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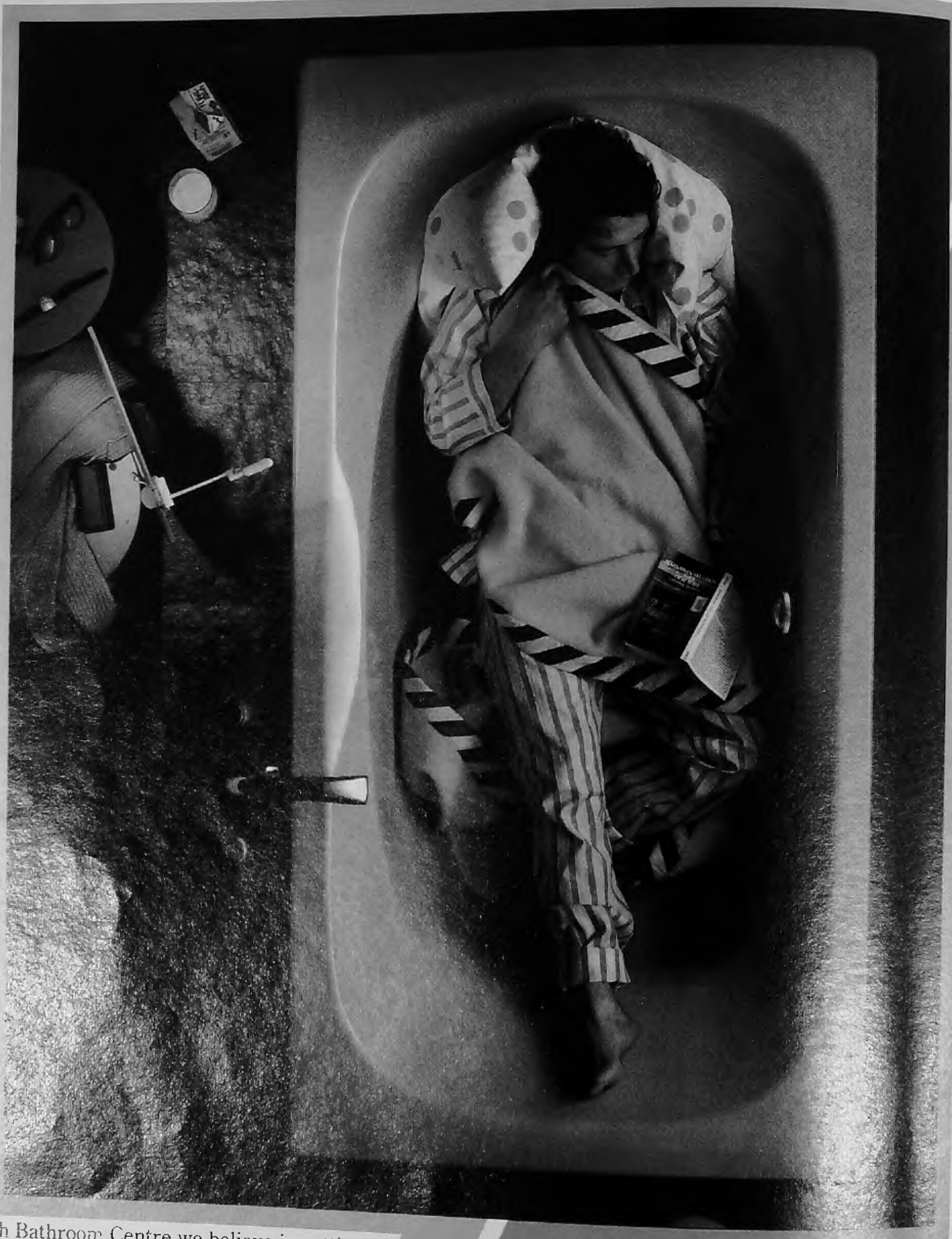
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Stapylton Road development

A shortlist of two developers has been drawn up for Barnet Council's redevelopment of the area centred on Stapylton Road car park, Chipping Barnet.

Abacus Developments Ltd and Lovell Developments Ltd were chosen after a specially-appointed panel of Barnet councillors met on October 5 to interview individually the 11 interested companies on the initial list.

The area involved is in the centre of Chipping Barnet, west of the High Street and covering 4.7 acres, including High Barnet Methodist Church.

A shopping precinct is the main element of the development envisaged for the site, although there is the possibility of the inclusion of a small suite of offices suitable for local businesses. As part of the scheme the Methodist Church will be relocated.

The existing car park has about

430 spaces and it is considered essential that the redevelopment include at least that number.

Barnet Council hope to be able to announce the name of the chosen developer by spring 1986.

The public will be able to view and comment on these schemes as they will be on show at the Methodist Church, High Street, Barnet for the week November 30 to Saturday December 7. All comments should be sent in to the Council by December 13.

BARNET'S COAT OF ARMS

THE cover on the front page of this month's issue shows Barnet's Coat of Arms. The elements of the Coat of Arms in heraldic language are:

ARMS — Azure, on a Mount in base vert, a Pascal Lamb, proper, a Chief per pale Argent and Gules, thereon a Saxon Crown or between two Roses counterchanged, barbed and seeded proper.

CREST — On a Wreath of the Colours, in front of a two bladed Airscrew in pale winged and issuant Or, two Swords in saltire, points upward proper.

SUPPORTERS — On the dexter side a Lion, and on the sinister side a Stag Argent, each charged on the shoulder with a Cross potent quadrangle Gules.

MOTTO — Unitas efficit ministerium (Unity achieves service.)

Date of Grant of Arms — 1st January, 1965.

The derivation of the various symbols is:



The Lamb and Flag standing on a green hill is taken from the Arms of the former Borough of Hendon and symbolises the Saxon derivation of Hendon with the place name meaning of 'at the High Down' joined with the badge which formed the weather vane of the ancient parish church of St Mary's Hendon.

The Saxon Crown comes from the Arms of the former County of Middlesex and is used to perpetuate that County.

The red and white roses come

from the Arms of the former East Barnet and Barnet Urban District Councils and symbolise the Wars of the Roses, a climax of which was reached at the Battle of Barnet.

The Airscrew comes from the former Borough of Hendon's Arms and symbolises the Aerodrome.

The Swords come from the former East Barnet and Barnet Urban District Councils and represents the battle fought there.

The Lion and the Stag supporters come from the former Borough of Finchley's Arms where the Lion represented the historic connection of that manor with the family of Compton from whose arms it was taken and the Stag symbolises the game that was once hunted through Finchley's forests.

The Crosses on the supporters' shoulders come from the former Friern Barnet Urban District Council's Arms where they symbolised the connection with the ancient Priory there which belonged to the Knights of St John of Jerusalem.

Four London in Bloom award winners



FOUR certificates of excellence were won within the Borough of Barnet in this year's London in Bloom competition. Three of the certificates were presented to the award winners by the Mayor, Cllr Barbara Langstone, in the Mayor's Parlour.

With the Mayor, from right to

left, are: Ian Walden (director) and Edward Smith (gardener), of John Laing, Page Street, Mill Hill; Michael Upward, London in Bloom committee; Peggy and Peter Reynolds, Railway Engineer public house, off Bittacy Hill, Mill Hill; Mary and James Stewart, the Warwick public

house, Victoria Road, New Barnet; the Mayor's Escort, Roy Langstone; and Alan Burriddle, Barnet's Assistant Controller, Recreation. The fourth winner, Technical and Optical Equipment (London Ltd, of Edgware Road, Colindale, were unable to attend.

NEWS

Give a hand to the Mayor's Appeal a hand of cards — or a fistful of darts

SWEET CHARITY BRIDGE CONGRESS

CLUBS and individuals throughout the borough are invited to take part in a two-day charity bridge congress in aid of the Mayor of Barnet's Appeal for the St John Ambulance Brigade and the Red Cross.

It is being held at Woodhouse Sixth Form College, Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, on Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12.

Events include championship pairs and Swiss teams. The prizes include a portable TV, music centre, camera, crystal, luggage, and wine. The entry fee is £20 per person, including refreshments.

This congress will please both serious and friendly bridge players. Full details and entry forms from the Secretary, Mayor's Appeal, Sweet Charity Bridge Congress, 21 Temple Avenue, Whetstone N20 9EJ, or contact Valerie Cowan, tel: 458 4508.

ENTRY FORM

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MAYOR'S APPEAL DARTS TOURNAMENT

Calling all darts players. Have you entered the Mayor's Appeal Darts Tournament?

Knock-out competitions for ladies' and men's teams of eight with two reserves; and a four competition with one reserve. Matches are allocated by draws, the home team being responsible for the date and venue of the match. Trophies will be presented to each of the three winning teams.

Entries can be accepted up to November 29. Entry fees £10 for the eights and £5 for the fours — cheques payable to the Mayor's Appeal Fund. The organiser is Mr Vic Challis, c/o the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Hendon, NW4 4BG. Tel: 202 8282 Ext 10.

COMING EVENTS

Beaujolais run

Join the Barnet Press and the Leeds Building Society to celebrate the new vintage. The newspaper group is holding a Beaujolais run in aid of the Appeal, with a lunch at Old Fold Manor Golf Club, Hadley Highstone, at 12.30 pm on Thursday, November 21. Tickets £10 from Sue Mahoney, Barnet Press, 118 High Street, Barnet EN5 5XL. Cheques to Barnet Beaujolais Charity Run.

Victorian Luncheon

Enjoy game pie, traditional steak and kidney pie; cold collation, and Granny Battell's delicious trifle and old fashioned treacle pudding. £7.50 wine included. Tickets from Press Office, Barnet Borough News, The Town Hall, Hendon NW4 4BG. Tel: 202 8282 Ext 71.

Film Show

Tuesday, November 26. Watch local press for details.

Carols at Brent Cross

Hendon Band will play carols at Brent Cross Shopping Centre on Saturday, December 14. Please give generously.

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From left, Betty Youd, the Mayor, Robert Stern and art therapist Tessa Diment in the day centre art room.



centre by assistant manager Louise Lingwood and shown round by members Betty Youd and John Sharkey.

The building was opened in 1972 for people with, or recovering from, social or mental health problems but not needing hospital care.

It has places for 45 people and is open five days a week, with facilities for art, crafts, office work, gardening and recreation, as well as light contract work.

The Mayor and Mr Gorst were shown round the Social Education Centre by the head, Mike Davis.

It was also opened in 1972 for people with some degree of mental handicap, although some clients have additional physical handicaps or behaviour disturbances.

There are places for 150 people from all over the Borough, some of whom live in residential homes and some with their families.

Staff offer support, advice and help to families and run a members' programme of social and domestic skills, further education, work and recreation and leisure.

Pictured left, members of Broadfields SEC clearing some ground in the garden.

CENTRE OF ATTENTION

THE marriage of an ex-member was causing great excitement the day the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Barbara Langstone, visited Broadfields Day Centre, Edgware.

Newlywed Mrs Lily Platt's visit to show her friends her marriage certificate rivalled that of the Mayor in importance as far as they were concerned.

The Mayor was on a joint visit to the centre and the adjoining Broadfields Social Education Centre with the borough's Director of Social Services, Mr Alan Gorst.

They were welcomed to the day

Letters to the Editor

Indoor sports stadium

NOW that the article for the proposed vast indoor sports complex to be built at Copthall has been published in your August Borough News, I felt that comment should be made.

You do not ask for comments from readers either for or against it to be sent to you as editor of the magazine. You quote that great interest has been made yet the figures mentioned are only 3,000 residents of a borough population of some 300,000 — a drop in the ocean. One can hardly say that the local people are excited at the proposal.

In my opinion Barnet Council are looking world wide and yet saying how it will benefit the local sportsmen. Just build a sports hall for the local people. London has already under construction an indoor international arena at Docklands.

Why is there a need for 5,000 seating capacity? All the local people would require is a viewing gallery. Why build private boxes, restaurants, conference rooms etc?

You say that when the elevated track is removed the area can be used for other sports. The athletics track will be the focal point, other sports taking second place.

Why is there a necessity for permanent accommodation for television and the press?

It would appear the Green Belt policy would need to be broken as you state that indoor sports are not considered appropriate for the Green Belt. Don't break the Green Belt policy. Develop the remaining area for outdoor sport, around a sports hall for the community. Let the agreed level of development be that and no more.

Let us hope the Secretary of State for the Environment turns this vast complex down and tells the Council to put forward as suggested above.

Finally, I would refer you to page 22 of the same issue about preserving the Green Belt. I hope the Council bears this statement in mind should they push through this complex which at the end of the day is a commercial not a community project.

D A Wildman,
20 Featherstone Road,
Mill Hill NW7 2BN

Running costs

I refer to page 6 in the August issue of Borough News, Blueprint for

Copthall. I agree it will not cost the ratepayer anything to construct the new stadium. But it will cost thousands to run and it will come from ratepayers.

For example — wear and tear on the local roads.

Bertram Holt,
5 Featherstone Road,
Mill Hill NW7

Dangerous loopholes

I COULD not help but become angry at your article 'Cervical cancer — Prevention the best form of defence' in the September issue of Barnet Borough News. The article stated that every woman at risk from cervical cancer could be cured at an early stage should a cervical smear test detect abnormal cellular changes.

Barnet borough have decided to start a screening campaign on the 35-65 age group next year. May I point to two dangerous loopholes in their proposed screening strategy.

John Patten cited in the Commons that in 1981, 568 women under the age of 34 were diagnosed as having cancer of the cervix/uterus, 43 of whom were between the ages of 15 and 24.

The Royal College of Nursing estimated that as many as 600 women a year are contracting the disease well before they are normally eligible for a smear test — with the result that diagnosis comes too late for effective treatment.

If Barnet want their screening for cervical cancer to be effective, smear tests ought to be available to all sexually active women of any age with screening being offered every two years and not five as proposed now.

As a nurse on an oncology unit I see the traumatic suffering that occurs when diagnosis comes too late!

Frances Chamberlain,
Church Crescent, N3

Good response

I AM writing to let you know what a marvellous response we have had to the article on Gingerbread in the Borough News.

So many people came into the centre as a result of reading it, that I've lost count. Most of our members read the article and were very pleased with it. Many thanks.

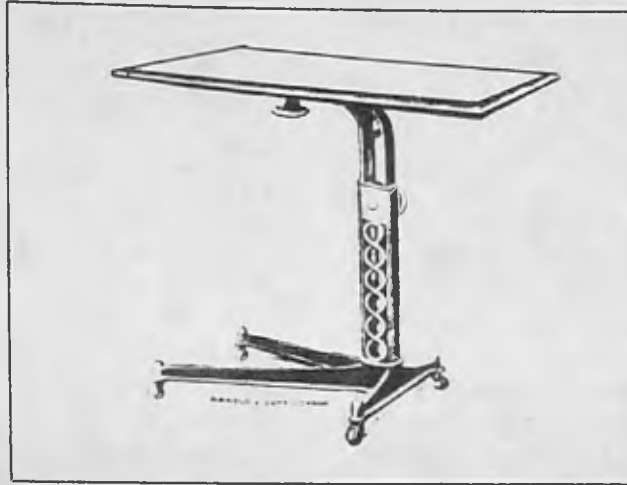
Val Howe,
Barnet and District Gingerbread,
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Finchley, N12
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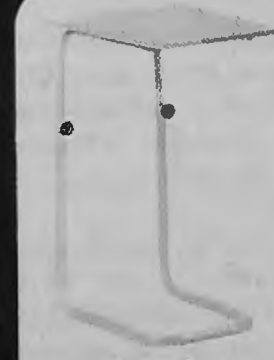
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What's On

Send your entry, and contact telephone number, to the Borough News, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG, tel. 202 8282, ext. 479.

Entries for the December issue must be received by Tuesday, November 12 and before that date if possible. New entries start on December 7.

*Asterisk denotes regular weekly meeting.

Saturday, November 9

11th Southgate Scout Group Make Merry Market, Church House, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters. 10.30am-4pm.

Charity Flea Market, Edgware Methodist Church, Garratt Rd, Edgware. 11am-4pm. 952 5648
Church Hill School PTA Annual Autumn Market & car boot sale, Burlington Rise, E. Barnet. Stall and car space £5 in advance, £7 on day. Cars on site by 10am. 10.30am-1.30pm. 445 7007/449 2713

*North London Rambling Club organise Saturday walks. Contact (SAE) Ray Todd, 31 Blair Close, St Paul's Rd, London N1 2YP

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Junior activities, 4-6yrs 10.30am; 7+ 11.30am. 906 2322

Sunday, November 10

*Mind in Barnet 'Libra' Club, Etchingam Park Day Centre, Etchingam Park Rd, Finchley. 3.30pm. 455 2850

*Shaftesbury Harriers training sessions, Cophthall Stadium, Gt Nth Way, NW4. 11am. 200 1584. Also Tuesdays 6pm

*North London Holiday Fellowship Group. Sunday rambles in Home Counties. 346 6795/444 5847

*Finchley Zen Society, 91 Nether Street, N12. 8-9pm. 445 1819

Monday, November 11

*Bells Hill Prams & Pushchairs, St Stephen's Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. 1.30pm

*Community Links in Cameras, photography group primarily for disabled, 43 Flower Lane, NW7. 1.30pm. Contact Maria Bartha 346 9789

*New Barnet Literary and Debating Soc, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 440 3859

*Edgware & Dist Canine Training Soc, St Alphage Hall, Playfield Rd, Burnt Oak. Ring class 8.30pm; obedience training 9.15pm. 0923 35968

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Squash. 7.15pm. 906 2322

*Handicraft Club for over 60's, Evergreen Centre, 54-60 Brookhill Rd, New Barnet. 2pm. 449 8690/886 7512

Tuesday, November 12

Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Chambers, Wood St. 8pm.

440 9267/346 1428 (also Nov 26)

National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NW London), Health Centre, Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. Open meeting. 8pm. 455 5113

*Prams and Pushchair, club for mothers and young children, Union Church, Northiam, Totteridge. 2pm. 445 7287

*Friern Barnet and Totteridge Camera Club, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, beginners to advanced. 8pm. 445 2617

*Mind in Barnet Luncheon/Social Club (in term time), The Old Barn, Tarling Rd, East Finchley. 1.30pm. 202 5845

*Barnet Women's Place, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 1.40pm. 360 5171/440 1114 (Also Thursdays 10am & 8pm).

*Brookside Community Group Junior Youth Club (5-10) Union Church, Northiam, N12. 4.15-5.45pm. 446 4571

*British Red Cross Society, 10 Downage, Hendon. Sale of nearly new clothes. 10am-3pm

*123 Club for mothers, babies and toddlers, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 9.30-11.30am. 368 4659

*Christ Church URC Men's Society, (Church Parlour), Friern Barnet Rd, N11. 8pm. 368 7831

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Introduction to golf, 7.30pm; beginners weight training 8pm. 906 2322

Wednesday, November 13

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet), Wesley Hall, High St, Barnet. 1.30pm. 361 2787

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 'History of Chinese embroidery and costume' 7.50pm. 906 1869/203 3735 (also Nov 27)

Southgate Philatelic Soc, Walker School, Waterfall Rd, N14. 7.45pm. 888 3594 (also Nov 27)
Chipping Barnet W1 Christmas Bazaar, The Institute, r/o Methodist Church, High St, Barnet. 10am-12 noon.

Library Lecture, Burnt Oak Library, Watling Ave, Edgware. 'South American River Trips'. 8.15pm.

*West Hendon over 60s Lunch and Social Club, Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9. Lunch 12.30pm; Social Club 1.30pm. 202 5057

*Bingo, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. 449 8992

*Good as New Sale, 163 High St, Barnet. 10am-1pm. 449 0117

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Junior badminton, 6.15pm; beginners badminton, 7.15pm. 906 2322

Thursday, November 14

Barnet Winemakers, Staff Room, Barnet College, Wood St. 8pm. 440 1016

Pensioners' Voice (E Finchley), E Finchley Library, 226 High Rd. 2pm. 883 2155

West Hendon Labour Party, 12 Neeld Cres. NW4. 8pm. 202 9192

*Brookside Methodist Church Boys' Brigade, East Barnet. Pre-Junior 6-8, 6.15pm; Juniors 8-11, 6.30pm; Company 11+ 8pm. 441 2042

*Hendon Chess Club, Hyde United Reformed Church, Edgware Rd, Colindale. 7.30pm. 952 3129

*Mind in Barnet Thursday Club, 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 7.45pm 202 5845

*High Barnet Woodcraft Folk, Underhill School, Mays Lane, Barnet. 6-9 yrs, 6pm (440 5369); 10-13 yrs. 7.15pm (440 2426)

*Carpentry for disabled, John Grooms, Stoneyfields Rd, Edgware. 1.30pm. Ring Ian at CRAB 346 9789.

*MIND in Barnet — Women's Drop in Centre, Trinity Church, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 9.30am-1pm (relaxation 12-1pm). 202 5845

*Roundabout Club pensioners group, Sarnes Court, Oakleigh Rd Sth, N11. 2pm. 368 4409

*Mums, babies & toddlers club, St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. 2-4pm. 445 0572

Friday, November 15

*Hendon & Hampstead Garden Suburb Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. 8pm. 205 6053

*Barnet and Finchley Photographic Soc, rear of 37a Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 8pm. 368 3917

*Barnet Blind Bowls Club, Drill Hall, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 2-4.30pm. 449 7058

*Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 8pm. 346 4265

*Brookside Community Group Senior Youth Club (11-16), Union Church, Northiam, N12. 7.15-10.15pm. 446 4571

*Social afternoon, Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. All ages. 1-3pm. 349 4613

Saturday, November 16

Bring & Buy and Food Fayre in aid of Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, Hampstead Garden Suburb. 2-4.30pm. 455 1472

'Good as New Sale', Chipping Barnet Conservative Assn, 1£ High St, Barnet. Free admission. 10am-1pm (also Dec 7)

1st Friern Barnet Boys' Brigade Gala Day, Manor Drive Methodist Church, N20. 9am-5pm; under 18 Disco 7.30pm. 361 9698

New Barnet & District Stamp & Postal Fair, St Peters Hall,

Lyonsdown Rd, N Barnet. 10am-5pm. 440 8835

November 17-24

Jewish Book Fair, The Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East End Rd, N3. 346 2288

Tuesday, November 19

Single, widowed & divorced (25-65) Finchley area. 8pm. 889 0513/444 8743 (also Dec 3)

Royal British Legion, Legionway, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 445 9911

Barnet Group North Middx Family History Soc, Church House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 445 1750

Barnet National Trust Assn, St Mary Magdalen Church Hall, Athenaeum Rd, N20. 8pm. 449 5896

Rotaract Club of Edgware & Stanmore (18-28), Honeypot Lane, Stanmore. 8.15pm. 722 4439 (also Dec 3)

Wednesday, November 20

Finchley & Dist Philatelic Soc, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 7.30pm. 883 8724 (also Dec 4)

Library Lecture, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. David Hosking presents 'Wildlife Photography at Home and Abroad'. 8.15pm.

Thursday, November 21

British Diabetic Assn (Barnet Dist), Post Graduate Medical Centre, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane. Cheese and wine evening. Tickets £1.50 in advance. 7.30pm. 368 6993

Barnet Association for the Advancement of State Education, Broadfields Infants' School, Hartland Drive, Edgware. Speaker: Mr Ron Allen 'Science in Primary Schools'. 7.30pm. 959 0124

Friern Barnet & Whetstone Rotaract Club, Bull & Butcher Pub, High Rd, N20. 8.15pm. 445 4008 (Also Dec 5)

Civil Service Pensioners Alliance, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 10am. 346 6994

Barnet Community Relations Council AGM, 1 Friern Park, N12. 7.30pm. 445 6051

Saturday, November 23

London Hash House Harriers. Hampstead Heath North car park behind Jack Straws Castle. 11am. 349 2338

2nd Edgware Scout Group Christmas Bazaar, Church Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware. Admission 20p. 11am-3.30pm.

Christmas Fayre, Barnet Hill School, Hammond Close, off Mays Lane. 2pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes School Christmas Bazaar, Bow Lane, N12. 12 noon-4pm.

East Barnet Old Peoples' Welfare Assn Annual Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy Sale, Evergreen Centre, 54-60 Brookhill Rd, New Barnet. 10.30am-12 noon.
Friern Barnet Day Centre Grand

What's On

Christmas Fayre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. Admission 20p. 10am-12.30pm.

Finchley Pensioners Club Christmas Fayre, St Paul's Hall, Long Lane, N3. 10am. 346 8055

Wednesday, November 27

Federation of Ratepayers and Residents Assns (Barnet), North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 8pm.

Library Lecture, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Archive film 'Steam on the LNER'. 8.15pm.

Thursday, November 28

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone & Finchley), North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 1.30pm. 445 7413

Pensioners' Voice (Colindale/Burnt Oak), Burt Oak Library, Watling Ave. 1.30pm. 959 4683

Friday, November 29

Barnet Ratepayers & Residents Assn (Hadley & Arkley Wards), WRVS Luncheon Room, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 8pm, preceded by surgery 7.30pm

Jewish Gay Group Chavuca, Alyth Youth & Community Centre, Alyth Gdns, NW11. 7.45pm

Saturday, November 30

Barnet Woodcraft Folk 60th Anniversary, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 1.30-5pm; Folk Dance 7.30pm. 440 2933

Christmas Fair, St Barnabas

Church, Holden Rd, N12. 2pm. Dr French Memorial Home Christmas Bazaar and coffee morning, 13 Nether Street, N12. 10.30am. 30p (including refreshments).

Christmas party and disco, Ravenscroft School, Barnet Lane, N20. 8pm. Tickets £3.

24th Hendon (St Matthias) Boy Scout Group Christmas Market (indoor boot sale), Parish Hall, Rushgrove Ave, Colindale. Stalls available. 9.30am-12.45pm. 205 1841

Sunday, December 1

Hampstead Book Fair, Old Town Hall, Haverstock Hill, NW3. 11am-5pm. 959 2936

Monday, December 2

Friends of Tempelhof Christmas Supper and musical entertainment, The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. Tickets £6. 203 0632/445 3638

Wednesday, December 4

Barnet Animal Rights Group, Christ Church CE, High Rd, N Finchley. 8pm. 440 1715

Pensioners' Voice (Golders Green & Dist), Trinity Church Hall, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 1.15pm. 455 7952

Finchley & Dist Philatelic Soc, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 7.30pm. 883 8724

Barnet Teachers Assn, Finchley Centre for Peace and Non-

violence, Quaker Meeting House, 58 Alenandra Grove, N12. 'Children and the Media'. 7.30pm. 346 1429

Saturday, December 7

London Hash House Harriers (Trent Park). Cockfosters Stn. 11am. 349 2338

Christmas Fair, Ravenscroft School, Barnet Lane, N20. 2.30pm.

Martial Arts

Mondays

*North London Karate Club, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 8-9pm, 9-10pm. 440/7733/8633 (also Thursdays)

*Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre. Recreation Hall, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. Children 8-14 yrs; 6.30-7.30pm. 449 3150

*Cobra Karate Club, Christ's College School, Hendon Lane, N3. Beginners 7pm; advanced 8pm. 959 4338. Also Wednesdays

*Watling Karate Club, Watling Boys' Club, Dryfield Rd, Burnt Oak. Under 12, 6-7pm; over 12, 7-8pm. 40p a session (and Wednesdays)

Tuesdays

*Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, Pennefather Hall, St Albans Rd, Barnet. Adults 7.30-9.30pm.

449 3150

*J.L. Kung Fu Centre, All Saints Church Hall, Durham Rd, N2. 7pm. 959 2605

Wednesdays

*Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre. Adults Christchurch School, Hilton Ave, N12. 8-9pm. 449 3150

*Judo for children, Pymmes Youth Centre, East Barnet Lower School, Westbrook Crescent, E Barnet. 6.30-7.30pm; 7.30-8.30pm. 440 6473

*Wing Chun Kung Fu, Simon Lau Martial Arts Academy (Mill Hill Division), Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. 7pm. 998 1055

*Finchley Karate Club (Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate), Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 8pm. 346 9505

*Kateda Self Defence Association, King Alfred School, North End Rd, NW11. 7pm. 904 6720

Thursdays

*Goju-Ryu Karate, Queen Elizabeth Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 6pm. 906 4372/449 8997

*Judo for Adults, Pymmes Youth Centre, East Barnet Lower School, Westbrook Crescent, Barnet. 7.30-9pm. 440 6473

Fridays

*Shin Do Kwai Kendo Club, Whitefield School (gym) Claremont Rd, NW2. 7.30pm. 863 7574

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Women's clubs

Thursdays

Russell Women's Club (term-time), Southaw School, Russell Lane, N20. 7.45pm. 361 1553

Tuesday, November 12

East Barnet (Osidge) TWG, Church Farm, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 7.45pm. 368 7346
Wives Group, Mill Hill East Church Hall, Salcombe Gdns. 8pm. 346 9430 (also Nov 26)

Thursday, November 14

Finchley Granville (Afternoon) TWG, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. AGM and 'Beauty without cruelty'. 2pm. 455 2227

Broadway Mill Hill TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. 2pm. 954 1684

Chipping Barnet Morning WI, Wesley Hall, r/o Methodist Church, High St. 10am. 440 8807

Friday, November 15

Broadfields Evening TWG, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 7.30pm. 958 5718

Barnet Afternoon TWG, Church House, Wood St. 2pm. 449

0367

Monday, November 18

Mill Hill Highwood TWG AGM, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. 2pm. 959 1994

Wednesday, November 20

Woodside Park Afternoon TWG, Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, N12. 2.15. 445 0091

Monday, November 25

Barnet & Dist National Council of Women, Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High St, Barnet. 1.30pm. 346 8576

Tuesday, November 26

Finchley Redbourne TWG, Etchingam Park Day Centre, Etchingam Park Rd, N3. 7.45pm. 349 3365

Tuesday, December 3

Totteridge WI, Village Hall, Badgers Croft, N20. 7.30pm. 445 5700

Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 2pm. 361 9623

Royal British Legion Women's Section (N Finchley), Legionway, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 445 9911

Wednesday, December 4

Edgware TWG, Parish Hall, Rectory Lane. 2pm. 952 3311

Barnet Evening TWG, Church House, Wood St. 7.30pm. 449 6809

Thursday, December 5

Ashley Evening TWG, Mill Hill

East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns. 7.30pm. 906 1952

East Barnet Valley TWG, St John's Church Hall, Mowbray Rd, New Barnet. 2.15pm. 449 8601/3885

Horticulture and floral art

Saturday, November 9

Finchley Chrysanthemum Society Late Show, Victoria Hall, Victoria Ave, N3. 2.30pm.

Tuesday, November 12

Friern Barnet Floral Art Club, Christ Church Halls, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 8pm. 446 0783 (also Nov 26)

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 'Yesterday and Today'. 8pm. 959 3530

Wednesday, November 13

Hendon Horticultural Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 'Kew through the year'. 8pm. 346 7392

Thursday, November 14

Barnet & Dist Fuchsia Soc. AGM. Council Offices, 29 Wood St, Barnet. 8pm. 449 7165

Barnet Flower Arrangement Soc, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 77 57199

Tuesday, November 19

Totteridge Floral Art Club, Village Hall, Badgers Croft. 2pm. 445 9307

Wednesday, November 20

Hendon Floral Art Group, West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive. 7.30pm. 346 8916 (also Dec 4)

Wednesday, December 4

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners and Floral Art Soc, Church Rooms, Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown Rd. 8pm. 449 5650

Council meetings

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

Tuesday, November 12: Council Meeting

Monday, November 18: Housing; Development & Estates

Tuesday, November 19: Public Works; Social Services

Wednesday, November 20: Town Planning & Research

Monday, November 25: General Purposes

Tuesday, November 26: Education

Wednesday, November 27: Libraries & Arts

Monday, December 2: Finance

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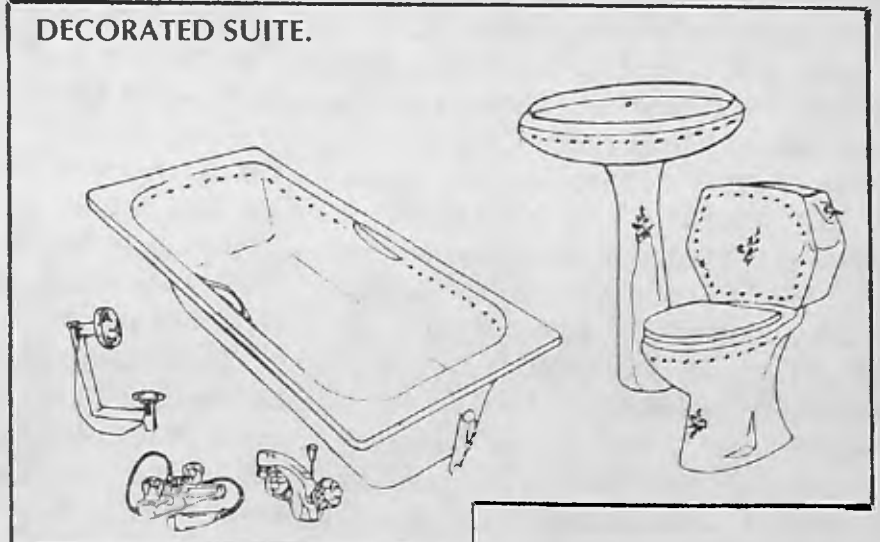
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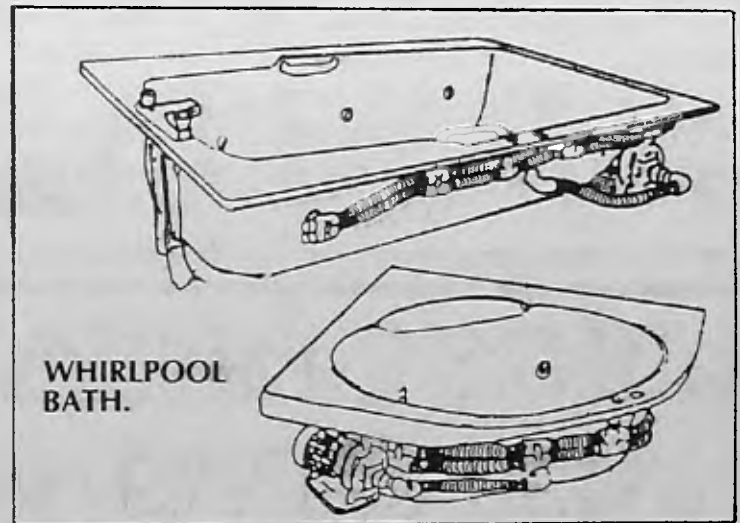
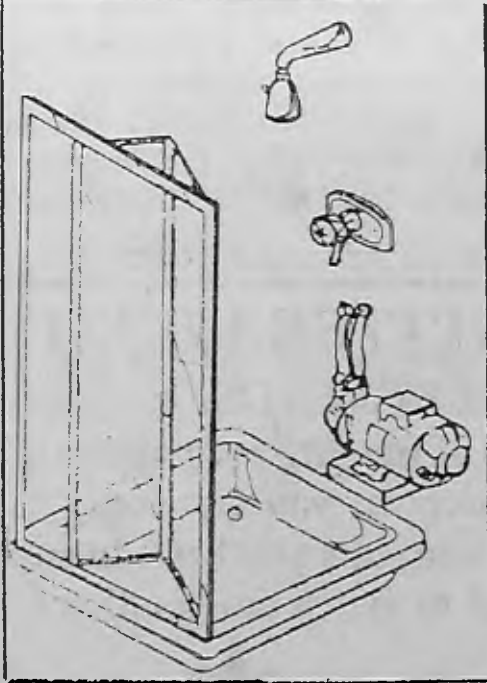
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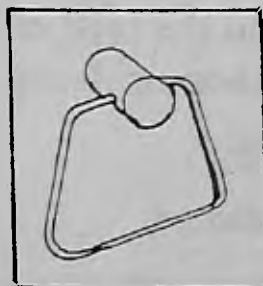


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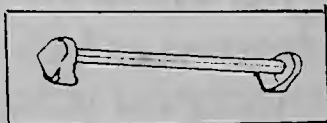
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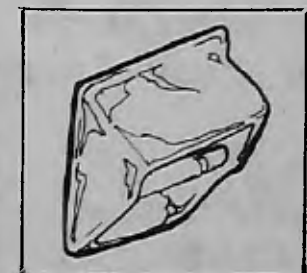
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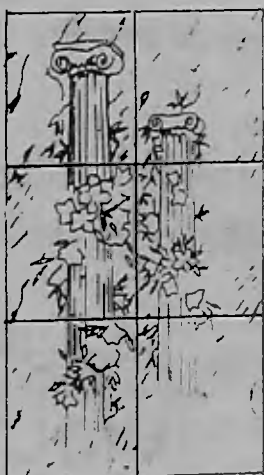


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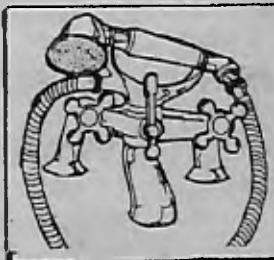


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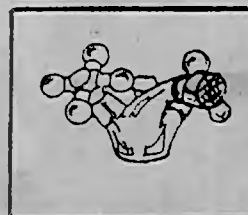
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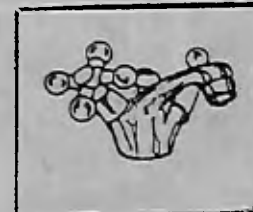
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1,000 pupils to visit first Youth Training Scheme convention

ABOUT 1,000 pupils from Barnet schools are expected to attend the first Youth Training Scheme convention ever to be held in the Borough.

Designed to highlight the proposed introduction of a new YTS system offering two-year courses to school leavers, the convention will be held on November 14 at the Central Electricity Generating Board's training centre, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters.

Barnet Careers Service are organising the event to publicise local YTS opportunities and give general information on the scheme. They have invited school parties to go along during the day and parents, friends and people interested in YTS will be welcome from 6-8pm.

Local organisers will be on hand to discuss training opportunities and provide more detailed information and careers literature for fifth and sixth-form pupils. And Barnet careers officers will talk about education, training and employment opportunities for school leavers.

YTS is organised nationally by the Manpower Services Commission who will have representatives at the convention to advise on current projects and the proposed two-year course for 16-year-old school leavers and 12 months' scheme for 17-year-olds.

This is intended to start next April and will offer increased opportunities for vocational training leading to a recognised qualification.

The YTS has been operating in the Borough for three years and is now recognised by the construction industry as the best way to train potential employees who can learn carpentry, bricklaying, plastering and other crafts skills. And the engineering industry recruits many second-year apprentices in the mechanical or electrical side from YTS.

Hairdressing and catering trades are involved to a great extent, but in the main areas of employment in the Borough — office and retail work — there is less involvement. However, many opt to do these on the youth scheme as a means of getting experience and further qualifications, increasing their chances of getting a job.

One of the advantages of YTS is that it enables young people without academic qualifications to get into professions like insurance, banking or the Stock Exchange and those with specialist interests in, for example, video, photography, jewellery and wig-making to train in the workplace.

But the trainees are also given three months' off-the-job training, including computer literacy, help with English and arithmetic and the chance to take qualifications such as City and Guilds, RSA and BTEC.

During work experience young people are instructed by a supervisor in a normal work situation, which ensures a realistic and balanced training and adjustment to the environment while learning new skills and gaining vocational qualifications.

The allowance for trainees at the moment is £27.30 per week and travel expenses over £3 a week can be claimed back. The Manpower Services Commission have produced an information pack for school leavers which will be handed out.

Throughout the convention, in the CEGB'S course and conference centre, Barnet pupils will have the chance to discuss training in: agriculture; Army trades; art and design; banking; building skills; catering; engineering; electronics; film and video; floristry; gardening and horticulture; hairdressing; motor mechanics; office skills and computing; retail and distribution and storekeeping.

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But this just isn't so, according to Jobmate, a charity group set up in 1979 to help people aged 16-21 looking for work or acceptable alternatives.

Some young people are still not aware of the help available and others have had such bad experiences that they have become sceptical of taking it.

Skills

Steve Power, Jobmate's co-ordinator for North London, which covers the Borough, said: 'At that point they stop contacting agencies like ours, as well as the statutory ones, and one of our biggest problems is trying to reach out to them to say we can help.'

'Although we are not about getting every young person a job, we can help them acquire the necessary skills for writing application forms, CVs, advise them where to look for jobs, how to present themselves at interviews.'

'Their scepticism will lessen once they realise that those skills make it easier in the competitive world for them to find a job.'

Another problem is getting enough volunteers — the lifeblood of the whole organisation.

Jobmate are probably the largest voluntary group working with unemployed young people in London. They work through the media mainly — TV, radio, papers — to try to contact potential clients who have become isolated in their own homes through being jobless.

Unfortunately, there are always more on the waiting list than there are volunteers.

Support

There are about 15 jobmates in this Borough, some of whom have been working for three or four years, one or two since the project started, plus a couple of new ones. There is a befriending role, offering support in an informal way.

'We are not trying to recruit professionals,' said Steve. 'But we are looking for people just around the corner from those they will be helping. We feel that way we can offer a much stronger community network between adults and young people.'

The Jobmate visits the home to talk about ways in which they can help, most importantly by guiding the person through a maze of in-



formation to explore options open to them, including further education, training schemes and following up interests.

The object is to help young people develop their own skills so they can make more informed choices and to prepare them to help themselves.

'A lot of unemployed young people miss out on what adults take for granted — contact with other adults and the community,' said Steve.

'When you start work you build up relationships with people in the adult world, you are learning all the time: how to do your job, how to converse, make new friends, learn new skills and communicate.'

Contact

'Once you take that away from a young person they become more isolated and unable to further their skills or learn.'

Jobmate try to replace that loss by giving them contact with adults and making them feel they care, that not all adults are faceless professionals in the careers service, Jobcentres or DHSS offices.

sion College and the Manpower Services Commission and was extended to cover 25 London boroughs — one of them Barnet — in 1979.

MSC funding was lost in 1981 and a mixture of business and commercial enterprises, as well as boroughs and the GLC, kept the scheme afloat. Barnet themselves gave a grant of £3,000 towards the project this year.

Steve liaises closely with other voluntary groups and statutory bodies, like the Council's careers service, in Barnet, as well as with councillors, and uses libraries as another place to leave information about Jobmate.

Training

Even though there is a waiting list in the Borough, 272 young people were helped last year and some are still being seen.

Many have gone on to get work and others have taken training courses they wouldn't even consider before.

Because of contacts with the Capital Jobfinder side of Capital Radio and with the careers service, Jobmate have been able to offer more job opportunities and a great deal more support.

'Young people come to us like jigsaw puzzles with all the pieces there but jumbled up,' said Steve. 'The jobmate helps them slot them all together.'

Information

Anyone who would like to be put in touch with a jobmate should write to the address below. Although there is a waiting list, they will at least be sent a useful information pack to keep them going in the meantime.

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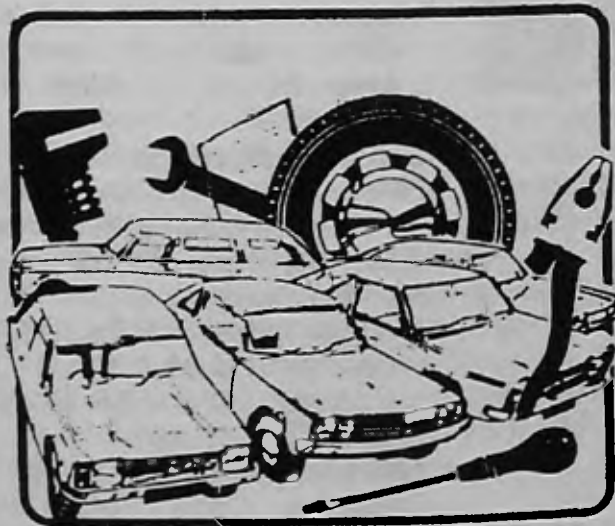
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Until November 16

Exhibition of watercolours by Peter Sutton and Stanley Rose and Portraits by Joy Feld.

Tuesday, November 12

Radio Workshop with Diana Bishop. 2-4pm. November 15-17: A weekend of women's arts activities including craft, cabaret, drama/improvisation, theatre and poetry.

Saturday, November 23

The Hairy Marys. Irish hard shoe dancing. 8pm.

Thursday, November 28

Masterclass with Diana Bishop, Carolyn Moody and Alan Mason. 8pm.

Saturday, November 30

10th birthday celebration open date. Official opening of the new craft shop by the Mayor.

Wednesday, December 4

Deep See Dancers Workshop. 2-4pm.

Thursday, December 5

Masterclass Stage sword-fighting with David Drew. 7pm.

Until December 7

Landscapes of the Mind by Leo Gibbons Smith.

Exhibitions

Until Sat Dec 7

Oil paintings by Joseph F Field, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal opening hours.

Sun, Nov 10 to Sun, Nov 14

Sculpture by Jackie King-Cline, Sternberg Centre for Judaism, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. Open: Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri 11am-2.30pm; Sun 2-10pm.

Sat, Nov 16 to Sat, Dec 14

Barnet Artists Exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave, N12. Normal opening hours.

Sat, Nov 16 to Sun, Feb 9

The Welsh Harp Reservoir 1835 to 1985, Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: Mon-Sat (except Tuesday) 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm; Tues 10am-1pm; Sun 2-5.30pm.

Thurs, Nov 21 to Sat, Nov 23

Children's Art & Crafts, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Rd, N2. Inspired works of Edward Lear during production of East Finchley Theatre Group's musical. 883 2633

Tues, Dec 3 to Sat, Dec 14

Sculpture by Jackie King-Cline,

The Gallery, Totteridge Library, N20. Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 11am-1pm, 2.4pm.

Music

Mondays

*Barnet Orchestra at Hendon, Whitefield School, Claremont Rd, NW2. 8pm 205 2418

*Finchley Choral Society, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 7.45pm. 445 8401

*Manor House Hospital Operatic Soc, Manor House Hospital, North End Rd, NW11. 7.30pm. 346 0237

Tuesdays

*The Apollo Singers, Wilberforce Hall, Wilberforce Rd, W Hendon. 7.45pm. 959 1244

*Hendon String Orchestra, Whitefields School, Claremont Rd, NW2. 8pm. 455 5005

Thursdays

*London Pro Arte Choir, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns, Mill Hill. 7.30pm. 959 1659

Saturday, November 9

Live Music Now! Edgware Library, Hartley Ave, NW7. Susie Beddow, harp. 11am.

Barnet Schools Symphony Orchestra, Woodhouse 6th Form College, Woodhouse Rd, N12. 7.30pm. 368 1255

Finchley Choral Soc, St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. Handel's Messiah. Tickets £3.50. 7.45pm. 445 8401

Tuesday, November 12

Hendon Library Gramophone Soc, The Burroughs, 7.30pm. 202 5625 (also Nov 26)

November 13-16

Finchley & Friern Barnet Operatic Soc. present 'The New Moon', Hornsey Town Hall Theatre, Crouch End B'way, N8. 7.30pm (mat Sat 2.30pm). 445 3391/348 6881

Tuesday, November 14

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Soc, Friern Barnet Rd. 8.10pm. 368 4024 (also Nov 28)

Friday, November 15

Concert in aid of Bone Marrow Research Project, Peter Samuel Hall, Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead (entrance Rowlands Hill). New Amphion String Quartet. Soloist Emmanuel Hurwitz, violin; Joyce Riddel, piano. Admission £5. 7pm. 458 3917/346 3936

Saturday, November 16

Hendon Recital Series, Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, Golders Green. Norma Fisher, piano. 7.45pm. 203 2355

Barnet Choral Soc, with Orchestra of St James in Haydn's 'The Creation', Barnet Parish Church, High St. £3.25. 7.45pm. 440 2898

Live Music Now, N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave, Aline

Brewer, Harp. 11am. Music for Pleasure, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Aline Brewer, Harp. 2.30pm.

Finchley Chamber Choir, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, N3. Works by Durufle and Faure. Tickets £2.50 (concessions £1.50). 7.45pm. 346 0502

Tuesday, November 19

East Barnet Library Gramophone Soc, 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376 (also Dec 3)

Wednesday, November 20

Mill Hill Gramophone Soc, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway. 8pm. 959 5097 (also Dec 4)

Saturday, November 23

Trent Park Music Centre, Recital Room, Cockfosters Rd. Stephen Tees, viola, Elizabeth Ellwood, piano. 8pm. 449 2963

Sunday, November 24

Greenwood Clarinet Quintet, All Saints' Arts Centre, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 6pm. 445 4654/6831

Monday, November 25

Hendon Music Soc, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 2355

Saturday, November 30

Live Music Now, Church End Library, Hendon Lane, Finchley. Michael Conn, guitar. 11am.

Monday, December 2

International Chamber Concert Series, The Institute, Central Square, NW11. Marisa Robles, Harp, Susan Milan, flute. Tickets £4 (£2.50 concessions). 8pm. 202 5625, ext 56

Saturday, December 7

Music for Pleasure, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Cathy Thom, guitar. 11am.

Trent Park Music Centre, Recital Room, Cockfosters Rd, Rebecca Chard, clarinet/saxophone and Karen Kingsley, piano. 8pm. 449 2963

Finchley Music Centre concert, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 10am and 7.30pm. 368 1255

Drama

Wednesdays

*Incognito Theatre Group, Theatre, Friern Barnet. 8pm. 886 5791

*East Finchley Theatre Group, Methodist Church Hall, High Rd, N2 7.30pm. 883 2633

*Gainsborough Theatre Club, The Centre, Gainsborough Rd, N12. 8.15pm. 205 8352

Wed & Thurs, Nov 13-14

All Saints Centre present the Red Shift Theatre Co. in 'Romeo & Juliet', Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 445 6831/4654

November 21-23

East Finchley Theatre Group present 'The Owl and the Pussycat Went to See', East Finchley

Methodist Hall, High Rd. 8pm (mat. Sat. 2 and 5pm). 883 1087/2633

Dance

Mondays

*CRAB dance club for disabled, King Alfred School, Manor Wood, North End Rd, NW11. 50p per session. 7pm. 346 9789

Tuesdays

*20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Rd North, Whetstone. 7.45pm. 440 6508

*Tap dancing, Centrepoint, Grahame Park. Under 12s 6.15pm; all ages 6.45pm. 205 7113

*Wheelchair dancing, Grahame Park Community Centre, The Concourse, NW9. 1.30-3pm. 346 9789. Transport available

Wednesdays

*Contemporary Dance Classes, Brookside Methodist Church, Cat Hill, E Barnet. Beginners 7pm; intermediate 8pm. £1.25 per class or £5 per half-term. 441 5984

*Mountfield Old Time & Modern Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, High Rd, East Finchley. 8pm. 959 5185

*CRAB Creative dance for mentally handicapped adults, Outlook House, 59 Flower Lane, NW7. 2-3pm. 346 9789.

*Friary Sequence Dance Club, Manor Drive Methodist Church Hall, N20. 8pm. 446 4816

Thursdays

*Finchley Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, High Rd, E Finchley. 7.30pm

Fridays

*Latin & ballroom, Subud Hall, 97 E Barnet Rd, New Barnet. 8.30pm. 449 3336/6034

*Barnet International Folk Dance Club, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone. 8pm. 427 8042

Saturdays

*Children's disco & ballroom, Subud Hall, 97 E Barnet Rd, New Barnet. 11.30am. 449 3336/6034

Saturday, November 9

Finchley Sequence Dance Club, Church Hall, St Philip the Apostle, Gravel Hill, N3. 7.30pm.

Monday, November 18

Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club, Church House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 449 3317/4425 (also Dec 2)

Thursday, November 21

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 7.45pm. 950 5756 (also Nov 28)

Saturday, December 7

20 Century Sequence Dancing Club, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30pm 440 6506

Health

Making sure . . .

AN EXHIBITION of the work of Barnet's environmental health officers, was staged at Hendon Library recently.

These are the men and women who form a front line force to make sure that the air we breathe, the food we eat and the environment we live in is safe.

Who will be out in the field if this country ever faces an outbreak of rabies?

Who is it tackles the control of rats and mice, fleas, bugs and pests?

Who is involved when an outbreak of food poisoning occurs or contaminated goods are on sale?

Who makes sure noise levels are not damaging health?

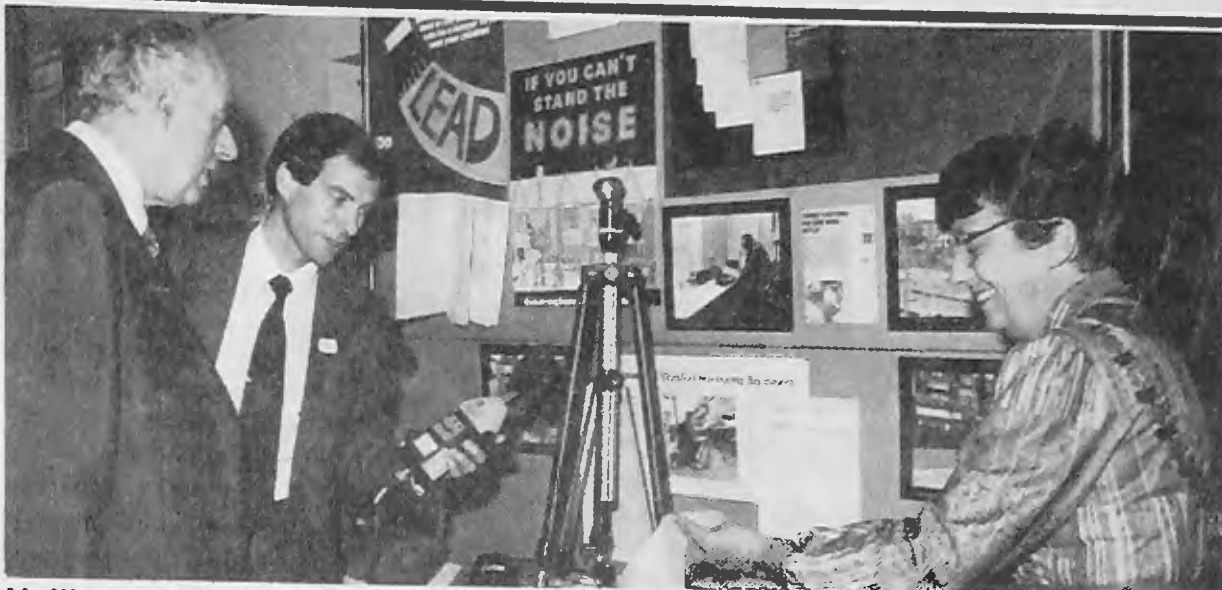
Who checks the levels of lead in the air we breathe?

Who undertakes to make sure that asbestos is safely removed?

Who copes with pollution and health hazards in emergencies?

Answer: Environmental health officers.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Barbara Langstone. She was welcomed by chief environmental health officer Geof Fish



Nailing the house nuisances, Grahame Jones demonstrates the remote monitoring equipment which the department can set up to record the number of decibels to the Mayor and Cllr Frank Gibson.

. . . the pest things in life aren't free

who explained:

We are dealing with everything for your health which comes from outside — the house you live in; the water you swim in or drink; the place you work, the air you breathe; the creatures which share your environment; and the services designed to keep your environment clean and safe.'

One of the sections of particular interest was the monitoring and record-

ing equipment which can be used to check up on noise nuisance complaints. This can be set up in a home to measure the noise volume of such things as vehicles delivering to nearby factories, or hi-fi equipment in the house next door.

'Councillors get a lot of complaints from residents about noise and this will really help us assess the problems,' the Mayor said.

ASBESTOS IN THE HOME

Ever since the 1960's when it became increasingly clear that working with asbestos increased the risk of lung-related cancers and diseases, many people have been aware that the material can present a health hazard. In response to this, successive Governments have introduced regulations to protect those who handle asbestos in the course of their work. The Council's Environmental Health Department plays a vital role in ensuring that the correct procedures and controls are adhered to in order to protect employees, the public and the environment.

There is little evidence to show that the mere existence of asbestos in the home gives rise to disease and risk is only considered to be present when asbestos fibres are released into the air. This can occur when older boiler insulation, pipe lagging or sprayed insulating or decorative ceiling finishes are damaged or are disturbed during any maintenance or repair works. Older, worn household items such as saucepan stands, oven gloves and ironing board mats should be replaced. Asbestos can also be present in some warm air heating systems, pre-1976 storage heaters and one type of imported portable catalytic gas fire.

Asbestos cement, widely used for boiler flues, roofing and domestic garages and asbestos insulation boards used until recently for fire protection purposes and some floor tiles, usually only present a problem if they have become damaged or are broken or sawed up, drilled or sanded. When in good sound condition these materials can be effectively sealed by priming with diluted emulsion paint and subsequent painting, but if damaged, should be replaced with

asbestos-free substitutes.

All materials containing asbestos require careful disposal, in some cases to specially licenced waste tips. Old domestic items or building materials should be damped down and placed in sealed bags which have been marked 'asbestos'. In some cases the Greater London Council are able to offer special collection, or disposal facilities at certain local waste disposal sites.

The Department of the Environment have produced a booklet, 'Asbestos in Housing', which contains detailed information on various aspects of the problem and copies are available from your local Environmental Health Department Office or the larger branch libraries. Further information or advice, and details of disposal facilities, are available from Mr A. C. Benstead on 349 9121 ext. 457.

REMEMBER

- ★ Don't disturb asbestos unless you have to.
- ★ Don't create dust by breaking up, drilling, sawing or sanding asbestos.
- ★ Don't breathe asbestos dust.
- ★ Don't remove asbestos fire protection unless you replace it immediately with a substitute.
- ★ Do dispose of asbestos carefully.
- ★ Do obtain advice if in doubt.

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Artscene

Sculptress Jackie is to the Manor born

PUTTING on your first exhibition of sculpture can be a traumatic experience. But when you're as committed to your work and message as Jackie King-Cline, all the hard work and disappointments along the way are worth it.

The hard work began earlier this year and the major disappointment came when her chosen presenter for the showing withdrew at the last minute.

However, undaunted, Jackie is looking forward to the first major exhibition of her work, helped by a grant from Barnet Libraries and Arts, at The Manor House, East End Road, Finchley, from November 10-24.

Her art speaks for itself, but one of her personal messages is to others who may not be using their talents to the full, especially children and young people, and it is: 'Look, I've got this far. Why not have a go yourself and see what you can do.'

Jackie started sculpture from

scratch seven years ago, at the age of 39, when she had given up her job as a marriage guidance counsellor and was looking for a new direction in life.

'There is something about working in stone, particularly, that I like,' said Jackie. 'It's a combination of aggressive activity and patient working out and I enjoy the struggle and the problems.'

After enrolling in clay modelling classes at Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute, within two years she had sold some pieces to a well-known interior design firm and within three had been given her first commission.

Jackie is a member of the Manor House Society, who are also sponsoring her exhibition of about 30 works, the first time they have done so.

They plan to make the centre a focus for cultural activities.

Her Jewish heritage has been one of the main influences on Jackie's work but her pieces, in stone, wood and bronze, are mainly figurative.

Teaching clay modelling classes



Grecian Form . . . one of Jackie King-Cline's bronze figures

for Barnet Libraries and Arts at The Gallery, Totteridge Library, has been just one of her many activities and that is where the

exhibition will transfer from December 3-14, opening times Tuesday to Saturday (except Thursday) 11am-1pm, 2-4pm.

Admission at Manor House is free, opening times Monday to Thursday 11am to 10pm. Friday 11am-2pm, Sunday 2-10pm.

Michaelmas at All Saints's Centre

THE Michaelmas season at All Saints' Centre continues on November 13 and 14 with Red Shift Theatre Company's 'Romeo and Juliet', acclaimed by The Scotsman newspaper at the Edinburgh Festival.

This is followed on November 24 by The Greenwood Clarinet Quintet playing popular pieces by Mozart, Elgar, Handel and Schubert.

Close on their heels come The Springs Dance Company on December 8 with a class at 3pm and show at 8pm. Their dance is contemporary and classical on biblical themes. All tickets £2 (£1 concessions), tel: 445 4654.

CHAMBER CONCERT SERIES

MARISA Robles and Susan Milan give the next recital on the programme of Barnet Libraries and Arts's 2nd International Chamber Concert Series. They are appearing at The Institute, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, on Monday December 2 at 8pm.

In 1979 the New York Times acclaimed Marisa Robles the perfect harpist. Born in Madrid, she started her musical training at the age of seven at the Royal Conservatory and quickly established herself with the leading Spanish orchestras. Miss Robles has become a familiar name to concert goers and frequent television and radio appearances have confirmed her as one of the most popular harpists.

Called a flautist in a thousand by a Times critic, Susan Milan is one of Britain's leading instrumentalists.

Their recital at The Institute is sponsored by the Whetstone builders VAT Watkins as part of Barnet Libraries and Arts' scheme for business sponsorship of the arts in the Borough. Tickets £4 (£2.50 concessions) from Hazel Sharples, tel: 202 5625, ext 56.

Life, art and price of chopped liver

MANOR House Society are having a busy time at the moment. Apart from an exhibition of sculpture (see above), they are also running a Jewish book fair from November 17-24.

With a formal opening by Lord Weidenfeld, there will be appearances by many well-known authors and academics and the fair will be closed by Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC governors.

Then, on December 8, actress Maureen Lipmann will speak about life, art and the price of chopped liver. Tickets, tel: 346 2288.

Odsox dance

ODSOX, the youth dance company of Barnet Borough, are taking part in a night of dance at The Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, NW1, on November 12.

Sponsored by Greater London Arts, it is a chance for GLA's award winners to show off their talents.

Odsox (left) are 18 young people aged 11-18 brought together by Community and Recreational Arts in Barnet's dance officer, Jane Forde, who is currently rehearsing them for their first performance in the borough at The Old Bull, Chipping Barnet.



Money Matters

PERSONAL TAX HEADACHES

No. 4

Capital Gains Tax (1)

Generally speaking the sale of as principal private residence is exempt from Capital Gains Tax. There are some circumstances, however, when capital gains tax will be payable.

- i. The basic exemption extends to a house and grounds up to one acre. Gains arising on the sale of land in excess of one acre will be charged if, having regard to the size and character of the property, the land is not required for its reasonable enjoyment
- ii. Each individual is entitled to exemption on only one property. The sale of the second home or holiday cottage may therefore give rise to tax. For Capital Gains Tax as for Income Tax on "individual" does not include a married woman living with her husband though it does include a common law wife.
- iii. Only a proportion of the capital gains will be exempt if the property has not been used throughout the period of ownership as the principal private residence. The gain will similarly be apportioned if the owner has lived in only part of the house

throughout the period of ownership and has let part of it or used it for business purposes.

- iv. No exemption is given if the property was acquired wholly or partly with a view to realising a gain on its disposal.

On the other hand exemption from capital gains tax is sometimes given on the sale of a property which is not the owners principal private residence.

- i. Exemption on one additional property will be given if it has been occupied rent free by a dependent relative. A dependent relative is defined as the widowed, separated or single mother of the taxpayer or his spouse or any other relative who is incapacitated by old age or infirmity from maintaining himself.
- ii. If an individual currently in job related accommodation, for example a publican or clergyman, purchases a property intending in due course to occupy it as his principal private residence but sells it before doing so, then any gain will be exempt.

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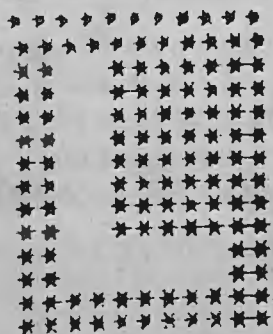
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Deputy Officer in Charge Wingfield Day Nursery

**Salary: £9,636—£10,632
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You will be a member of the nursery's management team, and your duties will include assisting in the day-to-day running of the nursery, taking full responsibility for the nursery in the absence of the Officer in Charge. You will also be involved in the development and supervision of staff.

In order to fulfill this demanding post you will need an appropriate qualification (CQSW; CSS; NNEB) with experience at senior level, plus the ability and skills to undertake a variety of management tasks. In addition you should be experienced in working sensitively with young children and their parents, and have a sound knowledge of child development and care practice.

Informal enquiries to Virginia Herron (Officer in Charge) on 01-205 6175 or Monica Candy (Management Officer) on 01-446 1488, Ext. 247.

Applications from employees of the GLC and MCC's with relevant experience will be welcome.

Closing date 21st November, 1985.

Application forms quoting reference 411 available from address No. 4. Tel: 01-446 6857 (24 hour answering service).

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For further information contact: Eddie Stiven, Principal Management Officer or Oscar White, Management Officer on 952 7722.

Separation allowance and 100% removal expenses payable in approved cases.

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Closing date 21st November, 1985.

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Care Assistants (2 POSTS)

We are looking for people with commitment, drive and energy to fill a variety of posts in our homes for the elderly.

The first post is based at Abbots and Brunswick Lodge and is full time, 39 hours per week to be worked on a rota basis including weekends and Bank Holidays. You will attend to the personal needs of the clients and, because of the personal nature of the work, only MALE applicants need apply. Application forms from Mr Westbury, Abbots and Brunswick Lodge, Brunswick Park Road, N11. Tel: 361 1271.

The second post is based in Holden Road, N12 and is part time, 25 hours a week on a rota basis involving alternating shifts and Bank Holidays.

Application forms from Mr Clare, Meadowside Home for the Elderly, 58 Holden Road, N12. Tel: 446 0234.

Applicants for either post must have

For full-time posts we offer a minimum of 20 days basic annual leave, with additional leave at most Bank Holidays, a subsidised canteen and schemes to assist with temporary separation and relocation. Assistance with housing may be available; 100% of removal expense; interest free loans for annual season tickets.

previous experience of day or residential care work.

Rate of pay: £2.62 per hour plus enhanced pay for weekend work.

Domestic Assistant Chandos Lodge

Your duties will involve the general cleaning of this purpose-built home on the Grahame Park Estate, NW9. You should be reliable and keen to work with elderly people.

Hours: 30 per week, 8.00am—2.00pm, 5 days per week on a rota basis, involving alternate weekends.

Rate of pay: £2.38 per hour plus enhanced pay for weekend work.

Apply to: Mrs Hale, Chandos Lodge Home for the Elderly, Broadhead Strand, Grahame Park Estate, NW9. Tel: 205 4878.

Applications from employees of the GLC and MCC's with relevant experience will be welcome.

Closing date 21st November, 1985.

Chief Executive and Town Clerk's Department

Are you bored and looking for occasional work?

Have you: A few hours free on an occasional basis? Previous experience in being interviewed for jobs?

Our Central Training Section is looking for 'guinea pigs' to assist our Managers improve their interviewing techniques. We require people who would be prepared to come into a training course and be interviewed by a small panel of staff. You will be provided with all the details of the job you are applying for and be expected to act out the role of the applicant. There will be occasions when the interview will be recorded on closed circuit television in order to assist course members in later discussion.

In return for your services you will be paid £5.00 per session.

No formal qualifications are required. If you are interested in this unusual opportunity, please contact Terry Baldwin on 01-202 8282, Ext. 465 for an informal discussion.

Ref. 600/RP

1 Personnel Officer, Room 35 Ravensfield House, The Burroughs Hendon, London NW4 4BE. Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext. 481 (01-202 6602 24 hr answering service)

2 Directorate of Technical Services Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road Finchley, London N3 2LP. Tel: 01-349 9121

3 Director of Educational Services Town Hall, Friern Barnet London N11. Tel: 01-368 1255

4 Director of Social Services Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone London N20 9HZ. Tel: 01-446 6857 (24 hr answering service)

5 Borough Librarian, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BE Tel: 01-202 5625 Ext. 48

6 Geoff Fish, Chief Environmental Health Officer Grove Lodge, 287 Regents Park Road Finchley, London N3 3JY. Tel: 01-349 9121 Ext. 151

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E d u c a t i o n

Programmed for success — an exciting approach to science

BARNET Education Department have commissioned a 15-year-old boy to write them a computer program to help teach science to primary school pupils.

This is part of a more exciting approach to science and technology in the Borough in response to new guidelines laid down by the Government.

Not only have Barnet commissioned their own program, but they have gone to a manufacturer in Wales to have their own computer control pack developed to meet specifications worked out in tests throughout the Borough's schools to find out just what was needed.

Every Barnet primary school now has a computer and the 'Control It' pack developed by the Education Department is designed to dovetail with the work now being done by pupils.

But computers are only one aspect of science, something that is emphasised by the Primary Science Resource Centre set up at Southaw School, Whetstone, in January 1984. It will move to Finchley Manorhill lower school building which will house the teachers' centres and other facilities at the end of the current academic year.

The resource centre is where teachers can go to learn about new approaches to teaching all aspects of science in primary schools.

The support teacher for the subject, and the person who runs the centre, is Ron Allen. It was his idea to commission 15-year-old Iain Smedley, from Potters Bar, to write a simple, Logo-based program for use with the Control It pack.

Iain developed the language for the program to Ron's specifications, making it simple, precise and very human to make the children using it think, reason and work things out for themselves.

It can be used, in conjunction with the control pack, to set up electrical circuits, or sets of mini-traffic lights, for instance, to make pupils work out for themselves how they operate.

A new development is in the field of robotics — using the computer to control moving parts, like robotic arms or miniature fairground Big Wheels.

This was why the Control It pack was brought in by Barnet. Ron had been unable to find equipment or software on the market that was for his purposes, so decided to develop the Borough's own.



Ron Allen and visiting teacher Chris Luck with robotic K9.

There are a great many visitors to the centre, not only Barnet teachers, but those from other boroughs who have heard of the centre's record.

Ron holds about four in-service training courses for Barnet teachers each term, but runs others elsewhere, too. He is always inundated by applications for places.

The centre itself, set up in an old cloakroom, is comfortable and attractive.

Neil Blake, Barnet's General

Adviser for Science, who appointed Ron to the job, wanted a welcoming room that would provide the right facilities and resources and also be socially appealing.

He didn't want teachers to come to just another classroom for in-service courses, so there are no desks and the chairs are comfortable.

This way they can go along and chat about what they are doing and pick up ideas, as well as having the opportunity to make things with the workshop facilities.

Temporary Assistant Cook

Woodside Park, N12

This is a temporary post to cover the absence of the permanent postholder who is on maternity leave. Your duties will include assisting the cook to prepare meals for approximately 60 residents plus staff, and to take responsibility in the absence of the cook.

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Rate of pay: £2.57 per hour plus enhanced pay for weekends.

Apply to: Mr Clare, Meadowside Home for the Elderly, 58 Holden Road, N12. Tel: 446 0234.

Directorate of Housing Services

Homeless Persons Officer

Salary: Scale 6 £9,636—£10,248 per annum inclusive. Plus essential user car allowance.

This post is located in the busy Home-

less Persons Section of the Pre-Housing Division, presently based at 65 Watford Way, Hendon, NW4, but in the near future the post will be relocated to Barnet House, Whetstone, N20.

We are looking for someone with a sound knowledge of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, together with associated case law, to carry a case-load of homeless and potentially homeless people, and participate in a day-time duty desk rota. You will also be involved in emergency out-of-hours rota.

We offer: 21 days basic annual leave with additional leave at most Bank Holidays; 36 hour week — flexible working hours in operation; interest-free loans for season tickets and staff restaurant.

This post is subject to LMGSC ring-fencing procedures, but with their agreement is now being offered on an unrestricted basis. Applications are invited from anyone with appropriate qualifications and experience, but priority will be given to employees of the GLC and MCC's.

For an informal discussions about this

interesting opportunity telephone Mr K. Cole on 01-202 8282, Ext. 444.

Closing date 21st November, 1985.

Application forms quoting reference 606/53 available from address No. 1.

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Applications from employees of the GLC and MCC's with relevant experience will be welcome.

Closing date 21st November, 1985.

Further details and application forms quoting reference 149 from address No. 5. Tel: 01-202 5625, Ext. 48.

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Nature Notes

NOVEMBER

By Clive Herbert of the Barnet Wildlife Group

If you are working in the garden this month, try to spare a thought for the wildlife. November is an ideal month to plant trees and shrubs, but remember, native species will have the most associated insect life. When pruning trees try to leave some branches on the ground — rotting wood is a valuable habitat. Resisting the urge to overtidy will increase the range of wildlife able to survive in your garden.

The first frosts signal the time to start putting out food and water for the birds. Once you begin feeding, continue regularly until spring.

Watch out when you light your Guy Fawkes bonfire. If the fire has been prepared a few days in advance, you could find that a hedgehog has decided it's an ideal hibernation site for the winter.

Next year has been designated 'National Bat Year' and it will be launched in North London on November 27, at the Fern Hall, Salisbury Road, Barnet, where I shall be giving an illustrated talk commencing at 8pm entitled 'Focus on Bats'. This is an open meeting and I invite everyone to join me for the evening to learn more about this fascinating but much misunderstood group of animals.

Councillors' and MPs' surgeries

CHIPPING BARNET

John Major, GLC councillor, and a borough councillor available Saturday, November 16, 10.30am to 12 noon, 163 High St, Barnet.

Sydney Chapman, MP, and a borough councillor available Saturday, December 7, 10.30am to 12 noon, 163 High St, Barnet.

Arkley Ward — Councillor Wilf Lipman available Friday, November 15 and December 6, 7.30pm, Dollis Valley Community Centre.

FINCHLEY AND FRIERN BARNET

Conservative councillors available Saturday December 7, 10.30am to 12 noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

Margaret Thatcher, MP, can be contacted by constituents only at her local Constituency Office, 212 Ballards Lane, N3, telephone 445 4292.

East Finchley Ward — Labour councillors available Saturdays, November 9, 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 10am to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, N2.

HENDON NORTH

John Gorst, MP, available Friday November 15 by appointment, or at other times by

phoning 959 1446 or visiting the Constituency Office, 2 Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill. **Conservative** councillors surgeries at Grahame Park and Mill Hill on Wednesdays, November 13, 20, 27 and December 4, by appointment at above number and address.

Bryan Cassidy, GLC Member available by contacting the Constituency Office as above.

Colindale Ward — Labour councillors available Saturday, November 23, 11am to 12 noon, St Augustine's Church, Grahame Park.

HENDON SOUTH

Peter Thomas, MP, available by appointment with secretary (219 4079). **Conservative** councillors available for consultation (202 7484)

West Hendon — Phone Cllr Tim Sims (734 8080, office hours) for appointment at West Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club, The Broadway, NW9. Cllrs Doreen Neall (202 9927) and Agnes Slocombe (202 4074) available by appointment.

EURO MP

John Marshall, Euro MP, may be contacted at 2 Birkdale Rd, London, W5, for appointments.



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Holmewood is an old-established preparatory school for boys aged 5-13+ years. Tuition follows the Common Entrance syllabus for entry to Public Schools at the age of 13+.

Centenary Year Bursaries are being offered this year for boys 10 and 11 years old with exceptional ability. Interested parents should contact the school without delay.

A prospectus may be obtained from the Secretary
(Telephone 01-445 9670)

Holmewood School



Holmewood School, which is in its centenary year, is looking to hear from as many old pupils as possible by December 6th, which marks the start of a week of celebrations. There will be an exhibition of work by the current pupils, to which old students have an open invitation, and on the evening of Friday, December 6th, there is to be a centenary reunion dinner at the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet. Many former students have already been in touch, including the Bishop of Manchester, the Right Reverend Stanley Booth-Clibborn; actress Agnes Bernelle; and actress/broadcaster Daphne Oxenford.

In its 100 years there have been four notable principals — the founder, Mrs Maria Wilson (1885-1900); Miss Ella Nora Patch (c.1910-1939); George Rich, who joined the school as a teacher in 1910, became joint principal (1939-1960) with Mrs Lloyd Jones and her sister Miss Plumridge, and

was still teaching at Holmewood on a part-time basis after his official retirement; and Reverend Howard Rady (1960-1985) who retired at the end of last term. Now owned by the International School of London and under the headship of Robin Metters, Holmewood continues as a successful boys' Prep school and is looking to expand its numbers in the coming years. Besides the high percentage of 13-year-olds who pass into public schools, eight students since 1980 have obtained scholarship awards in the process.

A history of the school is in preparation and will be available by Centenary Week, together with other souvenir items. Several former students have provided material and historic memorabilia which are to be on display at the Reunion dinner. Any past pupils who have not yet received information about this should contact the School Secretary.

BARNET COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

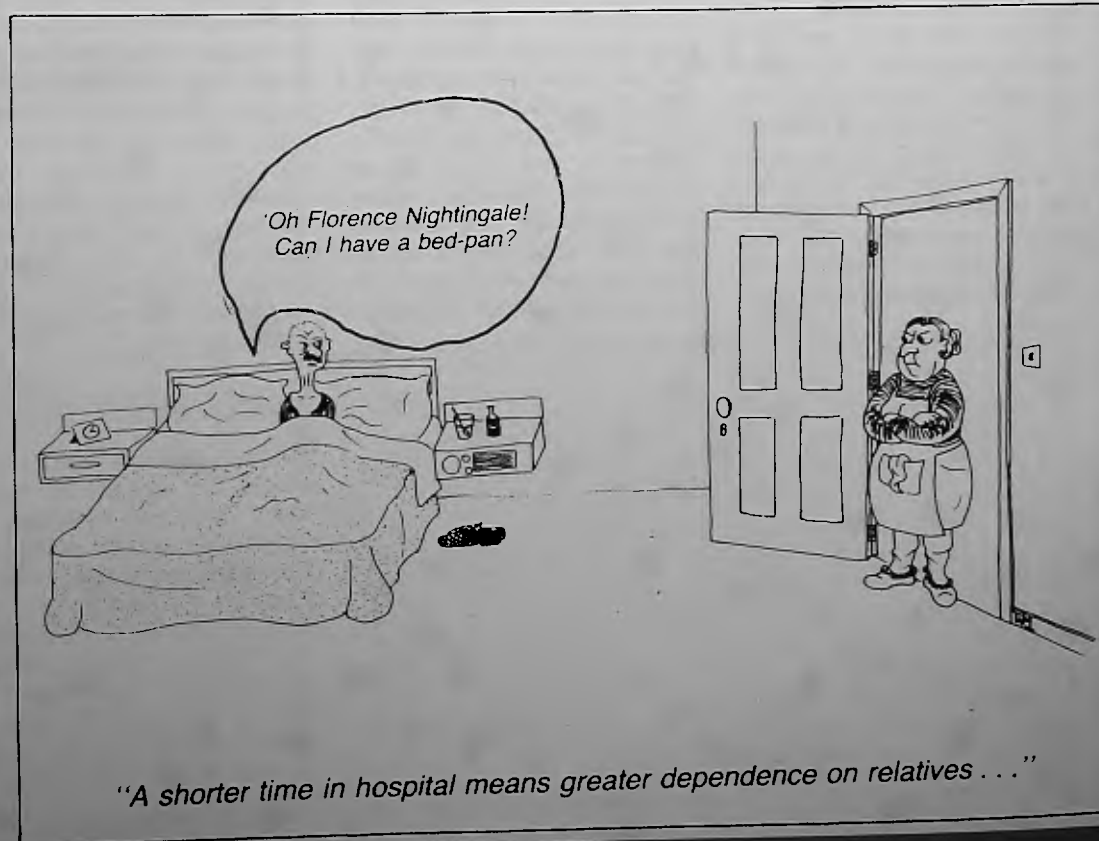
An independent and local voice on health matters for you and your family, for your friends and your neighbours

In the past 12 months Barnet CHC has:

- ★ Published a booklet on local services for mentally ill people.
- ★ Surveyed the foot-care needs of elderly people.
- ★ Asked people discharged from mental hospitals how satisfied they were with the care they received in the community, to find out where extra help was needed.
- ★ Held a public meeting on fluoride in water supplies.
- ★ Asked women, through the local press, about their need for well-women clinics.
- ★ Researched, together with Barnet Mencap, the need for residential homes for multiply-handicapped people.
- ★ Had discussions with workers from Drug Concern, the project which is tackling drug problems in Barnet.
- ★ Commented on the Regional Health Authority's plans for the next 10 years (Regional Strategy) as they affect people living in Barnet.
- ★ Accepted reluctantly and with reservations that the thoracic (heart and lung) department now at Colindale Hospital should move to Harefield Hospital in Hillingdon.
- ★ Taken a vote against private patients in National Health Service Hospitals.
- ★ Applied, together with representatives of ethnic minority groups and health workers for charitable funding for an Asian link-worker in the midwifery department.
- ★ Made 56 visits to local hospitals and clinics, to look at the premises and talk to patients.
- ★ Helped 76 people with complaints about hospitals and GPs.
- ★ Answered 228 general enquiries.

What is the CHC?

When the NHS was reorganised in 1974 the Government was persuaded that an independent and local voice was needed on health matters. It therefore set up a Community Health Council in each of the Districts. Barnet CHC has 24 full members (eight elected by local voluntary organisations, 12 appointed by the Borough Council and four by the Regional Health Authority) and eight co-opted members with specialist knowledge. CHC members are consulted on all proposed changes in their District. They try to ensure that as far as possible changes are in the best interests of the community they represent.



BARNET COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

NHS Today

There is widespread concern that the National Health Service is not as good as it was, that wards, or whole hospitals, are closing and waiting lists growing. How much of this is true?

Although the Government is giving the NHS 1% more money this year, it has been estimated that just to maintain present standards costs an extra 1½% per annum. (½% because there are more elderly people and ½% to keep up with new technology). The hard-earned pay award to nurses will make it even more difficult for the NHS to make ends meet, since the Government has refused to finance anything above 3%, and the remainder will have to be found from health authorities' existing budgets.

This is a time of considerable change, as the Government aims to spread the health service more evenly over the whole country. London can boast of having many of the great teaching hospitals but, because of the relatively unplanned way the service has grown up, people in some other parts of Great Britain have to travel very long distances indeed to reach their nearest hospitals. Money is being taken away from some of the luckier areas (Barnet is one) and given to other parts of the country which are much worse off. RAWP (Resource Allocation Working Party) is the name given to this system of redistributing money across the country. Health authorities are being allowed less money on the assumption that they will be able to make savings through greater efficiency. Our

understanding is that "greater efficiency" masks a real cut in services.

In the next 10 years London is to lose 2,000 beds for acute services (surgery, investigations, etc): CHCs have the task of watching that these cuts don't take place before the new local services have been provided. The Government intends that more money should go into services which it sees as most important: for mentally ill, mentally handicapped and elderly people, and the community nursing service (district nurses, health visitors, clinics, etc). Changes are taking place but the resources allocated are not sufficient to meet the need.

We are fearful that there is a gradual erosion rather than development of the National Health Service.

What does this mean for Barnet DHA?

The District Health Authority foresaw the effect of the cuts on Barnet and has been rationalising its services. It is concentrating surgery at Barnet and Edgware Hospitals. No more operations are carried out at Finchley Memorial and Potters Bar Hospitals and there is a proposal to close Hendon District Hospital.

The number of hospital beds for acute services in Barnet has fallen steadily: from 876 in 1983 to 795 in 1984. Beds are used more intensively, with patients expected to stay in hospital for a shorter period. This can mean that if a patient is not ready to go home when expected, some unlucky person may arrive at the hospital to find his operation has been postponed. An increasing number of people

are treated as day cases and the Health Authority expects that 20% of cases will be dealt with in this way by 1994.

There were fears that Barnet would have to lose one of its two District General Hospitals, Barnet or Edgware. However, we are glad to report that the Regional Health Authority's plans for the next 10 years foresee no change in the present position during that time.

Care in the community

This policy recognises that most people do not like spending long periods in hospital, and that with enough support many can remain in their homes. It relies on co-operation between Health Authorities and Social Services to provide nurses, social workers and day centres. With appropriate care for each individual, people who have to go into hospital for treatment can be discharged more quickly and some of those who have spent much of their lives in long-stay hospitals in the country can go to smaller and less isolated homes.

A shorter time in hospital means greater dependence on relatives and neighbours, district nurses and GPs. This is true particularly for mentally ill people, elderly men and women and those recovering from operations. The CHC has been worried that people might be discharged from hospitals more quickly than the community services could cope with them and welcomed the reply of the Barnet Health Authority to the Regional Strategy insisting, as the CHC had done, that change should not be too fast.

Mental Health

Where possible, mentally ill people are treated at home and if they are admitted to hospital are kept for as short a time as possible. We have no evidence that discharged patients in Barnet are tramping the streets or sleeping rough, as television has shown in other areas, but we do know of a lot of families who do not get enough support with their sick relatives.

Despite Government press-

ure to close mental hospitals as quickly as possible, Barnet Health Authority has warned that closure can only take place as community services become available. Barnet CHC congratulates the DHA taking a firm stand, on recognising that some form of refuge will always be needed for people who are acutely mentally ill and on obtaining from the Regional Health Authority a declaration that Napsbury Hospital will not be closed during the next 10 years.

Barnet CHC is trying to help in three ways. Firstly, we have produced a booklet listing all the local services available for mentally ill people. Secondly we have carried out a survey into what sort of support services people discharged from mental hospitals really want. And lastly, we arranged a day conference (Mental Health — Who Cares?) to discuss the problem. 70 people heard talks by Chris Heginbotham, National Director of MIND and Dr Malcom Weller, Consultant Psychiatrist at Friern Hospital and took part in workshops. The conference made it clear that care in the community is neither a cheap option, nor does it mean that the burden of caring falls on the community. To make it a reality requires both resources and a change in the attitude of the general public. Many people are afraid of mental illness and the task of educating them to live with their mentally ill neighbours is an urgent one.

Elderly People

If the plight of mentally ill people makes headlines, the number of elderly people needing care in the community is even greater. Barnet is one of the areas with the highest proportion of elderly people in the country. The DHA has improved wards for the elderly people, many of whom are discharged after a 2-3 week stay and a thorough assessment of their health. They may then need help (district nurse, meals on wheels, home-help) but with the number of elderly people in the borough growing fast, some of these services find it difficult to meet their needs with the resources available.

Some of the day care which



"It's all your fault — you should be better by now!"

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is needed will be provided by the new Day Hospitals at Finchley Memorial Hospital and Colindale Hospital, where building should start in 1986.

Senile Dementia

Senile Dementia affects one in seven people over 65 and one in four over 80. The most common cause (65%) is Alzheimer's Disease which, tragically, can also strike younger people. A branch of the Alzheimer's Disease Society has started in Barnet and welcomes all carers of people with symptoms of senile dementia, as well as people working professionally in this field. Membership is growing fast and we congratulate the Barnet branch on the support it is offering carers in their difficult job.

Chiropody

Barnet CHC received a lot of complaints about the long wait for appointments for chiropody. With the help of volunteers from pensioners groups, we questioned 203 elderly people in different parts of the borough. The results were published and a public meeting held to discuss the survey on 10 October 1985 at Meritage Club. More clinics and staff are needed, but an emergency clinic and a toenail cutting service would do something to reduce the waiting lists.

Taking your medicine

A lot of elderly people have to take medicines of some sort (in 1980, elderly people received twice as many prescriptions as the national average.) It can be difficult to remember instructions, or a combination of drugs may have harmful effects. For confused elderly people the problem is much worse. CHC members have had discussions with the District Pharmacist and together with GPs and pharmacists, the Council is producing a leaflet to help both elderly people taking medicines and those who may be looking after them.

Some hospitals and general practices have for some time had a policy of not prescribing expensive drugs when cheap-

er ones were equally good. In April, the Government in their "Limited Drugs List" restricted the number of drugs which GPs could prescribe. This was an effort to keep costs down, but the Government did not consult either GPs or consumers until after the preliminary list had been published and as a result the change was not well received. The CHC was keen to find out whether the list would have the effects which were feared. We advertised in the local press and in our own newsletter, but received only a handful of replies. Informal enquiry of GPs lead us to think there are few real problems, but we hope that there will soon be some way that people who are not satisfied with the alternative prescribed can appeal.

Mental Handicap

It is now recognised that most mentally handicapped people are not ill and should be in the care of the local council rather than the National Health Service. The Government is encouraging health authorities and local councils to co-operate in transferring responsibilities and money. This policy was reinforced in the report on the visit to Barnet in May 1984 of the National Development Team for Mentally Handicapped People. As a result a Joint Panel of Borough Council and Health Authority representatives was set up to oversee the changes and plan an

integrated service for mentally handicapped people in Barnet.

The CHC recognises the difficulties involved in two such different statutory bodies working together. But with so much urgently needing to be done, it is extremely disappointing that so little progress has been made. A start was to be made with Rosa Morison House, a transfer which is still awaited.

Now that representatives from voluntary organisations, such as Mencap, are members of the body responsible for joint planning, the CHC hopes they will join it in pressing for faster progress.

Prevention is better than cure

Not all the CHC's concern has been with those who are ill. The importance of preventive health care is increasingly recognised, with the need for people to understand that to a certain extent they can be responsible for their own health. The CHC welcomes the Health Promotion Team, recently set up by the Barnet Health Authority to co-ordinate campaigns on important topics, beginning with a no-smoking policy.

Well Women

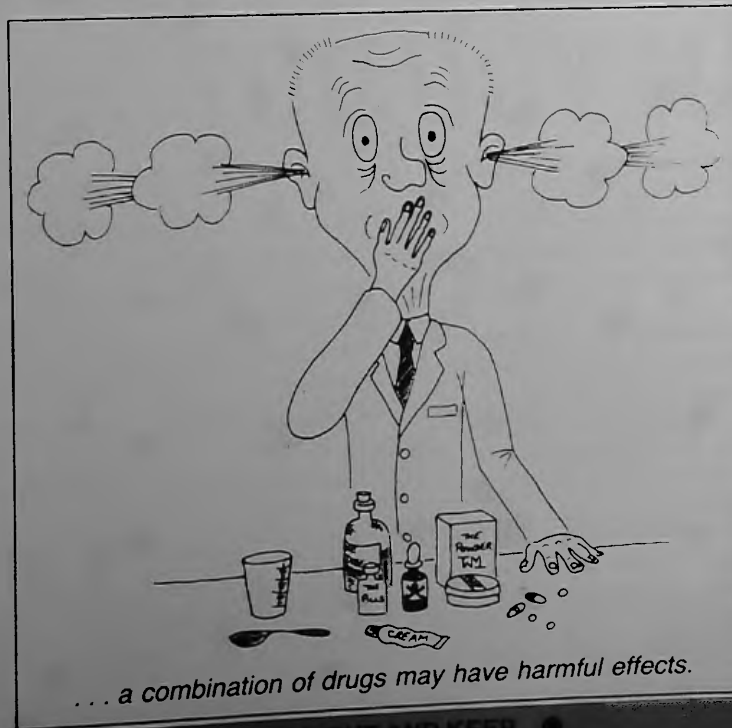
CHC has felt for some time the need for Well-Women Clinics, where women can not only have breast and smear

checks but also discuss with women staff any health and personal problems which are worrying them. Existing family planning clinics which offer breast and smear checks do not advertise them. In collaboration with the CHC, the Hendon Times Women's Page published in February a short questionnaire designed to assess the need for well women's clinics and this stimulated considerable interest. It coincided with a national scandal concerning the modification of smear results and a number of Barnet women were motivated to have a smear test done. 129 replies were received to the questionnaire, and a large number of these expressed the wish for women staff and much more publicity for the services on offer. It prompted an article on the Women's Page in August on the particular risk of cervical cancer to women between 50 and 60 years.

If you would like to know where you can have a smear test, contact the CHC office.

Fluoride — yes or no?

Fluoride in our water is a subject which provokes a lot of public interest. The CHC arranged a meeting in October 1984 at which both the pro and anti-fluoridation views were put forward. After an extended discussion those present voted against fluoridation of the water supply. When looking at how individual parents could find out how many drops of fluoride they should give their children, CHC members discovered this was not easy. The amount needed can vary from one road to the next, and users have to phone the appropriate water authority. (there are three in Barnet) and give their exact address in order to be told the correct dose. The CHC discussed this with Thames Water Authority, the major supplier, and it has agreed to produce maps of Barnet, showing the three areas and the number to phone for information on dosage. These maps will be distributed to pharmacists and dentists for display.



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Putting things right

Most people who have a complaint go direct to the hospitals or to the Family Practitioner Committee (for GPs, dentists, opticians and pharmacists) but some find this upsetting or embarrassing. CHC staff can

help by listening to their problems, advising them on the best action and writing letters or going with them to meet health staff if needed.

Few people who come to the CHC for advice about a complaint want compensation for what has gone wrong.

Most are looking for an apology and to know that changes will be made so that others do not suffer as they have. Complaints can result in improvements in the service. If you feel that things aren't going well in your contact with any part of the health service, get in touch with us. It could help to bring improvements for everyone.

voluntary members and two full-time staff. It meets every six weeks and meetings are open to the public. Barnet CHC is at 104 Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak Edgware, HA8 0LN. Telephone 959 2038 (answerphone).

The District Health Authority (DHA) is responsible for managing local health services. The chairman of the DHA is appointed by the Secretary of State and four of its 16 members by the London Borough of Barnet. Twelve members are appointed by the Regional Health Authority and include a GP, a hospital consultant, people nominated by the nursing profession, the TUC and the University of London and seven lay members. Its meetings are held in public. The Barnet DHA is at Colindale Avenue, NW9 5HG. Tel: 200 1555.

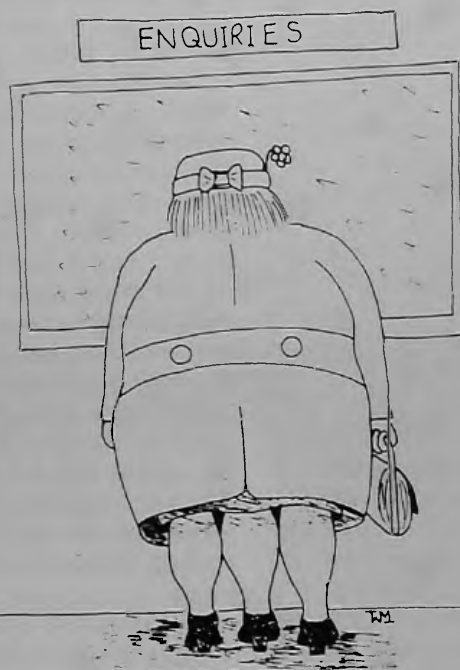
The Family Practitioner Committee (FPC) administers services provided by GPs, dentists, opticians and pharmacists. It also deals with complaints about these services. Its meetings are open to the public. The FPC is at 313 Ballards Lane, N12 8NQ. Tel: 446 5351.

And enquiries too

The CHC also receives a whole range of enquiries. Those relating to the NHS we can answer, but others we have to pass on to the office responsible, often the Environmental Health Offices, Citizens Advice Bureaux or Social Services.

Who's Who?

The Community Health Council (CHC) is the consumer group for the NHS. CHCs try to find out what people want from the health service and put these views to management of the District Health Authority. They also help with complaints and problems about hospital and community services. Barnet CHC has 24



"My name is Hilda Smith and I have a complaint following my recent operation!!"

THE CHC TRIES TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE NHS FOR YOU. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ★ Let us know what you think about your local services.
- ★ COME TO OUR SPECIAL MEETING on Tuesday, November 19th, 1985 at 7.30pm, The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon NW4, and let us have your opinion about the Health Authority's plans for the next ten years. Further meetings listed below.
- ★ Join one of the local voluntary groups which point out the needs of groups like elderly people, people with mental illness etc and act as pressure groups for change. (Voluntary Service Council for details tel: 346 9723.)
- ★ Give your help in a practical way as a volunteer in the community, in hospitals and as a fund raiser. (Volunteer Bureau for details tel: 349 2930.)
- ★ Learn more about the CHC. Please let us know if you would like us to provide a speaker for your group.
- ★ Think about becoming a member of CHC (details from the office).

- ★ Future meetings at 7.30pm at the following hospitals:

Thursday, 7 November, 1985, at Edgware General (boardroom).

Monday, 16 December, 1985, at Finchley Memorial (canteen).

Wednesday, 29 January, 1986, at Finchley Memorial (canteen).

Tuesday, 11 March, 1986, at Barnet General (boardroom).

Thursday, 24 April, 1986, at Finchley Memorial (canteen).

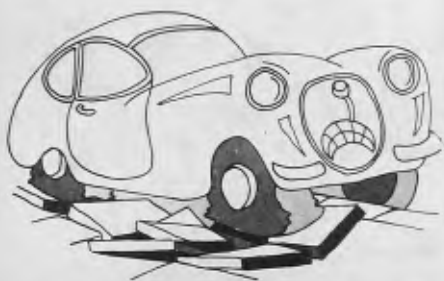
Monday, 2 June, 1986, at Edgware General (boardroom).

Wednesday, 23 July, 1986, at Finchley Memorial (canteen).

Chairman: Mrs Betty Joule; Vice Chairmen: Miss Marie Catterson and Mr Henry Klokow; Secretaries: Mrs Shirley Sadler and Miss Suzanne Sofair.

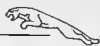
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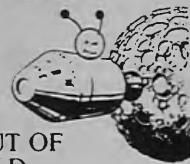
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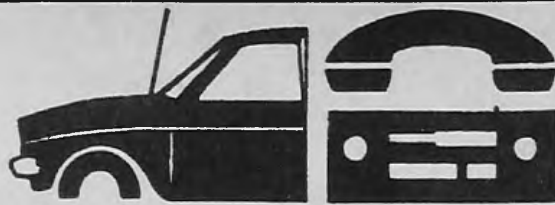
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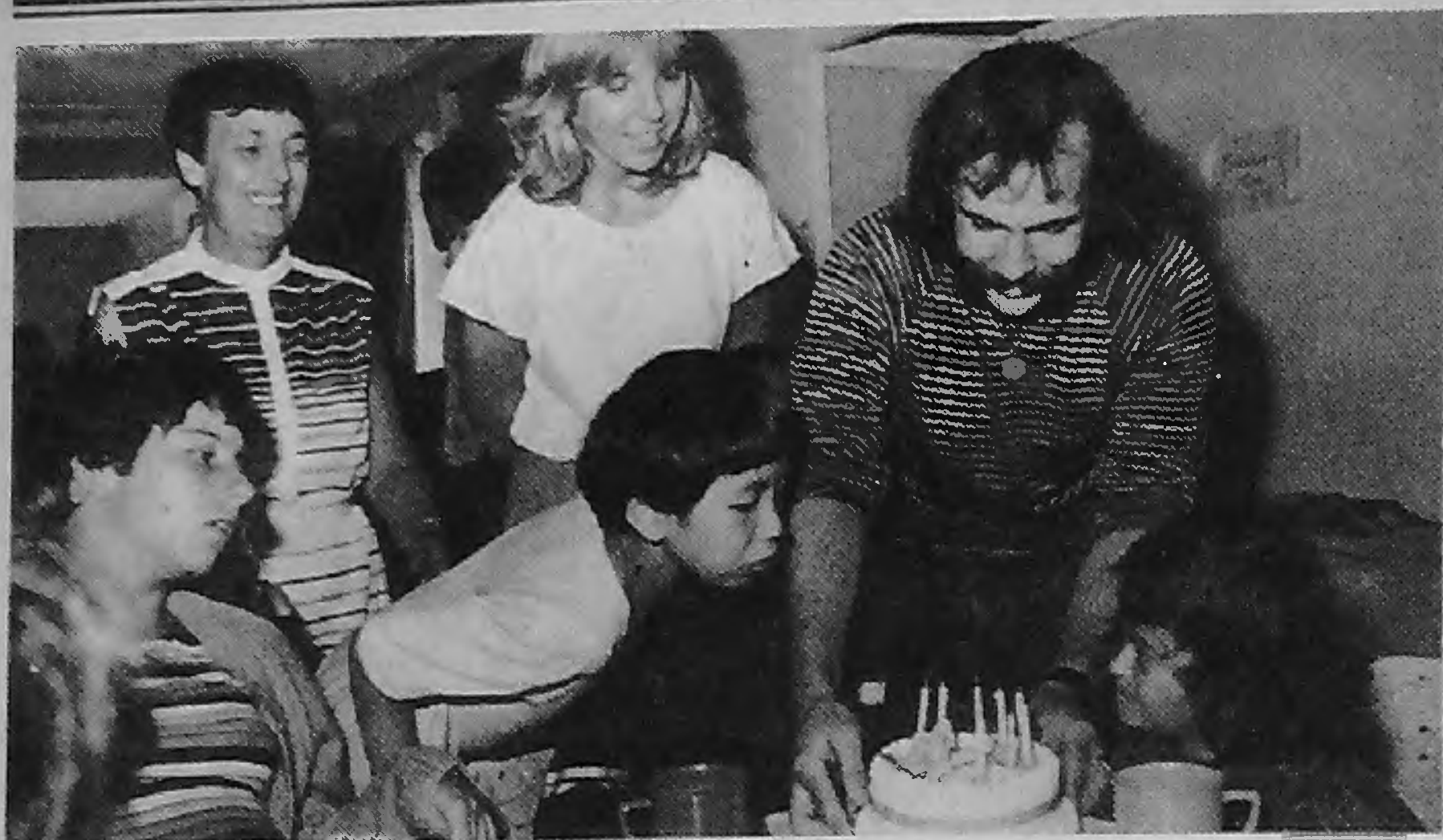
Barnet Report 1984/85



**The Annual Report and
Financial Review 1984/85
for ratepayers and residents**

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Barnet people



Barnet Mencap's holiday scheme. Here Cllr Barbara Langstone, Mayor of Barnet 1985/86, joins a birthday party.



Lord Gowrie, then Minister for the Arts, came to Barnet to launch the local arts sponsorship scheme and is seen here on the right with the Mayor, Cllr Leslie Sussman and Cllr Olwen Evans.



Residents of Grahame Park ran a festival with a little Council help.



Sports Centres encouraged sport for all. At Ashmole Trampoline was very popular.



The Prime Minister, as MP for Finchley, opened the new adventure playground at Oak Lodge Special School.



The Council in session at the annual meeting.

Annual report

FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

FEW people realise the extensive role which the local authority plays in the lives of local residents.

From the registration of births, marriages and deaths, through help with play groups and all levels of education, to the care of the environment and protecting the quality of life, the local council is involved.

It is not therefore possible to cover in detail the full spectrum of local government in Barnet in this annual report. Nevertheless, through the written information and the statistical tables readers will be able to see how the Council is working in the community and where the money is spent.

The net expenditure of the Council last year was nearly £100 million. Nevertheless Barnet stays within the Government guidelines for spending targets and consequently we do not have to charge extra rates which is the case in excessive spending councils. We maintain a high level of services because we adopt strict budgetary controls and if we make savings we seek out those areas of services which least affect the residents.

We never forget that the Council is spending your money. There is no bottomless purse from which we can finance local services. All the money comes from the business and domestic ratepayers or the taxpayers in the form of Government grants. We, the Council, are the stewards and we have to be sure that we are getting the best value for money to provide the level of services which go to make this such a pleasant borough.

Now we face an even more challenging future. On April 1, 1986, the GLC will cease to exist and Barnet will take upon its own shoulders many of the local responsibilities of that authority. This will bring the decision-making process closer to the local community and I look forward to being able to provide a more efficient, cost effective and locally relevant service.

I hope that you will find in the following pages a full and interesting report of the work of your borough and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors, both Conservative and Labour, for their work of the past year. Councillors serve in a voluntary, unpaid capacity and the hours they give are many and demanding. May I thank too the directors, chief officers and employees who contribute so much to the smooth running of our local community.



Councillor Leslie Pym

COMPARISONS

1984-85

| | Outer London Average | Barnet | Brent | Enfield | Haringey | Harrow |
|---|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|----------|--------|
| General | | | | | | |
| Population (000's) | — | 298.2 | 254.9 | 263.3 | 200.1 | 201.4 |
| Area in hectares | — | 8,953 | 4,421 | 8,115 | 3,031 | 5,082 |
| Total Rate Poundage (p) | — | 163.20 | 242.00 | 162.00 | 277.77 | 173.00 |
| All Services | | | | | | |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Total Net Cost per head of population (£) | 418.16 | 359.75 | 599.54 | 386.41 | 717.58 | 384.42 |
| Employees | | | | | | |
| Full-time employees per 1,000 population | 27.32 | 24.02 | 35.58 | 22.57 | 42.85 | 22.78 |
| Part-time employees per 1,000 population | 16.46 | 13.53 | 16.51 | 14.31 | 22.20 | 17.13 |
| RECREATION | | | | | | |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 14.56 | 16.04 | 12.94 | 15.19 | 13.39 | 12.72 |
| EDUCATION | | | | | | |
| Primary | | | | | | |
| Pupil Teacher Ratio | 21.48 | 20.29 | 18.76 | 22.51 | 18.39 | 21.00 |
| Gross Cost per pupil (£) | 883 | 887 | 1,072 | 855 | 1,160 | 869 |
| Secondary | | | | | | |
| Pupil Teacher Ratio | 15.10 | 14.68 | 12.44 | 15.06 | 12.85 | 14.31 |
| Gross Cost per pupil (£) | 1,309 | 1,293 | 1,636 | 1,290 | 1,699 | 1,365 |
| Further (Non Advanced) | | | | | | |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 25.27 | 17.41 | 45.80 | 22.84 | 42.68 | 22.98 |
| School Meals | | | | | | |
| Income as a % of Expenditure | 31.03 | 35.90 | 24.87 | 37.60 | 19.70 | 37.40 |
| Pupils receiving free meals as a % of school rolls | 11.28 | 10.10 | 18.51 | 9.50 | 22.10 | 7.50 |
| HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT | | | | | | |
| Rents paid by tenants as % of total costs | 37.44 | 40.60 | 20.70 | 38.20 | 18.10 | 27.30 |
| Government Subsidy as a % of total costs | 38.26 | 42.20 | 56.20 | 36.60 | 39.30 | 46.60 |
| Rate Fund contribution as a % of total costs | 5.51 | 1.90 | 19.50 | 4.60 | 35.30 | 2.60 |
| Housing benefits as % of gross rents | 46.43 | 51.20 | 46.90 | 48.30 | 22.70 | 56.20 |
| Management and Maintenance — | | | | | | |
| cost per dwelling per week (£) | 9.13 | 8.87 | 6.82 | 7.35 | 10.38 | 9.10 |
| Rent Arrears as a % of rent collectable for the year | 7.19 | 3.20 | 36.90 | 4.20 | 13.70 | 5.40 |
| LIBRARIES | | | | | | |
| Employees per 1,000 population | 0.65 | 0.70 | 0.69 | 0.49 | 0.96 | 0.58 |
| Net Cost per book issue (£) | 0.89 | 0.85 | 1.22 | 0.85 | 2.18 | 0.67 |
| Book issues per head of population | 11 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 13 |
| TECHNICAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| Highways Maintenance cost per kilometre for non-principal roads (£) | 6,159 | 6,297 | 6,611 | 4,037 | 7,646 | 6,561 |
| Refuse Collection | | | | | | |
| Employees per 1,000 population | 0.62 | 0.79 | 0.70 | 0.64 | 0.78 | 0.66 |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 8.68 | 9.73 | 11.72 | 10.46 | 10.68 | 10.75 |
| SOCIAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| Total Net Cost per head of population (£) | 64.99 | 54.26 | 109.24 | 55.20 | 137.61 | 55.25 |
| Administration | | | | | | |
| Management & Administrative Staff per 1,000 population | 0.45 | 0.37 | 0.80 | 0.33 | 0.50 | 0.44 |
| Children in care | | | | | | |
| Children in care as a % of population under 18 | 0.55 | 0.26 | 0.64 | 0.48 | 1.06 | 0.22 |
| Net cost per child in care (£) | 6,851 | 7,334 | 7,567 | 6,937 | 7,860 | 7,544 |
| Care of the Elderly | | | | | | |
| Supported Residents aged 75 and over % | 3.15 | 3.25 | 3.35 | 2.64 | 4.96 | 3.39 |
| Gross cost per resident week in local authority homes (£) | 137.83 | 135.32 | 174.19 | 147.61 | 133.01 | 140.28 |
| Home Helps — Contact Hours per 1,000 population aged 65 and over | 11,054 | 7,139 | 16,020 | 8,236 | 22,733 | 9,371 |
| Field Work — Social Work staff per 1,000 population | 0.64 | 0.54 | 0.92 | 0.45 | 1.38 | 0.82 |
| TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING | | | | | | |
| Net Cost per head of population (£) | 3.92 | 4.04 | 4.38 | 2.52 | 4.89 | 3.54 |

| | Domestic Rate | Percentage Comparison to Barnet |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Barnet | 144.70 | — |
| Enfield | 143.50 | -0.8% |
| Harrow | 154.50 | +6.8% |
| Brent | 223.50 | +54.5% |
| Haringey | 259.27 | +79.2% |

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

Financial services

Barnet keeps to target

As can be seen in the illustration the London Borough of Barnet spent £174 million on local services. In the following pages the work and expenditure of the various council services will be explained. But to start our report of 1984/85 we look into the council's overall finances.

As part of its campaign to restrict public spending the Government set 'target' revenue expenditure figures for all local authorities. Barnet's target was £98,604,000 and all service committees were expected to keep within their budgets so that the Council did not incur the severe grant penalties which the Government imposed on overspending — £80,000 for every £100,000 overspent.

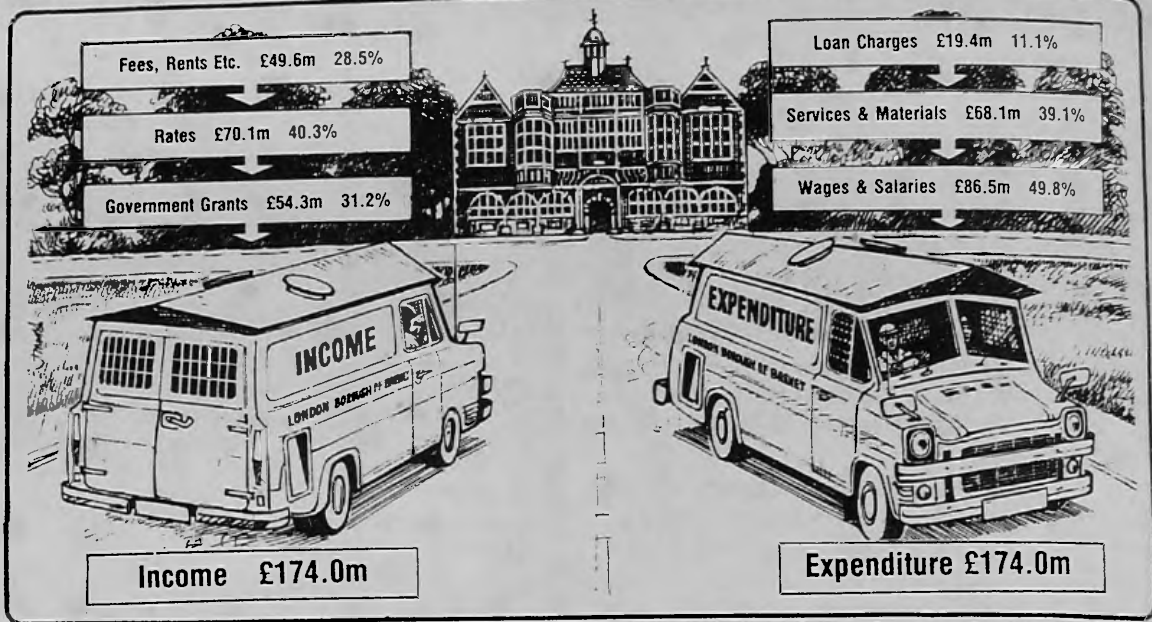
After allowing for £81,603 for community care schemes jointly financed with Barnet Health Authority and which were not subject to the target restriction, the out-turn for the year was £98,684,511 and no penalties were incurred.

During the year interest rates ranged from 8½ to 14 per cent. However the Council had already taken higher interest charges into account in raising the interest rate in the Consolidated Loans Fund from 10¼ to 11½ per cent. Therefore the increase in basic rates to 14 per cent towards the end of the year had only minimal effect on the out-turn for the year.

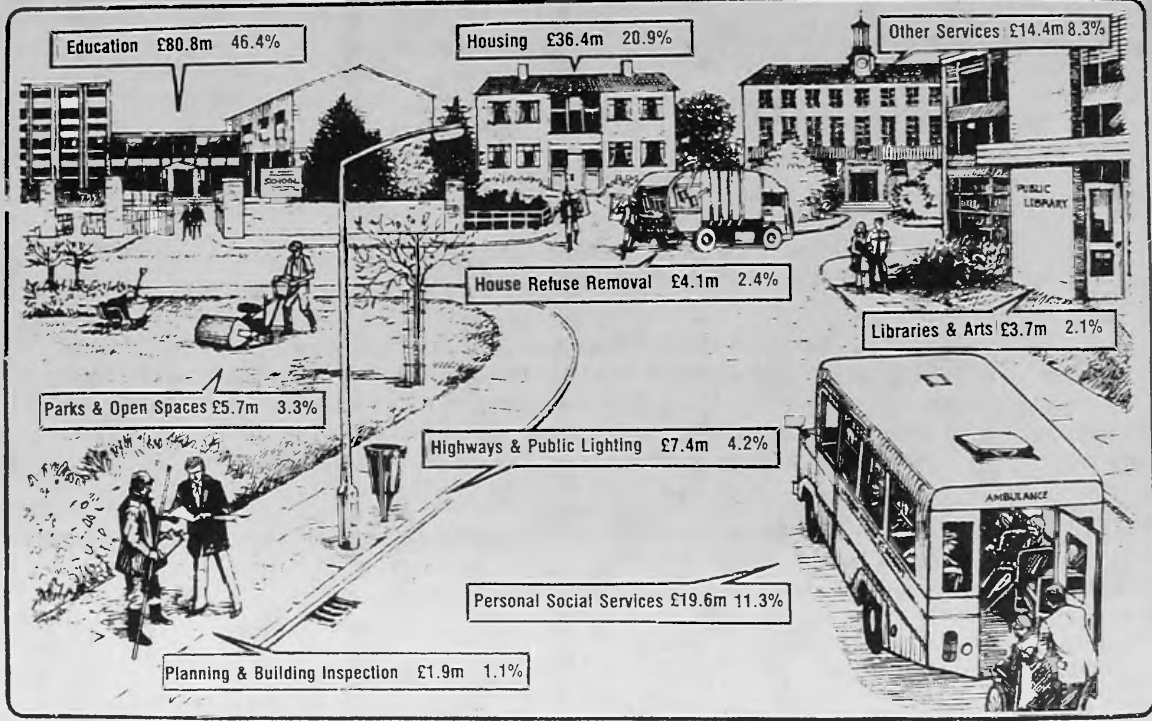
The Council monitors its expenditure during the course of the year to minimise variations of spending against the approved budget. These differences occur due to unexpected increases in pay and prices, and changes in income levels.

The Summary Revenue Account shows how the committees' estimates compared with their net expenditure for the year. Education overspent by £312,000 mainly because of teachers' salaries and running costs of buildings. Social Services were 2 per cent over budget mainly due to agency staff covering in the absence of weekly paid employees and increased rates charged by

How the money was raised and spent in 1984/85



Expenditure of £174.0 million provided these local services



private, voluntary and other local authority homes.

The Finance Committee's out-turn shows additional net income of £255,000 due mainly to the payment of Housing Benefit subsidy arrears and additional interest earnings from revenue balances and unapplied capital receipts.

The General Rate Fund contribution to Housing Committee was £191,000 less than budget. In spite of a high level of activity on improvement grants the net expenditure was reduced significantly by government grants. The Housing Revenue Account produced a balanced position in line with the estimates after the increased contribution to the Interest Rate Equalisation Fund was taken into account.

This was mainly due to under-spending on housing repairs, reduced Watling Estate payments to the GLC and increased income from GLC nominations.

These savings together with those of Development and Estates and Public Works Committees, more than offset the overspending and the year's out-turn was £30,719 below budget.

The Council maintains a special fund to help ensure that revenue expenditure levels of the general rate fund do not have an adverse effect on Barnet's Rate Support Grant settlement. The overall actual net spending allowed a reduced transfer to be made from the special fund — £933,000 rather than the

budgeted £1 million.

The penny rate product was finalised at £609,637 against an estimated £602,500. Rate income appropriation after taking account of a reduction in previous years' Rate Support Grant settlements was £792,785 more than anticipated. This, together with the overall net underspending on all committees, enabled a balance carried forward at the end of the year of £3,162,100. Rate Support Grant losses notified so far this year, however, effectively reduced this balance to the level budgeted at £2.3 million.

After another extremely difficult year the financial results, in overall terms, can be considered quite satisfactory.

Leisure services

Beautiful Barnet

THE council places great emphasis on providing and maintaining good leisure facilities for all residents and visitors through its Development and Estates Committee.

Barnet's Green Belt, its parks and open spaces, are the envy of our neighbouring boroughs. However, the challenge is still to maintain the quality of these green areas to ensure that they are open to the community for pleasure, recreation and sport.

Close links with conservation groups are the keynote of the development of Barnet's countryside. In particular the excellent regeneration at Big Wood, Garden Suburb, has given a lead to what can be done successfully in other parts of the borough with the co-operation of amenity groups.

The Hertfordshire/Barnet Green Belt Management Group works hard to improve local walks and bridleways and to develop access routes. Future plans for Barnet's countryside include improvement of woodland areas and



better information.

Strenuous efforts are being made by the parks staff to ensure that Barnet's sports areas are the best in the region providing good playing surfaces for the borough's sports people, able to meet the standards of top sporting events.

Copthall Stadium provides the best in athletics for Shaftesbury Harriers and Barnet Men's and Ladies athletics clubs who go from strength to strength in membership and attract international events.

Over 20 major events were held during the summer and the Variety Club charity walk and many other sponsored events emphasise the role of Copthall as an important regional sports complex.

The borough's public pools at Copthall, Finchley and Squires Lane, attracted over 600,000 attendances. More than 100,000 school children received swimming lessons and the learn to swim scheme at Copthall pool attracted 6,000 adults and children.

Barnet International Short Course Competition attracted top national and international swimmers in February — a compliment to the professional standard of the pool management and the facilities. Indeed, Copthall won the Sports Council's 1984 Regional Management Award.

Finchley Carnival, Friern Barnet Show and the Sports Gala are among the highlights of the borough's year, attracting thousands of people, and involving many voluntary groups who contribute in a major way to their success.

During the school holidays a lively programme of entertainment is organised in the parks and play leadership schemes involve large numbers of young people in constructive

use of their leisure time.

To encourage staff to maintain the high standards of our grounds and open spaces an annual competition is held. This year's winners were: Best district, Chipping Barnet; best park, Barnet Copthall Sports Complex; best school ground, Cromer Road Primary; best housing estate, Holden Road, Finchley.

Allotments

Barnet was delighted to win the national Bledisloe Trophy for the second time in three years. For the Allotments Committee this was recognition of the hard work put into keeping the Council's 250 acres of allotments in good heart.

Improved trading facilities, roadways and car parking were carried out at Cat Hill and Rathbone Fields, part of a long term programme to modernise allotments and make them more attractive. However, this commitment to improvement can only be sustained if allotments are well used.

SPENDING

| 1983/84 Net Expendi- ture £'000 | | 1984/85 Income £'000 | Net Expendi- ture £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ALLOTMENTS | | | |
| 6Cr. | Allotments | 68 | 74 |
| | Central Administration | | |
| 8 | Expenses | 8 | 8 |
| £2 | Committee Total | £76 | £74 |
| DEVELOPMENT AND ESTATES | | | |
| 17 | Carnivals and Shows | 38 | 21 |
| 278 | Nurseries | 316 | 316 |
| 2,483 | Parks and Open Spaces | 2,873 | 320 |
| 796 | Copthall Sports Centre | 1,204 | 398 |
| | Sports Grounds & | | |
| 137 | Golf Courses | 253 | 121 |
| 147 | Swimming Baths | 255 | 124 |
| | Entertainment in Parks & | | |
| 9 | Play Leadership | 6 | 6 |
| 64Cr. | Endeavour House | 82 | 186 |
| 621Cr. | Properties and Estates | 206 | 875 |
| | Hendon Cemetery and | | |
| 57 | Crematorium | 224 | 186 |
| | Central Administration | | |
| 953 | Expenses | 927 | 927 |
| £4,192 | Committee Total | £6,384 | £2,231 |
| | | | £4,152 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1984/85 | 1983/84 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Allotments (Council and Societies) | | |
| Number of sites | 63 | 64 |
| Total area (acres) | 257.5 | 260 |
| Development & Estates Committee | | |
| Nos. attending | | |
| Finchley Carnival | 18,328 | 18,640 |
| Friern Barnet Show | 9,440 | 9,763 |
| Number of: | | |
| Parks & Open Spaces | 80 | 80 |
| Sports Grounds | 5 | 5 |
| All-weather Playing Areas | 4 | 4 |
| Athletics Tracks | 2 | 2 |
| Golf Courses (including 3 leased to private clubs) | 6 | 6 |
| Swimming Baths | 3 | 3 |
| Swimming attendances ('000s) | 636 | 628 |
| Tennis Courts | 110 | 110 |
| Bowling Greens | 15 | 15 |
| Football Pitches | 90 | 90 |
| Cricket Tables | 39 | 39 |

Technical Services

Change for efficiency

TECHNICAL service work involves a wide spectrum of activities. The directorate services the majority of the council committees, particularly Public Works, covering roads, sewers, traffic management, refuse collection and cleansing; Town Planning and Research, concerned with safeguarding the environment through the preparation and implementation of the Borough Development Plan and the control of building works; and Development and Estates looking after recreation facilities and the development of council land. Other services include maintenance of buildings and grounds and technical expertise.

The Directorate of Technical Services has been restructured into two divisions — one dealing with engineering services including recreation and works services such as refuse collection and street cleansing; the other with development services covering architecture, land agency and planning.

The technical activities have been regrouped to combine cost effectiveness and management efficiency. A support services group is replacing the administration units of the former technical departments providing a comprehensive function for the whole directorate.

Early in 1986 the whole directorate will be moving to 1255 High Road, Whetstone.



The Barn at Scratchwood to store salt and keep it dry to avoid wastage.

Development services

A major concern of the Planning Group is the Borough Development Plan to guide and influence development to meet the needs of the community and protect our heritage.

With the abolition of the GLC in 1986 the completion of the borough development plan will have added importance. It will become part of a unitary development plan which will also contain strategic advice issued by the Department of the Environment.

Leading up to the plan are a series of topic studies dealing with specific areas of planning and development. Several have been completed and their policies are being put into effect through negotiations with applicants and the granting of planning permission.

During the preparation of topic studies public consultation is carried out. This was recently completed for the Green Belt Study. Studies being completed or programmed are Recreation and Leisure; Social and Community Services; and Education.

Planning studies have also been carried out in areas

needing special attention.

West Hendon Study has been approved following local consultation and a public meeting. Now planning briefs are being prepared for individual sites to provide new shopping, housing, car parking and environmental improvements. The people who live and work in the area will be consulted before any final scheme is approved.

Within the Cricklewood Study a brief for a further area of surplus railway land is being prepared. At the same time proposals for developing several sites within the area are under discussion.

A planning application for a major superstore fronting Cricklewood Lane has been considered and, if approved, will help revitalise the shopping centre.

The consideration of planning applications is a major part of the work of the planning group. The group also deals with planning appeals, the enforcement of planning control and the preparation of tree preservation orders.

Another present aspect of the work is the maintenance of sound building practice

through the building control inspectors visiting sites where there are new developments or existing buildings are being extended or converted. They also inspect dangerous structures and undertake enforcement of adequate fire escapes.

During the year 3,416 building regulation applications were received involving 18,000 site inspections. Statutory fees received for planning applications during the year were £131,379, and for building inspections, £240,859.

Engineering Services

Barnet has hundreds of miles of roads and although millions of pounds are spent each year to keep them in as good a state as possible, it is like painting the Forth Bridge — a never ending job.

About £2 million is being spent on the reconstruction of both carriageways of the A41 Edgware Way between Apex Corner and Broadfields Avenue. Work started in April 1985 following completion of major drainage works there. It will take about 15 months to complete and although with a contra-flow system disruption

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

SPENDING

| 1983/84 Net Expendi- ture £'000 | | Gross Expendi- ture £'000 | 1984/85 Income £'000 | Net Expendi- ture £'000 |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| TOWN PLANNING & RESEARCH | | | | |
| 975 | Town Planning | 1,117 | 138 | 979 |
| 199 | Building Inspection | 423 | 241 | 182 |
| 361 | Central administration expenses | 358 | — | 358 |
| £1,535 | Committee total | £1,898 | £379 | £1,519 |

Planning Statistics 1984/85

2342 planning applications were determined, of which . . .
90% were approved (subject to conditions)

- 69 appeals were made against the Council's decisions on these applications
- 18 local inquiries into appeals were heard
- 69 appeal decisions were received
- 48 appeals were dismissed
- 22 were allowed
- 13 proposals from Government Departments and . . .
- 33 consultations from adjoining boroughs were dealt with
- 486 Listed Buildings of architectural and historic interest and, 12 conservation areas are in the Borough
- 19 tree preservation orders were authorised
- 87 applications were received for consent to lop or fell trees covered by tree preservation orders
- 79 notifications were received of intention to carry out works to trees in conservation areas
- 617 complaints concerning alleged breach of planning control were investigated
- 26 enforcement notices served
- 8 untidy land notices served
- 3 prosecutions were authorised under advertisement regulations

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Technical services

is inevitable, it will be kept to a minimum.

Work in General Improvement Areas included a residents' car park at Alston Road, Chipping Barnet, and a permanent traffic management scheme for the Hall Street/Derby Avenue area, North Finchley.

An unusual project completed in time for the winter was the barn built at Scratchwood Motorway depot to store road salt. Salt is now kept dry and there is no wastage.

The replacement of obsolete concrete street lights continued: 450 new steel columns were erected on district and metropolitan roads.

Action was taken against motorists parking illegally on pavements. Notices were affixed to 553 vehicles and 264 drivers were prosecuted.

The majority paid costs to the council as well as their fines.

Following the introduction of a controlled parking zone in roads around Brent Cross Shopping Centre in 1983, changes were made to the hours and the number of parking spaces increased in response to requests.

Work continued on a plan to set out policies on many aspects of traffic management so that problems can be tackled borough-wide and systematically.

A new sewer was completed in High Road, East Finchley, to relieve flooding in flats at St Pancras Court. Several engineering problems were successfully overcome.

The design of relief sewers for Puller Road/Calvert Road, Barnet, and for York Road, New Barnet, were completed towards the end of the year.

ENGINEERING DIVISION SPENDING

| 1983/84 Net Expendi- ture £'000 | Gross Expendi- ture £'000 | 1984/85 Income £'000 | Net Expendi- ture £'000 |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| PUBLIC WORKS | | | |
| — Motorway (M1) | 897 | 897 | — |
| 45 Trunk roads | 1,900 | 1,850 | 50 |
| 223 Metropolitan roads | 1,566 | 1,346 | 220 |
| 3,490 District roads | 3,608 | 78 | 3,530 |
| 566 Public lighting | 932 | 369 | 563 |
| 158 Car and lorry parks | 185 | 12 | 173 |
| 93 Road Safety | 100 | 5 | 95 |
| 116 Public conveniences | 125 | 3 | 122 |
| 8Cr. Public depots | — | 7 | 7Cr. |
| 2,828 Refuse removal | 3,350 | 466 | 2,884 |
| 4 Sewers | 552 | 546 | 6 |
| 18 Surrendered and abandoned vehicles | 23 | 3 | 20 |
| 3 Clearance of blocked drains | 54 | 53 | 1 |
| 6 Cesspool emptying | 5 | 5 | — |
| 41 Maintenance water courses | 52 | — | 52 |
| 14Cr. Watling Market | 32 | 42 | 10Cr. |
| 35Cr. Rechargeable works | 701 | 716 | 15Cr. |
| Central administration expenses | 2,061 | — | 2,061 |
| 2,077 | | | |
| £9,611 Committee total | £16,143 | £6,398 | £9,745 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

Public Works Committee

| Category | Highway Authority | Km | Miles |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Motorway | Dept. of Transport | 20.1 | 12.5 |
| Trunk roads | Dept. of Transport | 41.2 | 25.6 |
| Metropolitan roads | GLC | 67.9 | 42.2 |
| District roads | L.B. Barnet | 546.0 | 339.0 |
| District roads — repairs cost per km | | 1984/85 | 1983/84 |
| Street lights — number | | £6,297 | £6,215 |
| — cost per unit | | 26,200 | 26,000 |
| Council owned car parks — number | | £35.56 | £35.62 |
| — Parking spaces available | | 27 | 27 |
| Public conveniences — number | | 2,180 | 2,180 |
| — net cost per convenience | | 21 | 21 |
| Refuse — tonnage collected | | £5,800 | £5,530 |
| — net cost per tonne | | 96.121 | 91,380 |
| Abandoned vehicles removed | | £30.00 | £30.94 |
| | | 287 | 435 |

Educational services

Tomorrow's World . . . at school

BARNET residents can be proud of the high standard of achievement throughout the Education Service. Once again Barnet was among the leaders nationally in 'O' and 'A' level examination results.

All primary and secondary schools were involved in computer studies; our young athletes again won the Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships; our musicians won acclaim at home and abroad; engineering students gained national awards and children in special schools made real progress. So it can be seen that all our children were encouraged to develop their abilities across very wide spheres of activity.

Barnet's Education Service caters for the very young, through its nursery schools, to the mature student and those seeking higher degrees.

In addition to our fine schools there are two colleges of further education offering both full-time and part-time courses and Barnet is one of the three authorities responsible for Middlesex Polytechnic.

It is not possible to report in detail in this publication on all aspects of education in the borough so we will highlight some aspects of particular interest for the year concerned.

In September a new school, Mill Hill County High, was born through the merger of Orange Hill and Moat Mount Schools. At the same time two other schools, Southaw and Grahame Park, were nearing the end of their life as secondary schools but will continue to serve education. Southaw will offer much needed accommodation to Barnet College and Grahame Park will be a new campus for Hendon College.

At Chalgrove Primary School, Finchley, a new music room was built in association with the Parents' Association and work is almost completed on site at Northside School with alterations, and landscaping. The art department at Mill Hill County High is being relocated and work is on the drawing boards for the new sixth form centre there.

The safety of pupils and staff is of prime importance

and during the year surveys were carried out into the presence of lead in the school environment, dangerous asbestos materials were removed and fire precaution works carried out.

A rapidly expanding area of education is computer studies. A new development is the microprocessor workshop in the Primary Science Resource Centre at Southaw School where a number of BBC (Model B) and research machines 380Z microprocessor systems have been installed. This enables teachers to meet and evaluate educational software, try it on the micro and discuss its potential classroom value with advisers and other teachers.

As commercial software is expensive and publishers are generally unwilling to send inspection copies, evaluation sessions at the workshop are essential in deciding whether or not to buy.

The year has seen considerable progress in the development of guidelines for schools who are looking at their curriculum in the light of the changing demands made on them by the increasingly diverse origins of their pupils.

The end of the summer term saw the publication of two documents intended for the 3-to-7 and 7-to-11 age groups. Follow up meetings are being held for head teachers and they will initiate discussions with their staff to work out individual school policies.

Work is well advanced on the production of subject based discussion papers for use by secondary schools.

Music activities arising out of schools have continued to thrive with 800 youngsters regularly attending the three music centres.

Music can be made with voices as well as instruments and at far less cost, so Barnet Schools Choir was reconstituted to 'head for the charts' and started working with music adviser Maxwell Pryce and local conductor David Bedford, on a music-drama 'Rigel 9' issued by Virgin Records.

Such was their success that an invitation was received for the choir to make the backing

Education

for another record: 'Say it ain't so' for pop singer Murray Head.

International Youth Year

The United Nations designated 1985 as International Youth Year to highlight the specific needs and aspirations of young people. The themes of the year are participation, development and peace.

In Barnet the year was launched in December with the 25-strong local committee providing a Christmas party for mentally handicapped young people. Messages were sent to Barnet's twin towns for New Year and late in January a full day seminar was organised to discuss current problems affecting young people including unemployment and juvenile crime. Starting in March Youth and Community Officers organised the inter-borough youth cross country championships, youth canoe regatta and the borough trampolining event, at which the IYY committee chairman, Stephen Yates, presented the trophies.

With a packed programme through to December, the year will provide a wide range of opportunities in Barnet to celebrate the achievements of youth and focus on the posi-



Learning how other people live: a multicultural practical education session.

tion of young people in society.

Careers

Barnet has escaped the worst of the national unemployment situation but there is concern that young people may find great difficulty in finding secure and worthwhile employment.

A new careers officer was appointed and closer contacts have been established with industrial, commercial and professional organisations in

the borough. The Youth Training Scheme which is now being extended to provide training and job opportunities for all 16- and 17-year-old school leavers not in full-time education or work, has developed with Barnet as a co-ordinating authority. Emphasis has been placed on careers conventions at which young people can gain knowledge of the wide range of prospects in the jobs world.

The careers office has now

moved to new premises in North Finchley to serve the eastern half of the borough.

Specialist centres

Specialist education centres play an important role. The Denis Bland Environmental Education Centre is based at Byng Road where there is also an Automobile and Building Curriculum Centre. Automobile Engineering and Building Centres are also established in Edgware and Hendon.

SPENDING

| 1983/84 Net Expendi- ture £'000 | | Gross Expendi- ture £'000 | 1984/85 Income £'000 | Net Expendi- ture £'000 |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3,274 | Administration and Inspection | 3,351 | 3 | 3,348 |
| 283 | Nursery Schools | 335 | 8 | 327 |
| 16,816 | Primary Education | 19,391 | 1,671 | 17,720 |
| 23,181 | Secondary Education | 28,361 | 4,316 | 24,045 |
| 2,376 | Day Special Education | 2,402 | 82 | 2,320 |
| 1,425 | Residential Special | 2,042 | 650 | 1,392 |
| 33 | Education Study Centre | 63 | 30 | 33 |
| 153 | Education other than at School | 162 | 26 | 136 |
| 326 | Child Guidance Centre | 354 | 2 | 352 |
| 3,099 | Barnet College | 3,866 | 559 | 3,307 |
| 1,918 | Hendon College | 2,768 | 664 | 2,104 |
| 162 | Teacher Training Centre | 167 | 17 | 150 |
| 2,417 | Other Further Education | 9,636 | 7,853 | 1,783 |
| 238 | Careers Service | 270 | 14 | 256 |
| 741 | Recreation/Youth and Community Service | 978 | 169 | 809 |
| 3,114 | School Milk and Meals | 4,522 | 1,681 | 2,841 |
| 2,213 | National Pooling | 3,468 | 1,406 | 2,062 |
| £61,769 | Committee total | £82,136 | £19,151 | £62,985 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1984/85 | 1983/84 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Nursery Education: Schools | 4 | 4 |
| Pupils | 339 | 266 |
| Primary Education: Schools | 89 | 89 |
| Pupils | 20,873 | 20,339 |
| Secondary Education: Schools | 24 | 26 |
| Pupils | 19,258 | 19,516 |
| Special Education: Schools | 6 | 6 |
| day | 347 | 357 |
| boarders | 78 | 85 |
| Further Education: Colleges | 2 | 2 |
| full-time students | 2,039 | 2,159 |
| part-time students | 12,989 | 13,835 |
| Careers Offices | 3 | 3 |
| Interviews | 9,250 | 9,113 |
| Local Authority Youth and Community Centres | 12 | 13 |
| Sports and Leisure Centres | 7 | 6 |
| Student Awards for academic year ending July 1985 (1984) | | |
| students | 4,057 | 4,113 |
| cost £'000 | 6,794 | 7,175 |
| Government Grant £'000 | 5,557 | 5,841 |

Libraries and Arts

A popular service

It has been estimated that two-thirds of the population of the borough visit one or other of our local libraries or use their special services. Thus the libraries are playing a very important part in the cultural and community life of the borough.

Almost four million books, records, cassettes and pictures were issued during the year — the second highest for any London Borough.

The tables on this page may seem to reflect a decline in use during 1984/85. Detailed figures, however, show that, in keeping with a national trend, book issues are giving way to issues of audio material which are increasing. There is an increase in the number of times the internal or external inter-lending services was used to obtain books for readers. No figure is readily available which reflects the demand for information but this continues to increase. There has been increased use of the House-

bound Reader Service which has been expanded during the year.

Libraries on four wheels

Plans were prepared for two new mobile libraries to replace two vehicles which had given yeomen service for 14 years. The first was ready at the end of the year and both entered service by early summer.

Larger than their predecessors, each vehicle carries nearly 3,000 books and includes a selection of Asian language books, children's books and some 'spoken word' cassettes. The service on the travelling libraries has been enhanced by the installation of radiophones so that contact can be made with the main library base. There are also microfiche readers so that the complete Barnet catalogue is available for consultation. They make 30 visits a week to 21 sites.

One of the emphases during the year has been the im-



Mobile library outside the Town Hall, Hendon.

provement of the scope and availability of information at all libraries. The aim is that local communities should regard their library as the first port of call for information of all kinds. Sections on the most frequently required topics are available and in many cases there are appropriate leaflets to take away.

Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, continues to attract visitors to the permanent display and the varied programme of exhibitions. This year 10,899 people visited the museum. Exhibitions included a unique collection of paintings and drawings by Philip Dadd; magic and conjuring accompanied by demonstrations, and the work of Henry Grant, a photographer of children and teenagers in the 1950s and 1960s. Of particular fascination to the visitor is the kitchen with its great fireplace. The room has been featured on television.

The Arts

The partnership between Greater London Arts and the

borough made it possible to develop the Arts in a number of ways.

For the first time a festival was held on the Grahame Park Estate and a dancer in residence appointed. The first Dance Season was held with nationally known dancers such as Janet Smith and Dancers, Alpana Sengupta and Derek Hartley.

A most successful international Chamber Concert Series was held featuring the Borodin Trio, the Varsovia String Quartet, Adelina Oprean and Yitkin Seow. Local businesses, Bank Leumi (UK) plc, The Hugin Group and STC, sponsored these concerts. An outstanding example of the local authority working with commerce.

Jazz workshops were held in schools and Yehudi Menuhin's young musicians 'Live Music Now' played in libraries.

A new Arts Events leaflet was published and support continued for the Old Bull Arts Centre and other local organisations.



The Borodin Trio.

SPENDING

| 1983/84 Net Expendi- ture £'000 | | Gross Expendi- ture £'000 | 1984/85 Income £'000 | Net Expendi- ture £'000 |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2,077 | Administration and libraries staff | 2,175 | 15 | 2,160 |
| 17 | Financial assistance to the Arts | 35 | 14 | 21 |
| 619 | Books and gramophone records | 634 | — | 634 |
| 456 | Libraries | 573 | 142 | 431 |
| 49 | Mobile libraries | 56 | 1 | 55 |
| 31 | Art galleries and museums | 33 | 1 | 32 |
| — | School library service | 210 | 210 | — |
| £3,249 | Committee total | £3,716 | £383 | £3,333 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1984/85 | 1983/84 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Number of libraries issuing books | 17 | 17 |
| Travelling library sites (served by 3 vehicles) | 21 | 21 |
| Number of museums | 2 | 2 |
| Number of registered readers | 181,749 | 185,669 |
| Total issues | 3,878,183 | 4,053,379 |
| Daily average issues | 14,417 | 15,077 |
| Reservations received | 83,564 | 81,678 |
| Stock at 31st March | | |
| Lending books | 835,456 | 857,969 |
| Reference books | 75,343 | 75,693 |
| Gramophone records and cassettes | 47,553 | 43,754 |

Housing

Five star programme

THE Housing Committee's main aims are to:

- ★ Provide council housing for those in housing need.
- ★ Manage the housing stock effectively and sympathetically.
- ★ Maintain and improve the condition of all housing stock in the borough — both public and privately owned.
- ★ Promote low-cost home ownership schemes for tenants and waiting list applicants.
- ★ Encourage council tenants to buy their own homes.

The council invested £11,793,000 of capital in the borough's housing stock during 1984-85. This size of programme was made possible by the use of capital receipts from a successful sales campaign, together with new borrowing. Over half this sum, £6,336,000, was spent on major repairs and improvements to the council's existing stock. Over 6,000 homes benefited from this capital investment. In addition, approximately £6 million of revenue-funded repair work was carried out during the year.

Barnet's new-build programme gives priority to rented housing for the elderly and family housing for sale on a shared-ownership basis. During the year 72 homes for rent and 24 homes for sale were completed, and work started on a further 75 dwellings.

Barnet also negotiates partnership arrangements with private developers to obtain nomination rights for council tenants and waiting list applicants. A large partnership scheme has started recently at Knights Wood, Edgware, on the site of the New Broadfields Estate. The Housing Committee have agreed to fund a housing association which will buy 36 of the properties to be built on this site. These will be offered to council tenants and waiting list applicants on shared-ownership.

Over £2 million was advanced in the form of renovation grants to more than 600 residents during the year. The massive public response to government publicity has meant that Barnet, in common with many other local authorities, had to close the waiting list for these grants in 1984/85. Barnet is to join with the Association of Metropolitan Authorities in 1985/86, to carry out a stock condition survey in the borough so that resources may be directed towards properties in the worst condition. It is also proposed to aid applicants in greatest need.

The Council encourages housing associations to develop specialist



New pitched roofs being built on the flats at Dollis Valley.

housing and low-cost home ownership.

Demand for council housing continues to increase. The high priority section of the waiting list has risen to 628 — an increase of 43 per cent since March 31, 1984. The most significant increase in demand has come from single people under pensionable age. However, a total of 1,154 households were rehoused including 186 homeless families.

Barnet actively support home ownership with the highest level of 841 sales achieved in a year. By March 31, the council had sold a total of over 3,800 properties to sitting tenants.

Barnet emphasise efficient and sensitive estate management. Improved consultation procedures and the increasing numbers of homes sold, mean that management responsibilities in Barnet are changing and reflect a greater involvement in services and the environment by local residents. This has been helped by close liaison and co-operation with tenants' and residents' associations and with their Federation.

Every effort is made to ensure that empty properties are re-let as quickly as possible so that the supply of dwellings for rent is kept to a maximum. On March 31, 1985, there were 223 routine empty properties — only 1.2 per cent of the housing stock.

Barnet is installing a centralised warden alarm system in sheltered housing, and it is planned that the system will operate on a 24-hour basis by December. We expect this will greatly improve the service to elderly tenants and that the system may be extended later to include local housing association tenants and elderly residents.

The Housing Department carried out approximately 47,000 repairs to the Council's stock during the year and the Direct Labour Organisation was successful in retaining a place on the panels of contractors for all types of work for which it tendered. All contractors are monitored to ensure a good service and value for money.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

1984/85

COMPLETED WORK

New build projects

| | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Long Lane (former Alder School) | 65 flats for rent |
| Summercoates Close (off Northfield Rd) | 24 units for the elderly |
| Colindale Avenue | 7 units for the elderly |

Modernisation

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Montrose Avenue | 12 flats including underpinning |
| Watling Avenue | 12 flats including re-roofing |

Redecorations

Dollis Valley Estate

Environmental improvements

The Grange — upgrading
West Hendon Estate — upgrading

WORK CONTINUING ON SITE

New build projects

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Elmshurst Crescent | 5 flats for rent |
| Booth Road, Phase 2 | 40 units for rent |
| Clitterhouse Kitchen site | 30 units for rent |
| North Road Community Centre | nearing completion |

Modernisation work

Dollis Valley — new pitched roofs for medium rise blocks

ABOUT TO START

New build projects

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Friern Hospital Land | 87 units for shared ownership |
| West Hendon Swimming Pool Site | 63 units including a sheltered block for the elderly |

Modernisation

Dollis Valley roofs (Low Rise)

ON THE DRAWING BOARD

New build projects

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| West Hendon multi-storey car park site | 34 units for rent |
| Barnet Lane/Brent Place | |
| Alexandra Road Community Centre | 16 flats for rent |

Other work:

Carried out by Development Division of Technical Services for the Director of Housing Services includes underpinning and structural repairs and advice on housing association proposals.

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Housing

SPENDING

| 1983/84 | 1984/85 | Average Cost per dwelling £ | Expressed as a % of rent % |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| £'000 | £'000 | | |
| HOUSING REVENUE | | | |
| Expenditure | | | |
| 15,180 | 14,122 | 754.65 | 67.03 |
| 5,155 | 4,943 | 264.17 | 23.46 |
| Debt charges | | | |
| Repairs and maintenance | | | |
| Supervision and manage- ment (net) | | | |
| 3,116 | 3,380 | 180.59 | 16.04 |
| 1,335 | 1,530 | 81.78 | 7.26 |
| 62 | 133 | 7.09 | 0.63 |
| 30 | 37 | 1.98 | 0.18 |
| 730 | 1,680 | 89.77 | 7.97 |
| 374 | 502 | 26.84 | 2.38 |
| GLC for Watling Estate | | | |
| Rent rebates (net) | | | |
| Contribution to interest equalisation fund | | | |
| — | 895 | 47.81 | 4.25 |
| £25,982 | £27,222 | £1,454.68 | 129.20% |
| Income | | | |
| 20,482 | 21,069 | 1,125.91 | 100.00 |
| 576 | 627 | 33.48 | 2.98 |
| 3,063 | 3,165 | 169.10 | 15.02 |
| Rent — dwelling, before deduction of rent rebates | | | |
| Rent — other premises etc. | | | |
| Interest and MIRAS | | | |
| Exchequer subsidies and contribution for GLC nominees | | | |
| 1,446 | 1,859 | 99.35 | 8.82 |
| 415 | 502 | 26.84 | 2.38 |
| £25,982 | £27,222 | £1,454.68 | 129.20% |
| 1983/84 | 1984/85 | 1984/85 | Net |
| Net | Gross | Income | Expendi- ture |
| Expendi- ture | Expendi- ture | £'000 | £'000 |
| £'000 | £'000 | | £'000 |
| HOUSING SERVICES | | | |
| 415 | 27,222 | 26,720 | 502 |
| 147 | Transferred to Finance Committee | | |
| Housing Revenue Account | | | |
| Rent Allowances | | | |
| Contribution to West London Housing Consortium | | | |
| 2Cr. | — | 21 | 21Cr. |
| 98Cr. | 722 | 846 | 124Cr. |
| 45 | 111 | 68 | 43 |
| 32 | 51 | 20 | 31 |
| 30 | 21 | — | 21 |
| £569 | £28,127 | £27,675 | £452 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1984/85 | 1983/84 |
|---|---------|---------|
| New dwellings completed — | | |
| for renting | 72 | 87 |
| for sale or shared ownership | 24 | 48 |
| Dwellings sold (excluding build for sale) | 841 | 805 |
| Stock of dwellings at 31st March 1985 (1984) — including houses, flats and bungalows | | |
| 4 or more bedrooms | 405 | 441 |
| 3 bedrooms | 4,944 | 5,372 |
| 2 bedrooms | 6,396 | 6,732 |
| 1 bedroom | 3,490 | 3,593 |
| Sundry properties | 628 | 659 |
| GLC transfers 1980-1982 | 2,328 | 2,428 |
| | 18,201 | 19,225 |
| Pre-war dwellings | 3,287 | 3,530 |
| Post-war dwellings | 11,948 | 12,608 |
| Garages | 3,750 | 3,746 |
| Homes demolished | 255 | — |

Social services

Increased demands

DEMANDS on the resources of the Social Services Department continued to increase in 1984/85. For example, more than 26,000 requests for information, advice and services were received by staff based in the community or hospitals, an increase of over 1,000 on the previous year.

The largest increase was for the services of the team specialising in working with the physically handicapped. More than 5,000 aids were issued to help improve the quality of daily living, and more than 1,000 adaptations carried out in the home, mostly of a minor nature.

Many of those helped were elderly and problems associated with the old continued to be the most frequent reason for requests for help. Almost four in 10 of all enquiries involved people over the age of 75.

To provide a local service a one-day-a-week call point was established in Cricklewood to provide better information and services for all kinds of people who were felt to be isolated from normal contact points which is via area teams.

Care in the home

More people received support from home helps. It was recognised by Social Services that a variety of new care schemes should be introduced to allow the more frail elderly to stay in their homes.

A small survey carried out in 1984 confirmed that often the main burden of caring for dependent people at home was still borne by relatives, friends and neighbours.

As a result the policy is to

ensure that the statutory and independent sectors combine their efforts to support and supplement the work of such carers and plug most of the gaps.

The need for a flexible approach to care in the home for both adults and children was emphasised in an explanatory brochure produced during the year. Home care workers, homemakers, paid 'good neighbours' and the meals-on-wheels service all combined to maintain independence.

Meals service

In spite of an increase of 21,544 over the previous year in the number of meals served to people at home and 3,084 to those in clubs and centres, a total of 329,729, demand continued to outstrip supply.

Increasing recognition is being given by the organisers to the needs of ethnic minorities and others requiring special diets. There was an increase of 17 per cent in the output of the Kosher meals service and two clubs, one in East Finchley and one in West Hendon, serving Asian diet meals, were set up.

Residential care

The number of children in care continued to show a downward trend. This is because of a fall in the child population, increased emphasis on preventive work in Area teams, parental involvement in nurseries and family centres and the contribution of homemakers.

For those who did come into care, fewer were in need of residential places and the

FACTS AND FIGURES

- 3 area teams plus 1 team serving physically handicapped people and 3 hospital social work teams
- 12 homes for the elderly (569 places) and 352 places occupied in voluntary and private homes
- 4 hostels for the mentally handicapped and mentally ill offering 69 places. In addition 213 physically and mentally-handicapped/ill were supported in other homes
- 151 children were in the care of the Council, of which 42 were placed in residential care and 62 were boarded out
- 10 centres for the elderly and handicapped persons with 590 places
- 5 day nurseries and 1 family centre with 278 places
- 2 playgroups with 20 places
- 2,570 households received assistance from home helps, care assistants and others. 329,729 meals were served to those at home, luncheon clubs and centres
- 4,062 households received assistance with aids adaptations, holidays, telephones and television rentals

Social services

emphasis continued to be on finding suitable foster homes, particularly through development of the Teencare Scheme for adolescents more difficult to place. The large majority of children in residential homes are over 13.

Barnet has a comparatively wide range of residential homes — public and independent — for the elderly. In the council's own homes the number of places available was increased by converting accommodation previously used by residential staff.

At the end of the year there were 35 more residents than in 1984 and 25 per cent more permanent-stay residents than in the previous year.

Spending on social services was £54.26 per head of the population compared to an average of £64.99 in other outer London boroughs.

While spending was still lower on domiciliary services, the number and variety of residential and day places for elderly and mentally handicapped people was higher. The budget was nearly £15½ million — an increase of about five per cent.

Day care

Day care provision is above average for all groups. The choice in the independent sector plays a highly important role, whether in play or mother and toddler groups, group homes and flats for handicapped people, family relief or home care projects, day care or meals support organisations.

Because of the expanding role being played by the independent sector in registered



A beautiful wall hanging collage by members of Deansbrook Day Centre, Edgware.

care the Registered Homes Act 1984 came into effect.

This imposes a number of new duties on the Directorate and already there has been a steady flow of enquiries and applications from those wishing to set up private residential homes in the borough. The recent reduction of social security support is however, putting pressures on such homes.

The importance of information about services and the rights of users to take part in meetings and to read their personal information has been further recognised by the Social Services Committee and a brochure about these rights is available.



With the emphasis on care in the community the council has encouraged 'adult fostering'.

SPENDING

| 1983/84 Net Expendi- ture £'000 | | Gross Expendi- ture £'000 | 1984/85 Income £'000 | Net Expendi- ture £'000 |
|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | FIELDWORK | | | |
| 3,399 | Social Work — Staff related Expenses | 3,617 | 141 | 3,476 |
| | RESIDENTIAL CARE | | | |
| 1,433 | Child Care | 1,441 | 13 | 1,428 |
| 3,687 | Homes for the Elderly | 5,449 | 1,300 | 4,149 |
| 1,396 | Homes for the Handicapped and Mentally Ill | 1,900 | 326 | 1,574 |
| | Homes for Unsupported Mothers | 133 | 13 | 120 |
| 100 | Administration | 460 | — | 460 |
| | SUPPORT SERVICES | | | |
| 1,209 | Children | 1,259 | 76 | 1,183 |
| 1,232 | Adults/Elderly Handicapped and Mentally Ill | 1,495 | 228 | 1,267 |
| 550 | Administration | 610 | 70 | 540 |
| 487 | Administration | 529 | — | 529 |
| | COMMUNITY CARE | | | |
| 1,013 | Home Helps | 1,286 | 197 | 1,089 |
| | Boarded Out Children and Adults | 217 | 17 | 200 |
| 181 | Meals in the Home | 220 | 89 | 131 |
| 125 | General Community Services | 208 | 7 | 201 |
| 203 | Aids and Adaptations | 208 | 47 | 161 |
| 156 | Telephones | 47 | 2 | 45 |
| 57 | Holidays and Recreation | 26 | 2 | 24 |
| 35 | Grants to Voluntary Organisations | 289 | 118 | 171 |
| 153 | Other | 70 | 3 | 67 |
| 72 | | | | |
| | MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES | | | |
| 69 | Concessionary Fares | 72 | — | 72 |
| 81 | Other | 68 | — | 68 |
| £16,140 | Committee total | £19,604 | £2,649 | £16,955 |

Central services

Back-up team

BEHIND the scenes groups of staff are working to provide the wide spectrum of central services which are so essential in the work of the council. The requirements of the law must be met; finance must be available; vast quantities of council agendas and decisions must be printed and the civic life of the borough looked after.

The committees responsible for these services are Finance, Establishment and General Purposes which takes in Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Enforcement of Safety legislation. It also administered payments from charity and borough lottery funds to local organisations — a role now taken over by the Grants Committee.

Under the umbrella of central services are:

- Legal and property advice.
- Servicing Council and committee meetings.
- Making arrangements for elections.
- Providing support for the Mayor, civic functions and twin town links.
- Press and information services.
- Office accommodation.
- Personnel matters.
- Keeping the Council's finances in order.
- Collecting the rates.
- Dealing with Housing bills.
- Paying the Council's bills.
- And, as with all departments, working to improve services and reduce costs.

Legal advice

A team in the legal division provide advice to all the service departments and carry out legal work on matters ranging from the Council's responsibilities for children in care and prosecutions under various Acts of Parliament and local Bylaws to planning matters which form a major aspect of their work.

The Council is a large land owner and is involved in many transactions including the sale of Council dwellings where the legal staff work closely with Housing Department.

The Borough is divided into 20 wards, each represented by three councillors. These councillors are appointed to



Mike Ruocco, deputy Chief Environmental Officer, shows Cllr Frank Gibson (right) the protective clothing worn by operators dealing with asbestos.

the various committees of the Council and meetings are held on a basic five to six week cycle, leading to the full Council meeting, held at the Town Hall, Hendon in the Council Chamber. The public are able to attend Council and most committee meetings, dates and times being published in Barnet Borough News and on local notice boards.

A register of electors is compiled every year and there were 224,263 electors in the Borough.

The present Council was elected for four years in May 1982, so there will be new elections in May, 1986.

Twin towns

The borough is actively twinned with six towns: Chaville and Le Raincy in France; Siegerland and Tempelhof in West Germany; Ramat Gan in Israel; and Montclair, New Jersey in the USA.

Regular exchange visits take place between schools, youth groups, residents' organisations. There are also civic visits and during the year Barnet visited Tempelhof and Siegerland and a delegation received from Ramat Gan.

New magazine

In December the Council launched the new Barnet Borough News, in association with Marketing Media, an advertising consultancy, to inform residents and the business sector of council and community activities.

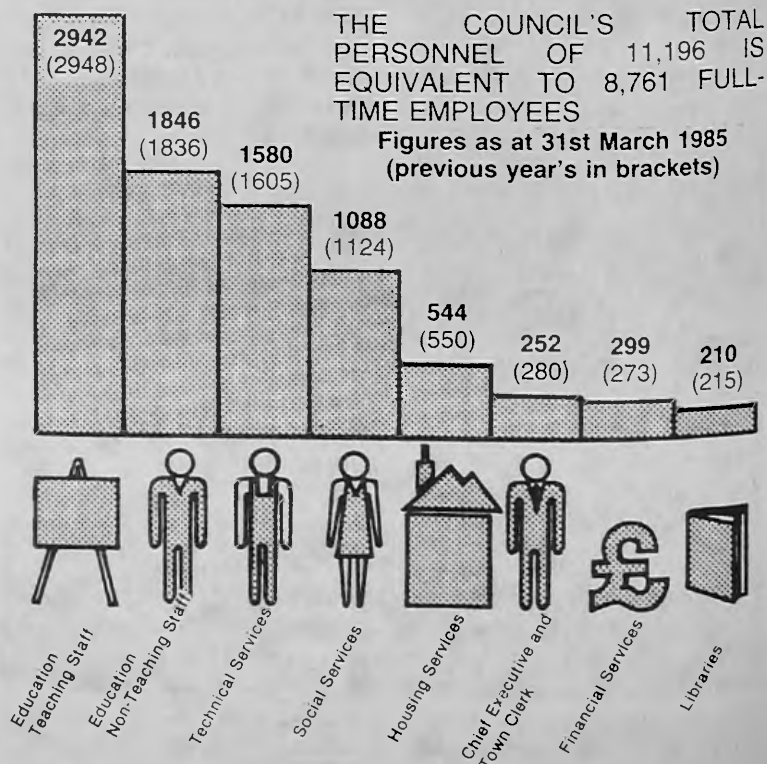
The Borough as an Employer

THE local authority is one of the largest employers in the area with more than 11,000 employees, including part-time staff. The diagram below gives the details in terms of full-time equivalents. An organisation of this size needs a professional approach to its manpower policies and this is provided by the Personnel and Management Services Division which reports to the Establishment Committee on all staffing matters excluding teachers.

The staff of the division are responsible for introducing and receiving employment policies to ensure that the authority follows good personnel practice, complies with the employment law and maintains good industrial relations.

The division undertakes reviews of staffing levels, grades and organisational structures to ensure that people are employed in a cost-effective way. Other responsibilities include productivity schemes, staff training and health and safety at work.

During the past year there has been a strong emphasis on promoting equal opportunities in employment. In addition the division played a major role in the restructuring of the Technical Services Directorate.



Central Services

Trading Standards

Inspectors investigate all complaints of breaches of the laws enforced by the Trading Standards Section and make random spot check visits to trade premises. This year an increased emphasis was given to consumer safety and of 10,085 articles examined 542 were found to have faults.

The testing of electrical goods revealed a number of unsafe products. Highly dangerous secondhand electrical goods were also found to be on sale. Among many other safety matters investigated were unsafe ladders, toys and gas cookers. Prosecutions were taken in appropriate cases.

Renewed attention was also given to overloaded goods vehicles and 39 checks were made in conjunction with the local police resulting in 10 prosecutions.

Under the Trade Description Act 1968, which prohibits the false description of goods and services, 507 visits were made to trade premises.

Environmental Health

THE Environmental Health Department's work included a distinct bias towards pollution control following widespread public fears about lead in the environment.

A survey of 200 schools and nurseries was carried out including extensive sampling to check lead levels in dust, paint and water. Barnet also took part in a London-wide survey to check the amount of lead in locally grown vegetables.

During the year more than 1,300 food premises were inspected to ensure standards of hygiene were kept up and nearly 500 samples of various foods were tested for chemical safety, correct labelling and bacteriological quality. Nevertheless 91 complaints about unsound food were made rang-

Numerous complaints were also investigated many concerning used cars sold with false mileages. Others ranged from hopelessly inaccurate holiday brochures to counterfeit branded goods, to a tumble dryer that wouldn't dry.

The Weights and Measures Inspectorate visited 1,003 premises and checked over 41,605 packaged products for quantity and labelling. Of 3,603 items of trade measuring equipment tested, 410 were found to be incorrect in some respect. Of 267 petrol pumps tested 78 were found to be in some way incorrect. Prosecutions were taken in respect of short weight packaged food, coal and for obstruction of inspectors.

Inspectors made 1,096 visits to premises under the Health and Safety at Work Act. In October/November 352 visits were made to shops licensed for the storage of fireworks under the Explosives Act to ensure that safe storage requirements were rigorously adhered to.

ing from mouldy sausages to a frozen lasagne containing a plaster dressing. As a result four successful prosecutions were taken by the council against the most serious offenders.

Staff also made over 6,700 visits in connection with housing defects and were able to assist residents in getting repairs done or in providing new bathrooms.

Life is also becoming increasingly noisy for Barnet residents who made over 500 complaints — mostly about their neighbours! Other complaints concerned factories, entertainment noise and burglar alarms.

All in all another varied and challenging year which the Department hope to repeat in 1985/86.

SPENDING

| 1983/84 Net Expendi- ture £'000 | Gross Expendi- ture £'000 | 1984/85 Income £'000 | Net Expendi- ture £'000 |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| GENERAL PURPOSES | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 3,100 | | | |
| 44 | 3,395 | 297 | 3,098 |
| 190 | 53 | — | 53 |
| | 206 | — | 206 |
| 52 | | 8 | 54 |
| 6,728 | | | |
| 2,390 | 8,202 | 232 | 7,970 |
| 66 | 2,708 | 285 | 2,423 |
| 205 | 74 | — | 74 |
| 74 | 241 | 13 | 228 |
| | 71 | 6 | 65 |
| 74 | | | |
| — | 153 | 78 | 75 |
| 2 | 162 | 162 | — |
| 81 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| | 83 | — | 83 |
| 11 | | | |
| 224 | 12 | — | 12 |
| | 289 | 37 | 252 |
| 966 | | | |
| 66 | 1,044 | 46 | 998 |
| 655 | | | |
| | 91 | 21 | 70 |
| | 585 | — | 585 |
| 14,928 | £17,436 | £1,187 | £16,249 |
| 12,504 | | | |
| | 14,626 | 822 | 13,804 |
| £2,424 | £2,810 | £365 | £2,445 |
| FINANCE | | | |
| 4,741 | | | |
| 681 | 5,211 | 20 | 5,191 |
| 955 | 1,325 | 1,142 | 183 |
| 56 | 25,727 | 25,104 | 623 |
| 4,968Cr. | 59 | — | 59 |
| 1,147 | 1,265 | 6,631 | 5,366Cr. |
| 753 | 947 | 101 | 846 |
| | 750 | — | 750 |
| £3,365 | £35,284 | £32,998 | £2,286 |
| 5,696 | | | |
| | 5,211 | 20 | 5,191 |
| £2,331Cr. | £30,073 | £32,978 | £2,905Cr. |

FACTS AND FIGURES

| | 1984/85 | 1983/84 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Information & Public Relations | | |
| General enquiries | 60,000 | 58,300 |
| Emergency Telephone Service | | |
| Calls received | 9,804 | 9,277 |
| Registration of Births Etc. | | |
| Births | 3,498 | 3,332 |
| Deaths | 3,673 | 3,522 |
| Marriages | 1,029 | 1,579 |
| Trading Standards | | |
| Inspection Visits | 3,854 | 4,170 |
| Articles tested or examined | 56,340 | 58,317 |
| Environmental Health | | |
| Calls to control rodents | 8,491 | 10,074 |
| Inspection made under general public health | 15,550 | 15,448 |
| Food — Inspection programme visits | 3,203 | 4,740 |
| Pollution — Complaints investigated | 2,656 | 1,062 |

Copies of this magazine containing the 1984/85 Annual Report and Financial Review can be obtained from Press and Information Section, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG, or from the Information Centre in Ravensfield House, opposite the Town Hall.

Your Councillors ward by ward



1. **ARKLEY:** W. Lipman, J. T. Thomson, Michael Weeks
2. **BRUNSWICK PARK:** Don Goodman, Mrs Mamie Perry, Miss Mary Temple
3. **BURNT OAK:** J. P. Brophy, P. J. Fordham, H. J. Timothy
4. **CHILDS HILL:** B. A. Jarman, S. J. Scott, A. Young
5. **COLINDALE:** Geof Cooke, Mary Honeyball, T. A. McKendry
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7. **EAST FINCHLEY:** Frances Crook, J. R. M. Davies, Laurence Spigel
8. **EDGWARE:** David Hammond, M. E. Lester, A. T. W. Smith
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12. **GOLDERS GREEN:** M. Cohen, L. D. Foster, Mrs Ena Summers
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15. **HENDON:** J. Archard-Jones, N. E. Hirshfield, V. S. Hockley
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17. **ST PAULS:** Michael Freeman, Mrs Edna James, Mrs Mary Phillips
18. **TOTTERIDGE:** Michael Hill, V. Lyon, V. H. Usher
19. **WEST HENDON:** Doreen Neall, T. J. K. Sims, Ms Agnes Slocombe
20. **WOODHOUSE:** Graham Halliday, Phil Williams, Ken Woffenden

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Rent Officer Service: Torrington House, 811 High Road, Finchley, N12. Tel: 01-446 4452.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages:

Hendon Registration District: 182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0AU. Tel: 01-952 0876 or 01-952 0024.

Barnet Registration District: 29 Wood Street, Barnet. Tel: 01-440 3305 or 01-449 0900.

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Payments of rates may also be made at certain specified times at the following district offices:

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King Edward Hall, 331 Regent's Park Road, N3. Tel: 01-349 9121 (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

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Housing Benefits: King Edward Hall, 331 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 1DS. Tel: 01-349 9121.

Personal Enquiries: 7 Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3.

Council Tenants: Stag House, 94 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0BE. Tel: 01-952 8911.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road,

Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel: 01-349 9121.

Controller of Development Services and Deputy Director of Technical Services

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel: 01-349 9121.

Planning Group: Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel: 01-349 9121.

Enquiries may be made to Gateway House but those relating to development applications should be made to the appropriate divisional planning office:
Western Divisional Planning: Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware. Tel: 01-952 7722.

Central Divisional Planning: 23-35 Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3 1RX. Tel: 01-349 9121.

Northern Divisional Planning: Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts. Tel: 01-449 9181.

Architectural Group

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Land Agency Group

All enquiries: Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel: 01-349 9121.

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Road Safety: Smiths Field, East End Road, Finchley, N3. Tel: 01-349 9121.

Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery:

Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, NW7 1NB. Tel: 01-346 0657 or 01-346 0629.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

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BOROUGH LIBRARIAN

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Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE. Tel: 01-202 5625.

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Barnet Museum: Wood Street, Barnet, Herts. Tel: 01-449 0321.

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Area Teams:

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South East Team: Park House, 16 High Road, East Finchley, N2. Tel: 01-444 4411.

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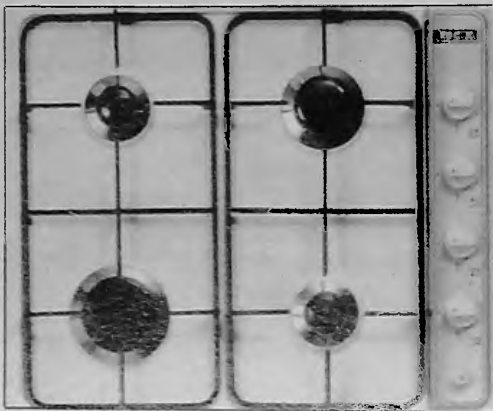
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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 300mm open end base..... | £39.90 |
| 500mm base — 4 drawers..... | £119.50 |
| 1000mm base — full height doors | £109.00 |
| 1000mm base drawerline — 2 drawers | £139.50 |
| 500mm wall unit | £63.50 |
| 500mm glass wall unit | £79.50 |
| 1000mm wall unit | £105.50 |
| 1000mm glass wall unit | £124.50 |
| 1000mm sink base drawerline | £133.50 |
| 3050mm worktop continuous length..... | £30.00 |
| Accessories | |
| Cornice, per 3000mm length | £25.00 |
| Light baffle, per 3000mm length | £25.00 |
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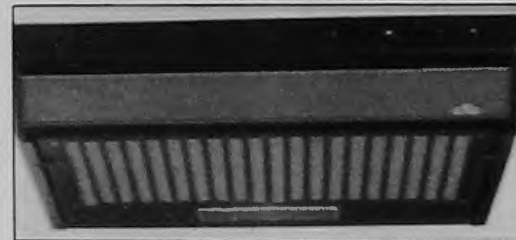
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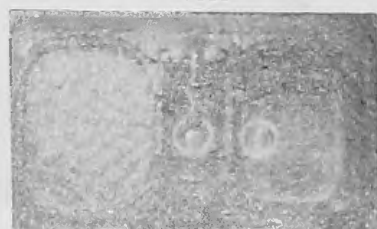
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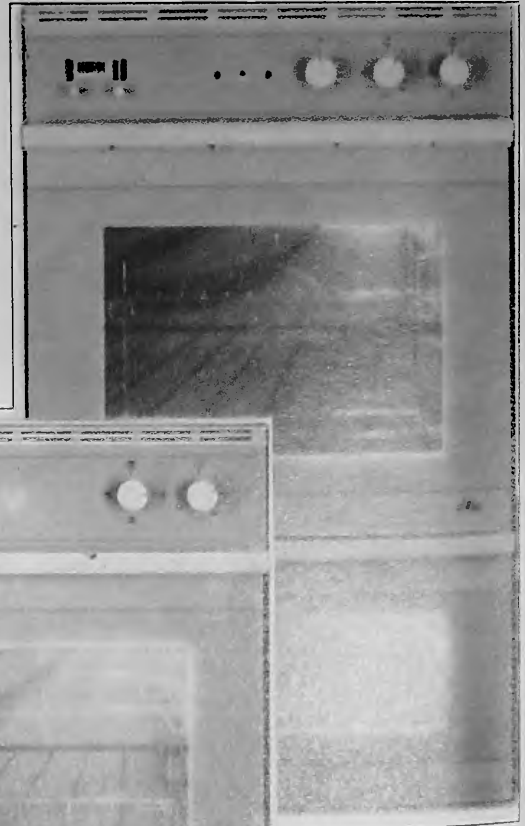


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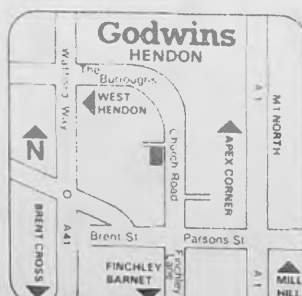
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