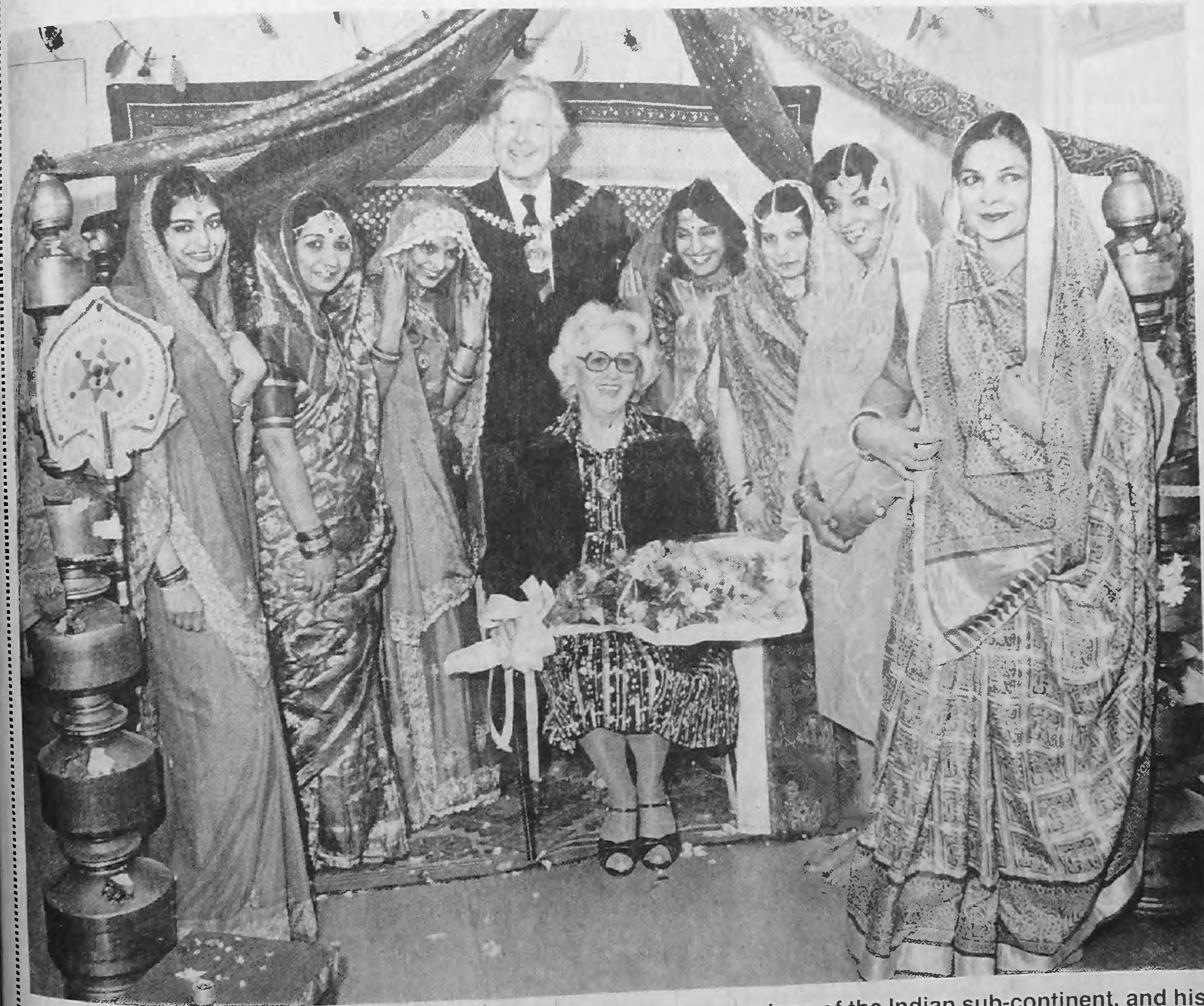


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## Seven 'Brides' for the Mayor



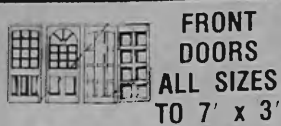
The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Vic Usher, with seven brides from regions of the Indian sub-continent, and his real bride, the Mayoress, Mima, at Sangam's Open House Day. Guests were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Chand Tara Gupta, and founder president, Mrs. Tara Kothari. The Mayor stressed the importance of preserving culture and tradition. He thanked Sangam for their work, in helping their people cope with the complexities of British life. 'We in the Borough consider this is a first class organisation', he said. Sangam, which serves both the Islamic and Hindu community, is based at 235-237 West Hendon Broadway. Volunteers run a daily advice centre dealing with social services, housing, health, employment, education, language classes, immigration, legal matters and translation.

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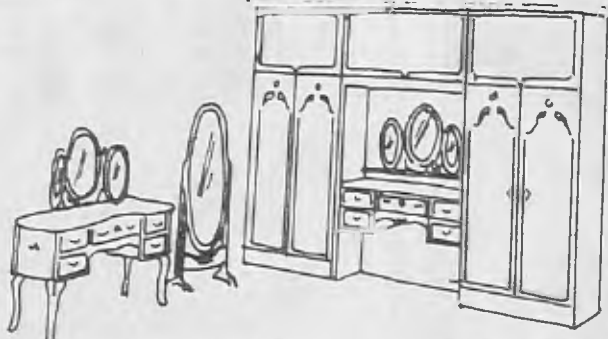
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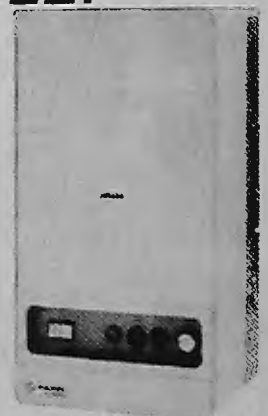
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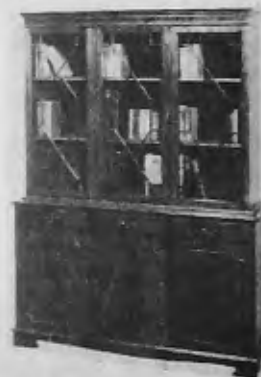
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# SUMMER SHOW TIME

ARTS, CRAFTS, horticulture and entertainment are drawn together to give Friern Barnet Summer Show its special character as two family days out. The Show, which began as a wartime treat for children and part of the Dig for Victory campaign, will be held this year at Friary Park, Friern Barnet Lane, on Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14.

The organisers have re-planned the layout so that the marquees and craft market virtually surround the main arena, bringing all aspects of the show together.

The Show opens with a special entertainment for the elderly and handicapped. Help with transport may be available, and volunteer drivers and those needing help to get to the park should contact the Shows Organiser, telephone 349 9121 Ext 441.

The Summer Show has always been a children's event. This year there's the fancy dress parade, the children's sports, the children's pet show — everything from puppies and kittens to snails and frogs. Local Boys' Clubs are holding a football competition and there is a major children's art competition and winners' exhibition.

The theme of the children's art this year is 'Transport'. The event falls into two main categories, school exhibits which form a collection of paintings submitted by a school, and individual entries. There are two classes, black and white entries and coloured entries, and three age groups, five to seven, eight to 11, and 12 to 16.

Entries should be sent to the Shows Organiser, either at Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley N3 or the Horsa Huts, Manorside School, Squires Lane, Finchley N3, by August 6.

There is also an adult art exhibition for work by local artists. Those who

wish to exhibit and sell their work should contact the Shows Organiser by July 16.

The craft market is available for amateur home craft exhibits.

For the very young there's the Baby Show, from three months to 36 months, all are welcome.

And just so that the family dog is not forgotten the Exemption Dog Show with three rings and obedience classes, opens on Saturday at 1 pm.

The Summer Show owes much of its atmosphere to the Horticultural Show which is organised by the Borough of Barnet Federation of Allotment Holders and Horticultural Societies. This is a very active society and keen gardeners who would like to take up the challenge of maintaining an allotment can contact the Borough's Allotments Officer at Gateway House, telephone 349 9121, Ext. 539.

The horticultural show is not just for fruit, vegetables and flowers. There are classes for floral art, domestic skills and handicrafts. Anyone taking a schedule, available from the Shows Organiser, local libraries and Council offices, gets a free recipe for walnut cake and coffee fudge.

With all this to see there is also plenty to do, with the fun fair in full swing, pony rides, and, a special attraction. Professor Dog's Animobile from City Farms, an exciting way for London children to get to know farm animals.

North London Society of Model Engineers have again conquered the boating pool and their scale models will set sail or respond to radio signals to delight any junior Walter Raleigh's.

And in true tradition the Summer Show will end with a bang — the Grand Firework Display on Saturday evening.



Mrs. Rosa Freedman, last year's Mayor of Barnet, was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Mrs. Freedman has spent 27 years in local government.

## Programme details

### Friday, August 13

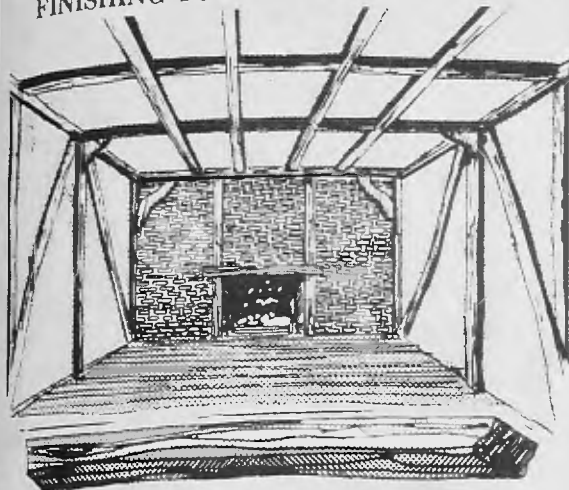
- 10 am Judging of entries in the produce, floral art, domestic, hobbies and handicraft sections — main exhibition marquees.
- 2 to 5 pm Special entertainment for handicapped and elderly people. Free admission and refreshments.
- 2 pm Children's Fancy Dress Parade — under cover if wet.
- 2.40 pm and 5.30 pm Bob Freeman with Magic for Children.
- 3 pm and 4.15 pm Band of the 3rd New Barnet Scout Group, The Red Lions.
- 3 pm Children's Sports (if wet, held on Saturday at 5 pm).
- 3.15 pm and 7.30 pm Display of model boats by the North London Society for Model Engineers (Marine Section) on the boating pool.
- 3.45 pm Display by the Majorettes.
- 5 pm Children's pet show — under cover if wet.
- 5 pm Football competition for teams from Boys' Clubs.

### Saturday, August 14

- 1 pm Exemption Dog Show opens.
- 2.30 pm Baby Show. Classes one and two.
- 2.45 pm Marching display by the Band of the Middlesex Yeomanry Old Comrades Association.
- 2.45 pm and 5 pm Les Nettle — magic and Punch and Judy.
- 3 pm and 6 pm Display of model boats.
- 3.15 pm Baby Show. Classes 3 and 4.
- 3.30 pm Majorettes.
- 4 pm Demonstration class — Women's League of Health and Beauty.
- 4.20 pm First Aid demonstration by members of Friern Barnet (334) Combined Division St. John Ambulance Brigade.
- 5.30 pm Baby Show prize giving.
- 7.30 pm official prize giving — in the marquee. Trophies presented by the Mayor of Barnet.
- 8 pm Marquees close.
- 9 pm Sale of produce, horticultural marquee.
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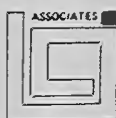


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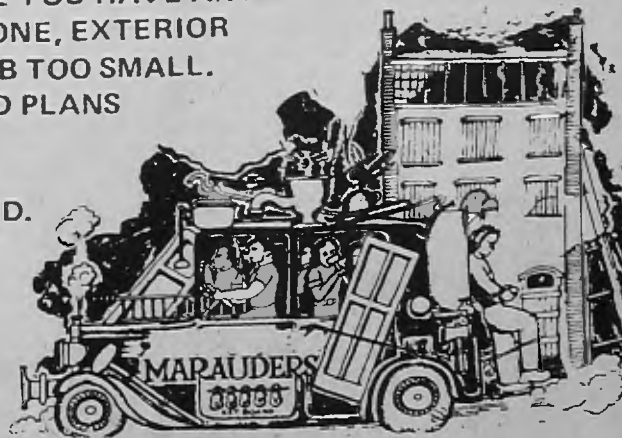
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# Barnet are still the champions

THE RAIN just seemed to put Barnet school children on their mettle at the Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships, held as part of Barnet Sports Gala at Cophthall Stadium. The Barnet youngsters took all three trophies: The Gurr Shield for the overall championship, and the Boys and Girls Jubilee Cups. The borough's aggregate points were 417½ with Enfield coming second with 251. Nine borough's took part.

Barnet pupils selected to represent Middlesex in the All England Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham on July 9 and 10 are:

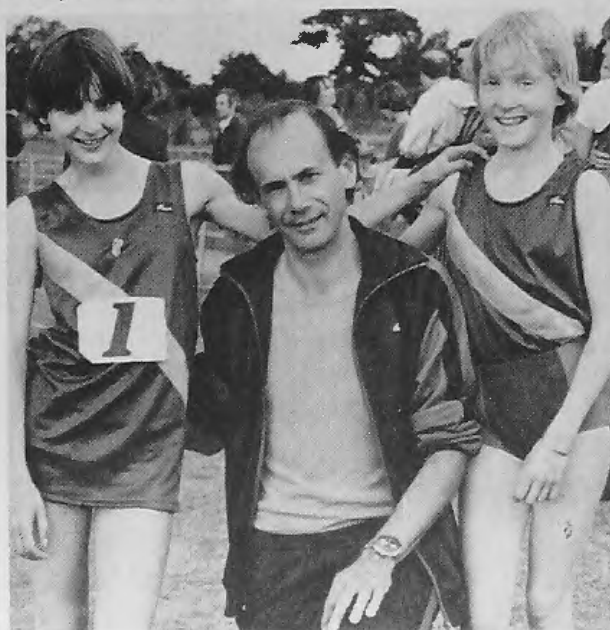
**Junior Girls:** Melanie Shaw (Moat Mount) 1,500m; Elizabeth Peaceful (Moat Mount) javelin. **Intermediate:** Georgina Honley (Friern Barnet) 400m; Sharon Wright (Ashmole) 800m. **Seniors:** Julia Avis (Orange Hill) discus; Jackie Wellesley (Edgware) 400m hurdles.

**Junior Boys:** Derek Higgins (Whitefield) long jump; **Intermediate:** Eric Kimani (Christ's College) 1,500m; Jian Azari (Whitefield) 100m hurdles. **Seniors:** Donald Kerr (Orange Hill) pole jump.

The Gala was again a great sporting assembly with Shaftesbury Harriers running a relay championship meeting on the Sunday, and the horse show attracting some fine riders and drivers.



Proudly displaying the Dr. Gurr Shield which, once again, has been held by Barnet Schools athletes. Left to right: Jackie Wellesley, Edgware School, the Mayor of Haringey, Councillor Brian Bullard, Georgina Honley (Friern Barnet School), Colin Charles (Orange Hill) and the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Vic Usher.



In the steps of Joyce Smith, first and second in the 1,500m, Melanie Shaw (left) and Lesley Farthing, with Gerry Elmore, Barnet Ladies' Athletic Club coach.



Holding the Jubilee Cup as overall girls champions, Helen Surrey (Hendon) and Anne Rochett (Orange Hill).



Hi there pardner, the Milky Bar Kid's in town riding — of course — a pinto pony. Western Riding was a special attraction of the horse show.



Barnet made a real splash in the Senior Boys Steeplechase, in which Eric Fowler of Q.E. Boys (left) and Mel Parker, Woodhouse, came in second and first respectively.

**Pictures by Maria Bartha. Tel: 449 2154**

# Mayor's Treasure Chest opens

THE MAYOR of Barnet's Treasure Chest Appeal is off to a flying start with £1,000 already in hand, a strong committee in session, and a series of popular events being lined up, including the Schools' Sponsored Swim, Mill Hill Barracks Fete, a celebrity concert, a Nearly New shop, and a whole series of activities at the Terenure Country Club in Totteridge.

Two dates are already set. Splash-down for the Sponsored Swim, organised once again by Gerald Kirby, is set for March 12, 1983; and the Open Day at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, is on Sunday, May 8, 1983. But watch the local Press for details.

At the first meeting of the new committee the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Victor Usher, explained why he had launched a new style of Mayoral Appeal which will raise money for local charities right across the Borough and not just for one specific organisation.

'In the past the Mayor's Appeal has had a wonderful

response and done marvellous things. But I am afraid that if we, as a strong committee, set our sights on one charity or objective we shall draw in money which might otherwise have gone to some other local good cause,' he said.

'So my idea is a Community Treasure Chest. I want as many local charities as possible to think about joining in.

'Our job, as a central committee, is two-fold. On the one hand it is to raise money through the Appeal and by organising fund-raising events. On the other hand it is to help some of the smaller charities and if they have an idea and want to organise something we will give them support. The money will all go into the Community Treasure Chest but all the charities who take part will know that as they have contributed they will also benefit.

'By our combined efforts I believe that smaller charities in particular will benefit more through the Treasure Chest than if they tried to go it alone.

'I know it will not be easy

but I want to see this appeal borough-wide.'

The Appeal chairman is Maurice Abbey, who first became involved with the Mayor's Appeal Committee in 1970 and was Chairman of the 1975/76 Appeal.

He set plans into action at the committee meeting on June 24 when he set up working parties to undertake the organisation of events and functions. Mrs Mary Sorrell, Deputy Mayoress, will be arranging a schools concert, and the local golf clubs are to be canvassed with the idea of running a charity championship.

Local charities which wish to be involved in the Appeal and who have special projects they are working for should contact the organisers of the Treasure Chest Appeal by writing to The Mayor of Barnet's Appeal, The Mayor's Parlour, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG. Donations can also be sent to this address and cheques should be made out to The Mayor's Appeal.

## Young players

The Music Advisory Panel of the Greater London Arts Association invites applications for financial assistance. The main aim of the Panel is to support young musicians, new music and encourage new audiences. The Panel is changing its approach from large numbers of small grants to funding of events of value to the community and the future development of the art.

### Half fee

Under the Young Musicians Scheme up to 50 per cent of the fee of the young musician engaged is offered. Promoters should book artists then apply for a Young Musicians Grant Aid application form, at least four weeks before the concert. For 1982/84, the following artists are eligible: Simon Limbrick (percussion), Mark Wildman (bass), Jose Feghali (piano), Margaret Powell and Michael Dussek (violin and piano duo), Douglas Boyd and Michael Dussek (oboe and piano duo). Up to February 1983 the following are eligible: Trio Cannello (two oboes and cor anglais), Margaret Fingerhut (piano), Janis Kelly (soprano), Margaret Perry (soprano), Thomas Trotter (organ) and Mark van der Wiel and Robert Lockhart (clarinet and piano duo).

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All Barnet's four Sports Centres are arranging special holiday programmes.

**Queen Elizabeth's Centre, Meadway, High Barnet. Tel: 441 2933.**

This central and well equipped centre is offering a wide range of five-day courses in addition to a lively programme of casual activities for which there is no need to book. For 60p for a two-hour session from 10 am to noon the facilities of the centre can be used — trampoline, badminton, gymnastics, football and basketball are all available. These run from Monday to Friday from July 26 to August 13. There is also casual swimming in the heated indoor pool, again at 60p a session, minimum one hour, from 2.30 to 4.30 pm from July 26 to August 13, and from 10 am to noon from August 16 to 20.

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	11 am	Wednesday	3 pm	11 am	Thursday	3 pm
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	<b>Swan Lane, Whetstone</b>		<b>Old Court House, Wood Street, Barnet</b>		<b>Edgwarebury Park, Edgwarebury Lane</b>	<b>Victoria Recreation Ground New Barnet</b>
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**Ashmole Sports Centre, Burleigh Gardens, Southgate. Tel: 368 4984.**

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Their special courses are £4 for five one-hour sessions, and run Monday to Friday, July 26—August 6.

**Introductory Gymnastics:** Age group five-plus. For children who want to try gymnastics for the first time (10 am and 11 am).

**Introductory Tennis:** Age group five-plus. Coaching for beginners. (10 am).

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For the children there is the summer play scheme, divided into age groups for three to

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**Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon. Tel: 202 6027.**

This centre offers specialist coaching in gymnastics and the centre is always pleased to hear from youngsters keen to develop a sport for which they have a natural ability.

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**Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley. Tel: 346 7120.**

Barnet Borough Arts Council are running holiday workshops at Avenue House from July 26—August 6.

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The Loki Theatre Company will be performing The Rainbow Bridge on Friday, July 30 at 2.30 pm and the holiday programme will end on August 6 with an open afternoon

## Libraries

**Chipping Barnet, Church Passage, Barnet.**

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**Hendon, The Burroughs.** Every Tuesday afternoon at 3 pm from July 27—August 31. Making Pictures.

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The project is designed to give children a chance to try some exciting pursuits and meet new friends in the pleasant rural surroundings of the school.

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As the camp is non-residential, there are no headaches about home-sickness or the added expense of boarding fees. Parents can take their children by car and there is also a network of coaches to transport children to and from surrounding areas.

The camp will run for five one-week sessions, Monday to Friday, commencing July 26.

This is Information Technology Year and the camp is also offering children aged nine to 13 a rare chance to learn the fundamentals of computing.

A full colour brochure is available from Camp Aldenham, Aldenham School, Elstree, Herts. Please contact Barbara Pomeroy on 779 7720 or Cyril Tyson on 779 7553.

## Mill Hill play scheme

A PLAYScheme for five to 12-year-olds is to be held in Mill Hill East from 9 am to 4 pm Mondays to Fridays from July 26—August 27.

The scheme caters for 60 children and there are still about 20 vacancies. There will be art, craft, sports and outings. The charge is 60p a day.

At the time of going to press the venue had not been finalised but details can be obtained from the secretary, tel: 959 4989.



Children enthralled by an entertainer in the park last year.

# Bridging the culture gap

THE CURRENT exhibition at Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, is far more than a display of African and West Indian artifacts. It is also a well-presented history of the contribution made by the black peoples to the British way of life.

Black Culture in Britain, as the exhibition is called, takes a positive look at the role played by the Afro-Caribbean community. There are black heroes who won the VC. There's a West Indian nurse who used her own money to fund a hospital for British soldiers in the Crimean War and nursed the wounded on the battlefield itself. There's even a First World War soldier who became the father of singer Cleo Laine.

Traditional weaponry, modern sculpture, pictures of 18th century military bands in which the black musicians were the star performers, and weird, rather frightening masks are on show.

The explanatory information accompanying the exhibits and stands is clear and well presented and could help bridge any culture gap which may exist between the black and white community. The whole atmosphere of the exhibition is one of respect for the past and stresses the contribution made to British life by the Afro-Caribbean people who, over three centuries, have come to live in Britain.



Mr. Ralph Straker, of the Sam Uriah Morris Society, with some of the weapons and masks of tribal Africa.

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# Letters to the editor

## Cricklewood problems

MAY I COMMENT on the article 'Cricklewood Today and Tomorrow' in the April issue.

Not mentioned, and frequently forgotten, is another neglected area, the 'Railway Terraces' — Gratton, Midland, Johnstone, Needham and Champion — referred to in the Barnet Town Planning Study as 'The Cricklewood Estate'.

Some of our problems are:

- Dumping of rubbish by outsiders on the waste land and the railway embankment. It is apparently no responsibility of Barnet Council to keep these areas clean and nobody else will accept responsibility. We as residents have had several concerted 'clean-ups' over the past couple of years, but more rubbish is soon dumped.

- The almost total lack of street cleaning, made impossible by the car parking on these narrow roads. The car parking is largely not by residents (as acknowledged in the Town Planning Study) as there are few cars parked at nights or weekends, but is by workers at the industrial concerns across Cricklewood Broadway. Hence the solitary road sweeper with his cart cannot sweep the roads, gutters or pavements.

- The lack of street lighting to the front aspect of Nos. 35-38 Needham Terrace, whose front doors face the railway. Currently nobody seems able to tell us who owns the access footpath — thus everybody, including Barnet Council, declines to help.

- The ex-Scout hut is falling

## 'TEARCRAFT' SESSIONS

AS A LOCAL representative for 'Tearcraft' I would like secretaries of women's groups and clubs in the Borough of Barnet making out their autumn programmes to consider whether they would like a 'Tearcraft' session.

'Tearcraft' is the name of a non-profit making Christian organisation, selling third-world handicrafts made by people in the developing countries, who are paid a fair wage for their products, providing employment in countries where the people have no social security, national health services, pensions etc.

The handicrafts are made in small workshops or cottage industries given grants by The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund (T.E.A.R. Fund for

into an increasingly dilapidated condition. Our Residents' Association wished to buy and restore it for use as a community centre. However, the cost may well prove beyond our means. This relic is not mentioned in the Town Planning Study, though the old Railway Hostel is mentioned and work does appear to have started on restoring this for use as offices — hopefully an improvement.

- The area between Gratton Terrace and Cricklewood Broadway/Edgware Road also has a constant battle against rubbish. However the broken railings and embankment wall only encourage use as a dump. Attention to these and grassing of the area, together with shrubs, could make a considerable improvement.

- The land north of Depot Approach, owned by British Rail, and leased to a variety of builders, coal and timber merchants, and waste disposal merchants, is an eyesore. This area, according to the Town Planning Study is to be considered for screening from the 'Cricklewood Estate'.

As you will realise I have studied the Town Planning Study 'Cricklewood — A Planning Survey' and although most of these problems are mentioned (but not the lack of lighting) there are at present no policies or proposals approved by the Council for this estate.

Miss M. Walker,  
38 Needham Terrace,  
London NW2.

short). The products are very good value for money, well made, mostly by hand using natural materials practical for the home or making lovely gifts.

Church or house groups, clubs, school or nursery school mums, hospital C.U.s, or just friends and neighbours making a small informal group for a morning or evening session, can phone me and arrange for me to bring a selection of handicrafts along. I can also bring a set of colour slides and taped commentary, showing how they were made in the country of their origin. Let these people have the dignity of a 'hand up' instead of a 'hand-out'!

Brenda Kohn (Mrs.)  
'The Cottage',  
Raleigh Drive,  
Whetstone, N20 0XA  
(368 1136)

## WRVS need helpers

THE WOMEN'S Royal Voluntary Service in the Borough of Barnet is desperately in need of help from voluntary helpers. The WRVS would welcome anyone who can spare a few hours in the middle of the day. We need people between 10.30 am and 2 pm to help us to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to elderly and disabled people in the borough.

In an average week, five days from Monday to Friday, the WRVS deliver about 2,600 meals to people in all parts of the borough. The frozen meals are heated by cooks employed by the Council but even so we need more than 50 volunteers every morning.

This number includes drivers, helpers who go out with the drivers and back-up staff who do the clerical and administration which is necessary in an undertaking of this size.

In spite of our name, the WRVS welcomes men as well as women. We have many men working alongside us who do a wonderful job in whatever

capacity they choose to work.

Those who cannot give their time on a regular basis may be able to help us occasionally. For instance, mothers with young school age children may be able to spare some time during the school term. We would be happy to meet and discuss suitable arrangements with anyone so that we can help them to help us.

During the bitter weather of the past winter, in spite of the icy roads, the meals went out as usual. Often when our helpers arrive with a meal they are the only people that the household will see during the day.

We can't fail these people but we do need help now. Pat O'Dwyer the WRVS Borough Organiser and Jill Hewett the Deputy Organiser look forward to hearing from anyone who has just a little time to spare. Please ring 346 7714 between 10.30 am and 2 pm.

WRVS,  
rear of Hertford Lodge,  
East End Road,  
Finchley, N3.

## GAP IN FACILITIES

BARNET CIVIC NEWS is an invaluable means of letting people in the borough know what is happening. I would like to draw attention to the fact that although 17 per cent of the population, say 60,000, have some form of hearing disability, including those suffering from tinnitus, there is no clinic available for them within any of the hospitals in the borough.

This situation was tolerable before 1979 when many General Practitioners could say with some justification that sufferers should learn to 'live with it'. Even GPs who read their journal now know that this is no longer the position.

A clinic could carry out a careful examination and ensure that any ancillary condition was cleared up before deciding that tinnitus was the cause. A patient could then be recommended to try a hearing aid or a masker. This would ensure that they did not fall into the hands of those seeking to make a profit on a commercial basis at the expense of tinnitus sufferers. Others could be recommended to avoid the use of known unsafe drugs and perhaps have safe drugs or sleeping pills prescribed.

If all else failed, some patients could be recommended to try relaxation and tension avoidance techniques. Or they could

be advised to join self help groups such as ours to ensure they could learn about their malady and perhaps receive help from fellow sufferers in controlling or living with it.

Now that help is available to those who suffer from tinnitus the lack of prescribing such help is a great gap in the health facilities in the borough.

Jack Shapiro,  
Chairman,  
North-West London Branch,  
British Tinnitus Association,  
100 Brim Hill, N2.

## Twin Town visit

MEMBERS of the Friends of Le Raincy Society visited Barnet's Twin Town of Le Raincy, just outside Paris, late in April. They were accompanied by members of the British Legion and Police representatives, and their wives.

The visit was of special significance as it was the 20th anniversary of the Twinning ceremony which was held in the French Town.

Membership of the Society is £2 a year and enquiries or applications would be welcomed by the chairman, Cllr. Frank Gibson, 43 Chandos Avenue, Whetstone N20 9EE.



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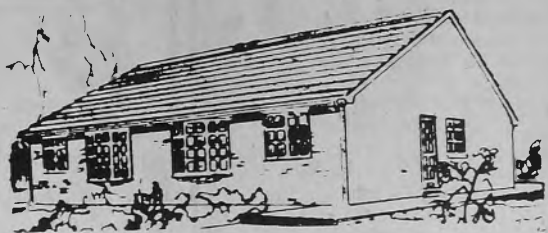
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# MORE LETTERS

## New choir need singers

THE INAUGURAL concert of the London Pro Arte Choir, formerly known under the auspices of the Mill Hill Choral Society, was held at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday, June 20, with a performance of Verdi's Requiem.

Altogether three major London choirs took part with four internationally acclaimed soloists and the London Pro Arte Orchestra under the direction of Leon Lovett.

The newly formed choir has a membership of more than 50 and is expanding its membership to include amateur singers, especially young people, living in North London and the surrounding areas.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 10 pm

at Grahame Park School, Colindale, near Hendon RAF Museum, within walking distance of Colindale Tube Station (Northern Line) and Mill Hill Broadway Station (British Rail).

The choir performs with distinguished international singers, the London Pro Arte Orchestra and the English Baroque Orchestra, and offers a wide repertoire of choral works.

Singers who would like to join a major London choir performing to a professional standard, are invited to contact the concert manager, Hedwig Dobbs, 27 Parkside, Mill Hill, NW7 (tel. 959 2688).

**Marian R. Hintze,**  
111 Normandy Avenue,  
Barnet, Herts.

## ANNUAL FLAG DAY

HELP THE AGED are holding their annual Flag Day in the Borough of Barnet on Saturday, July 17, between 9.30 am and 4 pm. Street collectors are wanted for periods of one hour in the following areas:

Friern Barnet, Whetstone, East Barnet, Chipping Barnet (High Street) and New Barnet. Volunteers are asked to get in

touch with the Appeals Organiser, Lt. Col. W. E. Hamilton (Rtd.), 8 Gorselands, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 1QY (Tel. Harpenden 3671). It would be appreciated if any volunteers would phone after 6 pm any evening.

**W. E. Hamilton (Lt. Col. Rtd.)**  
Overseas Appeals Organiser

## Two summer projects

THE JEWISH SOCIETY for the Mentally Handicapped and Norwood Child Care will again be holding two summer projects during the month of August:

The teenage workshop for 13 to 20 year olds (approx.) between August 11 and September 2, 1982.

## Wanted — good books

NORTH LONDON bookworms will be glad to hear that Hampstead Garden Suburb OXFAM Group is planning another Book Market for September 25, at Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel, NW3 as usual (last year's raised £5,872).

The group has already started collecting and will be very grateful for all types of books in good condition (no school textbooks, please) as soon as possible. They can be taken to the nearest OXFAM shop — with instructions that they are for the Book Market, or other arrangements can be made by ringing:

**Estelle Russell 435 6996.**  
**Philip Barbour 458 2847.**  
**Moya Page 458 3527.**

**Rona Wood**  
88 Hampstead Way  
NW11

The play scheme for 6 to 12 year olds (approx.) from August 9 to 26.

We would be glad to hear from anyone able to volunteer their help for these projects, particularly if they can offer skills such as drama, music, arts and crafts. Anyone who would rather help as a driver, or on the catering side will also be welcome.

We are also looking for a suitably qualified or experienced person to lead the teenage workshop. Applications including name, age, address and telephone number and experience should be addressed to Summer Projects, J.S.M.H. Stanmore Cottage, Old Church Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 2RF.

**Dianne Roberts (Mrs.)**  
Secretary

## Fees increase

ALL fees for becoming a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies have risen substantially. In addition the fee must now be sent with the application instead of being paid when the application is actually granted. To find out more about the new fees contact your local Citizens' Advice Bureau. They can also help with other immigration enquiries you may have.



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# ART KALEIDOSCOPE

Art flourishes in Barnet. Barnet's Travelling Library service invited younger readers to Design your own Dr. Who monster. They ran the competition for three age groups. Under sevens, won by Paul Blackman, age five, of Hallswelle Road, Temple Fortune; seven to 11 years, won by Royal Patel (10), Prayle Grove, Cricklewood; and 12 to 16, won by Heather Harris (12) of West Close, Arkley.

Harris Fine Art held a children's painting competition and staged an exhibition of the entries at their Castle Mews Gallery, North Finchley. This was followed by local artists '100 Best Paintings'.

An exhibition at the Stanhope Road Centre, an annexe of Barnet College, featured the work of calligraphy students, not only fine hand inscribed documents but also beautifully illuminated scrolls. Details of classes in calligraphy and art from the Centre, tel: 445 6068.



Anne Trudgill calligraphy tutor at Barnet College with a student, Nigel Lax, at the Stanhope Road Centre Exhibition.



Top junior artists at the Harris Fine Art children's painting exhibition. In the picture are Satyen Dayal (winner 5-8 years); Katherine Rice (winner 8-11 years), Robyn Abbott (11-plus) and certificate winners Melanie McGrady, Tonia Michaels, Caroline King, Sanjeev Shah, Leena Vadher, Deborah Montgomery and Sophie Cowood.



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THIS LIST of activities in the Borough is open, free of charge, to all voluntary and community groups.

Entries for the September issue (September 11 to October 16) must reach the editor by August 9.

Owing to extreme pressure on space, regular weekly meetings, except for a few new entries, have had to be omitted this month.

Entries to Civic News, address: page 4.

Asterisk denotes new weekly meeting.

### Saturday July 10

British Tinnitus Association (NW London Branch), The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 1.30 pm (444 9657).

East Barnet British Legion Horticultural Society Summer Show, Brookhill Road (British Legion Hall), East Barnet. 4.30 pm (440 0210).

Cromer Road School Golden Jubilee Summer Fair, Cromer Road, New Barnet. 11 am to 3 pm.

Whitings Hill Infants' School Fete, Whitings Road, Barnet. 2 pm (440 3708).

Gala Day and Exhibition, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2 pm (440 4649).

Finchley Horticultural Society Annual Summer Show, Christ's College, Hendon Lane. 2.30 pm (349 9979).

St. Mary-at-Finchley Parish Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. Jumble Sale in aid of St. Agatha's Church of England Children's Society Home at Princes Risborough. 10.30 am—noon.

### Monday July 12

Loyal Flower of Hendon Lodge of Odd Fellows, Post Office, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 7.45 pm (952 5576).

\*Ladies — come and find a new meaning to life, Salisbury Chapel, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 2.15 pm (449 7026).

### Tuesday July 13

Open House — social and cultural. For details see to 146 Oakleigh Road South, New Southgate, N11.

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 8 pm (954 4944).

National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NW London Group), Temple Fortune Health Centre, Temple Fortune Lane. 8 pm (455 5113).

Afro Caribbean Festival. Public meeting organised by the local branch of the African National Congress to look at the aspirations of the people of South Africa in the 70th anniversary year of the African National Congress, Friends' Meeting House, 56 Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday July 14

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet), Methodist Church Hall, High

Street, Barnet. 1.30 pm (449 6023).

Barnet Friends of the Earth. 8 pm. Venue varies (441 0792). Finchley Floral Art Society, Friends Meeting House, Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. 8 pm (446 0835).

Royal British Legion, North Finchley, Legionway, off Summers Lane, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 9911).

### Thursday July 15

Greater London Old English Sheepdog Club, Hendon Football Club, Claremont Road, Cricklewood. Grooming/obedi-

ence training. 8 pm (458 7028).

\*Hendon Chess Club, 7 Sunningfields Road, Hendon. 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm (202 0687).

### Friday July 16

Broadfields TWG, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 7.30 pm (958 4845).

Barnet Afternoon TWG, Church House, Wood Street. 2 pm (449 0714).

\*Ranger Guides — 8th West Finchley Unit, Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, Finchley. 14-18 years. 7.30—9.30 pm (349 9081).

### Saturday July 17

Totteridge Women's Institute Diamond Jubilee Show, Totteridge Village Hall, Badger's Croft. 10.45 am—4.30 pm. Stalls, craft items, etc. (445 2443).

Arkley Fete, Arkley Village Hall grounds. Proceeds in aid of St. Peter's Church, Arkley. Garden of 'The Windmill' will be open for visits. 2.30—6 pm.

John Major, GLC member for Chipping Barnet, and a Barnet Councillor hold an Advice Bureau, 163 High Street, Barnet. 10.30 am to noon (449 7345).

Friends of the Marie Foster Home Summer Fete, in the grounds, Wood Street, Barnet. 2—5 pm (Hatfield 64282).

Afro Caribbean Festival. Book fair and Afro Caribbean Mar-

ket, Montagu Centre, Montagu Road, Hendon. 2 pm.

### Sunday July 18

Octopus Swimming Club for the Handicapped, Squires Lane Baths, Finchley N3. 12.30—1.30 pm (346 5944).

### Monday July 19

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Bigwood House (Junior School), Bigwood Road, NW11. 'Early Musical Instruments' and AGM. 8 pm (202 0269).

Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service Whist Drive, Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane. 2.15 pm (368 4278).

### Tuesday July 20

Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (26-60), Finchley area. 8 pm (889 0513/346 8978 evenings).

Edgware/Hendon Community Health Council, Dining Suite, Edgware General Hospital. 7.30 pm.

Osidge Young Wives' Group, Brunswick Park Road Heath Centre, N11. 8 pm (368 3370).

Barnet Branch of the North Middlesex Family History Society, Church House, Wood Street. 7.45 pm (449 5080/6153).

### Wednesday July 21

Hendon Floral Art Group, Henry Burden Methodist Church Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon. 7.30 pm. Lucky Dip (959 6111).

Friary Ladies' Club, Assembly Rooms, Colney Hatch Lane, N11 (entrance at rear in Lynd-

## Council meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and Committee meetings in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7 pm.

Tuesday, July 20: Council Meeting.

Monday, July 26: Housing; Development and Estates.

Tuesday, July 27: Public Works: Social Services.

Wednesday, July 28: Town Planning and Research.

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hurst Avenue). 8 pm (368 0638).  
 Woodside Park TWG, Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, Finchley. Garden party. 2.15 pm (346 2095).  
 Lions Club of Finchley, Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, Hendon. 7.30 pm (951 2196).  
 Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Christ Church Hall, High Road, North Finchley. 7.30—9.30 pm. (Seven weeks.) (446 0946).  
 National Trust, Edgware and District Centre, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 8 pm. Members present slides (951 1578).

**Thursday July 22**

Barnet/Finchley Community Health Council, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. 7.30 pm (449 3714).  
 Hendon and District Aquatic Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 8 pm (368 8430).  
 Osidge Branch (Women's Section) Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, St. Andrew's Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 2 pm (368 5414).  
 Finchley and Barnet CND, Friends' Meeting House, Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. 8 pm (449 3416).

**Saturday July 24**

Hendon and District Cage Birds' Association Young Stock Show, Carey Hall, Wilberforce Road, West Hendon. 2.15—5 pm (205 2647).  
 Good Gardeners Association, Arkley Manor, Arkley. 2.30—6.30 pm. (10.30 am, summer pruning.) 50p non-members (449 3031).  
 Barnet and District Fuchsia Society Summer Show, St. Mary's Hall, Church Hill Road, East

**Until July 24**

Black Culture in Britain — aspect of Afro-Caribbean culture with particular emphasis on the West Indian Community in Britain, Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: weekdays (except Tuesday) 10 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Tues: 10 am—1 pm; Sunday: 2—5.30 pm (203 0130).

**August 7 to September 5**

Victorian Tiles — based on a local, private collection, will trace the development, and illustrate the variety, of ceramic tiles in the 19th century, Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: weekdays (except Tuesday) 10 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Tues: 10 am—1 pm; Sunday: 2—5.30 pm (203 0130).

**Until July 17**

Paintings and collage by Carol Morton and Lucy Lesser, The Crest Gallery,

Barnet. 2.30—5 pm.  
 Afro Caribbean Festival. Final celebration — music, food and dancing. Ring Barnet Community Relations Council, 445 2435, for details.

**Monday July 26**

Loyal Flower of Hendon Lodge of

**EXHIBITIONS**

Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane. Open: Tues. and Wed. 2—5.30 pm; Fri. 11 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat. 11 am—1 pm, 2—4 pm (361 9648).

**Until July 31**

Oil pastels by Carla Herrmann, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. Open normal library hours (445 4081).

**July 12 to 31**

Art by prisoners and ex-prisoners arranged by the Burnbake Trust Art Project of Wilton. Old Bull gallery, High Street, Barnet. Open: Mon.—Sat. 10 am—6 pm (449 0048).

**July 13 to 24**

Barnet Guild of Artists 34th Annual Exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculpture, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. Open: 11 am—8 pm (closed Sundays); 24th open until 6 pm (449 4315).

**July 17 to August 14**

Paintings by Bridget Kemmis

Odd Fellows, Post Office, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 7.45 pm (952 5576).

**Tuesday July 27**

Finchley Redbourne TWG, Etchingam Park Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley N3. 7.45 pm (346 8596).

and Michael Abraham, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Open normal library hours (202 5625)

**July 23 to August 7**

Front Page Lift-off! Journey through space via the front page. From John Frost's historical newspaper collection. The Crest Gallery, Totteridge Library, 'Dollisfield', Totteridge Lane. Open: Tues. and Wed. 2—5.30 pm; Fri. 11 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat. 11 am—1 pm, 2—4 pm (361 9648).

**August 2 to September 4**

Summer Exhibition — The Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. Open: Mon.—Fri. 10 am—6 pm.

**August 6**

Open afternoon at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley N3. Video, painting and exhibition of children's art. Organised by Barnet Borough Arts Council (346 7120).

**Wednesday July 28**

Finchley Church End Afternoon TWG, St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley N3. 2.15 pm (346 4178).  
 Federation of Ratepayers' Associations for Borough of Barnet, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. 8 pm.

Amnesty International (Golders Green Branch), Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, NW11. 7.30 pm (346 3138).

**Thursday July 29**

Pensioners' Voice (Colindale/Burnt Oak), Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue. 1.30 pm (959 4683).  
 Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone and Finchley), St. Albans Parish Centre, Gainsborough Road, North Finchley. 1.30 pm (445 7413).  
 Hendon and Hampstead Antique Ceramics and Glass Club — coach outing to Spode Museum, Stoke-on-Trent. Leave Hendon 8 am (car park opposite Hendon Town Hall). Cost £7, plus 60p for factory tour (202 9508-723 6383).

**Friday July 30**

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners and Floral Art Society, 55 Northumberland Road, New Barnet. 2.30 pm. Floral art demonstration.  
 Barnet Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, WRVS Luncheon Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. Surgery 7.30 pm; Committee Meeting 8 pm.

**Saturday July 31**

Playing Fields Estate Community Association (Barnet) Summer Show, Scout Hut, Westcombe Drive, Barnet. 2.30 pm (440 1870).

**Sunday August 1**

Octopus Swimming Club for the Handicapped, Squires Lane Baths, Finchley N3. 12.30—1.30 pm (346 5944).

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## Monday August 2

National Federation of Old Age Pensioners' Association (Mill Hill, London), John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 1.30 pm (349 0426).

## Tuesday August 3

Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (26-60). Finchley area. 8 pm (889 0513 346 8978 evenings).  
Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Road, Friern Barnet. 1.45 pm (445 8011).

## Wednesday August 4

Lions Club of Finchley, Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, Hendon. 7.30 pm (951 2196).  
Osidge Young Wives' Group, Brunswick Park Road Health Centre, N11. 8 pm (368 3370).  
Ecology Party (Barnet Finchley) (449 8297).  
Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, Finchley. 8.30 pm (349 2709).

## Thursday August 5

Multiple Sclerosis Society (Barnet and District), Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. 7.30 pm (Hatfield 64282).  
Probus Club of Finchley, Finchley Bowling Club, Etchingham Park Road, Finchley N3. 11 am. Rev. D. Wagner 'An American's impression of London' (445 4727).  
Hendon Afternoon TWG, Cheshir Hall, Foster Street, Hendon. 2 pm (202 6081).  
Women's Aid monthly meeting. Contact Jean Feldman (449 4847).

Chipping Barnet WI, Wesley Hall, High Street, Barnet. 10 am.

## Friday August 6

Finchley and Barnet CND, Hiroshima Commemoration (361 2931).

## Saturday August 7

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, Queen Elizabeth's Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm (360 2586).

Sydney Chapman, MP for Chipping Barnet, and a Barnet Councillor, hold an Advice Bureau, 163 High Street, Barnet. 10.30 am to 12 noon (449 7345).

Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service Whist Drive. Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane. 8 pm (368 4278).

## Monday August 9

Loyal Flower of Hendon Lodge of Odd Fellows, Post Office, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 7.45 pm (952 5576).

## Tuesday August 10

Pre-driving test lecture, Road Safety Centre, East Barnet Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet. Fee £1. 7.30-9 pm (349 9121, ext. 422).

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 8 pm (954 4944).

National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NW London), Temple Fortune Health Centre, Temple Fortune Lane. 8 pm (455 5113).

## Wednesday August 11

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet), Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Barnet. 1.30 pm (449 6023).

North Finchley Royal British Legion, Legionway, off Summers Lane, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 9911).

Finchley Floral Art Society, 58 Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. 8 pm (446 0835).

## Thursday August 12

Hendon and District Aquatic Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 8 pm (368 8430).

Pensioners' Voice (East Finchley), East Finchley Library, 226 High Road. 1.30 pm (444 5950).

Barnet and District Fuchsia Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. Show of Alpine slides and social evening. 8 pm (St. Albans 59989).

## Friday August 13

Hendon and District Cage Birds' Association, Carey Hall, Wilberforce Road, West Hendon. 7.30 pm. Foreign Bird Talk (205 2647).

## Saturday August 14

British Tinnititis Association (NW London Branch), The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 1.30 pm (444 9657).

Shaftesbury Harriers 10-mile road race from Copthall Stadium, Hendon. 2.45 pm (346 0219).

## DRAMA

### July 23 and 24

Chicken Shed Summer Show, All Saints Art Centre, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. (363 9697).

### Friday July 30

Loki Theatre present 'The Rainbow Bridge', an entertainment for three- to seven-year-olds. Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley N3. 2.30 pm. Details from Barnet Borough Arts Council (346 7120).

## PUB MUSIC

### Sundays

\*Jazz Club (Bernie Tyrrell), The Salisbury Hotel, High Street, Barnet. 12 noon-2 pm (449 0081).

\*Rock and Blues, Torrington Arms, Lodge Lane, High Road, North Finchley. 8.30 pm (445 4710).

### Thursdays

\*Bob Guthrie Jazzmen, The Queen's Head, 248 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3. 8.30 pm (346 1012).

### Fridays

\*Bob Guthrie Jazzmen, Hendon Way Wine Bar and Pub. 8.30 pm (346 1012).

## LATE ENTRIES

### Saturday, July 17

21st Hendon Scout Group annual garden fete, the Vicarage Field, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill (bus route 240). 2 pm. Entrance 10p (906 0653).

### Sunday, July 18

Summer Fayre, between Midland and Johnston Terrace, Cricklewood. 3 pm.

Barnet Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults garden party, Outlook House, 59 Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 2.30 pm. (203 3852).

### Wednesday, July 21

Small Landlords Association (NW London Branch) surgery/meeting, Hendon South Conservative Association Committee Rooms, 166 Station Road, Hendon. Speaker and question and answer session. 8 pm (202 9269).

### Thursday, July 22

SDP Meeting, speaker Dick Taverne, 'The next election.' 7.30 pm. (349 1482/2821).

### Saturday, July 24

Hendon Round Table Handicapped Sports Day, Barnet Copthall Stadium. 12.30 pm (202 8181 day; Garston 70488 evenings).

## EXHIBITION

### July 20 to 24

Hampstead Garden Suburb Arts Group. Tea House, Northway NW11.



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# LOCAL NEWS ROUND-UP

## Lassoing the 'cowboys'

BARNET Council's Public Works Committee have played an active part in a new law which will prevent the highway cowboy car repairer using public roads as his place of work.

In the past legislation has been inadequate and the Council found difficulty in prosecuting these car mechanics who litter the highways with cars in varying states of repair.

So they asked for a clause to be included in the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill which has now received Royal Assent and become law.

Under the new law anyone who carries out vehicle repairs or servicing on the highway as a business, or for profit, can be prosecuted and may be liable to a fine of up to £200.

The law does not apply to highway repairs for emergency breakdowns or to householders who do work on their own vehicles — not for gain or reward — as long as they undertake the work so as not to cause

annoyance to their neighbours.

The Committee thanked the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. Alan Stringer, for his contribution in preparing material for the new act.

## Rights and responsibilities

YOUNG people sometimes visit Citizens' Advice Bureaux enquiring about their rights and responsibilities under the law. They also often want to know what rights their parents have over them.

A 17-year-old boy wanted to know why a tattooist had refused to tattoo a small heart on his left arm. He told us that his parents had given their written consent, so he couldn't understand why the tattooist had turned him down. We had to tell him that young people under 18 cannot be tattooed, even with their parents consent. The only exception is when a tattoo has to be performed by a qualified medical practitioner for medical reasons.

A girl of 17 asked whether she

and her boy friend could get married if her parents refused to give their consent. We explained that parents' or guardians' consent had to be obtained in England and Wales for young people under 18 to marry. If consent is refused the person concerned can apply to the court for permission and the court can over-rule the parents' decision.

However, after discussion the girl decided that this would be rather a drastic step to take and since she was nearly 18 it would clearly be in everyone's interest if she was prepared to wait until she was 18. We also discussed the problems of where the couple were going to live and how they were going to manage on a low income. Having looked at length at the problems the couple might encounter it was felt that the girl left the bureau with much more knowledge of the difficulties that might lie ahead.

These are just two examples of the kind of enquiries received from young people. Others dealt with included requests for information on many subjects including grants for further education, joining the services and the right to leave if the

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person doesn't like it, tax on holiday earnings, legal aid, the right of the headmaster to decide on dress at school, contraception, obtaining a passport, signing a hire purchase contract and the age people can go into a betting shop. As you can see, bureaux get a wide range of requests and are always willing to help any young person with any queries or problems.

## CAB Phone numbers

Hendon: 203 5801  
East Barnet: 441 2384  
Edgware: 959 0915  
Finchley: 349 0954  
Friern Barnet: 361 0727  
Grahame Park: 205 4141  
West Hendon: 202 5177

## New society

IT IS PLANNED to start up a new Jewish social group working for a charity in the North-West London and Middlesex areas.

So if you are aged between 20 and 25, live in the above areas and want to become an active member or a group with a difference, then contact: Belinda Rose, National Administrator for Younger JFN at Harold Poster House, Kingsbury Circle, London NW9 (tel. 204 9911, ext. 54).

## PRACTICAL HELP

TEN PORTABLE cassette tape recorders have been donated to Barnet Home Tutor Scheme, the volunteer scheme which helps people whose first language is not English, with everyday speech and simple reading and writing.

Accepting the donation from Binatone, the audio electronics firm at a Focus meeting organised by Barnet Borough Voluntary Service Council, Mr. Parmodh Sharma, chairman of the HTS executive committee, said this was a case of a local firm demonstrating in a practical way that it believed in what the scheme was doing.

During a discussion about the scheme at the Montagu Road Adult Education Centre, West Hendon, the organiser, Mrs Shirley Sadler, explained that many people were too shy and lacking in confidence, or too housebound and hemmed in by home commitments to attend classes. Volunteer tutors, after a short practical training, worked with them in their own homes.

### Friendships

Some of the scheme's 100 home tutors described their work which begins as one hour a

week with a stranger and frequently develops into friendship. 'I think I get more out of it than my student,' said Mrs. Phillipa Githin, a home tutor for the past 12 months. 'I get great satisfaction from seeing my student's English improve and I'm asked advice on almost anything.'

### Helpers needed

'There's always a shortage of home tutors,' said Mrs. Sadler. 'All that's needed is a desire to help, reliability, sensitivity, patience, an open mind — and just one hour a week.'

For further information contact Barnet Home Tutor Scheme, Trinity Church Hall, Dale Grove, North Finchley N12 (Tel: 445 2435).

## Support for martial arts

READERS may like the following information:

The Martial Arts Commission, which is the Sports Council recognised governing body for the martial arts, support clubs in the Borough of Barnet:

**Brunswick Park Karate Club,** Mr. J. Hawke and W. Zlotnick, 47 Arlington Road, N14.

## Examination results

### TO THE EDITOR

WHILE it was interesting to read in your May issue of the examination prowess of Barnet pupils compared to the national average, it would have been even more interesting had the figures been chosen to give a fair comparison!

Although it is true that for the last five years 25 per cent of school leavers had either at least one 'A' level or five or more higher grade 'O' levels/CSE (grade one), these are not directly comparable with the way the Department of Education and Science publishes statistics by the Local Education Authorities.

Of course we expect Barnet to be far better than average — we live in a land of Brent Cross and golf clubs!

It would make more sense to

compare Barnet results with those areas of equal social mix. Four such areas are Herts, Bucks, Surrey and West Sussex. Each one had about 20 per cent of school leavers with at least one 'A' level and 30 per cent with five or more grade A to C 'O' level or CSE (grade one). These figures include direct grant and independent schools. Surely from the figures you quote of 26 per cent and 28 per cent respectively, do we not conclude that Barnet is doing better than expected at 'A' level and almost as well at 'O' level?

For example we could quote ILEA at 10 per cent and 13 per cent; Outer London at 15 per cent and 22 per cent; and all England at 13 per cent and 21 per cent. Remember, these are State maintained schools only.

You may think there are lies and statistics, but if you make sensible comparisons you get sensible, unbiased answers.

Mrs. Vera Sharp  
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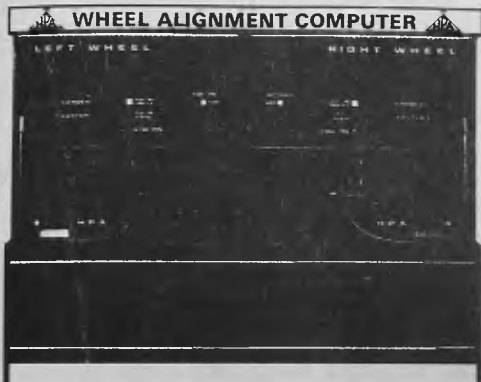
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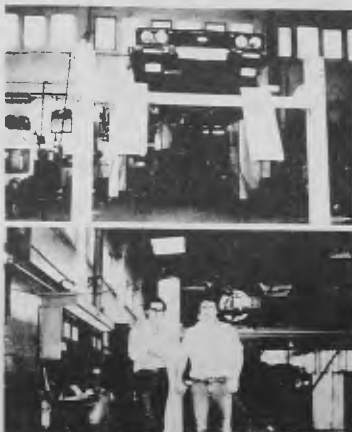


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## Star of the Star Riders

SIX WEEKS after buying his first motorcycle Mr. Robin Kirby of 356 Watford Way, Hendon, had passed part one of the Government's new motorcycle driving test — thanks to the Star Rider tuition scheme organised by Barnet Council.

New regulations introduced at the end of March this year mean that solo motorcycle and scooter riders have to take a two-part driving test. The first part, off the road, includes a type of obstacle course designed to test driving and manoeuvring skills. The second part, on the road, checks traffic ability and Highway Code knowledge.

The old loophole by which motorcyclists rode for years on a provisional licence without taking the test has been closed and now the provisional licence will not be renewed at the end of two years.

Although any motorcyclist can go to a Heavy Goods Vehicle Driving Test Centre to



Robin, right, receives his certificate from Mr. Robert Mayle, test inspector.

take part one of the test as an individual, there are only four designated centres in the Greater London area and waiting times can be very long.

To take the test under Barnet Council's scheme riders join the Star Rider Motorcycle Training Scheme, run on Saturdays and Sundays at Grahame Park School and at East Barnet Town Hall.

The tests take place under the supervision of an independent qualified test inspector at Moss Hall Junior School on Sundays.

Robin Kirby joined the Star Rider Scheme at Grahame Park and his tutor was Lis

Darnley who is Youth Leader at Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre.

The first test session was held on Sunday, May 23. Robin was the first rider to take part and sailed through without any problems — 'Thanks to Lis and a good bike', he said.

Details of the motorcycle training schemes can be obtained from the Road Safety Section, Smiths Field, East End Road, Finchley, N3. Tel: 349 9121.

Tutors are needed and training will be given to experienced motorcyclists to join the scheme on the training side.

## BARNET CIVIC NEWS, JULY SEA CADET SUCCESSES

THE BOYS and girls of TS 'Barrosa' Sea Cadet Unit, Mill Hill, have had an outstanding Spring.

On March 27 the girls entered the Waltham Forest Adventure Training Competition for the first time and came fourth of 11 teams. Not a bad try!

This encouraged the boys and girls to enter the London District No. 1 'Firminger' Trophy for Adventure Training on April 16, 17 and 18. Three girls' teams and 10 boys' teams competed and both the boys' and girls' teams won their respective events. Even better!

Finally, on May 16, both boys and girls competed in the London No. 1 District Athletic Competition. The girls excelled. The girls came first of three teams and the boys fourth.

No less than nine girls and six boys won through to the major London Area Athletic event at Parliament Hill Fields.

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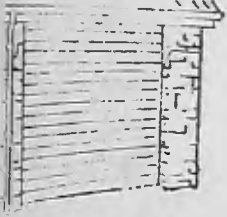
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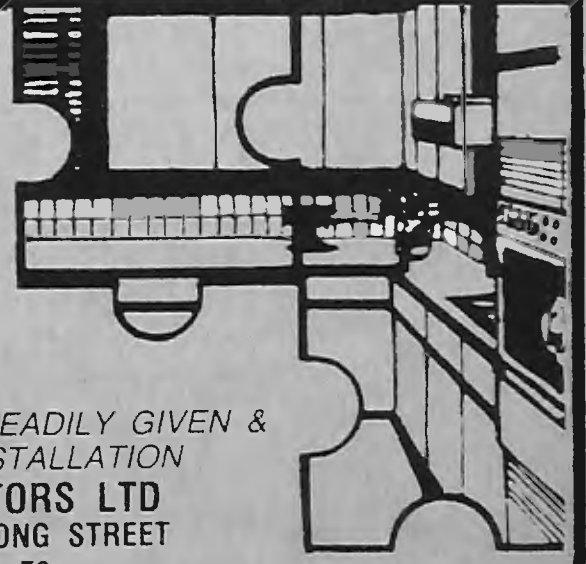
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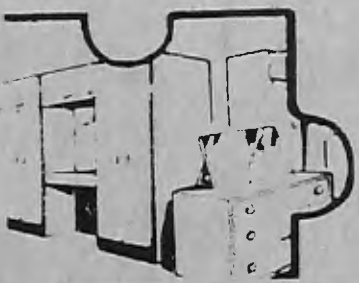
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## Awards for blind craftsmen

MEMBERS of Deansbrook Day Centre who entered the Middlesex Association for the Blind handicraft exhibition, won eight awards including five first prizes and Mr. John Richardson won the certificate

for the second best exhibition in the whole show for the lampshade he made. The standard is a tribute to the craftsmen and women who entered and to the staff from Barnet's Social Services Department.

## One-way system

ON MONDAY, July 26, a one-way system will be introduced along Popes Drive at the rear of Tesco in Finchley. This should improve the flow of vehicles which at present form slow moving queues from the Tesco car park to Ballards Lane and The Grove.

The direction of the traffic will be roughly north to south from The Gove along Popes Drive to Ballards Lane.

The existing banned left turn from Nether Street into Ballards Lane, is being retained. The new system means that drivers turning left along Albert Place will no longer be able to enter the road to the car park. So traffic from the western side of the borough coming along Nether Street will turn left into Albert Place, left again into Ballards Lane and left into The Grove and Popes Drive.

Traffic from Ballards Lane from either direc-

tion will turn into The Grove and then into the one-way flow

The existing right turn ban from the Grove into Ballards Lane is retained so traffic coming along The Grove and wishing to turn southwards towards Church End and East Finchley, will follow the one-way flow through Popes Drive and turn right almost opposite Finchley Central Station.

The area behind Tesco is mainly light industrial and commercial premises and the occupiers were consulted before the scheme was presented to the GLC for approval. A further letter has been written to them informing them of the date on which the scheme comes into effect.

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CRAB stands for Community and Recreational Art in Barnet and Maria has specialised in teaching disabled groups to use the camera as a recreational hobby, and often travels round the borough to youth clubs and play schemes to teach photography to young people. She is also a regular photographer for Civic News.

The photograph of the presentation was taken by one of her students, Tony Baynham, a member of the CLIC club for disabled and able-bodied photographers.

### Contact

Contact CRAB at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, tel: 346 7120, or Maria 449 2154.

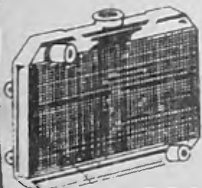
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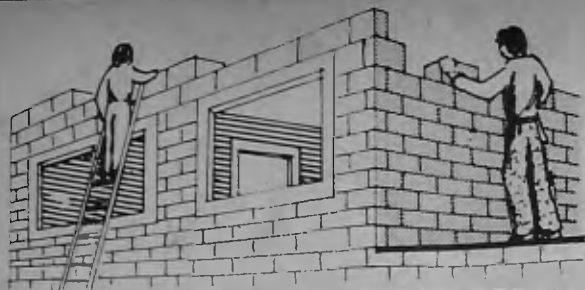
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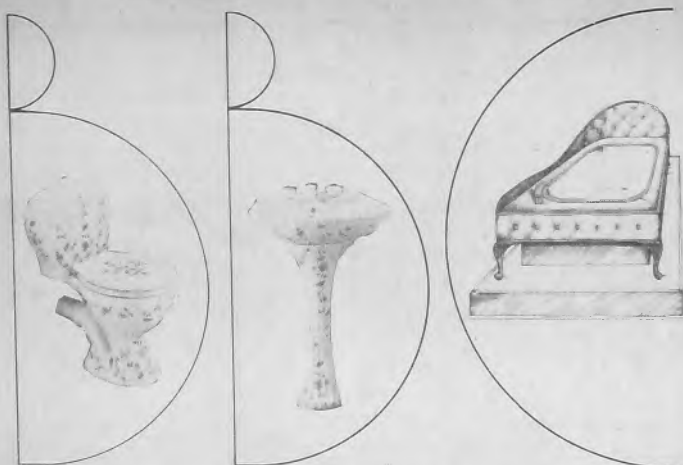
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