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IT'S NOW EQUAL EDUCATION FOR ALL

In the biggest overhaul of education in the history of Barnet, your Council is determined to see every child gets the start in life it deserves - no matter where they live and whatever their social or economic background.

In sweeping new measures bringing greater equality of educational opportunities across the Borough, the Council is not only tackling the problem of too many children from deprived areas under achieving but facing the challenge of providing greater support for their families - and those adults who wish to return to or continue their studies.

"This Christmas, there can be no greater gift for our children than the

benefits only a first-class education can provide. They and their families deserve nothing less - and working with all sectors of the community we will continue to build on our successes as together we make this vital investment in all our futures," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Lifelong learning for all is now becoming a reality in the Borough and is a keynote to the Council's drive to create opportunity for all, make Barnet modern, involve all sectors of the community, attractive, revitalised and educated.

Read more about Barnet's new approach to Education For All in our four-page centre section.



Jane Asher, President of the National Autistic Society, opens the new Kingfisher unit at Livingstone Primary School as (above) the school looks on (full story in our education supplement)

£1m MAKEOVER FOR HENDON LIBRARY

Your Council is planning a £1m. makeover for the Borough's flagship Hendon Library.

Plans expected to get the go-ahead this week include keeping end enhancing the best features of the 1929-

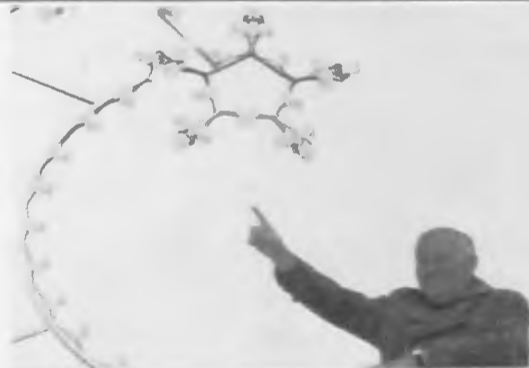
built library while developing all the state of the art facilities and amenities residents have come to expect from Barnet's award-winning libraries.

Read more about plans for the library on page 9.

LIGHTING UP FESTIVALS

Thousands of lights are brightening up Barnet Town Centres this year - both to mark Diwali and Christmas.

Festive lights were switched on in East Finchley, Golders Green and North Finchley in mid-November to celebrate the Hindu Festival. The lights are then being used to celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, Eid, and New Year.



Councillor Monore Palmer switches on lights at Golders Green

"Warm greetings to all the residents of Barnet. Wishing you all a merry, Festive Season and a happy, and most of all, a peaceful New Year"- Councillor Anita Campbell - Mayor of Barnet.

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SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN CENTRES

Barnet plans to breathe new life into shopping areas

Building on recent successes, your Council is planning to target the Borough's main shopping centres for an environmental and business-boosting makeover to make them even safer, cleaner and more attractive places to visit.



Councillor Palmer launches *The Essential Guide to Shopping in Barnet* at the Spires Shopping Centre in High Barnet.

Following the success of schemes such as the Neighbourhood Wardens, Councillor Monroe Palmer, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration, has drawn up a Green Paper which looks at how traders and the community can join forces with the Council to revitalise all the Borough's main shopping centres.

As part of its continuing commitment to create opportunity for all and encourage the involvement of the whole community, the Council is determined to work even more closely with traders and other groups in the drive to win more funding and investment, target resources where they are needed most and improve the promotion of our town centres.

"Town centres and retailing are the engines of the local economy and



create real, full-time jobs. The Council has already achieved much, but we must work on these successes with traders, the community and businesses to realise the full potential of our town centres," said Councillor Palmer.

In the drive to encourage more people to visit town centres, Councillor Palmer is proposing wide-ranging measures including:

- Extending the town centre CCTV programme.
- Keeping up the pressure on street lighting improvements following the recent £450,000 investment across the Borough.
- Negotiating licences to allow the development of pavement cafes.
- Introducing trader-led crime watch partnerships.

- Producing good restaurant and pub guides.
- A pilot scheme to bring vacant housing accommodation back into use.
- Identify and promote market stall street sites.

Barnet's Cabinet has given the green light for wide-ranging public consultation on the plan beginning in the New Year. The Green Paper will then go back to Cabinet for final approval.

"We must be prepared to try not only proven methods but the new and novel in the quest to breathe new life and prosperity into our town centres.

"I know the Council, traders and the community will rise to the challenge," added Councillor Palmer.

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COMMUNITY LED MAKE-OVER FOR EMPTY SHOPS

A new Borough-wide initiative from the Council's Town Centre Management Team could see an end to fly-posting and graffiti on empty shop fronts

The scheme, which involves all the local community, centres on cleaning the frontage of empty shops and displaying posters, art or general information of interest to local people.

Working with local people, the aim is to improve the general appearance of empty shops and reduce graffiti, fly-posting and vandalism.

Seen as an important plank of the drive to revitalise town centre shopping areas, improving the appearance of the empty shops enhances the street scene in areas that might otherwise

Art replacing posters and graffiti

appear dull, grim or unattractive.

The Council's Town Centre Management Team work with estate agents and persuade them to allow the shops to be used for attractive window displays.

The latest areas to benefit from the scheme are North Finchley, Church End Finchley and East Barnet, where three shops

are displaying material created by local young people.

Retailers have welcomed the initiative and young people have been delighted to see their material on display.

Other competitions for all sectors of local communities are planned as the Council extends the scheme across the Borough.



The display at 138 Ballards Lane, Church End Finchley, attracts admiring glances from a passer-by

HOME TO HOLLYWOOD

Film and television crews are beating a path to Barnet - and in the process boosting the local economy.

The attractive lanes and highways of the Borough, together with its urban locations, are being used by an ever-growing number of film companies, according to the London Film Commission.

The amount of filming has doubled in 12 months.

Production companies, which have to pay to film in the Borough, have chosen Barnet to feature in Grange Hill, Beech is Back, Oscar Charlie and The Jury in the past six months.

It is estimated that every pound spent on filming results in £2.50 coming into the local economy.

BUILDING A BETTER BARNET

The drive to involve all sectors of the community in building a better Barnet continues.

In the past few weeks alone three new initiatives have been launched offering ever-more residents a voice on the future of the Borough.

A new community group has been launched to improve the quality of life in East and New Barnet.

More people than ever before are taking a hands-on approach to improving their local environment as the Council's Local Agenda 21 plans go from strength to strength.

The initiative is made up of a number of neighbourhood partnerships

Everyone plays a part

which has been boosted with the launch of the tenth partnership to join the programme.

The East and New Barnet Agenda 21 Partnership was launched at East Barnet Baptist Church when residents and representatives of local community groups set out ideas for future projects.

Just days earlier, a new partnership to co-ordinate services was launched at the Barnet Civic Forum.

Representatives from Barnet's diverse community

came together to form a strategic partnership, designed to focus the work of different agencies on local needs.

The Council also confirmed its commitment to revitalise North Finchley when it agreed major plans which will bring lasting benefits for residents, businesses and visitors to the town centre.

Plans include a controlled parking zone, improved street lighting, kerb extensions and environmental improvements.

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BARNET CLUB'S GOAL NETS 57,000 BACKERS

Barnet Council Leader Councillor Alan Williams was on hand to accept a petition supporting Barnet Football Club's plans to build a new stadium next to its existing Underhill site.

Michael Edwards from Keep Barnet Alive handed over the 57,000-signature petition at Hendon Town Hall.

The mountains of signatures have been passed on to Council officers and the petition will be considered as part of the wide-ranging consultation on Barnet Football Club's planning application.

£1.7m Boost for sport and recreation

Sport and recreation for the Borough's school children and local residents is set for a major boost with the announcement £1.7m has been set aside by the Government to pay for new facilities.

The cash is part of the £580m-plus earmarked for New Opportunities for PE and Sport, designed to increase the availability and use of sports facilities for young people and the community.

Barnet has been given the green-light to bid for up to £1,776,000 to modernise existing and build new indoor and outdoor sports facilities for schools and the whole community.

The money can also be used to support the use of existing facilities for more community use and new outdoor adventure sites.

Welcoming the Government's decision to back Barnet, Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education and Children, described it as a timely and exciting contribution to the Council's commitment to raise education achievement for all. (see centre section education supplement).

"Our recent Education Bill made clear we would make best use of any outside funding to make a real difference to the lives and futures of our young people. We are determined to ensure all our educational facilities

are opened up to the wider community as well," said Councillor Moore.

The Council, she said, had long recognised the importance of sporting and recreational opportunities and the impact they can have on improving health, self-esteem, confidence and cutting down on anti-social behaviour especially in disadvantaged areas.

"We will bid for this welcome extra funding and make sure it makes a real difference to Barnet," added Councillor Moore.

The New Opportunities Fund, which is providing the cash, is responsible for the distribution of Lottery Grants for health, education and environmental initiatives especially for those who are disadvantaged.

The programme complements Barnet Council's aim of developing relationships between families, schools and communities to support lifelong learning.

The Council is now producing outline proposals for new projects across the Borough.



YOUR NEW LOCAL OPENING SOON

The first of eventual borough-wide Local Service Action Centres will be open for business next March at West Hendon Broadway.

A network of Local Service Action Centres in convenient locations with friendly, knowledgeable staff will ensure residents can get information, services and advice easily and locally.

Council tenants will be able to pay rents, get housing advice, raise noise and nuisance issues

and report vandalism and litter problems.

The new innovative centres will also have translating and interpreting services. The West Hendon centre will include town centre management, neighbourhood wardens, housing and youth services, planning and highways.

Opening hours will be 9 am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 9 am to 1pm Saturday.

Barnet gets StreetWise

An innovative scheme to stamp out urban eyesores and improve the environment is being piloted by your Council.

'StreetWise Barnet' has been launched in East Barnet Village and if it is the expected success could become the forerunner for a new Borough-wide approach to tackling environmental problems.

Litter, graffiti, fly-posting, damage to roads, pavements, street furniture and grounds maintenance get the StreetWise treatment administered by a new Town Keeper.

The new scheme is focused on town centres and operates within specifically defined areas with Town Keepers carrying out daily early morning patrols to earmark any work which might need doing in the identified zones. In the pilot scheme, the zone will be East Barnet Village.

Under the scheme, by the time residents wake up it is hoped the Town Keeper will already be carrying out repairs or arranging for them to be dealt with.

Town Keepers will be equipped with the very latest in cleaning equipment and a specially programmed mobile telephone ensuring fast access to Council cleaning or repair services.

The initiative won strong support when it was unveiled at a consultation meeting in East Barnet. Traders and residents rallied to back the scheme by signing up to the Council's StreetWise Barnet Treaty.

Under the treaty, they agreed to work with the Town Keeper to identify problems. Traders who signed up to the treaty will also get graffiti removed free of charge by the Council.

Two more pilot schemes are scheduled for West Hendon and Golders Green.

Dreaming of a Green Christmas

Festive Season also time to 'save it'

Make a gift to the environment this Christmas - and recycle your waste.

This is the message from your Council to residents across the Borough as it calls for everyone to recycle the thousands of tonnes of rubbish produced during the festive season.

The Council has stepped up its recycling drive as part of the WasteWise initiative and is now calling on all residents to play their part in reducing waste and protecting the environment.

To help ensure more seasonal rubbish is recycled or re-used, residents can take advantage of the Council's new Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre at Summers Lane in North Finchley.

In areas where it has already been launched, residents can also help reduce waste by using the new multi-material doorstep recycling service which is being rolled out across the whole Borough.

Both these services have been introduced in

WasteWise

partnership with ECT Recycling, a recognised leader in waste management.

Packaging, cards, glass bottles, drinks cans and Christmas trees will all contribute towards the festive waste mountain - but there are things everyone can do to ensure a greener festive season.

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES

The Council is providing a collection service for old Christmas trees on January 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 and 21 from the following locations:

- Mill Hill Park, NW7
- Oak Hill Park, EN4
- Edgwarebury Park, HA8
- West Hendon Playing Fields, NW9

Areas where trees can be left before they are shredded will be clearly signposted.



WRAPPING AND DECORATING

- Choose decorations that can be re-used
- Save Christmas cards for making next year's gift tags

HAVING A PARTY

- If entertaining large numbers of guests, hire cutlery and glassware rather than using disposable items
- Take empty cans and bottles to the Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre, the nearest recycling bank or use the Council's new weekly doorstep recycling service.

CHOOSING PRESENTS

- Buy rechargeable batteries for children's toys and electrical goods
- Look out for unusual gifts made from recycled material
- When not sure what someone wants or needs, buy a gift, book or record voucher

FOOD AND DRINK

- Buy drinks like lemonade, beer or lager in large containers rather than lots of smaller ones

- Save washed food cartons for storing food in the refrigerator rather than using cling film, plastic bags or foil

"Barnet's WasteWise programme is designed to drastically reduce the amount of rubbish the Borough produces and raise awareness about how we can all stem the growing tide of domestic waste.

"By taking practical steps and using the facilities the Council is providing, residents can help stop this growing tide becoming a flood during the festive season," said Councillor Geof Cooke, Cabinet Member for Environment.

To find out more about the Recycle from Home service or to check which items can and cannot be recycled, call 020 8371 3670, visit www.ectrecycling.co.uk or e-mail: infoatectrecycling.co.uk.

Materials collected by the Recycle from Home services include paper, glass, tins and cans, textiles and shoes, foil, car batteries and engine oil.

To learn more about the Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre, call 020 8362 0752 or visit Summers Lane, North Finchley.

Summers Lane opening times are 8am to 4pm Monday to Saturday, 9am to 4pm Sundays. The site will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Material accepted at Summers Lane includes

batteries, books, brown glass, cans, card, fluorescent tubes, foil, refrigerators, furniture, gas bottles, glass, general waste, green waste, oil, paper, paint, plastic bottles, records, CDs, tapes, scrap metal, shoes, textiles, tyres, wood and Yellow Pages.

TOP TIPS FOR SAFE TOYS

Barnet's Trading Standards Officers wish all families and their children a happy - and safe Christmas.

These are their top 12 tips for buying safe toys.

1. Buy toys only from recognised outlets
2. Make sure the toy is suitable for the child - check the age range
3. Be particularly careful with toys for children under three
4. Be wary of young children playing with older children's toys
5. Check for loose hair, small parts, sharp edges, points and entrapment problems
6. Ensure garden swings and slides are robust and not a strangulation hazard
7. Check toys regularly for wear and repair or dispose of them where necessary
8. Keep the play area tidy
9. Follow the instructions and warnings provided with toys
10. Supervise young children at play
11. Keep the address of the toy supplier/importer, which should be near the CE mark. The CE mark is mandatory and indicates the toy meets the requirements of Toy Safety Regulations
12. Be careful when installing batteries. Make sure they are the correct ones and are inserted the correct way round. Dispose of old batteries immediately.



Recycling is on the cards for Barnet - and everyone can play a part. Save greetings cards and make attractive gift tags next year.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

OUR MONTH-LONG PARTY FOR WHOLE COMMUNITY

This year's Black History Month in October was bigger and better than ever before.

A national celebration of the people of African, Caribbean and Asian descent in the country, it began at Chipping Barnet Library with actress and storyteller Carol Russell performing African and Caribbean stories to a packed audience of

BEST EVER EVENT IN BARNET

children and their families. Music, mime, mask and shadowplay with Suriya Kumari at East Finchley Library was another highlight of the non-stop round of celebrations.

The final event, "The Spirit of Africa", organised by the African Cultural Association and Barnet Libraries at Burnt Oak



Library, attracted visitors in their hundreds.

Residents were treated to unusual displays of crafts and masks, sampled food from ten African countries and were entertained with live West African music.

Councillor Agnes Slocombe, the first ever black mayor of Barnet, then delivered an inspiring talk on why people of all races should be proud of who they are.

The event culminated with Zulu dancers Shikisha captivating visitors with their breathtaking performance.



MANAGEMENT TEAM STRENGTHENED

Barnet's top management team has been strengthened with new appointments.

Jill Stansfield becomes the new director of education and children, joining Barnet early next year from Milton Keynes where she is strategic director of learning and development.

The new deputy chief executive is Brian Reynolds who is director of social affairs.

Graham Beattie, currently

head of planning, highways and design and acting director of community development, becomes director of environment.

Anne Lippitt, formerly director of environment, becomes director of community development.

Chief Executive Leo Boland, who leads the strategic management team, has welcomed the addition of what he describes as "experienced and talented officers."



QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE

Barnet Council's Copthall Pools has made a big splash by picking up a prestigious national leisure award.

Copthall Pools, part of the Leisure and Youth Service, has won the Quest Quality Award for sport and leisure for its running of the sports

centre. Quest recognises excellence in management and a commitment to improving services.

Our photograph shows Cabinet Member for Community Development, Councillor Susette Palmer, being presented with the award by swimming world record holder Sarah Price

in front of staff and Fitness for Life participants at Copthall Pools.

Sarah, who trains at Copthall Pools, broke the women's world record for the 200m backstroke at the Australian National Championships, becoming the first British woman to do so in 41 years.

Holiday refuse and recycling collections

Refuse collections

Once again during the festive season, we will be seeking to minimise disruption and get back to the regular refuse collection days as soon as possible. This year there will be no change to Monday, Thursday or Friday collection dates.

Here is the full schedule for the festive period

If your collection is due on *Your rescheduled collection day will be*

Monday 24 December	Normal collection
Tuesday 25 December	Saturday 22 December
Wednesday 26 December	Wednesday 2 January
Thursday 27 December	Normal collection
Friday 28 December	Normal collection
Monday 31 December	Normal collection
Tuesday 1 January	Saturday 29 December
Wednesday 2 January	Double collection

Normal collections will resume from Thursday 3 January

For further information call 020 8359 4600



Recycling service (Monday to Friday)

Holiday collections for the multi-material kerbside recycling service

If you currently receive weekday multi-material collections your normal service may change over the festive period. Please refer to the table below to find out when your multi-material collection will take place. **Your collections may take place earlier than usual.**

If your collection is due on *your rescheduled collection day will be:*

Monday 24 December	Normal collection
Tuesday 25 December	Saturday 22 December
Wednesday 26 December	No collection
Thursday 27 December	Normal collection
Friday 28 December	Normal collection
Monday 31 December	Normal collection
Tuesday 1 January	Saturday 29 December
Wednesday 2 January	Normal collection
Thursday 3 January	Normal collection
Friday 4 January	Normal collection



Materials which can be placed in your recycling box include: paper, glass, cans, textiles, foil, engine oil, shoes and batteries.

If you fill your box, then put excess materials in carrier bags and place these on or next to your recycling box. (If you regularly fill your box, please ask for a second one).

Please ensure that your box is out at the front of your property by 7am on the scheduled day of collection.

If you need any further information, please call the Recycling Box Hotline on 020 8371 3670 or e-mail info@ectrecycling.co.uk or visit www.ectrecycling.co.uk

Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre

The new Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre in Summers Lane, N12 will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The site will be open as usual on all other days. Normal opening hours are Monday to Saturday 8am to 4pm, Sundays 9am to 4pm. Materials accepted at the site include, general waste, glass, paper, textiles, shoes, books, batteries, cans, engine oil, yellow pages, furniture, fridges, gas bottles, tyres, plastic bottles, scrap metal, wood, garden waste, cardboard and paint.

Christmas trees can also be taken to the site for recycling.

Please note that the Civic Amenity site at Brent Terrace, Tilling Road will close permanently from 10 December 2001.

For further information call 020 8371 3670

Saturday doorstep paper collection

Please note that if you are still scheduled for a Saturday recycling paper collection there will be no collections on Saturday 22 and 29 December 2001. The paper from these days will be collected on 5 and 12 January 2002 respectively.

For further information call 020 8359 4600

Block Cleansing

Block Cleansing of every street complete with free skips will continue to take place twice a year.

We notify all residents by letter at least one week in advance of the date of the Block Cleanse. However, if you want to find out the exact date beforehand, visit our website at www.barnet.gov.uk or call 020 8359 4600 for details.

Look out for holiday recycling initiatives in the local press

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

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Alan Williams
Leader's view



The Council is in the process of delivering the Christmas present every family in our Borough needs and wants - developing a community-based strategy to support our schools and the children in them.

But this is not a gift for just the festive season - it is an investment for decades to come.

We can all be justly proud of the academic achievements of our young people at many of the Borough's leading schools.

But far too many of our children have, in the past, been denied the educational opportunities they deserve for economic, social or geographical reasons.

Now this has all changed. Your Council has responded to the demands of the community for more places at popular secondary schools, more nursery and playgroup places, improved school buildings and investment in equipment and facilities to equip our young people for the challenges of a good education.

The measures spelt out in the four-page education supplement in this Barnet Life will not yield overnight results. This is just the beginning. Education and the opportunities it brings is not just for Christmas - but life.

But I can think of no greater initiative your Council could launch at this time of family celebrations.

On behalf of the Council, I wish every resident a joyous festive season - and happy and rewarding New Year.

LISTENING AND LEARNING

Have your say - and help us build a better Barnet.

This is the message to every sector of the community as your Council steps up its drive to create opportunity for all by listening to residents.

The young, the old and families with young children are now taking part in an ever expanding round of consultation programmes which take decision-making to the

heart of the community.

Every sector of life in the Borough, from housing to education, social services to the environment and recreation and leisure facilities, to the priorities for the Council as it plans its budget for next year go under the spotlight.

This 'democracy at work approach' is helping your Council meet today's needs - and the challenge of change.



Democracy at work as community has say on future



Over 800 residents of all ages and with varying interests attended four fun days at the Copthall Centre to have their say on the future of the sports and leisure complex.

The fun days were just part of an extensive and wide-ranging independent consultation programme on future possibilities for the centre being carried out by the Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation.

The end result will be a blueprint, which must be

COPTHALL FUN DAYS

realistic and achievable, of what facilities residents want to see at the complex.

Residents unable to attend the fun days, can send their views on the future of Copthall to Mike Daligan, Copthall Planning for Real, 63a St. Augustine's Road, London, NW1.

Your Council carries out hundreds of consultation programmes every year.

Each plays its own vital role in ensuring the Council's decisions - and spending plans - create opportunity for all.

To back up consultation on specific issues like

YOUR VIEWS COUNT

(Tell us what you think)

planning or traffic schemes, the Council has set up groups in the quest for views on every aspect of the Council's services and the life of the Borough.

Already playing a major role in helping the Council plan for the future, these groups include a Citizens' Panel, Area Forums, Focus Groups, Market research



their local areas better places to live and work.

In response to questions:

72 per cent said the Council was doing a good job

71 per cent agreed the Council was making the local area a better place to live

93 per cent said Council staff were friendly and polite

71 per cent agreed the Council involved residents in decision-making.



and specific studies and Citizens' Jury.

There are over 1,000 residents forming a representative sample of the population on the Citizens' Panel who meet at least three times a year and are asked for their views on wide-ranging local issues.

EDUCATION - GIFT FOR LIFE

KINGFISHER NETS REAL NEED

With nearly £200,000 backing from the Council, New Barnet's Livingstone Primary School has opened the first mainstream unit for autistic children in Barnet.

In line with the Council's equal opportunities for all policies, this development now sets the standards for other authorities throughout the country to follow.

One of only a few units of its kind in the country, the new Kingfisher centre means that many children who would have otherwise been forced to attend specialist schools outside the Borough or be educated at home can join the mainstream of education locally.

Opened by star of television and stage Jane Asher, who is President of the National Autistic Society, Kingfisher is aimed at those children who can spend a

LIVINGSTONE CELEBRATES

significant part of the day in main school classes.

Each child has an individual timetable split between a link class and specialist teaching in Kingfisher and when in the classroom have one to one support as part of a small group.

Under the guidance of head of Kingfisher Louise Robinson, a specialist in the education of children with autism, the new unit has a capacity of 16 children.

Livingstone School has always welcomed children



with special needs and has become recognised as a teaching and caring centre of excellence for these young people.

Your Council agreed to fund the development of the unit as a direct result of the successes achieved by the school and its policy of integrating children into main-stream education and providing equal opportunity wherever possible.

BARNET VISION WINS PRAISE

Your Council's 'clear vision' for children's services in the Borough, its social inclusion policies and the way it works with children and families has been praised by a top Government watchdog report.

The Social Services Inspectorate carried out the inspection of the Council's social work for children and their families between April

and May this year.

The service is responsible for children in need including those who are looked after, those on the child protection register and those receiving family support.

Cabinet Members reviewing the report were delighted the Council's education policy and equal opportunities for all drive was showing such early results.



Jane Asher gets the lowdown on Kingfisher after rapturous applause from the rest of Livingstone School.

THE BEST START IN LIFE

A new centre to provide early education, care and family support is to be built at Brunswick Park following a promise made in the Council's Education Bill

The promised plan will provide much-needed better nursery facilities and even more support for children and their families - especially those in most need.

Councillors have given the go-ahead for a scheme which replaces the present Hampden Way Nursery

School with a purpose-built centre serving more families and providing a much wider range of services.

The centre will be a comprehensive support and care unit integrating nursery education and day care for young children, parents and carers.

It will include wide-ranging services including a child-minder network, toddlers groups, a toy library, multi-agency services and is designed to meet real needs of local families.

The current Hampden Way Nursery is in an old building no longer meeting modern standards which despite this is oversubscribed. There is far more local demand - and need - than can be met at the present nursery. The new purpose-built unit will offer quality, comprehensive services to far more families.

Councillors are planning to near double the existing capacity at Hampden Way Nursery from the current 50 places to at least 90 in the new unit.

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CUDDLY GREEN BEARS

The Council's drive for a cleaner, greener, safer Borough received an added boost when schools throughout Barnet were invited to sign up to a scheme designed to make young people more environmentally aware and active.

During a day-long conference, schools were encouraged to become involved in the BEARS Project - the Council's Environmental Action Programme for Primary and Secondary Schools.

BEARS - Barnet Environmental Action For Real Schools - is designed to provide a practical step by step programme through which schools improve the environment and quality of life.

EDUCATION - GI FAIR DEAL FOR PRO

Massive investment and an entirely new approach to education provision and life-long learning in Barnet will break down for ever the divide between those offered a fair start in life and

those who through social, economic, ethnic or even geographical reasons are not given the same equal opportunities.

This is the aim of the sweeping changes your Council has launched as a major plank - and priority - of its

been concerned that too many of our children, particularly in deprived areas, have been under-achieving.

Now, following the new education bill, the Council is determined to see this change.

The performance of all schools is now going under the spotlight in the drive to push up standards Borough-wide.

And it is not just children who will benefit from the spearhead of the reforms and developments following from a re-evaluation of investment in education.

Parents and families and the many adults who slipped



through the education net are being offered a chance to continue or re-start training for worthwhile careers.

Recent statistics showed 14 per cent of children



equal opportunity for all philosophy.

While many schools in Barnet are top of the league tables for exam results - and this figure is steadily increasing - the Council has

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CASH AWARDS FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

Aspiring and talented young Barnet artists now have the chance of winning big cash awards thanks to a scheme organised for the Milly Aphorp Charitable Trust by the Council's Arts Office.

The Aphorp Fund for Young Artists helps young artists by paying cash for their artwork - ranging from £100 to £2,000 with a special award of £5,000 for any work considered to be outstanding.

More support for schools needing extra help



Lifelong learning for all

FT FOR LIFE

ALL

MISE

- Multi-million pound investment in new schools and improving school buildings
- Schools refurbished
- More Secondary School places
- 2000 more childcare places
- More playgroups and priority places for three-year-olds from deprived areas
- Massive increase in breakfast and homework clubs
- Increasing the number staying at school at 16
- More work experience places
- Boosting numbers of young people going on to further education
- More back up support for schools
- Extra help for less popular schools
- Help for under-achieving children
- Minimum target of at least five good GCSE's for all children
- Raising education standards for all schools



Creating Real Opportunity

In a new co-ordinated approach to lifelong learning, the Council is also creating closer working links between pre-school services, social services, primary schools, colleges and universities.

In addition to more nursery places for the under-fives, Barnet's new-look - and fairer- education service also includes a major boost for the support needed by vulnerable children, breakfast and homework clubs and summer schools.

There will be 200 new childcare places along with more play groups.

To provide greater lifelong learning opportunities, youth and community facilities and the Borough's

libraries will be centres of excellence for family learning, Saturday schools and skills training.

This is just part of the commitment to forge closer links between adult and children's services.

To prepare young people for their future careers, the Council is increasing the numbers staying at school at 16, organising even more work placements and raising the numbers going on to further education and worthwhile jobs with career training.

come from homes on income support, there are 1,600 children in need, more than 300 in Council care and 26 with special educational needs.

Despite the high performance of many Barnet Schools, 40 per cent of local children have been failing to get five good GCSE's.

An early priority being tackled by the Council is making sure the Borough's highly successful schools popular with Barnet parents are developed still further.



INVESTING IN EQUALITY

A major and sustained multi-million pound investment programme in schools and pre-school centres throughout the Borough is already under way as the Council pushes ahead with plans to improve standards - and opportunities for all.

At Deansbrook Junior School, Mill Hill, for instance, many of the 300 children were housed in six temporary demountables - separated from the main building also housing the Infant School.

Now there has been an extension to the main building to replace the demountables, a new dining hall and eight new classrooms.

At Colindale School, facilities for pupils with physical disabilities have been improved and extended to meet current needs.

After a two-year building programme, Holly Park



Primary School, Friern Barnet, has been enlarged from one form to two form entry and a modern nursery provided at a total cost of over £1m.

St. Vincent's RC Primary School, Mill Hill, is celebrating after the building of a £2.2m brand new school.

The investment programme, covering all areas of the Borough, is continually reviewed to meet the Council's demands for ever-better standards and facilities for all children.



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MORE CHILDREN ADOPTED

Nearly twice as many children were adopted in Barnet last year as in the previous year after a determined effort by your Council to improve still further its services for young people in its care.

In the last year, the Adoption and Permanency Panel placed 15 children into families, compared to nine last year.

A tough action plan agreed by the Council last

year set up stiff monitoring procedures on the number of children adopted.

The first phase of

The Council continues to invest heavily in bringing the Borough's schools up to the standards it is demanding to meet the needs of children in the 21st century.

The first phase of

Spotlight on Children in Need

The Council has put the spotlight on children in need, in line with its equal opportunities for all policies, by setting up a special Cabinet Committee to

look after their interests.

The new committee will be dedicated to the task of ensuring all children have the best opportunities to fulfil their full potential and ambitions

and that they and their families get maximum support from the Council and Councillors.

The new Cabinet Committee will meet children in care to hear what they have to say about their needs and how they are being met.

The Cabinet will also play a major educational role by developing ways to challenge stereotypes about children in care. The committee will be chaired by Councillor Anne Jarvis, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, and supported by an officer working group.

WORK UNDER WAY

The Council continues to invest heavily in bringing the Borough's schools up to the standards it is demanding to meet the needs of children in the 21st century.

The first phase of

remodeling Northside Primary School, North Finchley, has already been completed, and the total project, at a cost of over £1.1m, is expected to be finished early in the New Year.

By the summer of next year, a near £3m project involving extending the hall at Queenswell Primary School, Whetstone, together with new classrooms, is also expected to be completed.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Spotlight on recreation and leisure

QUALITY TIME GETS BOOST



ITS MAGIC

The story of magic comes alive at Church Farmhouse Museum until 6 January with an enthralling exhibition including tricks, magic props and historical material.

The "Do You Believe in Magic" extravaganza coincides with the publication of the book 'Magic Aid' compiled by the Hendon based conjurer and juggler Colin Francome.

There will be demonstrations of magic at the historic museum in Greyhound Hill, Hendon,

.... and taste of Christmas past

which is open Monday to Thursday 10am to 12-30pm and 1-30pm to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5-30pm and Sundays from 2pm to 5pm.

From 6 December to 6 January there will also be a Christmas Past exhibition, in which the museum's 1850's dining room is decorated for a Victorian Christmas.

Admission to Church Farmhouse, opened as a museum in 1955, is free.

Quality time in Barnet is going under the spotlight as Councillors review the results of a Borough-wide survey into the leisure pursuits of residents in the drive for equal opportunity and provide cultural facilities to meet all needs.

In the year-long survey, young people, older residents, people with disabilities, carers and families with young children had their say on how they spent their leisure time - and what they would like to see improved or developed to meet their own particular needs.

Now the Council is drawing up a strategy to improve local cultural activities by increasing access to all the Borough has to offer and make Barnet an even more attractive place to work, live or visit.

The plan will call for local cultural forums, improving cultural information, appointing a cultural partnership and information officer, supporting the youth charter still further, developing local farmers markets and developing an annual arts plan.

All aspects of recreation and leisure are covered in the new approach to equality of access including museums, performing and visual arts and fashions, film, television and language, libraries, sports events and facilities, open spaces and children's play, tourism, community events and festivals, hobbies and all recreation.

"We intend to develop still further the best of what Barnet has to offer - and celebrate the cultural diversity within the Borough," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development.



Mill Hill Library took on a relaxed - and fun - feel as Danine Irwin invited parents to join in a session of baby massage during highly-popular events held in libraries throughout the Borough to celebrate National Family Learning Weekend.

£1M BOOST FOR OUR BIGGEST LIBRARY

The Borough's flagship Hendon Library has been earmarked for a £1m make-over to meet the needs of the community in the 21st century.

Under plans expected to be given the green light by Cabinet this week, the library will close for total refurbishment next summer. During any closure period, most of the books and other material at Hendon will be available at other libraries across the Borough and an alternative temporary library in Hendon will be opened on Sundays to ensure continuity of local services.

Plans call for the ground floor of Hendon Library, which loans around 420,000 items a year, to be completely redesigned giving better access to all services through new automatic doors and lifts to all floors.

New toilets will include specially-designed facilities for people with disabilities and a baby changing area.

Modern energy-saving lighting systems will improve the level of illumination and enhance display areas.

New shelving, furniture and fittings will enable

books and other material to be displayed for easy identification.

The library was also in need of modernisation and improvements to meet the demands of the new national People's Network Initiative that will see the provision of 67 computers with Internet facilities alongside books and other recreational and learning aids.

Hendon Library was opened in 1929 and underwent major modernisation in the early 1970's. The only major alterations since then have been the introduction of multimedia facilities on the ground and first floors in 1998.

"Hendon is our flagship library used by all sectors of the community throughout the Borough. I know these improvements will bring the library up to the standards residents have a right to expect in the 21st century, will bring lasting benefits for the whole community and particularly help our college students and pupils using this popular library for study," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development.

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BARNET'S QUALITY COUNCIL SERVICES STILL IMPROVING

The services provided by Barnet Council are good - and getting better.

This is the overall message from the Audit Commission performance indicator figures.

But while many services continue to out perform those of other London Borough's, your Council will continue to listen and learn during widespread consultation on all major issues in the drive to provide even better, best value quality services.

These performance indicator figures demonstrate that in key areas we are providing good services which are meeting real needs.

"But there is no room for complacency. Our successes in identifying and meeting needs are in many cases a direct result of our listening and learning approach. Consultation on

MEETING THE REAL NEEDS

services and the way they are delivered will continue. All members of the community will be urged to have their say as we improve still further good services and tackle those areas where our performance needs to be better," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Virtually every aspect of the Council's work goes under the spotlight during the Audit Commission's performance review.

From education to social services, refuse collection to recreation and leisure facilities, all are examined in detail together

with the way Council staff respond to residents and deal with complaints.

The figures, along with community consultation, form a vital plank of the Council's planning for meeting the challenge of change.

"We are determined to create opportunities for all - and ensure no sector of the community is excluded from the benefits this Borough of ours should and must provide.

"This work continues - and these figures are a valuable tool in helping us achieve that aim," added Councillor Williams.

WARDING OFF CRIME FEAR



The first of the Borough's 30 new Neighbourhood Wardens have taken to the streets of Barnet - just another example of your Council responding to demands for action from the community.

Residents throughout the Borough called for the Wardens in the drive against crime and the fear of crime - and working with the community and Police they are already having a major impact in town centres and housing estates.

Thumbs up for cleaner and safer Barnet

Barnet's refuse collection services are among the best in London following sweeping measures introduced by the Council in response to calls from residents.

The latest performance indicator figures show four out of five residents are satisfied with household waste collection now made even more reliable and efficient with the introduction of smaller vehicles for narrower roads, later start crews to give added flexibility and a new management team to act swiftly to monitor and tackle problems.

After listening to the concerns of residents across the Borough, the Council has stepped up the drive for a cleaner and safer Barnet with measures to crack down on



litter, graffiti and dumped cars and a new recycling scheme.

New measures include:

- 12 CCTV cameras in North Finchley
- Investing £450,000 in new street lighting
- Plans for tough new fines in the crack-down on litter

louts and irresponsible dog owners

- Free skips and streets clean up campaign
- Amnesty in some areas with free collection of dumped cars
- Opening of new recycling centre at Summers Lane

EMPTY HOMES CHALLENGE

Like many London Borough's, Barnet often faces difficulty in re-letting empty properties quickly.

While new streamlined measures have been introduced following a Borough-wide review, there are often good reasons why properties are not re-occupied as rapidly as the Council would wish.

Every request for a home is treated individually - and this can involve taking into consideration special needs of potential residents.

An example of this is the case of Kasonde Konie.

Kasonde is waiting for a kidney transplant and is on dialysis three times a day - and needs to spend up to four hours on the machine each session.

Thirty-year-old Kasonde lives in Cricklewood and was accepted for re-housing due to her medical problems.

Her first offer of a home was in the west of the Borough, far from her relatives, local amenities and public transport.

She successfully appealed against this offer and has now been living happily in her new flat for the past nine months.

SERVICES RESPONDING TO REAL NEEDS

A glance through the performance indicators published last month shows clearly how many services are improving to meet the changing needs of the community.

But the facts behind the figures show even more clearly how the Council and its staff are continually reviewing services and the way they are delivered to meet the individual needs of residents - from education to housing benefit, youth services to care and housing services for older people.

"We must continue to question old-established principles to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. I hope many of these performance indicator results show we are having some success.

"There is still much to be done - and the quest for the best quality, best value services continues," said Council Leader Alan Williams.

HELP WHERE AND WHEN IT IS NEEDED

Barnet's Housing Benefit services are among the best in the country, it is revealed in the Government's latest set of performance indicator figures.

It is quick, effective and efficient - providing the services residents want when and where they need them.

Residents have praised this efficiency - and the courteous and helpful service they received from

Housing benefit success

the Council's staff.

"I was in a distressed state when I needed help. The member of staff who helped me soon calmed me down.

"She was efficient and soon dealt with my problem. Her combination of business efficiency and kind understanding is something I will always remember."

said Mrs. E of West Hendon. Barnet, which achieved a record of 100 per cent of

assessed claims being accurate, has also won praise from countless older residents across the Borough.

"The Council's Social Services have looked after me wonderfully. The help, advice and support I was so readily given was a major boost for my confidence and morale. Older people do not just need financial support - help, reassurance and understanding are



CLEANING UP ON AWARDS

Your Council's innovative block cleansing scheme has cleaned up in hotly contested national environmental awards.

The popular street cleansing service scooped the Silver Award in the Green Apple Awards for its environmental best practice.

It was the second success for the Council in the Green Apple Awards.

equally important," said Mrs. B. of Colindale.

Many of the cases dealt with by the Council are complex and involve research by officers trying to help.

"Thank you for being so

kind, considerate, sympathetic and helpful. I did not understand the rules, or my entitlement, but you soon put me at ease and unravelled what I know was a mess." said Ms. A of Burnt Oak.

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SNOW WHITE



2 December, 1-5pm BARNET HIGH STREET CHRISTMAS PARTY

Includes music in Barnet Church, 2-4pm arranged by BBAC with Barnet Folk Club members JJ Dunne and Sarah Nash. Songs from Jane Rosenberg (mezzo-soprano) & John Dawswell (bass). Barnet Madrigal Group lead the carols. MC - Ann Smith. Teas served by The Barnet Society & BBAC. In the street, outside the Surprise Surprise Fashion shop. Tally Ho Scottish Dancers, Israeli round dances, Texas Dudes Line Dancing and Irish and Greek groups. Charity stalls, roundabouts and entertainment, with a visit to the reindeer and Father Christmas. Arranged by McDonald's of Barnet (tel. 020 8216 5694) in aid of Starlight Fund at Barnet Hospital.

**1 January
NEW YEAR'S FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**
at Cophall Stadium, Mill Hill, NW7 1PS. Starts 4.15pm, performance and fireworks 6pm. Due to limited car parking please use public transport or come by foot. Entry is by ticket only (which are free to Barnet Residents who make application to **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

FIREWORKS. Cophall Swimming Pools, Great North Way, Hendon, London, NW4 1PS enclosing a stamped addressed envelope). For further details contact 020 8457 9900.

THE BULL

68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ. Tel. 020 8449 0048.

1 December, 8pm. 'Say Nothing'. The peace process in Northern Ireland is presented in a surreal, funny way, performed by the Ridiculusmus pair David Woods and Jon Hough. £9/£7 conc.

2 December, 8pm Jewish Aids Trust Comedy Evening. For further details phone The Bull. Tickets £15 phone 020 8446 8228.

2 December, 3pm Children's Show. 'Wake Up! It's Christmas!' Slapstick. Lazy Daisy and Wally with their unique brand of clowning. Lazy Daisy can't wait for Christmas Day, Wally's idea of the perfect present isn't ready and will it match Daisy's rather high expectations? Hopefully it's nothing a sprig of mistletoe can't solve (audience participation). Tickets £3.95 in advance, £4.25 on the day.

8 December-13

January The Christmas Show. Kazzum and The Bull present 'Snow White'

Adapted from the classic Grimm fairytale, the story is sprinkled with Kazzum's combination of theatrical wizardry, delicious music and ingenious puppetry. Directed by Peter Glanville and Damon Shaw. Suitable for ages 4+ and all the family. For times of performances and ticket prices phone The Bull.

**5 December - 13
January**

Exhibition 'Mum and Dad Argument 2' by Abbi Torance. The artist has made numerous dolls of her parents at the theatre, a site-specific narrative exploring the behaviour of relationships. The Bull Gallery.

**5 December - 13
January**

Exhibition 'Skin Deep'. A series of abstract works by artist Gemma Hollington that suggest skin and flesh and the internal workings of the body. The Bull Foyer. Contact The Bull for more information about their events, courses and classes on the phone number above.

**ALL SAINTS ARTS
CENTRE,** 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. For details of events, weekly and holiday classes which include art, dance, music, drama and talks. phone 020 8445 8388.

EXHIBITIONS

Until 6 January
'Do you believe in Magic?' The exhibition includes tricks (simple and complicated), magic props and historical material on the story of magic from members of the Magic Circle - both well established and young and up-and-coming, and from Davenport's Britain's oldest estab-

lished magic equipment manufacturers. The exhibition coincides with the publication of the book Magic Aid (which contains favourite tricks from magicians like Paul Daniels, David Berglas and Fay Presto) and is on sale at the museum to raise money for children's charities. There are demonstrations of magic at the museum during the exhibition.

**Also 6 Dec.-6 Jan.
'Christmas Past',** the museum's 19th century dining room decorated for a Victorian Christmas.

Also from 26 Jan. Exhibition of works by German Jewish artists exiled to England in 1930s from the Ben Uri Collection. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Mon-Thurs 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-5pm. Closed Fri. Sat 10am-1pm & 2-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm. (Closed 24-26 Dec & 1 Jan) Free admission. For more information phone 020 8203 0130.

Until 15 December
The Jewish Museum. 'Some of my best jokes are Jewish'. An exhibition of Jewish cartoonists. The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, N3. For details of opening times and admission costs phone 020 8349 1143.

3-15 December
Barnet Borough Arts Council Art Exhibition and What's On. Paintings by local artists, with leaflets and information from member societies. Chipping Barnet Library. For more details phone 020 8445 8388.

RAF Museum, Hendon, Britain's National Aviation Museum, houses a world class collection of over 70 aircraft, together with aviation memorabilia

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

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and artefacts. Covering the first 100 years of aviation development, from the early balloon flights to the latest Eurofighter. Grahame Park Way, London NW9 5LL. For further details plus information about opening times and admission charges phone 020 8205 2266.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE

Incognito Theatre Youth Group (Patron: David Jason) offers professionally taught theatre workshops for children and young people. Young people are integrated into all-age productions, where appropriate, together with an annual dedicated youth based production at the theatre. The regular workshops are normally held on Wednesday evenings during school terms from 5.30pm to 7pm for 8 to 13 year olds and from 7.30pm to 9pm for age 14 plus. Feel free to drop in or telephone 020 8883 0911 for more information or email ITGYYouth@incognitoeatre.com See also website www.incognitoeatre.com The workshops are held at St John's Church Hall, Friem Barnet Road, N11. Cost £5 per session which includes automatic full membership of the Incognito Theatre.

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

FITNESS

Body Control Pilates classes. Intelligent form of exercise to strengthen, lengthen and tone in a safe and controlled way Spaces

limited due to small classes. Barnet area. Phone 07836 377504 for details

MUSIC

1 December, 7.30pm London Pro Arte Choir Pergolesi's 'Magnificat', Bach's 'Cantata 131' and Vivaldi's 'Gloria' John Keble Church, Deans Lane, Edgware For details phone 020 8906 4151

1 December, 7pm Concert. Barnet Schools Wind Orchestra with Holly Park Choir at Regent Hall, Oxford Street. Tickets and information for this event and the following available from the Music Office on 020 8359 3111.
6 Dec. 7pm. Concert. Barnet Schools Brass Band, Training Band Flute Choir and Saxophone Ensemble at Moss Hall Junior School, Nether Street.
8 Dec. Barnet Music Centre Concerts at Finchley Music Centre, Hendon Music Centre and East Barnet Music Centre.
8 Dec 7pm Concert, Barnet Youth Orchestra at Trinity Church, Nether Street.
12 Jan. Barnet Schools Music Centres Spring Term starts - steel pan tuition starts at East Barnet Music Centre

2 December, 7.45pm Mill Hill Music Club The Schidlof Quartet and friends - a rare chance to hear Mendelssohn's Octet and quartets by Haydn and Shostakovich Also
20 Jan. Melvyn Tan & The Skampa Quartet - Dvorak Quintet and quartets by Beethoven and Mozart. Elliott Concert Hall, Harrow Arts Centre, Uxbridge Road, Hatch End. Details phone 020 8959 3866.

8 December, 7.30pm Finchley Choral Society. Family Christmas Concert

including carols for choir and audience With Lyonsdown School Choir, conductor Ann Kirby, Richard Harvey (organist) and George Vass conductor St Mary-at-Finchley, Hendon Lane, Church End, Finchley, N3 Tickets £6 (children £1) at the door or from Box Office 020 8445 9666.

8 December, 7.45pm Hendon Music Society Nikolai Demidenko - pianist His programme includes Beethoven's Diabelli Variations and a selection of Scarlatti sonatas. Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, NW11. Phone 020 8203 2355 for details and cost (free tickets are offered to 8-22 year olds in full-time education).

15 December, 7.30pm 'The Glory of Christmas' Finchley Chamber Choir and Finchley Chamber Orchestra Concert for all the family including works by Handel 'Messiah' (excerpts) and Blake 'The Snowman'. Orchestral favourites by Tchaikovsky, Elgar etc With carols for all to sing. Conductor David Lardi. Christ Church, North Finchley, N12. Admission £8 (concs. £5.50), children £3 at door or reservations 020 8446 6151/01707 642556

22 December, 7.30pm Barnet Choral Society Christmas Concert, London Contemporary Brass. Peter Jaekel (organ). Conducted by Jonathan Newell. St John The Baptist Church, Wood Street, Barnet. Tickets all reserved £7 (family £16), £6 (family £14). Box Office 020 8449 6808.

24 December, 7.30pm Barnet Parish Church. 'Festival of Carols'. St John the Baptist Church, Wood Street,

Barnet. Phone 020 8440 8593 for details

Mill Hill Jazz Club
Meets every Wednesday
Top class, different
bands every week from
duos to septets.
Main-stream/modern/
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Lane, Mill Hill, NW7.
Free entry.

East Barnet Library
Recorded Music
Society
4 Dec. 'Music for Jill' -
Brian Strong; 18 Dec.
Christmas Party; 8 Jan.
'A night in the garden'
- Ken Nelms; 22 Jan.
'20th century choices'
- Joan Brownlee;
5 Feb. 'Slavonic
sounds' - Sussanne
Hassel. Meetings 8pm.
East Barnet Library, 85
Brookhill Road, East
Barnet EN4 8SG.
Details, Hon. Chairman
020 8361 9518 or
Hon. Secretary 020
8361 9050.

Friern Barnet Library
Recorded Music
Society
13 Dec. Christmas
Party; 10 Jan. 'William
Walton (1902-1983) a
centennial tribute in
historic recordings' -
Andrew Youdell; 24
Jan. 'Rossini in
England' - Alexander
Bryett; 7 Feb. 'British
music' - John Flowers.
Meetings 8pm, Friern
Barnet Library, Friern
Barnet Road, N11 3DS.
Details, Hon. Chairman
020 8444 7215.

THEATRE

2-8 December
Incognito Theatre
Group presents 'An
Edwardian Christmas
Evening'. Christmas
entertainment in the
style of the Victorian
and Edwardian era.
Songs, sketches,
monologues and
recitations plus mince
pies and a Christmas
atmosphere. Devised
and directed by Robin
Dunn & Carrie Giles.
Incognito Theatre
(behind the clinic),
Holly Park Road, N11.
For details phone 020
8361 8310 or email:
enquire@incognitoeatre.com
See also website
www.incognitoeatre.com

4 December-19 January

Chicken Shed Theatre
presents the classic
fable 'Pinocchio'.
Chicken Shed Theatre,
Chase Side, Southgate,
N14 4PE. For times of
performances and
ticket prices phone Box
Office 020 8292 9222;
minicom 020 8350
0676; or email
info@chickenshed.dem
on.co.uk

5-8 December, 7.45pm
The Guild Players
present 'Cinderella', a
pantomime by Rex
Walford and Ins Lloyd.
Also Saturday matinee
at 3pm. Finchley
Methodist Church Hall,
Ballards Lane, N3.
Tickets £5 (discount for
groups). Box Office 020
8346 6337.

6-8 December

Garden Suburb Theatre
presents 'Still Life' by
Noel Coward (the fore-
runner of 'Brief Encounter')
and 'A Clip in the Sugar'
(one of Alan Bennett's
'Talking Heads'). The
Gatehouse Theatre
Upstairs, Hampstead
Lane, Highgate. For
details phone 020 8340
3477. **Also 16-23
February** pantomime
'Dick Whittington' at
The Institute Theatre,
Central Square, NW11.
Phone 020 7723 6609.

POETRY & TALKS

25 January, 7.30pm
Barnet Borough Arts
Council Cafe Bar
Poetry Club with guest
Nadine Brummer, a
local poet. The Bull
Theatre, 68 High
Street, Barnet. **Also 8
Feb.** Julia Casterton
reads her poetry and
gives her adjudication
on the results of the
Short Story
Competition 2001.
Come along and read
your work or just come
and listen. For more
details phone 020
8445 8388.

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

The Multi-Lingual
Poetry Forum appreci-
ates poetry in many
languages, meeting
monthly and promoting
original translations to
and from English,
European and other
classical languages.
For details phone
020 8455 6281.

The Finchley Society
hold monthly talks at
8pm in the drawing
room of Avenue House,
East End Road, N3.
For details phone
020 8883 2633.

The Writers meet
once a fortnight on
Thursdays at 8.15pm
in Edgware. Phone 020
8958 7560 for details.

Finchley Writers meet
upstairs in the Tally Ho
Pub, N12. Phone 020
8446 3690 for details.

ART

12 December, 7.30pm
Finchley Art Society.
Demonstration 'Turner
Repro Landscape' in
gouache by Peter
Buckey. Monday
evenings 7.30pm,
portraits & still life.
Beginners welcome,
Trinity Centre, Nether
Street, N12; also
Wednesdays 1pm, St
Mary's, Hendon Lane,
N3. For details phone
020 8445 2685.

9 January, 7.50pm
Finchley Antiques
Appreciation Group.
'Faberge' by John
Benjamin of The
Antiques Road Show.
Avenue House, East
End Road, N3. For
details phone 020
8953 0821. **Also 23
Jan.** 'How to date
furniture' by
Jonathan Meyer.

Mildon Art Society. On
Wednesdays demon-
strations or painting
evenings. Harwood
Hall, Union Church, Mill
Hill Broadway, NW7.
For details phone 020
8346 7481.

Barnet College Public
Art Course. Studies in
ceramics, plaster,
drawing and painting,
stone, wood, carving,
textiles, graphic
design, multimedia and
computers. The aim is
to create artwork in

public settings. Phone
020 8440 6321 for
more details.

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

St. Joseph's Pastoral
Centre, The Burroughs,
Hendon, NW4 has
courses on visual arts
and drama. Phone 020
8202 3999 for details

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

GARDENING

13 December, 8pm
New Barnet Amateur
Gardeners' and Floral
Art Society. Mrs Janet
Stacey 'Inspirations'
(floral art). Lyonsdown
Hall, Lyonsdown Road,
New Barnet. Members
£2.50, visitors £3.

The Bothy project aims
to restore the gardener's
house in Avenue House
grounds to create an
arts centre. Work
continues on the
restoration of the walled
garden and volunteers
are always welcome to
assist. If interested in
helping phone Finchley
Arts Centre Trust on 020
8445 4640.

FILM

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

**Workers Educational
Association (WEA).**
New programme avail-
able for 2001/2. Part-
time day and evening
courses for adults of all
backgrounds Art, liter-
ature, music, industrial
archaeology, history
and social studies are
among the courses
provided in the borough.
Phone 020 8346 4613
for more details

**University of the
Third Age (U3A) NW
London Branch** offers
shared learning for the
over 55s and group

holidays and outings.
Michael Sobell Centre,
Limes Avenue, NW11,
Globe Hall, Globe Road,
Stanmore, Middlesex
University, The
Burroughs, Hendon,
NW4 Study groups
include Spanish, music
appreciation, Yiddish,
current affairs, medicine,
poetry, playreading,
painting, philosophy,
bridge, photography,
computers, Jewish his-
tory, social science, film
appreciation, literature,
creative writing, French,
English economic
history, psychology, and
more. Phone 020 8731
6638/020 8952 3202.

Community Focus is a
specialist arts centre

dedicated to working
with disabled people of
all ages and offers
photography, video,
mixed media art,
needlecraft, dance,
drama and more.
Phone 020 8346 0789
**Happy Go Lucky
Dance Group** inte-
grates disabled and
able-bodied people.
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for details.

LIBRARY BOOK SALES
28-30 Nov & 1 Dec.
Church End Library, 24
Hendon Lane, N3 1TR
020 8346 5711
6-8 Dec. Edgware
Library, Hale Lane,
Edgware, HA8 8NN
020 8359 2626
11-16 Dec. Golders

Green Library, 156
Golders Green Road,
NW11 8HE
020 8359 2060
27-31 Dec. Chipping
Barnet Library, 3
Stapylton Road, Barnet,
EN5 4QT
020 8359 4040
12-20 Jan. Hendon
Library, The Burroughs,
NW4 4BQ.
020 8350 2629
17-19 Jan. Childs Hill
Library, 320 Cricklewood
Lane, NW2 2QE.
020 8455 5380
22-26 Jan. Oaldge
Library, Brunswick Park
Road, N11 1EY 020
8368 0532
29 Jan - 2 Feb. North
Finchley Library,
Ravensdale Avenue, N12
9HP. 020 8445 4081

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, PUBLIC MEETINGS, ETC

Normally meetings will commence at 7pm
and will be held at The Town Hall, Hendon,
unless otherwise stated. Other arrange-
ments operate for Area Forums and Area
Sub-Committees. To find out details for
one near you phone 020 8359 2156

DECEMBER 2001

3 (Mon) -Cabinet Overview and
Scrutiny Committee
4 (Tues) -Housing Overview and
Scrutiny Committee - consultation visit
(Old Barn Community Centre, 20
Fallows Close, London N2 8LB)
5 (Wed) -Barnet Area Forum - Foulds
School, Byng Road, Barnet EN5-6.30 pm
Finchley Area Forum - Northside
School, Albert Road, N12 - 6.30 pm
Hendon Area Forum - Hendon School,
Golders Rise, NW4 - 6.30 pm
10 (Mon) -Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
11 (Tues) -Finchley and Golders Green
Area Environment Sub-Committee -
Avenue House, East End Road, N3
Hendon Area Environment Sub-
Committee
12 (Wed) -Welsh Harp Joint
Consultative Committee, Brent Town
Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley 7.30pm
13 (Thur) -Council Policy Conference
13 (Thurs)-Housing Overview and
Scrutiny Committee
17 (Mon) -Cabinet Overview and
Scrutiny Committee
Education and Children Overview and
Scrutiny Committee
18 (Tues)-Street Based Services
Scrutiny and Overview Committee
19 (Wed) -Chipping Barnet Area
Planning Sub-Committee - Conference
Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
Finchley and Golders Green Area
Planning Sub-Committee
Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee

JANUARY 2002

2 (Tues) -Planning and Environment
Committee

7 (Mon) -Reserved for other Cabinet
Meetings Recreation, Leisure and Arts
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
8 (Tues) -Council Meeting
9 (Wed) -Reserved for Overview and
Scrutiny Committees
Planning and Environment Overview
and Scrutiny Committee
14 (Mon) -Audit and Central Services
Overview and Scrutiny Committees
Housing Overview and Scrutiny
Committee
15 (Tues) -Edgware and Mill Hill Area
Forum -venue to be announced -6.30pm
Golders Green Area Forum - St
Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, Off
Golders Green Road, NW11 - 6.30 pm
Whetstone Area Forum - Queenswell
Junior School, Sweets Way, Whetstone
- 6.30 pm
16 (Wed) -Chipping Barnet Area
Planning Sub-Committee - Conference
Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
Finchley and Golders Green Area
Planning Sub-Committee
Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
17 (Thur) -Council Policy Conference
21 (Mon) -Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
Education and Children Overview and
Scrutiny Committee
22 (Tues) -Chipping Barnet Area
Environment Sub-Committee
General Functions Committee
Cabinet Resources
23 (Wed) -Street Based Services
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
24 (Thur) -Reserved for Civic Forum
Audit and Central Services Overview
and Scrutiny Committee
28 (Mon) -Cabinet Overview and
Scrutiny Committee
29 (Tues) -Housing Overview and
Scrutiny Committee
30 (Wed) Road Safety & Accident
Prevention Liaison Group - 7pm.
Accident Prevention Centre,
Daws Lane

BLOOMIN' MARVELLOUS

Our green fingered Barnet blossoms

Families and businesses throughout Barnet are playing a major role in backing the drive to make the Borough cleaner, greener and safer for us all.

Nowhere is this better demonstrated than with the enthusiastic response to your Council's recycling programmes - and the number of quality and stunning entries in the annual Barnet in Bloom competition, which this year celebrated its eleventh year with record numbers of entries.

The competition, which has been given added impetus with the Council's environmental initiatives, encourages green fingered residents and businesses to brighten the Borough with hanging baskets, troughs, window boxes and multi-coloured floral displays.

All winners in the Barnet in Bloom competition then go forward to the London in Bloom contest.



Mayoress, Malcolm Scott and two pupils from Dollis Junior - Best School Environmental Garden

Schools across the Borough also took part in the competition with the generous backing of sponsors from the business community.

This year's competition produced an exceptionally high standard of floral displays, with June Stark of Abbots Road, Finchley, scooping third prize in the Best Container Garden Trophy in the London in Bloom contest.

A new category introduced this year was a Residential Trophy for a street, square or close, cul-de-sac, mews or group of homes supported by Getti Restaurants.

A new trophy for the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents category was provided by Temple Garden Fortune Garden Centre and Earth Anchors Ltd. provided a trophy for the Best Bloomin Pub.



Best Bloomin' Pub the Lord Nelson

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

If you are not registered to vote, you cannot vote in next May's local Government elections.

Your vote counts - and your local Council is urging everyone eligible to vote to use their democratic right and have their say on Thursday, 2 May.

Residents not registered to vote are urged to call the Council hotline on 020 8359 2323.

Residents can now vote by post. Call the Council electoral register hotline for more details.

The Borough's ward boundaries change this year and there are new polling stations and ward name changes.

Hadley becomes High Barnet ward, Arkley is now Underhill, Friern Barnet is to be known as Oakleigh, Woodhouse is now Coppetts, St. Paul's is renamed West Finchley and Finchley now becomes Finchley Church End.

For more information on ward changes, residents can telephone the Council on 0208 359 2323.

BARNET REMEMBERS

Barnet remembered those who fell during world-wide conflict at this year's Remembrance Sunday service amid tighter than usual security.

The Mayor, Councillor Anita Campbell, laid the first wreath on behalf of the Residents during a moving ceremony at Hendon's War Memorial and took the salute at a march past of veterans and cadets.



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