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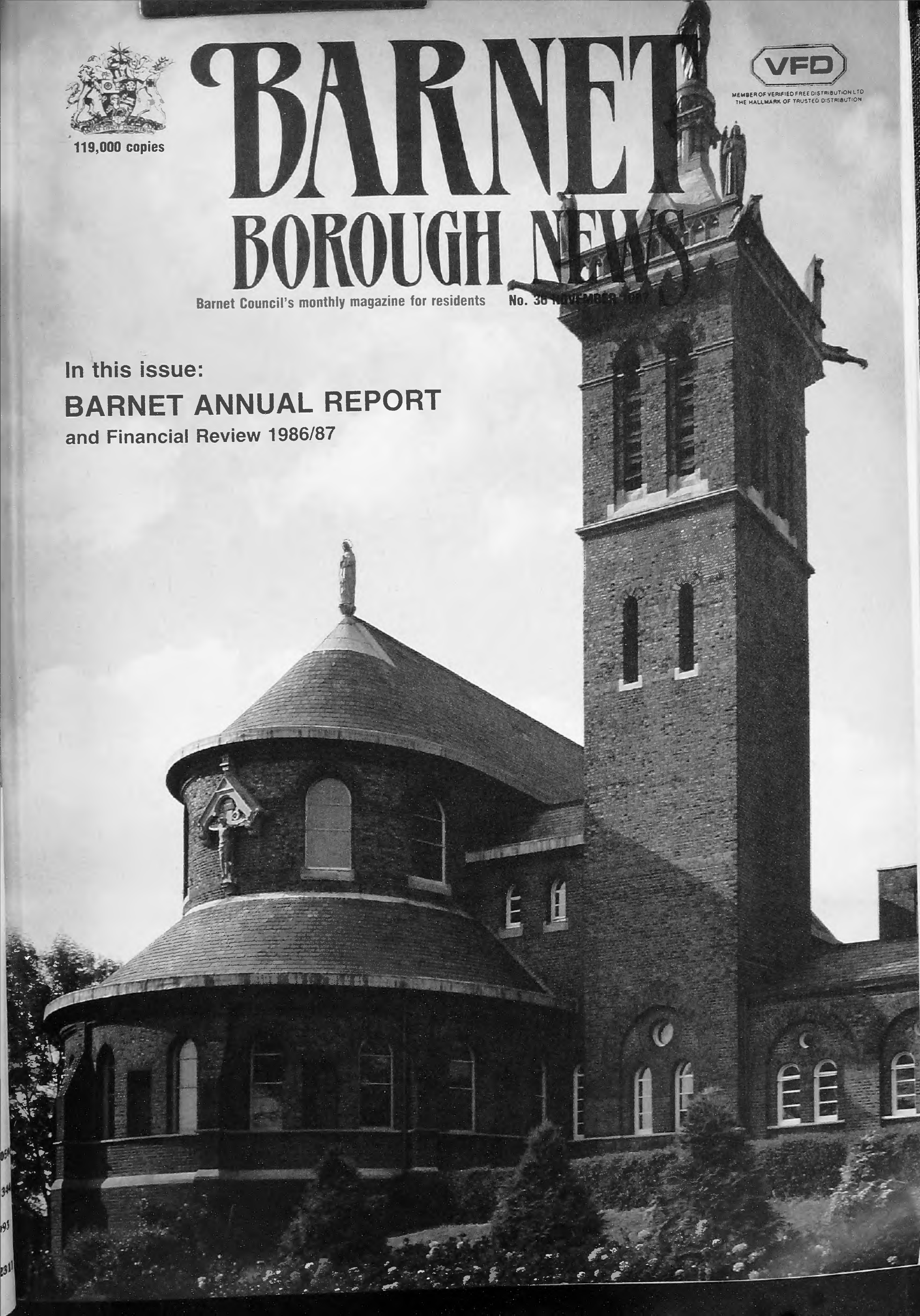
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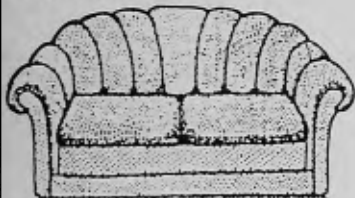
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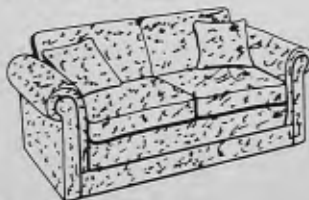
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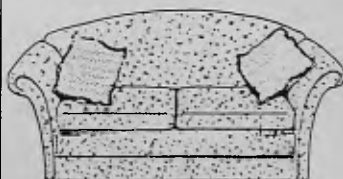
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## FRONT COVER

St Joseph's Roman Catholic College, Lawrence Street, Mill Hill, built between 1886-71. It has an apsidal chapel with a plain but impressive tower in the east side. The tower is surmounted by a gilt statue of St Joseph with angels on each angle of the fretted parapet with machicolations under.



A GROUP of teenagers from Barnet's Twin Town, Ramat Gan, Israel, were welcomed to the Town Hall, Hendon, last month by the Mayor, Cllr Malcolm Lester.

This was the first year of planned exchange visits between the two municipalities, and it was hoped the young people would make lasting friendships.

After an introductory message of greeting in Hebrew, the Mayor briefly outlined the history of the

Borough and explained the meaning of Barnet's Coat of Arms.

The group was shown robes worn by Councillors, the Mayor and his Deputy, Cllr Frederick Poole.

Barnet's Director of Education, Neil Gill, was present to welcome the visitors, aged between 16 and 18, on behalf of the Youth and Community section of his department.

Group Leaders Gabi Leviwitch

The visitors are pictured with the Mayor at a Town Hall reception.

and Talia Ben Dovid presented the Mayor with an engraved tray as a gift to the Borough from the people of Ramat Gan.

During their two-week visit the teenagers had a series of trips, including sightseeing around London and opportunities to sample Barnet's sporting facilities.

## New engineering chief

BARNET'S new Controller of Engineering Services, Graham Beattie, has started work at Barnet House, Whetstone.

Mr Beattie, 38, was previously Assistant Director of Engineering with Hammersmith and Fulham. He has also worked for Hackney and the Greater London Council.

Born in Glasgow and educated at Bedford School and Edinburgh University, Mr Beattie obtained a First Class Honours Degree and a Master of Philosophy in Civil Engineering.

He is a Chartered Civil Engineer and a Member of the British Institute of Management. He also studied at the Middlesex Polytechnic, Hendon, and has a Diploma in Management Studies.

When asked about his appointment Mr Beattie said: "Barnet is one of the largest London Boroughs and also one of the most environmentally attractive. As Controller of Engineering Services, I will be responsible for a wide range of recreation, engineering and works services and I welcome the challenge presented by this, particularly at a time of considerable change for Local Government."

"I am personally committed to the provision of effective and efficient local services, and to breaking down the traditional and unneces-



Graham Beattie

sary bureaucratic barriers to service delivery."

"Barnet already has a first rate reputation as a local authority and I look forward to contributing to the development and enhancement of this."

Mr Beattie lives in Southgate with his wife, Pamela, and his newly born son, James. Away from work he is interested in music, theatre and antiques. He also sails at the Lea Valley Sailing Club on Banbury Reservoir.

## Violinist in concert

TALENTED Chinese violinist, Xue Wei, opens the fourth International Chamber Concert series, produced by Barnet Council's Arts Office, at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, East Finchley, on Tuesday, November 17 at 7.45pm.

Xue Wei, accompanied by pianist Andrew Ball, will perform a varied programme including Ravel's Tzigane and Brahms Sonata No. 3 in D Minor Op. 108.

Tickets available from the Arts Office, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon. For further details phone 202 1903 (24 hours).



Xue Wei

## Helplines

# Children looking for families

THERE is a need throughout the borough for families willing to join Family Link in Barnet.

A recruiting drive has been launched by Janet Solomons, FLIB's home finder, for people willing to occasionally look after a child with a disability.

The keynote word is 'caring'. Mrs Solomons said: 'The people who would offer this sort of help may be single or married, from different racial, religious and cultural backgrounds, with or without children of their own.'

'Obviously a child with a disability will gain from widening his or her horizons and making social contacts. Link families are asked to take a child into their homes for up to 28 days a year.'

'Some people say they just want a week in the summer or the occasional weekend.'

Mrs Solomons stressed that the emphasis is on each person getting to know the other. 'Nobody will be asked to take on anything with which they wouldn't feel comfortable,' she said.

In the case of physically handicapped children, a lot of equipment which they need, is mobile and would go with them to their Link family.

Caring for a child with a disabili-

ty can place considerable stress on their families, particularly if there are other youngsters.

Even the most caring of parents enjoy a break from their children, whether to go shopping, a weekend away or an evening out.

The children can be up to the age of 19, many of them with communication difficulties.

No special qualifications are needed. FLIB operates from the borough's Social Services department and preparation, training and support will be given to families.

An allowance, equivalent to £24 for a 24 hour period, is paid. Payments, made by vouchers to avoid embarrassment, can be made for a stay of three hours or longer.

### Case histories

Rachel and David are two children in need of link families:

**Rachel** is a five-year-old who suffers from blindness. She can be very affectionate but sometimes her frustrations overwhelm her and can result in quite difficult behaviour.

In the last couple of years it has become evident that she has additional difficulties. Speech, as she had in her early years, seems to have been lost. She has a tendency to inflict damage upon herself by head banging.

The most important area of help

for her and her family would be during the school holidays when, a few days away, would enable them to carry on coping.

Rachel has a younger sister who is also blind. The mother's need for respite, is urgent.

### Affectionate

**David** is a lively and affectionate boy, aged 14. He is physically active and likes swimming — his favourite activity — which also calms him down.

He has limited concentration span and does need constant supervision as he tends to bounce around when excited.

Although he has no speech, David can communicate his needs quite well by gesture. He is mainly independent in feeding, dressing and toileting.

His parents would appreciate the occasional break of a few days, perhaps during the week or over a Friday and Saturday, to enable them to devote time to their younger child.



Anyone interested in knowing more about the scheme should contact Mrs Solomons at FLIB, Barnet Social Services, Ivy House, 1331 High Road, N20 9HZ. Tel: 446 1488 extn 4421.

# Neighbours needed

MILL HILL'S Good Neighbour Scheme is celebrating its fourth birthday but wants more volunteers in the area, to take them into their fifth year.

The volunteers help when life become difficult for a neighbour. They undertake shopping, collecting pensions or prescriptions or offer lifts to local surgeries and hospitals.

Visiting young mothers, who are housebound with ailing small children, or an elderly person, alone at home after a stay in hospital, can be as much of a morale-booster as actual physical help.

It is not necessary for volunteers to have a car, although anyone who can offer occasional transport would be particularly welcome.

Organiser Judith Peliken said: 'We do try not to call on a volunteer more than once or twice a month. Expenses can be claimed'.

'Perhaps someone recently retired might also consider an occasional mornings' work in our office.'

The scheme is grant-aided by Barnet specifically to help in Mill Hill. If you can help phone 906 3340 or call at the office in Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill between 10am-12.30pm weekday mornings.

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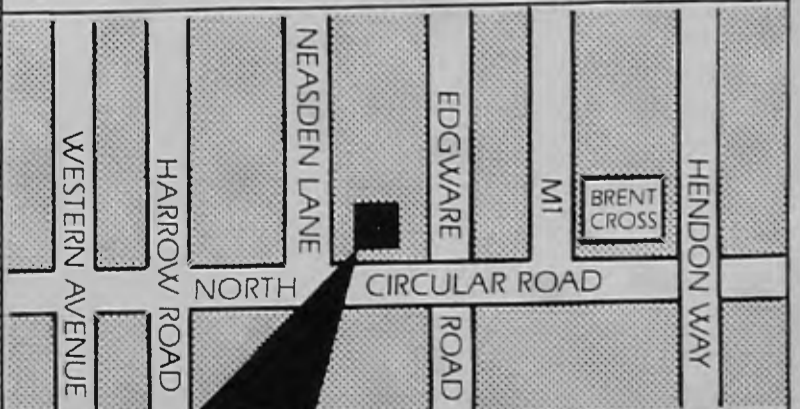
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# Keeping it in the family

THE family theme of a charity was retained when co-founders and joint chairmen, Patrick and Joan Laurance retired last month. They handed over the reins of the Family Holiday Association to their niece by marriage.

New chairman, Linda Laurance, 47, said she welcomed the challenge of meeting the ever-growing demands on the resources of a unique charity.

Mr Laurance of Hill Close, Hampstead Garden Suburb, was a Barnet Councillor for Garden Suburb ward when he and his wife founded the association in 1975.

In its first year the association funded holidays for 17 Barnet families. This year about £132,000 has been paid in grants to more than 550 families nationwide.

Mr and Mrs Laurance are not severing links with the association. They accepted posts of Life Presidents and Mrs Laurance commented: 'We are going to devote our time to more fund-raising.'

Her husband recalled the early days of the Association. He said: 'We knew there was no other charity in the UK specialising in giving breaks to whole families. It is only now, all these years later, that the public is getting around to realising how important this is for families.'



Linda Laurance (left) is handed one of the Association's collecting boxes by co-founders Joan and Patrick Laurance, as a token of her new position as the charity's chairman.

The couples' only regret is that the association is still turning away as many families as it helps. Mrs Laurance spoke of one recent application from a father of three whose wife is terminally ill.

'People think a holiday is a luxury but when we read the type of applications submitted, it is easy to see how a break enables some families just to carry on and cope with their problems,' she said.

Mr Laurance added: 'We are just catering for the tip of the iceberg. More money is the key. If everybody who went on holiday gave us a donation of £10, thing would be much brighter for those who can't afford a break.'

The Family Holiday Association, which welcomes all offers of help, is at Hertford Lodge, East End Road, Finchley, N3 3QE.

## Concert of sacred music

THE Nonsuch Singers will be making their first visit to St Jude's Church, South Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, on Saturday, November 14th for a concert of church music spanning five centuries.

This group of 20 singers, many of whom have had formal musical training, will perform works linked by the common theme of plainsong.

They range from the famous 'Miserere' by Allegri, which was originally written for the Sistine Chapel, to the lyrical 'Requiem' by Durufle.

The performance begins at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 (£2 concessions) at the door.

Nonsuch is directed by Michael Hodges and the organ will be played by Michael Emerson.

## Crime prevention

WOODHOUSE Ward councillors are holding a special 'Crime Prevention' surgery between 6.30 and 8.30pm in the Town Hall, Friern Barnet, on Thursday, November 1.

PC Peter Hayward, the Police's local crime prevention officer, will give a display and advice to people who wish to attend. No appointment necessary — all constituents welcome.

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The hour-long sessions begin at 7pm on Mondays at Christ College Lower School, East End Road, Finchley and are free. They continue until December 14.

Budding strikers are advised to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Another football session is held

on Tuesdays from 10am until 12 noon at West Hendon Pavilion, West Hendon Playing Fields, Goldsmith Avenue, Colindale.

In the summer a 6-a-side team from Barnet Sport were runners-up in the final of a competition at the Copthall Show. Perhaps next year you can be a winner!

There is a wide variety of activities especially designed for women. Badminton enthusiasts can get to grips with a shuttlecock at West Hendon Pavilion on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon. Admission free and racquets provided.

Alternatively jogging sessions are on offer at Copthall Stadium, Great North Way, Hendon, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am until 11.30am at a cost of 70p.

Followers of women's cricket can take to the nets at Buckland Society Sport Centre, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, on Saturdays between 10am and 11.15am. There is a charge of 50p.

Keep Fit sessions are held at the Annunciation Church, Thirleby Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware on Fridays from 10am until 11am. Cost 75p.

# POETRY

THE Highgate Poets, including two Barnet residents, are presenting a performance of work on Sunday, November 8th, to raise funds for the North London Hospice.

Dennis Evans from East Finchley and Lauraine Palmeri from Golders Green are joining other members of the group at Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, Highgate, at 6.30pm.

The Highgate Poets, who also include John Moore from East Finchley and Saqi Faruqi from Hendon, meet once a month for constructive criticism of their own work.



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## News

# Special people who work for no pay

ALL over the Borough of Barnet there are special people who are working for no pay. One of them is Olson Oxenham. By day he is an Environmental Health Officer, and, for a minimum of four hours a week, he is a member of the Metropolitan Police Special Constabulary.

SPC Oxenham, 32, married with a daughter of 21 months, lives in Hendon. He joined the Specials eight years ago when he was in his final year as an undergraduate.

He said: 'At the time I was undecided as to which career I should go into. I saw a recruitment advertisement in a newspaper for the Specials, so I applied and was accepted.'

'I had always been interested in the police and was, at the time, thinking of joining up. In effect my joining the Specials was to get a first hand insight into police work before committing myself.'

'However, soon after joining the Specials, I became attracted to a career in Environmental Health.'

SPC Oxenham said his service with the Specials had given him a wealth of experience, provided much excitement and many enjoyable hours in the company of his colleagues and regular officers.



SPC Oxenham puts on his personal radio, ready to start a tour of duty in Golders Green.

'I am proud to wear the uniform of what I regard as being one of the best police services in the world,' he added.

He deplored the use of the nickname 'Hobby Bobbies' and said: 'Some people are under the misconception that Specials attend only ceremonial duties, carnivals and football matches.'

'Although these events pose a significant demand on police resources, and assistance by Specials is generally well received by the

regulars, it should be pointed out that we perform a lot of routine police duties at local police stations.'

'Some of these duties are far from glamorous and could certainly not be construed as being a hobby.'

SPC Oxenham was born in Mauritius, came to Britain when he was 10 and had the full support of his East Finchley family when he joined the Special Constabulary.

He sees an active role for people from ethnic minorities within the ranks of the Specials as well as the regular service.

'In fact certain groups of the community are not able to fully commit themselves to the regulars, perhaps because of the need to be off work on certain religious holidays. By being a member of the MSC, the individual can work his own hours,' he said.

He has been based at Golders Green police station during his service with the MSC but will shortly transfer to Finchley with the rank of sub-divisional officer.

To be eligible for entry into the Specials, an applicant must be a British subject, physically fit, between 18½ and 50 years old. The minimum heights are 5ft 6ins for men and 5ft 4ins for women.

The message from SPC Oxenham is: 'If you want to play an active role in combatting crime, contact or visit the Special Constabulary Unit at your local police station. We will be pleased to discuss the work of the MSC and to provide you with further information.'

## Exhibitions in Barnet

**Nov 7 to Dec 12**

Milldon Art Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Works by members. Open during library hours.

**Nov 21 to Dec 19**

Barnet Artists' Exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave, N12. Open during library hours.

**Until November 25**

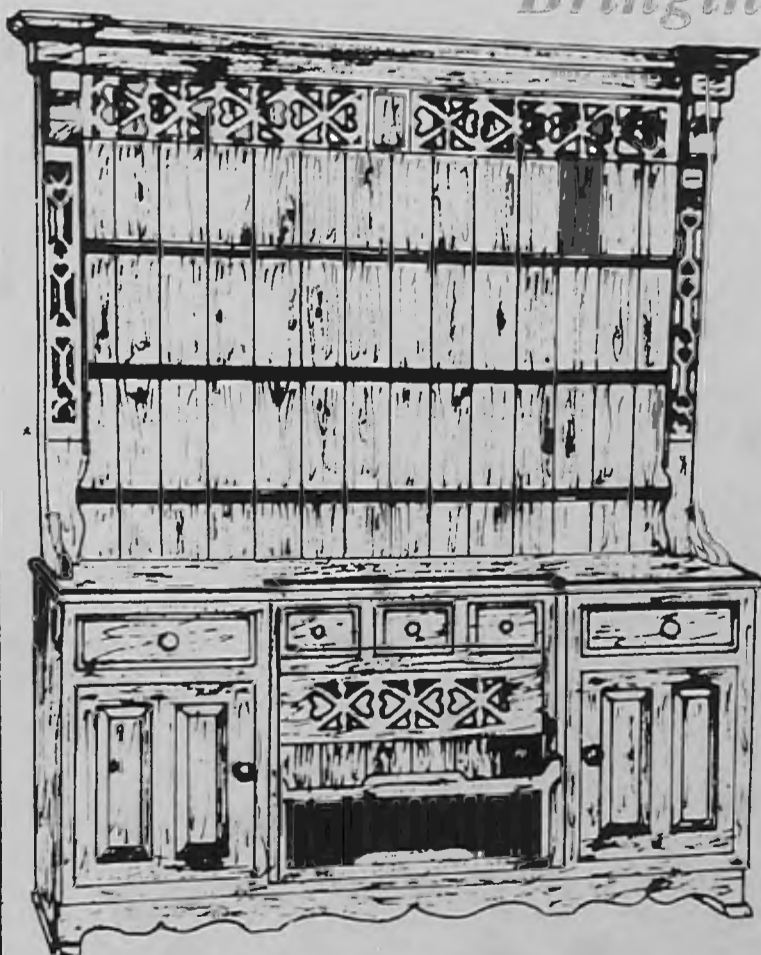
Fred Kormis (Sculptor & Draughtsman) Memorial Exhibition, Sternberg Centre, East End Road, Finchley. Sundays: 11am to 1pm and 3pm to 5pm. Mondays-Tuesdays: 11am to 4pm. Evenings: Mondays and Wednesdays: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

**Until January 3**

Matchstick Marvels, a collection of models made from matchsticks, Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: Mon-Sat (except Tues) 10am-1pm. 2-5.30pm; Tues: 10am-1pm; Sun: 2-5.30pm. 203 0130

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**Sport**

# Take the big plunge at Copthall Pools

BOTH swimming pools at Copthall Centre, Great North Way, Hendon/Page Street, Mill Hill, are back in action and to celebrate there are additional courses on offer.

Tiles in the main and training pools have been totally replaced by a fibre-glass membrane with a high quality epoxy resin finish.

Work started on the training pool in May and was completed in July. The main pool work began in August and was completed last month.

All tiles have been removed. The tanks were thoroughly cleaned before the new surface was applied.

Among the wide variety of activities now on offer are swimming lessons, school holiday courses, Barnet's swimming training scheme and dry land classes in martial arts, yoga, keep fit and aerobics.

One new scheme is the Passport to Health designed to give people aged 50 or over the chance to start swimming. £20 will buy a yearly season ticket that enables people to swim both at Copthall and Squires Lane Baths at special times.

There are special sessions for handicapped people on Sundays between 4.30pm and 5.30pm but they need to buy a book of tickets for these sessions.

Early birds can swim between 7am and 8.30am three mornings a

week and from 8am to 9am on Saturdays. Book of tickets need to be purchased.

Season tickets are also available and can be bought for either six months or one year at the beginning of April and October.

Regular pool users may also wish to take advantage of the books of 10 or 20 tickets which can be bought from the reception office.

Pools can be hired for galas, birthday parties or private functions — how about a Caribbean evening?

The upstairs cafeteria is open

seven days a week and a full catering service is available for special events. The Conference Room will seat up to 46 people with full audio-visual equipment and catering facilities.

In the Fitness Centre there is an eight-station multi-gym and seven individual pieces of apparatus. To help you get the most out of the equipment, we suggest a three session introductory course which is bookable at reception.

**Facts and figures**

For the statically minded, here are some facts and figures about

Copthall:

**Main Pool** — length, 25 metres; width, eight lanes; depth 1m to 1.5m; electronic timing system and spectator seating.

**Training Pool** — length, 25 metres; width, six lanes; depth, 0.9m-1m; spectator seating.

**Diving Pool** — length, 12 metres square; depth, four metres; two 1 metre springboards; one 3 metre springboard; a 5 metre platform and spectator seating.

Details of all the courses are available in a new brochure. Booking can only be made in person at Copthall Pools.

## Manorhill courses a great success

THE overwhelming success of the recent Ladies Self-Defence Course at the Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, Finchley, has led to a further six sessions being organised.

Starting on November 12, the one and a half hour sessions will take place every Thursday at 7pm. A qualified instructor will take the course, for which there is a charge of £9.

Anyone wishing to enrol or who wants further details, should phone 368 6316.

**Junior tennis squad**

New recruits will be welcome at

the Barnet Junior Tennis Squad run by the Centre.

Training takes place in the Dome, Tottenham, on Wednesdays from 6pm until 7pm, at a cost of £2 per session.

The squad has had considerable success in local tournaments and is a recruiting ground for the Barnet Beavers Tennis Team.

Any player of proven ability between the ages of 10 and 18 who would like to take part, should phone Steve Eveleigh on 368 6316.

**Other Classes**

In addition to the self defence

course, other classes have been organised by Manorhill and will be held at Christ Church Lower School.

Indoor tennis classes have started on Sundays, from 10.30am until 1.30pm, for anyone between the ages of eight and 15.

Basketball classes will be held on Tuesdays, between 6pm and 7pm for the age group nine to 13 years, and from 7pm until 8pm for over 13s. There is a pay and play charge of £1 per session.

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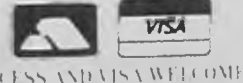
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## News

# The Police view on 'wheelie bins'

By Jim Clark,  
Hendon Crime  
Prevention Officer

**'WHEELIE BINS', said the man who was sitting across the desk from me, in my office at Hendon Police Station.**

I tried to look knowledgeable, while thinking 'wheelie bins'. I wonder if that's like the Beastie Boys?

My expression obviously betrayed me. The man from Barnet Council launched into his explanation of the new wheeled refuse bins, which came into the Borough in selected pilot areas from October.

I listened and found it interesting but what was all this to do with me? I was to find out. There were to be open meetings in the pilot areas, explaining the scheme to residents and the Borough hoped that the local Police Crime Prevention Officer would come along and, if necessary, answer questions.

I didn't know then that I would not, in fact, speak at the open meetings, so I had to do some homework. I selected four places where I had discovered that wheelie bins were in use — two cities and two rural/suburban areas.

Phone calls were then made to my counterparts — the local Police Crime Prevention Officers — and I asked three questions.

'What effect have wheelie bins had on numbers of burglaries by bins being left out after the refuse lorry has called, thereby indicating that the occupants of the house were out?'

'What other areas of crime had come to notice, due to the introduction of wheelie bins?'

'What positive aspects were there and what advice could be passed on?'

## Less litter

CPO Steve Hale of Avon and Somerset police at Bristol said: 'The scheme is not yet fully implemented although they have been in the commercial areas and council estates — mainly flats — for some time. There have been no complaints and they haven't affected crime at all. I have certainly noticed less litter about.'

CPO Terry Morris of Hampshire police at Winchester said: 'They have been in use here, from between one and three years, in various areas. We have a lot of terraced property and wheelie bins

tend to be kept at the front. There has been no increase in the number of burglaries since the introduction of the bins.'

CPO Brian Tagg of Thames Valley police at Newbury said: 'The wheelie bin scheme has been in operation for about two years here. There has been no perceived affect on crime, in fact our burglary rate has fallen against figures that show a rise for my Force as a whole.'

CPO John Wyatt of Hertfordshire police at Stevenage said: 'The North Herts Council uses them. There were complaints initially, on aesthetic grounds, from residents in the Garden City but there are no problems with any crime and there is certainly less litter.'

## Advice

The advice from all the Crime Prevention officers is:

- Keep the bin in a suitable place, where it cannot be used as a ladder to climb on to flat roofs or over walls. Lock it with a bicycle-type chain, to a down pipe or fence post, but make sure it is unlocked on collection day.

- Do not paint your name on the bin, as this may assist a thief to find your address in the phone book, to

test whether or not your house is empty. You may paint your house number on it, if you wish.

- Keep a note of the serial number on the bottom of the bin, or, better still, postcode the bin. Thieves could find the bins make attractive compost and strawberry growing containers!

- Help your aged or infirm neighbours on collection day, especially during the winter months.

- Ask a neighbour to put your bin out for collection when you are on holiday, and to put it away safely again. Do the same for them.

- If your area is in Neighbourhood Watch — put a sticker on the bin. No advertising is bad advertising.

Some people may come to love and some to loathe wheelie bins, but so far my investigations show the bins don't lead to an increase in crime.

## Barnet's hot-line

For residents in Barnet's trial area the refuse section has set up a telephone hot-line for people who may have problems with the new system.

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**Brunswick Park Ward** — Conservative councillors available second Saturday of month, 10.30am to 12 noon, Monkfrith Boys' Club hall, Osidge Lane, N14.

**East Barnet Ward** — Cllr Olwen Evans (Conservative), Sat November 7 and December 5, 10.30am to noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. Contact Cllrs Mrs Marie Perry and John Perry on 368 4368 for appointment. **Labour councillors** available Sat November 7 and December 5, 10.30 to 11.30am, 104 East Barnet Road, New Barnet.

### Finchley & Friern Barnet

**Margaret Thatcher, MP**, for constituents only, via constituency office, tel 445 4292.

**Conservative councillors**, Sat November 7 and December 5, 10.30am to noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

**East Finchley** — Labour councillors every Saturday, 10am to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane 2.

**Finchley Ward** — Conservative councillors, Saturday November 28, 10am to noon, Blue Beetle Hall (adj St Mary's Church) Hendon Lane, N3. Cllr **Mrs Barbara Langstone** can be contacted on 445 5443.

**St Paul's Ward** — Labour councillors Naren Davé, Michael Freeman and Kitty Lyons, every Saturday 11am to 12 noon, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Road, N3, and at Tally Ho Corner.

**Woodhouse Ward** — Labour councillors Mike Harris, Dennis Reed and Rudolf Vis, every Thursday, 6.30-

7.30pm, Friern Barnet Town Hall, N11. Also Saturdays at Tally Ho and Sutton Road.

**Friern Barnet Ward** — Contact Cllrs Chris Platford (368 6817), Brian Salinger (368 1329), John Tiplady (445 5734).

### Hendon North

**John Gorst, MP**, available Fri. November 20, by appointment. At other times tel 959 1446 or via constituency office, 2 Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill. **Conservative councillors**, Grahame Park and Mill Hill, Weds November 11, 18 25 & December 2.

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### Euro MP

**John Marshall, Euro MP**, contact Euro agent: 440 7328.

## Nature Notes

### NOVEMBER

By Clive Herbert of the Barnet Group  
London Wildlife Trust

WHILE the vast majority of plants have now either shed their leaves or died, there can still be some botanical interest to discover by searching for fruits. These will all provide a late food resource for many animals. Sloes should still be present on blackthorn bushes and windfall apples will be relished by the thrushes as winter progresses.

Fungi also remain in evidence and close examination will reveal numerous teethmarks where the cap and stipe has been nibbled. Many mammals can eat fungi which are poisonous to us and rabbits will feed quite happily on the berries of deadly nightshade.

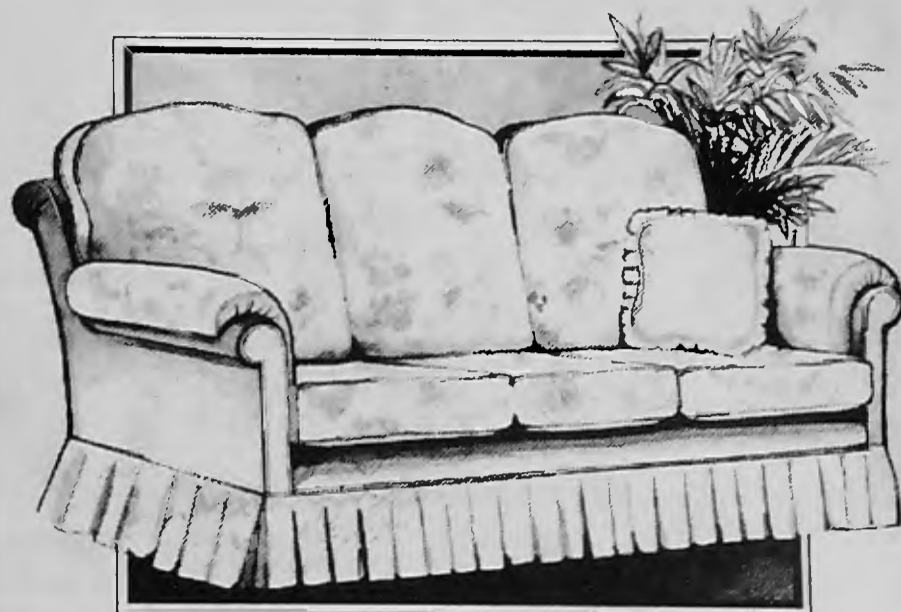
Nuts also remain available this month and grey squirrels can be seen making food caches in our parks and woodlands.

Late autumn sees the peak populations of many of our small mammals — mice and voles particularly.

We usually think of mammals breeding in the summer months, but the Grey Seal is an exception. During November they will be braving the autumn storms and pupping on the rocky shores of north west Britain.

Now that the vegetation has died back, this is an excellent time to search for Muntjac. Look out for them wherever there is good cover in the Green Belt areas in the north west of the borough.

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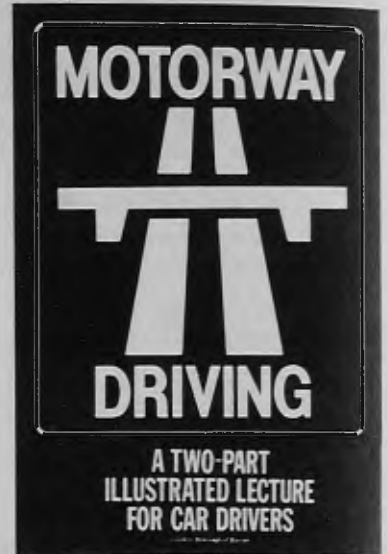
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# BARNET COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 1986-87

### Introduction

ONCE again this year the National Health Service has been constantly in the news. Mostly bad news, mostly in central London: ward closures, waiting lists and cancelled operations. There have been grim stories of people waiting on stretchers in corridors or of being shunted from one hospital to another. It has been a time of continuing change, with the emphasis on financial savings through increased efficiency to help fund new developments. Advances in medicine mean an increasing demand for expensive treatment and the cost of AIDS has thrown an additional and unexpected burden on the Health Service, particularly in London. A worsening problem is the shortage of nurses, midwives, junior doctors and people in the professions allied to medicine (occupational therapists, speech therapists, physiotherapists, chiropodists etc.).

The Health Service in Barnet has not avoided financial pressures and strains on staff. The principle of moving resources to relatively more deprived areas known as RAWP (Resource Allocation Working Party) has entailed a reduction in Barnet Health Authority's acute beds (those used by people having operations or suffering from medical conditions which require hospitalisation) but without any reduction in the number of people needing to use them. Some of the former acute beds have been allocated to continuing care (mainly for people requiring long term hospital care or lengthy rehabilitation before returning home) but these have barely met the increasing demand from an ageing population. Waiting lists for surgery reached an all-time high during the year.

### Financial tight-rope

BARNET Community Health Council (CHC) have admired the way Barnet District Health Authority (DHA) has walked the financial tight-rope and by good financial management has succeeded in maintaining the service on a diminishing budget. But we are aware of what this has meant for those at the sharp end: patients and nurses. Complaints by patients of lack of attention and of wards not running as smoothly as they used to, have been echoed by nurses' complaints of loss of job satisfaction because they are so rushed that they are unable to do their job in the way they would like. An improved pay-scale for nurses is essential if the drift from the profession is to be halted, but so too is the encouragement and support which they need in an increasingly difficult job.



The Patient's Friend

### Worse to come?

THE DHA's recent recruiting visit to Scotland succeeded in attracting more student nurses, measures to reduce the waiting lists for operations are in hand, and savings through efficiency have allowed some new projects to get off the ground in spite of the financial squeeze. Since it is the shortage of staff (and the saving on their salaries) which is partly responsible for enabling the DHA to balance its books, and the scope for efficiency savings is more limited every year, we are extremely worried that cuts in the service may be unavoidable next year. Our concern is reflected in a warning from NW Thames Regional Health Authority (RHA) to Health Ministers in August that unless extra funds were provided there would be widespread ward and bed closures in the coming winter.

### What is the CHC?

THE CHC is a local body set up by the NHS to represent the interests of the public in relation to services run by Barnet Health Authority (hospitals, clinics, community nurses etc.) and by the Barnet Family Practitioner Committee (FPC) (which administers the general practitioner, dental and pharmaceutical services). The 24 members of the CHC, who give their time without payment, are in part elected by local voluntary organisations and in part appointed by the London Borough of Barnet and by the RHA (see page 44).

Members hold regular meetings in public, meet in small groups to study specific issues and visit hospitals and clinics to find out how satisfied patients are with the service provided. During the year 29 visits were made. CHC members also meet annually with members and staff of the DHA and of the FPC.

Apart from this right to visit the CHC also have the right to be consulted by the DHA about its plans and about any major change of use of hospital buildings (including hospital closures). If the CHC object to proposals, they have to go to the RHA and in some cases to the Secretary of State for Health for a decision.

### Hendon District Hospital: new use in view

FROM the announcement of the DHA's plan to close Hendon District Hospital, this was opposed by the CHC who were convinced that there were health uses for the centrally situated and attractive buildings. A joint DHA and CHC working party then proposed its use for short-stay care for elderly people, and as a drop-in, work and recreation centre for people who are or have been mentally ill. These proposals were dependent on the premises being let at a peppercorn rent and when the RHA refused to allow this, the CHC feared that the battle was lost.

However the delay gave the DHA's Mental Health Unit time to produce exciting plans for using the buildings as a community health centre, to include a base for community psychiatric nurses and in-patient and day-care facilities for mentally ill people and those with dementia. The DHA is studying the feasibility of the proposals which, although providing a more institutional setting than is ideal, would mean that the necessary local services could be available much more quickly than if new premises had to be acquired. A decision is expected in November.



### New Surgical block for Barnet General Hospital: timetable restored

JUST as running costs are subject to national and regional policies and budgets, so funding for new buildings for Barnet health services has to compete with that for

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the projects of other Health Authorities. A new surgical block for Barnet General Hospital has been in the pipeline for over 10 years and work was expected to start in 1991. It was a devastating blow when the RHA decided in March that the start should be postponed until 1994. Patients and staff faced even more years of treatment in pre-war huts, necessitating journeys across the hospital grounds to the operating theatre, X-rays, etc. in all weathers.

It was not only this prospect which worried the CHC, but also the knock-on effect on Victoria Maternity Hospital. The "Vic" provides a greatly appreciated service but its buildings are in a poor state of repair and a maternity unit is to be part of the new surgical block. We informed the RHA and local MPs of our concern and it was with great relief that we heard in September that the start on the new surgical block had been brought forward again to 1991. The DHA is now looking at ways of maintaining services at the "Vic" until the new block is completed.

## Care in the community

A NATIONAL policy of caring for people in their own homes as far as possible, rather than in hospital, means that people are less often admitted to hospital, and also spend less time in hospital. Locally, some people who have been in hospital for many years are very carefully prepared for life in the community.

Much of the CHC's work this year has again focussed on care in the community, including participation in the local teams which bring together representatives of the DHA, London Borough of Barnet and local voluntary organisations to plan the services required in the community. People rely on their GP for access to many of the community services. The scope of GP's work is increasing and the CHC welcome the closer involvement with them, through the FPC.

Following Barnet CHC's 1985 conference, "Mental Health, who cares?", which identified public attitudes as being crucial to the success of a care in the community policy, the CHC commissioned a survey of the attitudes of Barnet people. This highlighted the public's general lack of understanding of mental illness and its wish to know more.

More knowledge would dispel many fears, particularly about unpredictable behaviour. The CHC have discussed the survey's findings with a large number of Barnet organisations concerned directly or indirectly with mental health. We have agreed to hold a Barnet Day of Mental

Health on 26th April, 1988 to inform Barnet people about mental illness. A public meeting, library displays, press coverage, an open day at mental health centres, and many other activities will illustrate the needs of mentally ill people and their families and, we believe, will help the community at large to meet them.



26th April, 1988

## More about mental health

BARNET Association for Mental Health (BAMH), a group set up last year for users of the mental health service and those looking after them, has met regularly and has spotlighted issues which the CHC have been happy to take up. One is the need for some sort of written information for people who are visited by the Crisis Intervention Team, called out by the GP to see patients who need specialist psychiatric help. The Mental Health Unit is producing a leaflet explaining the team's function and indicating where further help can be obtained if needed.

Another issue is the lack of choice facing people who need to see a psychiatrist. Whereas in other fields of medicine it is usually possible, subject to a GP's advice, to see whichever consultant the patient wishes, psychiatry is rigidly zoned. Although consultants may differ radically in their approach to mental illness, Barnet people are not free to see consultants outside the district and, depending on where they live, are allocated to one of two consultants in that area. People with mental illness are especially vulnerable and if they do not get on with their consultant, they are often reluctant to say so. The CHC think more choice should be made available.

The establishment this year of a local branch of Phobic Action, a self-help group for the many people whose lives are disrupted by phobias, is very welcome.

## Old Age

ELDERLY people, who are one of the groups identified as a priority for health expenditure by the Government, make up a particularly large proportion of the population in Barnet. The CHC have investigated several aspects of the care available to them. Our concern about the arrangements for discharging elderly people from hospital was shared by the DHA. The appointment of liaison nurses and a general tightening up of procedures has meant that great care is now given to after-care arrangements and discharge is normally avoided at weekends when help is hard to get. However, people do still fall through the net, partly because the pressure on hospital beds may mean that if one patient has to be admitted as an emergency, another has to be sent home a little sooner than intended.

The strain is also being felt in sheltered housing where personal care is not usually provided.

## Physical disability

CONCERNED by reports from the Royal College of Physicians on services for people with a physical disability which highlighted the lack of co-ordination in this field, the CHC welcomed RHA recommendations for a co-ordinated service.

We now await the DHA's plans for services which will give all disabled people access to the specialist and practical help they need to live as full and independent a life as possible.

The CHC have a particular responsibility for residents of long stay hospitals (for people with mental illness, mental and physical handicap) who may find it difficult to speak for themselves.

## Short stay care

LOOKING after a disabled person at home (whether from old age or mental or physical handicap or illness) requires a huge commitment from caring relatives. Regular short stay care away from home for disabled people can make it possible for relatives to continue to keep them at home. In many of the DHA's hospitals, such care (often two weeks in hospital every two months) is greatly appreciated by relatives and patients. The CHC are keen that all families should be able to benefit and are looking into the availability of short stay care for elderly people on the west (Edgware/Hendon) side of the borough.

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## More support

DURING the year the Voluntary Service Council (VSC) has set up a network of groups for people caring at home for disabled relatives. Carers are able to give each other mutual support and to approach the DHA or London Borough of Barnet

when there is cause for concern. Other new organisations mainly of help to elderly people are a Barnet branch of Arthritis Care and the Volunteer Stroke Scheme run by the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association. An autumn meeting for Barnet's self-help groups is being arranged by the CHC.

residents' behaviour and in their ability to do the sort of domestic jobs which are a normal part of life outside hospital. Once transferred, residents will be the responsibility of London Borough of Barnet Social Services Department and no longer of the DHA.

## More speech-therapists needed

SPEECH therapists play a vital role in helping children (including those with a learning disability) and adults (particularly people who have had a stroke).

Approached by members of the public about the need for more speech therapy, CHC members are studying the situation and welcome the opportunity of sitting-in on speech therapy sessions.

## Maternity

WE have continued to look at arrangements for ante and post natal care and for home births. Visits to the ante natal clinics at Barnet and Edgware General Hospitals found mothers generally very satisfied with the care provided, although there are long waits to see the consultant and accommodation at Edgware is very cramped.

There is a growing interest in home births and we are represented on a support group for parents who choose to have their baby at home.

As a member of the Link Worker Project Steering Group, we were also involved in obtaining charitable funding for two Asian linkworkers in the DHA's maternity department. Their work has been greatly appreciated by clients and staff and we are very pleased that from July the DHA assumed financial responsibility for their salaries. The Project Steering Group are keen to see similar help made regularly available to other departments at Edgware General Hospital and a register of interpreters established who could be called on when needed. We were fortunate in obtaining a year's charitable funding to extend the Project in this way.

## Health promotion

ALTHOUGH the CHC's chief function is to put forward the consumer's view to those providing health services, we also aim to promote good health. We are pleased that our past chairman is a member of the DHA's Health Promotion Team, which is currently concentrating on the prevention of heart disease through a non-smoking and healthy eating policy.

The DHA took an important step in recognising that ethnic minority residents may not have equal access to health



## Getting to and from hospital

NON-EMERGENCY ambulance transport has continued to be a problem. It took several months to settle down after re-organisation last year, resulting in people with outpatient appointments sometimes either not being picked up at all or reaching hospital after the consultant had left. A recent CHC survey of how people get to and from outpatients clinics has found that people eligible for ambulance transport (and this has to be for medical, not social reasons) have to be up early, to wait possibly for hours, and may face another long wait after their appointment before they can be taken home. Given the requirement to make the most cost-effective use of drivers and ambulances, it is difficult to see how the inconvenience to patients can be reduced. For patients fortunate enough to travel by car there can be problems in finding parking space near the clinic.

## Day surgery

AN increasing number of minor operations is carried out without the patient having to stay in hospital overnight and a day surgery unit has recently been opened at Edgware General Hospital. The CHC thought it important to find out what patients felt about this trend and asked people admitted during one week in September for their views. The results are awaited.

## Marie Foster Home

ALERTED by a relative of one of the residents to problems at the Marie Foster Home, which is run by the DHA, the CHC visited in November 1986. We found there had been continuous staffing difficulties which the DHA was trying to remedy.

In our report of that visit we drew attention to the institutional atmosphere of the Home and to the lack of opportunity for residents to make decisions about their own lives.

In July, the DHA announced proposals to transfer the Home's management to a voluntary body. CHC members consulted each of the residents individually as to how they would like to see the Home managed, and talked to relatives, staff and volunteers. Our report and recommendations based on these discussions with the DHA and new proposals are awaited.

## Mental Handicap

PLANS to move Barnet people back into the Borough from Harperbury, Leavesden and Cell Barnes Mental Handicap Hospitals in Hertfordshire are progressing slowly. They are dependent on the availability of suitable housing as well as of RHA bridging finance.

CHC members visited The Haven, a detached house at Harperbury Hospital, and were impressed at the way in which six young people were being prepared for their move to Barnet. It was encouraging to hear that the family atmosphere at The Haven, as opposed to that of a very large ward, had brought great improvements in

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services, particularly because of language or cultural differences. It set up a working party, which included two CHC members, to take evidence from some of Barnet's many ethnic organisations, and a report is awaited.

Barnet's computer recall for cervical smears ran so successfully during the first year that the interval between calls has been reduced from five to three years and the age limit lowered from 35 to 20. Government money for a pilot breast-screening programme was announced and we were pleased that Barnet was chosen by the RHA for this project. The clinic will be based at Edgware General Hospital and women between 50 and 64 will be called by computer.

Our Woman's Guide to Health in Barnet has been a resounding success: 4,000 copies have been distributed and the book has just been reprinted. Copies are available from the office and from local bookshops, at a cost of £2.

## AIDS

DISTURBED by the lack of local information about AIDS, the CHC arranged a public meeting. A panel of local professionals gave practical advice and described measures taken by the DHA and the London Borough of Barnet.

Barnet people are referred to other London hospitals for testing, counselling and treatment. We would like to see well-publicised counselling available locally encouraging people to discuss any worries.

## What you can do

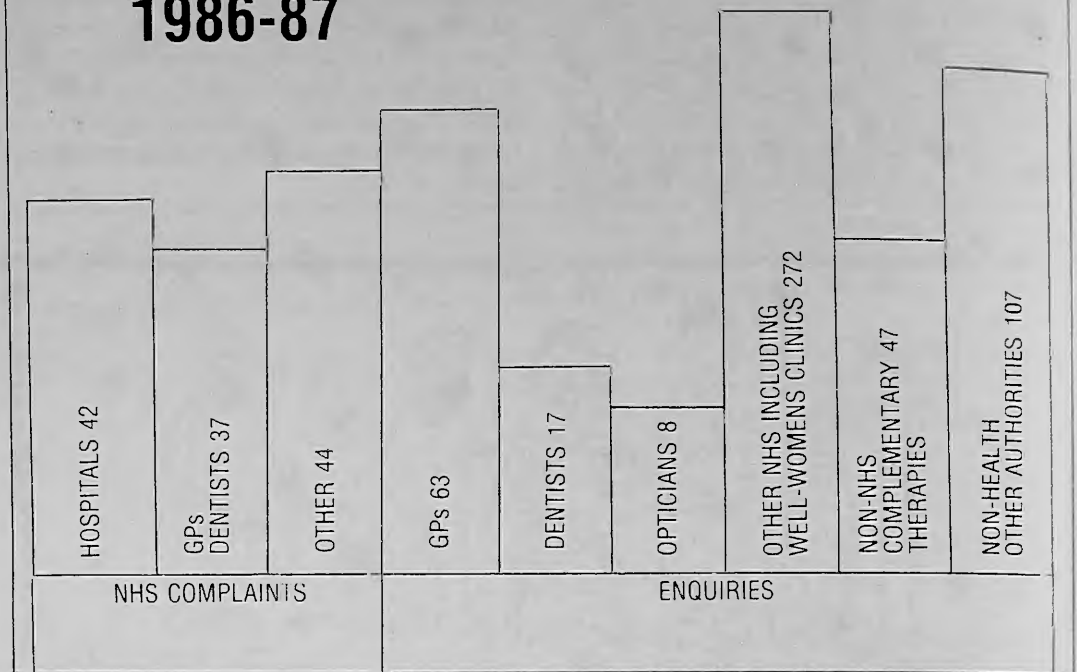
LET us know what you think about the health services you receive. Information from you on the topics covered in this report, or on any others, will help us to do our job.

Invite us to send a speaker to your local group, whether a pensioners' group, a playgroup, a Townswomen's Guild etc. The speaker will be interested in your members' experiences of the NHS and will take up any problems.

If you have an area of special expertise in the health field, would you like to be considered for co-option? A considerable commitment of time is needed, but it is a rewarding job. Local ethnic minorities are not well represented on the CHC and more participation by them would be especially welcome.

Let us help you with information about the NHS (eg. charges for dental treatment or how to change a GP) or advice about any problems or complaints. A steadily increasing number of people are contacting us, appreciating the time to talk about what has happened and to decide what action they wish to take. Often the chance

## Help with enquiries and complaints 1986-87



to discuss the problem with the doctor concerned is enough; on other occasions serious complaints will go to a formal enquiry.

We can only do our job of representing the public's interests in the health service if we know what you think about the health services you receive. Please let us have your views on the topics covered in this report, or on any other aspects of local health care.

## Public meetings

COME to one of our public meetings, at which there is time for you to question us and to have your say!

**Tuesday, November 3rd, 1987:** at Barnet General Hospital (Boardroom)

**Wednesday, December 16th, 1987:** at Finchley Memorial Hospital (Canteen)

**Thursday, January 28th, 1988:** at Colindale Hospital (Recreation Room)

**Monday, March 14th, 1988:** at Finchley Memorial Hospital (Canteen)

**Wednesday, April 27th, 1988:** at Napsbury Hospital

**Wednesday, June 8th, 1988:** at FPC, 313 Ballards Lane, N12

**Thursday, July 14th, 1988:** at Finchley Memorial Hospital (Canteen)

All meetings begin at 7.30pm

**Barnet CHC  
is at:**

**104 Watling Avenue,  
Burnt Oak,  
Edgware HA8 0LN.  
Tel: 959 2038  
(answerphone).**

## Barnet CHC has 24 members:

### Elected by Voluntary organisations:

**Mr Tony Celner** (National Schizophrenia Fellowship — North West London)

**Mrs Pia Duran** (Barnet Society for Mentally Handicapped Children & Adults)

**Mr Alan Edwards** (Rotary Club of Finchley)

**Mrs Rita Newman** (Barnet League of Jewish Women)

**Mrs Usha Rao** (Barnet Community Relations Council)

**Mr Peter Southwell** (League of Friends, Finchley Memorial Hospital)

**Mrs Fiona Tilston-Jones** (Barnet Citizens' Advice Bureaux)

**Mrs Linda Turner** (Network)

### Appointed by London Borough of Barnet:

**Mrs Sylvie Da Costa**

**Cllr Mrs Iris Fielding**

**Mr Bob Govett**

**Mr Antony Jacobson** (vice chairman)

**Mrs Betty Joule**

**Mr Henry Klokow**

**Mrs Vivien Summers** (vice chairman)

**Mrs Sue Thurlow**

**Mr Tony Williams**

**Mrs Marion Witton** (chairman)

Two vacancies

### Appointed by Regional Health Authority

**Mr Julian Czarny**

**Mr Eric Foster**

**Mrs Jo Houston**

One vacancy

# BARNET DIARY

## Horticulture and Floral Art

### Tuesday November 10

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

### Wednesday November 11

Hendon Horticultural Soc. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 1187

### Thursday November 12

Barnet & Dist Fuchsia Soc. Council Chambers. 29 Wood St. 7.30pm. 445 6112

Barnet Flower Arrangement Soc. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. New Barnet. 8pm. 0707 57199

### Tuesday November 17

Totteridge Floral Art Group, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Village, N20. 2pm 445 9307

### Wednesday November 18

Hendon Floral Art Group, West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9. 7.30pm. 346 8916

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' & Floral Art Soc AGM, St Peter's Church Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. 8pm. 441 0293

## Women's Clubs

### Tuesday November 10

East Barnet (Osidge) TWG, Church Farm, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 7.45pm 368 7346

Wives Group, Mill Hill East Church Hall, Salcombe Gdns. 8pm. 346 9430 (also Nov 25)

### Wednesday November 11

Brunswick Park Ladies Section, Chipping Barnet Conservative Assn, Church Farm Hall, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 2pm. 449 7345

Mill Hill Afternoon TWG, Harwood Hall, The Broadway, NW7. 2pm. 959 1505

### Thursday November 12

Finchley Granville TWG, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. 2pm. 346 7056

Broadway Mill Hill TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. 2pm. 959 1333

Chipping Barnet WI, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 10am. 440 8807

### Monday November 16

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

### Tuesday November 17

Finchley & Whetstone TWG, Manor Drive Methodist Church, York Way, N20. 2pm. 368 5571

### Wednesday November 18

Woodside Park Afternoon TWG, Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, N12. 2.15pm. 445 0911

Friary Club (NA of WC), Friern Barnet Town Hall Canteen, N11. 445 8493 (also Wednesday Dec 2)

'Acorns', non-sectarian club for women, St Paul's Church Hall, Long Lane, N3. 9.45am. Creche available. 346 7945/7378 (also Dec 2)

### Friday November 20

Barnet Afternoon TWG, Church House, Wood St. 2pm. 449 0367

Broadfields Evening TWG, Mill Hill County High School Hammonde Close, Edgware. 7.30pm. 958 4692

### Tuesday November 24

Montrose WI, Parish Room, St Alphage Church Montrose Ave. 7.45pm. 951 1140

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

### Wednesday November 25

Finchley Church End TWG, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 2.15pm. 883 6538

### Tuesday December 1

Totteridge WI, Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Lane, 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 2

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

### Thursday December 3

East Barnet Monkfrith TWG, British Legion Hall, Nursery Rd, N14. 1.45pm. 0707 51896

Ashley TWG, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns. 7.30pm. 906 1952

East Barnet Valley TWG, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 2.15pm. 449 8601/3885

## ★ ENTERTAINMENT ★

### Saturday November 7

Hendon Music Soc Recital Series — Delme String Quartet, Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, Golders Green. 7.45pm. 203 2355

### Saturday November 7

Fives Company in An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan, All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 7.30pm. Tickets £2.50, conces £1.50. 445 8388/4654

### Sunday November 8

Feminist Revue 'Sensible Footwear', All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. Doors open 8pm for 9pm. Tickets £2.50, £1.50 conces. 445 8388/4654

Highgate Poets perform and Jules Ruben plays jazz at Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, Highgate. In aid of North London Hospice. 6.30pm. Admission £3, £2 conces. 455 6256

Young Musicians in concert, Sobell House, Limes Ave, NW11. Catherine Pluygers (oboe) and Matthew Stanley (piano). 7.30pm. £5. 458 7411

### Wed to Sat Nov 11-14

The Finchley & Friern Barnet Operatic Society perform 'The Count of Luxembourg', Hornsey Town Hall Theatre, The Broadway, Crouch End London, N8. Evenings 7.30pm. Matinee 2.30pm. Tickets £4.50, £4.00, £3.50. 445 3391

### Saturday November 14

Nonsuch Singers. Concert of sacred music including Durufle and Allegri. St Jude's Church, South Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Admission £3, £2 conces. 579 7090

Finchley Chamber Choir with the Linden Baroque Orchestra, present Handel's 'Messiah' with authentic early instruments. Conductor David Lardi. Trinity Church, Nether St, N12. 7.15pm. Admission £3.75, £2.50 conces. 346 0502

Finchley Choral Soc concert, St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd. N12. 7.45pm. 445 4968

London Pro Arte Choir, St Michael's Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. Works by Bach and Handel. 7.30pm. 952 7050

Golders Green Rotary Club, Music Makers Concert. Concert Hall, Hampstead Garden Suburb Inst, Central Sq NW11. 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50, children & full time students £2.00

### Monday November 16

Metropolitan Police Choir at St John The Evangelist Church, Algernon Rd, Hendon. Admission by brochure £2. 7.30pm. 346 0628/202 7816/200 7705

### Tuesday November 17

International Chamber Concert Series — Xue Wei, violin, will perform works by Vitali, Brahms, Saint-Saens, Faure, & Ravel, E Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd, N2. 7.45pm. 202 1903

### Wednesday November 18

Lunchtime recital, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. Malcolm Miller, piano. Moshe Friedman, cello. 1.15pm. Admission 75p. 346 2288

### Saturday November 21

Belladonna in 'The Women We Are', All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 8pm. Tickets £2.50, £1.50 conces. 445 8388/4654

David Patrick with Organ Lollipops, All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 6pm. Tickets £2.50, £1.50 conces. 445 8388/4654

Barnet Choral Soc concert, St Peter Le Poer Church, Colney Hatch Lane, N10. 7.45pm. Tickets £4. 440 1157

### Wednesday November 25

Electric Organ Concert by Paul Carman, Edgware & Dist Organ Soc, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Burnt Oak. 8pm. 953 3291

### Saturday November 28

Barnet College recitals, Tudor Hall, Wood St. Laura O'Gorman, local pianist. 7.30pm. Admission £4, £3 conces.

Monica Dart takes us through The Village in the company of Jane Austen, Parson Kilvert and John Betjeman, All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 7.30pm. Tickets £2.50, £1.50 conces. 445 8388/4654

### Wednesday December 2

Lunchtime recital, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. Four hands on one piano — Joan Greenburgh and Lydia Bryan. 1.15pm. Admission 75p. 346 2288

### Thursday December 3

International Chamber Concert Series — Parikian-Milne-Fleming Trio perform works by Mozart, Beethoven & Mendelssohn, United Reformed Church, Central Sq, Hampstead Garden Suburb. 7.45pm. 202 1903

### Thurs to Sat Dec 3-5

East Finchley Theatre Group presents 'The Gingerbread Man', East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, N2. 8pm. Information: 883 2633. Tickets: 883 1087

### Wed-Sat Dec 2-5

East Barnet School PTA present the pantomime 'Robin Hood', Upper School, Chestnut Grove, E Barnet. 7pm. 440 4162/440 1227

## Old Bull Arts Centre

### 68 High Street, Barnet. 449 5189

Phone for details. Ticket prices do not include 25p membership, or 50p children's membership of Bulls Eye.

### Sunday November 8

Pekko's Puppets present The Magic & Myth of Finn Maccool. 3pm. Adults £2, children £1.25

### Tuesday November 10

Women's Health Workshops. 7.30pm. Free

### Friday November 13

The Colin Peters Trio and guest. 8pm. £3.75, £2.75 conces.

### Saturday November 14

Brian Aldiss introduces a selection of recent stories 'Science Fiction Blues'. 8pm. £4, £3 conces.

### Tuesday November 17

Arts Afternoon for the over 50s. 2pm. (also Dec 1)

### Wednesday November 18

Musicians Union Rock Workshop. 7.45pm. Free, but book early

### Fri/Sat Nov 20/21

Inter City Theatre Co present 'I'm dreaming the Hardest'. 8pm. £3.75, £2.75 conces.

### Sunday November 22

The Mime Theatre of Appetite present Treacle & Ink. 3pm. Adults £2, children £1.25

### Thursday November 26

Recital of poetry by Fleru Adcock and prizegiving for poetry competition. 8pm. £3, £2 conces.

### Friday November 27

Vic Vics modern dance group present Boxes, Bricks & Grass. 8pm. £3.50, £2.50 conces.

### Sat/Sun Nov 28/29

The Lesley Hand School of Dancing presents a programme of work by pupils and students entitled Mystical Visions. Sat 3pm & 8pm; Sun 6pm. £3, £2 conces, \*£2, £1 conces.

### Thurs-Sun Dec 3-6

Concorde Players Christmas Cavalcade. 7.30pm (Sat mat 2.30pm); Sun 2pm. £3.50, £2.50 conces.

## Arts Workshops

Barnet Arts Workshops run regular activities throughout the term. Youth workshops (4-16) in drama, arts and crafts. £3.50 per half-term. Adult workshops: Dance/Keep fit; photography; video; screenprinting. (£1.50 per session, £10 per term, Free for unemployed.) Details 346 7120

### Sundays

'The Mix' — a creative workshop for all ages/abilities. The Drama Centre, 142 High Rd, East Finchley. 2.30pm. 444 1893

# BARNET DIARY

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

**Monday November 9:** Finance

**Wednesday November 11:** Town Planning and Research

**Tuesday November 17:** Education Sub-Committees

**Tuesday November 24:** Council Meeting

**Wednesday November 25:** Planning Sub-Committees

**Monday, November 30:** Housing; Development & Estates

**Tuesday, December 1:** Public Works; Social Services

Entries for the December issue must be received by November 10, and before that date if possible. New entries start on December 5.

Owing to pressure on space this month, the regular meetings except for a few new entries, have been omitted. They will appear again in the December issue.

## Saturday November 7

Hendon & Dist Cage Birds Annual Show, Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak. 2pm. Admission 10p

## Sunday November 8

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group. Visit to the Wallace Collection. Details tel. 906 1869/203 3735

## Mondays

\*Low Impact Aerobics and stretch, All Saints Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 7.30pm. £2. 368 5514

## Tuesday November 10

National Schizophrenia Fellowship, Health Centre, 23 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. 8pm. 455 5113

Arthritis Care, St Peter le Poer Hall, Albion Ave, N10. 2pm. 883 2441

Hendon & Dist Cage Birds Assn, Labour Hall, Back Lane, off Watling Ave, Burnt Oak. 7.30pm. 205 2647/709 2433

Totteridge Ward Labour Party, N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 8pm. 449 6524

\*1st Childs Hill Guides (10-14), All Saints Church Hall, Church Walk, NW2. 6.45pm. 458 5549

## Wednesday November 11

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Rd, Finchley. 7.50pm. 906 1869/203 3739 (also Nov 25)

Rotaract Club of Edgware & Stanmore, The Green Man Pub, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore. 8.15pm. 722 4439 (also Nov 25)

Library Lecture, Mill Hill Library, Hartley Ave. Hilary Bradt takes us 'A Thousand Miles on Horseback' through Ancient Irish Kingdom of Munster. 8.15pm

\*Relax and become supple with Yoga, Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft, N20. 1.30pm. 445 2171

## Thursday November 12

RSPB North London, Holy Innocents Church Hall, Tottenham Lane, Hornsey N8. Admission £1.00 Non RSPB members £1.50. 7.45pm

\*PHAB-integrated social club for physically handicapped and able-bodied people. Details 387 6488

Jumble Sale, F.R.S. Kindergarten, 101 Fallowcourt Avenue, North Finchley. 1.30pm.

## Friday November 13

Finchley Branch UNA, 4 Rathgar Close (off Dollis Ave), N3. Speaker of International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. 7.45pm. 445 3748

Oakleigh Carers Group, Health Centre, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 2pm. 368 8350

## Saturday November 14

Bazaar, Chipping Barnet Conservative Assn, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 10am-2pm

British Tinnitus Assn (NW London), Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 2pm 444 9657

Royal National Lifeboat Inst. Annual Bric-a-Brac & Food Market, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11. 2pm.

Christmas Bazaar, Friern Barnet Parish Playgroup, Scout Hut, Goldsmith Road, Friern Barnet. 1.30pm.

## Sunday November 15

RSPB North London, Coach Outings to Farington Marshes. Leave Alexandra Park Gates, Priory Rd, at 8am. Price: £6.00, children £1.00. Contact Anne Peck 348 5300

Lecture by David Aronsohn on the life and works of Fred Kormis, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. 7.30pm. 346 2288

## Mopnday November 16

Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club, Church House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 449 4425 (also Nov 30)

British Epilepsy Support Group, Trinity Church Hall, Nether St, N12. 7.30pm. 446 2003

## Tuesday November 17

RSPB NW London, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Circus. Special Indoor meeting presented by Dr John Sparks of BBC Natural History Unit. 7.45pm. Admission £1. 952 3932

Friern Barnet Amnesty Group, Jubilee Room, St James' Church, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. 8.15pm. 368 9487

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

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

Nth Middx Family History Soc. (Barnet) AGM, Church House, Wood St. 7.15pm. 441 0529

Save a Life Campaign — St John Ambulance, The Pavilion, Finchley Open Air Swimming Pool, High Rd, N12. 7.30pm. 440 8778

## Wednesday November 18

Finchley & District Philatelic Soc., Avenue House, East Rd, N3. 8pm. 883 8724 (also Dec 2)

National Trust, Edgware & Dist Centre, John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 8pm. 952 2688

Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, N12. 8.30pm. 445 1393 (also Dec 2)

## Thursday November 19

Friern Barnet & Whetstone Rotaract Club, Bull & Butcher Pub, High Rd, N20. 8.15pm. 368 3383 (also Dec 3)

Barnet Community Relations Council, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs. 8pm. 445 6051

Women's Royal Voluntary Service AGM, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley. 2pm.

## Friday November 20

Mapledown School for Mentally Handicapped Children. Christmas Fayre, Claremont Road, Cricklewood, NW2. Admission 10p. 7pm

## Saturday November 21

Grand Xmas Fair, John Keble Church, Deans Lane, Mill Hill. Gifts and fun for all. 9.30am-5pm

1st Childs Hill Guides Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale. All Saints Church Hall, Church Walk, NW2.

10am

Hampstead Garden Suburb Christmas Craft Fair, Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. 10am

'Christmas Fayre', Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Services, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet, N11. 10am-12.30pm. Admission 20p.

## Sunday November 22

London Hash House Harriers Fun Runs — Down the Pymmes Brook. Start from Arnos Grove Tube Station, Bowes Rd, N11. 11am

Sweet Charity Committee, Nth London. Annual Gift Market. Henriques House, 120 Oakleigh Road North, N20. Admission 25, Children free. 11am

RSPB NW London. Coach trip to Farington Marshes, Hampshire. Contact 200 0457 for details of times and pick-up points. £5.50

## Monday November 23

National Council of Women of Great Britain, Barnet & Dist Branch. 'MIND' in Barnet by Mrs Miller. St John's URC Church Hall, Mowbray Rd, New Barnet. 1.30pm. 20p. 368 1442 (also Dec 14)

RSPB (Potters Bar & Barnets), Oakmere House, Potters Bar. 8pm

## Wednesday November 25

Save a Life Campaign Session — Red Cross, 10 Downage, Hendon. 8pm. 203 0567

Fed of Ratepayers & Residents Assns of LBB, N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 8pm. 449 0807

## Friday November 27

Barnet Ratepayers & Residents' Assn. (Arkley & Hadley Wards), Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Rd. 8pm: 7.30pm surgery. 449 0807 (no Dec meeting)

## Saturday November 28

Christmas Bazaar — Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Church Hall, Northway, NW11. 11am-3pm. Admission: adults 10p, children 5p. Lunches available

Finchley & Dist Philatelic Soc. Finchley Stamp Fair, St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 10am. 883 8724

Christmas Bazaar, Edgware General Hospital League of Friends, Outpatients Department of Hospital. All proceeds to hospital. 2pm. Admission 20p

St Mark's World Wide Bazaar, Woodville Rd, New Barnet. Antiques, Christmas crackers, toys. 12 noon. 449 4813

Finchley Cine Society; Annual Film Festival. Two hours Best Amateur Films, St. Phillips Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. Admission £2, children £1. 7.30pm. 346 4265

## Monday November 30

Barnet Action for Mental Health, Station Rd., Hendon, 7.30pm. 203 5879

## Wednesday December 2

Barnet Animal Rights Group, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 8pm. 440 1715

Milldon Arts Soc. Union Church, The B'way, Mill Hill. 7.30pm. 958 5126

## Saturday December 5

New Barnet & Dist Stamp & Postal History Fair, St Peters Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. 10am-5pm. 440 8835

Whist Drive, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 8pm. 368 4278

## Pensioners Clubs

### Wednesday November 11

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet), Brookside Methodist Church, E Barnet. 1.30pm. 361 2787

### Thursday November 12

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

### Thursday November 26

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley), N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave, N12. 1.30pm. 445 7413

Pensioners' Voice (Colindale & Burnt Oak), Burnt Oak B'way, Watling Ave. 1.30pm. 959 4683

### Wednesday December 2

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

## Music

### Tuesday November 10

Hendon Library Gramophone Soc, The Burroughs. 7.45pm. 202 5625 (also Nov 24)

### Thursday November 12

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Soc, Friern Barnet Rd, N11. 8.10pm. 361 1333 (also Nov 26)

### Tuesday November 17

East Barnet Library Gramophone Soc. 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376 (also Dec 1)

### Monday November 23

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

## Dance

### Saturday November 7

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, Southgate Upper School, Sussex Way, Cockfosters. 7.30pm. 360 2586 (also Dec 5)

### Saturday November 14

Finchley Sequence Dance Club, St Philip The Apostle Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. 7pm. 346 8675

### Monday November 16

Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club, Church House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 449 4425 (also Nov 30)

### Thursday November 19

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 7.45pm. 950 5756 (also Dec 3)

### Saturday November 21

De Bohun Sequence Dance, Christ Church Parish Centre, Waterfall Road, Southgate. 7.30pm. 886 9878

## Singles Clubs

### Wednesday November 11

Orbit Club of NW London (25-40). Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, N12. 8.30pm. 906 2080

### Tuesday November 17

Finchley Solo Social Club for widowed, divorced & single (25-65). 8pm. 889 0513/444 8743 (also Dec 1)

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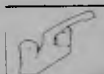
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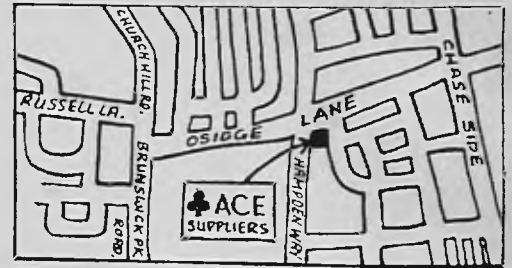
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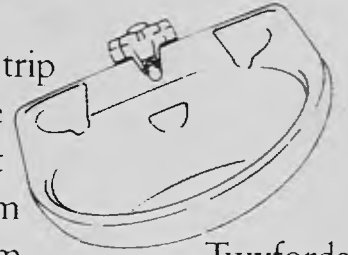
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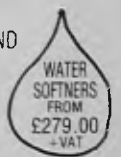


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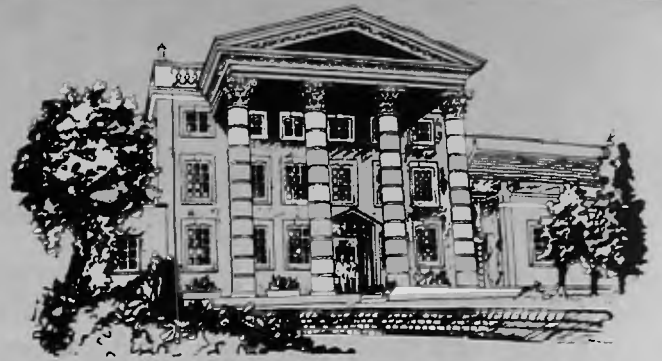
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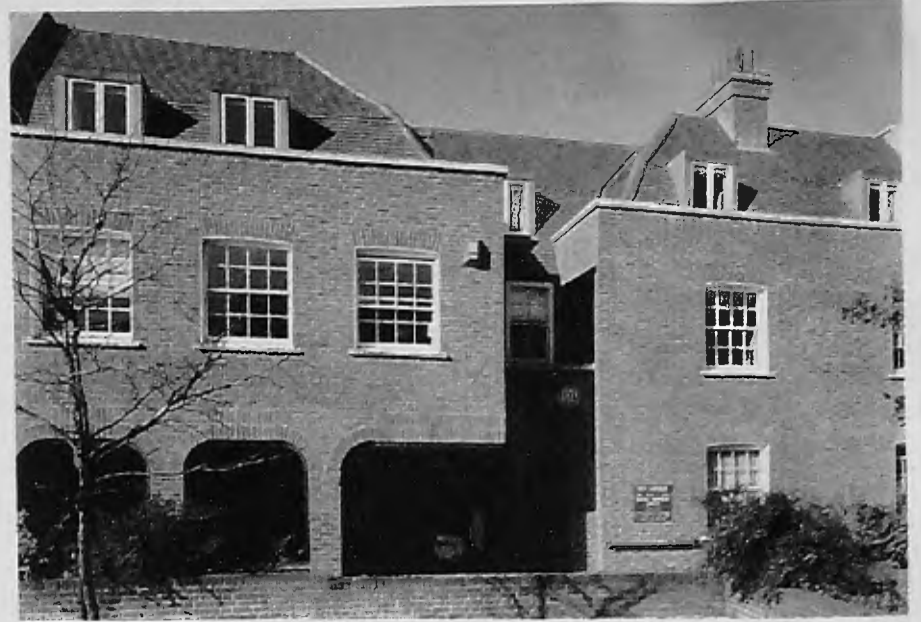
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## REPORT 1986/7

Annual Report and Financial Review of the London Borough of Barnet



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Town Hall, Hendon



Barnet House, Whetstone



Town Hall, Friern Barnet

# Barnet Report

## Year of change and development

IN MANY WAYS 1986/87 was a year of change and development. It was the first year following the demise of the Greater London Council, and Barnet took on many responsibilities previously administered from County Hall.

These included traffic management, responsibility for metropolitan roads, the licensing of places of entertainment, and wider powers in planning.

At the same time we began working with London-wide bodies and area groups to maintain services of a regional nature such as a strategic planning and waste disposal.

Barnet Council has 60 councillors representing 20 wards. They carry out their duties as the policy and decision makers of the borough in a voluntary capacity. Most are involved in full-time employment, and the requirements of this very large, very complex borough, are extremely demanding.

In this report you can read about the work, the development, the achievement and the problems which we have faced during the year.

It is a story of good housekeeping against a background of continuing financial restraint.

Nevertheless, after a rates freeze in April 1986, it was necessary to budget for an increase of 9.3 per cent on the domestic rate (8.3 per cent on the commercial and industrial rate) for 1987/88.

Although it was a difficult year financially there was also a sense of achievement. For example, by the end of March, 1987, Barnet which has supported the policy of selling its homes to tenants since 1969, was very near to its 5,000th Council homes sale.

On the education front it was another outstanding year as once again we were among the leaders in the county in 'O' and 'A' level results — a sense of reward for both teachers and pupils.

It is not possible in this annual report to tell you about all the Council's many services. An information service is based in Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon (tel: 01-202 8282) where staff will be pleased to inform you which section of the Council's organisation can best help you with your enquiry.

Michael Bennett  
Chief Executive and Town Clerk

### COMPARISON OF DOMESTIC RATE WITH NEIGHBOURING BOROUGHS

	Domestic Rate	% Comparison to Barnet
Barnet	152.30	—
Enfield	152.00	-0.2%
Harrow	159.50	+4.7%
Brent	223.50	+46.7%
Haringey	267.79	+75.8%

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

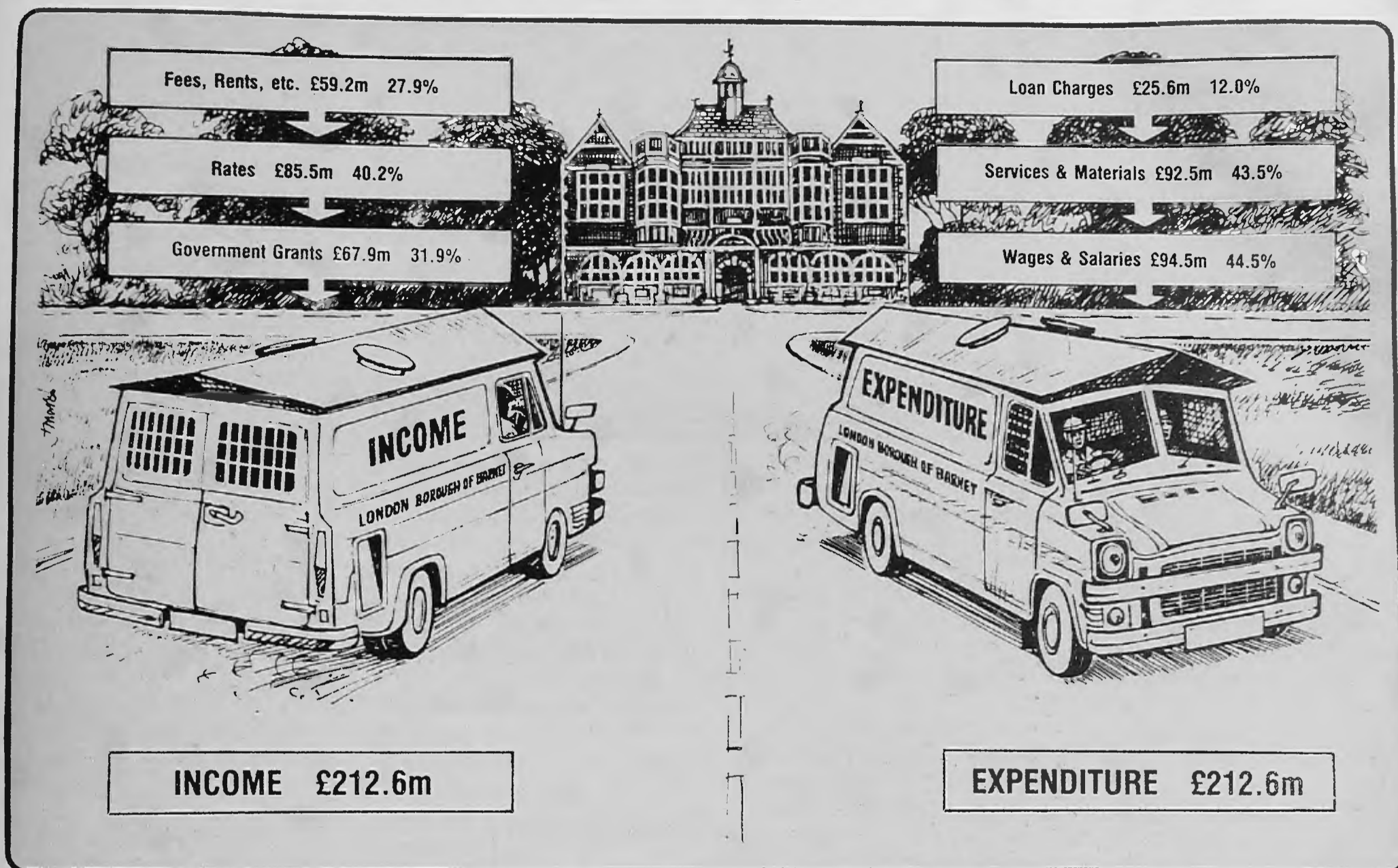
1985-86			COMPARISONS			1986-87*		
Barnet	Brent	Haringey	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow	Barnet	Enfield	Harrow
301.2	254.9	197.2	<b>General</b>					
8,953	4,421	3,031	Population (000's)			304.6	263.3	201.9
170.80	242.00	317.18	Area in hectares			8,953	8,115	5,082
			Total Rate Poundage (p)			170.80	170.50	178.00
			<b>All Services</b>					
			Expenditure					
372	600	720	Total Net Cost per head of population (£)			452	492	490
			<b>Employees</b>					
23.63	36.17	43.72	Full-time employees per 1,000 population			23.08	22.46	22.87
13.64	16.25	24.29	Part-time employees per 1,000 population			14.35	14.87	17.88
			<b>RECREATION</b>					
16.30	13.40	4.81	Net Cost per head of population (£)			17.83	18.98	13.54
			<b>EDUCATION</b>					
			Primary					
20.26	19.78	18.12	Pupil Teacher Ratio			21.86	22.88	21.57
954	1,113	1,225	Gross Cost per pupil (£)			1,011	899	1,032
			Secondary					
11.56	12.13	12.58	Pupil Teacher Ratio			14.75	15.63	14.80
1,390	1,823	1,882	Gross Cost per pupil (£)			1,539	1,467	1,635
			Further (Non Advanced)					
19.24	44.33	47.91	Net Cost per head of population (£)			23.96	28.86	24.72
			School Meals					
47.70	20.30	17.90	Income as a % of Expenditure			42.79	34.20	42.30
			<b>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>					
37.00	20.00	22.00	Rents paid by tenants as % of total costs			35.40	38.20	30.90
44.30	43.80	33.90	Government Subsidy as a % of total costs			45.00	32.90	45.10
54.80	46.00	63.60	Housing benefits as % of gross rents			51.30	47.80	54.10
			Management and Maintenance — cost per dwelling per week (£)			11.41	9.54	9.47
10.00	6.00	4.00	Rent Arrears as a % of rent collectable for the year			3.00	5.80	5.20
			<b>LIBRARIES</b>					
0.70	0.76	0.97	Employees per 1,000 population			0.68	0.51	0.57
0.93	1.62	2.38	Net Cost per book issue (£)			1.09	0.95	0.77
12.57	8.39	8.16	Book issues per head of population			11.14	9.29	12.71
			<b>TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>					
6,486	6,763	7,379	Highways Maintenance cost per kilometre for borough roads (£)			9,468	7,286	4,155
			Refuse Collection					
0.73	0.76	0.79	Employees per 1,000 population			0.73	0.34	0.76
10.15	12.57	11.54	Net Cost per head of population (£)			10.00	6.37	10.50
			<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>					
54.09	115.73	129.50	Total Net Cost per head of population (£)			58.78	61.90	73.74
			Administration					
0.44	0.84	0.60	Management & Administrative Staff per 1,000 population			0.44	0.46	0.52
			Children in care					
0.25	0.62	0.89	Children in care as a % of population under 18			0.21	0.42	0.21
8,219	7,182	9,276	Net cost per child in community care (£)			3,532	3,217	4,672
			Net cost per child in residential care (£)			25,864	48,460	22,300
			Care of the Elderly					
3.01	2.56	4.02	Residents in homes as a % of population aged 75 and over			2.98	2.53	2.20
148.82	186.59	129.97	Gross cost per resident week in local authority homes (£)			142.61	178.20	163.90
6,059	16,520	18,788	Home Helps — Contact Hours per 1,000 population aged 65 and over			6,424	8,199	9,445
0.38	0.80	1.33	Field Work — Social Work staff per 1,000 population			0.37	0.63	0.83
			<b>TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING</b>					
3.98	4.48	5.27	Net Cost per head of population (£)			5.07	4.02	6.29

\*1986/87 Statistics are not available for the London Borough of Brent and Haringey, therefore 1985/86 figures have been included in this report in order that comparisons may be made between all of Barnet's neighbouring outer London boroughs.

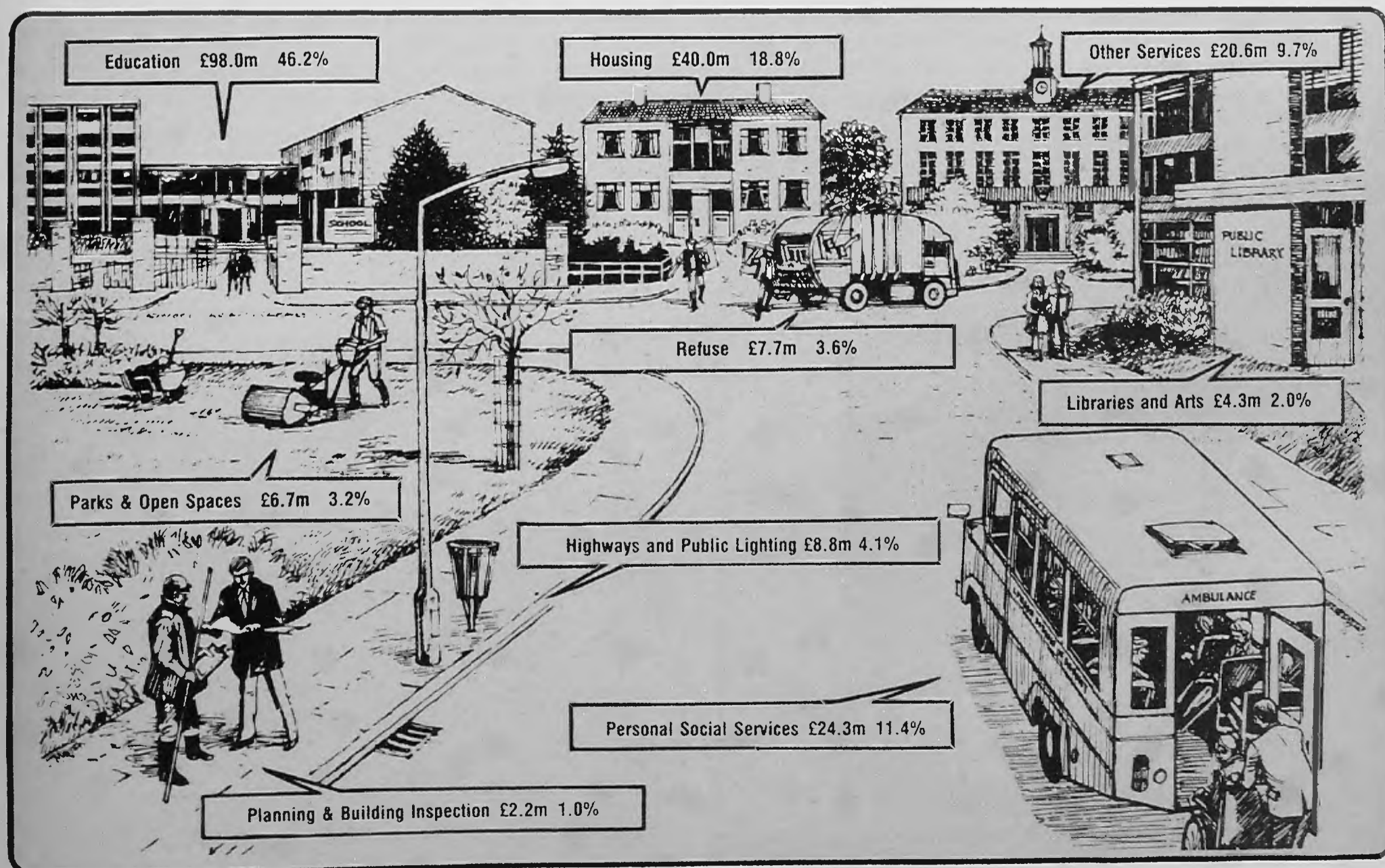
The transfer of services to London Boroughs following the abolition of the GLC means that the direct cost comparisons between 1985/86 and 1986/87 may not be possible.

# Barnet Report

## How the money was raised and spent in 1986/87



## Expenditure of £212.6 million provided these services



## Central Services

# Working behind the scenes

At the heart of every successful organisation is a strong central services team who are responsible for the smooth running and efficiency of the enterprise.

As you read this report you will become aware of the great diversity of council services and the value for money received by the ratepayers of Barnet. None of this would be possible without an efficient and dedicated workforce behind the scenes.

The Borough operates on a directorate basis: Education; Finance; Housing; Social Services; Technical Services; and Central Services which come under the Chief Executive and Town Clerk.

This chapter deals with those central functions which include legal services, committee administration, personnel and management services, trading standards, electoral registration, the registration of births, marriages and deaths and the specialist sections which play a key role in the day-to-day running of the authority.

These functions are reported

### WHAT WE DO

- Provide a comprehensive legal service.
- The administration and preparation of reports to all Council committees and sub-committees.
- Recruitment, training, development and staffing policies for all departments.
- Registration of births, deaths and marriages.
- Enforcement of trading standards.
- Electoral Registration.
- Organise Mayoral and Civic occasions.
- Administer Grants for voluntary organisations.
- Carry out all inhouse printing and the supply of stationery.
- Provide an out of hours emergency telephone service.
- Civil Defence.
- Rent officer service.
- General information and Press service.

under three main committees: General Purposes, Establishment and Grants.

#### Big business

Barnet Council is big business. Imagine a private sector firm with an annual turnover of nearly £220 million; a workforce of 11,400 full-time and part-time; 60 members on the company board of directors making policy decision through 11 major committees and a series of sub-committees and special panels — and still achieving a cost-effective product. Such a company would probably be recommended for a Queen's Award to Industry.

Yet this is the profile of the London Borough of Barnet. A

borough with one of the lowest rates in Greater London.

New legislation, introduced during the year, has led to the ratepayers having unprecedented access to the decision making processes of the Council and all the background papers which relate to them. To meet this requirement there has to be strong back-up from new information technology and a skilled workforce.

#### Legal Services

To return to the theme of big business — any such enterprise will rely on the expertise and guidance of its legal advisors.

Barnet's Legal Division carries out all the work which is associated with a large and busy

law practice. It is involved in all aspects of the Council's services.

This year, the first since the abolition of the GLC, the Division has worked hard to ensure that those functions which passed to Barnet's control, were correctly established within the local framework.

Examples of the new powers include the granting of music and dancing licences, and the making of traffic orders.

The range of work encompasses conveyancing of housing and development land; advising the council on the extent of its legal powers; preparing prosecutions and representing the Council in court, and drawing up legal documents and agreements.

We have had a successful year helping the Chief Environmental Health Officer clean the Borough's food premises. The case against a local bakery was prepared, after an inspection revealed dirty and unhygienic conditions, and this later resulted in a fine of £5,200 plus costs.

Work arising from the Council's housing duties continued to be an important area of legislation. For example a local boarding house was fined a total of £6,000 plus costs for allowing five bedrooms to be overcrowded, in breach of Council standards.

#### Trading Standards

The inspectors of the Council's Trading Standards Service had one of their busiest and most challenging years. New legislation extended their duties into many new areas.

Amendments to the Consumer Safety Act gave them new powers to seek out dangerous products before they reached the shops and to ban their release into the market place.

This, coupled with a new computer link joining all Trading Standards offices, means that warnings on dangerous products can now be flashed instantly throughout the whole country.

In addition to their vital safety role the inspectors make spot checks on thousands of goods and services on offer in the borough, making sure that what is being claimed is the truth.

If it is not the inspectors



Chief Trading Standards Officer, Dave Mosley, and Trading Standards inspector, Gerry Wye, examining a child's doll for any dangerous features.

## Central Services

order it to be corrected, and in serious cases, prosecute.

For example a used car dealer found himself in court for advertising a dangerously corroded car as being in 'Truly exceptional condition'.

### 'Clocked' cars

Seven other car dealers were prosecuted for selling used cars that had been 'clocked'. That is, their milometers turned back to indicate an attractive lower mileage to push up their retail value. This dishonest trading practice has been estimated to represent a fraud on consumers nationally of £100 million a year.

The inspectors check for those things that even the most careful customers cannot check themselves and have to accept on trust.

Among the many articles tested this year were service station petrol pumps for accuracy; children's nightdresses for claimed fire resistance; cosmetics to check for the inclusion of banned ingredients; toys for harmful lead in their paint; and a DIY car jack which was tested to make sure it could safely support the weight it claimed.

In addition to their free-ranging remit under general fair trading legislation, the inspectors are responsible for enforcing specific legislation governing particular trades or practices.

These range from duties under the gold and silver Hall-marking Act to the Consumer Credit Act which regulates the consumer credit industry such

as personal loans and hire purchase.

Separate from their mainstream duties, but nevertheless of great importance, inspectors were responsible for spearheading the Council's campaign against dangerously overloaded lorries.

A total of 250 roadside checks were made during the year, resulting in fines of up to £1,000 being imposed upon offenders.

### General and Administrative Services

- The range of work within our department is tremendous. For instance our duties include:
- All the support services for the Mayor in undertaking his Civic duties.
- The organisation of the ceremonies when Barnet confers the Freedom of the Borough as, for example, the RAF Hendon, or a march past of the Royal Corps of Engineers with bayonets fixed and drums beating.
- Making arrangements for civic visits between our six active twin town links and the borough.
- Manning the emergency telephone service outside office hours, at weekends, bank holidays and even on Christmas Day itself.
- The organisation for General Elections, European Parliamentary elections and Council Elections and maintaining the Electoral Register.

- The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- Co-ordination work for major civil disasters.
- Preparing all the papers for Council and Committee meetings, and minuting their decisions.
- Providing a general information service for the public, liaising with the local and national media and producing Barnet Borough News.
- Co-ordination unit for all ad-

ministration relating to Council grants to 305 local voluntary bodies. A total of £1,072,384 was allocated in 1986/87.

- Printing Council agendas, minutes, rate statements, specialist brochures and leaflets, in full colour if required.

Each of these operations could feature as a report in its own right, but space does not permit.

### SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000	Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
<b>GENERAL PURPOSES</b>			
3,357	4,195	512	3,683
35	40	—	40
235	237	—	237
57	61	8	53
7,341	7,859	370	7,489
2,560	3,312	219	3,093
91	99	—	99
226	256	14	242
78	87	10	77
80	174	89	85
—	198	198	—
5	4	2	2
68	70	—	70
5	—	—	—
75	185	16	169
1,152	1,309	69	1,240
80	116	24	92
620	629	—	629
16,065	18,831	1,531	17,300
	<b>Less</b>		
13,585	15,705	1,110	14,595
£2,480	£3,126	£421	£2,705

\*Transferred to Development and Estates.

### FINANCE

5,940	3,561	19	3,542
465	1,427	950	477
655	27,381	26,727	654
64	77	—	77
7,638Cr.	5,285	9,223	3,938Cr.
852	1,024	133	891
765	845	—	845
1,103	39,600	37,052	2,548
	<b>Less</b>		
5,940	3,561	19	3,542
£4,837Cr.	£36,039	£37,033	£994Cr.

### FACTS AND FIGURES

	1986/87	1985/86
<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>		
General enquiries	68,110	67,059
<b>Emergency Telephone Service</b>		
Calls received	11,568	11,336
<b>Registration of Births Etc.</b>		
Births	3,998	3,589
Deaths	3,429	3,680
Marriages	1,829	1,026
<b>Trading Standards</b>		
Inspection Visits	4,379	3,757
Articles tested or examined	65,622	54,612
<b>Environmental Health</b>		
Rodent control visits	9,546	10,064
General Public Health inspections	12,167	12,508
Food — programmed visits	2,852	2,456
Pollution: Complaints investigated	1,227	1,036

## Central Services

# THE BOROUGH AS AN EMPLOYER

Barnet is the second largest employer in the Borough, second only to the Health Authority. Our total number of employees, including part time staff, is more than 11,000.

The diagram (right) collates the part-time hours to give the details in terms of full-time staff equivalents.

An organisation of the size of Barnet Council needs a professional approach to its manpower policies. This is provided by the Management Services Division which reports to the Establishment Committee on all staffing matters except teachers.

During 1986/87 one of the major problems experienced was the difficulty of recruiting and retaining certain categories of professional and skilled staff. Special measures were introduced in an attempt to solve the problem.

The Division played a major role in developing the Council's policies on equal opportunities, the expansion of management training and the introduction of computerised personnel records. An early re-

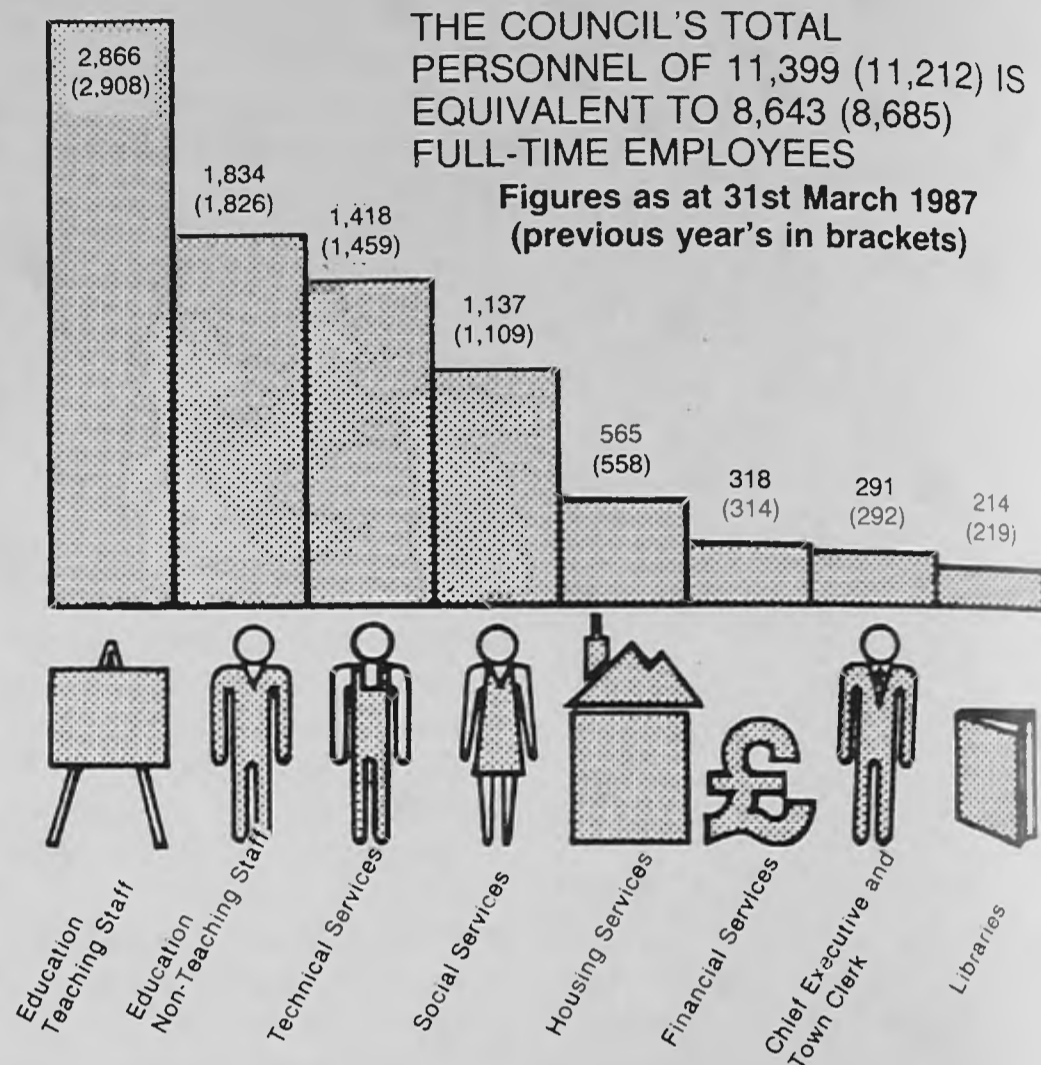
sponse was made in setting up training and advice for all employees in the light of the increased concern about AIDS.

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

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

Barnet has taken a leading role in helping the longer term unemployed through the Community Programme. This helps young people who have been out of work for six months or older people who have been unemployed for a year, to join a community service programme and receive training. Many go on to full time employment.

The programme now provides nearly 300 places in a wide range of projects from countryside management to Barnet Sport.



## Grants

### Help for the voluntary organisations

In 1985/86 Barnet Council set up the Grants Committee in preparation for the abolition of the Greater London Council — when many local voluntary organisations would turn to Barnet to seek funding, previously provided by the GLC.

The first year was used to establish the new system, working closely with the committees which had previously issued the grants. The year under review was the first full operative year for this new system.

At the same time Barnet served as a member of the London Wide Grants Organisation which provides finance for voluntary organisations serving a wider area or the whole of London.

In this way a vast range of voluntary organisations, charity and welfare services, arts and education groups, youth clubs and sports clubs, received help. Some wanted funds for new equipment, others needed help with rent or special projects. Many of the larger organisations looked to Barnet to help with staffing costs so that their welfare service could be efficiently



Photography for the disabled through the CLIC group, part of the Community and Recreational Arts in Barnet (CRAB), which receives a grant from the Council.

administered.

Barnet has long supported a policy of working closely with voluntary organisations, who can often provide a more immediate and personal caring service. So these grants often help to provide services many times their value in financial terms.

For the Grants Committee the new system meant many meetings in the early months of 1987 to go through thousands of pages of grant applications for the following financial year.

### SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
	<b>GRANTS</b>			
834	Local and National Organisations	1,447	275	1,172
38	London Wide Scheme	1,191	—	1,191
£872		£2,638	£275	£2,363

## Education Services

# A year of change development and success

IF the bottom line for education was just exam results then Barnet could chalk up 1986/87 as an outstanding success. At the end of the academic year we were among the leaders in the country in 'O' and 'A' level results. But education is far more and this is recognised throughout Barnet's schools and colleges.

Through education children learn to get on with other children, participate in activities, discover and develop skills and interests, and prepare to move out into the adult world of work, college, university and family responsibility.

It is this broad spectrum of education in Barnet Schools which is such a challenge and so rewarding for teachers and children alike.

1986/87 was a springboard year. Perhaps the most radical change was the introduction of the new GCSE exam to replace 'O' levels and the Certificate of Secondary Education. Fourth year pupils began work within this syllabus in September 1986 and will take their GCSE exam in summer 1988.

This new exam draws in a greater content of classwork and project assessment and while the A, B and C grade still register academic achievement the broader character of the study enables pupils of all

### WHAT WE DO

- Provide a full and comprehensive education service for local children aged four-plus to 19.
- Staff and maintain local authority schools.
- Provide teaching staff and finance for voluntary aided schools.
- Provide further and higher education through local colleges and student grants.
- Provide a Youth and Community Service in sport, social activities, arts and crafts.
- Provide in-service teacher training and syllabus support services.

abilities to measure their achievement.

### CPVE and TVEI

Another radical development over the past two years has been the introduction of CPVE — the Certificate of Pre-Vocational Education. Thirteen secondary schools, both Barnet and Hendon Colleges and Woodhouse Sixth-form College took part in order that the widest possible range of resources were available for this one-year course for 16-year-olds.

The course was operated like a network so that pupils could move between centres. It is a window on an exciting world with technology, skills and management training on line. During the year 450 pupils took part, working with computers, design equipment, information technology and mechanical engineering equipment.

Barnet is taking part in the national Technical and Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI) pilot scheme which started in September, 1986. Four secondary schools,

one special school and the two colleges of further education, funded by the Manpower Services Commission, began to develop a new four year course for the 14- to 18-year olds catering for students in each age group.

The scheme is designed around a common core of English, maths, science and information technology with education for personal and social development work experience and practical assignments.

In addition the students can choose from office technology, retail distribution and marketing, manufacturing technology, construction studies, for industries, modular construction, graphic design or community services as well as modern languages, humanities and additional sciences.

The introduction to technology begins young in Barnet. Primary School children begin working with computers in maths and project work and the new syllabus of craft, design and technology for primary schools has introduced very young children to the idea of discovering for themselves how things work, why they react in specific ways, and how to solve problems.

This encouragement to look at the real world and make discoveries for themselves is a key aspect in secondary school education where side by side with the academic subjects, pupils study the environment, acquire life skills and learn about health and safety.

### Music

Music is a feature of the borough's education. Most schools have their own choirs and orchestras but so that the children can develop this interest and those with special talents can achieve their full potential, the students attend music centres out of school hours. Here they are encouraged to study their chosen instruments, play in bands and orchestras and take part in concerts.

The music centres have six orchestras, seven woodwind bands and three brass ensembles.

During the year the young musicians presented a regular series of local concerts, played in St Albans

Abbey and for a BBC Songs of Praise programme and recorded for the sound track of a film.

Barnet is proud of the cultural diversity in its schools. The children come from many different ethnic origins. Indeed there are 116 mother-tongue languages spoken by our pupils, so nearly one quarter of the children speak a language other than English in their homes.

The teaching of English where it is a child's second language, receives great attention. The emphasis is to move this teaching into the schools so that children can learn to use their English language skills while taking part in normal school activities.

To this end Barnet has developed a strong support service with specialist teachers allocated to the schools to enhance the learning opportunities of these children.

The teaching of foreign languages continues to be an active part of the curriculum in all secondary schools. Today the emphasis is on being able to communicate well in the chosen language, rather than the often boring study of irregular verbs and memorising vocabularies.

Environmental studies are widely encouraged. In Barnet there is the Denis Bland Centre where children can make discoveries about plant life and meet the birds, reptiles and mammals which live at the centre.

Further afield, school groups visit Swaylands Residential Centre in Kent, where field studies can be carried out and the children learn the valuable disciplines of staying away from home and working as a group.

### Special needs

Children with special education needs are a special concern.

In the special schools children are encouraged to achieve to the extent of their ability. They find that school is a rich, exciting place. Many of them take to computers with delight, and programmes which fit into their learning abilities have been devised for them.

They take part in school trips, even taking part in overseas visits. They have clubs and societies after school and as they approach school leaving age they are encouraged to develop skills in their work experience units so that they may go on to a job in adult life and be as independent as possible.

Other children have physical handicaps which may require special assistance for them to undertake their education in our local authority schools. Children who have impaired hearing or eyesight can take part in many aspects of the normal school curriculum, but will need special tuition or encouragement to achieve the full education



Professor Heinz Wolff opened the new Craft, Design and Technology workshop at Cromer Road School, New Barnet.

# Education Services

programme. This Barnet tackles through special units in schools.

Teacher training is particularly important and there have been special courses organised at Barnet's new Teachers Centre in Finchley. This centre has been in great demand since its establishment.

Throughout the borough teachers have responded by attending courses in their own time in order to develop wider experience in the subjects they teach.

Indeed many teachers have joined in a programme of work experience, going out into industry and commerce to gain 'real life' experience to pass on to their pupils.

## Careers

Careers preparation and advice is carried out from two careers offices, one in North Finchley and the other in Burnt Oak. Careers conferences are held and the centre staff work closely with careers teachers in the schools.

Barnet has an industry liaison committee involving local employers and chambers of commerce in the careers service, and each year the borough takes part in Job Search Week, visiting local employers and identifying job vacancies in a wide range of career prospects.

Barnet also has one of the highest records in the number of students going on to Higher and Further Education.

Grants are made to full time



BBC scientist Judith Hann opened Mill Hill County High School laboratories.

students taking first degrees at universities and polytechnics throughout the United Kingdom. And although the service has to be restricted because of financial limitation, Barnet continued to award discretionary grants to students taking specialist courses at approved academic institutions.

Within the borough there is a wide range of study available. Barnet, Enfield and Haringey are the

three governing authorities for Middlesex Polytechnic which has a national reputation for the quality of its degree work and its art and design faculty.

## Higher education

The borough itself has two colleges of further education, Barnet and Hendon. This was a development year for both. Hendon had

moved to a new twin campus based on the former comprehensive school at Grahame Park and the former Orange Hill Senior School at Burnt Oak. This allowed an expansion of syllabus and increased provision for student facilities, such as sports fields and an indoor swimming pool.

Barnet College had taken over the former Southaw School which also allowed considerable growth for the college.

Together the colleges provide extensive courses. There are full time courses leading to professional qualifications, and part time and day release courses for academic, work related and recreational subjects.

## Youth services

Outside school the Education Department continues to serve the community through the Youth and Community Service. During the year four youth clubs were upgraded to provide a wider sports and leisure service. The department organised the London Youth Canoe Regatta at the Welsh Harp Reservoir on Spring Bank Holiday, and the team for the London Youth Games.

A series of sports tournaments were fun, open to all young people in the borough and the popular Now Get Out of That event was held at Moat Mount Camp Site. Improvements were carried out at the Finchley Drama Hall and this has resulted in increasing support.

## SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000		1986/87 Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
	<b>EDUCATION</b>			
3,513	Administration and Inspection	3,894	33	3,861
347	Nursery Schools	350	1	349
19,227	Primary Education	24,143	2,051	22,092
24,868	Secondary Education	32,239	5,942	26,297
2,443	Day Special Education	2,849	127	2,722
1,552	Residential Special	2,088	576	1,512
37	Education Study Centre	58	15	43
	Education other than at School	117	10	107
358	Child Guidance Centre	398	1	397
3,398	Barnet College	5,201	1,253	3,948
1,887	Hendon College	3,809	1,304	2,505
142	Teacher Training Centre	213	5	208
2,627	Other Further Education	10,598	7,632	2,966
286	Careers Service	323	16	307
	Recreation/Youth and Community Service	995	137	858
2,419	School Milk and Meals	4,530	2,049	2,481
4,834	National Pooling	5,931	—	5,931
£68,816	Committee total	£97,736	£21,152	£76,584

## FACTS AND FIGURES

EDUCATION	1986/87	1985/86
Nursery Education: Schools (Nursery only)	4	4
Pupils (Full-time equivalent)	273	495
Primary Education: Schools (Including those with nursery attached)	89	89
Pupils	20,916	21,497
Secondary Education: Schools	22	24
Pupils	18,139	18,734
<b>Children for whom a statement of special education need has been made</b>		
LB Barnet Maintained Special Schools: Pupils	393	N/A
Non-maintained Special Schools: Pupils	50	N/A
Hospital Special Schools: Pupils	1	N/A
Independent Schools: Pupils	85	N/A
Ordinary Classes in Ordinary Schools: Pupils	97	N/A
Special Classes in Ordinary Schools: Pupils	23	N/A
	649	
Further Education: Colleges	2	2
Students hours	3,300,000	N/A
Careers Offices Interviews	2	3
	7,874	9,400
Local Authority Youth and Community Centres	10	12
Sports and Leisure Centres	9	5
<b>Student Awards for academic year ending July 1987 (1986)</b>		
Students	4,185	4,185
Cost	£7,099,000	£6,733,000
Government Grant	£5,688,000	£5,326,000

## Libraries and Arts

# World of constant change

THE world in which the Libraries and Arts Services operate is one of constant change. The demand expressed by the public is far more volatile than in years gone by.

Then the major function was providing books to read at home. This still occupies a major part of the librarians' time — in 1986/87 more than three million books left our libraries on loan.

Ten years ago we issued 63,000 sound recordings. In 1986/87 that number had almost doubled at 118,000. So the library continues to meet people's educational and leisure needs, but in a changing fashion.

The library began to provide recordings in the compact disc format. Such was the early demand that very few remained in the library to provide a choice. Stocks have since been expanded and the record industry forecasts that the years of the familiar LP are numbered. Again we have had to adjust our use of resources to provide the service our public now need.

Barnet Libraries have always been keen to profit from the advantages of modern technology to speed the handling of many items within the library stock. From the birth of the Borough of Barnet on April 1, 1965, all new additions to library stock were recorded on a database and the public catalogue was produced by computer.

In 1973 the unreliable method of recording issues at most of our libraries by microfilming was replaced by a computerised system. But even this modern system had

### WHAT WE DO

- Issue books on loan.
- Maintain an extensive reference library service.
- Run a travelling library and a housebound readers library.
- Run music libraries and library lectures.
- Encourage the use of libraries by children.
- Organise children's events
- Organise arts events within the borough.
- Seek sponsorship for the arts.
- Organise resident artists in schools.
- Support local arts centres and groups.

disadvantages, not the least being that it was 'batch processed'.

This meant that loans and returns, while being recorded by a light pen were not entered in the computer file until some time later. It also meant that to check the information on file it was necessary to put a query into the system and the answer could take several days to process.

By 1986 some of our computer equipment was 13 years old so during 1986/87 new equipment began to be introduced, first at Mill Hill Library, then at Hendon. The programme will eventually cover all the borough.

The introduction of any new system can be problematic. Staff have to be retrained but the results of those libraries using the new system — it now includes Edgware and Grahame Park — have been encouraging.

The system is now 'on line' and each issued and returned book is recorded immediately on our own system centre at Library Headquarters. Books can be traced for reservations far more quickly.



North Finchley Library — 50 years old.

A personal computer system was installed to handle the mass of information held in the Reference Department on local community matters such as organisations, services and evening classes. This provides a speedier service, makes up-dating easier and will eventually lead towards a Viewdata system.

The BBC Domesday system was purchased for the Library service. This project, celebrating the 900th anniversary of William the Conqueror's Domesday Book, was carried out by local schools within a national scheme and provides a database of statistical information about life and places in this country in 1986.

The year was not without problems. Severe winter weather resulted in a long closure of Golders Green Library because of a heating breakdown. Redecoration and re-carpeting, coupled with rewiring for the new computer system, meant two periods of closure for Hendon Library.

### Arts

THE International Chamber of Concert Series was an outstanding success with four major concerts during the winter.

Open Art, a programme to en-

courage active participation by disabled people in the arts, was a vital part of the Autumn 1986 programme. Workshops in photography, drama, mask-making and creative writing were held. Skills were learnt, ideas were exchanged and over the next two years initiatives for future programmes will be developed.

The Artist in Residence Scheme, managed by the Arts Office, placed three dancers in local schools. African dance and drumming were followed by six weeks with the Indian dancer, Sita Kumari. Contemporary dance was represented by Clare Hayes.

With sponsorship from business and the Greater London Arts Association, two artists took up residencies in the borough: a printmaker at Whitefield School, Cricklewood, and a photographer at Edgware School.

Music in the Libraries provided musicians playing during opening hours and a tea-time series on Saturdays at Edgware Library to celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

At the Old Bull Arts Centre, Chipping Barnet, the completion of the studio theatre has meant greater comfort for patrons, increased seating capacity and improved technical facilities.

### SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000	Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
<b>LIBRARIES &amp; ARTS</b>			
2,316	2,475	5	2,470
18	31	11	20
653	719	—	719
479	667	143	524
56	65	1	64
37	45	—	45
—	218	218	—
£3,559	£4,220	£378	£3,842

### FACTS AND FIGURES

	1986/87	1985/86
Number of libraries issuing books	17	17
Number of travelling library sites	26	23
Number of museums	2	2
Number of registered readers	237,406	214,623
Total issues	3,511,579	3,770,227
Daily average issues	13,054	14,016
Reservations received	81,550	83,725
Stock at 31st March		
Lending books	826,952	844,733
Reference books	78,233	76,670
Gramophone records and cassettes	53,184	50,385

# Social Services

## Increased demands on resources

Barnet has the largest population of people over pensionable age in Greater London. While many remain young at heart and independent, there is a large number who are now in their eighties and nineties.

At the same time there are more people with physical and multiple handicaps, or who are suffering from family disruption, or the effects of unemployment and reduced social security support.

Inevitably this is placing increasing demand and pressure on the resources of our Social Services Department and its staff.

There are more people being referred to the service, longer waiting lists of people requiring assessment and help, and a reduced service for some people with less severe difficulties.

Even the number of children having to be placed away from their families, or in day care and needing social work, has increased.

Our policy has always been to try and help people in their own homes so that they can live independent and worthwhile lives. To achieve this the service has been improved and extended and more staff appointed.

However the service is very stretched. For example the hours

### WHAT WE DO

- Day care for elderly and disabled people
- Residential care for elderly and disabled people
- Support for vulnerable people in their own homes
- Residential care and social education for mentally handicapped people
- Adoption, fostering and residential services for children in care
- Aids and adaptations to help people to live at home
- Transport schemes for handicapped people
- Meals on Wheels and lunch clubs
- Holidays, short term respite care and support for carers.

given by home helps to vulnerable people are less than average in Greater London. To counteract this we are developing a wider range of care work staff to reduce the short-fall.

The Audit Commission has estimated that it will need a further £480,000 to fully tackle the short-fall on our domiciliary services. The money is needed to employ more field workers and administrative staff, to increase the output of meals on wheels and to provide more aids and adaptations, telephones and holidays to those who need them.

However this must be set against the economic background of the borough. Many elderly people are financially inde-

pendent and do not call on our services. Generally deprivation and handicap levels are lower in Barnet.

As a borough we are rightly proud of our nursery and day care provision, which is above average.

And in the quality and development of many of our services we are seen as leaders in the field.

### Services to dependent people

The pattern of hospital care is changing. People stay for shorter periods and fewer are admitted to long-stay hospitals. Indeed there is pressure to reduce the size of these hospitals and to care for their patients in the community.

This has meant that the number of highly dependent, very handicapped or 'at risk' people who are living at home with their families or alone in the community, has grown.

To meet this situation the Social Services Committee has decided as part of its development programme to provide £350,000 in 1987/88 and up to £1 million in subsequent years. This will be used to meet the needs of such people and to support long-term patients who are being discharged from institutional care.

With additional grants from the Health Authorities, joint planning has been streamlined to ensure these vulnerable people receive proper care and support to avoid the sense of aloneness and abandonment which has been experienced



Home helps are a life line for many elderly people. Photograph by Barnet Arts Workshop

### SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
<b>Fieldwork</b>				
3,646	Social Work — Staff related Expenses	3,964	135	3,829
<b>Residential Care</b>				
1,131	Child Care	1,082	37	1,045
3,736	Homes for the Elderly	5,597	1,501	4,096
1,159	Homes for the Handicapped and Mentally Ill	1,455	291	1,164
135	Homes for Unsupported Mothers	152	15	137
445	Administration	507	—	507
<b>Support Services</b>				
1,248	Children	1,337	21	1,316
751	Adults/Elderly Handicapped and Mentally Ill	1,858	280	1,578
1,238	Administration	638	67	571
706		991	—	991
<b>Community Care</b>				
1,224	Home Helps	1,481	296	1,185
208	Boarded Out Children and Adults	271	19	252
111	Meals in the Home	263	134	129
74	General Community Services	118	—	118
211	Aids and Adaptations	267	56	211
69	Telephones	79	3	76
40	Holidays and Recreation	32	3	29
54	Other	54	1	53
<b>Miscellaneous Services</b>				
83	Concessionary Fares	3,725	—	3,725
106	Other	106	2	104
£16,375	Committee total	£23,978	£2,862	£21,116

# Social Services

elsewhere.

We are making arrangements so that when necessary handicapped and mentally ill people will be able to seek refuge or asylum, at least for short periods.

Additionally Barnet is putting more money into providing a choice of residential care, both in local authority homes and in the independent sector, for elderly and younger disabled people.

With the success of policies which keep the elderly in their own homes as long as possible, the age and frailty of residents in care is increasing. Over 40 per cent of people in our homes are aged 85 or over and day centres are serving more disabled or confused people. To meet this need additional staff and facilities are being provided.

Twenty four more home care-workers were appointed to assist dependent people on a seven-day basis. The meals service, particularly for emergencies, was extended. Asian and other special meals were provided and the Kosher meals service assessed to ensure cost effectiveness.

The budget was increased for specialised equipment for disabled people and the provision of personalised home alarms. Nevertheless demand is outstripping supply.

The costs of the London wide Taxicard Scheme gave concern, particularly as the uptake was low in the northern half of the borough. Plans were set in hand to introduce Barnet's own Travel Voucher Scheme to ensure a fairer distribution across the borough and this was introduced on April 1, 1987.

Barnet is currently spending £4.75 million on transport for dependent people.

It is important that when services are provided people are consulted and discussion meetings are held on an annual basis to bring together the users, the voluntary organisations and the professional staff of the Social Services.

The first such meeting was held to set up closer links between all participants and to make sure that we listened to each other and carried forward ideas into the planning of new services.

## Services to people with mental handicaps

Social Services have been working with the Health Authority, Housing, Education and the voluntary sector to ensure that people with handicaps receive high quality community services and the best residential or substitute family care.

The management of Rosa Morrison house, a day centre for people with multiple handicaps, was taken over by Social Services from the Barnet Health Authority, and is successfully operating the new programme.



Day Centres are for making friends. This is Flightways. Photograph by Barnet Arts Workshop

New Fieldways has expanded and is now opening its residential and semi-independent accommodation.

This is an on-going programme. A second social worker for the Community Mental Handicap Teams, offering a service to adults, has been appointed and the service will be further expanded. Future development includes the opening in 1989 of a centre to provide a range of services in the south of the borough.

Relief to hard-pressed families was extended with the development of Family Link, and the short-term boarding out service.

## Services to children and families

The service offered to children and families is smaller, in volume terms, than other major aspects of our work. This reflects the benefits from successful social work, home and day care. Nevertheless in 1986/87 there was an increase in demand.

Barnet has the second lowest number of children in care in outer London but there was a growth of 30 in the year under review and an increase in the number of referrals which required investigation and provision of help to families where abuse is suspected.

Because of the sensitivity of this field of work a great deal of time was devoted by social workers.

More children were found the right adoptive family and 20 per cent more placed with foster parents. In recognition of the caring support given by foster parents the Committee increased the payment, particularly for those caring for

more hard to place children, to perhaps the highest level in the country.

The service is backed by a professional support staff, and this should ensure that nearly every child will have the 'choice' of a foster home if they are unable to remain in their own families.

Some will still prefer or require specialised residential care. Barnet is able to place the children in small local homes, independent schools and secure settings with specialist care and treatment. Costs vary from £8,000 to £65,000 a year. Barnet was able to reduce the cost per child by better occupancy of local homes.

Plans were put in hand to replace the former Wood Street nursery with a new building on a nearby site.

## Other developments

The committee drew up a policy to ensure that members of ethnic minorities were able to gain better access to the services, and positions within the directorate. Three additional specialist posts for work with members of the ethnic minorities were created.

A debt counselling and welfare benefits service was opened to improve the take-up of benefits and to provide assistance to people with financial problems.

The need for a better understanding of the need for healthy eating and living were recognised by the appointment of a catering officer and a health services officer who are organising training and planning exercises.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of . . .	
Social Services Area Teams	3
Teams for the physically handicapped	1
Hospital Social Work Teams	3
Homes for the elderly	11
— numbers accommodated	544
People accommodated in non-Barnet Council homes	331
Hostels for the mentally handicapped and mentally ill	5
— numbers accommodated	89
People accommodated in non-Barnet Council homes	215
Day centres for the elderly and handicapped	10
— places provided	634
Day nurseries	6
— placed provided	236
Family centres	1
— places provided	12
Children in care — residential homes	47
— boarded out	70
Meals provided at home, in luncheon clubs and day centres	323,436
Homes for unsupported mothers	1
— places provided	9



Barnet Sport introduced short tennis coaching



The Mayor takes the salute for the Freedom of the Borough marchpast of the

# BARNET KALEIDO



A summer's day in Hendon Park



The Freedom of the Borough was conferred on RAF Hendon. This commemorative scroll was presented here with the Mayor, Cllr Denis Dippe, Clerk, Mr Michael Bennett, and Wing Simpson, was handed over at the ceremony on April 1.



Tudor Hall, historic centre for Barnet College which now has sites at Wood Street and Russell Lane



Hendon College moved to a new twin-site campus. This is the swimming pool at Grahame Park, now part of the college amenities



the Royal Corps of Engineers in July, 1986.



Computers are widely used in primary schools

# SCOPE



Barnet Libraries and Arts at Grahame Park Festival



A new nursery class was opened at Barnfield School



Fun at Friern Barnet Summer Show



The new playground at Oakhill Park, East Barnet



Showhouse at the shared-ownership housing at Friern Barnet



Senior pupils help with caring work in a Social Services home

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# Housing and Environmental Services

## Moving towards a better service

In June 1986 the Housing and Environmental Health Departments moved to Barnet House, Whetstone and joined together to form a single directorate. Although they each retain their own identity and character, the closer working relationship provides a better co-ordinated service in housing and environmental matters in both the private and public sectors of the borough.

The main aims of the Council's housing policies are to:

- Promote good housing conditions in both public and private sectors.
- Provide homes for people with a housing need.
- Manage the council's housing stock effectively and sympathetically.
- Promote low cost home ownership schemes for tenants and housing waiting list applicants.
- Encourage council tenants to buy their own homes.

To improve the service to tenants two reporting points were set up: One at Stag House, Burnt Oak, serving the west of the Borough; and one at Barnet House, for those on the eastern side.

During 1986/87 the council invested capital of over £14 million in the housing stock of the Borough. This high level of spending was made possible by using funds from the successful sales campaign to augment the money borrowed in the normal way under the Government's Housing Investment Programme.

More than £6 million of this was

### WHAT WE DO IN HOUSING

- Provide and maintain homes for more than 17,000 families
- Build new homes for rent and first time buyers including shared ownership
- Encourage tenants to buy their own homes
- Provide sheltered housing for the elderly
- Assist Housing Associations to develop specialist housing and shared ownership schemes
- Assist homeless families
- Run a central warden alarm system

spent on major repairs and improvements to 2406 council homes. Work included window renewals on the Woodhouse Road Estate, Finchley; roof renewals at George Crescent, Muswell Hill; external repairs on the Watling Estate; and adaptations for disabled people.

A survey of the condition of Barnet's housing was published during the year. This showed a great improvement since the 1979 survey, but it is clear there is still substantial room for improvement in all sectors.

The results of the survey have been used in preparing future programmes of work to ensure that the funds available are spent on properties most in need of urgent repair.

In addition more than £6 million was spent on day-to-day repairs, including external painting.

### New building work

Barnet's new-build programme provides housing both for rent and for low cost home ownership for families and the elderly.

Partnership arrangements are also negotiated with private developers and housing associations to obtain nomination rights for the Council.

The Council helped the Shared Ownership Housing Association buy 36 homes on the Barratts Knightswood Development, Edgware. These ranged from one-bedroom flats to three-bedroom houses which were sold to council tenants and waiting list applicants on a shared ownership basis.

Housing associations are encour-

aged to develop specialist housing, for example specially adapted homes for elderly and disabled people, and low-cost home ownership schemes. It was decided that more money from the sale of council homes should be directed to these projects. In 1986/87 £2.7 million was invested in housing

association schemes, compared with £500,000 in the previous year — a 500 per cent increase!

### Waiting Lists

The total housing waiting list increased by 18.5 per cent. In April 1987 it stood at 6,822, a rise of 1,069 over the 12 months. However during the same period the high priority section decreased by 126, from 872 to 746.

The transfer list for existing tenants who wish to move, decreased from 2,262 to 1,776. Again the high priority section of this list also decreased from 467 to 448.

### Homelessness

More than 2,000 households applied for advice to the Homeless Families Unit. Of these 389 were

### SPENDING

1985/86		1986/87	Average Cost per dwelling	Expressed as a % of rent
£'000		£'000	£	%
	<b>HOUSING REVENUE</b>			
	<b>Expenditure</b>			
16,277	Debt charges	16,369	950.73	77.48
5,371	Repairs and maintenance	5,805	337.17	27.47
	Supervision and management (net)			
3,718	General	4,183	242.96	19.80
1,662	Special	1,836	106.62	8.69
96	Rents etc	129	7.50	0.61
18	Special works	53	3.05	0.25
530	Rent rebates (net)	493	28.66	2.34
	Contribution to interest equalisation fund			
508		47	2.75	0.22
<u>£28,180</u>		<u>£28,915</u>	<u>£1,679.44</u>	<u>136.86%</u>
	<b>Income</b>			
21,008	Rent — dwellings, before deduction of rent rebates	21,128	1,227.14	100.00
674	Rent — other premises etc.	654	37.99	3.10
3,931	Interest and MIRAS*	4,503	261.52	21.31
	Exchequer subsidies and contribution for GLC nominees			
2,037		2,137	124.13	10.12
	Transferred to housing services summary			
530		493	28.66	2.33
<u>£28,180</u>		<u>£28,915</u>	<u>£1,679.44</u>	<u>136.86%</u>

1985/86		1986/87	Net Expenditure
Net Expenditure		Gross Expenditure	Income
£'000		£'000	£'000
530	<b>HOUSING SERVICES</b>		
	Housing Revenue Account	28,915	28,422
	Contribution to West London Housing Consortium		30
35Cr.			30
90	Improvement Grants	307	
70	General Improvement Areas	60	
22	Homeless Families	33	
19	Other	9	
<u>£696</u>		<u>£29,324</u>	<u>£28,452</u>
			<u>£872</u>

\*Mortgage Interest Relief at Source.

### FACTS AND FIGURES

	1986/87	1985/86
<b>Stock of dwellings at 31st March 1987 (1986)</b>		
4 or more bedrooms	357	384
3 bedrooms	5,303	5,644
2 bedrooms	7,085	7,328
1 bedroom	3,570	3,573
Sundry properties	581	604
	<u>16,896</u>	<u>17,533</u>
Garages	3,750	3,750
New dwellings completed — for rent	30	75
Dwellings sold (excluding build for sale)	672	713

# Housing and Environmental Services

vulnerable and homeless or threatened with eviction and were rehoused.

Unlike many London Boroughs, Barnet makes little use of bed and breakfast accommodation for homeless families. Instead temporary accommodation such as hostels, mobile homes or short lease housing are used when necessary and 90 of the applicants were housed in this way. The majority were able to go straight into permanent tenancies.

Almost 1,000 households were rehoused in council homes during the year.

With pressure on council housing it is essential that when properties become empty they are relet as quickly as possible. This keeps the number of homes for rent to a maximum. Over the year 968 empty properties, several needing major work, were repaired and reinstated ready for reletting.

At the end of the year there were only 312 empty properties which is less than 2 per cent of the Council's housing stock.

More than 40,000 day-to-day repairs were carried out. Some were undertaken by the department's own workforce and the rest by contractors.

A stand-by service for emergency repairs operates outside office hours, including weekends and bank holidays. This service dealt with 2,704 calls during the year, an average of 45 a week.

The deep freeze in January this year resulted in almost 500 calls in a two-week period. Many homes were flooded during the worst winter period, causing great distress to tenants and damage to their homes and belongings.

## Housing sales

During the year 1,440 tenants ap-

### WHAT WE DO IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Check on atmospheric, water and noise pollution
- Inspect housing to ensure it reaches a proper standard
- Inspect food premises to maintain standards of hygiene
- Inspect commercial premises under the Health and Safety at Work Act and issue a whole range of licences
- Ensure safe working practices in dealing with toxic materials and asbestos
- Pest control
- River pollution control
- Health education
- Provide home improvement grants for private sector housing
- Provision of house renovation grants and loft insulation grants
- Control of infectious diseases

plied to buy their own homes — an increase of 40 per cent on the previous year. This was partly due to increased discounts, announced in January 1987.

During the year 672 sales were completed. There was a big increase in the number of tenants buying flats. They are now entitled to a discount of up to 70 per cent, subject to a maximum of £35,000.

## Environmental Health

It was an active year for the Environmental Health Department, with new initiatives at all levels to provide the residents of Barnet with a safer, healthier environment at home, at work and at play.

The Greater London Housing Survey, in which Barnet featured as one of four boroughs studied in depth, produced detailed information on dwellings in the private sector. This has become the data on which we can build up strategies to improve living conditions, which will involve the continued use of legislation to get landlords to carry

out necessary repairs and improvements.

The Home Improvement Grants policy was amended in order to target resources to those most in need. During the year 382 grant applications were approved and £1.2 million paid out.

Concern over the growing use of bed and breakfast accommodation for homeless families, used in other boroughs, led to a survey of such premises within Barnet. This highlighted many problems and in one case a landlord was prosecuted and fined £6,000 for overcrowding.

## Food hygiene

Food standards and Health and Safety at Work played a significant role in the department's activities. An audit of all commercial premises in the borough was carried out. This enabled us to assess priorities and identify premises with high, medium or low risk factors.

As a follow up to the survey

programmed visits are planned to ensure good standards are maintained. Unfortunately conditions at some food premises were found to be unacceptable and several prosecutions were put in hand resulting in heavy fines on the owners.

1986/87 saw the end of Crown immunity in National Health hospitals. This meant that for the first time local environmental health officers had the right to inspect hospitals from the point of view of health and safety.

## Health education

Health education plays an important part in the work of the department, and Basic Food Hygiene Courses for cooks and supervisors in the National Health Service have been run successfully by environmental health officers. This is a programme which we hope to expand during the coming year, making the courses more widely available.

The department also played a key role in the AIDS education programme within the borough.

## Noise pollution

The urban environment is a prey to noise pollution. Traffic, industrial operations, and even the neighbour's stereo equipment threaten the peace and quiet of the town dweller.

As part of their responsibility to combat the increasing problem officers from the department have investigated a whole range of complaints and taken remedial action when a noise nuisance existed. We now have sophisticated noise measuring equipment to help in surveys and investigations, as these complaints can be very complex in nature.

A new duty, taken over as a result of the abolition of the GLC, is that of entertainment licensing for buildings used for public entertainment, and also the issuing of safety certificates for sports grounds.

## Pest Control

The activities of the pest control section often go unpublicised, but throughout the year the public called on their services to combat infestations of rats, mice and vermin, and to deal with wasps nests.

Routine sampling of food, drinking water and water in swimming pools and surface water ditches was undertaken in order to ensure satisfactory standards, identify any signs of contamination and keep pollution in check.

The department is involved in work relating to the control of infectious diseases, drainage problems, control of riding establishments and animal related legislation.

## HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1986/87

*Expenditure  
£'000s*

### New Build

#### Continuing projects include:

Friern Hospital	87 units for shared ownership	
West Hendon Swimming Pool site	63 units for rent	
Barnet Lane/Brent Place	16 units for rent	£3,453

### Major Repairs and Improvements

2,406

Homes have benefited from major repairs and improvement works, such as:  
Window Renewals on the Woodhouse Road Estate  
Roof Renewals at George Crescent  
External Repairs on the Watling Estate  
Adaptations for disabled people

£6,723

### Improvement and Insulation Grants

309

Improvement Grants were awarded to Barnet Residents

£1,319

### Housing Acts Advances

31

Further advances were granted for improvements to property

£140

### Housing Associations

Lending to Housing Associations in the Borough

£2,738

Total Housing Investment Programme in 1986/87

£14,373

## Technical Services

# Developing an effective and efficient service

THE Directorate of Technical Services moved their headquarters from Gateway House, Finchley, to Barnet House, Whetstone, in March 1986.

This consolidated the majority of the staff under one roof. The reorganisation of the Development and Engineering Services Divisions, and the settling-in of the Directorate into its new environment formed the cornerstone of activity during the year and provided an

opportunity to develop the effectiveness and efficiency of the services.

The Directorate provides a technical and professional service to all committees of the Council, particularly Town Planning and Research, Public Works, Development and Estates and Allotments.

It is also responsible for the care and maintenance of the majority of council buildings and land.

### WHAT WE DO

- Professional design of new buildings, building maintenance and site supervision
- Planning for the present and the future
- Preservation and Conservation of the urban and green belt heritage
- Property services for the borough's buildings and land
- Engineering design and construction of highways, bridges and sewers
- Maintenance of roads and footpaths
- Road Safety and traffic management
- Refuse collection, street sweeping and snow clearance
- Recreation, sport, leisure and play
- Care of parks, trees, swimming pools, stadiums and countryside management
- Carnivals and Shows
- Allotment site management

### SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
<b>TOWN PLANNING &amp; RESEARCH</b>				
936	Town Planning	1,301	252	1,049
187	Building Inspection	476	407	69
379	Central administration expenses	426	—	426
<u>£1,502</u>	<b>Committee total</b>	<u>£2,203</u>	<u>£659</u>	<u>£1,544</u>

### FACTS AND FIGURES

- 3,143 planning applications were determined, of which ...
- 81.5% were approved (subject to conditions)
- 52 consultations from adjoining boroughs were dealt with
- 9 tree preservation orders were authorised
- 118 applications were received for consent to lop or fell trees covered by tree preservation orders
- 89 notifications were received of intention to carry out works to trees in conservation areas
- 689 complaints concerning alleged breach of planning control were investigated
- 59 enforcement notices served
- 9 untidy land notices served
- 3 prosecutions were authorised under advertisement regulations
- In the Borough were ...
- 489 listed buildings of architectural and historic interest
- 12 conservation areas
- 2,356 buildings of local architectural or historic interest

### Architecture Group

THE Architecture Group continued to undertake a wide range of work, from small adaptations for disabled people to multi-million pound projects.

During the year under review site works, valued in excess of £7 million, were handled, and there was liaison with Housing Associations on projects with a total value of £2 million. At the same time projects totalling more than £22 million were at design stage.

Major projects completed included the new sixth-form centre for Mill Hill County High School.

The group also worked closely with the two colleges of further education, on various schemes to allow Hendon College to move to new campuses at Grahame Park and Abbots Road, Burnt Oak, and Barnet College to occupy new premises at Russell Lane, Whetstone.

Thirty new flats were completed at Caney Mews, Cricklewood.

### Major projects

Construction started on a number of major projects during the year. These included redevelopment of the former multi-storey car park site at West Hendon, for 34 houses; an additional eight units for short-stay housing at the Croft Homeless Families Unit, Burnt Oak; 16 flats at Brent Place, Barnet; and the new all-weather pitches at Whitefield School, Cricklewood. Design work began for offices on the Fenella site, in The Burroughs, Hendon, to meet a timetable for Housing Benefits reorganisation in 1988.

There is a continuing programme of smaller rehabilitation and alterations for council premises, energy conservation initiatives and aids and adaptations for disabled people to allow them to continue to live in their own homes.

Summer 1987 saw the first hand-overs of the shared ownership housing scheme on the Friern Hospital land off Colney Hatch Lane. Looking to the future, 1988 should see the completion of other major projects on which the group has been actively engaged. These include the joint Housing and Social Services complex for the elderly at the Church of Little St. Peter in Cricklewood and the final phase of re-

building of Christ's College School on the Brookland site, East Finchley.

With the abolition of the Greater London Council, in April 1986, Barnet took over responsibility for the building maintenance of magistrates courts and the Architecture Group is involved in improvement works planned for Barnet and Hendon Courthouses as well as feasibility studies on the long-term future courthouse provision.

### Planning Group

THE Council has taken on greater responsibility for planning at a local level since the abolition of the GLC. This means the Planning Group is now more involved in strategic planning issues affecting Greater London and the South East Region. Through the London Planning Advisory Committee it is contributing to the Government's strategic planning guidance for London.

Information on population, employment and development trends is increasingly being sought by local firms and London-wide organisations concerned with changes taking place in the Capital.

The framework for planning locally, the Borough Development Plan, has been a major commitment, and is due for completion in 1987. It will guide and influence development to meet the needs of the community and protect its heritage. Its provisions will eventually form the basis of a Unitary Development Plan which will also reflect strategic guidance.

In preparing the Borough Development Plan 11 topic studies were published after widespread consultation with local residents, organisations and the business sector. The last of these studies, Education, was approved by the Council during the year and the policies are now all in use in negotiations with planning applicants and in determining planning applications.

### Planning briefs

Several major planning briefs dealing with specific localities were prepared:

- A brief for Friern Hospital proposes retention of the listed building, the creation of a small district park, new housing, business and retail

## Technical Services

warehouse development.

● A brief for The Burroughs, Hendon, proposes housing, sports pitches, public open spaces and car parking.

● The brief for the Glebe Land, Finchley, includes revised guidelines for recreation and leisure and facilities which acknowledge the ecological importance of a major part of the site.

● The departure of the RAF from Grahame Park in April 1987 will be followed by the disposal of the site for development. The brief for this land stresses the importance on retaining buildings associated with the early days of flying at Hendon.

Part of the planning responsibility of the Council is to ensure that buildings and areas of architectural and historic importance are retained for future generations. Buildings of special interest are recorded in the Statutory List, which was published in March 1987.

### Photographic survey

A photographic survey of one of London's largest and most important conservation areas, Hampstead Garden Suburb, was completed with assistance from the Manpower Services Commission. The photographs were exhibited in the suburb in October 1986.

The increasing number of planning applications dealt with during the year reflect a strong demand for industrial, commercial and residential development throughout the borough.

Guidance provided to developers, businesses and home owners by the Group, coupled with planning controls ensure that a proper balance is maintained between the demands for development on economic and social grounds and the quality of the local environment.



The 30 new flats at Caney Mews, Cricklewood.

### Building Control

THE Building Control officers' duties are to ensure that new building work is carried out to safe and acceptable standards.

During the year 3,863 building regulation applications were received, involving 19,000 site inspections.

It was anticipated that provisions under the Building Act of 1984, designating 'approved persons' in the private sector to take responsibility for the Building Regulations on certain projects, would reduce the workload of Building Control

staff. In practice this has proved not to be the case. There have been no appointments except for the National House Builders' Council, whose work lies in the field of new low-rise housing and forms only a small proportion of work in the borough.

The new regulations aimed to achieve more flexibility for designers and architects. This has in practice resulted in more time being spent in plan examination.

New requirements to provide better access for disabled people in new buildings has added a further dimension to the workload of the section.

### Property Services Group

THE Council's policy to sell land which is surplus to its requirements continued to bring in vital capital which is invested to fund essential borough projects.

Two important commercial schemes which went ahead during the year were the result of sales of sites to Toys R Us near Brent Cross and to Tesco at Colney Hatch Lane. These two developments alone raised a total of £11 million for the borough and brought into use land which had been idle for many years.



Friern Hospital — a new addition to the 369 listed buildings in the statutory list of Buildings of Architectural or Historical interest in the Borough of Barnet.

# Technical Services: Engineering

## Engineering Group

THE year saw a further overall improvement in the condition of the Borough's highways, with £2 million being spent on the maintenance of its roads. New techniques were introduced to improve the condition of carriageways and footpaths.

In shopping areas the footpaths were paved with an attractive mixture of small paving slabs and blocks. The cost of laying these is more than traditional paving slabs, but they have a much longer life and will prove the best value for money.

The reconstruction of the A41 Edgware Way between Apex Corner and The Grove, Edgware, was successfully completed early in the year and extensive landscaping was carried out on the embankment and verges. The smooth flow of traffic, which was maintained in spite of the scale of the works on a national trunk road, was the outcome of extensive pre-planning and consultation.

A considerable length of trunk road resurfacing was undertaken on behalf of the Department of Transport.

Since the abolition of the GLC the Borough now makes its own traffic management orders. When the year began there was an inherited backlog of traffic management schemes in the pipeline.

Nevertheless by the end of the year the traffic engineers had dealt with outstanding schemes and were processing new orders within six months. The aim is to cut this time span even further in 1987/88.

To relieve a long-standing and serious pollution problem in the Coppetts Wood area, work started on the relining of a section of sewer using a newly devised technique which avoids open cut digging.

Work also started on a storm water relief sewer in Lorian Close, Woodside Park, and a foul sewer replacement at Burrel Close, Edgware.



At the Squires Lane depot salt is loaded into one of the purpose built gritters to help keep the roads clear during last January's bitterly cold spell.

## Works Service Group

ON June 1 the District Officer Service, based at Squires Lane, Finchley, was set up. This service is the eyes and ears of the borough in maintaining safe and sound roads and pavements. Its main objective was to reduce the number of potential hazards and deal with any highway offences that lay within its powers.

There were teething troubles, as could be expected with any new service. But with staff training and public awareness the service is improving and meeting its objectives.

In the first three months of 1987:

- 570 possibly abandoned vehicles were investigated and 74 were removed to the vehicle pound in Tilling Road, Cricklewood.
- Action was taken on 4875 telephone complaints and enquiries.
- 750 written enquiries were investigated.

● 225 drivers were reported for pavement parking and 59 were successfully prosecuted with individual fines plus costs of up to £50.

● 359 untaxed vehicles were reported to the DVLC at Swansea for prosecution.

The importance of the job of the district officers is recognised and will benefit the whole community.

On September 2, 1986, Public Works Committee set up the Keep Barnet Tidy Group, a partnership of the Council and the community which aims to achieve a cleaner borough.

In March 1987 Public Works agreed in principle, to introduce a wheeled bin front gate refuse col-

lection service, subject to detailed arrangements reflecting the needs of the elderly, disabled people and other special cases.

This will mean the end of the untidy and often unhygienic arrangement of bins, sacks and boxes on refuse collection day and will protect the refuse collectors from the dangers of handling items such as glass and contaminated articles.

A pilot scheme was agreed to test the scheme and this was scheduled to be put into operation in October 1987. This will be an opportunity for the system to be assessed and any problems examined and solutions found.

### FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Public Works Committee

Category	Highway Authority	Km	Miles
Motorway	Dept. of Transport	19.6	12.2
Trunk roads	Dept. of Transport	39.5	24.6
Borough roads*	L.B. Barnet	636.8	395.7
		<b>1986/87</b>	<b>1985/86</b>
Borough roads* — repairs cost per km		£9,468	£6,486
Street lights — number		26,600	26,400
— cost per unit		£37.70	£34.12
Council owned car parks — number		22	22
— Parking spaces		2,197	2,197
Public conveniences — number		22	21
— net cost per convenience		£5,555	£5,340
Refuse — tonnage collected		104,366	98,229
— net cost per tonne		£29.21	£30.89
Abandoned vehicles removed		203	286

\*Now includes former Metropolitan Roads.

### SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
—	Motorway (M1)	814	814	—
60	Trunk roads	1,782	1,723	59
265	Metropolitan roads	—	—	—
3,704	District roads	—	—	—
—	Borough roads	6,205	176	6,029
547	Public lighting	1,003	289	714
194	Car and lorry parks	205	5	200
99	Road Safety	119	3	116
112	Public conveniences	122	—	122
9Cr.	Public depots	—	38	38Cr.
3,034	Refuse removal	3,519	470	3,049
—	Waste disposal	3,068	33	3,035
8	Sewers	303	297	6
	Surrendered and			
22	abandoned vehicles	51	51	—
—	Clearance of blocked drains	53	49	4
2Cr.	Cesspool emptying	11	7	4
37	Maintenance water courses	19	—	19
29Cr.	Watling Market	22	54	32Cr.
59Cr.	Rechargeable works	630	689	59Cr.
	Central administration			
2,103	expenses	2,325	—	2,325
<b>£10,086</b>	<b>Committee total</b>	<b>£20,251</b>	<b>£4,698</b>	<b>£15,553</b>

## Technical Services: Recreation

### Pleasing you — the customer Recreation Group

THE Recreation Group's motto is: *The Customer is Always Right* and we have involved many groups and residents to make sure the Borough's leisure service is 'The Best'.

There is a long way to go but considerable progress has been made since the last Annual Report.

The increase in budget allocated to leisure by the Development and Estates Committee, the co-operation and hard work of our staff and the help given by many voluntary groups is paying dividends. Now other boroughs come to Barnet for advice on leisure services.

We want to ensure that our service remains 'The Best'. Please do not hesitate to contact the Recreation Group with constructive ideas. Ring or write to the Director of Technical Services, Recreation Group, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. Tel: 446 8511.

#### Countryside

The success of Barnet Countryside Project continued. Funding of more than £250,000 from the Manpower Services Commission Community Programme meant we could offer 56 places to unemployed people interested in this type of work. More than a third of these people went on to full-time employment, many with the Council.

The project undertook valuable work, including woodland management and nature trails at Moat Mount and Scratchwood Countryside Park; a bridleway was built at Cophall and restoration work carried out at Hadley Green.

The project group have worked with Dollis Junior School to establish a nature reserve, now completed and handed over to the



Barnet Sport's senior football coach, John Dempsey, teaches soccer skills to boys and girls at Cophall Stadium.

school with parents undertaking the management.

We have drawn local conservation groups into our programmes to serve on management committees which meet regularly to discuss areas of particular ecological interest. These Committees have been set up for Rowley Green Nature Reserve; Moat Mount and Scratchwood Countryside Park; The Mill Hill disused railway line; Coppetts Wood and Oakhill Woods and are drawing up detailed management programmes.

#### Trees

Barnet has one of the largest tree populations in London. With 80,000 street trees alone and a third of the borough open space or green belt, the arboricultural staff are kept busy maintaining existing trees and planting new ones.

Over 4,500 trees were planted during 1986/7 to replace those lost through age, storm or unsuitability.

Our policy to maintain the green canopy for future generations with the use of selected varieties of trees and environmental improvement

will continue.

Vandalism is still a very real concern. A quarter of the young trees are vandalised so we have introduced an 'Adopt-a-tree' scheme, asking local residents to help us ensure that young trees are given every opportunity to thrive.

The borough is involved in woodland management schemes at Hampstead Garden Suburb, Cherry Tree Woods, East Finchley, and Oakhill Woods, East Barnet, working with leading specialists. Specimen tree planting has continued at Arrandene Open Space, Mill Hill.

#### Sport

The long wet winter of 1986/87 seriously affected sport and reinstatement works were hampered by the record rainfall in spring and early summer. A total of £75,000, including a grant from the Football Trust, is being spent on pitch drainage.

An intensive programme of pre-season preparation improved the quality of summer facilities.

'Pitchline' was introduced to inform clubs of the latest state of play

— a service appreciated by club secretaries, harrassed by the wet weather.

Barnet Sport, a joint venture between the Manpower Services Commission and the Council, was established in the Recreation Group, and quickly introduced a wide range of new sporting opportunities. It helps in Junior School sports programmes, promotes schemes for women's groups, the over 50s and disabled people, and provides coaching for tennis, soccer, cricket and athletics.

The sports development team are surveying facilities and developing strategies for sports such as short mat bowls, tennis and hockey.

All the information will be fed into a survey of leisure needs.

The marketing section has achieved remarkable results with newspaper coverage, publications and displays which have dramatically improved public awareness of the sports opportunities available in Barnet.

The group supported the first class efforts of the voluntary organising panels of Barnet Sports Gala (now Cophall Show), Finchley Carnival and Friern Barnet Summer Show.

#### Plan for Play

To achieve more imaginative and safer playgrounds in our parks, the Plan for Play was drawn up and additional finance was allocated.

Oak Hill Park, East Barnet, was the first of the new style playgrounds to be installed and there is an on-going programme being introduced on a borough-wide basis.

During the summer holidays entertainment took place in 20 local parks and supervised play schemes were held in four. This service is being developed and a survey has been commissioned.



The playground at Montrose Playing Fields, Colindale, has a new safety surface of bark chippings.

# Technical Services: Recreation

## Barnet Copthall Centre

Barnet Copthall Centre, with its swimming pools, athletics stadium and playing fields, had a successful year.

The pools complex hosted county, regional and short course championships and was extensively used by residents and schools. Its swimming teaching and dry sport programme was expanded and attendances topped the half-million mark. Barnet Copthall held its place as one of the country's leading swimming clubs.

The Athletics Stadium hosted inter-borough, county and southern counties championships and was also well used by schools and the community.

Shaftesbury Barnet Athletics Club, based at the stadium, had a good year, remaining one of the country's leading clubs.

The outdoor playing area is home for Hendon and Mill Hill Rugby Clubs and Hendon St Mary's Cricket Club. Together with numerous football and cricket teams which book use the facilities, they ensure that the pitches are well used throughout the year — despite the weather.

Barnet Copthall holds pride of place in the borough's contribution to top-class sport. This has been recognised by the committee and work on improving and developing the facilities began during the year

under review and will continue, so that the Centre will remain one of the top venues in the country.

Finchley open air pool was hit by the poor summer but provided hours of enjoyment whenever the weather allowed.

The Squires Lane baths provided a service to the local community and plans were drawn up to install a fitness centre in part of the old slipper bath area during the following year.

## Allotments

Barnet again won first place in the national competition for best run allotments. It is the third time in five years that the borough has won the Bledisloe Trophy — and we gained second place in the other two years.

The Allotments Committee are continuing to upgrade sites. Many now have surfaced roadways, car parks and the rolling programme of improvements includes work on fencing, gates, water supplies, trading sheds storage compounds and drainage schemes.

As more families are attracted to recreational gardening, spending a full day on their plots, there is a need for the provision of site toilets.

The improvement programme relies on demand for plots. Residents who are interested should contact the allotments service on 446 8511 Ext 4479 or the Secretary of Barnet Federation of Allotment Holders on 445 9305.



Clearance work at Hadley ponds.



Hendon Park — one of the many beautiful parks in the borough.

## SPENDING

1985/86 Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	1986/87 Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
<b>ALLOTMENTS</b>				
8	Cr. Allotments	74	83	9Cr.
8	Central Administration Expenses	9	—	9
—	Committee Total	£83	£83	—
<b>DEVELOPMENT AND ESTATES</b>				
13	Carnivals and Shows	55	27	28
8	Entertainment in Parks & Play Leadership	8	—	8
2,915	Parks Nurseries and Open Spaces	3,528	313	3,215
123	Sports Grounds & Golf Courses	276	122	154
—	Churchyards and War Memorials	7	—	7
53	Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium	257	197	60
862	Copthall Stadium and Swimming Pool	1,270	370	900
157	Swimming Baths	281	82	199
8Cr.	Catering at Copthall and Swimming Baths	128	117	11
81Cr.	Endeavour House	97	197	100Cr.
664Cr.	Other Properties and Estates	216	932	716Cr.
950	Central Administration Expenses	1,057	—	1,057
£4,328	Committee Total	£7,180	£2,357	£4,823

## FACTS AND FIGURES

	1986/87	1985/86
<b>Allotments (Council and Societies)</b>		
Number of sites	63	63
Total area (hectares)	102.8	103.2
<b>Development &amp; Estates Committee</b>		
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
Tennis Courts	108	108
Bowling Greens	15	15
Football Pitches	91	91
Cricket Tables	39	39
Swimming Pools	3	3
Attendances		
Squires Lane Pool	77,969	67,607
Finchley Open Air Pool	29,344	35,348
Copthall Pool	498,343	448,994
Finchley Carnival	25,778	20,811
Friern Barnet Show	10,687	8,495

## Financial Services

### SUMMARY REVENUE ACCOUNT

1985/86 Actual		1986/87	
		Revised Estimate	Actual
£'000		£'000	£'000
<b>NET EXPENDITURE OF COMMITTEES</b>			
—	Allotments	8	—
4,328	Development and Estates	4,780	4,823
68,816	Education	74,655	76,584
4,837Cr.	Finance	129	994Cr.
2,480	General Purposes	2,805	2,705
872	Grants	2,383	2,363
696	Housing	681	872
3,559	Libraries and Arts	3,757	3,842
10,086	Public Works	15,545	15,553
16,375	Social Services	21,845	21,116
1,502	Town Planning and Research	1,809	1,544
<b>103,877</b>	<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>	<b>128,397</b>	<b>128,408</b>
<b>LESS INCOME</b>			
34,425	Rate Support Grant	40,640	40,457
70,190	Rate Income	85,199	85,485
<b>104,615</b>		<b>125,839</b>	<b>125,942</b>
<b>£738</b>	<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£(2,558)</b>	<b>£(2,466)</b>

### Capital Income and Expenditure

Capital expenditure is spending on items which will be of benefit for longer than the year in which the money is spent and for which the Council might reasonably wish to finance by borrowing or by use of internal funds over a period of years.

Examples of capital expenditure include the purchase of land and improvement of buildings, buying of vehicles, plant and equipment and various grants.

The majority of such spending is financed by borrowings from financial institutions including the Public Works Loans Board. All loans are 'pooled' into a Consolidated Loans Fund from which advances are made for individual projects. This practice enables the Council to obtain best value for money by borrowing over a wide range of periods and from a variety of lenders.

Capital Expenditure is also met from a variety of other sources including capital receipts from the sale of assets. The statement below analyses the capital expenditure for 1986/87 and shows how it was financed.

Aggregate capital expenditure is subject to Central Government controls. For 1986/87 the capital allocations totalled £10,345,000. However, the additional £12,011,000 above this figure was permitted by the addition to allocations of prescribed proportions of capital receipts.

SERVICE EXPENDITURE	£'000	SPENT ON	
			£'000
Allotments	20	Acquisition land and buildings	121
Education	4,827	Building and other works	1,997
Environmental Health	83	Vehicles, plant and equipment	2,827
General administration	1,146	Housing advances	3,068
General Corporation Estates	155	Renovation grants	1,317
Highways	567	Other expenditure	26
Housing	14,564	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£22,356</b>
Leisure services	240		
Libraries and Museums	86	FINANCED BY	
Miscellaneous services	8	Borrowing	10,459
Parking of vehicles	21	Capital Receipts	8,376
Public lighting	80	Special Funds	2,227
Social Services	559	Revenue contributions	100
		Other resources	1,194
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£22,356</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£22,356</b>

### COUNCIL'S STEWARD

■ The Director of Financial Services is the Council's steward and has control over all of its financial affairs. It is his responsibility to ensure that proper financial advice is given; to provide an efficient accounting service including final accounts at the end of the financial year; and the provision of proper audit and financial control.

■ Perhaps the most important aspect of financial advice given is in respect to the annual budget, rate support grant settlement (RSG) and the rate levy. The rules and regulations regarding RSG are complex and subject to frequent changes. Up to date information is of paramount importance in the budget decision-making process.

■ In addition the Director is responsible for a whole range of functions relating to the financial administration of the Council. These are carried out by the Finance Department and include the collection of rates and other income due to the Council; the payment of bills for the supply of goods and services; the payment of salaries and wages; the assessment, control and payment of housing benefits; and the operation and development of central computer services.

■ The finance department also maintains the Council's consolidated loans fund which entails borrowing and lending money, both to provide funds to finance capital expenditure and make best use of the authority's liquid assets. Other funds maintained include the superannuation fund which involves the administration of pensions and the investment of contributions; and the insurance fund which provides a significant part of the cover involved in the department's insurance service.

## Paying for your services

The illustration on page 111 gives a brief guide as to where the money came from in 1986/87, how it was spent and the expenditure of individual local services.

The Borough of Barnet spent £2,000,000 million providing local services in 1986/87. The money to pay for these came from three main sources — (1) rates; (2) Government grants; and (3) rents, fees and charges — directly from tenants and others using the Council's services.

Government grants come in two basic types — Rate Support Grant (RSG) and those designed to help the Council provide specific services. RSG is a general subsidy to help local authorities to meet the cost of providing rate fund services thus reducing the rate charge on the local community, while specific grants are netted off against individual committee expenditure in the accounts.

On this page the summary revenue account shows the net expenditure of each committee. It also shows how the various committees' actual expenditure compared with their revised estimate and the net expenditure for 1985/86.

Committee expenditure is

monitored throughout the year but under and over-spending inevitably occur because of such things as unexpected pay and price increases, changes in income, and savings made or changes in the timing of developments during the year.

As can be seen, although individual committees show variations against their estimates, the overall net committee expenditure is very close to that estimated, £128,409,066 actual expenditure compared to the revised estimate of £128,397,000, a difference of £12,066 or 0.01 per cent.

The financial year saw a substantial increase in the level of spending for Barnet Council, £103.9 million in 1985/86 to £128.4 million in 1986/87.

### Abolition of GLC

With the abolition of the Greater London Council on March 31, 1986, many services were transferred to Barnet. This, together with the apportioned cost of other bodies set up by Government, had to be met from the local rate. Despite these increased costs Barnet's overall standard and domestic rates — 170.8p and 152.3p respectively — remained at the





# WHERE TO FIND US

## Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG.

Telephone: 01-202 8282.

Enquiries should be made direct to sections listed below:

### Personnel and Management Services:

16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon NW4 2EN. 01-202 8282.

### Registration of Electors:

Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 8282.

### Trading Standards:

Hatchcroft, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BN. 01-202 8282.

### Information & Press:

Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 8282.

## Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages:

### Hendon Registration District:

For the Wards of Burnt Oak, Childs Hill, Colindale, East Finchley, Edgware, Finchley, Friern Barnet, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, Hale, Hendon, Mill Hill, St Paul's, Totteridge (Polling Districts FD, FE, & FF only), West Hendon, Woodhouse.

**Register Office:** 182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware H8 0AU. 01-952 0876; 01-952 0024; 01-951 1905.

**Marriages:** Hours of attendance of Superintendent Registrar. Monday to Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-4.30pm.

Saturday: 9am-11am (by appointment only).

**Births and Deaths:** Hours of attendance of Registrars. Monday to Friday 9am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Saturday: 9am-11am (Registration of Births by appointment only).

### Barnet Registration District:

For the Wards of Arkley, Brunswick Park, East Barnet, Hadley and Totteridge (Polling Districts FA, FB and FC only).

**Register Office:** 29 Wood Street, Barnet, Herts EN5 4BD. Superintendent Registrar: 01-449 2098. Registrars: 01-440 3305; 01-449 0900.

**Marriages:** Hours of attendance of Superintendent Registrar. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Thursday: 9.30am-12.30pm. Saturday: 9.30am-11.30am (by appointment only).

**Births & Deaths:** Hours of attendance of Registrars. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Tuesday: 9.30am-12.30pm. Saturday: 9.30am-11.30am (by appointment only). Details of registration requirements may be obtained from the Superintendent Registrar or Registrars, from whom any birth, death or marriage certificates relevant to their areas may also be purchased at the prescribed fees.

### Rent Officer Service:

Rent Officer, Torrington House, 811 High Road, Finchley N12 8JT. 01-446 4452.

## Director of Financial Services & Borough Treasurer

Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG. 01-202 8282.

All payments and general enquiries to the Town Hall, Hendon. Payment of rates may also be made between 9.15am and 4.30pm at district offices as follows:

**Council Offices,** Wood Street, Barnet, Herts. 01-449 9148 (Mondays to Fridays).

**King Edward Hall,** 331 Regent's Park Road, Finchley N3 1DS. 01-349 9121 (cash point only).

Specific enquiries for services based at other premises may be made as follows:

**Rates:** Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 8282.

**Housing Benefits** (Rate rebate and rent allowance applications): etc. King Edward Hall, 331 Regents Park Road, N3 1DS. 01-349 9121. (During 1988 the office will move to Fenella House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG. 01-202 8282.

**Valuation:** Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 8282.

## Director of Technical Services

**Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.**

Enquiries relating to building inspection should be made to Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ.

## Development Services

**Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.**

Enquiries may be made to Barnet House but those relating to development applications should be made to the appropriate divisional planning office:

### Planning

**Western Division:** (Wards of Burnt Oak, Colindale, Edgware, Hale, Hendon, Mill Hill and West Hendon): Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0UH. 01-952 7722.

**Central Division:** (Wards of Childs Hill, East Finchley, Finchley, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, St Paul's and Woodhouse): 23/35 Hendon Lane, Finchley N3 1RX. 01-349 9121.

**Northern Division:** (Wards of Arkley, Brunswick Park, East Barnet, Friern Barnet, Hadley and Totteridge): Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts EN5 1QN. 01-446 8511.

## Engineering Services

**Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.**

**District Officer Service:** Squires Lane Depot, Finchley N3. 01-346 0039

**Refuse & Cleansing Service:** Summers Lane Depot, Finchley N12. 01-361 0013.

**Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery:** Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill NW7 1NB. 01-346 0657 and 0629. Open daily 8.30am; Closing May/September 7 pm; October/February 4.30pm; and March/April 5.30pm.

## Director of Educational Services & Chief Education Officer

Town Hall, Friern Barnet N11 3DL. 01-368 1255.

All enquiries to the Town Hall, Friern Barnet.

## Borough Librarian

Administration, travelling libraries, special services: Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BE. 01-202 5625.

## Public Libraries

**Burnt Oak Library,** Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0UB. 01-959 3112.

**Childs Hill Library,** 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2 2QE. 01-455 5390.

**Chipping Barnet Library,** Church Passage, Barnet, Herts. 01-449 0321.

**Church End Library,** 24 Hendon Lane, N3 1TR. 01-346 5711.

**East Barnet Library,** 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, Herts. 01-440 4376.

**East Finchley Library,** 226 High Road, Finchley N2 9BB. 01-883 2664.

**Edgware Library,** Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 8NN. 01-958 5550.

**Friern Barnet Library,** Friern Barnet Road, N11 3DS. 01-368 2680.

**Golders Green Library,** 156 Golders Green Road, NW11 8HE. 01-458 2168.

**Grahame Park Library,** The Concourse, Colindale NW9 5XL. 01-200 0470.

**Hampstead Garden Suburb Library,** 15 Market Place, NW11 6LB. 01-455 1235.

**Hendon Library,** The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BQ. 01-202 5625.

**Mill Hill Library,** Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill NW7 2HX. 01-959 5066.

**North Finchley Library,** Ravensdale Avenue, Finchley N12 9HP. 01-445 4081.

**Osidge Library,** Brunswick Park Road, N11 1EY. 01-368 0532.

**South Friern Barnet Library,** Colney Hatch Lane, N10 1HD. 01-883 6513.

**Totteridge Library,** Dollisfield, Totteridge Lane, N20 8DZ. 01-445 5288.

**Chipping Barnet, Church End, Edgware and Hendon libraries** are open from 9am to 8pm Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm Friday, and 9am to 4pm Saturday.

**Burnt Oak, Childs Hill, East Barnet, East Finchley, Friern Barnet, Golders Green, Hampstead Garden Suburb, Mill Hill, North Finchley, Osidge and South Friern Barnet libraries** are open from 9am to 8pm Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm Friday, 9am to 4pm Saturday. Closed all day Monday.

**Grahame Park Library** is open Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 8pm; Wednesday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 6pm; Friday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm; Saturday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm. Closed all day Monday.

**Totteridge Library** is open Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 8pm; Friday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5.30pm; Saturday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm. Closed all day Monday and Thursday.



## WHERE TO FIND US

### Museums

**Church Farm House Museum**, Greyhound Hill, Hendon NW4 4JR. 01-203 0130. Times of opening are: Weekdays (except Tuesday), 10am-1pm, 2pm-5.30pm, Tuesday 10am-1pm, Sunday 2.30pm-5.30pm.

**Barnet Museum**, Wood Street, Barnet, Herts. EN5 4BE. 01-449 0321. Administered in association with Barnet and District Local History Society. Times of opening on application.

### Director of Social Services

Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone N20 9HZ. 01-446 1488.

#### Area teams:

**North Team:** 42 Lytton Road, New Barnet, Herts. EN5 5BY. 01-449 5511. Covering Arkley, Hadley, East Barnet, Totteridge, Friern Barnet, Brunswick Park and Woodhouse Wards (the areas of Barnet, East Barnet, New Barnet, Arkley, Hadley, Whetstone, Southgate, Muswell Hill, Friern Barnet and part of North Finchley).

**West Team:** Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0UH. 01-952 7722. Covering Edgware, Hale, Burnt Oak, Mill Hill, Colindale, Hendon and West Hendon Wards (the areas of Burnt Oak, Edgware, Grahame Park, Mill Hill,

Colindale, Hendon, West Hendon and Golders Green).

**South East Team:** Park House, 16 High Road, East Finchley N2 9PJ. 01-444 4411. Covering St Pauls, Finchley, East Finchley, Golders Green, Garden Suburb and Childs Hill Wards (the areas of Church End, Finchley, East Finchley, part of North Finchley, Childs Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb and Golders Green).

**Services for Physically Handicapped people**, Fiboard House, 5 Oakleigh Gardens, N20 9AB. 01-446 4354.

### Director of Housing & Environmental Services

**Barnet House**, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

All requests by Council tenants for repairs should be made during office hours to the local Tenants' Services Office in the first instance. The offices and areas they cover are:

**Stag House**, 94 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0B4. 01-952 2388. (Covering Grahame Park Estate, Colindale, Edgware, Burnt Oak, Watling Estate and NW9 except West Hendon).

**Barnet House**, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-445 0002. (Covering Chipping Barnet, New Barnet, Friern Barnet, East Barnet, Totteridge,

Whetstone, North Finchley, New Southgate and Muswell Hill. Also East Finchley, Church End Finchley, Hendon, West Hendon, Mill Hill, Childs Hill and Golders Green).

For structural and major repairs and Council house sales tenants should write to Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ.

For emergency repairs outside office hours telephone 01-202 8282.

### Environmental Health

**Barnet House**, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. 01-446 8511.

Office and Specialist Environmental Health Officers (including Pest Control).

### Other useful numbers

Refuse collection ..... 361 0013

Blocked drains ..... 346 0039

Emergencies (outside office hours and weekends) ..... 202 8282

Information Office ..... 202 8282

Rats, mice, and other pests ..... 446 8511

### Citizens Advice Bureaux:

East Barnet ..... 441 2384

Edgware ..... 959 0915

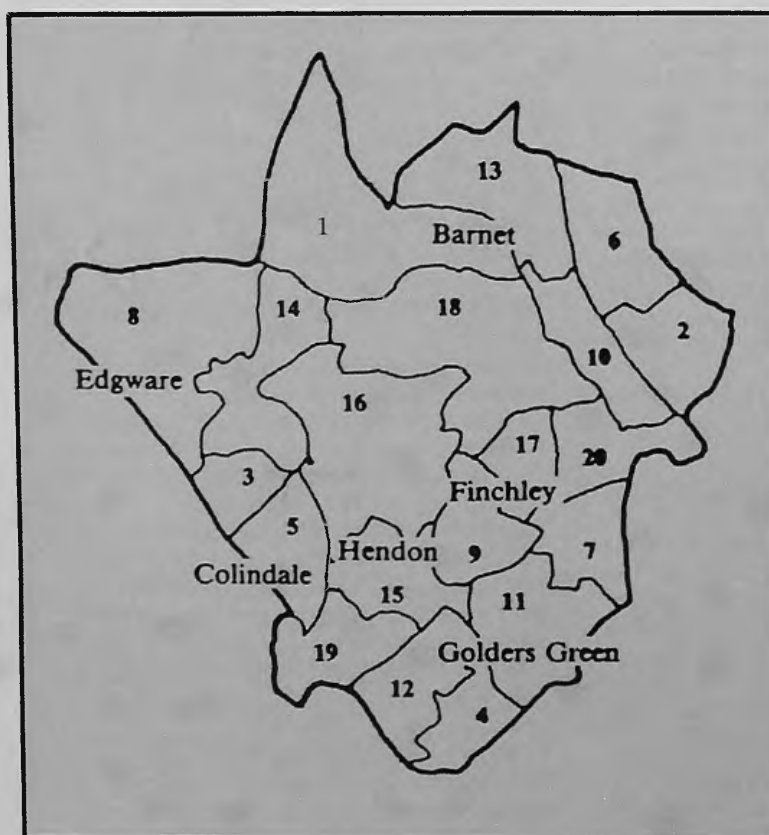
Finchley ..... 349 0954

Grahame Park ..... 205 4141

Hendon ..... 203 5801

West Hendon ..... 202 5177

## Your Councillors — Ward by Ward



1. **ARKLEY:** Ian S. Balcombe, Dr Leah Hertz, Wilf Lipman.
2. **BRUNSWICK PARK:** Don Goodman, Rene Palmer, John Rawles.
3. **BURNT OAK:** Peter V. Ellis, Gerald Shamash, Alan Williams.
4. **CHILDS HILL:** Jack Cohen, Monroe Palmer, Brian Stone.
5. **COLINDALE:** Ellis S Hillman, Jenny Manson, T. A. McKendry.
6. **EAST BARNET:** Olwen Evans, Mrs Mamie Perry, John Perry.
7. **EAST FINCHLEY:** Frances Crook, John Davies, Laurence Spigel.
8. **EDGWARE:** David Hammond, M. E. Lester, A. T. W. Smith.
9. **FINCHLEY:** M. Golding, Barbara Langstone, L. Sussman.
10. **FRIERN BARNET:** Chris Platford, Brian Salinger, John Tiplady.
11. **GARDEN SUBURB:** Malcolm Davis, Mrs Coral Sebag-Montefiore, Roy Shutz.
12. **GOLDERS GREEN:** Melvin Cohen, Leslie Foster, Hadley Hunter.
13. **HADLEY:** Mrs Gillian Bull, Carol Cender, H. J. Hoyle.
14. **HALE:** Mrs Dot Benson, Jack Clarfelt, L. J. Pym.
15. **HENDON:** Anthony Grosz, N. E. Hirshfield, F. E. Poole.
16. **MILL HILL:** Anthony J. Antoniou, Denis Dippel, John Hart.
17. **ST PAUL'S:** Naren Davè, Michael Freeman, Kitty Lyons.
18. **TOTTERIDGE:** Joan Levinson, Victor Lyon, Victor Usher.
19. **WEST HENDON:** Doreen Neall, T. J. K. Sims, Mrs Agnes Slocombe.
20. **WOODHOUSE:** Mike Harris, Dennis Reed, Rudolf Vis.

All councillors may be written to c/o The Members Room, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG.

The Council is required to maintain a Register stating the name and address of every member of Council and the ward he/she represents and the name and address of every member of each committee or sub-committee of the Council. This register is open to inspection by the public at the Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4, between 9.15am and 4.45pm on Mondays to Fridays.



# SUPERDEALS

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## Exclusiv Bedrooms

For details of all 6 SUPER DEALS simply complete & return the coupon to: Builderama Ltd, FREEPOST, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1BR.

**SUPERDEAL ④** comprises: Measured & Made silver mirror wardrobe system upto 126" wide & 98" high including interior (as picture) for just \*£645 inclusive.



**ring 01-431 0418 now to arrange free survey**

### Exclusiv Bedrooms

489 FINCHLEY ROAD, LONDON NW3.  
81 JOEL STREET, NORTHWOOD HILLS, MIDDX.

\*Price includes 25% off list price and free fitting. Ten months INTEREST FREE CREDIT is available on any Superdeal over £600(ask for written details)

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABANDONED VEHICLES!!



*Don't just leave your vehicle on the street.*

It is an offence for which you may be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000

Barnet Council would be pleased to arrange removal of your old car for only an £8.00 removal charge.

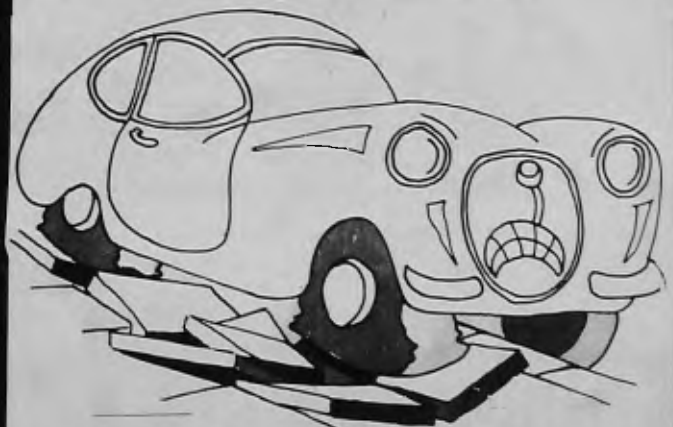
**Please telephone  
01-346 0039**

The Engineering Services  
Division of the Directorate  
of Technical Services.



## PARKING ON THE FOOTWAY is Dangerous and Costly

**Driving or parking on the footways is an offence for which you may be prosecuted and fined up to £400.**



## New Homes

### HAT TRICK FOR QUALITY HOUSEBUILDING

#### Rialto win two NBHC 'Top 100' Awards and a Regional Award

Rialto Homes, housebuilders in London and the Home Counties, have scored a success rate of 100 per cent by winning two of the National House-Building Council's 'Top 100' awards for quality at its developments at Welsh Harp Village, West Hendon, London NW9, and at Squires Ridge, Thieves Lane, Hertford. To complete the hat trick, its Welsh Harp Village site has won the prestigious NHBC Regional Award as the best development in Greater London.

Under the NHBC's 'Pride in the Job' campaign, thousands of sites are inspected throughout the UK, in order to select the 'Top 100' site supervisors and their sites, which represent the highest levels of quality, finish and presentation.

Site supervisor at the Welsh Harp Village, Luke Heslin, received his 'Top 100' Regional Award from George Graham, director of the Greater London Region of the NHBC, at a ceremony on the 2 October. Trevor Meaker, site supervisor at Squires Ridge, was presented with his award from the NHBC on the 16 October in Hertford.

David Turner, managing director of Rialto Homes, commenting on the awards said: "We are delighted that two of our site supervisors have been rewarded in this way for their high standards of site

management and commitment to quality — a philosophy that runs throughout our approach to the design, development, layout and landscaping of new homes, giving as much attention to environmental design as to architectural style. This fundamental approach is one of the reasons that Rialto homes sell so well".

The Welsh Harp Village development of 374 homes was laun-

ched in January of this year and is presently achieving a completion rate of more than 150 homes per year. Prices range from around £50,000 for a studio apartment to over £90,000 for a three-bedroom house, which is remarkably competitive considering the site is just 6 miles from Marble Arch and one mile from the immensely popular Brent Cross Shopping Centre.

At Squires Ridge, 116 one-, two-

and three-bedroom houses and one-bedroom maisonettes are selling from £56,000, with demand far outstripping supply. Despite the high rate of increase in property prices in Hertford this year, each release of new homes is usually sold within 24 hours.

Rialto pioneered the village style of new home development, and as a keen supporter of urban renewal many of the sites chosen are former derelict factories, decaying buildings and blighted areas of land, where it is able to put its specialist skills to good use in revitalising a distressed environment. As a case in point, Welsh Harp Village is an urban renewal development built on the site of the old West Hendon Hospital in Goldsmith Avenue.

With a policy of controlled growth, Rialto Homes is planning to build over 1,000 new homes a year by the 1990s, as part of a £100 million development programme.

James Barham, chairman of the Rialto Group, believes: "A combination of commitment to quality and teamwork by skilled professionals has resulted in the housing division winning these three NHBC awards. We will certainly continue to build high quality buildings of sound design in the future, which will ensure the continued success of the planned growth of the company".



## WELSH HARP VILLAGE

### Goldsmith Avenue, West Hendon North London's Finest New Development

A superb development of studios and 1, 2 and 3 bedroom houses.

Currently available: 1 bedroom houses from £63,250 2 bedroom houses from £77,500

Sales office open 7 days a week from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm Telephone: 01-200 9138 or 01-205 2019



**Rialto**

Rialto Homes Ltd, Bentley House, Pegs Lane, Hertford, Hertfordshire. Tel: Hertford (0992) 584980

# NHBC TOP 100 REGIONAL AWARD WINNER

Squires Ridge, Thieves Lane, Hertford. Available: 1 bedroom flats from £55,750. For further details: Marie 0992 550372

## New Homes

# New Homes go on sale in Colindale

New homes for first-time buyers and families have been released for sale at Laing Homes' development in Colindale.

Nearly 100 enquiries from potential purchasers have been received and Laing predicts that the development will become one of the fastest selling.

The new development 'Colindale Gardens' will comprise 117 studio apartments, one and two-

bedroom flats, one-bedroom maisonettes and two-bedroom flats, one-bedroom maisonettes and two-bedroom houses set in carefully landscaped surroundings. The properties maximise the use of space and incorporate luxury touches normally associated with higher priced properties.

### The Elite

The 'Elite' studio

apartment has been designed exclusively for the single independent person and offers a fully fitted kitchen with oven and hob, furnished window seat and attractively tiled bathroom.

### The Mayfair

The 'Mayfair' one-bedroom flat boasts a roomy L-shaped living and dining area, a fitted kitchen with a built-in breakfast bar

and a large, double bedroom. A mirrored sliding door opens into a luxurious shower room with coloured suite and matching vanitory unit.

### The Belgrave

The two-bedroomed 'Belgrave' flat incorporates many luxury features in its design, such as the en-suite dressing room with built-in mirrored wardrobe which leads off the master bedroom. Arched recesses and fitted wall lights add style to the elegant living room area.

### The Chelsea

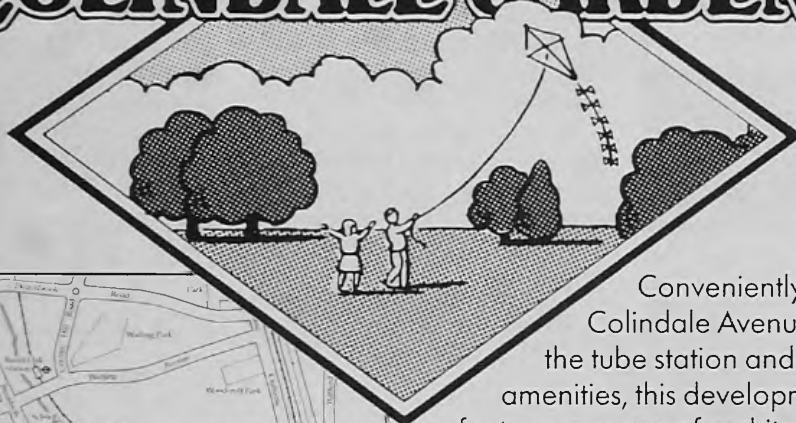
The 'Chelsea' one-bedroom maisonette features its own separate front door leading into the large living and dining area and a walk-in storage cupboard. The kitchen is fully fitted with space for a fridge and washing machine and an attractively fitted bathroom with a window and a large double bedroom makes it an ideal first home.

### The Regent

The 'Regent' two-bedroom house features an imaginatively designed L-shaped living and dining room with open riser staircase and an arched recess in the lounge. The spacious fully fitted kitchen incorporates a walk-in pantry and ample power points. Two double bedrooms and a well-designed bathroom add to the appeal of this family house.

Prices start at £49,995 for a studio apartment, £59,995 for a one-bedroom flat, £65,995 for a one-bedroom maisonette and £86,995 for a two-bedroom house. Further information on Colindale Gardens is available from Suzie Stone on 01-205 7904.

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To find out more about what is happening in the voluntary sector take a trip to Hertford Lodge in the grounds of Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley.

A walk round the park is a day out in itself, but the real purpose of the visit is to call in at two offices: Barnet Borough

Voluntary Services Council (Tel: 346 9723), which co-ordinates all affiliated voluntary organisations; and the Volunteer Bureau (Tel: 349 2930) which matches volunteers to organisations and individuals in need.

Call in at the Voluntary Service Council you may be able to pick up a series of special booklets called: *What's On for the Over 60s*.

These concentrate on residential areas of the borough, such as Finchley, Hendon, Golders Green and The Barnets. Listed inside re all the centres of advice, help and recreation.

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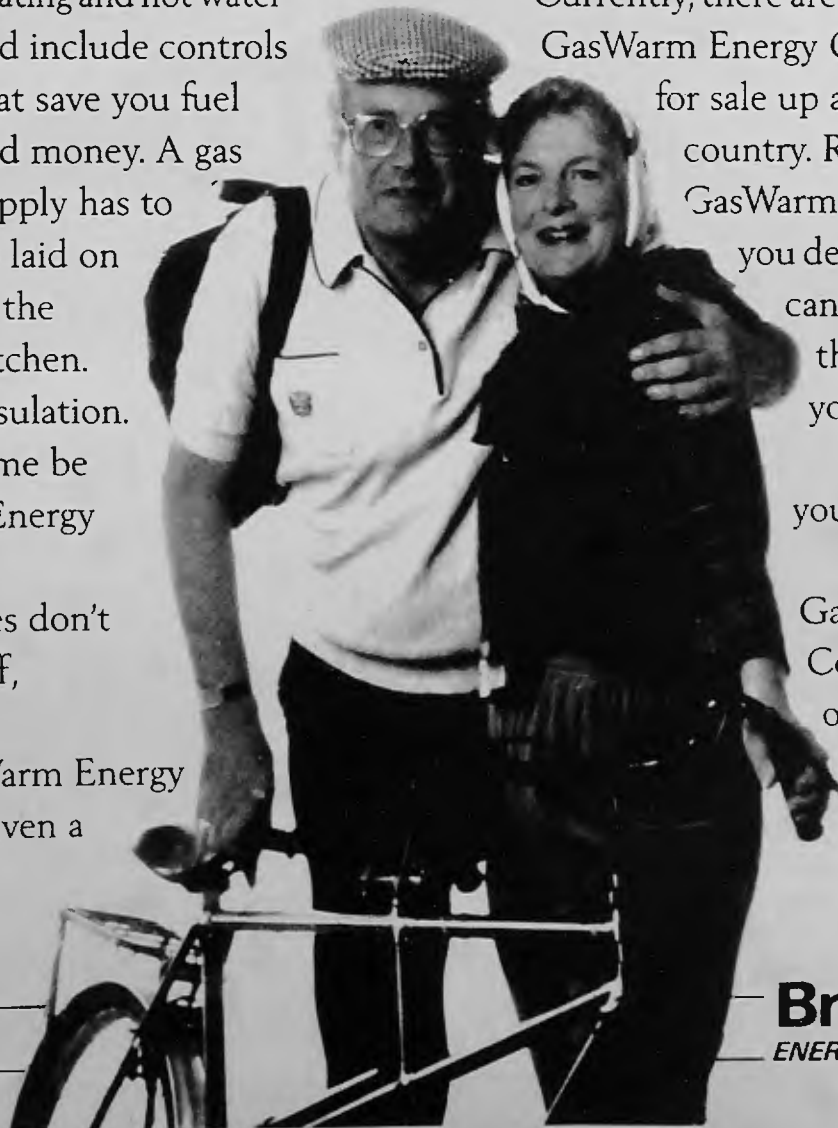
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A short mat bowls competition will run from 1pm until 6pm. Anyone wishing to enter can obtain a form from Barnet's Recreation Department, telephone 446 8511 extension 4665.

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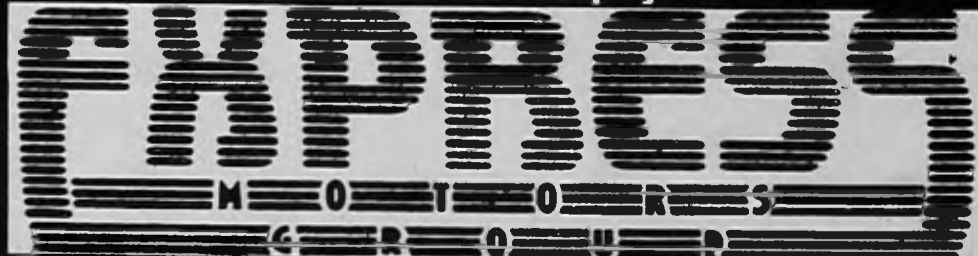
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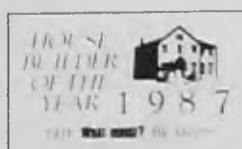
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They sang, listened to stories, took part in craft activities and were entertained by the Fleeties Theatre Group who toured the borough with a new production entitled 'Sula's Amazing Day.'

The Barnet Playbus made welcome visits to many branches and craft sessions were organised by CRAB (Community and Recreational Arts in Barnet).

After the week's events, well attended despite rain and gales, the message from the youngsters to Barnet Libraries came over loud and clear — 'We had a marvellous time. Please can we have another Under Fives Week next year!'



The Mayor, Cllr Malcolm Lester, dropped in at Edgware Library where Veronica Young brought her guide dog, Janis, to meet the children.



Youngsters at Golders Green Library discover face paints and hand puppets.



Kittens are a purring success at East Finchley Library.



Ian Cutts from Hendon Library took his harp to a party at East Finchley.



John Eastwood, a CRAB visual art worker has youngsters queuing for his guidance at Golders Green.

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## DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Fieldwork Service to Physically Handicapped Persons

### Management Officer

Salary: £13,257—£14,244 p.a. inclusive plus Essential User Car Allowance. A Mobility Allowance may be payable to disabled applicants.

If you hold a qualification in Occupational Therapy this interesting and challenging post could be the next step in your career development. You will have at least three years' post-qualification experience, preferably in a Social Services setting, and be able to demonstrate an involvement with project development in order to meet the special needs of the handicapped. The team is located in Whetstone, North London, and is comprised of specialist workers for deaf and blind people, occupational therapists, and social work assistants. There is also a Paediatric Occupational Therapy service and good administrative support. Community Volunteers and local independent community organisations work with the team in developing and delivering comprehensive responses to the needs of disabled people.

You will supervise a small group of OTs, and close liaison with area social work teams, health services and other agencies and departments of the Council is an essential part of the job, as is regular professional supervision and support. An equipment store, assessment facilities, toy library, and conference facility are on the premises. Informal enquiries to Imelda Mearns or Clare Picking on 01-446 4354.

Closing date: 13th November, 1987.  
Interview date: 10th December, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/9.

Do you have boundless energy, and the desire to move into management? Flightways, a 150 place Day Centre for adults with a physical disability situated in Grahame Park, NW9, is looking for a new

### Assistant Manager

Salary: £10,704—£12,543 p.a. inclusive (SC6/SO1).

Flightways offers a wide range of activities and is strongly committed to working in partnership with people with a disability. We operate a Keyworker system and hold regular reviews, aiming to widen the horizons of our members and give them a greater control over their own lives.

If you have:

- ★ Organisational, administrative and management skills;
- ★ The ability to help, support and supervise a large diverse staff team;
- ★ Considerable sensitivity towards the needs of people with a disability;
- ★ The ability to prioritise, communicate and negotiate under stress;
- ★ The CSS, CSQE, Dip.OT, and/or significant and relevant experience,

then ring Sheridan Lynch on 01-205 5803 for further information.

Closing date: 13th November, 1987.  
Interview date: 11th December, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/205.

### Centre Organiser

Salary: £12,894—£13,620 p.a. inclusive plus Essential User Car Allowance. A mobility allowance may be available to disabled applicants.

Curtis Family Centre offers you a challenging opportunity to lead a lively and innovative staff team committed to the continued development of work with parents and their young children. The Centre, in New Southgate N11, is a day care resource with a creative approach to work with families experiencing difficulties. If you want to promote good child care practice and have management skills and experience, wish to work with young families and have a commitment to working in a multi-cultural society, please contact us. You should have CQSW or a

similar relevant qualification. A relocation allowance package will be offered in approved cases.

Informal enquiries to Miss D. Searle or Miss J. Sadler, telephone 01-368 0260.

Closing date: 13th November, 1987.  
Interview date: 25th November, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/425.

### Clerical Assistant

Salary: Scale 1/2 up to £7,524 per annum inclusive.

For our Homes and Centres to continue to provide the best possible service to the clients, effective support in providing goods and services is of a high priority.

To achieve this aim, the Supplies/Registry Section based in Whetstone, N20, requires a methodical and conscientious person to process work requisitions, repairs to buildings and equipment and orders or goods and services received from over 40 Social Services premises. Other duties will involve budgetary control, implementing the clerical aspects of health and safety recommendations and assisting in the work of the Supplies/Registry Section generally. You must be able to communicate effectively in writing and orally. Although demanding at times, if you are prepared to give the commitment the post deserves, the work is often rewarding and gives an interesting insight into the various services provided by this directorate.

Closing date: 13th November, 1987.  
Interview date: 26th November, 1987.

Application forms from address No. 4. Please quote reference DSS/621.

### Where to apply

1. Recruitment Office, 16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon, London NW4 2EN  
Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 2372  
(01-202 6602 24 hr ansaphone outside office hours).
2. Application forms from the Assistant Controller (Support Services), Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ.  
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## DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### Officer In Charge

£12,543—£13,620 p.a. inclusive (NJC 7).

This vacancy is at Vale Farm, a home for 27 elderly people with a physical handicap. It is a modern, purpose-built home in East Finchley, N2.

With the retirement of the current post-holder we now seek a practical innovative and self-motivated person who can lead a committed and enthusiastic staff team in further developing the services provided at Vale Farm, including strengthening the links with the local community. It is a demanding role which offers considerable scope for someone (preferably qualified with CSS or CQSW) with sound residential experience at senior level, who can clearly display an appreciation of the needs of physically handicapped elderly people in a residential setting.

There will be the opportunity to build on your knowledge and skills, through on-going professional support and in-service training, to ensure that your career is given full scope to develop.

Informal enquiries to Peter King (Management Officer) tel: 01-446 1488 ext 4266 or George Ogden (Principal Management Officer) ext 4210.

**Closing date: 13th November, 1987.**

**Interview date: 4th December, 1987.**

Application forms available from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/356.

### Home Careworkers

Salary: £6,963 to £8,241 p.a. inclusive.

This is a new development

within the Council's Domiciliary Services. Would you like to help deliver a caring domiciliary service enabling dependent elderly and handicapped persons to live at home? We have several new posts which will assist the Council's domiciliary services in the development of a comprehensive and flexible support system of community living.

There is a growing number of people needing more intensive help for longer sessions than normal home help provision and who require a range of personal care tasks. This may be post-hospital discharge where further rehabilitation is not possible, and liaison with community health colleagues, independent agency workers and relatives is vital to the well being of the consumer of the service.

You will be responsible to the Deputy Domiciliary Services Officer. The normal working week is 36 hours, but you will be required to be available for early mornings, evenings and weekends. It would be an advantage if you are a car owner/driver, for which a casual user car allowance will be paid.

Induction and in-service training will be given. Informal enquiries to: Heather Eteen, tel: 952 8134.

**Closing date: 13th November, 1987.**

**Interview date: 25th November, 1987.**

Application forms from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/832.

Beech lodge, a home for 34 elderly people in Finchley, N3, is seeking caring persons to fill the following vacancies:

### Part-Time Care Assistants

£2.98 per hour (increase pending)

The duties of these posts

involve the personal and physical care of our elderly clients e.g. dressing, feeding, bathing etc.

**Hours:** 3 or 19 per week, timing negotiable but may involve some week-end and public holidays (when a higher rate of pay applies).

### Night Care Assistants

at £42 per night (increase pending)

Duties as above, but applicants must have some relevant experience.

**Hours:** 3 nights per week, 9.00pm-8.00am, on a rota basis (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday). A higher rate of pay applies at weekends.

**Closing date: 13th November, 1987.**

Please apply to Miss Pat Burchill, Beach Lodge, 66 Hendon Lane, Finchley N3. Tel: 01-346 5522. Please quote reference 631/CA.

### Where to apply

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### Care Attendant

£100 per week (increase pending).

Leaside is a Day Centre for 45 elderly people in North Finchley, N12.

We are seeking a Care Attendant who will be responsible, primarily, for meeting the physical care needs of people attending the Centre, e.g. bathing, toileting and personal hygiene. There are also opportunities to assist in the therapeutic and educational activity programmes designed to enable people to continue to live as independently as possible.

**Hours:** 36 per week 9.00am-5.15pm (Monday-Thursday) and 9.00am-5.00pm (Friday).

**Closing date: 13th November, 1987.**

Please apply to Shelagh Clarke (Manager), Leaside Day Centre, Holden Road, Finchley N12. Tel: 01-446 2603.

### LIBRARY SERVICES

#### Local History Librarian

Salary: Scale 4/5 £8,397—£10,392 p.a. inclusive. Based at Hendon, London NW4

A qualified librarian is required to work in a hard pressed but expanding local history service. You will work under the Archivist and will be expected to provide the complementary librarianship skills. There will be involvement in existing enquiry work and in developing the local history service particularly in relation to the needs of the GCSE syllabus 36 hour week, alternate Saturday working and some evening work.

**Closing date: 13th November, 1987.**

Further details and application forms from address No. 5. Please quote reference 607/231.

For addresses see facing page

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## DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The success of our Capital and Major Projects Section has led to the expansion of our workforce to cope with an ever increasing workload. There have been a number of in-house promotions and we are now looking for energetic and enthusiastic people for the following vacancies. Comprehensive job profiles plus details of our excellent relocation package will accompany application forms.

### Assistant Principal Building Surveyor

(Ref: 9/1/2070)  
Salary from £15,039 to £19,305 p.a. including London Weighting depending on qualifications, experience and ability. An essential user car allowance is also payable and a mobility allowance may be available for disabled applicants.

You will lead teams dealing with stock condition information, identification of future programmes, carrying out schemes in-house and through consultants.

### Building and Liaison Surveyor

(Ref: 9/1/2026)  
Salary from £9,528 to £17,244 per annum including London Weighting, depending on

qualifications, experience and ability. An essential user car allowance is also payable and a mobility allowance may be available for disabled applicants.

Can you assist us in achieving the ambitions and exciting targets we have been set? Do you like to function in a busy and progressive environment? If so, we would like to hear from you. You should hold a suitable qualification and/or have experience in dealing with large contracts for the repair, maintenance and improvement of housing. Previous applicants need not re-apply.

### Principal Technical Officer

(Ref: 9/1/2064)  
Salary: £13,257—£17,030 per annum inclusive depending on qualifications and experience.

We are seeking a suitably qualified (eg RICS/IOB/IAE) person to lead a small team engaged in gathering information on the Council's housing stock, formulating future building work programmes and dealing with consultants carrying out surveys on properties where Right to Buy applications have been served. You will ideally have the ability to estimate accurately the cost of works identified.

### Clerk of Works

(Ref: 9/1/2032)  
Salary: Scale 4/5/6 £8,397—£12,885. Progression through the scale is subject to performance experience and qualification.

You will form the day-to-day link between sites and our team of surveyors and should have extensive trade experience supported by the

relevant City and Guilds Certificates. You should be able to read and interpret working drawings and other contract documents in contractual requirements and you must also be conversant with the Building Regulations. The ability to record and report accurately and concisely is essential.

### Technical Officer

(Ref: 9/1/2067)  
Salary: £8,397—£12,885 per annum including London Weighting, depending on qualifications, experience and ability.

You will supplement the work of a group dealing with the implementation of Right to Buy Surveys. You should have a basic training in building estimating and, in conjunction with our Principal Technical Officer, you will prepare budget estimates from outline scheme design for use in our Forward Plan programme.

### Assistant Contracts Manager

(Ref: 9/1/2062)  
Salary: £8,397—£11,385 per annum inclusive (Bar at £10,398 per annum inclusive).

Do you have:

- ★ a working knowledge of contract procedures, practices and forms of contract;
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- ★ recent experience in dealing with large contracts for the repairs, maintenance and improvement of housing; and
- ★ the ability to communicate effectively with in-house staff and consultants?

If the answer is yes, and you feel you can assist us in

achieving the goals and objectives we have set, then we would like to hear from you.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote appropriate reference.

### Clerical Assistant

Salary: Scale 2 £7,689—£8,241 per annum inclusive (Job Share applications considered).

The central Repairs Section, based at Barnet House, Whetstone, is looking for a responsible and intelligent person to work in the administrative support team. The main duties of the post include the progress monitoring of works to vacant properties and associated general clerical duties together with the raising and completion of Works Orders using computerised equipment. You should have a sound clerical background and be capable of working on your own initiative.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 9/1/2162.

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For application forms please apply to the appropriate address listed on the facing page.

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## DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### Clerical Assistant

Salary: Scale 1/2 £6,075 (at age 21)—£7,524 p.a. inclusive.

Can you:

- Work under minimum supervision in a busy office?
- Provide clerical and administrative back-up to a team of Surveyors carrying out major works to the Borough's housing stock?

If so, we would like to hear from you.

Your duties will include:

- ★ keeping records;
- ★ liaison with other Council Departments and outside bodies by telephone and letter;
- ★ dealing with tenants' enquiries relating to improvement schemes.

In addition, you will undertake associated clerical work including:

- ★ processing of tenant allowances;
- ★ maintenance of the technical library;
- ★ logging and circulating mail.

You will also be expected to undertake relief duties for the other clerical assistants in the section.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 9/1/2051.

### Driver

(Male or Female)

Rate of pay: £115.16 per week plus 2½ hours' overtime per week for vehicle checking, plus bonus.

At our Depot in Squires Lane, N3 we need experienced men or women able to drive Council

vehicles up to 3 tonnes. Your duties will include: Loading and unloading building materials and rubbish and other items from residential premises and estates.

You will also convey employees to their place of work when directed by the Works Manager. You must hold a clean driving licence and will be expected to undertake a Council driving test to assess your suitability.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference CAM/DR1.

## DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

### ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION ENGINEERING GROUP

The Directorate of Technical Services has been reorganised and streamlined on a functional basis. The emphasis is now on value for money with quality, economy and maximum efficiency. To meet this aim, seven new members of staff are required to join our expanding and busy Structural Engineering Section.

### Senior Project Engineer

Salary from £13,257 to £17,039 p.a. including London Weighting depending on qualification, experience and ability.

You must be Chartered with five years' relevant experience, at least two of these with a Local Authority.

**Interviews to be held on 23rd November, 1987.**

Ref: 602/SPE.

### Project Engineer

(2 Posts)

Salary from £9,528 to £15,120 p.a. including London Weighting, depending on qualifications, experience and ability.

You should be Chartered or an Associate Member of the Institute of Structural Engineers with two years' relevant experience. Graduates with good experience may be considered.

**Interviews to be held on 24th November, 1987.**

Ref: 602/PE.

### Technicians

(4 Posts)

Salary from £8,397 to £11,392 p.a. including London Weighting, depending on qualifications, experience and ability.

You should possess a Civil Engineering/Structural Engineering Degree (or a Higher Technicians Certificate with related design experience).

You will be competent, ambitious, and hardworking and take a pride in doing a good job. Building Regulations form a major part of the workload although you will also be involved in the design and supervision of substantial residential, educational, and recreational schemes.

The section also deal with feasibility studies, house surveys and soil investigations and you will have the opportunity to work in these areas as well.

All the advertised posts include a casual car allowance. A generous relocation package is available.

**Interviews to be held on 25th November, 1987.**

Ref: DTS/TEC

Further details are available with the application form. If you wish to discuss the duties of the posts you should contact Chris Chalkley, on 01-446 8511 ext 4390.

Application forms and job profiles available from address No. 2. Please quote appropriate reference.

**Closing date: 13th November, 1987.**

### Part-Time Clerical Assistant

Recreation Group (18 hours per week) Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium

Salary: Scale 1/2 £2,208—£3,762 p.a. inclusive (£3,037 at age 21), depending upon age, and experience

If you seek more variety in your work, a pleasant working environment, and the opportunity to use your initiative and creative skills, then you could be the right person for us.

You should be able to demonstrate good organisational and communication skills, together with all-round office experience. As your duties will include dealing with the bereaved and general public of all denominations, diplomacy is a vital requirement. Other duties will include maintaining files and records, and dealing with relevant correspondence to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the service.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.

**Interviews will be held on Monday, 23rd November, 1987.**

Application forms available from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/247.

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## DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

### SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP

#### Administrative Assistant

Committee Section  
Salary: Scale 4 £8,397—  
£9,297 p.a. inclusive (One year temporary contract).

We are looking for a versatile and efficient administrator to join our Support Services Group.

You will be based in the Committee Section but will be expected to assist wherever necessary within the Support Services Group, working on occasions with Senior Managers in the Directorate. This will mean undertaking administrative duties in the committee, staffing, registry, typing and training sections when the needs arise. Keyboard skills are desirable, as is familiarisation with computers.

Experience in proof reading would be an advantage. As the work involves moving from section to section according to work levels, the ability to assimilate new work quickly and effectively will be essential.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.  
**Interviews will be held on**  
Tuesday, 24th November, 1987

Application forms available from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/AA.

#### Clerical Assistants

Finance Sub-Group  
Salary: Scale 1/2 £4,416—  
£7,524 p.a. inclusive (£6,075 p.a. inclusive at age 21), starting point dependent on age, qualifications and

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We need energetic clerical and administrative support in our small friendly office at Barnet House, N20.

The area of work includes assisting in the preparation of draft annual estimates, processing of documents, dealing with the financial administration of the Directorate's Labour Organisation. There are excellent opportunities for someone looking to start a career in Local Government Finance where the work is varied, interesting and challenging.

If you have the enthusiasm and ability to deal with this type of work, please write to the address below.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.  
**Interviews will be held on**  
Monday, 30th November, 1987.

Further details and an application form from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/17/18.

## DIRECTORATE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

### Senior Accountants (2)

Salary from £13,890—  
£18,511 including London Weighting, depending on qualification, experience and ability. A Casual User Car Allowance is attached to these posts.

Both these posts offer a valuable opportunity for ambitious, recently qualified accountants — preferably CIPFA or experienced SAT — to broaden their experience. You will be Deputy Leader in a recently restructured team of seven staff and will be involved in all aspects of financial management for the Educational Service or in General Accountancy dealing with the leisure service, public

works, town planning and central administration. Your responsibilities will involve capital and revenue budgeting, final accounts and the provision of financial advice to service officers.

The restructuring will provide greater scope for offering a high level of professional service to other departments. We are aiming to introduce LAFIS in the Autumn and you will play a full part in the implementation of this system, together with micro-computer applications.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.

For application forms contact address No. 1. Please quote reference 601/95/99.

### Assistant Principal Cost Accountant

Salary: Scale S01/S02  
£11,808—£13,620 p.a. inclusive of London Weighting (£12,060—  
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An enthusiastic part-qualified accountant is required to fill the above position. The section deals with all aspects of the Authority's Cost Accounting and is responsible for producing the computerised accounts for all services. A new Financial Information System is currently being implemented and you will play an important role in its implementation and control. Preference will be given to candidates who are part qualified CIMA and who have a certain amount of supervisory experience.

**Closing date:** 13th November, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 601/285.

### Accountancy Assistants

(5 posts)  
Salary: Scale 2/3 £6,963—  
£8,241 p.a. inclusive  
(£7,134—£8,412 from 1.2.88).

You will be involved in a wide range of accountancy responsibilities in one of five accountancy sections each of which provides full professional services to relevant Departments. Experience in estimate preparation, budgetary control and the use of micro-computers is preferred. As these posts are in professional sections, encouragement and financial assistance to study will be given to persons holding the relevant educational requirements.

**Closing date:**  
12th November, 1987.  
For application forms contact address No. 1. Please quote reference 601/AA.

### Where to apply

1. Recruitment Office, 16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon, London NW4 2EN  
Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 2372  
(01-202 6602 24 hr ansaphone outside office hours).
2. Application forms from the Assistant Controller (Support Services), Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 OEJ.  
Tel: 01-446 8511 Ext 4460 (ansaphone during office hours) or Ext 4454
3. Director of Educational Services, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, London N11 3DL  
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  
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Previous experience in Registration work would be an advantage.

**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 600/82.

## DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### HENDON COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION Chief Technician

Salary: Scale 6 £10,704—£11,385 p.a. inclusive.

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**Closing date:**  
13th November, 1987.  
Application forms and further details available from the Chief Administrative Officer, Hendon College of Further Education, Corner Mead, Grahame Park, Colindale, London NW9 5RA. Tel: 01-200 8300 ext

For conditions of service and list of addresses for application forms see page 69

219. Please quote reference 899/450.

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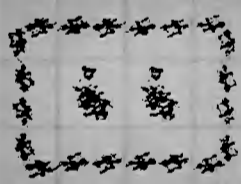
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