems and procedures, all aimed at producing an excellent service on behalf of the public for the public.

Customer first

Mr Fish said: 'I am most anxious to make our services more responsive to what to what our customers want. Customer care and putting the customer first are fashionable ideas in private companies; but they have an equally important place in the public sector.'

'An Environmental Health Department is not like a private retailer, not only are our public our customers but also the citizens at large. We provide services for particular groups and also act on behalf of, and are accountable to, all our residents.'

'It is our aim that the values of quality customer care and fairness become central features of the Department's culture.'

Effort

It requires a mammoth effort from everybody to provide a service culture in which staff identify with the organisation goals, use their judgement and initiative and use their professionalism in terms of responding to customer needs.

Mr Fish continued: 'We will be listening closely to what our cus-

tomers tell us, and comments received from this initial survey will be used to consider ways in which services can be improved. It is intended that such surveys become a regular feature to give a benchmark of our service.'

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The existing office at East Barnet Town Hall, New Barnet Road, will close on November 9. The new office will be open from November 16.

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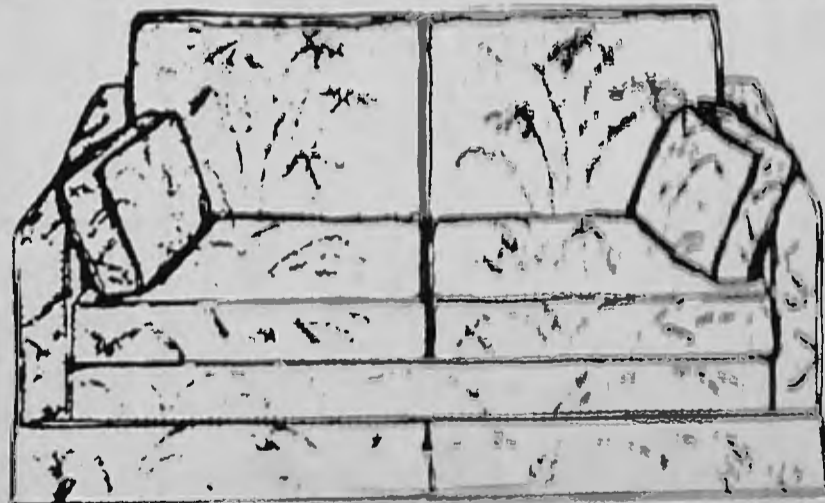
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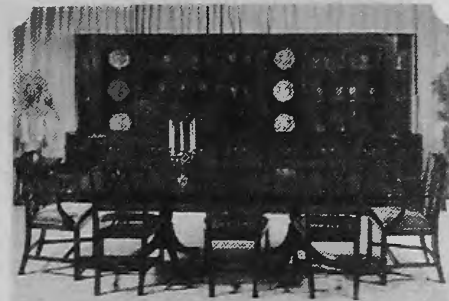


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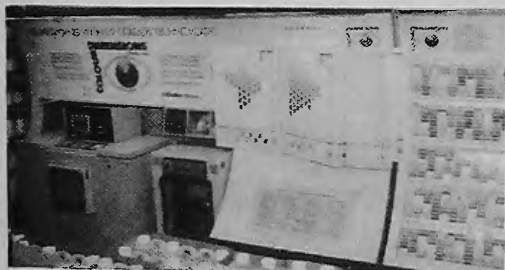
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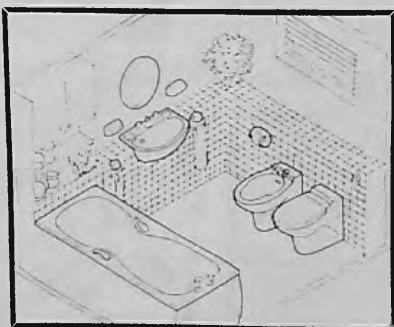
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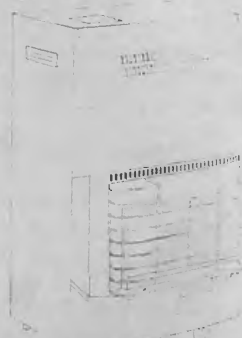
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「ジャパン スペシャル」その後...

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NIHON-GO COLUMN

THIS column in Japanese, which originated in last month's issue, aims to build a bridge between local residents and the Japanese community. We want to establish cordial relations by helping to eliminate misunderstandings on both sides.

The borough has one of the largest Japanese communities in London, mainly for business reasons. Social embarrassment and avoidable misunderstandings can arise because of difficulties, not only with language but differences in customs and practices.

Through this column it is hoped to offer a communication link. Drop us a line on your opinions, announcements etc. We would be delighted to hear from non-Japanese residents.

Write to: Press Office, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG. Mark the envelope 'Nihon-Go Column.'

Since last month's announcement of a special event to be held next year at Church End Library, there have been several offers of help. Volunteers have come forward to demonstrate the art of calligraphy, flower arranging, the 'go' checker game, cooking, kimono dressing and interior decoration. Offers from people with talents in other traditional arts will be welcome. Contact Mrs C. Kuroda 346 8626.

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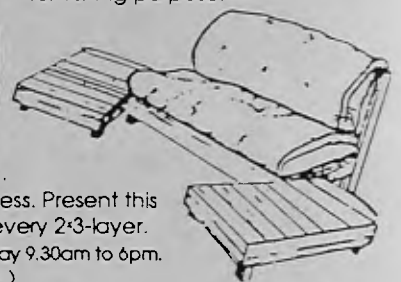


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The chairman of Public Works Committee, Cllr Victor Usher, and the Director of Technical Services, Mr. Max Caller, will be present to tell you about the scheme and answer you questions.

LONDON BOROUGH
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Oak Hill 'A' team take top award

WHICH is the best maintained open space park and garden in all of the boroughs north of the River Thames in London? Which has the best overall presentation of sports amenities? Is it one of the Royal parks such as Hyde Park, Regents Park or Kensington Gardens? No!

The answer is Oak Hill Park, East Barnet, which has received a prestigious new award by British Heritage. The shield to mark the Borough of Barnet's achievement was presented to Cllr Victor Lyon, chairman of the Council's Development and Estates Committee, by Mr Stephen Fenn, chairman of the Herts and Middlesex Region of British Heritage, in the bowling club pavilion at the park on Sunday, October 16. Barnet will hold the shield for three years.

Mr Fenn also presented medals to the parks staff who look after Oak Hill Park and its surrounding areas — all members of the 'A' team.

Mr Bill Griffiths, regional secretary, who lives in East Barnet, said that judging had taken place over a year without prior warning to any of the parks visited. The 12 judges, qualified in their various fields, came from the north of England with two from Scotland, so their verdict was completely unbiased.

Oak Hill Park was 'par excellence,' the very best, and he congratulated the management team and the parks staff who 'got it right.'

Accepting the award, Cllr Lyon said it reflected the change in the Development and Estates Committee's strategy about three years ago. 'We did not want show places. What we wanted was an upgrading of all the parks and open spaces within the borough.'

He paid tribute to the staff who had made it possible for this prestigious award to come to Barnet.



From left to right are Gilbert Moss (area officer), Jeffrey Wales (team foreman), Michael Hare (golf groundsman), Roy Balne (cricket groundsman), Lawrence Nicholson (craftsman gardener with 44 years' service), Ned Newbury (area foreman), Derek Aldridge (tractor driver), Bill Griffiths, Peter Bowman (bowling green groundsman), Cllr Victor Lyon, Cllr John Hart, Stephen Fenn, Cllr Olwen Evans, vice-chairman of the committee, and Mrs Sheila Lyon.

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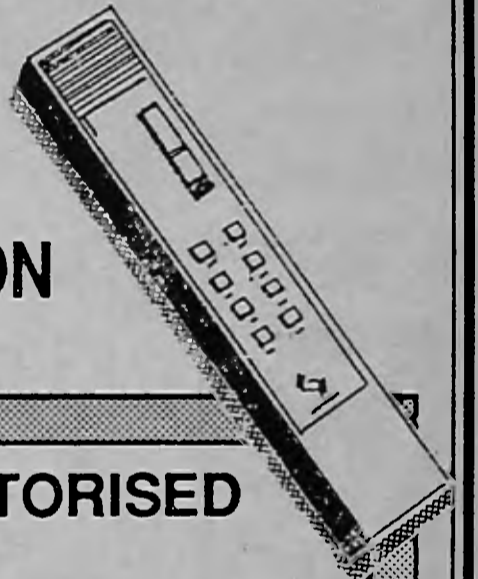
Re-Tree Barnet

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CHRISTMAS FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

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An original work of art is a present which cannot fail to please the connoisseur and can also be a

lucrative investment. The Totteridge Gallery in Whetstone has an enviable collection of British and Continental oil paintings, watercolours and limited edition prints. Owner, Peter Gutkind who has been at his present Totteridge Lane location since December 1986, can give expert advice, do valuations and also arrange for restoration of old artworks. At a time when early twentieth century artists like William Russell Flint and Dorothea Sharp are so highly sought after there is much advantage in buying locally. Prices are

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Australian-born Tom Merrifield is often described as the "dancers artist". His perception of movement line and beauty, demonstrated in both his sculptures and paintings, enhanced by his years of dance training, is unparalleled.

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A tragic accident, fracturing his leg, during rehearsals for Ken Russell's film "The Devils", prematurely ended his dancing career and led

him into the art world, with the encouragement of his wife, Blackie. Through her experience in the art world she had already spotted Tom's artistic potential when he sketched to while away time during long breaks in filming.

The ensuing fourteen years have led to Tom building a reputation for the excellence of his bronzes as well as his pastels, oils and watercolours.

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Traditional Printers, of East Finchley, as its name suggests, seeks to retain customary ideas. This year, owner Sue Williams, has a wide variety of traditional Xmas tree decorations, wooden and papier maché which are seasonal but not glitzy. The 'enterprise initiative' airman teddy bear is also featured along with a wide range of charity christmas cards, christmas wrappings, diaries etc. For a really unique present try some of their pretty stationary and have it personalised on the traditional printing machine in the shop. Operated by a craftsman compositor this machine uses old-fashioned metal type and is in constant use printing letterheads and invitations amongst other things. Ask also about their

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Borg's the name! So says the owner of The Borg Studio and Gallery, in Potters Bar. This friendly, family run business specialises in photography and high quality picture framing and a wide range of oil paintings, water colours and limited edition prints to suit all tastes. For an unique and unusual Christmas present take advantage of their canvass bonding service. This is fast growing in popularity as an alternative to having a portrait painted in oils as the new technique provides a bonded photograph of canvas quality.

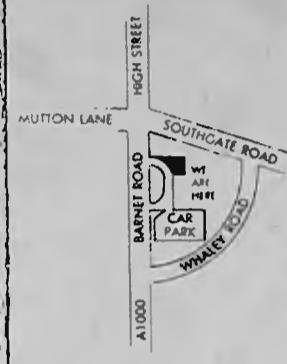
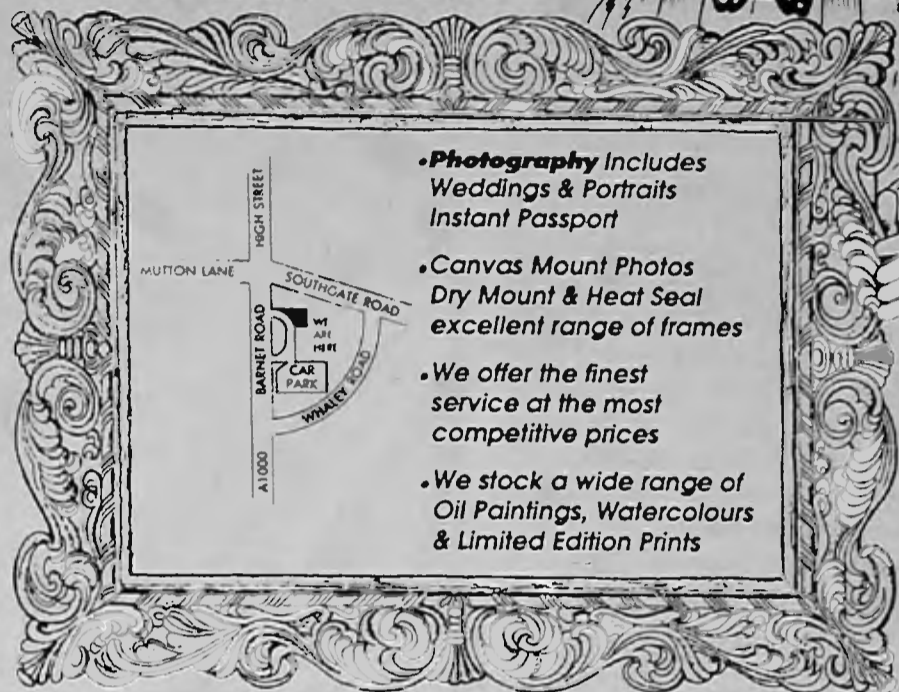
Gallery owners, Wilf and Patricia Borg, also offer instant passport photography, quality film processing with a 24-hour service. Call in and see them to learn more about this new business.

Finally, if good food is your forte, look no further than Penny's of Totteridge Lane, Whetstone whose widespread reputation has earned them the patronage of establishments like Fortnum & Mason, The Barbican Centre and the National Theatre. However they are happy to cater for smaller local buffets and local company functions. Taste for yourself the excellence of their quality produce at their Totteridge Lane Bakery and see the connoisseur foods from Epicure and Taylors which are rarely available outside the West End.

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THE LONDON EXPERIENCE

The Celebrating London Festival continues at East Finchley Methodist Church with two evenings of musical entertainment this month, in addition to the colourful and informative exhibition which is still running at the Church Hall in the High Road, N2.

On November 11 at 8pm, Robert Alderman presents Images of London in a programme of words and music. Admission 75p, schoolchildren 40p.

London Songs Through the Centuries is the entertainment by Ruth Lea and Andrea Whittaker on November 25. Admission by programme £1.50, schoolchildren 80p.

An Any Questions Evening will be held on November 14 at 8pm when a panel will respond to questions from the audience about contemporary issues affecting London. Admission by programme 75p.

London Underground stations form the basis of the exhibition in the Church Hall. Admission is free and visitors can discover a wealth of information on a wide variety of subjects and organisations.

East Finchley Library 'adopted' Baker Street station and the display



Celebrate London at the exhibition in East Finchley Methodist Church Hall.

shows how the library, which celebrated its 50th birthday last month, is a vital part of community life.

A highlight of the exhibition is a specially constructed model with more than 60 feet of working rail-

way and 30 feet of working tram lines. The model depicts life and transport in the late 1940s.

The exhibition is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 7pm and on Saturdays

from 10am to 5pm. Special opening arrangements for clubs, school parties and organisations. Enquire at the Exhibition Information Desk on 444 2016 or evenings, up to 9pm on 883 8906.

More at drama centre

BARNET'S Drama Centre at 142 High Road, East Finchley, is expanding its autumn programme of activities with special attractions for all ages.

Children can find fun in making music. The aim is not to form an orchestra. Bring along your favourite instrument and be prepared for anything! Making Music begins on October 31 with sessions on Mondays from 4pm to 5pm for the under 10 age groups and Tuesdays, starting November 1, for 10 years plus. Cost £1.20 per session.

Barnet's Chinese theatre group, Tai Shen, are ready to share their knowledge and expertise in a series of Chinese dance classes. Beginners, of all ages, are welcome. The classes have been arranged so as many people as possible have a chance to learn this fascinating art. Each session costs £3.

Tuesdays 3pm to 4.30pm
(commencing November 1)

Wednesdays 10.30am to noon
(commencing November 2)

Thursdays 7.30pm to 9pm
(commencing November 3)

Saturdays 3.30pm to 5pm
(commencing November 5)

Theatre skills

Following on the success of the weekly Drama Workshops, the Drama Centre is launching a series of sessions covering a wide variety of theatre skills.

These new workshops are for people of all ages and levels of

experience and will be led by professionals. All sessions are on Sundays from 2pm to 5pm. Each session costs £3 (£2 concessions) or book in advance by phoning 883 9957, for all six at a cost of £10.

The programme is: Physical theatre skills, November 6; Puppeteering, November 13; Voice, November 20; Costume, November 27; Masks, December 4; and Stage Make-Up, December 11.

Special events

There are three special workshop events at the Centre in forthcoming weeks with visits by professional theatre companies.

Sunday, November 6 at 7pm the Broadsword Theatre Company present an evening of drama and activities exploring the subject of 'addiction' and how it affects people's lives.

Saturday, December 3 at 7.30pm the Leap Theatre Workshop have a programme of drama and activities covering the subject of 'barriers' both mental and physical.

Admission for both those events, which are aimed at the 16 plus age group, is £2.50 (£2 concessions).

Saturday, December 10 at 5pm Trading Faces Theatre Company present Big Boggledy Creature Time — an hour and a half of giant puppets, masks and fun for children aged five to 11. Admission £2. Children can meet them briefly before the day. They will be in the street outside the Drama Centre at 1.30pm on November 25.

Shaker graphics on show

A collection of packaging designs for seeds, herbs and other products produced by the Shaker religious communities of the east coast of America, is on show at the Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, until January 4.

The designs date from the early 19th century and are from a collection owned by Geoffrey Gale, senior lecturer in graphic design at the Middlesex Polytechnic.

These labels and packets cover products including canned vegetables, preserved fruit, woven and textile products, agricultural equipment and furniture.

Although they separated themselves from the outside world, the Shakers developed a reputation for reliability and honesty in business. This integrity was reflected in the high quality of their various products.

The industries were originally established for their own needs and products were exchanged between villages. This soon developed into a source of income and Shaker traders would take out wagon loads of goods for sale in rural America. The Shakers were the first seed producers to market small quantities of seeds packed in envelopes — a method still used in the 1980s.

When they first started to sell seeds, they packaged them in small cloth bags, but because of problems in producing sufficient quantities of

the bags, they were replaced with paper envelopes. Later, as an aid to buyers, they incorporated simple growing instructions on the side of the envelopes.

The majority of Shaker graphics were produced by village printers. Typographical refinements were unknown but would, in any case, have been discouraged since decoration in any form was considered unnecessary. This concept of simplicity applied to all that they produced. A piece of furniture was expected to work and the fact that it may later be considered aesthetically pleasing was irrelevant.

Waste was not tolerated and paper used for printing recycled. Labels were printed on the reverse side of previously printed but discarded paper.

This interesting and unusual exhibition, giving a fascinating insight into the world of the Shakers is open weekdays (except Tuesdays) from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5.30pm; Tuesdays 10am to 1pm; Sundays from 2pm to 5.30pm.

APOLOGIES

BROADWAY Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild wish to apologise to all those ladies who travelled to Mill Hill to attend the guild's mini-market on Thursday, October 13.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, and too late to inform Barnet Borough News, the market had to be cancelled.

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TVEI EXPO '88

A NEW style of education, linked closely with the world of work and latest technology but still strong on academic achievement, will be on show at Hendon College, Grahame Park campus, on Thursday, November 10.

It's the TVEI Exhibition 1988 — an opportunity for parents, teachers, governors, pupils and all who are interested in education today to see how the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative has been operated as a pilot scheme in five Barnet schools and Barnet and Hendon Colleges.

Opening hours

The exhibition will be open from 3.30 to 7.30pm and comes at a time when Barnet is extending TVEI into sixth-form education and is preparing to make it available to all students aged 14 to 18.

There will be general information and records of achievement on show and each of the participating schools and colleges will stage special displays of work.

Oak Lodge Special School are featuring work simulation. The activities include packing, stock control, and computer design and control. Guests can try their hand at badge-making and the production of a padlock with the help of a computer-aided instruction pack.

Students from Hendon College are into media production and broadcasting.

Whitefield, Edgware and Cophall students have a display on marketing and retail distribution.

There will be a presentation on desk top publishing by the pupils of St. James' Catholic High, plus a selection of graphic design from TVEI schools. And Edgware School will be demonstrating computer graphics.

Edgware will also feature biotechnology and fitness training.

There will be electronic music by Cophall Girls' School and technology and design by students at Whitefield.

Barnet College will focus on the work by students taking the BTEC course in graphic design and the NNEB nursery course.

There will be a wealth of hands-on and fun activity. Test your keyboard skills; have your photograph taken at the exhibition portrait studio; or design a vehicle to move up a slope using a design and technology package.

20 stalls

Career opportunities and TVEI in Higher Education are featured together with links with industry and the various TVEI pathways.

There are more than 20 stalls all relevant to Barnet's education programme, from a kitchen equipment survey to office technology.

The exhibition is free and open to all.

Could you take up this grant?

What is 'A house in multiple occupation?'

It can be any house, bungalow, maisonette or flat which is occupied by two or more people who do not live together as a single household.

For example, it can be living accommodation where people who are not related share amenities and facilities, or a property which is let out as bedsitters or rooms.

With the shortage of housing such accommodation can make a real contribution and in many cases provide housing for people who might otherwise remain homeless.

However, there are many inherent problems associated with this type of housing. Overcrowding, a lack of amenities and facilities, inadequate fire protection and disturbance to neighbouring properties, are just a few.

Many owners don't realise that there is grant money available to bring their property up to standard.

But! If the Council serves a notice on the owner then he or she could forfeit most of the grant.

State of repair

The Environmental Health Department has a duty to inspect such properties to ensure they are in a reasonable state of repair and that they comply with the standards of amenities and facilities and the Code of Practice for means of escape in case of fire.

Where premises are found to be lacking any one or more of the above requirements, the Environmental Health Department may serve a notice requiring the owner to carry out the necessary works to comply with the relevant standards. In approved cases 20 per cent grant aid is paid towards the costs.

However, where an owner elects to carry out such works before the department serves a notice, then grant aid is substantially increased to 75 per cent.

Inspections

Barnet's Environmental Health officers are at the moment carrying out inspections of houses known to be let in multiple occupation and encouraging improvements where necessary.

If you live in such a property or know of one, then your local Environmental Health officer would be pleased to hear from you.

On the other hand, if you own one of these properties and want to make sure it complies with the standards laid down, and at the same time claim the generous grant aid available, you are welcome to contact the department at **Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ, Tel 01-446 8511.** An officer will be happy to provide you with the all the advice you need.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LANDLORDS OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

SPECIAL GRANTS

From the 1st September 1988 changes have been made to the amount and percentage of grants which may be available to landlords to provide fire protection measures to ensure a safe means of escape, and the addition of standard amenities in houses occupied by more than one household.

Applications made now may qualify for 75% of the approved costs. However, where the Council serves notice requiring such works the amount payable will be reduced to 20%. It is obviously financially beneficial for landlords to apply for a grant towards the cost of these works as soon as possible, instead of waiting for the Council to serve a Notice.

Enquiries concerning these grants should be made to:

**Environmental Health Department
Barnet House, 1255 High Road
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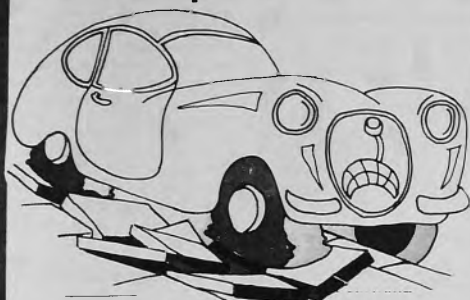
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Aston Publications, joint organisers with the Museum of this unusual event, are launching Andrew Whyte's last book, Jaguar

XK: Forty Years On, in paperback at £10.95.

Anyone purchasing a copy of the book will get one free entry to the Museum (normal entrance fee £3) and a chance to win either a ride at Silverstone in a competition Jaguar or a flight in a 50-year-old Miles Falcon.

There are a host of attractions each day from 10am to 5.30pm. On display will be historic Jaguars including the 1953 Le Mans winning C-type; the 1960 E2A Le Mans car and the ex-Salvadori

Lightweight E-type and many others.

Modern displays include the Lister XJS, the XJS with twin turbochargers, a 3.8 competition car, the latest Jaguar demonstrators and model Jaguars.

A Jaguar aircraft will be on show and experts from both the aviation field and the world of cars will be on hand to answer informal questions. There will be a continuous video showing Jaguar at Le Mans.

Each afternoon there will be Question and Answer sessions with

panellists including Duncan Hamilton, Tony Rolt, Andy Wallace, Tony Skilleter and Anthony Pritchard.

Question and answer sessions

Aston are also launching two limited edition and numbered prints of specially commissioned paintings by Michael Turner. These are of the 1953 Le Mans winning C-type, which will be signed by the winning drivers, Duncan Hamilton and Tony Rolt, and of the 1988 Le Mans winning KJR-9, which will be signed by winning drivers, Johnny Dumfries and Andy Wallace and Jaguar designer, Tony Southgate. Costing £40, each print will also be signed by the artist.

There will also be signing sessions by Michael Cotton of his Directory of World Sportscars and Anthony Pritchard of his Directory of Classic Prototypes and Grand Touring Cars. Each paperback costs £11.95.

Founders' meeting

Jaguar Car Club Founder's Meeting will take place on November 12 at 11.30am and the Club's Annual General Meeting at 3pm on the same day. Both are for members only.

The RAF Museum is in Grahame Park Way, Hendon. The nearest stations are Colindale (Northern Line, Underground) and Mill Hill Broadway (British Rail).

Programme

Saturday 12 November

10.30am: Michael Turner talks about aviation and motor racing painting (in Cinema)

11.30am: Jaguar Car Club Founder's meeting (for members only, in Cinema)

12 noon: Anthony Pritchard talks about cars on display (in Dermot Boyle Wing)

1.50pm: Question and answer session (in Cinema)

3.00pm: Jaguar Car Club Annual General Meeting (for members only, in Cinema)

Sunday 13 November

11.00am: Jaguar at Le Mans (Film show in Cinema)

12 noon: Paul Skilleter talks about cars on display (in Dermot Boyle Wing)

2.30pm: Question and answer session (in Cinema)

The display of cars will be in the Dermot Boyle Wing.

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The Princess of Wales opens the Paul O'Gorman Memorial Garden at Mill Hill County High School.

YEAR OF CONTRASTS

TO MISQUOTE Dickens — 'It was the best of years, it was the worst of years.'

In Education, Barnet's Schools once again were among the leaders in the whole country for examination results.

In October the borough was swept by one of the worst storms in history leaving a trail of uprooted trees and damaged buildings.

Finchley Carnival attracted record crowds in sizzling heat. Heavy rains caused flash flooding from Cricklewood to Chipping Barnet.

Wheeled Refuse Collection Bins were introduced in a pilot scheme in Finchley and Mill Hill. At first opposition was strong but the questionnaire showed 71 per cent in favour once householders adapted to the system.

But above all 1987/88 can be summed up as one of preparation for change. Councillors and officers have been heavily involved in consulting with the public and setting up systems so that coming changes in the law and organisation of Local Government will be introduced smoothly and efficiently.

The Treasurer's Department were under seige preparing for the new Housing Benefit Scheme which came into effect in April 1988. There was a move to a new building for many staff; and the setting up of plans for the new Community Charge, which will come into effect in April 1990.

As a Local Education Authority, Barnet was looking ahead to the requirements of the Education Act with its National Curriculum; provisions for schools opting out of local authority control; new regulations for governing bodies; wider parental choice and involvement in the running of the schools. They were also gearing up to the coming of the new GCSE examination. And far reaching consultation was held on the need to deal with secondary school provision as a result of falling school rolls.

Housing were coping with the results of a Greater London Survey showing a need for massive investment to maintain the housing stock, particularly in the private rented sector. Ahead of them, requiring considerable planning, is the new Housing Bill with wide ranging implications for tenant management.

Technical Services took the lead in an exercise involving the whole Council, to plan ahead for the introduction of compulsory competitive tendering for many council services, to be introduced on a rolling programme from 1989.

This annual report will reflect the problems and progress of the year 1987/88. However it cannot be a full account because the massive scale of council activity would require far more space. Members of the public requiring more information can contact their local library or the Information Service at Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, for help in contacting the section of the Council which can best help them.

Michael Bennett

Chief Executive and Town Clerk

COMPARISON OF DOMESTIC RATE WITH NEIGHBOURING BOROUGHES

| | Domestic Rate | % Comparison to Barnet |
|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| Barnet | 166.40 | — |
| Enfield | 167.00 | +0.4% |
| Harrow | 172.50 | +3.7% |
| Brent | 237.58 | +42.8% |
| Haringey | 251.11 | +50.9% |

The above figures allow for the 18.5p domestic rate relief.

COMPARISONS

| | 1986-87 | | | 1987-88 | | |
|---|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| | Barnet | Enfield | Harrow | Barnet | Enfield | Harrow |
| General | | | | | | |
| Population (000's) | 304.6 | 263.3 | 201.9 | 305.9 | 261.5 | 200.1 |
| Area in hectares | 8,953 | 8,115 | 5,082 | 8,953 | 8,115 | 5,082 |
| All Services | | | | | | |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Total Net Cost per head of population (£) | 452 | 492 | 490 | 477 | 527 | 529 |
| Employees | | | | | | |
| Full-time employees per 1,000 population | 23.08 | 22.46 | 22.87 | 23.35 | 23.18 | 22.38 |
| Part-time employees per 1,000 population | 14.35 | 14.87 | 17.88 | 13.96 | 14.45 | 19.72 |
| RECREATION | | | | | | |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 17.83 | 18.98 | 13.54 | 18.62 | 18.69 | 14.52 |
| EDUCATION | | | | | | |
| Primary | | | | | | |
| Pupil Teacher Ratio | 21.86 | 22.88 | 21.57 | 20.15 | 21.96* | 21.09 |
| Gross Cost per pupil (£) | 1,011 | 899 | 1,032 | 1,185 | 865* | 1,071 |
| Secondary | | | | | | |
| Pupil Teacher Ratio | 14.75 | 15.63 | 14.80 | 13.95 | 15.21* | 14.73 |
| Gross Cost per pupil (£) | 1,539 | 1,467 | 1,635 | 1,691 | 1,410* | 1,723 |
| Further (Non Advanced) | | | | | | |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 23.96 | 28.86 | 24.72 | 27.35 | 23.05* | 37.21 |
| School Meals | | | | | | |
| Income as a % of Expenditure | 42.79 | 34.20 | 42.30 | 47.30 | 37.29* | 40.70 |
| HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT | | | | | | |
| Rents paid by tenants as % of total costs | 35.40 | 38.20 | 30.90 | 37.00 | 41.70 | 28.00 |
| Government Subsidy as a % of total costs | 45.00 | 32.90 | 45.10 | 39.20 | 33.00 | 44.40 |
| Housing benefits as % of gross rents | 51.30 | 47.80 | 54.10 | 51.80 | 47.80 | 52.40 |
| Management and Maintenance — cost per dwelling per week (£) | | | | | | |
| | 11.41 | 9.54 | 9.47 | 12.02 | 9.93 | 10.10 |
| Rent Arrears as a % of rent collectable for the year | | | | | | |
| | 3.00 | 5.80 | 5.20 | 3.70 | 5.20 | 3.90 |
| LIBRARIES | | | | | | |
| Net Cost per book issue (£) | 1.09 | 0.95 | 0.77 | 1.26 | 1.22 | 0.82 |
| Book issues per head of population | 11.14 | 9.29 | 12.71 | 13.21 | 8.57 | 12.30 |
| TECHNICAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| Highways Maintenance cost per kilometre for non-principal roads (£) | | | | | | |
| | 8,005 | 7,286 | 4,155 | 9,084 | 4,916 | 3,546 |
| Refuse Collection | | | | | | |
| Employees per 1,000 population | 0.73 | 0.34 | 0.75 | 0.68 | 0.34 | 0.62 |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 10.00 | 6.37 | 10.50 | 10.93 | 7.88 | 17.61 |
| SOCIAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| Total Net Cost per head of population (£) | | | | | | |
| | 58.78 | 61.90 | 62.65 | 64.07 | 76.08 | 66.34 |
| Administration | | | | | | |
| Management & Administrative Staff per 1,000 population | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.32 | 0.44 | 0.53 |
| Children in care | | | | | | |
| Children in care as a % of population under 18 | 0.21 | 0.42 | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.41 | 0.20 |
| Net cost per child in community care (£) | 3,532 | 3,217 | 4,672 | 5,324 | 3,436 | 5,596 |
| Net cost per child in residential care (£) | 25,864 | 48,460 | 22,300 | 28,083 | 44,170 | 22,263 |
| Care of the Elderly | | | | | | |
| Residents in homes as a % of population aged 75 and over | 2.98 | 2.53 | 2.20 | 3.04 | 2.32 | 2.31 |
| Gross cost per resident week in local authority homes (£) | 142.61 | 178.20 | 163.90 | 161.98 | 203.85 | 179.37 |
| Home Helps — Contact Hours per 1,000 population aged 65 and over | | | | | | |
| | 6,424 | 8,199 | 9,445 | 6,186 | 8,892 | 10,369 |
| Field Work — Social Work staff per 1,000 population | | | | | | |
| | 0.37 | 0.63 | 0.83 | 0.72 | 0.64 | 0.74 |
| TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING | | | | | | |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 5.07 | 4.02 | 6.29 | 4.34 | 3.61 | 6.65* |

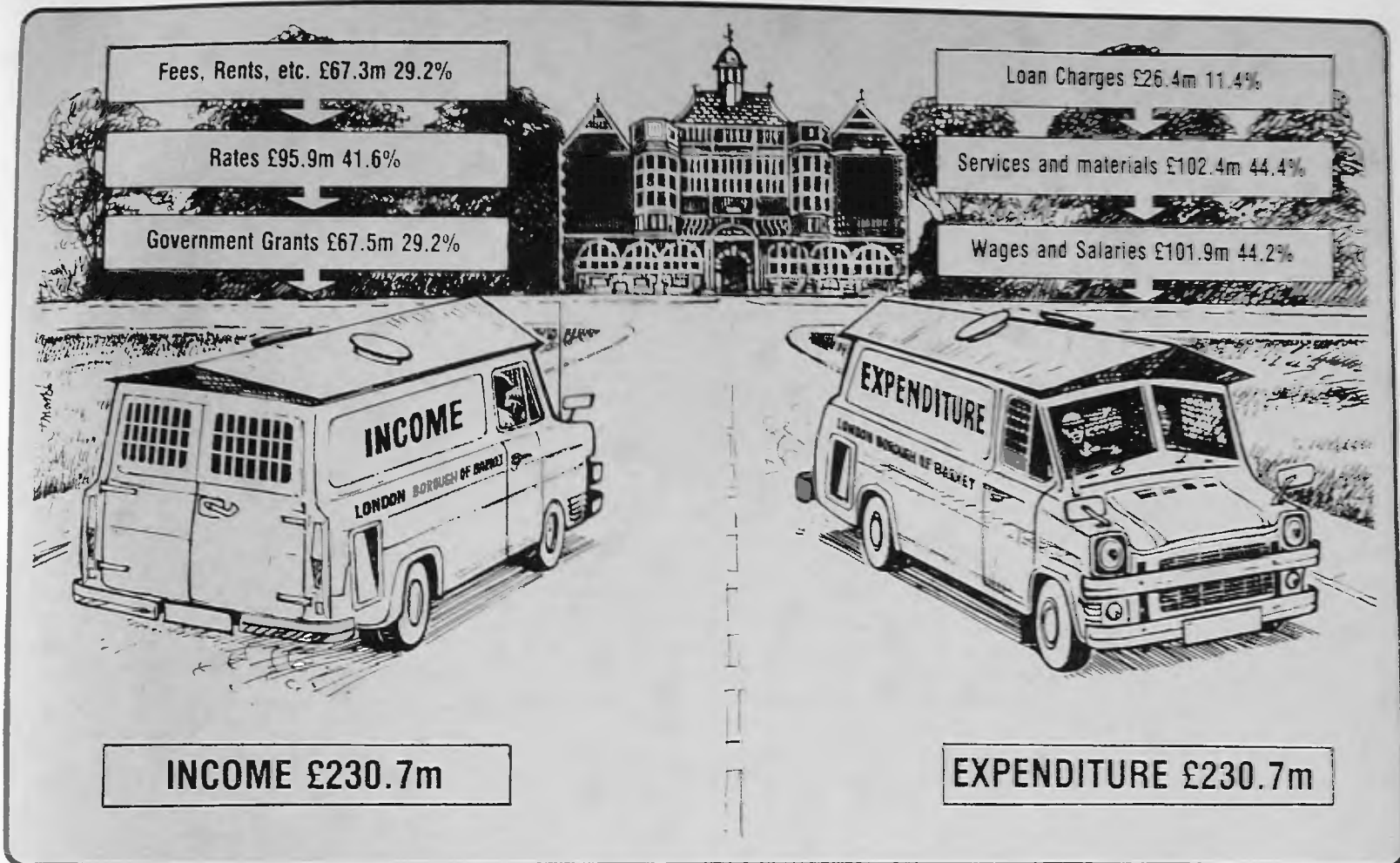
Statistics are not available for the London Borough of Brent and Haringey, for 1987/88 or for Haringey for 1986/87. Therefore it is not possible to provide statistics for all neighbouring boroughs.

The above statistics are, in the main, measures of cost. They are of limited use in indicating quality and effectiveness of the services provided or the needs of the individual authorities.

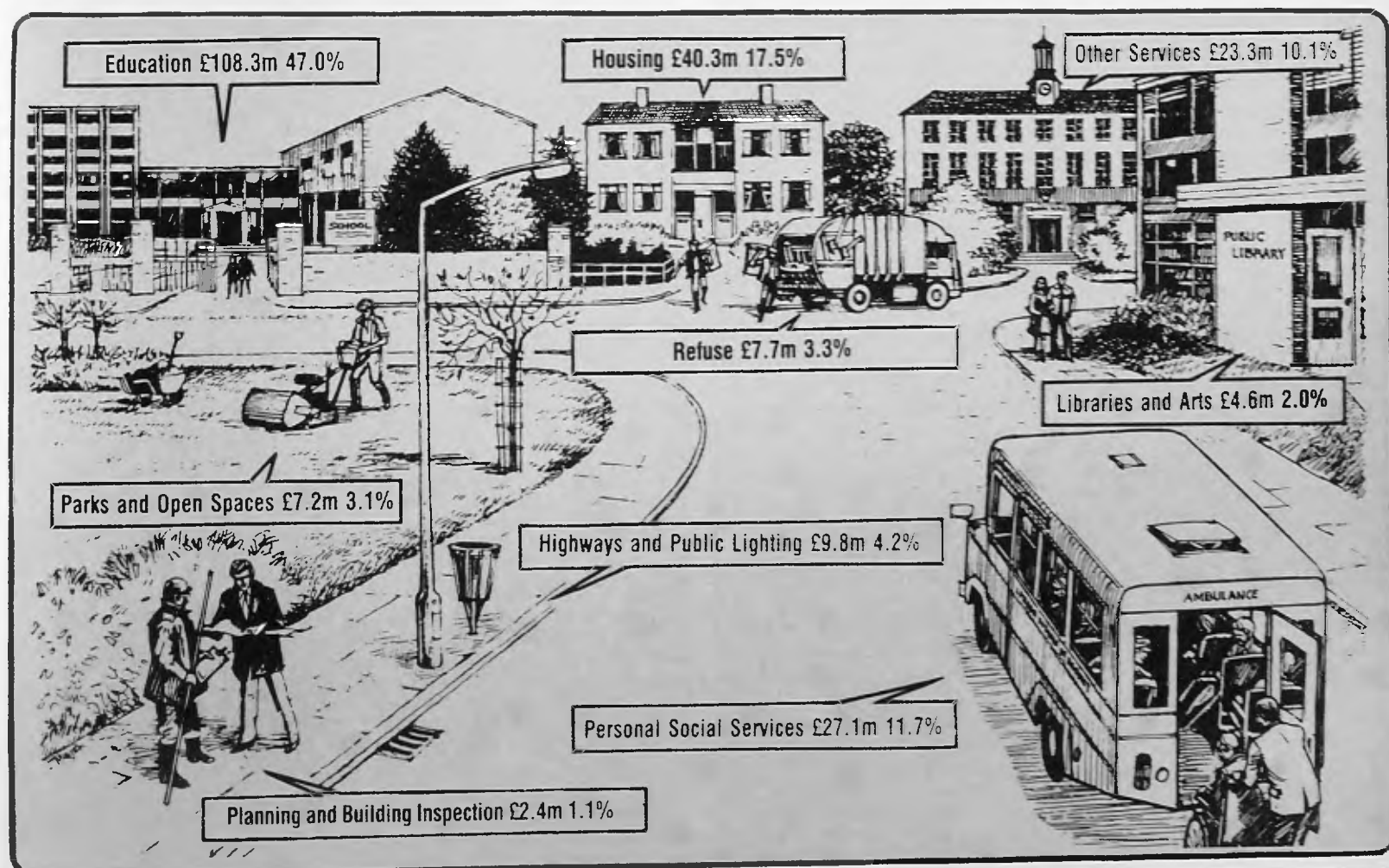
*Figures are estimates only — actuals not available at time of publication.

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How the money was raised and spent in 1987/88



Expenditure of £230.7 million provided these services



What we do in CENTRAL SERVICES

- Provide a comprehensive legal service.
- Administer and prepare reports and agendas for all council committees and sub-committees.
- Recruitment, training, development and staffing policies for all departments.
- Registration of births, deaths and marriages.
- Enforcement of fair trading standards.
- Organise General, European Parliamentary, and Local Government elections and maintain the borough's electoral register.
- Organise Mayoral and Civic occasions.
- Administer grants for local voluntary organisations.
- Carry out all in-house printing from agendas to colour brochures.
- Provide an out-of-hours emergency telephone service.
- Co-ordinate work for major civil disasters.
- Maintain links with our six active twin towns.
- Provide a press and information service.

LOCAL Government is changing fast. Education is facing the greatest period of development since 1944 with more power devolving to schools and parents through locally managed schemes. The new Housing Bill proposes that council tenants may decide who their future landlords should be and compulsory competitive tendering is to be introduced for an increasing number of Council services on a rolling programme from August 1989. The introduction of the Community Charge, or 'Poll Tax' is planned for April 1990.

These are just some of the major proposals which are changing the face of local government, involving a great deal of preparatory work throughout the year under review and on a continuing basis.

One slip could bring a charge of maladministration against the Council or prove costly with expensive litigation at the ratepayers' expense. Success is achieved only if the separate components of the Council are organised and controlled in a manner which quickly and efficiently makes the most of existing resources.

It is an intricate web of preparation, planning and decision-making against an unceasing flow of Government circulars and legislation.

This is a daunting task when it is remembered that the Council is made up of 60 elected Members operating through a multiplicity of committees, sub-committees and panels; has a directorate system



A group of teenagers from Barnet's Twin Town, Ramat Gan, Israel, were welcomed to the Town Hall, Hendon, in October, 1987, by the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Malcolm Lester. During their two-week visit the teenagers had a series of trips, including sightseeing around London and opportunities to sample Barnet's sporting facilities.

Holding the threads of an intricate web

covering the fields of Education, Finance, Housing and Environmental Services, Social Services, Technical Services and Central Services. It employs more than 11,000 people based in offices, schools and depots throughout the borough.

The co-ordination of the whole field of Council operations falls to the Central Services team. Our work rarely hits the headlines but is essential if the full potential of the Council's considerable resources are to be realised.

In June of the year under review the General Election was held. The Town Hall resources were fully stretched with four constituencies and the eyes of the world press focused on the Finchley seat.

Active links were maintained between the borough and its six active twin towns: Seigerland and Tempelhof in Germany; Chaville and Le Raincy in France; Ramat Gan in Israel and Montclair in New Jersey USA. The Mayor also received visitors from Japan, a reflection of the fact that Barnet hosts the largest Japanese population in the London area.

Emergency service

The emergency telephone service, which operates outside office hours and every weekend and bank holidays, is used to dealing with problems of every sort. But they will never forget the night of October 15/16 when the great storm swept across southern England. They set up an emergency service in the Town Hall, Hendon, and

took 1,600 calls in 36 hours. They faxed messages to the technical and housing staff who were carrying out emergency repair work and making highways and buildings safe.

The Press and Information Section had a busy year and continued to maintain its links with residents through the monthly publication of Barnet Borough News.

Value for money is a never-ending cry in modern local government circles. This report shows how Barnet sets out to achieve this objective. The future success must rest, in no small measure, in the hands of the Central Services team led by the Chief Executive and Town Clerk.

LEGAL DIVISION

IN all its actions and activities, contracts and services, a Council must be certain that it is working within the law.

A Council cannot simply refuse planning permission because it does not like a development. Or set up a contract on the 'Old Boy Network'. It must have legal grounds on which to base its decisions.

In fact Barnet's Legal Division carries out most of the work which would be undertaken by a large and successful law practice. It vets contracts, carries out house conveyancing, ensures that all departments work within their legal powers, prepares prosecutions, represents the Council in court or at planning enquiries, and draws up legal documents and agreements.

Every operating department of

the council has a link back to the Legal Division using its advice and professional services in their day-to-day work.

Although the Council only takes people to court when essential it has been a very successful year for prosecutions. The range of work is illustrated by the following three cases.

● A restaurant faced 13 summonses under the Food Hygiene Regulations and four summonses under the Health and Safety at Work Act. The owner pleaded guilty to 16 summonses. He was fined a total of £4,000 with £497.26 costs.

● Following complaints from residents about noise and general disturbance, the Environmental Health Department served a notice under the Control of Pollution Act on a construction company in order to restrict the times when work could be carried out. The complaints continued and a summons was issued against the company. Then a further summons was issued, following still more complaints. The defendants pleaded not guilty but later changed their plea to guilty. The two cases were heard together and the maximum fines of £2,000 on each summons, were imposed with costs of £450.

● The leaseholders of a house failed to pay a bill for major works for re-roofing and repairs. The account was disputed and proceedings issued against them in Barnet County Court for £3,820.42, the cost of the works, £734.77 interest and £85 costs. The defendant paid

Central Services

£4,640.19 in full settlement within eight days of the proceedings being issued.

TRADING STANDARDS

INSPECTORS in the Trading Standards Section undertake a vast range of duties to protect consumers, assist honest traders and discourage the dishonest.

These tasks range from checking the storage of explosives, dealing with overladen vehicles, enforcing the laws on credit, making sure consumer goods are safe, checking for misleading descriptions on goods or services and many others.

Previous reports have dealt with this range of tasks so this year we will concentrate on some of the lesser known but basic aspects of the Trading Standards inspectors' work.

Did you know, for example, that there are 629 petrol pumps in the

borough and each has to be checked regularly to make sure it is accurate to 0.3 per cent? At the same time samples of fuel are analysed to check that star rating is correct and that there is no contamination.

Factories which package food-stuffs and other measured commodities are visited to ensure the accuracy of the automatic filling machines. Computerised statistical checks are made on packages to make sure all output is the correct weight or measure.

These are part of an European Community system to co-ordinate the checking of packaged goods. All importers are visited to make spot inspections on goods from the EEC and elsewhere to ensure that strict quality standards are maintained.

Did you know that a 'large' or 'small' loaf of bread isn't any particular size but has to be a certain weight? Trading Standards officers visit all the borough's bakeries to make sure bread is up to standard

weight — 800 grams for a large loaf and 400 for a small one.

Then there's the shopkeepers' scales to be checked, from the big supermarkets to the small corner shops. We have to make sure that free range eggs are what they claim to be, and not battery eggs with a wisp of straw to mislead. Add to this the need to see that all fruit and vegetables are correctly graded and clearly price marked. Even the scales in post offices have to be checked.

Pubs and restaurants are visited to make sure their beer and spirit measures are correct. Tests are carried out to see if the beer has

been watered down or an inferior brand of beer, wine or spirits substituted for a more expensive brand.

Builders merchants yards are inspected as are fuel depots, both coal and oil, metal merchants and any place where goods are weighed or measured. Deliveries of sand and ballast, coal and fuel oil in lorries are all subject to checks.

All these activities ensure that the customer, gets a fair deal and that the honest traders, who make up the vast majority of our business community, are not undercut or placed at a disadvantage by unscrupulous competitors.



Mill Hill singer and Musicians' Union member, Steve Edwards, hit back at pirates who market fake cassettes when, with the aid of a sledgehammer, he helped Barnet Trading Standards destroy almost 400 counterfeit tapes seized in Barnet in September, 1987.

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1987/88 | 1986/87 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Information & Public Relations | | |
| General enquiries | 70,180 | 68,110 |
| Emergency Telephone Service | | |
| Calls received | 11,776 | 11,568 |
| Registration of Births Etc. | | |
| Births | 4,052 | 3,998 |
| Deaths | 3,443 | 3,429 |
| Marriages | 1,182 | 1,829 |
| Trading Standards | | |
| Inspection Visits | 4,165 | 4,379 |
| Articles tested or examined | 63,906 | 65,622 |
| Environmental Health | | |
| Rodent control visits | 7,579 | 9,546 |
| General Public Health inspections | 14,301 | 12,167 |
| Food — programmed visits | 1,548 | 2,852 |
| Pollution: Complaints investigated | 2,480 | 1,227 |

SPENDING

| 1986/87 Net Expenditure £'000 | Gross Expenditure £'000 | 1987/88 Income £'000 | Net Expenditure £'000 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GENERAL PURPOSES | | | |
| | | | |
| 3,683 | | | |
| 40 | | | |
| 237 | | | |
| | | | |
| 53 | | | |
| | | | |
| 7,489 | | | |
| 3,093 | | | |
| 99 | | | |
| 242 | | | |
| 77 | | | |
| | | | |
| 85 | | | |
| — | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 70 | | | |
| 169 | | | |
| | | | |
| 1,240 | | | |
| | | | |
| 92 | | | |
| | | | |
| 629 | | | |
| <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 17,300 | 20,514 | 1,068 | 19,446 |
| | | | |
| 14,595 | 17,105 | 664 | 16,441 |
| <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| £2,705 | £3,409 | £404 | £3,005 |
| <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| FINANCE | | | |
| | | | |
| 3,723 | 4,238 | — | 4,238 |
| | | | |
| 477 | 1,519 | 1,011 | 508 |
| 654 | 28,439 | 27,816 | 623 |
| 77 | 97 | — | 97 |
| 3,938Cr. | 6,680 | 12,317 | 5,637Cr. |
| 891 | 1,149 | 143 | 1,006 |
| — | 195 | — | 195 |
| | | | |
| 845 | 936 | — | 936 |
| <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 2,729 | 43,253 | 41,287 | 1,966 |
| | | | |
| 3,723 | 4,238 | — | 4,238 |
| <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| £994Cr | £39,015 | £41,287 | £2,272Cr |
| <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

THE BOROUGH AS AN EMPLOYER

BARNET is the second largest employer in the Borough, second only to the Health Authority. Our total number of employees, including part-time staff, is more than 11,000.

The diagram (right) collates the part-time hours to give the details in terms of full-time staff equivalents.

An organisation of the size of Barnet Council needs a professional approach to its manpower policies. This is provided by the Personnel and Management Services Division, which reports to the Establishment Committee on all staffing matters except teachers.

The staff of the Division are responsible for introducing and reviewing employment policies to ensure that the Authority follows good personnel practice, complies with the employment law and maintains its good industrial relations.

Reviews of staffing levels, grades and organisational structures are

undertaken to ensure that people are employed in a cost-effective way. Other responsibilities include productivity schemes, staff training and health and safety at work.

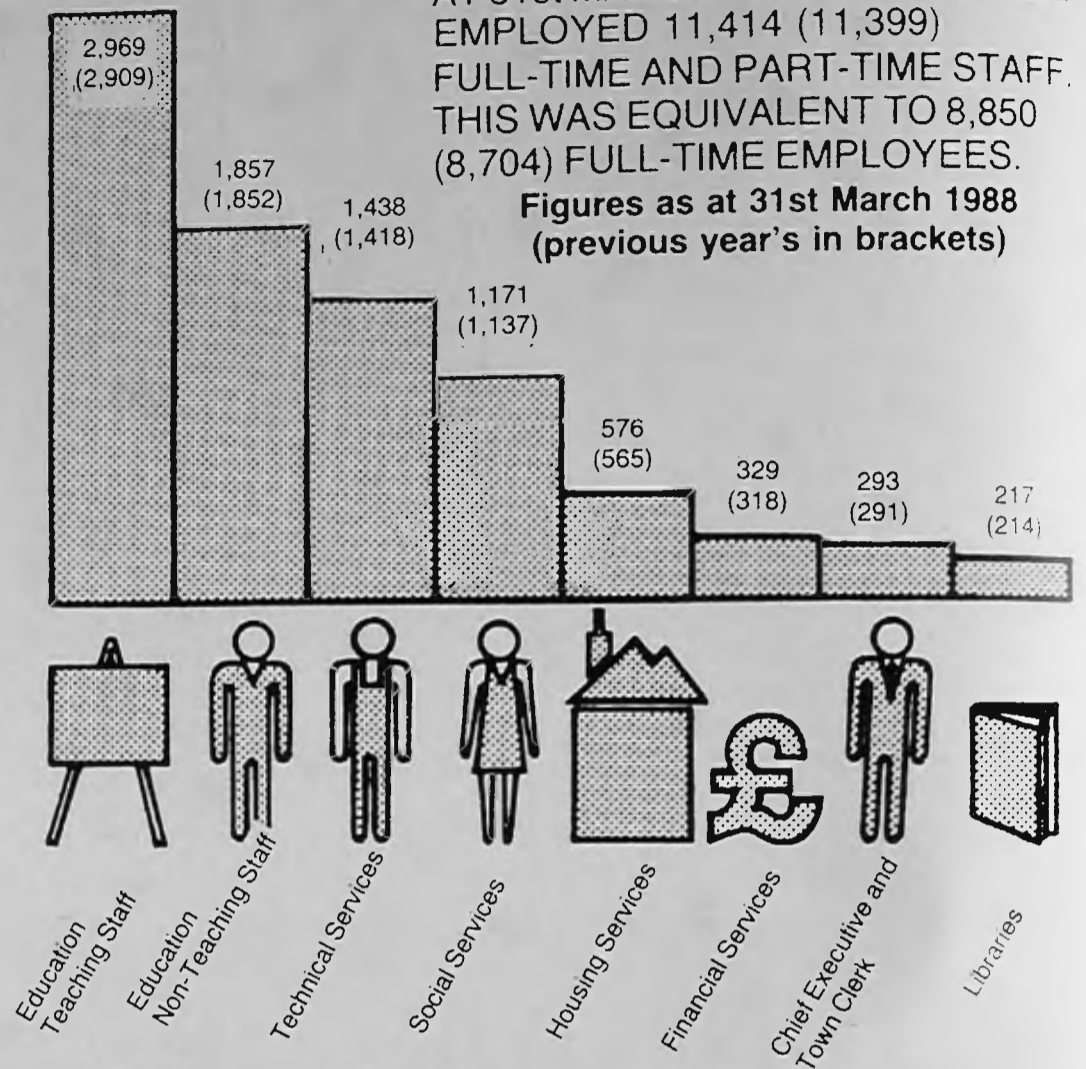
The Division has been playing a major role in preparing the workforce to be able to compete effectively with outside contractors to undertake Council services.

During 1987/88 one of the major problems experienced was the difficulty of recruiting and retaining certain categories of professional and skilled staff. Special measures were introduced in an attempt to solve the problem, including expansion of training schemes.

Barnet has taken a leading role in helping the longer term unemployed through the Community Programme, providing training and work experience in a wide range of projects from the countryside management to Barnet Sport. The Council hopes to participate in the new Employment Training Scheme which replaces Community Programme in October.

AT 31st MARCH 1988 THE COUNCIL EMPLOYED 11,414 (11,399) FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STAFF. THIS WAS EQUIVALENT TO 8,850 (8,704) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

Figures as at 31st March 1988 (previous year's in brackets)



Grants: Boosting the voluntary effort

BARNET places great value on its special relationship with local voluntary and independent organisations. Through the Grants Committee, the Council enables and encourages many such groups to provide a diversity of important services to borough residents.

These range from lunch clubs and day centres for elderly people, through groups for people with physical or mental handicaps, to various neighbourhood care and advice services, youth centres and playschemes, as well as support for live and community arts in Barnet.

Financial help is given to well-established local organisations such as old people's welfare committees, the Marriage Guidance Council (Relate), and local Citizens Advice Bureaux, not forgetting the local Scouts and Guides.

There is also help for newer and developing services such as Barnet Care, which gives support to people caring for disabled relatives at home, as well as various emerging ethnic minority groups. Grant aid covers the length and breadth of the borough and the whole age spectrum from the under fives to senior citizens.

The grants programme is a particularly cost-effective means of providing these very worthwhile services. It takes full advantage of the wealth of voluntary effort and initiative of which the borough can be justly proud.

In allocating ratepayers' money in this way, the Committee seek to direct funds to the maximum advantage of local people, particularly disadvantaged sections of the

community, while, at the same time recognising the importance of achieving value for money and proper public accountability. The Council insists that all organisations receiving grants are strictly non-profit making and non-political.

During the year a total of £1.3m in grants was allocated to over 250 local organisations. Individual grants varied from over £100,000 down to £50. In many cases advice is sought initially from the Social Services, Education or Libraries and Arts Committees, although the Grants Committee deals with multi-aspect applications and ultimately controls the overall programme, with the objective of distributing finite resources as fairly and effectively as possible.

In addition the Committee controls small sums of money in the Edward Harvist Charity and former Borough Lottery Funds.

The Council also contributes through the Grants Committee to the London Boroughs Grants Scheme, which allocates grants to independent organisations for services across borough boundaries. Barnet, because of its large population, is one of the biggest contributors and in 1987/88 paid £1.18m, roughly equal to the local grants budget.

So far, unfortunately, very little of this money has come back to organisations working in Barnet and the Council's representatives on the scheme have continued to press for more recognition by the London-wide organisation of this borough's needs.



High Barnet Toy Library, Church House, Wood Street, partly funded by a grant from Barnet Council, was opened in January, 1988, by Postman Pat.

| SPENDING | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1986/87 | | 1987/88 | |
| Net Expenditure £'000 | | Gross Expenditure £'000 | Net Expenditure £'000 |
| | GRANTS | | |
| | Local and National Organisations | 1,584 | 1,326 |
| 1,172 | | 258 | |
| 1,191 | Londonwide Scheme | 1,180 | 1,180 |
| | | | |
| £2,363 | Committee total | £2,764 | £2,506 |

Meeting the challenge of new ideas and initiatives

IT was a milestone year for education.

We were in the thick of the run-up to the new GCSE Examinations. These place emphasis on coursework assessment over the two year study period and the Local Education Authority had to carry out staff training and establish procedures and systems so that a smooth transition could be made.

The Government was consulting with local authorities on the new Education Bill and sweeping changes were on the horizon. Barnet needed to prepare.

Greater parental say in the choice of schools had to be accommodated; preparations made for new style Governing Bodies with a large measure of control passing from the local authority to parents, teachers and community governors. A national curriculum was proposed and the authority, while welcoming this, needed to study the effect it would have on children with special educational needs and the teaching of subjects outside the eleven core and foundation categories.

So 1987/88 will be remembered as a year of non-stop consultation, working parties, training programmes and curriculum development.

Secondary Schools

Meanwhile the schools, thanks to the quality of teaching staff and the support of parents, were maintaining standards. Once again Barnet was high up among the national leaders in the O and A level examination field.

One major consultation programme which would continue into 1988/89, was the provision of secondary school places. The low birthrate of the 1970s resulted in fewer children in secondary schools in the 1980s - a situation which will continue through to the late 1990s and beyond. This has meant reducing numbers in sixth forms, even though Barnet has very high percentage of children who stay on at school.

A series of options for reducing the numbers of secondary school places and maintaining opportunities for sixth formers, was drawn up and the Council's decisions are expected at about the time this report is published.



Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, at Sunnyfields School.

Primary schools

Within the sphere of mathematics, science and technology there have been important developments in our primary schools.

Barnet was the only London education authority to take part in a national project for Practical Problem Solving. Seven of our schools took part in this initiative which employs an experimental approach to learning and promotes a cross-curriculum approach within craft, design and technology; science and computing; English, mathematics and humanities.

Barnet has also made an IMPACT on parents. IMPACT is a national project which involves parents in their children's mathematical learning. Parents, children and teachers work together. Nearly 1,000 children participated on a regular basis.

The response has been staggering. We held 70 parents' meetings

in IMPACT schools and between 80 per cent and 100 per cent of parents came along to hear about the project. Altogether six schools took part and a further six will participate in 1988/89.

Two support teachers for primary mathematics have provided in-service training by teaching alongside class teachers and there were evening courses in schools and professional training days relating to the philosophy and aims of primary mathematics.

Economic awareness

Work began in some primary schools to highlight the need for economic awareness at this stage of the pupil's development.

For example pupils at Cromer Road Primary, New Barnet, took part in all stages of the preparation costing and decision making of a school trip to Wales.

More primary schools will join in this programme next year.

What we do in EDUCATION

- Provide a full and comprehensive education service for local children aged four-plus to 19.
- Staff and maintain local authority schools.
- Provide teaching staff and finance for Voluntary Aided Schools.
- Provide further education, both full time and part time through our two colleges of further education.
- Approve and administer the mandatory and discretionary grants for students in Higher Education.
- Provide a youth and community service in a broad range of recreational activities.
- Provide in-service training and support services for teaching staff in our schools and colleges.

Modern Languages

The normal programme of school visits to France, Germany and Russia continued and 14 sixth-formers spent a month studying in France, Germany or Spain during their summer holidays under the modern language studentship award scheme.

The highlight of the year was the visit of the Bac to Bac Theatre, thanks to a grant from the Edward Harvist Charity. Every secondary school was offered the opportunity of a half-day session in a specially written French play or a workshop in which they were involved in simulated French situations.

English and Drama

Barnet teachers, led by support teachers in English and theatre in education, were involved in a wide range of exciting curriculum initiatives throughout the year. With the assistance of the borough's Arts Office, two dozen teenagers took part in the production of a video soap opera, North Circular, and a documentary about the development of the project.

This is a national first and has caught the interest of the media. It is hoped that publicity nationwide will lead to the sales of the video teaching package to schools and youth groups which might be interested in attempting a similar exercise.

New work in story-telling and writing has been done with both teachers and pupils, with the support of the directors of the School Curriculum Development Committee National Writing Project and the National Oracy Project. The

Continued on next page

SPENDING

| 1986/87 Net Expenditure £'000 | | Gross Expenditure £'000 | 1987/88 Income £'000 | Net Expenditure £'000 |
|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | EDUCATION | | | |
| 3,861 | Administration and Inspection | 4,282 | 29 | 4,253 |
| 349 | Nursery Schools | 447 | 5 | 442 |
| 22,092 | Primary Education | 26,849 | 2,162 | 24,687 |
| 26,297 | Secondary Education | 34,665 | 7,285 | 27,380 |
| 2,722 | Day Special Education | 3,255 | 136 | 3,119 |
| 1,512 | Residential Special Education | 2,242 | 643 | 1,599 |
| 43 | Education Study Centre | 92 | 22 | 70 |
| 107 | Education other than at School | 123 | 16 | 107 |
| 397 | Child Guidance Centre | 371 | 20 | 351 |
| 3,948 | Barnet College | 5,781 | 1,092 | 4,689 |
| 2,505 | Hendon College | 4,586 | 1,241 | 3,345 |
| 691 | Teacher Training | 1,382 | 670 | 712 |
| 2,483 | Other Further Education | 9,998 | 7,953 | 2,045 |
| 307 | Careers Service | 328 | 16 | 312 |
| 858 | Recreation/Youth and Community Service | 1,063 | 184 | 879 |
| 2,481 | School Milk and Meals | 4,817 | 2,326 | 2,491 |
| 5,931 | National Pooling | 7,709 | 2,921 | 4,788 |
| £76,584 | Committee total | £107,990 | £26,721 | £81,269 |

resources of the National Community Folklore Centre were used.

In-service training and curriculum support work has been provided by three Barnet teachers who work as a Theatre in Education team in their spare time.

Humanities

It was a year of highlights within the humanities subjects – religious education, history and geography.

The new agreed syllabus for religious education, entitled *Living Faiths* was launched. This was the outcome of two years of painstaking committee work by teachers, councillors and members of the major faiths represented in the borough.

At its launch in March 1988 at Barnet Teachers' Centre, Mr. Roy Long, Her Majesty's Inspector for Schools, stressed the importance of the multi-faith approach to moral and spiritual areas of learning. The colourful syllabus booklet and an exhibition of work from Barnet schools was on show.

In-Service Training

Barnet knows that teachers, and therefore pupils, benefit from the stimulus and challenge of training and the sharing of ideas. Therefore a wide range of in-service training, given the initials INSET, has been offered, using the facilities of the teachers' training centre and the schools themselves.

A full INSET programme on multicultural education, for instance, included courses for head-teachers and advisers, senior teachers with curriculum responsibilities, and teachers with experience of a multicultural classroom setting and teachers new to the concept.

As well as our own specialist staff there was support from Goldsmith's College, the Institute of Education and Middlesex Polytechnic. Several primary and secondary schools used their staff development days to focus on aspects of this work.

The multicultural centre is now fully equipped and the resource library has been expanded. The Multicultural Book Exhibition attracted 50 exhibitors and several hundred visitors. Multicultural Education is now also featured in the school governors' training programme.

Music

Barnet is very proud of its music services. From earliest school days children are encouraged to play instruments and appreciate rhythm, and as they move through their school career the levels of skill and opportunity expand.

This has led to an increase in the numbers of children taking music for their GCSE examination and outstanding results in A levels, with Barnet students winning scholarships to major universities.

In the Barnet Schools Music



Martins School won the six-a-side primary schools cup.

Centres 800 young musicians are encouraged to achieve high standards on their chosen instruments and learn the disciplines of teamwork by playing in bands and orchestras.

There are three brass ensembles, six orchestras and seven wind bands, each of which rehearses regularly and takes part in a regular series of concerts.

The National Music Council of Great Britain awarded a diploma to Barnet in recognition of the authority's achievement in the field of music education.

TVEI

Technical and Vocational Education Initiative studies link together the academic world of school and the post school world of work and careers study.

A review of the 14 to 16 curriculum was started to prepare the six pilot schools within the scheme for the coming of the national curriculum was started to prepare the five sixth-form studies.

One of the major tasks of the year has been the development of workable schemes for TVEI and GCSE subjects.

In service training has been given to teaching staff ahead of the extension of TVEI for the 16 to 18 age group, which was introduced in 1988.

The introduction of curriculum change of the magnitude involved in TVEI will inevitably create tensions and difficulties. However substantial progress has been maintained and many of the difficulties overcome.

Information Technology

Barnet is committed to the use of computers to support and enhance the work in schools through information technology.

At primary level the use of word processors is well established and many children experience LOGO, Information Handling and Viewdata as well as investigation and adventure programs.

All secondary schools have at least one central computer room of BBC systems and 14 have a further room containing a Nimbus network. Many departments within the schools also have their own systems and are developing applica-

tions for their own study area.

Computers are widely used in special schools and units. They have had a most beneficial effect and enhanced the children's work.

The authority's support teachers promote these developments by working alongside teachers and through in-service training.

Arts

Specialist artists in residence have led to an extension of the more conventional aspects of arts education.

The first Barnet Schools Dance Festival was held. Photography was introduced into the curriculum and six schools have been taking part in a computer graphics pilot scheme.

Barnet textile teachers liaised with local firms to present a borough-wide shop window on textile education, which is an impor-

tant subject in the national design and technology curriculum, using problem solving techniques to explore design concepts.

Further Education

The two colleges of further education both benefited from the development of their sites.

Barnet College, with its new Russell Lane campus, was able to expand its teaching programmes and continue the development of courses for which it has gained a leading reputation. Graphic design allied to new technology, and fashion design are among the more colourful of the many courses the college offers.

Hendon College, with its Grahame Park and Burnt Oak sites now melded into a corporate organisation, was able to expand its catering studies unit, travel bureau and computer suite.

FACTS AND FIGURES

| EDUCATION | 1987/88 | 1986/87 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Nursery Education: Schools (Nursery only) | 4 | 4 |
| Pupils (Full-time equivalent) | 240 | 273 |
| Primary Education: Schools (Including those with nursery attached) | 89 | 89 |
| Pupils | 21,059 | 20,916 |
| Secondary Education: Schools | 22 | 22 |
| Pupils | 17,751 | 18,139 |
| Children for whom a statement of special education need has been made | | |
| LB Barnet Maintained Special Schools: Pupils | 372 | 393 |
| Non-maintained Special Schools: Pupils | 40 | 50 |
| Hospital Special Schools; Pupils | — | 1 |
| Independent Schools: Pupils | 63 | 85 |
| Ordinary Classes in Ordinary Schools: Pupils | 111 | 97 |
| Special Classes in Ordinary Schools: Pupils | 25 | 23 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 611 | 649 |
| Further Education: Colleges | 2 | 2 |
| Students hours | 3,300,000 | 3,300,000 |
| Careers Offices | 2 | 2 |
| Interviews | 3,917 | 7,874 |
| Local Authority Youth and Community Centres | 10 | 10 |
| Sports and Leisure Centres | 9 | 9 |
| Student Awards for academic year ending July 1988 (1987) | | |
| Students | 4,340 | 4,185 |
| Cost | £7,276,000 | £7,099,000 |
| Government Grant | £6,008,000 | £5,688,000 |

What we do in LIBRARIES AND ARTS

- Issue books, records, cassettes and compact discs on loan
- Maintain an extensive reference and information service
- Run a mobile library service and a housebound readers service.
- Run library lectures and gramophone record societies.
- Encourage the use of libraries by children.
- Organise children's events.
- Organise arts events within the borough.
- Seek sponsorship for the arts.

IS the idea of borrowing a book from the library and having a good read an outdated concept?

Video recorders have greatly enhanced the possibilities of using television as a leisure time-filler. Sitting and watching a pre-prepared programme of entertainment or education requires little effort. Reading a book, on the other hand, requires some effort and the use of imagination.

Librarians have long been aware of the pleasure and advantage that reading can bring and are equally aware that the book and its uses need to be marketed and made more attractive to widen the circle of would-be users. The Library will still be a very relevant aspect of life in the 1990s.

In 1987/88 the Libraries and Arts Committee re-examined its objectives and supported the steps the staff are taking to develop a positive and helpful image to the users.

The outside of the 17 library buildings are all different styles and shapes, and we are trying to ensure that they are immediately recognisable as libraries.

'The Library' signs will gradually be appearing on all our buildings and will soon become a familiar, identifiable, High Street landmark.

Inside the library there are books, records, tapes, discs and masses of information. Other parts of our department provide many different benefits for the ratepayer

Museums

Museums, nowadays, are far from being fusty places for boring rainy days. Church Farm House Museum at Hendon had a record 16,180 visitors who saw eight different exhibitions such as **Behind A Painted Smile**, a history of clowns, with shows by well-known clowns and jugglers every weekend; **A Draughtsman's Delight**, which thanked the notable Finchley artist Herbert Norman for donating his splendid drawings of local buildings to Barnet's Archives; the



Mill Hill Library celebrated 50 years of service in 1987.

Matchstick Marvels, the first museum display of the remarkable models made by the late Jack Powell. Snuff boxes, photographs of Japan, objects d'art to the Museum over 40 years. These could be seen, as well as the Victorian Christmas Room, well-established and popular. One of the Museum year. Most exhibitions were, as usual, unique to Church Farm House.

Perhaps the highspot of a very busy year was **Little Palaces: the semi-detached house in North London**. Thanks to remarkable publicity (the show was reviewed flatteringly and at length in national newspapers from the Financial Times to the Sunday Express), the evocation - in photographs, advertisements and a reconstructed 1930s dining room - of a past still physically with us, yet whose ethos now seems light years away, brought in 6,000 visitors in six weeks. **Little Palaces** was mounted in conjunction with the Silver Studio Collection, Middlesex Polytechnic.

Another area of our activity is the Arts. In 1987/88 the improvement in arts opportunities offered locally continued. Besides the input from the Council, financial assistance was received from Greater London Arts without whose interest and support many projects could not have developed. This is a brief resume of these activities.

The International Concert Series presented outstanding artists from around the world performing within the Borough. Audiences were delighted by this year's visitors: The Prazak String Quartet, the pianist Bernard D'Ascoli, the violinist Xue Wei and the Parikian-Milne-Fleming trio.

As noted in Education Services, Barnet's first community video project 'North Circular' was organised with the help of local and national sponsors.

More Artists-in-Residence visited the Borough, including sculptor and painter Peter Fink at the Sternberg Centre while printmaker Anne-Marie Sapalska's residency, funded by Marks and Spencer, was extended into a third term at Whitefield School.

After many years of fund raising, campaigning and with a deal of assistance from the Council the Old Bull Arts Centre at 68 Barnet High Street opened its first floor theatre with a Grand Gala concert on February 28. Since then a wide variety of good drama, music and entertainment has been available at this small but very pleasant venue.

Other activities have included an eight week visit by the London Contemporary Dance Theatre working in three schools and two community groups. A series of art

lectures on major developments in 20th century art. A National Music Council award won jointly with the Education Department for encouraging music in the community and in education. Local community festivals including the first at Dollis Valley. Five art exhibitions at the Totteridge Library Gallery including a rare opportunity to view Icelandic tapestries.

Israel Week

Finally, in June 1987 Barnet's first borough-wide international arts festival was staged - Israel Week - the aim of which was to portray contemporary Israeli arts and culture. Over a period of eight days 21 events were staged at 12 different locations. These included music, theatre, poetry, video, painting, film, dance, photography and lectures.

As the Council year 1987/88 came to an end on 31st March arrangements were well in hand for a forthcoming festival in April 1988 to celebrate Anna Pavlova in England and the English Ballet. This would also draw attention to the heritage within the borough of Ivy House, the one-time residency from 1912 to her death in 1931 of this legendary ballerina.

SPENDING

| 1986/87 Net Expenditure £'000 | Gross Expenditure £'000 | 1987/88 Income £'000 | Net Expenditure £'000 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LIBRARIES & ARTS | | | |
| 2,470 | 2,676 | 17 | 2,659 |
| 20 | 51 | 30 | 21 |
| 719 | 792 | — | 792 |
| 524 | 665 | 153 | 512 |
| 64 | 57 | 1 | 56 |
| 45 | 47 | — | 47 |
| — | 213 | 213 | — |
| £3,842 | £4,501 | £414 | £4,087 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1987/87 | 1986/87 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Number of libraries issuing books | 17 | 17 |
| Number of travelling library sites | 28 | 26 |
| Number of museums | 2 | 2 |
| Number of registered readers | 174,045 | 237,406 |
| Total issues | 3,207,110 | 3,511,579 |
| Daily average issues | 11,922 | 13,054 |
| Reservations received | 81,363 | 81,550 |
| Stock at 31st March | | |
| Lending books | 828,018 | 826,952 |
| Reference books | 79,615 | 78,233 |
| Gramophone records, cassettes and compact discs | 56,282 | 53,184 |

What we do in SOCIAL SERVICES

- Day and residential care for elderly and disabled people
- Support for vulnerable people in their own homes
- Residential care and social education for mentally handicapped people
- Adoption, fostering, and residential services for children in care
- Aids and adaptations to help people live at home
- Transport schemes for handicapped people
- Meals on Wheels and lunch clubs
- Holidays, short-term respite care and support for carers
- An adult placement service on fostering lines.



Barnet After-School Play Centre at Elton Avenue Baptist Church was opened in June. North Team of Social Services and Barnet Play Association give guidance to the voluntary management committee.

Building up the caring community

DURING 1987/88 Social Services Department launched one of the year's most significant developments to enable more vulnerable people to continue to live in the community.

Approval was obtained for a major injection of new money to provide intensive home support services to highly dependent people.

The new Home Care Plus Scheme involved extensive training and preparation and was ready to come on stream in 1988.

Complex

Throughout the year the Department continued to grapple with the complex delivery of services to growing numbers of vulnerable people. In this context it should be remembered that Barnet has the

highest number of residents of pensionable age in the whole of London.

The department is facing increased expectations from the caring organisations and individuals in all walks of life. In addition, more responsibility is being placed on Social Services as a result of Government policies such as the reduction of institutional and long-term hospital care and the requirement for support for care within the local community. There was also further legislation relating to disabled people, social security and mental health introduced during the year.

Central to these issues is the provision of Care in the Community, meeting nationally set objectives at a time when financial resources are under pressure.

Services to mentally handicapped, mentally ill, elderly or physically disabled people have been defined and better targeted and fully described in a series of brochures. However financial uncertainties and changes in other services have made it difficult to be precise on dates for introducing extended services.

The last part of the year saw the publication of the Griffiths Report, commissioned by the Secretary of State for Social Services, to make recommendations for action on Community Care. A full response to its findings and their implications is awaited.

In some areas the department has been able to anticipate the Griffiths Report by introducing extended and improved Team and Home

Support programmes and establishing a higher professional input into all aspects of care.

Developments have included initiatives within some of the directorate's day and residential care establishments; the introduction of new posts designed to give a better response to people at risk; and closer involvement in the area of welfare benefits and equal opportunities.

The Department has worked closely with representatives from both the public and the independent, voluntary sectors, or working parties and through a series of forums on specific subjects. As a result and through the pooling of ideas and judgement, recommendations for policy changes have been brought forward.



Springwood Day Centre lost their greenhouse in the October storm but two local benefactors, John Routley and Neil Sillers (centre and right) presented them with a new one.



In order to recruit more staff from among ethnic groups in the borough the Department started a special training programme. Trainee Sherry Malik is seen working at the CWA playgroup.

KEY ISSUES

The department has identified a number of key issues and objectives upon which its current strategies are based.

1: The design of services to meet the individual needs of more dependent people in co-operation with them, their family and friends.

2: Offering better access to services for all, including disabled people and ethnic minorities, and providing practical information through brochures, pamphlets, advice services, a translation service, videos and meetings.

3: Maintaining and enhancing the independence of vulnerable people of all age groups, from toddlers to the very elderly.

4: Liaison with and financial support for community organisations, and the maintenance of close ties with public organisations including Social Security Departments and Health Authorities.

5: Improving our understanding of and response to social problems with positive methods of work in relation to new legislation, policies and procedures.

6: Improving the department's organisation through clear information, good management systems, staff training and evaluation of work performance and cost effectiveness.



Day Centres provide a caring, interesting and active service which enable the elderly or handicapped people to get out of their homes, meet people and take up new interests. At Deansbrook the handicraft sessions are always popular.

FACTS AND FIGURES

| Number of . . . | 1987/88 | 1986/87 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Field Work | | |
| Social Services Area Teams | 3 | 3 |
| Teams for the Physically Handicapped | 1 | 1 |
| Hospital Social Work Teams | 3 | 3 |
| Residential Care | | |
| Community homes and hostels for children | 4 | 6 |
| — places provided | 37 | 47 |
| Homes for the elderly | 11 | 11 |
| — places provided | 541 | 544 |
| — people accommodated in non-Barnet Council homes | 309 | 331 |
| Homes for the mentally handicapped and mentally ill | 5 | 5 |
| — places provided | 89 | 89 |
| People accommodated in non-Barnet Council homes | 219 | 215 |
| Homes for unsupported mothers | 1 | 1 |
| — places provided | 9 | 9 |
| Support Services | | |
| Day nurseries and family centres | 7 | 7 |
| — places provided | 263 | 248 |
| Day centres for the elderly | 4 | 4 |
| — places provided | 180 | 180 |
| Day centres for the physically and mentally handicapped and mentally ill | 4 | 4 |
| — places provided | 194 | 194 |
| Social education centres | 3 | 3 |
| — places provided | 260 | 260 |
| Community Care | | |
| Boarded out children | 71 | 70 |
| Meals provided at home, luncheon clubs and day centres | 336,969 | 323,436 |
| Households assisted with adaptations, holidays and telephones | 2,504 | 1,492 |

SPENDING

| 1986/87 Net Expenditure £'000 | Gross Expenditure £'000 | 1987/88 Income £'000 | Net Expenditure £'000 | |
|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| SOCIAL SERVICES | | | | |
| Fieldwork | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 3,829 | Social Work — Staff related Expenses | 4,535 | 169 | 4,366 |
| Residential Care | | | | |
| 1,045 | Child Care | 1,162 | 49 | 1,113 |
| 4,096 | Homes for the Elderly | 6,013 | 1,609 | 4,404 |
| 1,164 | Homes for the Handicapped and Mentally Ill | 1,733 | 241 | 1,492 |
| | Homes for Unsupported Mothers | 182 | 14 | 168 |
| 137 | Administration | 799 | — | 799 |
| 507 | | | | |
| Support Services | | | | |
| 1,316 | Children | 1,441 | 22 | 1,419 |
| 1,578 | Adults/Elderly Handicapped and Mentally Ill | 2,255 | 320 | 1,935 |
| 571 | Administration | 763 | 272 | 491 |
| 991 | | 799 | — | 799 |
| Community Care | | | | |
| 1,185 | Home Helps | 1,572 | 304 | 1,268 |
| | Boarded Out Children and Adults | 430 | 25 | 405 |
| 252 | Meals in the Home | 320 | 181 | 139 |
| 129 | General Community Services | 174 | 1 | 173 |
| 118 | Aids and Adaptations | 351 | 62 | 289 |
| 211 | Telephones | 73 | 4 | 69 |
| 76 | Holidays and Recreation | 40 | 3 | 37 |
| 29 | Other | 213 | 10 | 203 |
| 53 | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Services | | | | |
| 3,725 | Concessionary Fares | 3,541 | — | 3,541 |
| 104 | Other | 230 | 24 | 206 |
| £21,116 | Committee total | £26,626 | £3,310 | £23,316 |



Hendon Park, its trees suffered badly in the October storm



Gadsbury Close, sheltered housing and flats to rent open



The Mayor, Cllr Malcolm Lester, inspects the Queen's Regiment at their regimental march past in The Burroughs, Hendon

Barnet Kaleidoscope



Through planning powers six of the old red telephone boxes, like this one in the Garden Suburb, were preserved



The Princess of Wales visited Northway Special School to launch an appeal for the Special Olympics



Plan for Play is a rolling programme to refurbish playgrounds in parks

All photographs, other than the Royal visit, by John Rifkin. Tel: 958 1370

ed in November



Demonstrating an oscilloscope in the electronic workshop at Hendon College.



Groups like Barnet Blind Bowls Club have transport organised by Barnet Volunteer Bureau and the Disablement Association who are grant-aided.



Motor cycle training run by Barnet Road Safety Unit



Under Fives week was a great success in the libraries



Swimming courses at Copthall are always popular.

What we do in HOUSING

The main aims of the Council's housing policies are to:

- Promote good housing conditions in both public and private sectors.
- Provide homes for people in housing need.
- Manage the Council's housing stock effectively and sympathetically.
- Promote low-cost home ownership for tenants and people on the housing waiting list.

Investing £14m in housing

DURING 1987/88 the Council invested more than £14 million in the borough's housing stock. This high level of spending was made possible by using funds from the successful council house sales campaign to augment money borrowed in the normal way under the Government's Housing Investment Programme.

A further 805 council homes were sold to tenants during the year, bringing the total sales to nearly 6,000.

Almost £7 million was spent on major repairs and improvements to 4,629 council homes. Work included window renewals and re-cladding work at Knightswood Close and Burrell Close, Edgware; roof renewals at Wendover Lodge, Cricklewood; extensive external works to Hermitage Court, and The Graftons, Cricklewood, which included repairs to the concrete frame and window and roof renewals, plus installation of a controlled entry system.

In addition more than £6.2 million was spent on day-to-day repairs including external painting.

More than 43,000 day-to-day repairs were carried out on the housing stock. These were undertaken

by the department's own work force and contractors.

New Build

Barnet's new build programme provides housing both for rent and low-cost home ownership for families and the elderly. In the year 87 new homes were completed. In this total are 63 flats including a sheltered housing scheme, at Gadsbury Close, West Hendon on the site of the former West Hendon Swimming Pool. The first tenants moved in November 1987.

Housing Associations

Housing Associations are encouraged to develop specialist housing, such as flats for elderly or disabled people and low-cost home ownership schemes.

This has been a major area of expansion with more than 180 units currently under construction. Indeed the year saw an exciting build up in the level of activity after a long period of development work with Housing Associations using the Council's expertise to help them progress their schemes. The first Housing Association leasehold sheltered scheme in which residents were able to purchase a leasehold flat, was opened in Friern Barnet with nomination rights resting with the local authority. A shared ownership scheme was developed at Knightswood, Edgware.

Investment in these schemes increased from £2.7 million in 1986/87 to £3.4 million in 1987/88.

Housing Waiting List

There was continuing pressure on the housing resources of the Council. The Housing Waiting List increased from 6,822 on March 31, 1987, to 7,827 by March 31, 1988. The seriousness of the situation is reflected in the number of people on that list with high priority and medical need. There was a five per cent increase in this section with 785 families and elderly or disabled

people on the high priority list.

The transfer list for existing tenants increased to 1,838 but the encouraging news was a ten per cent reduction in the high priority cases from 455 to 410.

With the increasing pressure it is essential that empty properties are relet as quickly as possible. During the year 1,008 empty properties, several needing major works, were repaired and made ready for letting. New arrangements to speed up this process were introduced and at the end of the year there were only 268 empty properties out of approximately 17,000 council homes. This is just 1.64 per cent, and is a decrease of nearly 11 per cent on the previous year.

Altogether a total of 1,084 families and vulnerable people were

rehoused in council property.

Homelessness

The Homeless Families Section has one of the most difficult of tasks, dealing with some of the tragedies of 20th Century life. Staff interviewed and advised 2,523 applicants, and accepted 454 as homeless with priority need.

Of these 349 were housed directly into permanent accommodation. This represents an increase of 25 per cent over the previous year.

While homelessness is increasing throughout the country and in London in particular, Barnet, unlike many London Boroughs, makes little use of 'Bed and Breakfast' accommodation. This is because most homeless families are re-

SPENDING

| 1986/87 | | 1987/88 | Average Cost per dwelling | Expressed as a % of rent |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| £'000 | | £'000 | £ | % |
| HOUSING REVENUE Expenditure | | | | |
| 16,369 | Debt charges | 15,278 | 923.92 | 72.22 |
| 5,805 | Repairs and maintenance | 6,141 | 371.37 | 29.03 |
| | Supervision and management (net) | | | |
| 4,183 | General | 4,195 | 253.69 | 19.83 |
| 1,836 | Special | 1,820 | 110.06 | 8.61 |
| 129 | Rents etc | 145 | 8.77 | 0.68 |
| 53 | Special works | 12 | 0.73 | 0.06 |
| 493 | Rent rebates (net) | 450 | 27.21 | 2.13 |
| | Contribution to interest equalisation fund | | | |
| 47 | | 289 | 17.48 | 1.37 |
| <u>£28,915</u> | | <u>£28,330</u> | <u>£1,713.23</u> | <u>133.93%</u> |
| Income | | | | |
| 21,128 | Rent — dwellings, before deduction of rent rebates | 21,154 | 1,279.27 | 100.00 |
| 654 | Rent — other premises etc. | 752 | 45.48 | 3.55 |
| 4,503 | Interest and MIRAS* | 5,031 | 304.24 | 23.79 |
| | Exchequer subsidies and contribution for GLC nominees | | | |
| 2,137 | | 942 | 56.97 | 4.46 |
| | Transferred to housing services summary | | | |
| 493 | | 451 | 27.27 | 2.13 |
| <u>£28,915</u> | | <u>£28,330</u> | <u>£1,713.23</u> | <u>133.93%</u> |

| 1986/87 | | 1987/88 | |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Net Expenditure | | Gross Expenditure | Net Expenditure |
| £'000 | | £'000 | £'000 |
| HOUSING SERVICES | | | |
| 493 | Housing Revenue Account | 28,331 | 27,880 |
| | Contribution to West London Housing Consortium | | 28 |
| 30Cr. | | | 28Cr. |
| 307 | Improvement Grants | 284 | 284 |
| 60 | General Improvement Areas | 50 | 50 |
| 33 | Homeless Families | 35 | 35 |
| | Contribution to Homeless Hostel | 17 | 17 |
| 9 | Other | 15 | 15 |
| <u>£872</u> | | <u>£28,732</u> | <u>£27,908</u> |

*Mortgage Interest Relief at Source.

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1987/88 | 1986/87 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Stock of dwellings at 31st March 1988 (1987) | | |
| 4 or more bedrooms | 327 | 357 |
| 3 bedrooms | 4,923 | 5,303 |
| 2 bedrooms | 6,742 | 7,085 |
| 1 bedroom | 3,595 | 3,570 |
| Sundry properties | 589 | 581 |
| | <u>16,176</u> | <u>16,896</u> |
| Garages | 3,750 | 3,750 |
| New dwellings completed — for rent | 87 | 30 |
| Dwellings sold (excluding build for sale) | 802 | 672 |
| Demolitions | 5 | — |

Housing and Environmental Services

housed either in permanent accommodation or in hostels or short lease property.

These figures, while showing the extent of the problem, do not reveal the genuine concern shown by staff who often work throughout the night and weekends to help families when fire or storm damage has made their home unfit to live in.

Environmental Health

DURING 1987/88 more people than ever before became aware of the full range of activities of the Environmental Health Department, part of the Housing and Environmental Health Directorate.

It has been an active, and successful year, due to the commitment and enthusiasm of the staff who have maintained a high level of service despite ever-increasing demands. Here is a year's selection from the work of the department:

APRIL

A plan is drawn up to lay down priorities for visiting, and undertake inspection of, more than 3,000 non-food and 1,690 food premises.

Barnet became members of the London-wide programme sponsored by London Scientific Services which is setting up a network to

monitor sources of emission of odours and pollution.

MAY

The skills and equipment which help to keep the borough clean and healthy are put on show during a visit by the Mayor and Mayoress.

Annual sewer baiting programme to reduce the rat population begins.

JUNE

A specialist wasp nest destruction service is set up, available to all residents during the summer months at a reasonable cost.

The owner of a delicatessen, which was found to be in a dirty condition, is fined £1,600 with £420 costs under the Food Hygiene and Health and Safety at Work regulations.

The Council issues policy guidelines on AIDS.

JULY

An outbreak of food poisoning caused by cooked rice is investigated. The report and recommendations on the cause of the outbreak gain national recognition.

Officers are called to remove a dead shark, measuring two metres from the garden of a West Finchley house.

A general store in Cricklewood is fined £1,000 with £550 costs under

the Health and Safety at Work Act for having a defective goods lift.

AUGUST

Complaints of construction site noise increase dramatically. The department responds by ensuring that codes of practice relating to hours and type of work are complied with.

A local baker is fined £5,000 with £500 costs for offences under the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Health and Safety at Work Act.

A seminar is organised to educate people who practice skin piercing skills.

SEPTEMBER

A procedure is introduced to speed up the repair of sub-standard private sector rented properties.

The department begins work on reducing the pigeon population on a large housing estate.

OCTOBER

The department's computer goes live, providing comprehensive data control across all aspects of Environmental Health work.

Stricter standards are introduced in respect of Bed and Breakfast hostel accommodation.

A landlord is fined £1,820 for not providing an adequate means of escape in case of fire and not

What we do in ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The main aims of the Department are to:

- Monitor, protect and improve the environment as it affects health.
- Control the spread of infectious diseases.
- Ensure the satisfactory quality of food and water.
- Control environmental pollution, including noise.
- Ensure commercial premises are hygienic and safe.
- Maintain a proper standard of repair and amenities in private housing.
- Enforce all housing and public legislation in a professional manner.

maintaining the house in a proper standard of repair.

NOVEMBER

Following an increase in complaints a more comprehensive service to deal with neighbourhood noise is introduced.

Interim results show that all drinking water samples tested complied with EEC regulations.

DECEMBER

Certificates are presented to more than 50 successful candidates who passed the Basic Food Hygiene Certificate, organised by the Department.

Barnet Football Club ground at Underhill is issued with a General Safety Certificate.

JANUARY

The department enters into partnership with the City of London Veterinary Service to improve standards of animal welfare and joins a London syndicate to respond to an outbreak of rabies.

FEBRUARY

New standards to improve living conditions in houses in multiple occupation are introduced.

Following a survey of salmonella in frozen and chilled poultry warnings on the dangers of cross contamination are issued.

The department acts swiftly on a DHSS Food Hazard Warning to remove a salami snack from sale in over 200 outlets in four hours.

MARCH

National No Smoking Day gave the department, in partnership with the Health Promotion Team, the opportunity to organise a one-day campaign.

Concern is expressed that measles and whooping cough are again shown to be major causes of child illness. Both are preventable through immunisation.

A copy of the department's annual report can be obtained from Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0J7.

HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1987/88

Expenditure
£'000s

New Build and Acquisitions

Completed projects included:

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Friern Hospital | 87 units for shared ownership | |
| West Hendon Swimming Pool site | 63 units for rent | |
| Barnet Lane/Brent Place | 16 units for rent | |
| The Croft (Extension to the homeless family unit) | 8 units for rent | |
| Dollis Valley (Extension to the Community Centre) | | |

Continuing projects include:

| | | |
|--|-------------------|--------|
| Church of Little St Peter | 25 units for rent | |
| West Hendon multi-storey car park site | 34 units for rent | £2,517 |

Major Repairs and Improvements:

| | | |
|-------|--|--------|
| 4,629 | Homes benefited from major repairs and improvement works. These included: Renewal of windows and cladding at Knightswood Close and Burrell Close, Edgware; External works and installation of entryphones at Hermitage Court and The Graftons, Cricklewood; External works to the Watling Estate, Edgware; Improvements to Cheshir House, Hendon; Renovation of homes in Coppetts Close, North Finchley (completed November 1987); Development of Eversleigh Court and Grosvenor Court, Finchley (completed November 1987) Roofing repairs to Wendover Lodge, Cricklewood (completed February 1988) | £7,036 |
|-------|--|--------|

Improvement and Insulation Grants

| | | |
|-----|---|--------|
| 430 | Improvement Grants were given to Barnet Residents | £1,340 |
|-----|---|--------|

Housing Acts Advances

| | | |
|----|---|-----|
| 23 | Further advances were made for improvements to property | £84 |
|----|---|-----|

Housing Associations

| | | |
|--|--|--------|
| | Lending to Housing Associations in the Borough | £3,351 |
|--|--|--------|

Total Housing Investment Programme in 1987/88

£14,328

YEAR OF THE GREAT STORM

FOR the whole of the Technical Services Directorate 1987/88 will be remembered as the year of the Great Storm. On October 15/16 winds gusting at over 110 miles an hour swept across southern England, leaving a trail of devastation.

Employees and contractors worked round the clock to get services back in operation, clear trees and carry out emergency repairs. It was a disaster which involved a

whole range of professional and operational services within the directorate.

The directorate provides a technical and professional service to all council committees, particularly Town Planning and Research, Public Works, Development and Estates and Allotments.

It is also responsible for the care and maintenance of the majority of Council buildings and land.

The unit has continued to spearhead the Council's commitment to energy efficiency with an expanding programme of energy saving in schools and public buildings.

What we do in TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Planning for the present and the future
- Professional building design, building maintenance and site supervision for Council projects
- Building control
- Engineering design and construction of highways, bridges and sewers
- Recreation, sport, leisure, play and park and countryside management
- Traffic engineering and road safety
- Refuse collection, street sweeping and snow clearance
- Preservation and conservation of the urban and green belt heritage
- Maintenance of roads and footpaths
- Property services for the Council's building and land
- Carnivals and shows organisation
- Allotment site management.
- Manage the transport fleet

ARCHITECTURE GROUP

FOR our team of architects, building surveyors, service engineers, quantity surveyors and clerks of work, 1987/88 was one of the busiest years on record.

The value of works on site totalled more than £7 million and there were big increases in the value of Housing Association work and in new Council projects on the drawing board.

Spring 1988 saw completion of the Fenella office building in Hendon to accommodate the Housing Benefits Section. This attractive building combined the best in traditional materials with the latest in hi-tec facilities. Working with management contractors and their consultant our in-house team had this £1.5 million development ready for business in just 17 months.

Another notable achievement was the completion of Gadsbury Close on the old West Hendon Swimming Pool site for the Housing Department.



A planning brief was prepared for Christ's College, Finchley. The building will be vacated in 1990 and is listed as a building of architectural interest.

1988/89 will also see the completion of current schemes such as new housing on the West Hendon multi-storey car park site and the first joint Housing and Social Services residential and day care centre, the Rosa Freedman Centre, Cricklewood. Work will start on the final stage of Christ's College, East Finchley, and extensions for Hendon College at Grahame Park.

During the year our building

surveyors completed more than 400 adaptations for handicapped people in their own homes making a valuable contribution to improving their quality of life.

The engineers in our Fuel Efficiency Unit scored a notable success by taking second prize in the British Gas annual Energy Management Awards for heating installations in the Blessed Dominic RC School, Grahame Park.

PLANNING GROUP

The Planning Group is active both locally and in a London-wide context.

They are dealing with strategic issues affecting Greater London and the South East through the London Planning Advisory Committee which deals with the future of London as it enters the 21st Century. The Town Planning and Research Committee is actively contributing as it shapes the policies for the 1990s.

Next spring the Government will issue London-wide planning guidelines, within which every borough will prepare a Unitary Development Plan. Although this cannot be processed until Strategic Guidance is published and the necessary Government instruction is made, Barnet is already working on its new plan which should be in draft by late spring 1989.

Much of the work which has gone into the Borough Development Plan will form the basis of the new style UDP with a separate section on how Barnet's proposals fit into London as a whole.

A Planning Standards Manual is nearing completion which collects together the approved criteria for such planning matters as car parking, the conversion of houses into flats, and housing development. This will help the public to understand and meet the Council's planning policies.

Planning briefs

Planning briefs are prepared for large, important sites, throughout the borough. These are the subject of public consultation prior to approval so that local people are involved in the discussions. The briefs lay down guidelines for developers who thus have a clear idea of the type of proposals which are likely to receive planning permission.

During the year a planning brief for East Barnet Town Hall, in Station Road, New Barnet, and one for Christ's College, Church End, Finchley, were prepared.

Technical Services

Planning implementation

There is a strong demand throughout the borough for both commercial and residential development. The group dealt with 3,750 planning applications during the year – an increase of 20 per cent over 1986/87. These ranged from small scale extensions to major schemes.

Planning permission was granted for housing on the former RAF Hendon West Camp and for a large, indoor sports complex at the Glebelands, Finchley. A series of applications was received in respect of land at Friern Hospital involving a wide range of possible site users. These are still under consideration and the Council's major objective will be to ensure that the listed building, due to be vacated in the 1990s, is properly maintained while development proceeds on a phased basis.



The great storm of October uprooted or damaged more than 5,000 trees in the Barnets streets, parks and countryside.

Building Control

The Building Control Section dealt with 4,450 applications and the section was under considerable pressure. The Building Notice procedure, which passes some responsibility for inspection and maintenance of standards to the private sector was not taken up as widely as expected.

The duties of building control also include checking and inspecting dangerous structures, and this area of work increased.

PROPERTY SERVICES GROUP

The agreement with Lovell Developments produced a substantial net capital receipt for the Council and launched the long-awaited Spires Shopping Centre in Chipping Barnet. Acquisition was completed for the Moxon Street/Park

Road link road which will become a benefit for the area.

Terms were agreed to enable a David Lloyd Tennis Centre and adjoining indoor golf driving range to be established at the Glebelands, Finchley. These will enhance Barnet's leisure facilities.

Three other land disposals of note saw the creation of 23 industrial units, offering 73,000sq.ft of space aimed at generating opportunities for small businesses with resulting employment.

Several other substantial projects are being pursued to continue the major financial contributions to the borough made by the sale of surplus land holdings.

SPENDING

| 1986/87 Net Expenditure £'000 | | Gross Expenditure £'000 | 1987/88 Income £'000 | Net Expenditure £'000 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | TOWN PLANNING & RESEARCH | | | |
| 1,049 | Town Planning | 1,331 | 343 | 988 |
| 69 | Building Inspection | 563 | 474 | 89 |
| 426 | Central administration expenses | 507 | — | 507 |
| £1,544 | Committee total | £2,401 | £817 | £1,584 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

TOWN PLANNING & RESEARCH

- 3,750 planning applications were determined, of which
- 79% were approved (subject to conditions)
- 12 tree preservation orders were authorised
- 180 applications were received for consent to lop or fell trees covered by tree preservation orders
- 75 notifications were received of intention to carry out works to trees in conservation areas
- 590 complaints concerning alleged breach of planning control were investigated
- 44 enforcement notices served
- 3 untidy land notices served
- 3 prosecutions were authorised under advertisement regulations
- The Borough has
- 12 conservation areas
- 505 listed buildings of architectural and historic interest
- 2,356 buildings of local architectural or historic interest



The Mayor and Mayoress, unveiled a commemorative plaque marking the start of work at The Spires Centre, Chipping Barnet. With them are Mr Ben Du Brow, Norwich Union (left) and Mr Paul Butcher, Lovell Developments.

Looking after Leisure in Barnet

RECREATION GROUP

WORK in the last six months of the year was dominated by the horrendous storm of October 15/16. It brought havoc to the borough and its effects will be felt into the 1990s.

Work plans had to be hurriedly changed as thousands of pounds worth of damage occurred. The most obvious victims were the borough's trees with more than 10,000 blown down, but there was also an impact on sports facilities with several parks closed until the start of the New Year.

Through the tireless efforts of the staff involved in the clearance operations, disturbance was kept to a minimum. However some work had to be deferred until after the 1988 bird breeding season and warning signs have been posted in some woodlands.

The public responded with an increased awareness of the value of trees. Offers of help came from many sections of the community with hours of the storm subsiding. One of the most positive advances was the Re-Tree Barnet Fund set up jointly by the Hendon Times Group and the borough. This money, together with funds allocated by the Development and Estates Committee, will be used to replace some of the lost trees.

Allotments

The borough has proved to the country its skill in managing allotment sites with first prize in the National Allotment Competition and holders of the Bledisloe Trophy for five out of the last seven years. This reflects the co-operation between the Council and Barnet Federation of Allotment and Horticultural Societies.

The Allotments Committee programme of site improvements continued with the provision of access roads, fencing, trading sheds, storage compounds and the extension of water supplies and drainage.

Residents interested in allotment gardening should contact the council on 446 8511 Ext 4479 or Ted Green, secretary of Barnet Federation, on 445 9305.

Countryside works

The year was important for the long term planning of countryside leisure facilities so that detailed management plans, drawn up by the borough and local amenity groups, will be introduced in a professional way.



Simmonds Mead, Mill Hill, was landscaped, its fine trees and ornamental carpet beds form an oasis next to the busy A41 at Mill Hill.

Barnet Countryside Project worked hard on the development of many sites throughout the borough. This project provides places for 56 unemployed people interested in conservation and gives them a chance to develop skills for full-time employment. Sites included Scratchwood and Moat Mount Countryside Park, Hadley Green and Coppetts Wood.

Recreation Group consult with local management committees to develop areas of ecological interest. The involvement of local conservation groups ensures the safeguard of sites for future generations.

Welsh Harp

The Welsh Harp Reservoir, jointly managed with the Borough of

Brent, is an excellent attraction for water sports and conservationists. The attractive tourist leaflet received a London Government Public Relations Association design award.

Sport

A £50,000 investment was the start of a rolling programme to refurbish

Technical Services: Recreation

the borough's tennis courts. Further up-grading work was agreed for the council's soccer pitches at Glebelands, Oakhill Park, King George V Playing Field and King George's Field.

The success of the Barnet Sport Project continued with the Manpower Services Commission supporting the employment of six more staff bringing the total to 56. They carried out an extensive programme of sport in primary schools and a weekly programme of free coaching for the over 50s, women and girls and the unemployed. They also developed soccer, cricket, athletics and indoor sports such as short mat bowling, short tennis and badminton and have been recognised by the Sports Council as one of the most successful community programmes.

Pitchline has proved very useful to sports people, answering questions about pitches in bad weather, and the service has now been extended to the cricket season.

Plan for Play

Four playgrounds at Watling, Sturgess and Woodcroft Parks and Clitterhouse Playing Fields were refurbished.

The new playground at Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet, was completed in record time, and plans are in hand for Stonegrove Park, Edgware, and Northway Gardens, East Finchley. These are all



Fun session for the under 12s at Copthall Pool.

part of a rolling programme to upgrade 46 play areas across the borough.

The summer playschemes were extended and further development was planned for summer '88.

Carnivals and shows

All three summer shows attracted record attendances. Three thousand sportsmen and women took part in the Copthall Show in a wide range of events from archery to show jumping.

July saw nearly 30,000 people enjoy the razzle-dazzle of Finchley Carnival. Fine weather and variety of entertainment made it the best Carnival to date.

In August Friern Barnet Summer Show brought over 11,000 visitors to enjoy the country fayre atmosphere of this traditional event.

In September the Local Advertiser Group joined the Council in promoting a jazz concert in Oakhill Park for the Mayor's charity.

attendances and income.

Events ranged from international and national sporting meetings to local sports days and carnivals, including the British Students' Swimming Championships and the Variety Club and Great Britain Star Walk.

In November Barnet hosted the first London Youth Games cross country with a £7,000 sponsorship from ASDA. Twenty-five London Boroughs and over 1,200 competitors took part on a specially designed course.

Future plans include extensive works at the stadium to maintain it as one of the best in the country.

A new fitness centre, now open, was constructed at Squires Lane Swimming Pool.

Market research, publicity and customer services were all expanded to ensure value for money in leisure and recreation.

SPENDING

| 1986/87 Net Expenditure £'000 | 1987/88 | | Net Expenditure £'000 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| | Gross Expenditure £'000 | Income £'000 | |
| ALLOTMENTS | | | |
| 9Cr. Allotments | 82 | 78 | 4 |
| 9 Central Administration Expenses | 10 | — | 10 |
| — Committee Total | £92 | £78 | 14 |
| DEVELOPMENT AND ESTATES | | | |
| 28 Carnivals and Shows | 72 | 35 | 37 |
| 8 Entertainment in Parks and Play Leadership | 19 | — | 19 |
| — Sports Development | 17 | 1 | 16 |
| 3,215 Parks Nurseries and Open Spaces | 3,907 | 319 | 3,588 |
| 154 Sports Grounds and Golf Courses | 238 | 172 | 66 |
| 7 Churchyards and War Memorials | 19 | — | 19 |
| 60 Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium | 253 | 231 | 22 |
| 900 Copthall Stadium and Swimming Pool | 1,231 | 415 | 816 |
| 199 Swimming Baths | 279 | 106 | 173 |
| 11 Catering at Copthall and Swimming Baths | 141 | 109 | 32 |
| 100Cr. Endeavour House | 104 | 234 | 130Cr. |
| 716Cr. Other Properties and Estates | 229 | 649 | 420Cr. |
| 1,057 Central Administration Expenses | 1,145 | — | 1,145 |
| £4,823 Committee Total | £7,654 | £2,271 | £5,383 |

Barnet Copthall Centre

Barnet Copthall Centre had another good year with 421,500 attendances at the pools complex, and 100,000 competitors and spectators at the athletics stadium. However, partial closures from May to October, 1987, had adverse effects on pool

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1987/88 | 1986/87 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Allotments (Council and Societies) | | |
| Number of units | 60 | 63 |
| Total area (hectares) | 102.4 | 102.8 |
| Development & Estates Committee | | |
| Number of: | | |
| Parks & Open Spaces | 80 | 80 |
| Sports Grounds | 5 | 5 |
| All-weather Playing Areas | 4 | 4 |
| Athletics Tracks | 2 | 2 |
| Golf Courses (including 3 leased to private clubs) | 6 | 6 |
| Tennis Courts | 108 | 108 |
| Bowling Greens | 15 | 15 |
| Football Pitches | 91 | 91 |
| Cricket Tables | 36 | 39 |
| Swimming Pools | 3 | 3 |
| Attendances* | | |
| Squires Lane Pool | 102,187 | 77,969 |
| Finchley Open Air Pool | 39,615 | 29,344 |
| Copthall Pool | 421,500 | 498,343 |
| Finchley Carnival | 29,228 | 25,778 |
| Friern Barnet Show | 11,100 | 10,687 |

*Figures reflect closure of Copthall Pool for four months during 1987/88.

The Council's Steward

THE Director of Financial Services is the Council's steward and has control over all its financial affairs. It is his responsibility to ensure that proper financial advice is given; to provide an efficient accounting service including final accounts at the end of the financial year; and the provision of proper audit and financial control.

Perhaps the most important aspect of financial advice given is in respect of the annual budget, rate support grant settlement (RSG) and the rate levy.

Before the start of each financial year the Council has to determine a budget which will enable it to fulfil its service requirements and set a local rate to be levied on the borough for that year. To this is added the requirements of the precepting and levying authorities which gives the total general rate. It is the duty of the Director of Finance to provide detailed information to the Council to enable them to do this.

The preparation of this information involves many complex calculations, balancing proposed expenditure against anticipated income from both the Government and ratepayers as well as from fees and charges for services. The Director makes specific recommendations as to expenditure and ensures the Council understand the effects of any deviation.

Following on from the budget process, during the course of the financial year the Director of Finance advises the Council on any matters involving finance which arise. At the same time he is responsible for the many routine financial activities of the Council. These duties carried out by the Finance Department involve:

Collecting all the income due to the authority:

- Rates
- Rents
- Government grants
- Service fees and charges
- Recharges
- Sales

And paying all the monies due from the authority.

- Bills for goods, services and materials purchased
- Staff salaries, wages and pensions
- Housing benefits
- Grants and awards

The Director also maintains the Council's Consolidated Loans Fund. This entails borrowing and lending money to provide funds to finance capital expenditure and make best use of the authority's liquid assets. Other funds maintained include the Superannuation Fund which involves the administration of pensions and the investment of contributions; and the Insurance Fund which provides a significant part of the insurance cover of the Council's assets.

Computer Division

In addition to his financial responsibilities the Director also controls the operation of the Council's computer division. This involves:

- Operating and maintaining the authority's central main-frame computer
- Co-ordinating the Council's use of microcomputer facilities
- Maintaining, improving and enhancing existing systems
- Implementation of new systems
- Improving inter-system communication via networking

As mentioned in the introduction, 1987/88 was a year of preparation for change. The Director of Finance and his department have played a major role by providing guidance and assistance to service departments both in terms of finance and information technology. This is additional to the changes within the Finance Department itself which have been generated by the new Housing Benefits Scheme; and the Community Charge and National Non-Domestic Rate which in 1990 will replace the present rating system.

CAPITAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

CAPITAL expenditure is spending on items which will be of benefit for longer than the year in which the money is spent and for which the Council might reasonably wish to finance by borrowing or by use of internal funds over a period of years.

The majority of such spending is financed by borrowings from financial institutions including the Public Works Loans Board. All loans are 'pooled' into a Consolidated Loans Fund from which advances are made for individual projects. This enables the Council to obtain best value for money by borrowing over a wide range of periods and from a variety of lenders.

Capital Expenditure is also met from a variety of other sources including capital receipts from the sale of assets. The statement below analyses the capital expenditure for 1987/88 and shows how it was financed.

Aggregate capital expenditure is subject to Central Government controls on borrowing and the amount the Council may spend from the money received from the sale of assets (houses etc). Borrowing for 1987/88 to meet capital expenditure amounted to £12,278,000 which was within Government borrowing approval. The balance of expenditure (ie £15,430,000) was permitted by the use of prescribed proportions of capital receipts.

| SERVICE EXPENDITURE | | SPENT ON | |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | £'000 | | £'000 |
| Education | 3,686 | Acquisition land and buildings | 673 |
| Environmental Health | 32 | Buildings and other works | 16,205 |
| General administration | 2,200 | Vehicles, plant and equipment | 2,530 |
| General Corporation Estates | 188 | Housing advances* | 6,842 |
| Highways | 1,011 | Renovation grants | 1,340 |
| Housing* | 17,994 | Other expenditure | 118 |
| Leisure services | 395 | | |
| Libraries and Museums | 42 | Total: | £27,708 |
| Miscellaneous services | 65 | | |
| Parking of vehicles | 56 | | |
| Social Services | 2,039 | | |
| Total: | £27,708 | | |
| | | FINANCED BY | |
| | | | £'000 |
| | | Borrowing | 12,278 |
| | | Special funds | 4,963 |
| | | Revenue contributions | 150 |
| | | Capital receipts and other resources | 10,317 |
| | | Total: | £27,708 |

*Expenditure includes payment of £3,028,610 to the London Residuary Body in respect of transferred Housing Association Loans.

SUMMARY REVENUE ACCOUNT

| 1986/87 Actual | | 1987/88 | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | | Revised Estimate | Actual |
| £'000 | | £'000 | £'000 |
| | NET EXPENDITURE OF COMMITTEES | | |
| — | Allotments | 15 | 14 |
| 4,823 | Development and Estates | 5,498 | 5,383 |
| 76,585 | Education | 81,276 | 81,269 |
| 2,705 | General Purposes | 2,998 | 3,005 |
| 2,363 | Grants | 2,509 | 2,506 |
| 872 | Housing | 810 | 824 |
| 3,842 | Libraries and Arts | 4,122 | 4,087 |
| 15,553 | Public Works | 16,280 | 16,325 |
| 21,116 | Social Services | 23,435 | 23,316 |
| 1,544 | Town Planning and Research | 1,756 | 1,584 |
| 129,403 | Service Committees | 138,699 | 138,313 |
| 994Cr. | Finance Committee | 79Cr. | 2,272Cr. |
| 128,409 | Total Net Expenditure | 138,620 | 136,041 |
| | LESS INCOME | | |
| 40,458 | Rate Support Grant | 37,660 | 37,656 |
| 85,485 | Rate Income | 94,506 | 95,927 |
| 125,943 | | 132,166 | 133,583 |
| £2,466 | DEFICIT FOR YEAR | £6,454 | £2,458 |

Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon
NW4 4BG.

Telephone: 01-202 8282.

Enquiries should be made direct to sections listed below:

Legal Services:

Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG. 01-202 8282.

Personnel and Management Services:

16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon NW4 2EN. 01-202 8282.

Information & Press:

Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 8282.

Registration of Electors:

Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 8282.

Trading Standards:

Hatchcroft, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BN. 01-202 8282.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages:

Hendon Registration District:

For the Wards of Burnt Oak, Childs Hill, Colindale, East Finchley, Edgware, Finchley, Friern Barnet, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, Hale, Hendon, Mill Hill, St Paul's, Totteridge (Polling Districts FD, FE, & FF only), West Hendon, Woodhouse.

Register Office: 182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware HA8 0AU. 01-952 0876; 01-952 0024.

Marriages: Hours of attendance of Superintendent Registrar. Monday to Friday: 9am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Saturday: by appointment only.

Births and Deaths: Hours of attendance of Registrars. Monday to Friday 9am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Saturday: 9am-11am (Birth registrations by appointment only).

Barnet Registration District:

For the Wards of Arkley, Brunswick Park, East Barnet, Hadley and Totteridge (Polling Districts FA, FB and FC only).

Register Office: 29 Wood Street, Barnet, Herts EN5 4BD. Superintendent Registrar: 01-449 2098. Registrars: 01-440 3305; 01-449 0900.

Marriages: Hours of attendance of Superintendent Registrar. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Thursday: 9.30am-12.30pm. Saturday: 9.30am-11.30am (by appointment only).

Births & Deaths: Hours of attendance of Registrars. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Tuesday: 9.30am-12.30pm. Saturday: 9.30am-11.30am (by appointment only).

Details of registration requirements may be obtained from the Superintendent Registrar or Registrars, from whom any birth, death or marriage certificates relevant to their areas may also be purchased at the prescribed fees.

Rent Officer Service:

Rent Officer, Torrington House, 811 High Road, Finchley N12 8JT. 01-446 4452.

Director of Financial Services & Borough Treasurer

Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon
NW4 4BG. 01-202 8282.

Payment of rates can be made by post to: Borough Treasurer's Department, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4. Phone: 01-202 8282; or in person between 9.15am-4.30pm at the Town Hall, Hendon. (Mon to Fri.)

Church End Library, 24 Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3. (Cash point only.) Wood Street Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. Phone: 01-449 9148.

Enquiries relating to the rateable value of properties should be made to Fenella, Babington Road NW4 4BS. Phone: 01-202 8282.

Housing Benefits (Rate Rebates), Fenella, Babington Road, Hendon NW4 4BS. Phone: 01-202 1955 (private tenants), 01-202 1844 (owner occupiers and council tenants).

Director of Technical Services

Barnet House, 1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Barnet House, 1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

Planning

Enquiries may be made to Barnet House but those relating to development applications should be made to the appropriate divisional planning office: **Western Division:** (Wards of Burnt Oak, Colindale, Edgware, Hale, Hendon, Mill Hill and West Hendon): Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0UH. 01-952 7722.

Central Division: (Wards of Childs Hill, East Finchley, Finchley, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, St Paul's and Woodhouse): 23/35 Hendon Lane, Finchley N3 1RX. 01-202 8282.

Northern Division: (Wards of Arkley, Brunswick Park, East Barnet, Friern Barnet, Hadley and Totteridge): Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

Architecture Group

Building Control Section

Property Services Group

Barnet House, 1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Barnet House, 1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

Engineering Group

Works Services Group

Recreation Group

Barnet House, 1255 High Road,
Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

District Officer Highways Service: Squires Lane Depot, Finchley N3. 01-346 0039

Refuse & Cleansing Service: Summers Lane Depot, Finchley N12. 01-361 0013.

Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery: Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill NW7 1NB. 01-346 0657 and 0629. Open daily 8.30am; Closing May/September 7 pm; October/February 4.30pm; and March/April 5.30pm.

Director of Educational Services & Chief Education Officer

Town Hall, Friern Barnet N11 3DL.
01-368 1255.

All enquiries to the Town Hall, Friern Barnet.

Borough Librarian

Administration, travelling libraries, special services: Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 5625.

Public Libraries

Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0UB. 01-959 3112.

Childs Hill Library, 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2 2QE. 01-455 5390.

Chipping Barnet Library, Church Passage, Barnet, Herts EN5 4QS. 01-449 0321.

Church End Library, 24 Hendon Lane, N3 1TR. 01-346 5711.

East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, Herts EN4 8SG. 01-440 4376.

East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, Finchley N2 9BB. 01-883 2664.

Edgware Library, Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 8NN. 01-958 5550.

Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3DS. 01-368 2680.

Golders Green Library, 156 Golders Green Road, NW11 8HE. 01-458 2168.

Grahame Park Library, The Concourse, Colindale NW9 5LX. 01-200 0470.

Hampstead Garden Suburb Library, 15 Market Place, NW11 6LB. 01-455 1235.

Hendon Library, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BQ. 01-202 5625.

Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill NW7 2HX. 01-959 5066.

North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, Finchley N12 9HP. 01-445 4081.

Osidge Library, Brunswick Park Road, N11 1EY. 01-368 0532.

South Friern Barnet Library, Colney Hatch Lane, N10 1HD. 01-883 6513.

Totteridge Library, Dollisfield, Totteridge Lane, N20 8DZ. 01-445 5288.

Chipping Barnet, Church End, Edgware and Hendon libraries are open from 9am to 8pm Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm Friday, and 9am to 4pm Saturday.

Burnt Oak, Childs Hill, East Barnet, East Finchley, Friern Barnet, Golders Green, Hampstead Garden Suburb, Mill Hill, North Finchley, Osidge and South Friern Barnet libraries are open from 9am to 8pm Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm Friday, 9am to 4pm Saturday. Closed all day Monday.

Grahame Park Library is open Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 8pm; Wednesday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 6pm;

Friday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm; Saturday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm. Closed all day Monday.

Totteridge Library is open Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 8pm; Friday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5.30pm; Saturday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm. Closed all day Monday and Thursday.

Museums

Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon NW4 4JR. 01-203 0130. Times of opening are: Weekdays (except Tuesday), 10am-1pm, 2pm-5.30pm, Tuesday 10am-1pm, Sunday 2.30pm-5.30pm.

Barnet Museum, Wood Street, Barnet, Herts, EN5 4BE. 01-449 0321. Administered in association with Barnet and District Local History Society. Times of opening on application.

Director of Social Services

Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone N20 9HZ. 01-446 1488.

Area teams:

North Team: 42 Lytton Road, New Barnet, Herts. EN5 5BY. 01-449 5511. Covering Arkley, Hadley, East Barnet, Totteridge, Friern Barnet, Brunswick Park and Woodhouse Wards (the areas of Barnet, East Barnet, New Barnet, Arkley, Hadley,

Whetstone, Southgate, Muswell Hill, Friern Barnet and part of North Finchley).

West Team: Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middx HA8 0UH. 01-952 7722. Covering Edgware, Hale, Burnt Oak, Mill Hill, Colindale, Hendon and West Hendon Wards (the areas of Burnt Oak, Edgware, Grahame Park, Mill Hill, Colindale, Hendon, West Hendon and Golders Green).

South East Team: Park House, 16 High Road, East Finchley N2 9PJ. 01-444 4411. Covering St Pauls, Finchley, East Finchley, Golders Green, Garden Suburb and Childs Hill Wards (the areas of Church End, Finchley, East Finchley, part of North Finchley, Childs Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb and Golders Green).

Services for Physically Handicapped people, Fiboard House, 5 Oakleigh Gardens, N20 9AB. 01-446 4354.

Director of Housing & Environmental Services

Housing

Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

Enquiries relating to Estate Management in the Barnet and Finchley districts, Sheltered Schemes for the elderly, sale of Council housing, services charges and the letting of Garth Hall Community Centre should be referred to Barnet House as above.

Enquiries relating to Estate Management in the Hendon and Edgware districts, and the lettings of all other community centres (other than Garth Hall) should be referred to Stag House, 92 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0BU, 01-952 8911.

All requests by Council tenants for repairs should be made during office hours to the local Tenants' Services Office in the first instance. The offices and areas they cover are:

Stag House, 94 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0BA. 01-952 2388. (This covers Burnt Oak, Colindale, Edgware, Grahame Park, Hendon, Mill Hill (part) and West Hendon.)

Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-445 0002. (This covers Barnet, Cockfosters, Cricklewood, Dollis Valley, East Finchley, Finchley, Golders Green, Mill Hill (part), North Finchley, Southgate and Whetstone).

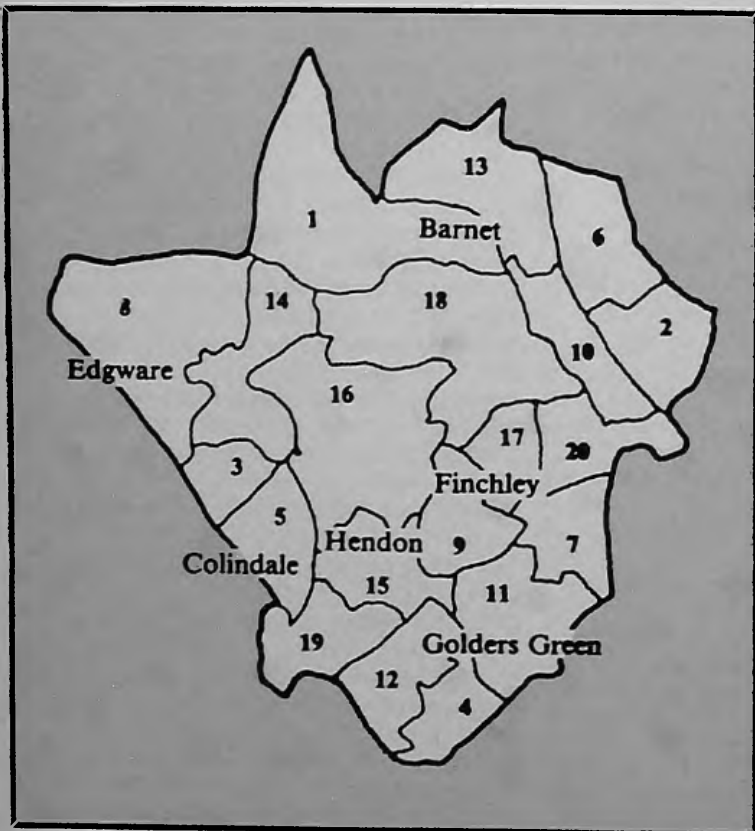
For structural and major repairs and Council house sales tenants should write to Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ.

For emergency repairs outside office hours telephone 01-202 8282.

Environmental Health

Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511. Office and Specialist Environmental Health Officers (including Pest Control).

Your Councillors — Ward by Ward



1. **ARKLEY:** Ian S. Balcombe, Wilf Lipman, vacancy.
2. **BRUNSWICK PARK:** Don Goodman, Rene Palmer, John Rawles.
3. **BURNT OAK:** Peter V. Ellis, Gerald Shamash, Alan Williams.
4. **CHILDS HILL:** Jack Cohen, Monroe Palmer, Brian Stone.
5. **COLINDALE:** Ellis S Hillman, Jenny Manson, T. A. McKendry.
6. **EAST BARNET:** Olwen Evans, Mrs Mamie Perry, John Perry.
7. **EAST FINCHLEY:** Frances Crook, John Davies, Laurence Spigel.
8. **EDGWARE:** David Hammond, M. E. Lester, A. T. W. Smith.
9. **FINCHLEY:** M. Golding, Barbara Langstone, L. Sussman.
10. **FRIERN BARNET:** Chris Platford, Brian Salinger, John Tiplady.
11. **GARDEN SUBURB:** Malcolm Davis, Roy Shutz, vacancy.
12. **GOLDERS GREEN:** Melvin Cohen, Leslie Foster, Hadley Hunter.
13. **HADLEY:** Mrs Gillian Bull, Carol Cender, H. J. Hoyle.
14. **HALE:** Mrs Dot Benson, Jack Clarfelt, L. J. Pym.
15. **HENDON:** Anthony Grosz, N. E. Hirshfield, F. E. Poole.
16. **MILL HILL:** Anthony J. Antoniou, Denis Dippel, John Hart.
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20. **WOODHOUSE:** Mike Harris, Dennis Reed, Rudolf Vis.

All councillors may be written to c/o The Members Room, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG.

The Council is required to maintain a Register stating the name and address of every member of Council and the ward he/she represents and the name and address of every member of each committee or sub-committee of the Council. This register is open to inspection by the public at the Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4, between 9.15am and 4.45pm on Mondays to Fridays.

Lifestyle for leisure years

BARNET's older citizens are finding a complete new lifestyle has opened up to them through the development of sheltered housing schemes.

Gone are the worries about major repair bills; or being taken ill and unable to get help; or being lonely.

Local authorities led the way. Back in the 1960s Barnet has sheltered housing for council tenants. Now the private market has taken up the idea and residents can now buy their retirement home, and here in Barnet there are many of these homes with a caring service.

An example was opened by the Mayor, Cllr Don Goodman, when he set in a commemorative stone at Homan Court, Friern Watch Avenue, Friern Barnet. This is a twin scheme with St. Elizabeth's Court, Mayfield Avenue, sharing a landscaped garden.

This scheme, by McCarthy & Stone, is managed by Peveral management services. Residents own their one or two-bedroomed flat. A house manager and relief house manager are in residence, all communal areas, including the laundry and resident's lounge, are heated, cleaned and decorated, the gardens are maintained, windows cleaned and the communications system and entryphones are tested regularly within the service charge.

It's a carefree lifestyle that more and more people are choosing for their retirement years.

In the picture: The Mayor, Cllr Don Goodman, taps in the commemorative stone at Homan Court, watched by the Mayoress, Mrs Mary Goodman, and Bob Tendall, technical manager of McCarthy & Stone.

CHOIR NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

SINGERS are invited to boost membership of a Barnet College choir which meets on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St John's Church Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone.

The choir, which has been in existence for several years, used to be associated with a local Townswomen's Guild before joining Barnet College. Singers are led by Jean Hornbuckle, an enthusiastic teacher. Music is varied and light.

A friendly welcome awaits newcomers and enrolment is either at Barnet College, Wood Street or Russell Lane sites or any Tuesday at St John's Church Hall.

Tourism

THE Victoria Information Centre of the London Tourist Board in the forecourt of Victoria Station, offers superb information not only on the great capital attractions but also on venues in outer London. They are having a five-day promotion of the London Boroughs starting on November 21.



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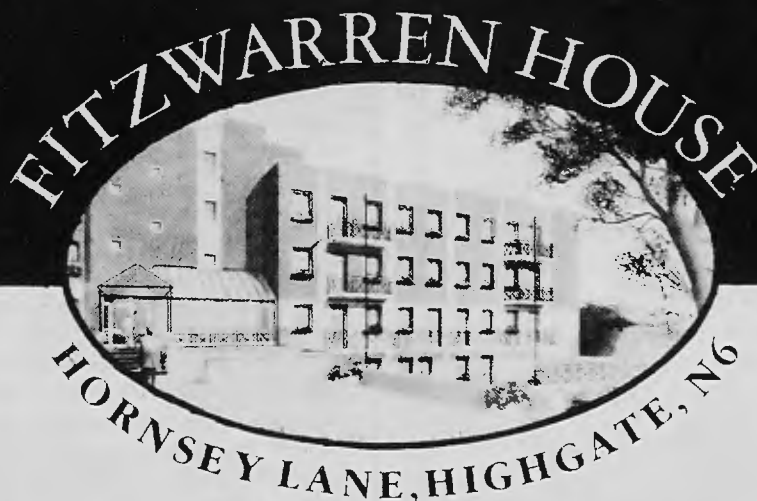
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The Home has a family atmosphere where the residents are able to enjoy extra pleasures such as outings and entertainment. During the

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Kenwood Nursing Home in Alexandra Grove, North Finchley, was completely refurbished, to a very high standard, last year and re-opened in September 1987 to cater for convalescent, terminally ill and long-term patients.

The owners have many years' experience of caring for the elderly and paid particular attention to ease of patients care and comfort when the refurbishment work was carried out. The atmosphere is friendly and

informal and all patients, whether long or short term, receive a warm welcome and attentive nursing. Many rooms have en-suite facilities and all have colour TV and telephone points.

Kenwood is part of a small family business and its proprietors maintain a daily working interest in both the Nursing Home and Kenwood Rest Home in Kings Avenue, Muswell Hill. Further information on the Homes can be obtained by ringing 01-445 5112.

KENWOOD NURSING HOME

32, Alexandra Grove, Finchley N12

is celebrating its first anniversary since re-opening after a comprehensive rebuilding programme in 1987. Registered by Barnet Health Authority to care for post-operative convalescent, terminally ill and longstay patients and accepted by Medical Insurance organisations, the Home aims to provide, at reasonable fees, an excellent standard of nursing care combined with all the attributes of a quality establishment.

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COMFORT AND CARE AT GABLE HOUSE HOMES

Gable House is one of the fastest growing groups of both nursing and retirement homes throughout Britain. They have three homes in the North London/Hertfordshire area, at Golders Green, Hadley and Elstree.

Although all homes are different in character, they are united in offering a home from home atmosphere and excellent care for the residents who are welcome either for short holiday stays from a week's duration, to full time stays.

All rooms in the homes are geared for the ultimate in comfort, each decorated differently to maintain individuality, in co-ordinating fabrics and wallpapers, most rooms offering en-suite facilities. All have comfortable lounges and dining rooms and all offer appetising food, and special diets and Kosher style cuisine present no problem.

Whilst the 66-bedded Hadley Lawns Nursing & Retirement Home and 36-bedded Elstree Lawns Nursing Home have delightful gardens, the 40-bedded Heathgrove Lodge Nursing Home has close proximity to the amenities in Golders Green.

SHELTERED HOUSING FOR SALE

HOW THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET CAN HELP

The London Borough of Barnet in conjunction with Warden Housing Association responding to the increasing demand for sheltered housing for sale from elderly and retired borough residents. The properties are built to modern standards and the Housing Association is responsible for external maintenance, insurance etc. A service charge is made to cover these costs, as well as the services of the resident warden who is there to help to help if needed. The first development of this kind, Hyde Court Friern Barnet Lane, was completed in late 1987 and the second, Highwood Court, New Barnet, is nearing completion. The schemes attract a grant from the Government which means that the flats are purchased at 70% of the market value. As the price is discounted, priority is given to applicants who cannot afford to purchase sheltered housing privately. The council has nomination rights to resales in both completed schemes and has plans for similar future developments in partnership with Housing Associations.

If you would like further details regarding Barnet's list please write to:

Housing Initiatives Section (Room 101)
Directorate of Housing & Environment Services
Barnet House
1255 High Road
Whetstone N20 0EJ

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FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT

Here are a few **DO**s and **DON'T**s which I have put together and which may help you to plan for a happy retirement and avoid unnecessary financial worries.

Firstly, **DO** plan early; the sooner the better. Take out pencil and paper and make an assessment of what your financial position is going to be when you retire. Get an estimate of what your pension fund will be. Will it be sufficient to allow you to maintain a satisfactory standard of living? If not, then at least you have some time to try do something about it.

DO maximise your pension contributions and take full advantage of the tax relief on them while you can.

DO think of income in "after tax" terms. Remember that Income Tax and National Insurance will reduce or disappear on retirement. If you are currently a higher rate taxpayer, your tax liability may reduce to basic rate level on retirement and thereby increase the net income return on your investments.

DON'T aim for tax efficient poverty! Although we all like to save tax, there comes a point where beating the taxman has to come second to maintaining a reasonable standard of living. This is particularly true in the difficult area of Inheritance Tax planning where providing a reasonable income for a widow(er) has to be balanced against saving tax for the next generation.

Similarly, **DON'T** invest for tax benefits alone. An investment should be considered on its own merits - tax advantages come second.

DO make use of your annual tax exemptions. Remember, you may have to turn capital growth investments into cash or income when you retire. Systematically using your Capital Gains tax exemptions can prevent a large CGT bill arising in the future.

DON'T be afraid to get good professional financial advice when planning for your retirement. It need not cost you anything and may prevent you making your own costly mistakes. Your investment strategy may need to change to create income as well as capital growth. Upon retirement you will probably receive a lump sum from your pension fund and may not know quite what to do with it.

"I have £30,000 to invest. What should I do with it?". Is the sort of question I frequently hear, and one which you would think is easy enough for an investment advisor to answer. Yet unless the investor has given some forethought and planning to the matter and can give the advisor some idea of what his/her needs are, the honest but perhaps disappointing answer is "I don't know, what do you want from it?" You see it is necessary to consider a number of factors before making any recommendations such as, for example, your immediate and future requirements for income and capital growth; contingency plans for protecting your family and providing inheritance tax planning. If you would like help in planning for your retirement why not telephone or write to me,

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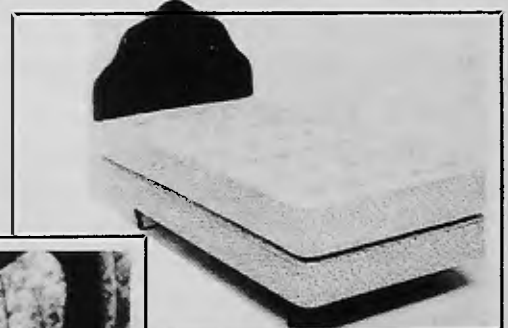
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DEVELOPERS HELP THE ELDERLY

THE excellent Albeny Gate development for the over 55s continues to set standards with some really special extras that will help out present and future residents.

The purpose-built homes are in St Albans, and for prospective buyers, the developers are holding an open weekend from Friday 28 October to Monday 31 October inclusive, from 9am-5pm.

There will be representatives from both the developers, Beechwood Homes, and from the sole agents, Prudential Property Services, on hand to answer any queries on the development.

In a relaxed atmosphere, viewers will be offered sherry and shortcake and shown around the nine different types of one, two or three bedroomed flats and maisonettes.

Just released are the flats which start from around £68,500, with the maisonettes selling from £75,000.

During the weekend, viewers can arrive in style by ringing the St Albans and site offices of Prudential Property Services to arrange to be chauffeured to the development and driven home again. (Subject to location.)

Once there, if you decide to buy and reserve a property by the end of October, the maintenance charge will be waived for several months. And all site visitors are eligible to enter a special draw to win a colour television.

"There are many types of sheltered housing schemes in the country but we feel that Albeny Gate is

rather special," says John Parker, Manager at PPS St Albans.

"There are many extras being organised by the developers, in particular they have organised with London Country for a special bus service to run three times a week from the development into St Peter's Street Shopping Centre."

He added: "Hanover Housing manage Albeny Gate, there is a resident warden and a 24-hour emergency alarm service so residents are well looked after."

Beechwood Homes already hold the Civic Trust Award for Old Garden Court, in St Albans' conservation area, which was widely acclaimed as an outstanding development.

At Albeny Court, purchasers buy a 125 year lease. There is no ground rent and the monthly service charge for each maisonette is £55 and £80 for each flat.

Every home has a quality kitchen, with washer-dryer, waste disposal and cooker hood. Other features common to all are the double glazed windows with locks, Medalion Award central heating and special safety devices such as grab handles in the bathroom and the easy-reach electric sockets.

All the main bedrooms have fitted wardrobes and there is a white suite in each bathroom. There are also fitted carpets throughout.

For further details, or for your free transportation to the development over the open weekend, contact Prudential Property Services on (0727) 36161 or the site office on (0727) 44447.

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SPECIAL OPEN WEEKEND Friday 28th October through to Monday 31st October - 9a.m. - 5 p.m.

Victors Way

But who are the victors?

THEY called it Victors Way — a new road, running parallel to Chipping Barnet High Street, linking Moxon Street with Park Road.

It was opened by Councillor Victor Usher, chairman of Public Works Committee on October 7. But he was quick to point out that the name was just coincidence.

'This road is named after the victorious Lancastrian Troops who marched in triumph towards London close to this site after the Battle of Barnet in 1471,' he told Barnet Borough News.

Didn't they do well!

'But I think the real victors are the team who built this new road. They are the men from the Council's own Direct Labour Organisation. They won the job in competitive tender. They finished it on time. And they showed they could do as well as the private sector. I am delighted.'

The new road, which the DLO built, will provide rear



Cllr Usher congratulates Paul Swannell, DLO manager, and the team who designed and built the new road.

access to shops and commercial premises, including the Old Bull Arts Centre, allowing owners to use their own land for car parking and for deliveries. This should help relieve some congestion in the High Street itself.

It also opens up land which has been derelict for many years.

The road was designed within the Engineering Group of Barnet's Technical Services Directorate. The senior project engineer was John Koster.

The name's the same.



A BARNET company is making sure that its name is known the length and breadth of Chipping Barnet — and helping the environment at the same time.

Hammond Furnishing of Hadley Parade, High Street, who specialise in high quality soft furnishings and interior decor have boosted the Keep Barnet Tidy Campaign by sponsoring 20 litter bins.

The new yellow bins bearing the Hammond logo will line up along the High Street — 10 are lamp-post mounted and 10 are the large 'Topsy' free standing bins.

Their appearance was marked by a ceremony carried out by Paul and Kate Langsman, directors of Hammond Furnishing, and Cllr Dot Benson, chairman

of the Keep Barnet Tidy Group.

Paul Langsman explained: 'We have joined Barnet's scheme for sponsoring litter bins as we feel greater importance should be given to our environment. It is up to the business community and individuals alike to respect the surroundings they work in.'

The sponsored litter bin scheme is being run by the Keep Barnet Tidy Group with the Joint Chambers of Commerce of the borough.

There are two types of bin: the free-standing bins cost £95 plus VAT to sponsor for a three-year period or £35 plus VAT on a renewable yearly agreement; the post-mounted bins which cost £28 plus VAT for three years. Phone Bernard King on 446 8511 Ext 4321 for details.

Take the terror out of talking

MEETINGS, interviews, seminars and conferences can strike terror into the hearts of business people who are not used to speaking in public.

To help them and meet the needs of employers, Barnet College is running a series of courses in presentation skills aimed at junior and middle managers.

The £45 one-day course of 'Effective Speaking', to be held on November 25 and January 20, is specifically aimed at people who are not used to public speaking. It concentrates on general confidence building, voice training, body language and structuring a presentation.

There is also a two-day course, costing £95, under the heading 'Improve Your Presentation Skills', on December 13/14 and January 31/February 1. That course includes training in the use of audio-visual aids such as slides and overhead projectors, guidance in how to deliver a convincing presentation, address a meeting and how to deal with large number of people.

Course organiser, Anne Nicholls said: 'Research has shown that voice tone and the appearance of the speaker have much more impact than what they actually say. Many people spend hours preparing a talk and then get it all wrong by wearing inappropriate clothes or talking too fast.'

The cost of the courses include provision of training materials and lunch. Further information from: Louisa Thompson, Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet. Tel: 440 6321.

CROSSWORD WINNERS

The winners of the September and October crosswords are Zoe Allen, Colebrook Way, London N11; R. P. Knight, Cromer Road, New Barnet.

The announcement of the September winner was delayed because of the postal dispute.

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Replacing the technology of the 1970s with that of the 1990s has been a joint enterprise between Barnet Council's Energy Conservation Team and British Gas. The decision to replace the four huge electric heat pumps with a combined heat and power system was taken after a detailed study was provided for the Council by British Gas North Thames who also won the contract for installation.

The £118,000 project gives a system so efficient that Barnet can expect to recoup the capital outlay in just three years if the present energy use is maintained.

Cooperation

The system was designed by North Thames technical services team, working closely with Barnet's own mechanical and electrical services engineers.

It came on stream at the beginning of September and Mike Lockwood, pools manager, said: 'All the early signs are that it is going to be very effective. This system gives us all the electricity we need and generates heat. And when you consider that we keep the temperature in the main pool at 81 degrees F and the training pool at 84 to 86 degrees, that means a lot of power. The new system allows us to boost the heat much more quickly.'

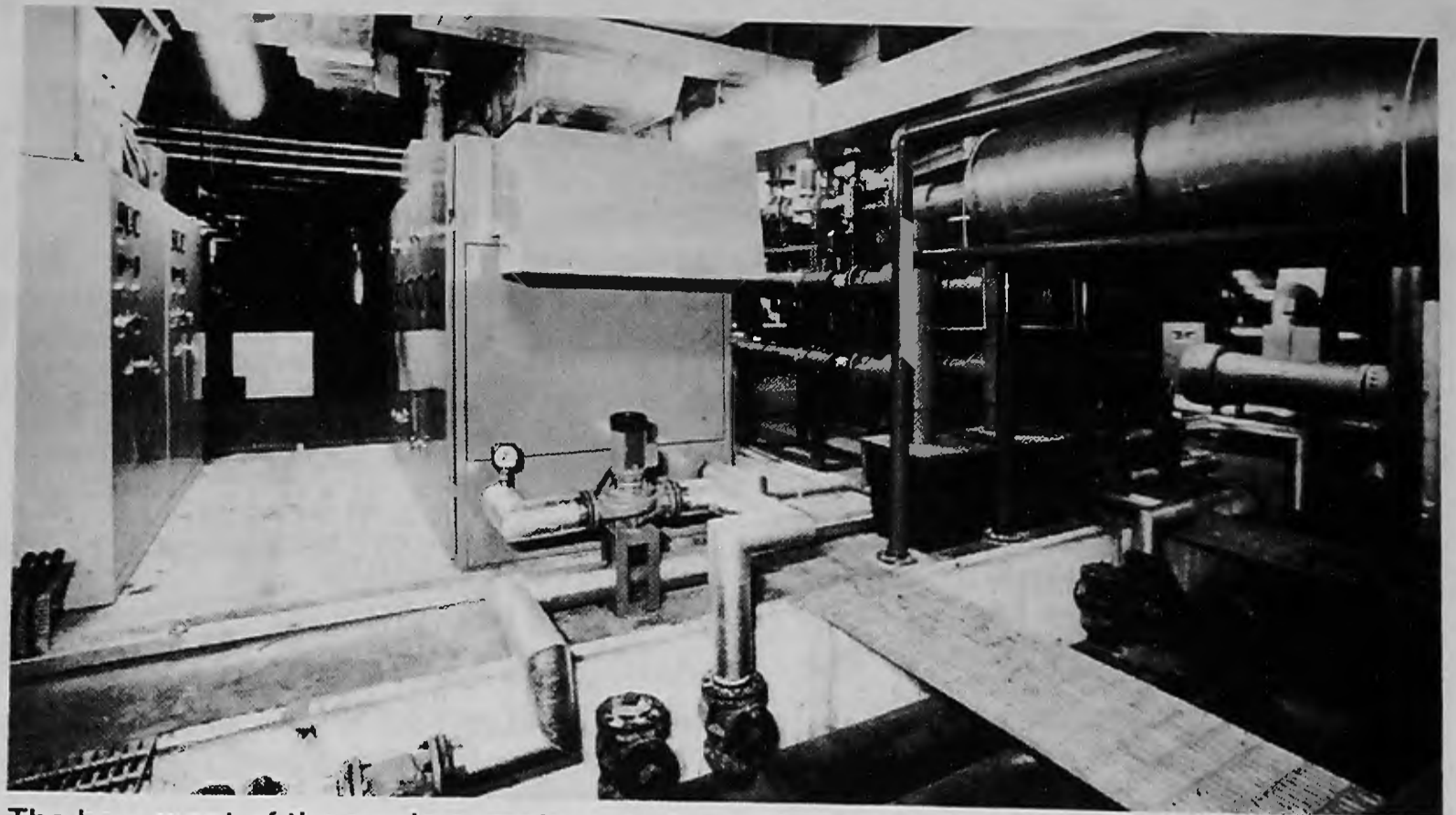
Major project

Installing the system was a major project.

It took a 12-ton crane to winch out the four heat pumps — each weighed around four tons — and a 40-ton flat-back lorry to take them away. They are now replaced by two gas-fired CHP (Combined heat and power) units each producing 90kW of electricity.

Combined heat and power is well suited to the needs of a swimming pool — and all customers with a high demand for hot water or heating and electricity. It uses established gas technology to produce on-the-spot electricity, then harnesses the traditionally lost waste heat to provide heating and hot water — a technique which gives more than 90 per cent efficiency.

In comparison, conventional power stations reject waste heat into the atmosphere and that can be a staggering 70 per cent or more of the fuel's energy potential — and lots of hard cash — which goes up



The basement of the pools complex which now houses the new combined heat and power system.

in smoke and heat.

Applied Energy Systems, market leaders in CHP, supplied the two 90kW Mini 'CHIP' units which will produce almost all the building's electricity as well as providing heating and hot water. Several Applied Energy Systems installations have won Gas Energy Management Awards — the British Gas award scheme which spotlights energy efficiency.

A suitable fuel

North Thames District Gas Sales Engineer at Mill Hill, Graham Hocking, who is the Copthall project manager said, 'We are confident that the switch over to gas will be the start of a trend. Gas is economical 24 hours a day and is a particularly suitable fuel because it is flexible and reliable.'

'We hope that with the help of CHP the Copthall complex will go from strength to strength.'

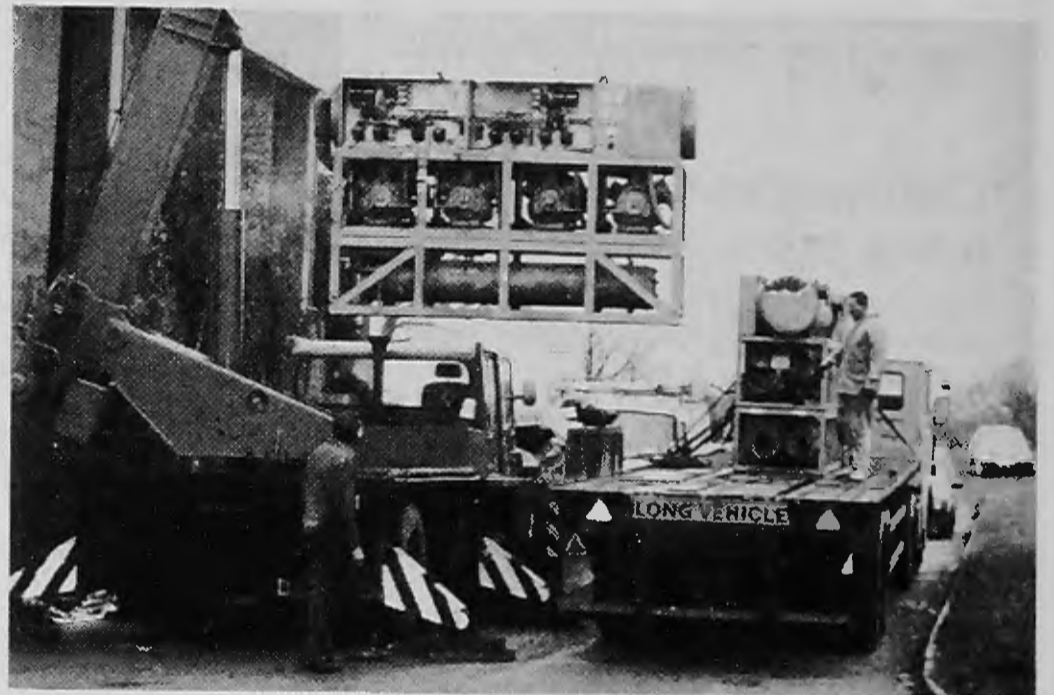
Copthall has an eight-lane international 'short course' main pool, a 25-metre six-lane training pool, an international standard diving pool and seating for 600. It has a computerised score board and next year will again host the European short course championships which attracts swimmers from all over the world.

Sponsors

British Gas North Thames were sponsors at the Barnet short course meet in December which attracted swimmers from Canada and Europe and the British short course championships are also staged there.

Barnet estimate they have 500,000 'users' a year through the complex. Specialist groups such as schoolchildren, the handicapped, over 50's and early morning swimmers are catered for as well as such diversities as 'splash dance' and synchronised swimming.

On dry land they have a fitness centre and offer classes ranging from 'yoga in pregnancy' to karate.



Two of the four old huge electric heat pumps being loaded on to the back of a lorry.

Swimming spectacular

BARNET Copthall Swimming complex off the Great North Way, Hendon, and Page Street, Mill Hill, will stage their most prestigious event ever early next year when they stage a FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur) Swimming World Cup meet which forms part of the new Milk in Action British Grand Prix.

This swimming spectacular, which should feature a host of stars from the Seoul Olympics, will be held in the main pool at the complex between Thursday and Sunday, February 23-26.

World Cup series

It will be the last leg of a new swimming World Cup series which has been set up with the approval of the sport's international ruling body, FINA. The inaugural 1988-89 series will take in 10 countries in just over two months starting in Toronto, Canada, from December 15 — 17. It will then move on to Indianapolis (USA), Perth (Australia), Emmen (Holland), Paris

(France), Berlin (East Germany), Bonn (West Germany), Gothenburg (Sweden) and Venice (Italy), before the grand finale at Copthall.

The world's top men and women swimmers will contest the series, which features a mix of short and long course meets with points awarded in six different categories for each sex — freestyle sprint and distance, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley.

The Barnet Copthall meet should prove an even bigger draw as it is the last chance the swimmers have to collect points in their quest for prestigious World Cup titles.

Certain to be in the thick of the action are Britain's best — for the meet also forms part of the new British Grand Prix which is being launched in 1988/89.

The British Grand Prix is being sponsored by Milk in Action and will comprise five rounds, the last of them being the World Cup meet at Barnet Copthall. The five qualifiers will culminate with a national final at Leeds in May.

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PERSONNEL OFFICE

Senior Clerical Assistant

(Full-time)

Salary: Up to £8,883 p.a. inc.

Clerical Assistant

(Full-time, part-time or job share)

Salary: £6,921 — £8,127 p.a. inc.

Looking for a start in Personnel? Or a Local Government Career in Administration? Or perhaps you are a more mature person re-entering the employment market simply looking for a change . . . then telephone for an information pack about these opportunities with this busy and friendly team.

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Application forms available from Personnel Office, address No. 1. Please quote reference 633/924/592.

Careworker

Salary: £9,048 — £10,548

This vacancy is at Meadowside, a residential setting for 56 elderly people in North Finchley, N12.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain management experience since you would assist the setting's Managers in ensuring that our resident's dignity and self-esteem are maintained.

You should have relevant experience and the ability/potential to supervise and motivate staff in developing high standards of care within a demanding environment.

Shift-working is involved and some sleep-in duties for which £12.06 per night is paid.

Informal enquiries welcomed by Mr Alan Clare, on 01-446 0234.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Interview Dates: 22 or 24 November, 1988

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/MC.

A Training Initiative

Salary: £6,267 — £8,127 p.a. inc.

We are looking for a Trainee to work in our Social Services Directorate.

Emphasis is on ability to work in a multi-racial, multi-cultural community. Our trainee programme lasts for 18 months and would give you a prospect of secondment on Social Worker and Occupational Therapist Training Courses. Whilst training you will also have incremental salary progression

and upon qualifying appointment to a Social Worker in Field, Day or Residential Care area. You should be educated up to 'O' level standard (or equivalent). For further information please contact Ordu Obibuaku on 01-446 1466 ext 4225.

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/T/I.

We encourage applications from members of the Black and Minority Ethnic Communities.

Clerical Assistant

(Part-time 18 Hours)

Fostering and Adopting

Salary: £3,957 — £4,233 inc.

Are you enthusiastic, efficient and well organised, possess a good general education and can work with a minimum of supervision? Then you could be just the person we want to provide clerical and typing support to our busy Fostering and Adoption Section in East Finchley.

With a full-time colleague, you will deal with telephone enquiries and correspondence, the maintenance of records and files in this sensitive area of work. We would expect good copy or audio typing skills. Clearly you must be a person of discretion and tact.

- ★ Hours negotiable but will be worked each day Monday to Friday.
- ★ Excellent pension scheme.
- ★ Generous leave entitlement.

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Further details and application forms from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/971.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PART-TIME WORK WITH CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

If you have a flexible and imaginative approach to the development of services for under-5s come and contribute to our innovative pre-school teams. We offer you the chance to extend and develop your skills with excellent in-service training and supportive teamwork.

Playleader

The Croft, Burnt Oak — 25 hours per week

A trained, experienced Playleader is needed to run our pre-school playgroup operating two sessions between 9.30am and 3.00pm. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a developing project.

Salary — up to £126 per week.
Ref: 633/439

Careworker

12 Osprey, NW9 — 26 hours per week or 13¾ hours per week term time only

Osprey has a Nursery Group (involving parents) running from 11am-3.00pm and an after-school group of children aged from four to seven years from 3.00pm-5.45pm. We need a part-time Careworker to join each group, to provide an emotionally secure, warm, stimulating and safe environment appropriate to individual children and their families.

Salary — up to £4.73 per hour. Ref: 633/712

Nursery Officer

Fairway Nursery, NW7 — 20 hours per week

A Nursery Officer is needed at this nursery in Mill Hill, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, to work with young children and their parents who are experiencing various stresses and difficulties.

Salary — up to £89 per week. Ref: 633/454A

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988

Further written details and application forms from address No. 4. Please quote appropriate reference number.

DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP

Clerical Assistant

Salary: Up to £8,127 p.a. inc. According to age, qualifications and experience.

WOULD YOU LIKE A CAREER IN PERSONNEL?

Our Staffing Section has an increasing workload and needs someone who has initiative, drive, enthusiasm and tact. Does this someone sound like you?

If so, we can offer you a challenging job, from which you will gain invaluable experience in all aspects of office work in general and personnel in particular.

Your main duties in this busy but friendly department would be to help with the recruitment of staff to all sections of the Directorate, deal with telephone enquiries, process overtime and mileage claims and other varied general clerical duties.

If you feel you can help yourself by helping us, please contact Julia Zola on 01-446 8511 ext 4456 to find out more.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.
Interview Date: 23 November 1988

Application forms available from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/16

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Regularly reviewed wages
- Generous leave entitlements
- Pleasant working conditions • Opportunities for advancement
- In-service training/supervision • Worthwhile employment helping the community

For full-time posts we offer - canteen facilities, a minimum of 20 days basic annual leave and additional leave at most Bank Holidays. Assistance with housing, 100% of removal expenses and interest-free loans for annual seasons tickets may be available in approved cases.

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

FURTHER EDUCATION MAJOR AWARDS

Administrative Assistant

Salary: £8,301 — £8,883 p.a. inc.

Are you looking for a useful step in your career development? Do you want varied and challenging duties?

We are looking for someone to join a busy section of 13 staff dealing with awards to students attending universities, polytechnics and further education establishments.

If you can offer:

- a methodical approach to your work;
- a liking for dealing with the public;
- experience of working with computers or a willingness to learn;
- basic keyboard skills;
- the ability to work as a team sometimes under pressure;

you're the person we want.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 603/287.

Laboratory Technicians

Hendon School, Golders Rise, Hendon, NW4 2HP

Salary: £3,293 — £4,484 p.a. inc. Plus Qualification Allowance (if applicable)

Hours: 25 per week, 40 weeks per annum

You will work in the school science laboratories as a member of a team of technicians preparing and setting up demonstration and class experiments, maintenance and cleaning of apparatus.

Scientific knowledge, especially chemistry, will be an advantage.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 603/165.

Clerical Assistant

St Vincent's RC School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, NW7 1EJ

Salary: £4,373 — £5,038.

Hours: 24½ p.w. 40 weeks p.a.

Would you enjoy working in a School environment? If you are an efficient typist, able to handle money and deal with simple accounts procedures, able to work under pressure and, of course, of the highest integrity, then this could be the job you are looking for. Why not apply?

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference ADM/S/087/111.

Technical and managerial posts

DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Senior Valuer

Development Division

Salary: Up to £19,574 p.a. inc. — according to experience, qualifications and ability. Plus Essential User Car Allowance.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Interview Date: 2 December, 1988.

Application forms and further details from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/658.

ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION Engineering Group

Senior Project Engineer

(Highways)

Salary: £14,289 — £18,209 p.a. inc.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Interview Date: 30 November, 1988

Application forms are available from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/134.

where to apply

1. Recruitment Office, 16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon, London NW4 2EN
Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 2372
(01-202 6602 24 hr ansaphone outside office hours).
2. Assistant Controller (Support Services), Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ.
Tel: 01-446 8511 Ext 4454
3. Director of Educational Services, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, London N11 3DL
Tel: 01-368 1255
4. Director of Social Services, Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 9HZ
Tel: 446 6857
(24 hr answering service)
5. Borough Librarian Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BE
Tel: 01-202 5625 Ext 48

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Technical and managerial posts

Project Engineer

(Highways Planning)

Salary: Up to £16,179 inc.
DTS/153

Ref:

Technician

(Highways Planning)

Salary: Up to £13,199 inc.
DTS/154

Ref:

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Interview Date: 22 November, 1988

Application forms and further details from address No. 2. Please quote appropriate reference number.

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Deputy Manager

Care of the Elderly

Salary: Up to £14,679 p.a. inc.

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/317.

Social Workers

(Time Limited — 3 Year Contract)

Salary: Up to £14,289 p.a. inc.

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Interview Date: 25 November, 1988

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/995/996.

Instructor

(needlework and simple cookery)

(Broadfields Day Centre)

Salary: £8,127 — £9,690 rising to £10,548 p.a. if qualified

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/250.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Articled Clerk

Salary: £10,266 — £11,199 p.a. inc.

Closing Date: 24 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 600/AC.

Manual and Craft Vacancies

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Education Catering

Interested in catering? — Your school kitchen needs you!

We have a wide variety of posts in our schools and colleges ranging from unskilled General Assistants where no previous experience is required, to Cooks (grade 4) where catering skills and experience are essential. For all these posts you'll need energy, enthusiasm and a flexible approach to your work.

For the more senior Cook's posts we would prefer a professional qualification; but this isn't essential. What is required though is some practical experience in all aspects of large scale catering and the ability to work well under pressure. Experience in kitchen management, menu planning and stock control would also be an advantage.

The rate of pay will vary depending upon the job you're doing. We'll pay £2.99 (approx.) per hour for a Cook (Grade 1) and this increases to £3.43 (approx.) per hour for a cook (grade 4). We also give you a half-pay retainer fee during school closures on the understanding that you will be available for work if required. Such duty will receive full pay.

If you would like to know which schools currently have a vacancy, contact Robert Farace at our Recruitment Office on 01-202 8282, ext. 2372 (01-202 6602 outside office hours), or The Education Catering Office on 01-368 1255, ext 3313, or alternatively write to the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Cooks

Please Sir . . . can we have some Cooks!

We have vacancies for Cooks at various rates of pay at the following schools:

ST ANDREW'S School Kitchen, Totteridge Lane, N20 — 3 Posts

Hours of work: 17½ per week.

Rate of pay: £3.10 (approx) per hour — Cook Grade 2.

or

Hours of work: 15 per week or 10 per week.

Rate of pay: £2.99 (approx) per hour — Cook Grade 1.

CHRIST CHURCH School Kitchen, Byng Road, Barnet, Herts — 2 Posts.
Hours of work: 18¾ per week.

Rate of pay: £3.10 (approx) per hour — Cook Grade 2.

or

Hours of work: 10½ per week.

Rate of pay: £2.99 (approx) per hour — Cook Grade 1.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BOYS School Kitchen, Queens Road, Barnet, Herts — 4 Posts.

Hours of work: 2 × 15 or 23¾ or 16 per week.

Rate of pay: £2.99 (approx) per hour — Cook Grade 1.

Half-pay retainer fee is paid during school closure periods on the understanding that you will be available for work if required. Such duty will receive full pay.

FRIERN BARNET COUNTY School Kitchen, Hemington Avenue, N11.

Hours of work: 17½ per week.

Rate of pay: £2.99 (approx) per hour — Cook Grade 1.

EAST BARNET LOWER School Kitchen, Chestnut Grove, Cat Hill, East Barnet, Herts.

Hours of work: 15 per week.

Rate of pay: £2.99 (approx) per hour — Cook Grade 1.

Half pay retainer fee is paid during school closure periods on the understanding that you will be available for work if required. Such duty will receive full pay.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

For further information and an application form please contact Mrs A Speed on 01-368 1255 ext 3313, or write to Friern Barnet Town Hall, Education Catering, London N11.

Where to apply

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Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 2372 (01-202 6602 24 hr ansaphone outside office hours).
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Meal Time Supervisors

Help! We are desperate for meal time supervisors to supervise school children during the lunch period of school terms.

Rate of pay is approx £3.25 inc. per hour, a free meal on completion of duty, and half-pay retainer for established staff during school closure, plus annual leave payment.

Interested? Then please apply direct to one of the schools below:

Christ Church School, Warnham Road, Finchley, N12 9NR. Telephone 01-445 3249.

Osidge School, Chase Side, Southgate, N14 5HD. Telephone 01-886 7108.

Ashmole School, Cecil Road, N14 5RJ. Telephone 01-368 2608.

Mill Hill County High School, Worcester Crescent, Mill Hill, NW7 4LL. Telephone 01-959 0017.

Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.

Temporary Kitchen Domestic Assistant

(Evenings) £3.13 per hour

Your duties would involve preparation of snacks/light suppers, washing-up and keeping the kitchen clean and tidy. Hours: 5.00pm-8.00pm. This appointment is expected to last until Summer 1989.

Ref: CAM/TKDA

Part-Time Handyperson

£67 per 20 hour week

You would undertake minor repairs around the buildings and tidying of the grounds and you should have some DIY skills and enjoy contact with older people.

Hours: 20 per week, Monday-Friday, timing negotiable.

Ref: CAM/MPTHP

Closing Date: 10 November 1988.

Please apply to Mr Alan Clare, Meadowside, Holden Road, Finchley, N12. Telephone 01-446 0234. Please quote appropriate reference number.

Part-time Cook/ Housekeeper

Salary: Up to £4,683 p.a. (19½ hours week)

25 Parkhurst Road is a small residential setting for up to nine children and young people who are in care.

We need someone with experience in catering/home management to help us provide a homely touch. You should be able to cook, care for the building, and encourage young people to join in.

Hours: 19½ per week, including some evenings and weekend working.

Informal enquiries to Jim Hyland on 01-368 9191.

*Closing Date: 10 November, 1988.
Interview Date: 28 November, 1988*

Application form available from address No. 4. Please quote reference CAM/PTCH.

Part-Time Domestic Assistant

£2.99 per hour

The Cedars, a home for 33 elderly people in New Barnet, Herts, needs a person to undertake general cleaning and tidying duties throughout the building.

Hours: 9 hours per week — Friday to Sunday.

This post is available until 31 March 1989.

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Please apply to the Officer-in-Charge, The Cedars, 12 Richmond Road, New Barnet, Herts. Telephone 01-449 9252. Please quote reference CAM/PDA.

Gardener/Jobbing Assistant

Salary: £3.37 per hour. (30 hours per week or available as job share)

Are you a competent DIY person? And/or green fingered?

"New Fieldways" is a lively and friendly social education centre and residential setting for people with a learning difficulty, based in High Barnet.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and fit Gardener and/or Jobbing Assistant (proficient householder standard) to undertake programmed maintenance and emergency repairs of the building, grounds and garden. An ability to get on well with people with a learning difficulty would be helpful. Generous leave allowance and pleasant working conditions.

To find out more please contact Paul Gilbert or Karen Rigby on 01-440 9142.

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference CAM/G/JA.

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Meadowside is a residential care setting for 56 elderly people in Finchley, N12. We have the following vacancies for weekly-paid staff:

Part-Time Care Assistants

Min £3.49 per hour

You should be able to demonstrate a sensitive insight into the needs of older people. Duties involve physical, social and emotional support to our residents. Hours: 25 or 15 per week on a rota basis including some weekends (when a higher rate of pay applies)

Ref: CAM/MCA

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For full-time posts we offer - canteen facilities, a minimum of 20 days basic annual leave and additional leave at most Bank Holidays. Assistance with housing, 100% of removal expenses and interest-free loans for annual seasons tickets may be available in approved cases.

Cleaner

(Temporary position until 31 March 1989)

Flower Lane SEC, a social, educational and recreational activities centre for 60 adults with a mental handicap, needs a diligent person to undertake general cleaning duties.

Rate of pay: £3.15 per hour incl.

Hours: 9-4.15pm Monday-Thurs, 9-4.00pm Friday.

Closing Date: 18 November, 1988.

Please apply to Michael Campbell, Manager, Flower Lane SEC, 41/43 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7. Telephone 01-959 7494. Please quote reference CAM/CFL.

CHANDOS LODGE a home for elderly people has the following

Domestic Assistant

Basic duties include cleaning and tidying of rooms, lounges, toilets and other public areas.

Rate of pay: £2.99 per hour, to work up to a maximum of 20 hours, alternate weekends inclusive, when enhanced rates are payable.

Ref: CAM/DA

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Seamstress/Seamster

To do alterations and repairs on residents' clothes and household linens.

Rate of pay: £3.10 per hour for 15 hour week.

Ref: CAM/SS

Closing Date: 11 November, 1988.

Please apply to Mrs Elizabeth Hayward, Chandos Lodge, Grahame Park, London, NW9. Telephone 01-205 4878/9. Please quote appropriate reference number.

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Due to pressure on space we regret that we are publishing special events, monthly and fortnightly entries only this month. In future the full list with all the standing weekly events will be published once every three months: **March, June, September and December.**

Please make sure your entry is in time with all correct details.

Entries for the December issue must be received by **November 10, and before that date if possible. New entries start on December 4**

Council Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend council and committee meetings in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7pm

Monday, November 7
Finance

Wednesday, November 9
Planning Sub-Committees

Tuesday, November 15
Education Sub-Committees

Tuesday, November 22
Council Meeting

Monday, November 28
Housing, Development and Estates

Tuesday, November 29
Public Works, Social Services

Wednesday, November 30
Town Planning and Research

General

Tuesday, November 8
The Historical Assn (N London). Talk on Oliver Cromwell by Christopher Hill. Central Library, Cecil Rd. Enfield. 8pm. (also Nov 22, Talk on The Black Death by Dr Thomas James)

Wednesday, November 9
Barnet Family Practitioner Cttee. FPC House, 313 Ballards La. N12. 2pm. 446 5351.

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group. Talk on 'London of William Hogarth' by W. Ronald Dalzell. Avenue Hse, East End Rd. N3. 7.50pm. Visitors welcome £2.50. 203 3735 (also Nov 23, Talk 'Musical Instruments' by Mary Remnant)
Lecture 'Into a Desert Place' by Graham Mackintosh, winner of the Adventurous Traveller of the Year award for trek in Baja California Peninsula on west coast of Mexico. Mill Hill Library, Hartley Ave, NW7. 8.15pm. Admission free

Thursday, November 10
Barnet Police Consultative Mtg. Hendon Town Hall, NW4. 8pm. Public welcome.

Thursday, November 17
Bangladeshi Evening in aid of flood victims, arranged by Golders Green C.R. Group in co-operation with Bangladesh International Women's Group. Talks & Slides, sale of crafts etc. At Golders Green Unitarians, 31½ Hoop La. NW11. 8pm. 455 6281

★ Barnet Diary ★

Saturday, November 19

New Barnet & Dist Stamp & Postal History Fair, St Peter's Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. 440 8835 (also Dec 3)

Sunday, November 20

Barnet Book Bonanza in aid of talking books for the blind. New and second hand books at cheap prices. Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet. 11am to 4pm. Admission 25p

Thursday, November 24

Barnet Community Relations Council. 15th AGM for Members. Town Hall, Hendon. 7.30pm. Others interested please contact 445 6051

Saturday, November 26

The Finchley Stamp Fair, St Mary's Hall, Hendon La. N3. 10am

Wednesday, November 30

Federation of Ratepayers & Residents Assns. of LBB. N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. N12. 8pm. 449 0807
Barnet & Dist Local History Scty. AGM. Barnet Museum, Wood St. 8.15pm. 361 9165

Monthly

Barnet Animal Rights Group. Quaker Mtg Hse, 58 Alexandra Grove, N12. 8pm. 440 1715 (1st Wed)

Finchley and Dist. Philatelic Scty. Avenue House, Cttee. Rm 1, East End Rd, N3. 7.30pm. 883 8724 (1st and 3rd Wed)

Philosophy of Yoga. Discussion Mtg. Patanjali Yoga Cntr, 190 Watford Way, Hendon. 5pm. 203 0062 (1st Sat)

Hendon and Dist. Cage Birds Assn. Labour Hall, Back La (off Watling Ave) Burnt Oak. 7.30pm. 205 2647 (2nd Tues)

Middx Business Club. Hertford Lodge, East End Rd, N3. 346 2187 (usually 2nd Tues)

Royal British Legion (N Finchley). Legionway, Summers La, N12. 8pm. 445 9911 (3rd Tues)

N Middx Family History Scty. Barnet Branch. Church Hse, Wood St, Barnet. 7.4pm. 441 0528 (3rd Tues)

Friern Barnet Amnesty Group. Jubilee Room, St James' Church, Friern Barnet La, N12. 8pm. 368 9487 (3rd Tues)

Barnet Ratepayers and Residents Assn (Arkley and Hadley). Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Rd. 8pm; Surgery 7.30pm. 449 0807 (last Fri)

Advice & Support Groups

Monday, November 7

Mtg on speech therapy & language development. All parents welcome. Bring own lunch. 12.30-2.30pm. Men-cap, 28 Church End, NW4. 203 6688

Saturday, November 12

'Starting Again' — A Divorce Workshop. Relate (Marriage Guidance), 5 Woodhouse

Rd. N12. 10am-3.30pm. £25. 445 9549/8522 for details & to book

British Diabetic Assn (Barnet and Dist). Postgraduate Medical Centre, Barnet General Hospital. Annual Dinner. 7pm. £7.50. 368 6993

Thursday, November 17

WRVS AGM. Avenue Hse, East End Rd. N3. 2pm. 346 7714

Wednesday, November 30

Barnet Community Health Council meeting. Meritage Club, Hendon. 7.30pm. 959 2038

Monthly

MIND in Barnet. Advice and counselling, Trinity Church, Nether St, N12. No appt needed. 7.30-9.30pm (1st, 3rd and 5th Tues)

Alzheimer's Disease Scty (Barnet Branch). Relatives' Group. The Blue Beetle, St Mary's Church, Hendon La, N3. 8.15pm. 958 8324. (1st Tues)

National Schizophrenia Fellow. Health Centre, 23 Temple Fortune La, NW11. 8pm. 455 5113 (2nd Tues)

Oakleigh Carers Group. Health Centre, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 2pm. 368 8350 (2nd Fri)

British Tinnitus Assn NW London. Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 2pm. 349 9353 (2nd Sat)

British Epilepsy Support Group. Trinity Church Hall, Nether St, N12. 7.30pm. 446 2003 (3rd Mon)

Barnet Action for Mental Health. 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 7.30pm. 203 5879 (Last Mon)

Bridge, Whist & Chess

Monthly

Whist Drive. Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 8pm. 368 42787 (1st Sat)

Countryside and Wildlife

Sunday, November 13

RSPB (N London). Coach outing to Rutland Water. 368 3644

Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust. Task day at Darlands Lake Nature Reserve. Meet 10am. The Close, by Orange Tree PH, Totteridge La. N20 or later at the reserve. 346 5258

Monday, November 14

RSPB Potters Bar & Barnet Oakmere Hse, Potters Bar. 8pm

Wednesday, November 16

Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust. Illustrated talk on Butterflies in and around London by Colin Plant. N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave, N12.

8pm. 346 5258

Saturday, November 19

Finchley Watch Group. Scavenger Hunt at College Farm for members and others who would like to join aged 8-14 yrs. 2pm. Fitzalan Rd, N3. 346 5258

Sunday, November 20

RSPB (N London). Car outing to Old Hall Marshes RSPB reserve. 885 3318

Sunday, November 27

Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust. Wildlife study morning at Darlands Lake Nature Reserve between 9.30am-12.30pm. Entrance in The Close, by Orange Tree PH, Totteridge La, N20. 346 5258

Golders Green Watch Club (for children 8+). For details 458 2669 (after 6pm weekdays) or 440 6314 (weekends)

Mill Hill Watch Club (for children 8+) — part of Herts. and Middx. Wildlife Trust — for details 440 6314 (after 6pm)

Monthly

Middx Caving Group. St Mary's Hall, Hendon La, N3. 8pm. 803 6008 (1st Wed)

RSPB (N London). Indoor mtg. Holy Innocents Church Hall, Tottenham La, N8. 7.45pm. Admission £1, non-members £1.50. 801 8581 (2nd Thur)

Dance

Monday November 14

Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club. Church Hse, Wood St. 7.45pm. £1. 449 4425 (also Nov 28)

Thursday November 17

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club. Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Bdw. 7.45pm. 75p. 950 5756 (also Nov 24)

Monthly

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club. Southgate Upper Sch, Sussex Way, Cockfosters. 7.30pm. 360 2586 (1st Sat)

Finchley Sequence Dance Club. St Philip's Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. 7pm. 346 8675 (2nd Sat)

Mondays

Contemporary Modern/Disco & Ballroom/Latin classes for children of all ages and abilities. Friary Hall, Whetstone. 440 8530.

Fridays

Contemporary Modern/Disco classes from beginners to formation and medal work. Stretch and dance classes for 15-25yrs. Movement to music and dance for the under 5s. Friends Mtg Hse, New Barnet. 440 8530

18+ Groups

Monthly

Rotaract Club (Mill Hill). 18-28yrs. Mill Hill Tennis Club, Sylvan Ave, NW7. 8.15pm. 444 9291 (1st and 3rd Mon)

Rotaract Club (Barnet). Barnet Cricket Club, Barnet La.

8pm. 441 5892 (1st and 3rd Wed)

Rotaract Club (Finchley). Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards La, N12. 8.30pm. 445 1393 (1st and 3rd Wed)

Rotaract Club (Friern Barnet and Whetstone). Bull and Butcher Pub, High Rd, N20. 8.15pm. 346 0438 (1st and 3rd Thur)

Rotaract Club (Edgware and Stanmore). The Green Man Pub, Honeypot La, Stanmore. 8.15pm. (2nd and 4th Wed)

Orbit Club NW London (25-40). Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards La, N12. 8.30pm. 906 2080 (2nd Wed)

Fetes, Fairs & Sales

Saturday, November 12

Harwood Market. Union Church, Mill Hill, NW7. 10am-4.30pm. Half the proceeds to the Wishing Well Appeal

Christmas Market. Social Education Centre, Flower La, NW7. Noon-3pm. 959 7494

Christmas Fete. Opening by an 'Eastenders' star. St Albans's Church Hall, entrance Dale Grove, N12. 11am-4pm. Proceeds to Church Restoration Fund

Autumn market/car boot sale. Church Hill School, Burlington Rise, East Barnet. 10.30am to 1.30pm. Admission 20p, children free. Stalls/car spaces £6. 445 7007 or 368 1427

Friday, November 18

Christmas fayre, Mapledown School for Mentally Handicapped Children, Claremont Rd, Cricklewood. Photo with Father Christmas, stalls, refreshments. 7pm. All proceeds to Minibus Fund. 455 4111.

Saturday, November 19

St Michael's & All Angel's Church Autumn Market, Hartley Hall, Flower La, NW7. 10am. Admission 20p, children 10p. 272 3637

Christmas Fayre. Friern Barnet Day Centre, adj. to Town Hall, Friern Barnet La, N11. 10am-12.30pm. Admission 20p 368 4278

HGS Christmas Craft Fair. The Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. 10am-5pm

Winter Fair. Northside School, Lodge La, N12. 11.30am-3.30pm. 445 4730

Sunday, November 20

Sweet Charity's Annual Gift Market. Henriques House, 120 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 11am-4pm. Admission 20p, children free

Saturday, November 26

UNA (Barnet branch) annual coffee morning with bring-and-buy. All Saints Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 445 2094

Christmas bazaar, Tudor School, Queens Rd, N3. 1.30-4.30pm. Father Christmas, stalls and games

Barnet Diary



Firework display

Saturday, November 5

St John C of E School, Crescent Road, Friern Barnet. 6pm. £1.50 adults (in advance), 50p children. £1.75 at gate. Phone 368 1154

Scouts, Frith Lane Camp Ground, Mill Hill East. 6pm. £1 adults, 70p children.

Old Barn, Tarling Road, East Finchley, 8pm. Admission free.

Sunday, November 6

Mill Hill Rotary Club, Cophall Stadium, off the Great North Way, Hendon and Page Street, Mill Hill. Gates open 4.45pm. Bonfire and entertainment 5.15pm. Firework display 6pm. Admission by programme in advance £1, at gate £2, children £1.50. Programmes from Marc Ashley, 61 The Broadway, Mill Hill; 959 1407. Deasons Toys and Sports, 138 Burnt Oak Broadway; 952 5605.

Horticulture and Floral Art

Tuesday, November 8

Friern Barnet Floral Art Club. Christ Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 8pm. 446 0783 (also Nov 22)

Wednesday, November 9

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Scty. AGM. 8pm. Free to members. 441 0293

Monthly

Barnet and Dist. Fuchsia Scty. Methodist Hall, Brookside, E Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 4085 (2nd Mon)

Mill Hill Flower Club. Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Bdway. 8pm. 959 3530 (2nd Tues)

Hendon Horticultural Scty. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 1187 (2nd Wed)

Barnet Flower Arrangement Scty. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. 8pm. 0707 57199 (2nd Thur)

Totteridge Floral Art Group. Badgers Croft, Totteridge Village. 2pm. 445 9307 (3rd Tues)

Hendon Floral Art Group. St John's Church Hall, Algeron Rd, NW4. 7.45pm. 346 8916 (3rd Wed)

Keep Fit

Mondays

Tai-Chi for all. St Edward's Church Hall, Finchley Rd/Hoop La, Golders Grn. 8pm. 458 9842 (also Wed)

Tuesdays

Exercise to music aerobics class. UR Church, Wood St, Barnet. 8pm. £1.80

Martial Arts

Mondays

Meadway Ju-Jitsu club BJA. MAC. Friern Barnet La, N20. 7.30pm. £2.50 for 2hr 5th Dan tuition. 445 6252 (also Tues)

Music

Monday, November 7

Hendon Music Scty. Moura Lympny, a musical biography by Robert Matthew-Walker. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 2355

Tuesday, November 8

Hendon Library Gramophone Scty. The Burroughs. 7.45pm. 202 5625 (also Nov 22)

Thursday, November 10

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Scty. Friern Barnet Rd. N11. 8.10pm. 361 2787 (also Nov 24)

Tuesday, November 15

East Barnet Library Gramophone Scty. 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376 (also Nov 29)

Wednesday, November 23

Edgware and District Organ Scty. Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd. 8pm. £1 (per guest) 953 3291

Pensioners

Wednesday, November 30

Edgware Over 60's Health Group. Talk by Dr Joseph Goodman on acupuncture. Edgware Clinic, r/o Post Office, Station Rd. 10am. For details/transport, 952 7722 ext 3587

Monthly

Golders Green and Dist. Pensioners' Assn. Trinity Church, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 1.15pm. 455 7952 (1st Wed)

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet). Methodist Hall, Brookside, E Barnet. 1.30pm. 361 2787 (2nd Wed)

Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance. Avenue Hse, East End Rd, N3. 10am. 445 4821 (3rd Thur)

Pensioners' Voice (Colindale/Burnt Oak). Burnt Oak Library, Watling Ave. 1.30pm. 906 2161 (last Thur)

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley). N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 2pm. 346 6762 (last Thur)

Weekdays

WRVS E Barnet Lunch Club. 54-60 Brookhill Rd, New Barnet. Noon. 449 5025 (between 10am-2pm)

Tuesdays

WRVS High Barnet Lunch Club. Salisbury Rd. Noon. 449 0158 (between 10am-2pm) (also Thur & Fri)

Photography Arts & Crafts

Monthly

Barnet Ceramic and Glass Scty. East Barnet Upper Sch, Chestnut Grove, off Cat Hill. 446 1022 (1st Wed)

Singles Clubs

Monthly

Finchley Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (25-65). 8pm. 445 9810/444 8743 (1st and 3rd Tues)

Forte Plus Music Lovers. Sobell Centre, Limes Ave. Golders Green. 8.15pm. 440 0213 (1st Thur)

Sport

London Hash House Harriers. For details SAE to 'MIC MAC', 12 Parkhurst Rd, N11 3EL

St Christopher's Cycling Club. Easy rides. Tally Ho Post Office, N12. 10am. 346 6609/361 2281 (1st Sun)

Sundays

Finchley Section of W London DA Cyclists' Touring Club organise rides. 361 9851/446 2634

WEA Classes

Friern Barnet WEA are running the following 20 week courses. For free brochure 361 9237/368 8781

Tuesdays

Classical Music. Christ Church URC Hall, Friern Barnet/Bellevue Rds. N11. 10am

Natural History Around Us. Sth Friern Library, Colney Hatch La, N10. 8pm

Wednesdays

18th Century Social History. Christ Church URC Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 2pm

Barnet WEA are running the following classes during the autumn and winter. For free brochure 445 4433 or from public library

Wednesdays

The History of Art: the 20th Century. Totteridge Library. Totteridge La, N20. 2pm

Law for the Ordinary Citizen. E Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm

Thursdays

The Romans in Britain. Barnet College, Russell La, N20. 10am

Fridays

Historic Houses: Architecture and Design. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 10am

Courses run by the Barnet Unwaged Branch of the WEA and Barnet Unemployed Group. Everyone welcome at George Richardson House, 7 Sunningfields Road, Hendon.

Wednesdays

Discovering your creativity. A

mixture of drama, painting, movement, writing and music. Increase confidence and learn to relax. 11am to 1pm. £2 per session, OAPs £1.50, UB40's 50p

Developing your potential. Improve self esteem, communication, assertiveness and effectiveness. 2 to 5pm. £3 per session, OAPs £2.25, UB40s 50p

Current affairs. Discussions led by specialists in merchant banking, Soviet affairs, economics, third world development, the welfare system, unemployment and housing. 7.30 to 9.30pm. Four weeks starting November 2. £8, OAPs £6, UB40s £1.

At East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, N2

Tuesdays

Job-search counselling. Individual help for those seeking jobs or career change. CVs, form filling, strategy, interview technique, self presentation, confidence building. 2 to 4pm. Come any week. £2 per session, UB40s free.

Further details from Rob, Tel. 440 9430.

Women's Clubs

Monthly

Ashley TWG, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns. 7.30pm. 906 1952 (1st Thur)

Barnet Afternoon TWG, Church House, Wood St. 2pm. 449 0367 (3rd Fri)

Barnet Evening TWG, Church House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 440 1526 (1st Wed)

Broadway Mill Hill TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. 2pm. 959 0995 (2nd Thur)

Chipping Barnet WI, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 10am. 440 8807 (2nd Thur)

East Barnet Monkfrith TWG, British Legion Hall, Nursery Rd, N14. 1.45pm. 0707 51896 (1st Thur)

East Barnet (Osidge) TWG, Small Hall, Brookside Methodist Church. 7.45pm. 368 7346 (2nd Tues)

East Barnet Valley TWG,

Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 2.15pm. 449 8601/3885 (1st Thur)

Finchley Church End TWG, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 2.15pm. 455 7152 (4th Wed)

Finchley Granville TWG, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. 2pm. 346 7056 (2nd Thur)

Finchley Redbourne TWG, Etchingham Park Rd Day Centre, N3. 7.45pm 446 6108 (4th Tues)

Friern Barnet and Whetstone TWG, Manor Drive Methodist Church, York Way, N20. 2.15pm. 446 4816 (3rd Tues)

Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 2pm. 361 9623 (1st Tues)

Golders Green TWG, St Alban's Church Hall, Golders Green. 2pm. 455 4156 (1st Mon)

Hampstead Garden Suburb TWG, St Jude's Church Rooms, Central Sq, NW11. 2pm. 458 3706 (1st Mon)

Mill Hill Afternoon TWG, Harwood Hall, The Broadway, NW7. 2pm. 959 1505 (2nd Wed)

Mill Hill Highwood, TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower La. 2pm. 959 1994 (3rd Mon)

Montrose WI, Parish Room, St Alphage Church Montrose Ave. 7.45pm. 951 1140 (4th Tues)

National Council of Women, Barnet and Dist, St John's URC Hall, Mowbray Rd, New Barnet. 1.30pm. 20p. 368 1442 (4th Mon)

New Barnet Evening TWG, Brookside Methodist Church Hall, E Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 1934 (1st Mon)

Royal British Legion Women's Section (N Finchley), Legionway, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 445 991 (1st Tues)

Totteridge WI, Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Lane, N20. 7.30pm. 445 5700 (1st Tues)

Wives Group, Mill Hill East Church Hall, Salcombe Gdns. 8pm. 346 9430 (Nov 18, 29)

Woodside Park Afternoon TWG, Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, N12. 2pm. 445 0911 (3rd Wed)

Landscapes on show



Michael Vincent

VIEWS of the Suffolk countryside are on show at the Dollisfield Gallery, The Library, Totteridge Lane,

N20, until November 19.

Artist Michael Vincent was born at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and his love of the countryside which he began to paint in his childhood, is captured in his work.

Although he has travelled and worked abroad as well as in other parts of Britain, he admits there is something special in his home county.

'I work, though with a feeling of profound anxiety, which field will next be developed, which hedge uprooted, which tree torn down? I hope that my paintings, in a small way, will contribute to the enlightenment of others to this beauty, which it is our duty to protect and preserve,' he said.



Sunday, November 6

Broadsword Theatre Co. present 'Burning Out', exploring the subject of 'addiction' and how it affects all our lives. For ages 16+. Barnet Drama Centre, 142 High Rd, N2. 7pm. £2.50, £2 conces. 883 9957

November 8-12

Incognito Theatre present 'Barefoot in the Park'. Holly Park Rd, N11. To book 368 0202

November 9-12

Borehamwood Operatic Scty present 'Carousel'. Hertsmere Centre, Borehamwood. 7.30pm. Sat matinees 2.30pm. £3.50 to £4 and conces. OAPs, children and groups. 953 9872

Saturday, November 12

Moura Lympany, pianist, performing works by Schumann, Ravel, Debussy, and Rachmaninov. Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, NW11. 7.45pm. £4 (Tickets and details of the International Recital Series, Hendon Music Scty, 3 Southfields, NW4. 203 2355)

London Pro Arte Choir Concert. Works by Mozart incl. the Mass in C and Haydn incl. Pro Nobis Domine. St Michael's Church, Flower La, NW7. 7.30pm. £4. 203 7111

Finchley Choral Scty Concert. Rutter's Requiem and Haydn's Theresa Mass. St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. 7.45pm. £3.50, £2

children and students. 445 1076/346 0108

Concert by Ionian Clarinet Choir. Manor Drive Methodist Church, N20. Also piano duet and flute ensemble. First performance of a setting of sea shanties. 7.30pm. £3. £1.50 conces. Proceeds to Church funds.

Wednesday, November 16

Manor House Scty presents recital by pianist Danielle Salamon. Works by Scarlatti and Chopin. The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Rd, N3. 1.15pm. 75p 346 2288 (also Nov 30, Chamber Music Ensemble, 'The Playgroup'. Works by Mozart and Strauss)

Sunday, November 20

Manor House Scty presents The Jerusalem String Trio performing works by Yohanan Bohm, Jean Francais and Mozart. The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Rd, N3. 7.30pm. £4.50 members, £5.50 non members. 346 2288

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, December 1, 2 & 3

East Barnet School PTA pantomime, Ali Baba, East Barnet School, Chestnut Grove. £2.50. 7pm (matinee Saturday 2pm). 440 4162

See Saw Children's Theatre

Christ Church Hall, High Rd. N Finchley has facilities for the disabled. Bus routes to Tally Ho Corner are 13, 17, 26, 82, 125, 221, 260 and 263. Doors open at 10.30am, performances begin 11am. Tickets £1.50, conces. available. 446 4864

Saturday, November 12

Double Dutch and The Magic Show. Theatre, magic, juggling and clowning. All ages

Saturday, November 19

The Pied Piper Theatre Co. present 'The Enchanted Toy Shop'. Theatre and song. 4-10yrs.

Saturday, November 26

Kazzum present 'Alison in Blunderland'. Song, dance, drama and magic. 3-7yrs

Saturday, December 3

Jacolly Puppet Theatre present

'Dogworthys Magic Show Time'. Puppets, singing, dancing and magic. 3-7yrs

Celebrating London

Until December 18

E Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd, N2. Details and/or season ticket (£10) from Bernard Braley, 191 Creighton Ave, N2. 883 8906. Programme includes:

Friday, November 11

Images of London presented in words and music by Robert Alderman. 8pm. 75p, 40p children

Monday, November 14

Any Questions? On subjects affecting Londoners. Team: Rev Don Pickard, Dr June Tillman, Mr Ivan Weeks and Asst Deputy Police Commissioner, Richard Wells. 8pm. 75p

Friday, November 25

London Songs Through The Centuries presented by Ruth Lea and Andrea Whittaker. 8pm. £1.50, 80p children

Exhibitions

Until Nov 6

Exhibition of paintings by John Hurst, Lesley Faux and Gillian Lawson. Bow House Gallery, 35 Wood St, Barnet. Thur-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun noon-5pm. 440 4672 (also Nov 24-Dec 11, Exhibition of Paintings by Jennie Tuffs, Claire Peasnell and Marise Hepworth)

Until Nov 9

'A Postcard View of Jewish Life'. Manor House Scty. The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Rd, N3. Mon-Thur 11am-4pm; Sun 11am-1pm, 3-5pm. 346 2288

Until Nov 20

Milldon Art Scty. Winter Exhibition. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, NW4

Until Nov 26

Paintings of Tuscany by Mari l'Anson. Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4

Until December 18

Celebrating London. An exhibition based on the names of

the London Underground Stations. E Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd, N2. Tues, Wed and Thurs 2-7pm; Sat 10am-5pm. Or by arrangement 444 2016 or 883 8906

November 1-19

Exhibition of Watercolours, Oils and Gouache by Michael Vincent. Dollisfield Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge La, N20

November 19-December 17

14th Annual Barnet Artists' Exhibition. N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. N12

From November 22

'Off the Peg' — The Jewish contribution to the Women's wholesale clothing industry 1880-1960. The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Rd, N3. Mon-Thurs 10.30am-5pm; Sun 10.30am-4.30pm. 346 2288

December 4-January 15

American Model Railway Engines. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, NW4

Mixed Exhibitions

College Farm Gallery, Fitzalan Rd, N3. Entry to Farm £1.00, 50p concs incl admission to Gallery (1st Sun and open days)

Old Bull Arts Centre

68 High Street, Barnet. 449 5189

Phone for details. Ticket prices do not include 25p membership, or 50p children's membership of Bulls Eye Club.

Until November 12

Exhibition of Paintings by John Thompson ranging from tranquil Scottish lochs to suburban London. Admission free

Saturdays, November 5-26

Lindy Hop Workshops with Ellen Miller. 11am-12.30pm. 4 week course £14, £10 conces. Per session £4, £3 conces.

Sunday, November 6

World Tree present 'Mr Moosoo's Magic Puppet Show' and the children have the chance to join in. 3pm. Children £1.50, adults £2

Tuesday, November 8

Irish Dance Workshop with Lillian Massey. 8pm. £2.50, £1.50 conces.

November 10-12

Brookland Players. Habeas Corpus. 8pm. £4, £3 conces.

November 12 & 13

Stress Management Workshop with Gillian Mackie. 4.30pm. Weekend course £10, £7.50 conces.

November 17-19

The Association present 'Lock Up Your Daughters' by Bernard Miles. Music by Laurie Johnson, lyrics by Lionel Bart. Based on a play by Henry Fielding and set in London in 1750. 8pm. £4 £2.50 conces.

Saturdays, Nov 19-Dec 3

Movement Improvisation Workshop with Christian Harvey. 3pm. 3 week course £12, £8 conces.

Sunday, November 20

Quicksilver Theatre for Children present 'Bedlam', a musical thriller. 3pm. Children £1.50, adults £2

November 25 & 26

Boilerhouse present 'Measure for Measure' by Shakespeare. 8pm. £4, £2.50 conces.

Saturday, November 26

Mike Garrick Trio. 8pm. £4, £3 conces.

November 30-December 3

Entens Theatre Co present 'Pack of Lies' by Hugh Whitmore. A fictional account of events leading up to Peter and Helen Kroger's arrest for spying. 8pm. £4, £3 conces.

Sunday, December 4

Cavatina present 'The Magic Music Bus'. 3pm. Children, £1.50, adults £2

Edward Blishen reads and awards the prizes in the 1988 Poetry Competition. 8pm. £2, £1 conces.

CRAB's new photographic workshop for the disabled

CRAB workers and volunteers are putting the finishing touches to Tedder Lounge, at Grahame Park. The Lounge is being converted to a wheelchair accessible darkroom/studio, where disabled people can practise photography and related activities independently.

Users are encouraged to get involved in all aspects of the project from picture taking to fund raising and administration.

The idea of a disabled photography group stems from the interest of three disabled women from the nursing home of the Convent of St Mary at The Cross, Edgware. Residents approached CRAB to organise a series of on-location photography workshops in 1979. Shortly after that, the group invited others

to join in and they named themselves CLIC (Community Links in Cameras) and jointly with CRAB, a small darkroom was set up at Hendon College, Flower Lane.

As the project continued to expand the search began for improved premises.

The photography project now caters for two physically and two mentally disabled groups on a regular basis. There are links with two special schools. Visits to exhibitions and photographic outings in the group's tail-lift ambulance are regular events.

Tedder Lounge will have facilities for local disabled people, residents of Grahame Park and interested disabled photographers from further afield.

CRAB's photography resource is the first in Greater London to benefit disabled people primarily. All the designing and modifying was carried out in full consultation with the users.

'Now that we have a unique and permanent base, our more ambitious plans and ideas can become reality,' said Maria Bartha who has pioneered the project.

The Launching Week will begin on November 28 when the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Don Goodman; Ray Godwin, a well known landscape photographer; and David Ruddom, Barnet's Borough Librarian will visit.

There will be open classes on November 28 and 30 and Decem-

ber 1 and 2 for the public to visit and see examples of work by users. Visitors are invited to meet Maria Bartha, Julian Chamberlain and Peter Kent, the three project workers.

CRAB's Disabled Photography Project is funded by the Borough of Barnet, Greater London Arts, London Borough Grants Scheme, and has received generous donations from the Edward Harvest Trust, Chase Charity, Marks & Spencer PLC, private donors and GLA's small capital fund.

Enquiries taken at Tedder Lodge, Wiggins Mead, Grahame Park, NW9, tel: 200 8353, or at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley N3, tel: 346 9789.

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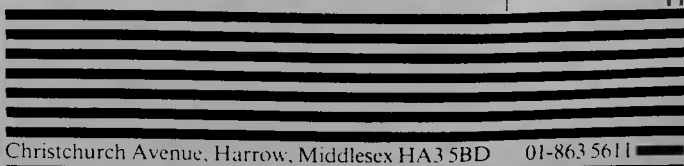
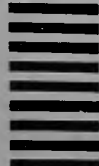
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Dussehra Festival

Thousands attended the Dussehra Festival in Victoria Park, Finchley, in September. Our pictures show:

1. The festival was enjoyed by people from all cultures.
2. Pipes and drums of the 69th Gurkha Regiment.
3. Young visitors at the police recruitment centre.
4. Delicious Indian food was on sale.
5. The Lions Club ran free diabetes tests.



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JAPANESE TRAFFIC COPS LEARN THE MET WAY



Pictured at the Metropolitan Police Driving School, Hendon, from left: Officer Junsuke Ikeda from Aichi, Sgt Terukazu Okamoto from Shiga, Officer Tatsuhiko Sugimoto from Saitama, Acting Sgt Chris Morgan, Asst Insp Hideo Kaneko from Tokyo, Asst Insp Shoji Kamatsuka from Osaka, Sgt Fred Butters, Constable Alan Hudspeth, Sgt Mikita Tanaka from Ehime, Sgt Junji Nakamura from Mie and Sgt Chobi Nakamori from Okinawa.

When a group of Japanese traffic cops arrived in the Borough of Barnet there was the familiar sight of people driving on the left hand side of the road.

Japan is one of the few countries in which, like Britain, vehicles travel on the left. The eight officers recently spent four weeks in the Borough, on a course with the advanced car wing of the Metropolitan Police Driving School, Hendon.

A group of Japanese officers make an annual visit to take the driving course. This is the only permanent arrangement between the Met and an overseas force. It began after a state visit by Emperor Hirohito several years ago, when the Emperor expressed his appreciation of the driving skills shown by his Metropolitan Police escort.

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