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YOU SAY YES TO VALUE RESIDENTS VOTE FOR 2.5%

For the fourth year running, every home in Barnet has been given the opportunity to have a say on the Council's budget - and the increase in Council Tax charges under the control of your Council.

The Council set out spending plans for the coming year including improvements to environmental, education, housing, social services and all the other services it provides and offered three options - a 2.5 per cent, three per cent or 3.5 per cent increase.

The Council was recommending that residents voted for a 2.5 per cent increase - 35p a week and in line with inflation figures - which would still allow your Council to develop still further services for

every sector of the community after four years of economy, efficiency and value measures which continue to yield dividends.

Overwhelmingly, the 137,000 homes in the Borough given the chance to have their say on the budget agreed 2.5 per cent was the best option - and still left room for further service improvements following the economy and efficiency measures of the past.

Councillors will within weeks be setting the final Council Tax levels - based on not only this Borough's costs but the charges imposed by London's Mayor, the Police and Fire Authorities.

Barnet's share of the Council Tax is expected to rise by 35p a week for the average B and D property.



On the Ball in Barnet. Council Leader Alan Williams kicks off a new start for young people with the launch of the long-awaited Burnt Oak Youth and Community Sports Centre. More news and pictures on this centre at the heart of the local community on page 2.

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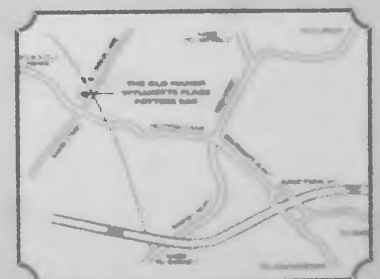
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COMMUNITY THUMBS UP FOR NEW CENTRE

£3.4M BOOST FOR BURNT OAK

Local school children have given an enthusiastic thumbs up to your Council's plans to create a £3.4m state-of-the-art leisure and recreation complex in the heart of Burnt Oak.

Pupils from Annunciation RC Junior School and Goldbeaters School took centre stage as the Council launched the long-awaited Burnt Oak Youth and Community Sports Centre needed for so long in this part of the Borough.

Months of consultation showed local people were overwhelmingly in favour of the £3.4m complex which will provide recreation, sport and leisure facilities for the young, the old and families with young children.

The project, launched by Barnet's Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell, Council Leader Alan Williams, and Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development, is also expected to provide education facilities and

Recreation and fun complex will meet real need

support local schools.

The complex will include a sports hall, fitness suite, youth centre, creche, multi-purpose studio and grass and all-weather pitches on the former Camden Playing Fields site off Watling Avenue.

Although always a school playing field, the site has been derelict for ten years - leading to vandalism, graffiti and anti-social behaviour in and around the area.

Building work on the new sports centre begins this month and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

"This is a much-needed resource for the local community - and one they deserve," said Councillor Williams, Leader of the Council and Burnt Oak Ward Councillor.

"Burnt Oak is an area sadly lacking in sports and recreation facilities and it has become apparent that some local children, having no recreational outlet, have been responsible for a large



Council leader Alan Williams and Barnet's Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell bat off for Burnt Oak's bright new future

amount of anti-social behaviour.

"This important project provides long-overdue 21st century facilities not only for children but the whole community," added Councillor Williams.

Councillor Palmer said the scheme was part of the Council's determination to add to the Borough's leisure facilities. The launch of the project was another example of the Council listening to the needs of the community.

"The sports and community centre will improve the quality of life for all local residents by giving them the opportunity to enjoy the state-of-the-art facilities this area badly needs," added Councillor Palmer.



Council leader Alan Williams and Barnet's Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell prepare the ground for new centre at the heart of the community

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Local Young people join in the celebrations

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ONLY THE BEST WILL DO

2000 years service to Borough

The men and women behind Barnet's award-winning services took centre stage as they collected their awards for long service working for Barnet - a total of nearly 2,000 years.

The 68 award-winners came from every part of the Council and have collectively dedicated 1971 years of their working lives serving the Borough and its residents.

"Working for Local Government is a tough job requiring commitment and dedication as well as a huge range of individual skills and expertise," said Councillor Dannish Chopra, Cabinet Member for Resources as he congratulated those receiving their awards.

"Staff are the most valuable asset of the Council and it is now one of our top priorities to ensure they are highly motivated and given full support to deliver a first-class service.

"The Council is constantly



Just some of the staff behind Barnet's award-winning services

trying to attract, recruit and retain the very best staff and the large number receiving Long Service awards is proof of our success," added Councillor Chopra.

The coveted long service awards are given to staff who have completed 30 years with Barnet Council. Staff achieving this professional milestone also receive a gift of their choice up to a fixed amount. Certificates are also given to

all those with 25 years service.

Long Service awards went to 15 staff and certificates to the remaining 53.

They represented many areas of the Council from architects and drivers to housing officers, catering staff, gardeners and librarians.

The presentation at the Town Hall was also attended by the Mayor, Councillor Anita Campbell, and senior staff from every area of the Council.



TALKING BUSINESS

Members of the business community meet senior Council Cabinet members during one of their regular meetings to find new ways of breathing life and prosperity to our high streets and the commercial sector generally.

Our picture shows (left to right) David Lockett (North London Chamber of Commerce), Gunter Heyden (Hendon Rotary Club), Ibrahim Dustagheer (Burnt Oak Traders), Councillor Danish Chopra (Barnet's Cabinet Member for Resources), and Councillor Monroe Palmer (Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration) who briefed the meeting on a range of economic development issues.



Award winners celebrate their achievement with Barnet's Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell

FUN RUN WILL HELP OTHERS

Fun for all the family and for a good cause - this is the attraction of the eighth annual Barnet fun run in aid of the Mayor's charity appeal.

The event at Cophall Stadium on Sunday, March 17 is organised by your Council's Leisure and Youth Service. It features both a 2km family fun run and a 10km race.

The event is open to all - the young, the old, hard core runners and the less keen.

The fun run includes a fancy dress competition with spot prizes awarded for the best costume.

All finishers will receive a commemorative medal and goody bag.

Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Anita Campbell, will start

Day out for all the Family

the event. The family fun run sets off at 10-30am and the 10km race, which is open to anyone 16 or over, starts at 11am.

The money raised will go to the Leukaemia Research Fund (Barnet and District) which is this year's mayoral appeal.

For more details and entry forms, call 020 8457 9907 or write to the Race Organiser, Cophall Pools, Great North Way, Hendon NW4 1PS.

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Alan Williams

Leader's view



For the fourth year running, every family in the Borough was asked for their views on the budget for the coming year and eventual Council Tax levels.

We set out the options based on our philosophy of pride in our Borough - and giving equal opportunity to every sector of our community.

The plans we laid before the community were clear. After years of economy, efficiency and best value measures we were able to continue with our plans for an even better Barnet and still keep our own share of the inevitable Council Tax rises to the Government's recommended figure - and within inflation figures - of 2.5 per cent.

Overwhelmingly you have said yes to 2.5 per cent - and accepted that we will continue to deliver value for money services and develop them to meet real needs in education, social services, protecting and enhancing the environment - and making the Council ever-more accountable and accessible to every resident.

It will soon be clear just how much the London Mayor, the Fire, Police, Ambulance and other emergency services are going to charge every home in Barnet.

I just hope, as we continue to develop services and build ever more community pride in Barnet by all working together, that residents do not face the burden of unrealistic Council Tax charges over which we have no control.

BOOSTING TOWN CENTRES

BACKING BUSINESS - AND JOBS

Your Council's Economic Development and Town Centre Management teams continue to work with all sectors of the local business community to breathe new life and prosperity into our town centres - regenerating run-down areas and creating real full-time jobs.

In recent weeks the team has seen the creation of the Black Business Association which has its inaugural meeting on 13 March at Hendon's RAF Museum.

This launch meeting will be opened by Councillor Monroe Palmer, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration, Professor David Smallbone of Middlesex University, Laurie Hull of Business Link for London and Albert Smith, Chair of the Black Business Association Steering Group.

Building on the success of last year's Tourism Conference, Barnet is to get its own Tourism Association. The first meeting of this important group, Chaired by Councillor Monroe Palmer, is at Avenue House on March 5.

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

In the drive to create jobs, regeneration and prosperity across the Borough, two joint business seminars are being hosted by the Council and Barnet Chamber of Commerce in March tackling issues of real interest to existing and potential businesses.

To back up the need to support and help communities, the Council has been at the forefront of setting up credit unions - and there are now nearly 1000 members of Credit Unions across Barnet.



CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

Residents and children celebrated Chinese New Year, the Year of the Horse, at Brent Cross Shopping Centre.

Youngsters had their faces painted and enjoyed the exhibition by a dragon and lion dance group.

Barnet has the largest

Chinese community in London.

The Council provides a Chinese interpreting service from its popular translation and information service unit on Thursday mornings. They can be contacted on 020 8359 6114.

The Council's interpreter, Margaret Lam, also

provides a face to face interpreting service on Thursday afternoons at Oriental City on Edgware Road.

Chinese books are available in some of the Council's libraries. The biggest collection is at Hendon Library in the Burrough's and Church End Library, Hendon Lane, Finchley.



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EDUCATION FOR ALL

THE BLUEPRINT FOR BEST START IN LIFE

Councillors have given the go-ahead for a blueprint designed to deliver the Council's commitment to achieve education opportunity for all.

As the local education authority, the Council has been working closely with schools across the Borough to agree the targets and where necessary encourage some to aim for higher ones to bridge any gaps between schools at the top of the league and those facing special challenges.

The plan endorses the Council's drive to raise standards among under achieving pupils as part of the Opportunity For All policies which now impact on all facilities and services across the Borough.

The declared aim is to close the gap that exists between high achieving youngsters and the sizeable minority who are at risk of missing out.

The new Education Development Plan sets out



a programme to ensure the Borough's schools are properly equipped, have highly trained and motivated staff and sound and realistic targets. Schools will also be encouraged and supported to play their part in the Council's strategy of creating lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Most importantly, the plan promises radical action to deal with unpopular and under-performing schools.

Priorities laid down in the plans range from raising standards in nurseries and pre-school classes to improving abilities in reading, maths and science at infant and junior levels.

Education for the 14 to 19 year old will also see new targets to boost exam results. High on the list for continuing improvements are areas like information

technology and planning to provide the best possible opportunities for those children with special educational needs and some disadvantaged ethnic minority groups.

Major targets include removing all schools in the 'special measures' category within two years, improving GCSE results by at least two per cent, reducing pupil exclusions by two per cent and improving attendance by two per cent by 2003.

There will be special training for staff to ensure that the majority of children with special educational needs are included in mainstream schools.

Any teacher shortages are to be tackled with a pledge to ensure all Barnet schools are fully staffed to meet the needs of the curriculum.



Compton Centre of Excellence

Compton School is a centre of excellence - and that is official.

The school, in Summers Lane, Finchley, has achieved City Technology Status - and with it recognition as a centre of excellence.

Compton is one of only 149 schools nation-wide which have been designated specialist schools under the Government's programme to build diversity in education.

The announcement was made last month by School Standards Minister Stephen Timms and complements your Council's own drive to raise standards in education for all pupils but specially for those young people who are under achieving or not making the most of their abilities.

NEW STATUS CASH BOOST

"Specialist schools play a key part in our mission to raise standards across all our schools.

"They offer more choice to parents and pupils through innovation and determination and will help create first-class education opportunities for all," said Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education.

The new status brings with it major new funding. The Compton will get a capital grant of £100,000 and an annual £123 per pupil for the next four years.

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Voluntary Youth Offending Panel Members

Are you tired of crime in the Barnet Community? Would you like the opportunity to make a difference in a young persons life, for the better?

We are inviting you to participate in a revolutionary new Youth Justice Scheme in becoming a member of the Youth Offending Panel. The panel's aim is to develop rehabilitation contracts with young offenders to reduce offending and compensate for any harm caused to the victim by the offence. Volunteers would be required to undergo an interview, 7 days pre-service training and if selected, volunteer as a panel member for a minimum of 6-12 months with expenses paid.

Please contact the Referral Orders Co-ordinator for an information/application pack.

The Barnet Youth Offending Team
Hope House
45-51 Woodhouse Road
North Finchley N12 9ET

Ph: 0208 446 9996
Fax: 0208 446 9998

WEEKEND OF FUN AND LEARNING

First Pride in Borough Showcase of the Decade



Barnet is bracing itself for a non-stop round of fun and excitement this month as the Borough prepares to celebrate the first Pride in Our Borough showcase of the decade at the RAF Museum, Hendon, on Saturday 23 March and Sunday 24 March.

Entry to this multi-cultural event with entertainment and fun for the whole family and the RAF Museum is free.

The fair, open from 10.30am to 5pm each day, will be a showcase for the community and the services provided by your Council and will bring together residents and organisations from the voluntary and business sector.

The non-stop programme includes something for everyone - the young, the old and families with young children.

A dedicated area for children, exhibition centre featuring services provided



The Marvellous Magical Coat Puppet show - just one of the many and varied attractions

by local organisations and the Council together with special promotions and stages in a marquee with surprise guest appearances from entertainers of all kinds makes a visit to the fair a must for the whole family.

On both Saturday and Sunday there will be demonstrations and seminars, workshops, storytelling, competitions and live entertainment including stilt

walkers, magic shows, clowns, food, theatre and music.

Council minibuses will be operating a park and ride scheme from Brent Cross. The Spires and Friern Barnet Town Hall. Free parking will also be available at the RAF Museum.

Opportunities to be a trade exhibitor at the event are still available. To book a stall, telephone Renae Randle on 020 8359 2339.



African drum workshops will be popular attractions

Let's share what we know - and take pride in Barnet. This will be the overriding message from the biggest community fair of the Millennium run by your Council for every sector of the community.

The RAF Museum Hendon will come alive to the news and messages from all those at the heart of the community - the Council, the voluntary sector and residents.

This is also a time to have your say. Get your views known to Council Officers and Councillors as you enjoy the celebration of Pride in Barnet - the cornerstone of your Council's policies to give opportunity to all.

Join your friends for a weekend to remember on Saturday 23 and Sunday, March 24.

Your Council is committed to the need to listen and learn - tell us what you think about services and our priorities, meet local businesses, enjoy a fun day out for all the family.

The showcase weekend also marks the launch of Barnet's new community website onebar.net

The layout of the fair will mirror the six channels of the contents page of the new website.

These six channels are:

- 1) Leisure and travel;
- 2) Lifelong learning;
- 3) Health;
- 4) News;
- 5) Advice; and
- 6) e-commerce.

Visitors will make their way round the fair by 'walking the web', choosing routes round the site to zones of associated organisations, while upstairs in 'The Internet Café' IT trainers will be on-hand to assist visitors in experiencing the new website for themselves.

A programme of interactive events, fun activities and special 'guest' appearances are being organised. There will be a dedicated area for children, along with an extensive exhibition area, showcasing services provided by the council and local organisations.



SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2002

The Marquee

- 11.00am - 12.00pm Elizabeth Frosts Attic Tales (4-6 year olds)
- 12.15pm - 1.15pm Spare Tyre Theatre Company Show (All Ages)
- 1.30pm - 2.30pm Suzi Earnshaw Dance School Show
- 2.45pm - 3.45pm Ethnic Dance Performance (All Ages)
- 4.00pm - 4.15pm 'Heel & Toe' Street Dance Workshop (Teenage)
- 4.30pm - 6.00pm Rhythmic DJ/Mbong Workshop (Teenage)

Art Gallery

- 11.00am - 4.00pm Community Art Project

Lecture Theatre

- 10.45am - 11.30am Magic Show
- 11.45am - 12.30pm Barnet Council Corporate Video / Citizen Panel Consultation
- (Session attendance by invitation only)
- 12.45pm - 1.30pm The Prestige Project - Transport for London
- 1.45pm - 2.45pm Any Questions Session
- This session will be open to the public, allowing discussion of issues relevant to the 6 channels of the new community web site.
- Representatives from each of the 6 channels will be on hand to respond to your questions.

3.00pm - 3.45pm RAF Museum Educational Session

Fun 'n' Flight Gallery (Children's activities)

10.30am - 11.30am Face Painting
 11.45am - 1.00pm Novelty Book Making (7 - 11 year olds)
 1.15pm - 2.00pm Colin the Clown
 2.15pm - 3.15pm Face Painting
 3.30pm - 4.45pm Storyboard Making (7 - 11 year olds)

Internet Cafe (Boardroom, First Floor)

Come and visit the Internet Cafe and experience the new community web site 'onebar.net' for yourself. Five 45 minute sessions will operate each day. Website trainers will provide a 15 minute demonstration at the beginning of each session and then be on hand to assist visitors as they try the portal for themselves.

10.45am - 11.30am Session 1
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 3.45pm - 4.30pm Session 5

SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2002

The Marquee

10.30am - 11.30am The Mysterious Magical Coat Puppet Show
 11.45am - 12.45pm Spare Tyre Theatre

Company Show

1.00pm - 2.00pm England Swing (40 years of pop revue)
 2.15pm - 3.15pm Business Challenge Quiz hosted by Middlesex University Business School (16 - 18 year olds). Visitors in this age group will be invited to enter the Business Challenge Quiz. Entrants will be asked a series of questions which will be marked by a panel and a prize will be awarded to the person who has the most questions right.
 3.30pm - 4.30pm Ethnic Dance Performance
 4.45pm - 5.30pm African Drumming Workshop

Art Gallery

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Lecture Hall

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Interactive Storytelling with Sandra Agard

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WEEKEND LONG ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

Canon Area

Photographic display by local photographers

Dermot Boyle Wing & Walton Gallery Trade Exhibition Display

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Wardens meet a trader in Burnt Oak's Watling Avenue.

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Neighbourhood Wardens, now a familiar sight on the streets through
continue to have a major impact on all sectors of the community
role in tackling crime and the fear of crime as they boost pride in
and shopping areas throughout Barnet.



Senior Warden Maureen briefs the team before they go out on patrol.

EYES AND EARS OF OUR STREETS WORKING WITH YOU



Getting the evidence - nowhere to hide for graffiti artists

Working with the police and community, Neighbourhood Wardens are responding to real local needs - cracking down on the scourge of graffiti and abandoned vehicles and tackling all forms of anti-social behaviour.

Latest in a series of successes for our front-line teams in the battle to protect our environment saw the Neighbourhood Management Teams joining up with the police to carry out high visibility patrols hitting abandoned vehicle black spots.

Now dozens of dumped cars are heading for the scrap yard after a successful swoop on abandoned vehicles on the Dollis Valley Estate.

The operation with the Neighbourhood Management Team joining forces with the Police and DVLA saw 25 vehicles removed, 46 clamped and over 140 reported for having no tax.

Police set up a cordon at the exit from the estate and all vehicles were checked as they drove out. More checks were carried out by a team of DVLA officers at various locations in the surrounding areas.



Another abandoned car goes under the hammer.

More Environmental News Page 10

Removing abandoned vehicles was just part of the police-led initiative called Operation Reassurance which also targeted street crime, burglary, graffiti and anti-social behaviour.

"We are determined to make Barnet an attractive borough for people to live.

"We are committed to improving the quality of life for everyone and by teaming up with the police to carry out high profile activities like these we are demonstrating to residents that we take their concerns about crime and vandalism seriously," said Councillor Geof Cooke, Cabinet Member for Environment.



Cross-briefing as a Warden and Police Officers plan ahead at Edgware Bus Garage



Getting to know local young people - they are part of the eyes and ears of the community too

EEN - SAFE

Community

out the Borough, and are playing a vital role in centres, estates



BIN IT FOR US ALL

Over 1500 budding young artists brushed up on their design skills when they entered a competition to produce a logo reminding people to bin their litter.

The competition was designed to get our young people to think about practical ways of helping

keep their borough clean and tidy - and taking pride in it - and was organised by the Community Pride Action Team.

This group with membership representing local residents voluntary organisations, Councillors, Council Officers and fast-food giant McDonalds has praised the efforts of all the young people who took part.

Competition winner, Yaseer Choudhury from Edgware Junior, took the prize in the under-sevens category and Claudia Glynn from St. Catherine's School won the award in the seven to eleven section.

For their efforts and creativity the children won £1,000 towards a computer for their school - donated



by McDonalds - and £50-worth of vouchers for themselves.

The overall prize went to Yaseer who will see his 'Barnet Waste Monster' logo used as the emblem for the Borough-wide clean-up campaign being launched by the Community Pride team in April.

There were 43 runners-up from 17 of the Borough's schools who received certificates and a McDonalds meal voucher from Barnet Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell.

Our picture shows the Mayor presenting the awards to Yaseer and Claudia.

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CLEAN - GREEN - SAFE

CRACKDOWN ON LITTERBUGS AND DOG FOULING

Your Council has launched a two-pronged attack on the twin menaces of litterbugs and irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their pets.

In the continuing drive to create an attractive environment and encourage still further pride in the Borough, the Council has given the thumbs up to a series of wide-ranging measures designed to get

tough on the irresponsible minority whose selfishness blights the Borough's streets and open spaces.

The new get-tough measures include a six-month pilot scheme which will see our Neighbourhood Wardens patrolling four targeted town centres issuing fixed penalty notices to anyone seen dropping litter.

To back up the scheme, 200 extra litter bins will be introduced in known problem areas, bus stops and the newly-

designated Streetwise zones.

In a further move the frequency at which bins are emptied is being reviewed and seven extra daily street cleansing rounds will be introduced.

Streetwise zones are also getting 30 new specially-designed recycling bins.

To bring the message of environment responsibility home to young people, the Council is planning anti-littering partnerships with local schools (see page 9).



Local traders discuss the problems of graffiti in Burnt Oak's Watling Avenue



Another Graffiti tagger goes in the frame as your Neighbourhood Wardens step up the fight against this blight in our high streets

BARNET SHOWS WAY ON BEATING GRAFFITI

The groundbreaking approach adopted by your Council and the Police in the drive to wipe out graffiti in the Borough has been held up as a model of good practice by the London Assembly.

Both the Council and Police are determined to rub out this stain on the local environment and were called to give evidence before the Assembly's Graffiti Investigation Committee because of the expertise they have shown in tackling the problem.

The partnership was able to tell the hearing how joint action had focused on the rapid removal of graffiti by the Council's Neighbourhood Management Team, initiatives to limit the sale of spray paint and marker pens to minors and the launch of pioneering policing methods to identify and arrest offenders.

Partnership Approach Pays Off

All this work is being co-ordinated by a Borough-wide Anti-Graffiti Group which links the efforts of all the varied services involved.

The groundbreaking police initiatives carried out in partnership with the Council's Neighbourhood Wardens has seen the adoption of an intelligence-led approach to tackling graffiti and has resulted in many arrests.

With the support of Neighbourhood Wardens, the police have built up a data-base of prominent tags and matched them with graffiti.

Painting environmentally friendly picture

Community groups and people on low incomes will be among those to benefit from a paint-recycling scheme operating at the Council's new Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre.

Residents are being urged to take their left-over and unwanted paint along to the Summers Lane site in North Finchley where it will be collected and sorted before being offered free to deserving causes.

The scheme is aimed at schools, youth groups, small community projects, those referred by local housing associations and other organisation which may find it difficult to afford paint.

At the same time the scheme is an ideal opportunity for all home

and professional painters to cut down on their waste.

The scheme is being run in partnership with the not for profit organisation ECT Recycling which manages and operates the Summers Lane site and is funded by the charity Save Waste and Prosper.

Groups and organisations wishing to take advantage of this new scheme should contact Gary Clarke, the Resources and Recovery Manager at Summers Lane, on 020 8362 0752 for more details.

Since Summers Lane opened in October last year it has been recycling around 50 per cent of all material brought in - good news for the Council in the drive to meet new waste management targets set by the Government.

VOTE BY POST

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

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

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

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

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

...and traders join fight

A new scheme launched to wipe out graffiti in the borough has swung into action.

Trading standards officers visited 260 businesses last month to invite traders to work with the Council to crack the problem and make Barnet a more attractive place to live.

Shopkeepers were invited to sign up to a voluntary code of conduct enabling them to ban the sale of aerosol spray cans and large marker pens to under 18s, making it harder for graffiti scribblers to get their hands on them.

And in an effort to stamp out the theft of materials

which could be used to deface and damage buildings the 'code of practice' would also require traders to display these products 'behind the counter' or where they are at less risk of being stolen.

Businesses visited by the Trading Standards team were offered advice and information about the benefits of getting on board with the Metropolitan Police backed scheme and all those who join up will get a sticker to place in their window bearing the slogan 'Help Rid Barnet of Graffiti - We Don't sell Spray Paints To Minors.'

Liferevents



21 March, 8pm at the Bull 'The Weird Sisters Get Around'

Sunday 17 March 8th Annual Barnet Fun Run 2km family fun run starts 10.30am (fancy-dress is optional, spot prizes for the best costume) and a 10km race open to ages 16+ (starts 11am) at Cophall Stadium. Organised by Barnet's Leisure & Youth Service in aid of The Mayor of Barnet's appeal, Leukaemia Research Fund (Barnet & District). All finishers receive a commemorative medal and goody bag. For details and entry forms phone 020 8457 9907 or write to the Race Organiser, Cophall Pools, Great North Way, Hendon NW4 1PS

THE BIG WEEKEND 23-24 March. 10.30am-5pm. A family weekend of fun, entertainment, food and workshops for Barnet's multi-cultural community. The launch of a new community website. Venue: RAF Museum, Hendon. For more information please phone 020 8359 2339.

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

Theatre
14 March, 8pm Unlimited Theatre present 'Neutrino' (a Fringe First at the Edinburgh Festival). A story of four people on a train who bizarrely find more and more points

where their lives overlap. £9/£7 conc.
15 March, 8pm Mind the... Gap present George Bernard Shaw's play 'Pygmalion'. Performed by an integrated learning-disabled and non-learning disabled cast. Adapted by writer Mike Kenny £9/£7 conc.



22 March, 8pm Hoipolloi present 'Marry Maria' a romantic comedy with a difference £9/£7 conc.
23 March, 8pm Tabs Productions present comedian and writer Arthur Smith's original West End hit 'Live Bed Show' £10/£8 conc.
28 March, 8pm Shifting Sands have created a unique version of the classic tale of 'Faustus' combining clowning, animation and physical theatre. £9/£7 conc.
4 April, 8pm 'Worm-Hole'. Niki McCretton's portrayal of life's absurdity, seamlessly combining dance, slapstick and satire. A hit at the Edinburgh Festival 2001. £8/£6 conc.

Poetry
16 March, 8pm An evening with Roger McGough, OBE. His new 'Everyday Eclipses' shamelessly proffers advice to Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney, Jimi Hendrix and a nation of rock-'n'-rollers. £12/£10 conc.
Comedy
21 March, 8pm 'The Weird Sisters Get Around', an outrageous and uncensored comedy. Not suitable for children or faint-hearted adults! £8/£6 conc.
24 March, 8pm The Treason Show. Four-strong satirical comedy group. £8/£6 conc.
30 March, 8pm Ken Campbell offers audiences a journey through the bizarre world of a master storyteller. £10/£8 conc.

Music
3 March, 8pm Ronnie Scott's legendary quartet - John Critchinson, Mark Fletcher, Tim Wells and featuring Pat Crumley continue the work of the great man with a mixture of original jazz and classic standards. £10/£8 conc.
10 March, 8pm 'The Surnandan Ensemble'. A fusion of Flamenco and North Indian sounds with classic Indian vocalist Sanchita Pal. Flamenco guitarist Eduardo Niebla, Sarangi maestro Pandit Ramesh Misra and Tabla virtuoso Partha Sarathi Mukharjee. £9/£7 conc.
17 March, 8pm 'Electra String Quartet' has worked with Bjork and Massive Attack. Their willingness to experiment and push the boundaries of classical

music has earned them huge respect. £9/£7 conc.
5 April, 7.30pm 'Raising the Roof' Soultax lending its support to The Bull's fundraising scheme with an evening of music from the early 1960s era of Soul and Atlantic classics. £10/£7.50 conc.



6 April, 8pm The Selector. A chance to catch this legendary Ska band. £10/£8 conc.
7 April, 8pm Just East of Jazz. Their fusion of styles displays a huge range of influences, combining Klezmer and Eastern European styles with a remarkable jazz sound. £9/£7 conc.
Children and Youth
3 March, 3pm Tiebreak Theatre present 'One Dark Night' a reminder of the diversity and mystery of the world. Three storytellers gather beneath the stars. Ages 7-12. £4.50
8-9 March, Full Circle present 'Romeo and Juliet', an all singing, all dancing production of Shakespeare 4 Kidz' adaptation of this classic. 7.30pm and 3pm matinee on Saturday. A show for all ages. £7/5 children & conc.
10 March, 3pm Pekko's Puppets present Hans Christian Anderson and stories 'The Ugly Duckling', 'The Little Match Girl' and 'The Lovers'. Ages 5+ £4.50
17 March, 3pm Lempen Puppet Theatre presents 'Lizzie's Moon' a story about a magical white bird who takes Lizzie on a mystical night journey. Ages 4-10. £4.50
19 March-6 July Bull Youth Theatre 1 (ages 15-19, Tuesdays 6.30-9pm) and Bull Youth Theatre 2 (ages 11-14, Saturdays 11am-1.30pm)

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

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Culminating in two full scale productions. Places on a first come, first served basis. £60
24 March, 3pm 'Chicken Licken! Dynamic New Animation. A double bill with 'The Little Red Hen'. Ages 3-6. £4.50
7 April, 3pm Little Angel Puppet Theatre presents 'Romeo and Juliet'. Shakespeare's story for the very young but with a happy ending. Ages 4+. £4.50
Afternoon Arts Playreadings, music, dance, poetry and history events Tuesdays at 2pm. Mainly for the over 50s but all are welcome.

Exhibitions
Until 24 March 'Total Manipulation'. Large scale photographs by Petros Chrisostomou of installed objects compositionally taking on varying interpretations with references from Baroque, Victorian and classical Greek periods to futuristic comic book cultures. The Gallery
Until 24 March 'The End is Where We Start From'. Helen Hogan's prints and paintings explore the interplay of opposites and capture via veiled meanings several references within a single piece of work. The Foyer
28 March-28 April 'From R to Z'. Using an eclectic mix of styles and a diverse range of media. Kathy Manners observes the contradictory emotions co-existing between mother and daughter. The Gallery
28 March-28 April 'A Wider View'. Through printmaking Kay Davis responds notably to the sea and land and also architectural formations. The Foyer

ALL SAINTS ARTS CENTRE. 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20 020 8445 8388. Details of events and classes listed below with contact phone numbers.
Art Life drawing, Sundays 2.30pm (020 8458 6756). Painting for pleasure, Mondays 7pm & Tuesdays 10am (020 8445 2514). Reprographic Unit & Printshop (020 8445 8388)

Dance Cercle, Mondays & Tuesdays 8pm (0468 005858) Kathak (020 8364 8663) Latin American, Thursdays 7.30pm (020 8361 1832) Salsa, Wednesdays 8pm (01712 721809) Tea Dances, Tuesdays 2pm (020 8440 2216) Irish, Fridays 3.45pm (020 8441 3588)
Music The Da Capo Band, Wednesdays 8pm (020 8883 8114), All Saints Choir, Thursdays 7.30pm (07971 609935), The Spire Studio Band practice (020 8445 8388)

Drama Jigsaw Arts holiday activities (020 8447 4530) After school, Wednesdays 4pm (020 8445 8388), Circus Skills, Tuesdays 7pm (020 8445 8388)
Illustrated Talks John Neal's Travel Club Exploring London (01707 657555)

EXHIBITIONS
Until 14 April One man's response to the holocaust - paintings by Morris Weidman. Courtesy of the Ben Un 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. Free admission. For more information phone 020 8203 0130

Until 12 May The Jewish Museum Paintings by Hans Jackson - a graphic illustration of the use of Nazism. Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, N3. Mon-Thurs 10.30am-5pm, Sun 10.30am-4.30pm. More details phone 020 8349 1143
Manor House Gallery at the Sternberg Centre has a series of exhibitions, including work from the Ben Un Gallery. For details phone 020 8349 5640

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

Eurofighter. Grahame Park Way, London NW9 5LL. For further details phone 020 8205 2266

Barnet Museum, 31 Wood Street, Barnet. For details of exhibitions and opening times phone 020 8440 8088

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

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

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

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

MUSIC
2 March, 7.30pm Chipping Barnet Parish Church Recital. Brahms Requiem by the Parish Church Choir. St John the Baptist Church, Wood Street, Barnet. Training available to boys to join the

choir, with many activities and trips. For details phone 020 8440 8593

9 March, 7.30pm
London Pro Arte Choir
Puccini: *Messa di Gloria*,
Mendelssohn: *Come let us*
worship. Howells: *O Pray*
for the peace of
Jerusalem. John Keble
Church, Deans Lane,
Edgware. For details phone
020 8906 4151

9 March, 7.45pm
Finchley Choral Society
Mozart: *Divertimento in F*
K138, Mozart: *Vesperae*
Solennes de Confessore
K339, Haydn: *Mass in B*
flat (*Theresienmesse*).
Stefanie Heichelheim
(soprano); Alison Renwouze
(alto); Andrew Carwood
(tenor); Simon Neal (bass).
The Camerata Orchestra
Conductor George Vass. St
Jude's Church, Central
Square, Hampstead
Garden Suburb, NW11.
£10/£8 conc. at the door
or phone Box Office on
020 8445 9666

16 March, 7.30pm
The Hanover Chor
Concert. Programme J.S.
Mayr, Te Deum; Mozart,
Requiem Mass. Organist
Christopher Rowland,
Conductor Natalie
Seymour. Finchley
Methodist Church, Bailards
Lane, N3. Admission by
programme £8, £5 conc.
For details phone 020
8455 2403.

16 March, 8pm
Barnet Symphony
Orchestra concert. Brahms:
St Antoni Variations;
Schubert: *Symphony No. 4*
(Tragic); *The Elegie: Faure*;
Cello Concerto (Marie
MacLeod cello) by Saint
Saens. St Johns Church,
Friern Barnet Road, N11.
For details phone 020
8205 2418

23 March, 7.45pm
Hendon Music Society.
Erica String Quartet
Programme Haydn's
Quartet Op 20 No. 5,
Beethoven's Quartet Op 18
No. 4; Schubert's
Quartetsatz; Brahms'
Quartet Op 51 No. 1.
Trinity Church, Hodford
Road, Golders Green,
NW11. Phone 020 8203
2355 for details and cost
(free tickets are offered to
8-22 year olds in full-time
education).

23 March, 7.45pm
Finchley Chamber
Orchestra Dvorak
'Symphonic Variations' and

Beethoven 'Symphony No.
5'. Conductor David Lard.
Trinity Church, Nether
Street, North Finchley
N12. Admission £8/£5.50
conc. Reservations phone
01707 642556

Barnet Folk Club meets
monthly on Saturdays,
8.30pm. Relaxed atmos-
phere for local musicians
to play their own brand of
unplugged folk music, tra-
ditional or contemporary.
Players and audience are
welcome. The Bull, 68
High Street, Barnet. Please
contact JJ Dunne on 020
8441 3620.

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

East Barnet Library
Recorded Music
Society. 5 March 'My kind
of music' - Peter Mitchell;
19 March 'Barrett's bonan-
za' - Pat Barrett; 2 April
'Romantic Airs' - Edith
Schablin. 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. 7 March 'A
Salzburg evening' - Robin
Chapman; 21 March 'Our
recent releases' - Simon
Bnggs of Les Aldrich
Music. Meetings 8pm,
Friern Barnet Library,
Friern Barnet Road, N11
3DS. Details, Hon.
Chairman 020 8444 7215.

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

Learn to Sing classes
From Schubert to
Showtime. Tues 2-4pm,
Weds 7.30-9.30pm; Fri
1-3pm. Finchley Methodist
Church, Ballards Lane, N3.
Phone 020 8455 2403.

THEATRE
27 February-16 March
Chicken Shed Theatre
presents 'Romeo and
Juliet'. Also **20 March-20**
April 'A Midsummer
Night's Dream'. Chicken
Shed Theatre, Chase Side,
Southgate, N14 4PE. For
times of performances and
ticket prices phone the Box

Office 020 8292 9222;
minicom 020 8350 0676
or email info@chicken
shed.demon.co.uk

5-9 March
Incognito Theatre - Youth
Group 'Epsom Downs' by
Howard Brenton. Directed
by Lis Shulberg. Takes
place on Derby Day explor-
ing a great public festival
held on common land,
pulling in punters of every
degree from the Aga Khan
to a homeless family
camping out in a
Dormobile. Incognito
Theatre, Holly Park Road,
N11. Tickets £5, £4 conc.
block booking negotiable
for 10 or more. email:
ITGTickets@incognitotheatre.com
or phone 020
8803 1947 or see website
www.incognitotheatre.com

POETRY & TALKS

7 March
The Barnet Society.
Terence Atkins talks about
his postcard collection. For
details phone 020 8444
7175.

9 March, 7.30pm
Barnet Borough Arts
Council Cafe Bar Poetry
with Katherine Gallagher.
Julia Casterton reads her
poetry and gives her adju-
dication on the results of
the BBAC Short Story
Competition 2001. The Bull
Theatre, 68 High Street,
Barnet. Come along and
read your work or just
come and listen. £3/£2
conc. For more details
phone 020 8445 8388

11 March, 3pm
Barnet and District Local
History Society. 'Early
dissenters in Barnet and
District (1390-1560)'.
Lecture by Dr Stephen
Doree. Wyburn Room,
Wesley Hall, Stapylton
Road, Barnet. For details
phone 020 8449 6153

12 March, 8pm
Hendon & District
Archaeological Society.
'Digging in a Russian
Medieval City'. A lecture by
Clive Orton of the Institute
of Archaeology Drawing
Room, Avenue House, East
End Road, N3. For details
phone 020 8346 4880

20 March, 8pm
National Trust (Barnet
Association) 'English
Heritage' talk by Judith
Findlater. St Mary
Magdalene Church Hall,
Athenaeum Road,
Whetstone, N20. For
details phone 020 8346
3254.

28 March, 8pm
The Finchley Society 'Old
Finchley and its Surrounds
by Norman Burgess
Drawing Room, Avenue
House, East End Road, N3
Their newsletter lists dates
of coffee mornings and
other activities and events
For details phone 020
8883 2633

Barnet Poetry Group
meet bi-monthly 7.30pm
on Saturdays at The
Friends Meeting House, 10
Leicester Road, New
Barnet to study and enjoy
English and European
poets. Details 020 8883
8146/020 8449 0526

The Multi-Lingual
Poetry Forum appreciates
poetry in many languages,
meeting monthly and
promoting original transla-
tions to and from English.
European and other classi-
cal languages. For details
phone 020 8455 6281.

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
Finchley Art Society
Beginners welcome.
Mondays 7.30pm Trinity
Centre, Nether Street, N12,
also Wednesdays 1pm, St
Mary's, Hendon Lane, N3.
For details phone 020
8445 2685.

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

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

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

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

Public Art
Course/Studies in
ceramics, plaster, drawing
and painting, stone, wood,

carving, textiles, graphic
design, multimedia and
computers. The aim is to
create artwork in public
settings. Barnet College,
Wood Street, Barnet. For
information phone 020
8440 6321

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

DANCE

The Circassian Circle Folk
Dance Club. English
Country Dancing, fortnight-
ly on Thursdays. 7.45-
10.30pm. Beginners wel-
come. The Harwood Hall,
Mill Hill Broadway, NW7.
For more information
phone 020 8950 5756.

BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge on
Tuesdays, 8pm. Parking on
site. Wilf Slack Sports Ground,
19 East End Road, Finchley
N3. Further details phone
Clive on 07813 765643.

FILM

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

The Phoenix, The Finchley
Cinevideo Society and
Barnet Borough Arts
Council are jointly
promoting the first Barnet

Scriptwriting Competition

Entry fee is £5 for original
scripts suitable for a short
film. The winning script will
be made into a film by the
FCS to be screened at The
Phoenix, and the winner
and shortlisted competitors
will be invited to a work-
shop. Entry forms from
The Phoenix or BBAC
should be returned to
BBAC Scriptwriting
Competition, c/o All Saints
Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh
Road North, N20 9EZ by
30 November 2002. Phone
enquiries to The Phoenix
020 8444 6789 (they re-
open in March).

LIBRARY BOOK SALES

26 Feb-2 March South
Friern Library, Colney
Hatch Lane, N10 1HD. 020
8883 6513

5-9 March, Friern Barnet
Library, Friern Barnet Road,
N11 3DS. 020 8368 2680

7-9 March, Edgware
Library, Hale Lane, Edgware
HA8 8NN. 020 8359 2626

13-16 March Church End
Library, 24 Hendon Lane,
N3 1TR. 020 8346 5711

26-31 March Golders
Green Library, 156 Golders
Green Road, NW11 8HE.
020 8359 2060

University of the Third
Age NW London Branch
offers a shared learning
experience for the over
55s and group holidays
and outings. Meet at
Michael Sobell Centre,
Limes Avenue, NW11;

Grade rail, Uxbridge Road,
Stammore and Middlesex
University, The Boroughs,
Hendon. Study groups
include a wide variety of
subjects. For details phone
020 8731 8838/020 8852
3202

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

Community Focus is a
specialist arts centre
dedicated to working with
disabled people of all ages
and offers photography,
video, mixed media art,
needlecraft, dance, drama
and more. Phone 020
8346 0786. **Happy Go**
Lucky Dance Group in-
cludes disabled and able-
bodied people. Phone 020
8346 9789 for details.

From 7 March The Art
& Skill of Adult Child
Communication. 10 week
course for parents and
adults. Learn practical
skills for being effective in
everyday situations with
children. Edgware. For
further details phone 020
8440 2099 or email
ru2@onetel.net.uk

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, PUBLIC MEETINGS, ETC

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

MARCH 2002

4 (Mon) -Reserved for other Cabinet
Meetings

5 (Tue) -Council Meeting

6 (Wed) -Reserved for Overview and
Scrutiny Committees

11 (Mon) - Housing Overview and
Scrutiny Committee, Planning and
Environment Overview and Scrutiny
Committee (provisional)

12 (Tue) -Education and Children
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 (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

14 (Thur) -Council Policy Conference

18 (Mon) -Cabinet (Formal Meeting)

19 (Tue) -Edgware and Mill Hill Area
Forum - Dining Area, The Edgware School,
Green Lane, Edgware, HA8 8BT (to be
confirmed) - 6.30 pm

Golders Green Area Forum - Childs Hill
School, Dersingham Road, NW2 - 6.30 pm

Whetstone Area Forum - Greek Cypriot
Brotherhood Community Centre, Britannia
Road, North Finchley N12

General Functions Committee

20 (Wed) -Cabinet Resources
Planning & Environment Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

21 (Thur) -Reserved for Civic Forum

25 (Mon) -Cabinet Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

26 (Tue) -Chipping Barnet Area
Environment Sub-Committee - Barnet
House, Welsh Harp Joint Consultative
Committee - Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,
Wembley - 7.30pm

28 (Thurs) -Road Safety & Accident
Prevention Liaison Group - 7pm, Accident
Prevention Centre, Davis Lane

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

(at Bank holidays, surgery times may change. Please ring beforehand to check) (Con = Conservative, Lab = Labour, LibDem = Liberal Democrat)

ARKLEY WARD

ANITA CAMPBELL (Lab)

MAYOR

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Surgery: 1st and 3rd Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT, 2-3pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

PAULINE COAKLEY WEBB (Lab)

DEPUTY MAYOR

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website: www.barnetlabour.org

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LIBRARY PLANS OPEN BOOK

£1m Hendon makeover goes on show

Plans for your Council's £1m makeover for the Borough's flagship Hendon Library have been on show this month - and received an enthusiastic thumbs up from all those who saw them.

The exhibition at the library showcasing the massive refurbishment plans for the Hendon complex was launched by Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development, who was delighted by the response from young and old alike to the ambitious plans.

The £1m makeover will transform Hendon library and provide state of the art facilities and amenities among the best in London.

Plans call for the ground floor of the library to be completely redesigned giving better access to all services through new automatic doors and lifts to all floors.

Other improvements include specially-designed facilities for people with disabilities, modern energy-

saving lighting systems and new shelving, furniture and fittings.

The plans include the introduction of a new local history section and the total refurbishment of the children's library.

The library will also benefit from modernisation and improvements to meet the demands of the new national People's Network Initiative with 67 new computers with Internet access alongside books and other recreational and learning aids.

The impressive and recently restored facade will remain and internally the best of the old will be retained, restored and incorporated into the new designs to provide a high quality building to meet the demands of library users in the Millennium.



Councillor Susette Palmer and Councillor Jim Tierney, who's portfolio includes local partnership, discuss the plans.

The library opened in 1929 and underwent major modernisation in the early 1970's. The only major alterations since then have been the introduction of multi-media facilities on the ground and first floors in 1998.

A series of short planned closures of the library will be necessary during February and March 2002 to enable work to start.

During these short closures, residents can borrow and renew items at any Barnet Library.



Councillor Susette Palmer gets the seal of approval on the plans from a library user.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Barnet's trading standards officers are warning some businesses step over the line of what's fair when trying to impose one-sided conditions in standard contracts. In many cases consumers will not be bound by and businesses cannot enforce small print that is unfair.

When goods and services are bought and sold a legally-binding contract is created.

A standard contract not created for the specific transaction is considered unfair if it makes a contract unbalanced to the detriment of the consumer.

The law defines unfairness as: misleading the customer, refusing any redress or compensation, locking the customer into a deal regardless of circumstances, retaining prepayment on cancellation, one-sided

powers to vary the deal or what is to be provided, excessive penalties if the consumer breaches the contract.

The Council's Trading Standards Service now has powers to advise

businesses and if necessary require changes to contracts. The Service is ready to offer advice to both traders and consumers and can be contacted on telephone 020 8359 2606

YOUNGSTERS TRY FOR MARATHON

Budding young athletes are getting the opportunity to try for a place in Barnet's squad for the London mini-marathon.

Children aged 11 to 17 who live or study in the Borough are welcome to enter the trials at

Copthall Stadium on Sunday, March 3 which are being organised by your Council's Leisure and Youth Service.

Successful runners will have a chance to compete in the last 6km of the famous London Marathon on Sunday, April 14.

Those wishing to enter

the trials should telephone Tony Wilson at the Council's Leisure and Youth Service on 020 8359 3308 for an entry form and further details.

Alternatively, it is possible to register on the day of the trial between 9-45am and 10-15 am. The race begins at 10-30am.

REMEMBERING PAST HORROR

Celebrating a better future

All sectors of the community gathered at a Civic Ceremony to mark the horrors of the Holocaust - and celebrate the creation of a better world with the help of children from local schools.

Community and religious leaders joined senior representatives from the Council in the Memorial Garden at Hendon Park, Queen's Road, on National Holocaust memorial day in a mark of respect to victims of Nazi persecution. The day is designed to ensure the horrendous crimes, racism and victimisation committed during the Holocaust are never

forgotten and reminds everyone of the need for vigilance so it is never allowed to happen again anywhere in the world.

The day also provided a valuable focus for educating future generations about the Holocaust and the lessons to be learned from it as we build on and celebrate the creation of a better world for us all.

The Council produced information packs for all our 121 primary and secondary schools including a story based on the experiences of German Jewish children who became refugees in this country because of Nazi persecution. There was also an account of a



Children from Bell Lane Primary School represent Kinder transport children as they re-enact horrors of past.

teenage refugee who was forced to flee Slovakia in 1977 after his family was subjected to persecution in that country.

The secondary school packs also provided contacts for Holocaust survivors as well as speakers with first-hand knowledge of the Holocaust and encouraged students to research the stories of victims using on-line resources at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for

Community Development, introduced the service and two pupils from St James' Catholic High School read a Statement of Commitment followed by songs from a Jewish choir.

"By commemorating those slaughtered and victimised in tragic times and those who worked, fought and died to save as many people as possible. I hope we can move forward to a time when all the people of the world can live in peace," said Councillor Palmer.



Students from St. James' Catholic High School read a statement of commitment.



Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb (centre), opens the ceremony alongside Councillor Susette Palmer.

ART RECORDS TRAGEDY OF PAST

The horrors of the Holocaust are brought to life in a series of paintings and photographs in a fascinating exhibition at the Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Lane, Hendon until April 27.

A series of paintings by the distinguished artist Morris Weidman have been brought together for the first time and are joined by

Children of the Holocaust photographs from the Weidman's Library.

Visitors to the museum will be able to see Weidman's group of paintings on Auschwitz which were never exhibited together during his lifetime.

The exhibition, to which admission is free, was only made possible by the generous support of Morris

Weidman's family and the Ben Uri Gallery - the London Jewish Museum of Art.

Church Farmhouse Museum is open Monday to Thursday 10am to 12-30pm and 1-30pm to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5-30pm and Sunday 2pm to 5-30pm. For further information, telephone the museum on 020 8203 0130

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