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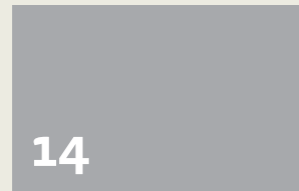
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Message from the Leader

Welcome to another edition of Barnet First, which you will be reading having recently coped with one of the coldest periods to hit Barnet in years.

In early February, we experienced a once-in-a-generation level of snowfall which tested our gritting teams and other council services to the limit. Thankfully, all those plans that we had made in case extreme weather hit the borough paid off, and we managed to keep you moving despite nearly a foot of snow falling across the capital.

Our gritters were out on the roads as soon as we had it confirmed by the Met Office that snow was on its way, and over the space of a week, our dedicated teams spread more than 1,200 tonnes of grit salt across more than 250km of priority roads, town centres and footways. We started with the priority routes, the important secondary routes and school routes. We have more miles of roads and pavements than any other London borough so it isn't logistically possible to do every route in the borough.

Their sterling work was even captured by early-morning national TV, with GMTV heading down to Mill Hill Depot to film our gritters before they headed out onto the streets.

What really touched me about the extreme conditions, though, was the way that everyone in the borough – and I don't just mean our own staff – pulled together to make sure that any disruption was kept to a minimum. The very kind people at Waitrose in Mill Hill donated 240 pints of milk to keep our elderly and vulnerable residents supplied with essentials, which in turn was delivered by our refuse collectors who were unable to do their normal job due to the hazardous conditions in some side roads.

While we wish that there hadn't been any disruption to services, at least the snow taught us one important lesson – that community spirit is still alive and kicking in Barnet.



Pupils signal start on £9.7m new school

The bulldozers set to work as Barnet children see a bright future ahead of them

Demolition work has got underway at the start of a £9.7m project to provide another state-of-the-art primary school in Barnet.

Layomi Oladipo and Audrey Linton, both aged 10, waved flags to signal an excavator into motion at Broadfields Primary School in Edgware. Alan King, a teacher at the school for 34 years, was chosen to wield a sledge hammer after the first wall came down.

Mr King said: "Knocking down the school is great fun, and we're looking forward to our new building. The development is massively important. We will have the whole school in one building and it sounds as though it is going to be absolutely marvellous."

Broadfields' Headteacher, Robin Archibald, said "The children will not only have a wonderful new school but they'll also have the opportunity to have fantastic grounds, and the staff will enjoy working in a purpose-built, wonderfully designed building. We can't wait for it to be completed."

The new Broadfields Primary School is being built by Barnet Council's First Class Schools programme at the site of the existing school in Broadfields Avenue. The new school, together with a games court, car park, landscaping and footpaths, is due to be completed by Easter, 2010.

And there is good progress at other First Class sites across the borough. Builders are roofing the new Whittings Hill School, a new



On your marks: Broadfields' pupils Layomi Oladipo and Audrey Linton and teacher Alan King signal the start of the excavation work.

children's centre is being completed at Underhill, redevelopment is underway at Edgware Primary School, builders are busy with groundwork on the site of the new £29m secondary school in East Barnet, and both the new Hyde and Parkfield schools are on time for completion by September, 2009.

Cash machine crooks collared by partnership working

Barnet Council and police smash organised gang

Barnet Council's CCTV team, working with police, has smashed an organised gang of fraudsters who have targeted cash machines in the Golders Green area.

Officers from the Golders Green and Garden Suburb Safer Neighbourhood Teams arrested two men after Council CCTV operators observed a number of people acting suspiciously around the ATM machine at Barclays Bank. It was subsequently found the group had placed a fake fascia over a cash machine known as 'Lebanese Loop' device, allowing them to clone customers' cards.

Since 1st January 2009 CCTV operators working for the Council have identified nine offences being committed at cash machines across the borough resulting in ten arrests, all of which have been achieved through excellent partnership working between the police and the Council.

The Council has funded more than 100 CCTV cameras across the borough and has

plans to install many more over the coming years. Members of the public are urged to avoid any ATMs which look different to usual, shield their PIN numbers and refuse any assistance offered when using cash machines.

* A 17 year old man has received a youth reprimand and man in his 20s has been charged with attempted theft and going equipped to steal following the operation.



Watch out: Residents are warned to be on their guard when using cash machines.

Smoothing the journey

Helping to ease the transition into Year 7

Moving from primary to secondary school is a major step for children, from tackling a whole new range of subjects to fears about fitting in and making new friends.

It's also a really important time, as children become more independent, to provide them with the skills, knowledge and confidence to travel around safely.

The London Borough of Barnet's School Travel Team, in partnership with the Transport for London, are supporting parents, children and teachers to ensure the move from primary to secondary school is a safe journey.

'Upgrade' offers advice to all Year 6 pupils, parents and teachers, in conjunction with www.upgrade7.org.uk. For more information on this project, please contact the School Travel Advisor on 020 8359 3067 or email schooltravelplans@barnet.gov.uk



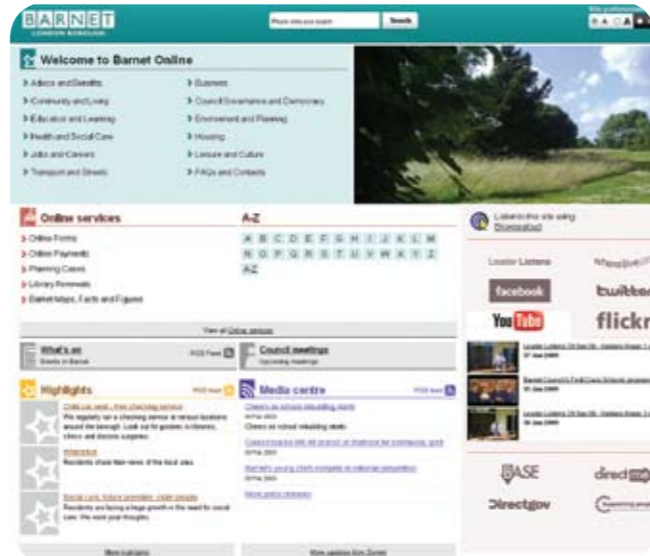
Come chat with the Council

Find out about the many new ways you can get involved and talk to us

Here at the council we are really keen to make sure we are constantly improving the way we communicate with the residents and businesses of Barnet. And now with new websites popping up all the time, the Internet gives us a great opportunity to rethink the way we do things, adding to existing communications with new and interesting ways to provide information but also hear back from residents on your views on Barnet.

You may have noticed that we recently relaunched our website, Barnet Online, with a fresh new look as well as some new features. In particular we have now added in a whole host of new ways to get involved and chat with the council. From photos on Flickr, to video on YouTube, to quickfire news updates on Twitter, you now have a wide choice of ways to get your council news – and let us know what's going on as well.

Here's a run down of what's on offer. All sites can be linked to from the front page of our website at www.barnet.gov.uk:



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www.wherelive.org is all about Barnet. It gives you a chance to share your thoughts about the place, the people, your experiences, your views and your thoughts on your area. You can upload picture or videos through Flickr.com or leave a comment in the forum about something you love or would like to see changed. You might want to video a chat with your friends, neighbours and family on your mobile or just take a picture of something that bugs you in your area – and then share it through the website.

We recently ran a competition at the launch of the site to encourage people to share their views, which was won by Kathy Linton of New Barnet. Kathy tells us she came across the site after seeing the speech bubbles on lamp posts in Mill Hill and went home to register and post a comment:

"Hi, I have lived in Barnet for 14 years now and I have to say I love it. I only have one bugbear and this is it; yes our parks are pretty but the play equipment is useless. If we want to take our kids, age 10, 8 and 6 to a park with decent play equipment we have to go into neighbouring borough Enfield. My local park, near Underhill, is easily accessible to us in Hillier Close by bike or foot. However when you do get there the play equipment is broken and only suitable for very young children. Oakhill Park is also beautiful and very spacious, but again the park equipment is only suitable for those 8 and under. Come on Barnet, loads of mums despair at our parks. I know this because we always meet up in Enfield's excellent parks, i.e Oakwood, Broomfield and Grovelands, and moan about Barnet's parks"

A Council spokesman said:

"Many thanks Kathy for your comments. You'll be pleased to hear that we'll be looking to improve play within the borough and will be consulting with residents as part of the Government's funded Play Builder Scheme."

Got something to say? Why not tell us about where you live?



Leader of the council Mike Freer has been inviting residents in each community (by ward area) to come and meet him out around the borough and away from the usual Town Hall committee rooms since 2006. The meeting is an opportunity for anyone to air their views, whether it's something they want to change in their area, something that is concerning them – or even to give someone a pat on the back! All meetings are recorded and put up on leaderlistens.com along with notes and actions from each meeting, giving anyone who missed it a chance to have their say on the blog after the event.



Become a 'fan' of Barnet Council (their words not ours!), link up with other Barnet residents and chat about the things that matter to you. You will also find links to other Barnet Council related groups around specific themes, such as BarnetBase's group for young people in the borough.



Send short public messages between yourself and your friends – or even the council! The council also uses Twitter to provide summary updates of news and highlights.



Watch a wide range of interesting videos, from information on how to recycle to footage of Leader Listens events to residents' views out on the streets of Barnet.



Take a look at what the Council has been up to, regularly updated with new photos of events and activities around the borough.



Prize winner: Whereilive competition winner Kathy Linton receives her prize.

Barnet Photo Competition - Barnet in Focus



Upload your photographs of Barnet to our Flickr page and we will use our favourites on our websites and in publications – with you getting full credit for your work obviously!

We want to see eye-catching, good quality photos of people, places and events in Barnet - so get snapping! This competition closes on May 1 2009.

For full details, including categories and prizes, visit www.barnet.gov.uk/barnetinfocus



The Railway Hotel was built opposite Finchley Station shortly after the railway was opened in 1867. The building was demolished in the early 1960s and the pub reopened under the sign of the Minstral.



Eric Blore needed no introduction in the 1930s as the quintessential Hollywood Butler. Born in Finchley in 1887 he went on to co-star with almost anyone who was anyone from Fred Astaire to Marilyn Monroe.



Victoria Park was opened in 1902 as Finchley's park by HRH Princess Christian. It has been extended a number of times. According to local historian John Heathfield the bowling green was originally a shooting range to train recruits in 1914.

Did you know.....?

- West Finchley has the second highest population density of Barnet's wards – 3,637 people per square kilometre.
- Two-thirds of West Finchley's population are in the 20 to 64 age bracket, the highest proportion in Barnet.
- At 15.8% of all residents (2,259) West Finchley has the second highest proportion of Indians in its population and also the second highest proportion of residents who are Hindus.
- West Finchley has the second highest proportion of its workforce who commute by tube and also the second highest proportion of residents who use public transport to travel to work despite owning a car.

* Figures taken from 2001 census.

Spotlight on your ward

West Finchley

The creator of the iconic London Underground map and actor David Jason are just two of the famous names who hail from this borough.

West Finchley is now considered to be the immediate area around West Finchley Station, but the ward extends east as far as the North Circular Road and south as far as the Northern Line, and North as far as Lodge Lane in North Finchley.

Ballards Lane is named after a local family and has existed since at least 1442. Nether Street was recognised by the mid 14th century as an old street and together with Ballards Lane forms the original layout of Finchley's medieval village. Moss Hall built on the edge of Finchley Common known since the 15th century is named after the Mosse family. The house had 40 acres when it was sold in 1833, but this was reduced when parts of the estate were sold off for building houses from the 1860s (including Moss Hall Crescent). Moss Hall was demolished in 1927.

The ward has more than its fair share of interesting residents. Henry Stephens, best known as the inventor of modern ink, lived at a house called Grove House, where The Grove is today off Ballards Lane. In the 1800s more than half the population used a symbol to represent their name, but by 1900 nearly all adults were able to use a signature instead. Realising that increased literacy meant higher demand for ink, Henry Stephens began experimenting until he created his famous Blue Black fluid in 1832, the first truly permanent ink.

At 60 Court House Gardens is a plaque put up by the Finchley Society to Harry Beck, designer of the iconic London Underground tube map in 1931. As a London Underground employee, Beck realised the physical locations of the stations were irrelevant to travellers wanting to get to one station from another. Thus he drew his famous diagram, looking more like an electrical circuit than a true map, on which all the stations were more or less equally spaced. Beck's idea has since been copied by subway, bus and transit companies around the world.

John Parr, the first British soldier to be killed in the First World War, lived most of his short life at 52 Lodge Lane, North Finchley. Parr was killed, aged just 16, during a mission to locate the advancing German army in Belgium. His body was left behind and was buried in a military cemetery where his official age was given on the gravestone as 20.

Probably most famous of the character actors who've resided in the borough is Only Fools and Horses actor David Jason, who was brought up in Lodge Lane as David White. Terry Thomas was raised in Glenfern House in Nether Street, and went on to national fame as the quintessential cad. His lisp was

natural but he had to work hard to develop the sophisticated style that was his trademark.

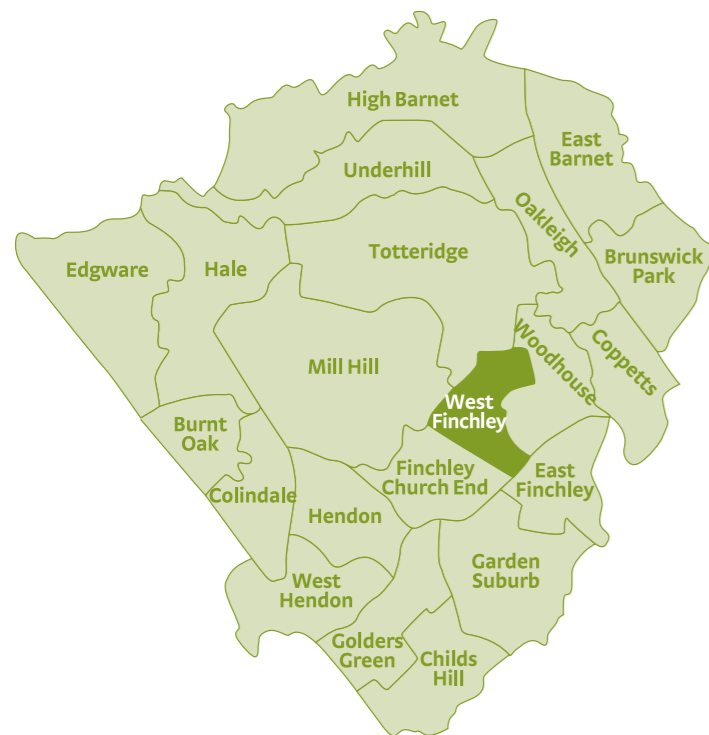
Another character actor whose name is now hardly known but in his hey day was instantly recognisable was Eric Blore (1887 - 1959). Blore was born and brought up at number 6 Carnarvon Terrace, now 31 Elm Park Road. The son of a schoolmaster, Blore achieved world renown as the archetypal Hollywood English butler and appeared in over 80 films. He is best known for Bates in Top Hat with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Continuing with a cinema theme along Ballards Lane was The Alcazar Cinema. Opened in 1913 between Princes and Redbourne Avenue, the Alcazar was renamed the Bohemia in 1915, but became a boot polish works after 1920. Further up Ballards Lane is Finchley Police Station. There had been a police station in Finchley from 1873, but the present location dates from 1886. The old police station continued from 1889 until 1965 when it was rebuilt.

The curious Clagmar Vineyard situated between

Long Lane and the railway line will strike anyone looking at the 1890s Ordnance Survey of Finchley. Started in 1874 by Peter Edmund Kay by 1890s the vinery's 161 greenhouses produced "100 tons each of grapes and tomatoes and 240,000 cucumbers a year". In 1903 Finchley Electric Light Company opened a generating station on the Kay's site which was purchased by Finchley Council two years later and later still, in 1955, by the Eastern Electricity Board.

To find out more about the history of West Finchley, contact: Barnet Local Studies and Archives Centre
80 Daws Lane
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Tel: 020 8359 3960
Email: library.archives@barnet.gov.uk



What's in West Finchley?

Parks and open spaces

- Victoria Park, Ballards Lane, café, children's play area, gardens, public conveniences, bowls, putting, tennis courts. Green Flag park.

Allotments

- Pointalls, Squires Lane
- Brent Way
- Fursby Avenue
- Nethercourt Avenue
- Thornfield Avenue
- Gordon Road

Schools

- Manorside Primary, Squires Lane
- Moss Hall Nursery, Nether Street
- Moss Hall Infant, Moss Hall Grove
- Moss Hall Junior, Nether Street
- St Mary's C of E Primary, Dollis Park
- St Michael's Catholic Grammar, Nether Street

Other services

- Recycling bring banks: Homebase, High Road (glass, newspaper, textiles, cans) Kwikfit, High Road (glass,

newspaper, cans) Telephone Exchange, 879 High Road (glass, newspaper, cans) Stanhope Road car park (glass, newspaper, textiles, cans) Lodge Lane car park (glass, newspaper, textiles, cans)

If you've enjoyed this series of ward spotlights, you may be interested in finding out more about where you live from our Pocket Histories. These cover the whole of the borough and can be found on our website: www.barnet.gov.uk/archives-histories

Your councillors

As with all of Barnet's 21 wards, West Finchley has three elected members, or councillors, who have been elected by the ward's residents to represent them. Councillors are elected for four years at a time.

Councillor Ross Houston (Labour)

Joined the council in 2006. He is currently a member of Finchley and Golders Green area Environment Sub-Committee and Tackling Crime and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
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Councillor Kath McGuirk (Labour)

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Councillor Jim Tierney (Labour)

Was elected in 1994. Is a member of the Appeals Committee, Cleaner, Greener, Transport & Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Corporate Joint Consultation (Health, Safety & Welfare) Committee, Corporate Joint Negotiation

and Consultation Committee, Finchley & Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee, Licensing Committee and Planning & Environment Committee.
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Meet your councillors

Barnet's councillors hold regular advice surgeries to give residents the chance to discuss any topics they wish to raise. You can meet your West Finchley councillors every Saturday from 10.30-12 noon at Community Focus, the artsdepot, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley

Don't miss your chance to be one in 500 million

June 4 sees the largest transnational election in history. Now is your opportunity to make your voice heard

The European Parliament is the only institution that directly represents the voice of nearly 500 million EU citizens. This year celebrates the 30th anniversary of MEPs being elected to the European Parliament.

When is the next European Parliament Election?

The European Parliament Election takes place in the United Kingdom on Thursday June 4 2009. This is the first time all 27 member states, including new members Bulgaria and Romania, vote at the same time, making it the largest transnational election in history.

What is the European Parliament?

The European Parliament is based in Strasbourg in France. Over the years, the European Parliament has changed from a purely advice-giving assembly into a fully law-making parliament. It now passes laws affecting everyone living in all 27 member countries. The Parliament is composed of 736 MEPs from across the Union.

Nearly 80% of laws passed in the United Kingdom over the last five years began at European Parliament level.



What does an MEP do?

Your MEP is your directly elected representative in the European Parliament. They represent your views for five years. They have the power to approve, modify or reject nearly all EU laws. They are also responsible for the budget and decide how EU money is spent.

Seventy two of the elected MEPs will represent the 12 regions throughout the United Kingdom, of which 8 represent the London region.

How do I vote?

If you live in Barnet, you must be over 18 and appear on the LB Barnet Electoral Register.

Citizens of EU member states other than UK, Ireland, Malta, Cyprus and Commonwealth Countries wishing to vote in the UK must fill out and return a UC1 form. Shortly before election day you will be sent a polling card. You can then participate in the election of MEPs to the London Region.

Important dates:

Last Day for return of UC1 form: Tuesday 19th May 2009.
Last Day for registration: Tuesday 19th May 2009.
Last day for postal vote: No Later than 5.00pm Tuesday 19th May 2009.
Last day for proxy vote: No later than 5.00pm Wednesday 27th May 2009.

If you have any questions or if you want to know how to apply for a postal or a proxy vote, you can contact us at:

Tel: 020 8359 4111
Email: elections@barnet.gov.uk
Website: barnet.gov.uk/elections
Facebook: Vote Barnet



Important changes to parking permits

From 1 April alterations affecting the borough's parking permits will come into force

The Council currently issues over 14,000 parking permits and in excess of 196,000 visitors vouchers each year. These permits and vouchers allow residents and businesses within Controlled Parking Zones to park their vehicles without receiving penalty charge notices.

With effect from 1st April 2009 a number of changes to the way in which permits will be issued and enforced will commence. Residents and businesses will have a wider range of permits available for use and these will now be produced or issued either via an online production facility or over the telephone taking away the need for paperwork to be submitted to the Council. The online solution will enable people to print their own permits from the comfort of their own home or office.

At present, permits commence from either 1st or 15th of the month. The new system will see permits commence from the date of purchase, therefore to avoid misuse permits which expire after 1st April 2009 will need to be renewed immediately and on time. Currently permit holders are given two weeks grace but this will no longer be offered. To avoid penalty charge notices residents and businesses should pay particular attention to the expiry date of their permit(s) and renew them when they receive our reminder letters.

New residents who do not have the necessary documentation to allow them to apply for a permit immediately can apply for a 14 day dispensation.

The new systems will enable residents and businesses to apply, renew and amend permit details online or via the telephone and further information can be obtained by visiting

<http://www.barnet.gov.uk/index/transport-streets/parking.htm> or by telephoning 0208 359 7446.

Community permits are go

Following the successful trial of the Council's Community Permit scheme – dubbed 'pray and display' – the initiative is now to be made permanent.

The scheme was introduced to allow religious leaders to park in residential parking bays across the borough, removing

the hassle from parking for people who are often carrying out vital religious duties and visiting vulnerable residents in their own homes during times of spiritual need.

Since the scheme was piloted in the summer, a total of 44 permits have been supplied to a range of different faiths and

no objections have been received nor have there been any abuses of the system detected.

Permits cost the same as a standard residents' parking permit and can be applied for by contacting the Council's parking department on 0208 359 7746.

Resident Permit Parking Places

Permit Types: Resident Permits
'Green Resident Permits
Temporary Permits
Carers Permits

Permit Colour: Blue

Business Permit Parking Places

Permit Types: Business Permits
Business Postcode Permits

Permit Colour: Red

Housing Permit Parking Places

Permit Types: Housing Permits

Permit Colour: Green

Other Permit Parking Places

Permit Types: Members Permits
School Permits
Doctors Permits
Community Permits
Designated Disabled Bay permits

Permit Colour: Yellow

Meet... your members

Note: All codes are 020 unless otherwise indicated.

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Surgery details:

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10.30am – 12noon

Second Saturday every month, Hollickwood School, Sydney Road, N10
1.30 – 3 pm

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10.30am – 12noon

Third Saturday of each month, East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, EN4
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Surgery details:

Second Sunday every month, Golders Green Library, Golders Green Road, NW11
2.15 – 3.15pm

Fourth Sunday every month, Hendon Sports Centre, Marble Drive, Brent Cross, NW2
12noon – 1pm

Hale Ward

Tom Davey (Con)
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Brian Gordon (Con)

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Surgery details:

First Thursday every month alternating between Edgware Library, Hale Lane, Edgware, HA8, and Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, NW7 (call 8958 3364 for locations and times)

Hendon Ward

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Surgery details:

First Monday every month, Hendon Library, The Burroughs.
6 – 7pm

High Barnet Ward

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Surgery details:

Second Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN4
3.30pm – 4.30pm

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Wendy Prentice (Con)

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Surgery details:

Third Saturday every month, Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN4
10.30am – 12noon

Mill Hill Ward

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Surgery details:

Saturdays, Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, NW7
10am – 12noon

John Hart (Con)

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Surgery details:

Selective Tuesdays, Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, NW7
6 – 8pm

Selective Saturdays at Canada Villa, Pursley Road, NW7
10am – 12noon

Ring for dates.

Oakleigh Ward

Sachin Rajput (Con)
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Surgery details:

Third Saturday every month, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20
10.30am – 12noon

Brian Salinger (Con)

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Surgery details:

First Saturday of every month at Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11
10.30am – 12noon

Totteridge Ward

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Caroline Margo (Con)

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Surgery details:

Third Saturday every month, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20
10.30am – 12noon

Underhill Ward

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Daniel Webb (Con)

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Surgery details:

Third Saturday every month, Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN4
10.30am – 12noon

Anita Campbell (Lab)

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Surgery details:

First and third Saturday every month, Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN5
2 – 3pm

West Finchley Ward

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Surgery details:

Every Saturday at Community Focus, the artsdepot, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley
10.30 – 12 Noon

West Hendon Ward

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Surgery details:

Saturdays, West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, West Hendon, NW9
10.30am – 12noon

Woodhouse Ward

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Surgery details:

See West Finchley Ward

Barnet's musicians learn lessons in Rock

Borough's budding artists and bands showcased during music weekend

Talented young singers, songwriters and musicians got the chance to have a taste of fame at a weekend celebrating music in the borough.

Stars of the future gathered under one roof for a live concert, the Rock 'n' Roll Circus, at the artsdepot's Pentland Theatre on 27 February.

The flagship event kicked off a youth music weekend called Barnet Beat organised by Barnet Youth and Connexions Service, which supports and encourages young people to take part in confidence and skill building activities and events.

The live performance of seven bands in front of an audience of 400 was the culmination of a free seven week course run by Barnet's Rock School offering young musicians aged 13 to 19 living in Barnet the chance to develop their performance and presentation skills under the guidance of experienced musicians. During the course the students learned everything from instrumental and vocal techniques to general presentation, sound and technical production, as well as promotion and general music business awareness.

Other events which took place during the Barnet Beat weekend included drop in sessions and music workshops at a variety of venues throughout the borough including Liberty Hall Studios, Mill Hill Music and Rock United and Rithmik music studio.

Young people can continue to develop their music interests at Youth and Connexions' brand new 'state of the art' Rithmik Music Studio based at Canada Villa Youth Centre in Mill Hill. New courses will be on offer in music production, recording and performance techniques.



Rock on: Girl band Eat Your Greens performing live.

Visit the Myspace page at www.myspace.com/barnetrockschool to see highlights of the year's events, or go to www.barnetbase.net to find out more about Rithmik and other youth music activities. Anyone interested in taking part in next year's events should contact rithmik@barnet.gov.uk

FYi is the new Children's Information Service

Where can I find out about activities for the school holidays?

What is FYi?

Formerly known as Barnet Children's Information Service (CIS), FYi is a free information service for families, children and young people up to the age of 20.

We provide information about:

- finding childcare
- local Children's Centres and Extended Services
- working with children
- activities for 0 – 20 year olds
- support for children with special educational needs
- parenting support
- financial assistance
- other organisations that can support you.

Freephone: 0800 389 8312
 Email: fyi@barnet.gov.uk
 Text: 07781 480 070
 Web: www.barnet.gov.uk/fyi

Where we do not hold the information you request we will direct you to the most appropriate organisation for your query.

Shaping the future of the borough

Residents are invited to have their say on the council's vision for the future

The Council is preparing a plan for the future which aims to make Barnet an even better place to live and work in. The Local Development Framework Core Strategy will set out a vision which enhances the borough's many strengths and takes forward the principles of protecting open space and the green belt, enhancing the borough's quality suburbs and town centres and focussing regeneration and growth around Colindale, Cricklewood and West Hendon.

Residents were invited last September to comment on the issues and options for Barnet over the next 15-20 years.

The main concerns for residents from the 1,000 separate comments received were:

- Ensuring our open space is protected and enhanced
- Ensuring our town centres provide the right range of facilities
- Encouraging more sustainable ways of moving around the borough while allowing people to continue to use their cars?
- Ensuring our best suburban areas are protected from the wrong kinds of development?

We are now developing broad policies to deal with these concerns and will be consulting residents again in the next few months. To find out how you can help shape the future of the borough, contact the Planning Policy Team on 0208 359 4990 or email at forward.planning@barnet.gov.uk