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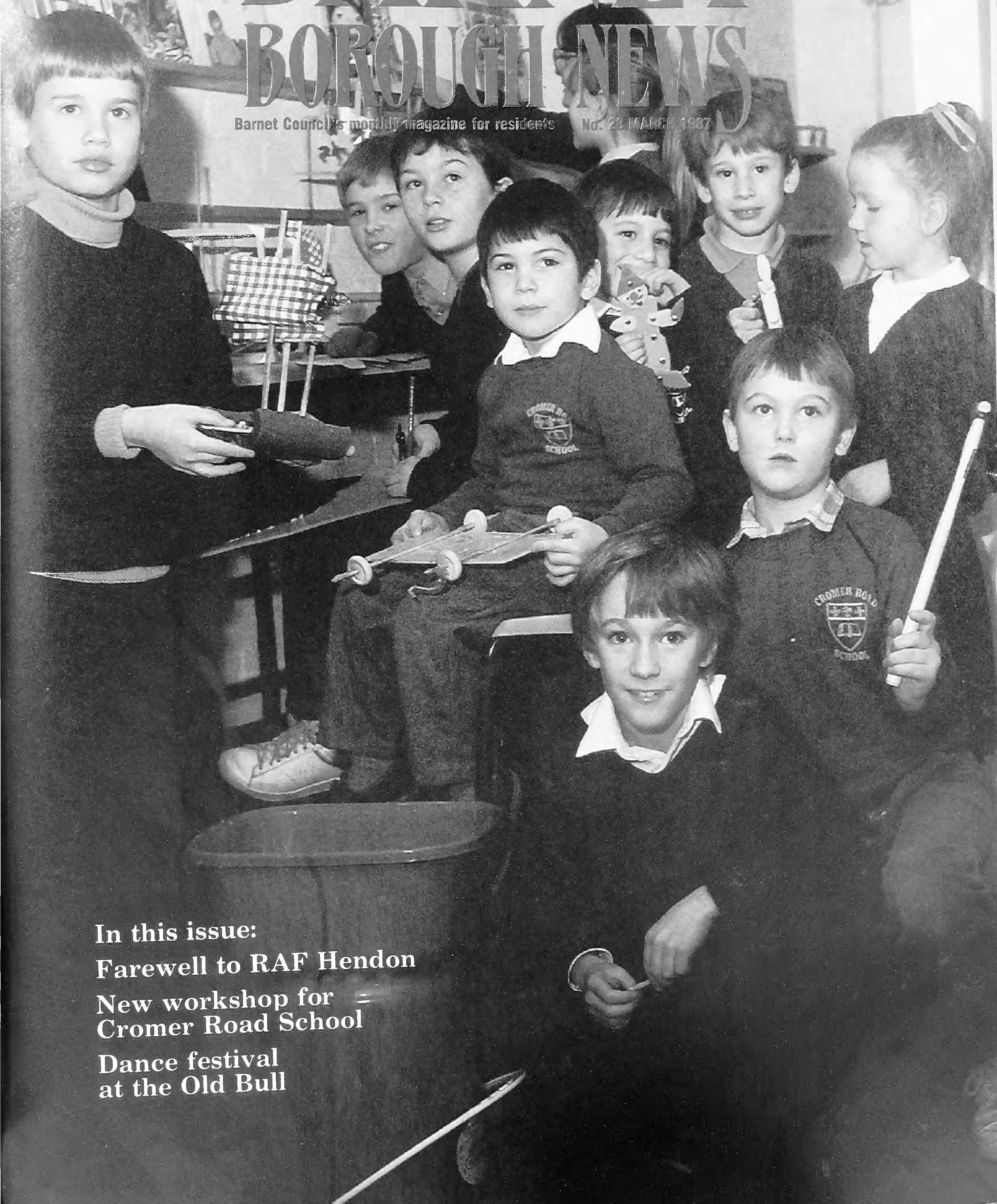
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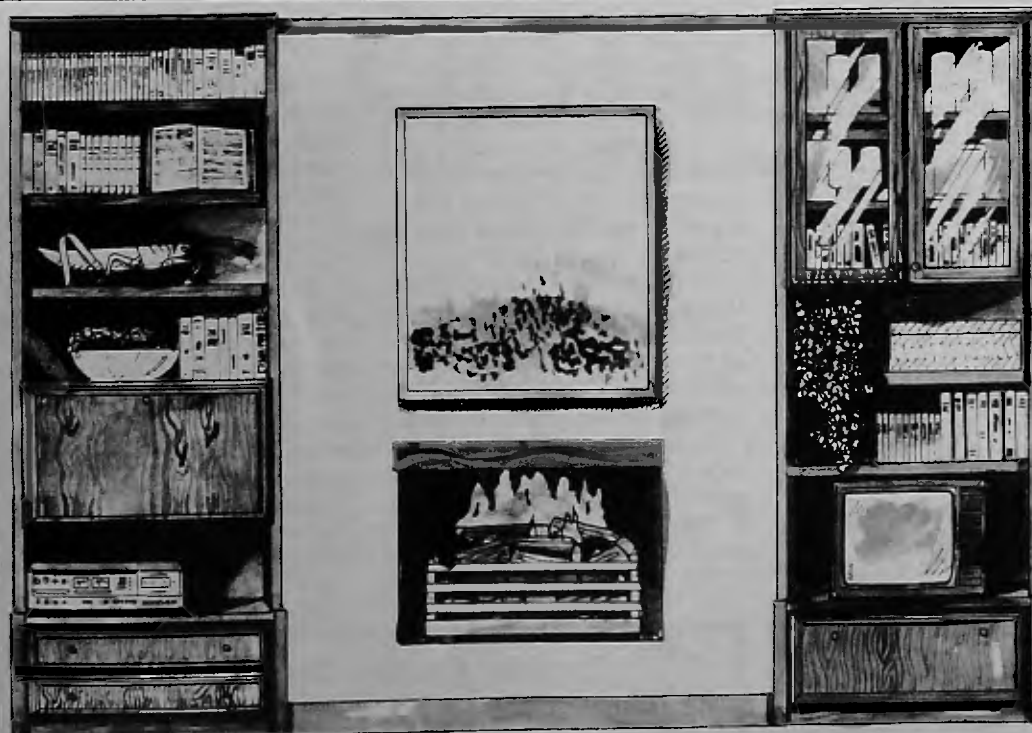
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FRONT COVER

Pupils of Cromer Road School, Barnet, who now have their own Craft, Design and Technology workshop, built in what was once an old outside toilet block.

It was opened on February 3 by Professor Heinz Wolff of TV's Great Egg Race Game. See page 16.

Mohamed scores a first

MOHAMED HUSSAIN, of Brent Park Road, Hendon, a former pupil of Whitefield School, Cricklewood, and a part-time student at Barnet College, is Barnet's first-ever indentured trainee civil engineering technician.

This is a new training scheme which will allow school leavers and students to train as they work and gain full technician qualifications. They will attend day release and evening classes and follow a structured work experience programme. This will be supervised by the council's own professional engineers and training officers within guidelines laid down by the Standing Joint Council for Engineering Training Scheme.

The Directorate of Technical Services will employ two trainees who will be based within the Engineering Services Division. Both trainees will be indentured to Max Caller, controller of engineering services, under the Society of Civil Engineering Technicians Scheme. The indentures will run for four to six years.

The trainees will study for the BTEC National Certificate in Civil Engineering at Willesden College of



Mohamed signing his indentures watched by Max Caller (right) and Ian Gee, the Directorate's training officer.

Technology or another approved college.

The course is structured and all programmes have compulsory core subjects in construction technology, maths, physical science, construction science and materials, site surveying and levelling, organisation and procedures, construction

drawing and general studies.

Trainees will have periods of training within each section of the Engineering Services Division. Depending upon their progress they will be given increasing levels of responsibility and will also be expected to undertake specific work-based projects.

Mayor's Appeal programme

THERE'S STILL time to book for Barnet's Charity Ball, at the London Intercontinental Hotel, on Thursday, March 26. Tickets £22.50 from Frances George, Whitefriars, The Close, Totteridge N20.

There's a wonderful array of prizes and all the proceeds go to the Mayor's Appeal in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust for sick children.

There is more fun on the horizon Dick Turpin will ride again! Cllr David Hammond, who last year rode a tandem cycle from Brighton to Barnet, will take to horseback on a sponsored Highwayman's ride through the borough on April 24.

Make a date for May 2 at Forty Hall, Enfield, for a musical evening with Gilbert and Sullivan and Gerishwin. Tickets £10, and that includes a fresh salmon supper. Tickets from Jean Higgs, appeal secretary, 11 Leys Gardens, Cockfosters.

Among recent events the quiz supper at St. Paul's Church Hall, the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, organised by the Phillips family, raised £740. The winner was Cllr Dot Benson — who just happens to be vice-chairman of Barnet's Education Committee.

Finally join us in the water or at the poolside for the Sponsored Swim at Copthall at 6pm on April 4. The organiser is Gerald Kirby, 29 Benedict Way, East Finchley N2.

Who will be our Carnival Queen?

THE SEARCH is on for the 1987 Barnet Carnival Queen and Carnival Princess. We are looking for two lovely girls who are charming to meet and who will enjoy helping to publicise charity events. Above all we are looking for a queen and princess to reign over the Finchley Carnival on July 9, 10 and 11 and the Friern Barnet Summer Show in August.

Once again the Hendon Times Group of Newspapers are sponsoring the event and this year the selection of the Carnival Queen and her attendant will be linked with the choosing of the Carnival Princess.

To enter for the Carnival Queen Title you must be a young woman aged between 16 and 30 on January 1, 1986, and you must live, work or study in the borough.

The Carnival Princess must be

aged between seven and 12 on April 12, 1987, and must live or go to school in the Borough.

All you have to do is to complete the entry form and send it, with a black and white photograph of yourself, to Barnet Carnival Queen/Princess Selection, The Hendon Times, 71 Church Road, Hendon NW4, by March 23.

This year the judging will take place at Copthall Swimming Pool on Saturday, March 28. The girls will be judged on personality and will wear day or evening clothes (not swim wear). There will be refreshments and entertainment and for the public tickets will be £3. These can be obtained from the Shows Organiser, Recreation Group, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ.

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Jeffrey Salmon, the company's Managing Director, attributes the vast majority of these claims to the carelessness of

householders who go on holiday for a few days over the Festive Season and turn off their central heating system, and return to the sheer frustration of finding their home "flooded out".

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Check . . . don't regret!

Mr Salmon also draws attention to what he feels to be one of the real "bugbears" of the household insurance policy and certainly the most overlooked clause giving heart break to every claimant who "falls foul of it". When you do go on holiday for more than thirty days please phone your broker beforehand to check your Insurance Company is not one of those several major insurers who stipulate that if your house is unfurnished or unoccupied for more than thirty days, they will not entertain any claim. Sounds amazing? — Read on.

Non-disclosure says Mr Salmon is another giant problem area that crops up everyday of the week. We can all accept that if one insures their house or shop against fire and it transpires that fifteen years ago you had a minor conviction for arson, it might appear logical that your claim should be paid — **WRONG** — Insurance Law states quite equivocally that if you withhold any "material fact" that might affect the Insurance

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NEWS

Pilot course on food hygiene

A PILOT course on food hygiene promoted jointly by Barnet's Environmental Health Department and Barnet Health Authority's Catering Department, for kitchen superintendents, chefs and assistant chefs working in local hospitals in the borough, has reached a successful conclusion.

Fourteen candidates registered for the course which ran from mid October to December last year and 13 completed it and passed the written examination, six with distinction.

They received their certificates from Cllr Jack Clarfelt, chairman of Barnet's General Purposes Committee at a ceremony at Edgware General Hospital on Tuesday, February 3. A prize of £25 donated by the Health Authority for the most outstanding candidate was presented by Mr Nigel Weaver, district general manager, to King



Some of the successful candidates with Cllr Jack Clarfelt (centre).

Gadekah, of Edgware Hospital.

The course was organised by Andrew Benstead and Norah Connolly, of the Environmental Health Department, and Daphne Parker, catering manager at Edgware Hospital.

Regular courses for food hand-

lers employed by the local authority and in commerce, are planned for the future.

The successful candidates were: Gioldinni Cetto, King Gadekah, Edgware; Alec Miskimmon, Barnet; Randal Morgan, Colindale; Robert Redfern, Winifred House,

Arkley; Jesus Sandra, St. Stephen's, Barnet (all distinctions); Jose Arcos, Parkinson Alexander, Edgware; Margaret Gallin, Stephen Hutchinson, Greta Risley, Barnet; Vincenzo Tammaro, Finchley Memorial; and Ethline Wilson, Colindale.



Mrs Nira Wason of the control section at King Edward Hall, Finchley, tests the new Pay-in-Point machine

Cashpoint service

RESIDENTS who wish to pay their rates or rent in the Finchley area will now be able to use the new Barnet Pay-In-Point service during office hours.

This is a paying-in machine on the first floor of King Edward Hall, 331 Regents Park Road, Finchley. People who use it take an envelope from the machine and place their cheque or cash, with their invoice, into the envelope and seal it, filling in any details on the outside.

It is then fed into the machine and a receipt given. The envelope

will be opened and checked in the presence of two members of staff.

Now that the Pay-In-Point service has been opened the cashiers office at King Edward Hall will be closed. Previously it operated two days a week. The cashiers office at the Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet, will be open five days a week, instead of three, from 9.15am to 4.30pm. Payments may also be made at the Town Hall, Hendon, Monday to Friday, 9.15am to 4.30pm.

More grants to help the community

BARNET'S GRANTS Committee were warned by their Chairman, Cllr Don Goodman, that the number of organisations looking to the council for grant aid was so great that the committee would probably have to fit in extra sessions to cope with the workload.

At their February meeting the committee provisionally allocated more than £90,000 to local community organisations. This brings the total so far earmarked for voluntary organisations in the financial year 1987/88 to more than £170,000. The amounts will remain provisional until the final estimates for the Council's spending in the next financial year are agreed and the new rate announced.

'What concerns me at the moment is that we are having to defer many applications because the details we need have not been filled in,' Cllr Goodman said.

'We really do need to know how many members, or how many young people belong to an organisation, whether or not fees are paid for sessions and if they get grants from other sources.

'I would urge any organisation that we have asked for more details to give us the information as quick-

ly as possible so that we can complete this task of supporting our local voluntary sector as fairly and as generously as possible.'

The largest grant provisionally allocated at the February meeting was for the work at the Old Barn Youth and Community Centre which is used by 400 people every week and caters for all ages from pre-school play group and after school projects to adult classes. The committee awarded a transitional grant of £8,392 to continue with work previously funded by the GLC and a main grant of £36,292 for salaries, overheads and general activities.

Major awards were £8,800 for Barnet Community Relations Council; £6,465 for Oxford and St. George's North London Jewish Youth and Community Centre, Whetstone, and separate support for the day centre; and £8,000 for the Welsh Harp Conservation Group. A grant of £13,780 was earmarked for Barnet Women's Aid on the recommendation of the Housing Committee.

Other grants were: 584 Judo Club, £380; Monarchs Sports Club, £1,521; Barnet & District Athletic Club, £1,450; GUS Club £95; Holly Park After School Play Centre, £6,680 plus £3,550 Transitional; East Finchley Toy Library, £287; Herts and Middlesex Trust for Nature Conservation, £500; West Hendon Opportunity Playgroup, £1,372; Watling Boys Club Playgroup, £1,220; Valley Playgroup, £1,765; Barnet PHAB £950; Barnet Cycling Club, £200; and the Greek Parents' Association of Barnet, £1,445.

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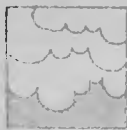
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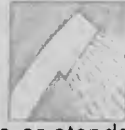
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NEWS

Barnet Drug Advisory committee discuss AIDS

DRUG abuse is a problem which can affect one or more members of any family in the country.

Barnet Council is concerned about the problem locally and has set up a Barnet Drug Advisory Committee whose aims are to advise people on the services which exist in the borough and how to gain access to them.

During a meeting of the advisory committee the subject of AIDS was discussed.

Up to the time of the meeting as far as it is known there have been no confirmed cases of AIDS in the borough, Alan Gorst, director of Social Services, told the committee. But the Council would be prepared to cope with the problems and to help minimise the risk to its own employees.

Dr Philip Thompson, district medical officer, said that a small ward had been identified at Edgware General Hospital for the treatment and care of possible AIDS victims and that hospital staff have agreed to take care of patients.

At present there is no known test for AIDS. The only test that can be done is for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). Should this test prove positive it merely means

that a person has been in contact with the virus and does not necessarily mean that the person will contract the disease.

David Hicks, co-ordinator for Drug Concern in Barnet, stressed that the fear of AIDS has reached panic proportions due mainly to over emphasis by the media. The publicity has however, caused concern among drug users who inject. As a result this has led to fewer

cases of Hepatitis B among those who exchange hypodermic syringes and needles.

The subject of disposal of needles and syringes as a possible hazard to workers such as refuse collectors was mentioned. Dr Thompson explained that not only drug abusers use hypodermics but people on prescribed medication such as diabetics. He suggested that needles and syringes be put into empty soft

drinks cans and sealed with tape.

Barnet's Drug Advisory Committee agreed that the national leaflet warning about AIDS was not adequate and that Barnet should produce its own literature which could be understood by all sections of the local community.

This will be discussed at the next advisory committee in Hendon Town Hall on Tuesday, April 28 at 10.15am.

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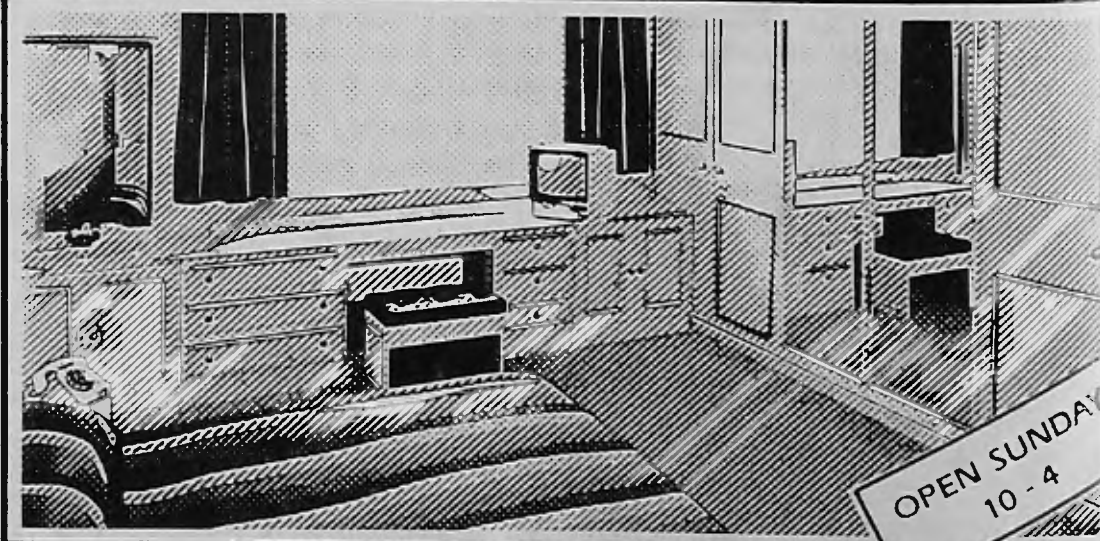
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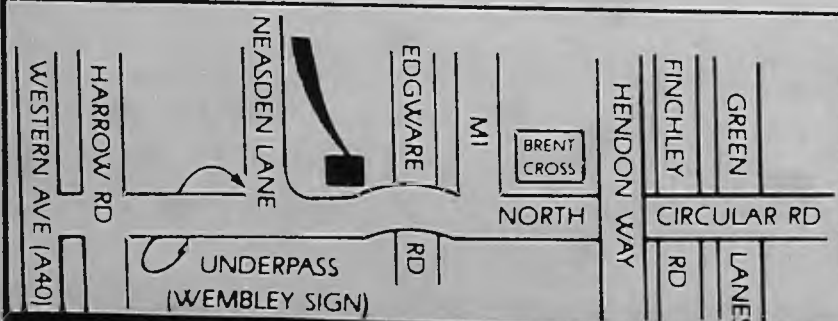
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East Barnet Ward — Cllr Olwen Evans, Sat Mar 7 and Apr 4, 10.30am to 12 noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet.

Finchley & Friern Barnet

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

Conservative councillors, Sat Mar 7 & Apr 4, 10.30am to noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

East Finchley — Labour councillors every Saturday, 10am to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane N2.

Finchley Ward — Conservative councillors, Sat Mar 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.

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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 Mar 20, by appointment. At other times tel 959 1446 or via constituency office, 2 Apex Parade, Selva Lane, Mill Hill. **Conservative councillors**, Grahame Park and Mill Hill, Weds Mar 11, 18, 25 and Apr 1.

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

Euro MP

John Marshall, Euro MP, contact 28 Sherwood Road, NW4, tel. 203 4322.

Nature Notes

MARCH

By Clive Herbert, Barnet Wildlife Group

A warm spell towards the end of this month will bring bats and hedgehogs out of hibernation. First priority for these animals is to build up their body reserves, depleted during the long winter. A saucer of tinned dog food, together with some water, will help your garden hedgehog.

However, if the weather turns cold again, it can prove fatal for those spiny insectivores.

The first spring plants will also become visible in the next few weeks. Look in our woodlands for the scented sweet violet and familiar lesser celandine.

One of our earliest plants is the Cuckoo Pint or Lords and Ladies, with

its single leaf produced before the colourful flower spike. By contrast the yellow flowers of the Coltsfoot can be seen before the leaves appear above ground. In the hedgerows, the white masses of black-thorn flowers are also generally seen before any leaves emerge.

The garden pond will be the centre of attraction as frogs and toads return to breed. While I am always interested to receive any wildlife records, please note that I am unable to help with ponds overstocked with spawn.

Take care when working in the garden this month as the first blackbird and robin nests are likely to be underway.

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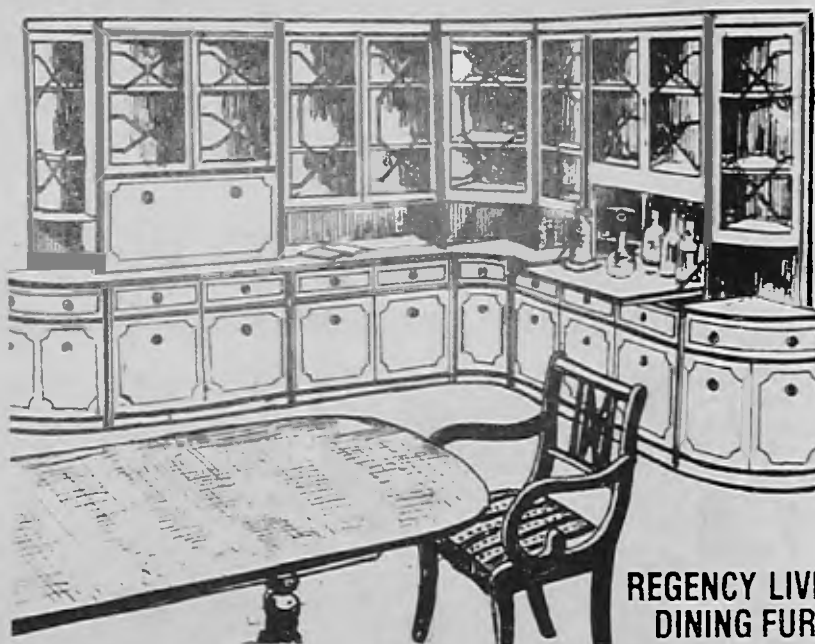
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Freedom & Farewell for RAF Hendon

The final chapter of the RAF's long and historic association with Hendon has been written. And it will close with one final burst of glory.

On Wednesday, April 1, RAF Hendon will receive the Freedom of the Borough. Later in the day there will be a fly-past of some of the historic planes which will for ever be linked with Hendon, and a final Beating of the Retreat.

For RAF Hendon is closing and moving to Bedfordshire to become RAF Stanbridge.

The story of Hendon's aviation history mirrors that of the 20th Century. It began almost unnoticed when Everett and Edgcombe put up a shed in the corner of a meadow in Hendon and built a small plane — which failed to fly.

Those were pioneering days. The French aviator Louis Paulham won the Daily Mail prize for the first non-stop flight between London and Manchester, setting off from Hendon. Claude Grahame-White, chased him after a delayed start and so made the first recorded night flight, following car headlights. For the next 20 years the story of Hendon and of Claude Grahame-White were inextricably linked.

In 1910, from money won flying in America, Grahame-White purchased 207 acres of Hendon meadowland and established the London Aerodrome. Buildings were put up almost overnight. Louis Bleriot ran his flying school there and Grahame White built aircraft. In 1911 Grahame-White began his own flying school. To draw the public and gain pupils he ran spectacular flying displays. Hendon became a major tourist attraction.

Heady days. In September 1911, for the coronation of King George V, the first airmail service ran from Hendon to Windsor. The first aerial Derby was based on Hendon and 45,000 paying customers crowded into the Aerodrome. Aerobatic and parachuting displays were staged weekly and the first 'loop-the-loop' performed.

Happy, peaceful days. But Europe was on the brink of World War I and in 1912 Grahame-White, proving the use of the aeroplane as an instrument of war, staged a target bombing display with mock military targets. Less than a year later the Royal Flying Corps was formed.

In August 1914 fun turned to grim reality. The Grahame-White Aviation Company at Hendon were producing war planes. Hendon be-



A new badge, approved by Her Majesty the Queen, has been awarded to RAF Hendon. It shows the star of the nativity, its lowest point piercing an astral crown. The motto, Endeavour, links back to the former Borough of Hendon.

came a Royal Naval Air Service Station and three fighter pilot VCs trained at Grahame-White's school.

It was a new chapter in warfare and Hendon was heavily involved. In 1917 for instance Flight Commander R. E. Penny, at the controls of an Avro 504, was successfully launched from a compressed air catapult — a prelude to the Royal Navy's aircraft carriers. As the war moved into its final stages the RNAS and the Royal Flying Corps were amalgamated to form the Royal Air Force.

The 1920s and 30s were the hey-day of Hendon. The RAF mounted an annual Display which attracted thousands of spectators. Royalty came and both the Hurricane and the Spitfire made their debut at Hendon. In 1927 RAF Hendon was officially set up so that the closure actually falls in the station's diamond jubilee year.

By the outbreak of the 1939-45 war Hendon was a Fighter Command Station and was in the forefront of the Battle of Britain.

In the post war years the build up of suburban London and the pressure for housing saw an end to flying at Hendon. The last powered flight was in 1957 although it was used for gliding until 1968.

Although RAF Hendon is closing there is a permanent reminder of its magnificent past in the Hendon Room at the RAF Museum.

We are indebted to Wing Commander Bill Simpson, Officer Commanding RAF Hendon, for the historic background information.

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Psychosomatic problems and how hypnosis can help

Psychosomatic illness is one which does not have any organic cause, but is the result of mind affecting the body. Various illnesses fall into this category and doctors usually prescribe tranquillisers for them. Although of great help as a short term measure, tranquillisers are not the answer to long-term problems, because of the risk of addiction. The only way to alleviate psychosomatic illness is by getting to the root of the problem, which is mental stress. Through hypnotherapy this can be very easy.

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The Mayor and Mayoress of Barnet, Cllr Denis and Mrs Lorna Dippel, show off their paces in the closing stages of the disco at the 24-hour darts and disco marathon in the Corporals Club at RAF Hendon. The event raised well over £2,000 in aid of the Mayor's Appeal for research to help sick children with cystic fibrosis. As well as RAF Hendon and RAF Stanbridge, Metropolitan Police Cadets and local firemen took part in the darts marathon which was won by the Mill Hill firemen. And most of the RAF and police sponsored dancers stayed on their feet for the 24 hours, completing the disco marathon tired but happy.

Chess Grandmaster to visit Barnet

A CHESS training weekend on March 21-22, will be held at Queen Elizabeth's Centre, Barnet, organised jointly by Barnet Schools Chess Association and Barnet Knights Chess Club, with sponsorship through the British Chess Federation.

The leading coach will probably be Nigel Short, who in 1984 became the youngest ever British Chess Champion. In December, Nigel won a game against the reigning World Champion, the Russian Gary Kasparov, in the OHRA Championship in Brussels.

In fact British Chess is really getting on the map in the 1980s! In November, a British team including recent British Champions Jonathan Speelman, Nigel Short, Tony Miles and John Nunn, claimed second place in the World Chess Olympiad in Dubai, runners up by a mere half-point to a formidable Russian team which included Kasparov and former World Champion Anatoly Karpov.

Admission for Barnet's chess weekend is expected to be £12 for under eighteens, with a discount for Barnet School children and Barnet Knights Chess Club.

It is planned to conclude the event with a simultaneous display, in which the Grandmaster plays 30 people at the same time!

For further information, please telephone 346 4918 after 4pm, or ask at your school.

EASTER AT THE INSTITUTE

A series of adult art and craft courses are scheduled to take place at the Institute Hampstead Garden Suburb from April 7 to 10. They range from Ceramic Care and Conservation to Advanced Pottery and Sculpture.

Pauline Brown, whose students' exhibition made such an impact at Church Farm Museum last year, is tutoring a course in Creative Embroidery — Inspiration from Nature, to encourage either beginners or advanced students to design their own work and experiment with textiles.

Besides these practical subjects, an innovation is a History of Art course, run by Felicity Meshoulam, entitled The English Country House in the Eighteenth Century, its Contents and Surroundings. This will be an introduction to some of the country houses to be found within easy driving distances of the Borough, including Blenheim, Chicheley, Claydon and Chiswick.

The gardens and parks at Wrest Park, Stowe and West Wycombe will also be discussed and suggestions for summer visits made.

Enrolment and further details for the courses can be obtained by telephoning the Institute on 455 9951 before March 21.

OPERATION OVERLOAD

COMPANIES who allow their lorries to be overloaded, and drivers who take them out on roads in Barnet are finding that such antisocial behaviour can be very expensive.

Barnet are carrying out roadside checks and recent prosecutions have resulted in fines of up to £1,000 plus costs.

In the past nine months Barnet's Trading Standards Officers, working with Traffic Police Officers, have organised seven roadside checks and have stopped 133 vehicles.

Sixty were taken to the weighbridge for checking and 22 were

found to be overloaded. Thirteen were reported for prosecution and 12 were not allowed to continue their journey until the load was lightened.

A Palmers Green builder was fined £1,000 plus £20 costs and his driver was fined £200 plus £20 costs for using an overladen vehicle on the North Circular Road, Finchley.

A road haulier from Reading, Berkshire, was prosecuted on two counts for using an overladen vehicle on the North Circular and was fined £500 on each count plus a total of £50 costs.

A haulage and plant hire company of Hendon was fined £1,000

plus £100 costs for using an overladen vehicle on Watford Way, Hendon; A transport company from Stoke-on-Trent was fined £600 with £25 costs and another company was fined £700 plus £20 costs, both for overladen vehicles on the North Circular Road.

Cllr Jack Clarfelt, said: 'We are taking a tough line with companies who overload their vehicles. They are a traffic danger and they are damaging our roads with their excess weight. The courts obviously take a serious view of the matter judging from the fines that are imposed and we shall continue to carry out periodic roadside checks so drivers — be warned!'

'GET TOUGH' POLICY

Barnet's Environmental Health Department are taking a tough line on food premises which fail to maintain a satisfactory standard of hygiene.

Geoff Fish, chief environmental health officer, said, 'I am determined that such poor or dirty conditions in food premises in Barnet will be stamped out. We cannot tolerate unnecessary risks to health.'

'It is for this reason that we are being tough on owners of food premises who blatantly contravene even the minimum standards of hygiene.'

'There are more than 2,000 food premises in Barnet and we have divided them into various categories of priority for inspection in relation to the risks they pose if they are poorly maintained and operated.'

Public help

'We are doing all we can but the public can help. Just about everybody buys food either in shops, restaurants, canteens and stalls, and there must be occasions when they see unsatisfactory premises.'

'Obviously many of the worst conditions are hidden behind the scenes where the public cannot go. However, by simply not buying food from obviously unsatisfactory outlets, the public can help us in the overall drive for improvement.'

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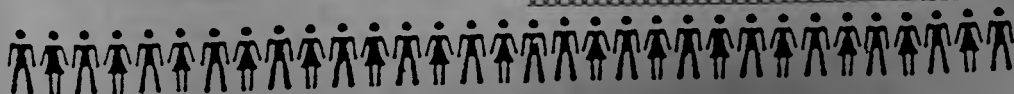
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FROM HIS television appearances you might have expected Prof Heinz Wolff to have arrived at Cromer Road School, New Barnet, on a penny-farthing cycle, towing a windmill.

But on the day he visited the school to open their new Craft, Design and Technology Workshop, he was in serious mood — although as enthusiastic as ever about his favourite topic of science and invention.

'The one thing that makes us different from the cats and dogs and monkeys is that we can use tools,' he told the children. 'Everything that man has achieved has been by using tools.'

'We use tools to make things. We use materials to invent things. Once you know how to use them you can think out ideas for yourselves. You are very lucky indeed to have a place where you can work in this way because we need as many boys and girls to become engineers and inventors as possible.'

But it was not luck that provided Cromer Road School with its own craft, design and technology workshop. It was hard work, determination and leadership.

And what gave them the opportunity was a shabby block of outside lavatories no longer needed.

Pupils and staff joined together last summer with a sponsored sports day and raised £3,000. The Parents Association gave £1,500 and individually sponsored tools.

The Council provided guidance and a grant. Middlesex Polytechnic arranged for Paul Challcross, a lecturer in CDT, to take eight students to the school once a week to work with small groups of children, and Paul King, Craft, Design

and Technology advisor with Barnet's Education Department, talked to staff.

Mr Kerry Morris, head teacher, said it had been a community effort with a special contribution from the school caretaker, Mr Gary Knight.

The block had to be refloored, rewired and decorated. But the result was a successful workshop, well equipped, well lit and very practical.

Barnet's Education Department has taken a lead in introducing Craft, Design and Technology for primary school pupils. It gives an opportunity for children aged five and upward to use tools, discover the uses and properties of materials, and by constructing things for themselves learn the elements of problem solving and design.



Professor Heinz Wolff takes a hand at the work bench with Tom Hart, Anna Fisher and Peter Beaumont.



Listening to the concert in the school hall before the ceremony.

Photographs by Maria Barth

YOUTH VISIT TO RAMAT GAN

A YOUTH exchange to Ramat Gan in Israel is being organised by Barnet Youth and Community Service from July 27 to August 10.

Sixteen Barnet young people between the ages of 15½ to 17½ will be accompanied by two leaders, Mr and Mrs Eric Finestone.

Costs

The cost will be £195 which includes travel, insurance, a wide programme of visits and activities and accommodation with a local family.

The exchange is open to young people living in, going to a school or belonging to a youth organisation in Barnet. Priority will be

given to those who have never visited Israel. In return Barnet's young people will be expected to ask their parents to accommodate a youngster from Ramat Gan in their homes free of charge during April, 1988.

Apply now

Application forms, which must be returned by March 31, can be obtained from the Director of Educational Services (FE), Town Hall, Friern Barnet N11 3DL. For further information telephone Alan Beesley, specialist youth and community officer, on 368 1255 ext. 3134.

Ramat Gan, a city, is about three miles inland from Tel Aviv. It has a

population of about 175,000 and is the fourth largest town in the State of Israel. It covers about 4,000 acres and has the largest park in the state — 400 acres.

The literal translation of Ramat Gan is 'Garden Heights,' an apt description as one fifth of the city comprises parks and gardens.

Goodwill

The link between Barnet and Ramat Gan was inaugurated in 1976 to foster goodwill between the two communities through the exchange of views and ideas, and by personal contacts between residents, especially among young people.

Who are the champions?

Two major events are being staged by Barnet's Youth and Community Service this month:

On Sunday, March 15, the Barnet Youth Table Tennis Tournament will be held at Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Mays Lane, Barnet starting at 9.30 am.

On Sunday, March 22, the Youth Trampoline Championships will be held at Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet, starting at 10am.

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How does it work?

Parking tickets will still be issued by traffic wardens in the usual way (but remember those additional powers of enforcement).

For other offences the police will decide whether to warn you, prosecute you or give you a ticket.

If you are given a ticket you have a choice.

- Accept that you have committed the offence and pay the fixed penalty.

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Paying the fixed penalty saves time and may be cheaper as court fines tend to be higher.

How much and when to pay

There are two grades of offence:

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The penalty for a more serious or endorsable offence is £24 — £35 if you ignore the ticket.

The time allowed for paying is 28 days.

Non-endorsable offences

For the less serious offences such as parking, not wearing a seat belt or crash helmet, driving the wrong way down a one-way street or making a banned U-turn, then a ticket will either be affixed to your car, probably by a traffic warden, or handed to the driver by a uniformed police officer.

A point to remember with parking offences is that if the penalty is not paid the vehicle owner will be sent a form requesting a statement of ownership because the owner of the vehicle is liable in law for the fixed penalty.

Endorsable offences

All endorsable offence tickets will be yellow.

They may be issued for offences such as speeding, jumping traffic lights or having defective tyres, brakes or steering.

Before handing out one of these tickets the police officer

will ask to see the driver's driving licence in order to check the number of penalty points on the licence.

Twelve penalty points add up to probable disqualification. So if the new offence puts the total of points up to or above 12 then the police officer will not issue a ticket. Instead he will refer the offence for prosecution.

Where there are no penalty points or the number of new points would not add up to 12 or more then the police officer asks the driver to surrender his or her driving licence.

If you do not have your licence with you — or you prefer not to surrender it to the officer — you will be asked to show it at a police station within seven days.

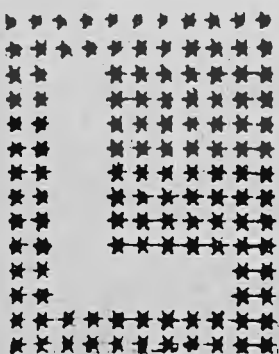
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The London Youth Games will be held at Crystal Palace, on Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, and Barnet hope to enter teams in all 34 events.

The search is on to find our youth teams and senior volunteers to help coach and marshal events.

On the page opposite are lists of the sports involved and there will also be two events for disabled athletes — a wheelchair 100 metres and a mentally handicapped 100 metres for under 21s.

The 1987 games will celebrate a decade of this inter-borough sports event in London. Barnet has been an active participant in the games and contributes to the games through grant aid.

Alan Beesley of the Borough's Youth and Community Service, is the Barnet Co-ordinator — and this year the borough is going all out to enter every event.

To be a member of the borough team you have to live in the borough of Barnet and fit into the following age brackets for individual sports:

Angling, under 18; archery, under 19; athletics, under 18; badminton, under 21; basketball,

London Youth Games

under 19; canoeing, under 21; cycling under 19; darts, under 19; disabled athletes, under 21; diving, under 21; fencing, under 20; football, under 18; gymnastics, under 21; hockey, under 19; judo, under 18; karate, under 21; lawn tennis, under 18; netball, under 21; show jumping, under 21; skiing, under 18; squash, under 19; swimming, under 21; table tennis, under 21 trampolining, under 19; volley ball, under 19; weightlifting, under 20.

Some teams will be selected by local competition — such as the football teams. Others will be selected on individual merit so that it is every important that young athletes should let the youth office know that they would like to be considered for selection.

All athletes representing Barnet in the Youth Games will receive a tennis style shirt sponsored by Williams Sports Inter-

port. Coaches will be laid on to take the teams to and from the games at Crystal Palace.

Some of the sports will have preliminary rounds in June and early July so the closing date for entries is June 12. The borough has to get its teams together ahead of that date so if you would like a chance to compete in this 'capital' sporting occasion:

GET IN TOUCH NOW!

Start by contacting the Co-ordinator on 368 1255 Ext 3134. Or you can write to him at Friern Barnet Town Hall, Friern Barnet N11 3DL. He will put you in touch with the team manager of the sport you are interested in.

This year the games will see the introduction of a new sport. Pop-lacrosse will have its British launch at the games with a friendly event and opportunities for the

games competitors to take part.

What is Pop-lacrosse?

Lacrosse — a game which originated from the Canadian Indians — was brought to this country in 1867 when a demonstration match was played in front of Queen Victoria. It continued to be played in schools and sports clubs with the men's and women's games developing along slightly different lines. Pop-lacrosse, with major sponsorship from NatWest Bank, brings the two games together with rules which make it a suitable for normal sports pitches and for mixed men's and women's teams.

Another exciting 'first' for these games is the Mixed Modern Petathlon when members of Britain's World Championship Team will pair up and take part in a friendly match. This will include all five disciplines of the sport — swimming, show jumping, shooting, fencing and running. It will be the first time that the men's and women's teams have competed together.

Next month we will bring you news of the London Youth Regatta which will be held at the Royal Victoria Docks on Saturday, September 19, and which Barnet will be entering.

Don't forget. Get in touch with Alan Beesley if you are a contender in any of the sports listed.



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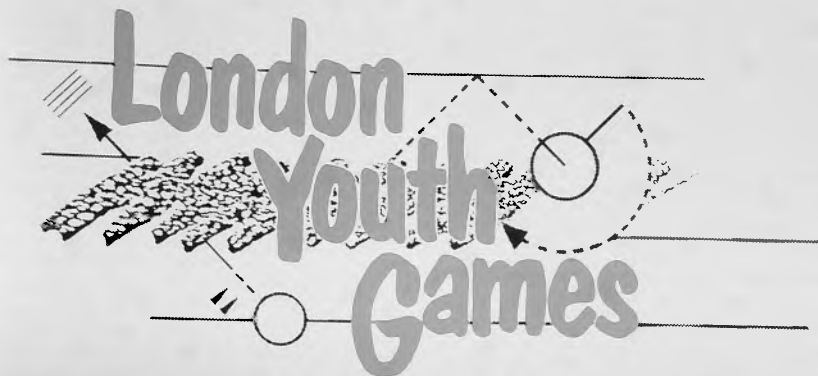
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Social Services

Just an ordinary couple?

IT was just a regular Saturday visit to the local library for Peter and Kay Bravitt. An ordinary couple with four children, one married and the other three living at home.

But that was the day that changed their lives — and the lives of many children.

While at the library, their attention was drawn to the noticeboard. Among the leaflets and posters was one that made them stop and think. It was a plea for foster parents.

They read it, thought about it, and went home and discussed the possibility of fostering children who were not as fortunate as their own.

After talking the subject over with their own children they decided to find out more.

Information was just a phone call away. At Barnet Council's Social Services on 446 1488.

After a meeting with social workers they were told of the desperate need for foster parents. Children of all ages and backgrounds who need caring for in a loving home environment. Some for a short time and others for longer periods.

They knew it would not be easy

as some of the children could be quite difficult. Some coming from homes where they may have been ill treated.

But they were ready to go ahead, convinced that they wanted other kids to have the same love as their own. They were to find out that the desire to care for other people's children is not all that is needed.

Detailed interviews and discussions took place which were designed to ensure that the couple understood all the implications of caring for other people's children; the reasons why children are put into care; the behaviour difficulties they might display; the importance of keeping the child, or young person, in touch with their own family and ultimately helping them return home or move to a permanent family of their own.

Social workers visited the Bravitt's home to meet their own children and discuss with them their own family background and their interest in fostering.

A bit tough — you might think. After all, they were prepared to take young strangers in and treat them as their own, so why all the fuss?

But for the Council the first

thought is always for the child. Social workers explained that it was essential that foster parents and child start off on a good basis of understanding.

For the Bravitt's and the Social Services this presented no obstacle. After all, they were an ordinary responsible couple with a nice home and good kids of their own. They were willing to engage in detailed discussions with a social worker in order to be approved as foster parents and were prepared to share their home with children from families under stress.

That was four years ago. Since then Peter and Kay have fostered 15 boys between the ages of 10 and 15. Some of them for just one week, others for as long as nine months.

Sometimes there have been phone calls late at night asking them to take a child in for just that night only. Peter and Kay are as you might say 'in the front line'.

When asked why they foster? The Bravitt's reply was simple: they liked kids and wouldn't want to see them go without the everyday things that happy families take for granted.

Peter says that as a child during the war, he was evacuated to a place

he'd never seen, and put in the charge of people he'd never met. He said the family who took care of him during those war years, treated him like their own, and it was something he never forgot.

The art of fostering, especially the difficult ones who have been through a hard time, is to treat them as you do your own children, explained Kay. 'Give them no special favours, but most importantly, give them as much love as you give your own', she said.

Although foster parents receive a generous allowance of up to £155 per week from the Council, the Bravitt's say that seeing the children adjust to a happy home environment is reward enough.

There have been many times when Peter and Kay hated to part with some of 'their' boys. But the nature of fostering is often to send a child back to its own parents when they are able to cope by themselves.

'This is something you have to accept right from the start. We owe a lot to our own children who have probably taught the youngsters more than we ever could', said Peter and Kay.

The names in this story have been changed for reasons of confidentiality.

**If you would like to know more about fostering:
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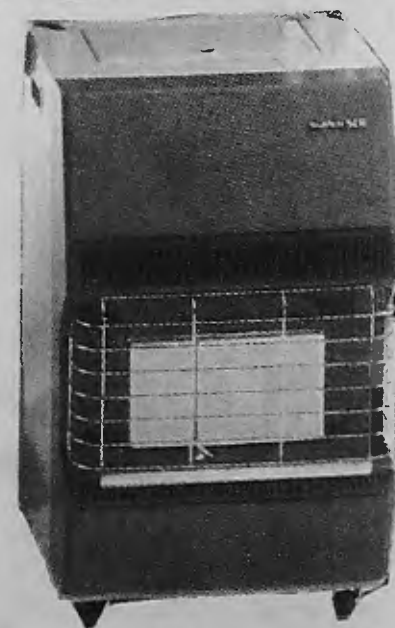
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HELP LINES

Forum boosts thriving community spirit

THE residents of the Barnet sector of Muswell Hill feel a little 'cut off' from the rest of the borough. They almost form an island, bound by the North Circular Road on the north with south east and west nestling within a horseshoe of Haringey.

There is a thriving community spirit but with no community centre within the area it is often difficult for mothers with young children and the elderly to get to nurseries and day centres.

With these problems in mind — the South Friern Forum (SFF) was formed a year ago by social and community workers in the borough to bring local residents together and to tell them of the facilities available in the area.

Rev Robin Whitehead, vicar of St Peter le Poer Church, Colney Hatch Lane, is chairman of SFF. He is looking for more volunteers to support existing activities within the area and to help promote new ones.

Everyone is keen to get the new community centre, which Barnet's Housing Committee have approved. All that is needed is planning approval from Haringey because the site is in their borough.

At the moment the main centre for Mums and Toddlers is the

Sutton Road Health Clinic. The clinic provides a health visitor for babies, young children and families, a school nurse, speech therapist, district nursing sister and a specialist health visitor for the elderly. There is also advice available on family planning, cystology and postnatal support.

Mothers and Toddlers

The Parents and Friends of Hollickwood School run a Mother and Toddler group on Tuesday afternoons during school term. This is open to all parents with children under five. A similar group is also held at Coppetts Wood School on Monday afternoons. Anyone interested in more information should contact the head teachers.

While these services do exist for the under fives, there is a real need for more registered Childminders in the area.

The Rendezvous Centre, run by Barnet's Youth and Community Service, in Coppetts Road, offers an activity programme for all ages, from a play group to adult groups. There is a very active set of youth clubs who meet on the premises and Liz Bird is the full-time youth and community worker. Activities include pool, table tennis, bad-

minton, football, drama, trampolining, disco's and outings.

Help and advice for all ages is available at the Drop-in session at Sutton Road Clinic every Monday between 2-4pm. On hand to help are a Citizen's Advice Bureau member and representatives from Barnet's Social Services. No need to book, just call in. This is particularly helpful for people who cannot travel to Finchley which is their nearest CAB now that Friern Barnet CAB has closed.

Local councillors hold surgeries at Friern Barnet Town Hall and run an information stall in Colney Hatch Lane on Saturday mornings.

For the elderly within the area there are a number of regular over 60's groups. The Friendship Club meets every Monday between 2-4pm at St Peter le Poer Church Hall and offers a variety of activities and outings. At the same time on Tuesday afternoons the Over 65's Club meets at the Sutton Road Clinic.

The Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service, which incorporates Friern Barnet Old People's Welfare, also provide a wide range of activities and services at their Day Centre next door to Friern Barnet Town Hall. There's a luncheon club for the homebound

three days a week, a club for the active retired, whist drives and almost daily meetings. Equipment such as wheel chairs, walking aids, back rests and bed cradles are available for hire.

There's a lighter side to life as well. Outings are arranged, Bingo sessions held, jumble sales help fund raising and there are dances and concerts in the evenings.

South Friern Library is a centre of local life, providing many services in addition to the loan of books. It has an information centre, a reading room and a friendly meeting place.

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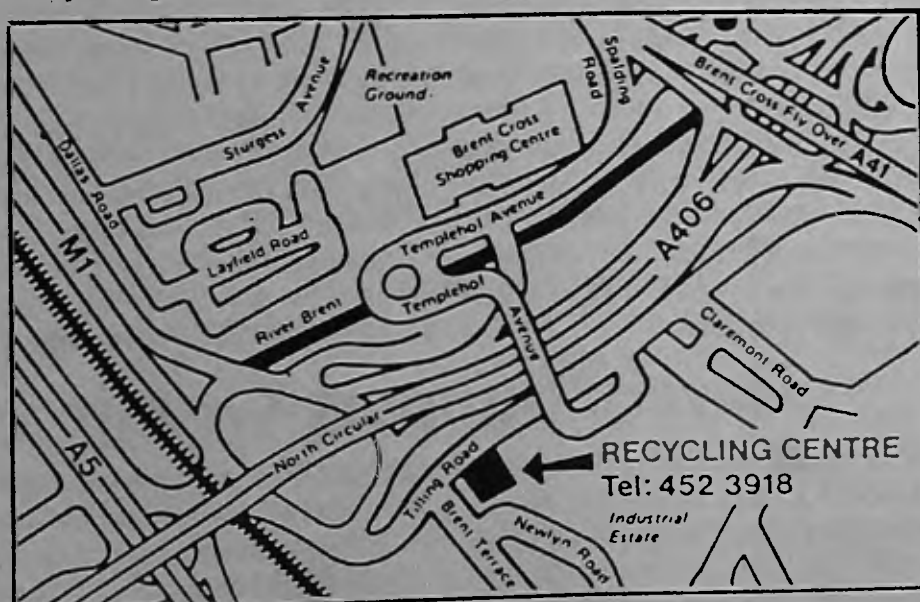
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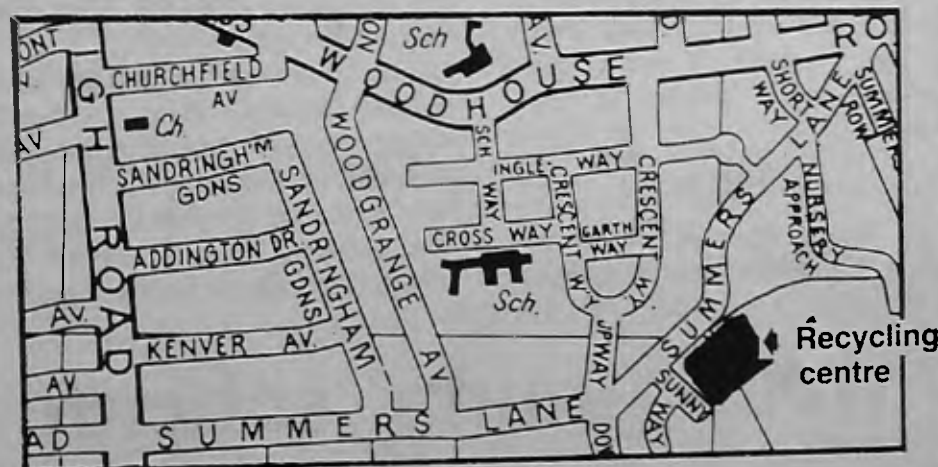
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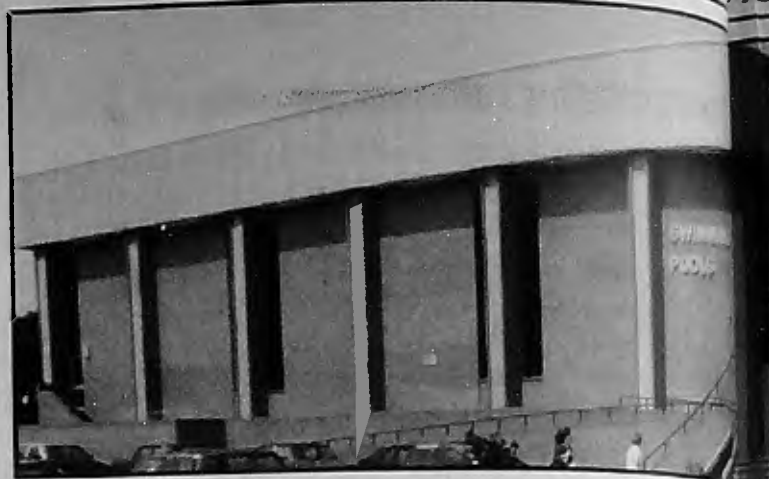
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HELP LINES

Holidays for needy families

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Lifeline

To many who didn't have a holiday themselves last year, it may be regarded as a luxury. To those

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They represent some of Britain's poorest families. Many are handicapped or have handicapped children and for most it is the first time they have ever been away together. The association's support for the maintenance of the family is central to their work.

In April a new scheme known as the 'Give-as-you-Earn' Payroll Deduction Scheme comes into operation. It allows you to give between £1 and £10 a month from your salary to a charity or charities of your choice.

Please talk to your employer and those you work with to get the scheme started where you are employed and think of Barnet's national charity, the FHA, when making your choice.

'Meet-a-mum' scheme

NETWORK, a meet-a-mum contact scheme for parents with children under five, are updating their booklet 'Under-Fives in Barnet.'

This provides information about groups and facilities for the under-fives and their parents in the borough. The booklet is free and available from libraries and clinics.

Anyone who is interested and would like to be mentioned in the new booklet should send details to the secretary, Maria Keene, 35 Northiam, Finchley N12. Tel: 446 3556. Information should be correct as at September, 1987.

New groups are also invited to send details.

There may be a new section in the booklet on pubs and restaurants. If children are welcome send details.

Network expect to launch the updated edition in July.

Four new lines

MEMBERS of the public, advice workers and employers will find it easier in future to telephone the Department of Health and Social Security at 10, Finchley Lane, Hendon.

Four new incoming lines have been opened on 203 0444. Their present number, 203 0091 will continue to operate at the same time.

Carers Support Group

HOW would you like to be 'on call' 24 hours a day, every day of the week, every week of the year? That is the situation of those who are caring for someone whose life is completely disrupted by some form of disability, including old age.

Barnet Borough Voluntary Service Council's project worker, Janet Byrne, is starting a Carers Support Group at Claremont Clinic, Claremont Road, Cricklewood, in March on the first Monday of each month between 10am and noon.

With the support and co-operation of GPs, health visitors, community workers and volunteers, carers will have the chance to

Geranium Day

COLLECTORS are wanted in Barnet for Geranium Day for the Blind. This is the one annual flag day and house-to-house collection in aid of London's blind.

The house-to-house collection will take place from Monday, March 16 to April 7 and the street collection on Tuesday, April 7.

Anyone in the borough who can help with the collections is asked to contact Pamela Adams, appeals organiser for the Greater London Fund for the Blind on 262 0193 (day) or 886 2059 (evenings.)

discuss their problems and get professional advice and information.

Further information from Janet Byrne, Barnet VSC, Hertford Lodge, East End Road, Finchley N3. Tel 346 9723/8644.

Brownies' gifts

BROWNIES of the Brookside Methodist Church have given bowls of hyacinth bulbs to members of Barnet Blind Club and have also raised £104 for the 'Help a Sick Child' fund.

The 6th Barnet Brownies raised £96 for the Blue Peter Sight Saving Appeal for those in need in Malawi.

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BARNET Council are offering a chance to unemployed people who are keen on sport and fitness to qualify as a coach in a whole range of sports including soccer, cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming and community health and fitness.

Barnet Sport has launched a high profile coaching scheme. Through the community programme and the Manpower Services Commission the borough is able to take on 50 unemployed men and women aged 18-plus as part-time coaches. And there are still a few posts to fill.

This is no dead end job. The selected team are being offered the opportunity to attend courses and gain qualifications in many sports, including working with the over-50s and with women and children, and dealing with sports injuries and first aid.

Members of the coaching team work a 24-hour week and are paid £62.56, which is equivalent, on an hourly basis, to the salary of parks staff. They are based at Copthall but also spend part of their time at other local sports centres or in schools.

Ralph Coates, former England footballer and co-ordinator of Barnet Sport, said: 'This is a real opportunity for anyone interested in a career in sports. We will train you to train others. Some of the courses will be included in working

hours, others will be after work. They will all be aimed at giving our coaches real qualifications and a better understanding of sport from a professional management point of view.'

So if anyone reading this would like to join "The Barnet Sport professionals" they should contact Ralph Coates, Sports Co-ordinator, Recreation Group, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone. Tel: 446 8511 Ext 4489.

To qualify to join the scheme as a coach applicants must be unemployed. Those aged 18 to 24 must have been unemployed for six of the past nine months and those aged 25 and over must have been unemployed for 12 of the past 15 months.

QUEEN Elizabeth's Centre, Meadway, Barnet, has been chosen as a Football Association coaching centre.

A coaching course for boys and girls aged seven-plus has been arranged for Friday evenings, each two-hour session starting at 6pm. The first session will be held on March 6. Fully qualified F.A. coaches will be in charge. Contact the Centre for enrolment by telephoning 441 2933 or by calling in person.

Saturday, 25th April 1987

The Mayor of Barnet's Appeal Darts Tournament will be held at STC Telecommunications, Oakleigh Road South, N11 on Saturday, 25 April, starting at 3.30 for 4pm. Teams from pubs, clubs, firms and individuals are welcome. Entries should reach the organiser by 15th March.

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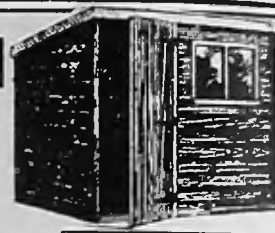
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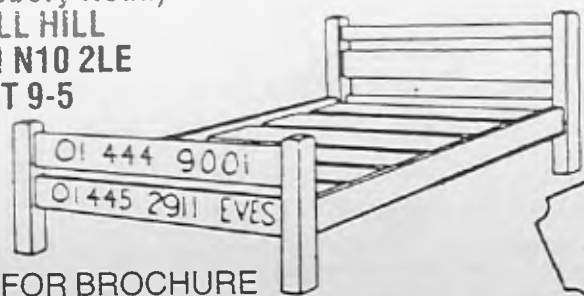
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A DIY Homecare tip is offered to the readers of *Barnet Borough News* from Cosyfit to enhance and prolong, as well as protect, the life of your soft furnishings. When selecting curtain material, especially in plain colours, it is worth getting the extra material to make arm caps and head covers to place on the arms and backs of your upholstered furniture, this is where the greatest wear is stressed on

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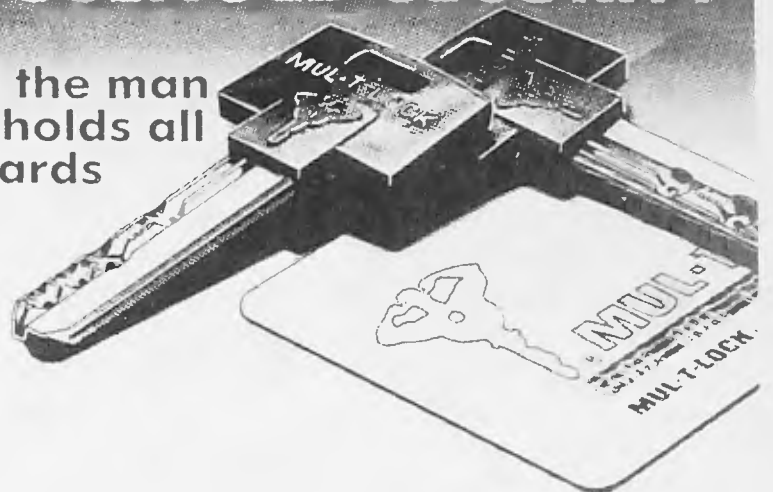
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A programme of highway maintenance

Barnet's Public Works Committee meeting on March 3 will have a 13-page list of roads in the borough scheduled for repairs, resurfacing or reconstruction under the 1987/88 Highway Maintenance Programme.

Almost £4.4 million will be spent on maintenance and a further £300,000 on reconstruction work.

The Chairman of Public Works, Cllr Vic Usher, congratulated the Controller of Engineering Services and his staff for preparing a programme which had gained the full approval of the Department of Transport and gained the Council extra money to spend on its highways programme.



ROAD Safety accident figures show that pedestrians in the over 60s age group can be at risk.

Did you know, for instance, that more than twice as many people of pensionable age are injured in road accidents as those in the 30s to 50s age group.

Barnet's Road Safety Department has been carrying out research into road accidents throughout the borough and has revealed that there is a concentration of accidents in and around main shopping parades, particularly where they centre on a main road.

These are areas where pedestrians congregate and frequently

cross the road.

Areas like Finchley, Whetstone, Edgware, Golders Green and Barnet have been identified as particular danger spots for pedestrians.

Perhaps the biggest contribution the borough makes is to introduce traffic engineering solutions to make the roads as safe as possible. These include pedestrian crossings, traffic islands, and good street lighting, particularly in areas close to bus stops, Underground and railway stations.

But perhaps because elderly people drive cars less, and get about on foot and public transport far more than their younger fellow pedestrians, there is a real need for extra care.

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- Cross where there is a road island refuge.
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Council Meetings

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

Monday March 9: General Purposes
Tuesday March 10: Education
Thursday March 12: Council — Special Meeting
Monday March 16: Grants
Tuesday March 17: Libraries & Arts
Wednesday March 18: Town Planning & Research
Monday March 23: Finance
Tuesday March 31: Education Sub-Committees
Wednesday April 1: Planning Sub-Committees
Tuesday April 7: Council Meeting

Entries for the April issue must be received by Tuesday, March 10, and before that date if possible. New entries start on April 4.

*Asterix denotes weekly meeting.

Saturday March 7

Herts & Middx Trust for Nature Conservation — 'Watch' at College Farm, Fitzallan Rd, N3 (for 8-14 yr olds). 2pm. 346 5258
Jumble Sale, Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. 2.15pm
*Melanies Latest Charts and Imports Club, 407 Hendon Way, Hendon. 202 7289
*North London Rambling Club organised Saturday walks. Contact (SAE) Ray Todd, 31 Blair Close, St Paul's Rd, London N1 2YP
*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, Junior activities, 4-6yrs 10.30am; 7 + 11.30am. 906 2322.
*Emotions Anonymous, Community Centre, 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 3pm. 458 1504
*Saturday Club for children 3-110yrs, Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm. 349 4613

Sunday March 8

London Hash House Harriers — Mill Hill Village & The Ridgeway — Mill Hill East Underground, 11am
*North West London HF Club. Sunday rambles in Home Counties. 997 6079
*Mind in Barnet 'Libra' Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Rd, Finchley. 3.30pm. 455 2850
*Shaftesbury Harriers training sessions, Cophall Stadium, Gt Nth Way, NW4. 11am. 200 1584. Also Tuesdays 6pm
*North London Holiday Fellowship Group. Sunday rambles in Home Counties. 346 6795/444 5847
*Finchley Zen Society, 91 Nether Street, N12. 8-9pm. 445 1819
*Youth Club for hearing impaired, Grahame Park Youth Centre, Corner Mead, Grahame Park Way. 10.30am. 202 3811
*Barnet 18 Plus Group, Bull & Butcher Public House, 1277 High Rd, Whetstone. 8.30pm. 0707 59373.

Weekdays

*Playgroup 3-5yrs, SPEC Community Centre, 87 Brookside Sth, E Barnet. 9.15am-12.15pm. 368 0891
Crescent Playgroup, East Barnet Baptist Church Hall. 9.30am. 449 5095.
*Old Barn children's activities, Tarling Rd, N2. Under Fives, 9.30am; After School Club, 3.30-6pm. 349 4613

Is there good access or facilities for disabled people in the club where you meet? Barnet Diary and Arts Diary want to include an access guide on all entries. Please help us to spread the information. DABB (Disablement Association in the Borough of Barnet) are helping to compile a list of places with good access. 'A' equals easy access and facilities such as disabled toilets. 'B' equals fairly easy access (not more than one or two steps.) Phone us with an AB guide on 202 8282 Ext 479.

Monday March 9

*New Barnet Literary and Debating Soc, Foyer Rooms, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 440 3612
*Bells Hill Prams & Pushchairs St. Stephen's Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. 1.30pm. 441 9501
*Edgware & Dist Canine Training Soc, St Alphage Hall, Playfield Rd, Burnt Oak. Ring class 8.30pm; obedience training 9.15pm. 0923 35968
*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Squash. 7.15pm. 906 2322
*Church Farm Children's 2-3 Club, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 10am-12 noon. 361 8166
*Information and Advice Drop In, Sutton Road Health Clinic, Muswell Hill. CAB and Social Services worker available. 2-4pm. Housing Estates Officer attends first Monday of month
*Emotions Anonymous, St Agnes Catholic Church Hall, Cricklewood Lane, NW2. 8pm. 961 5567
*Morning badminton club, Hartley Hall, Mill Hill. Vacancies for experienced players. 959 4867
*Squash coaching, beginners and improvers, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway. 7.15pm. 906 2322
*Brownies at East Barnet Baptist Church Hall, East Barnet Rd. 6pm. 440 6811
*Hendon College Adult Literacy classes (students with mental handicap), Thirleby Rd, Burnt Oak. 7pm. 200 8300

Tuesday March 10

Arthritis Care, St Peter le Poer Hall, Albion Ave, N10. 2pm. 883 2441.
*Finchley Writers' Workshop, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. Everyone and all kinds of writing welcome for criticism and discussion. 6pm. 349 9412
*Friern Barnet and Totteridge Camera Club, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, beginners to advanced. 8pm. 445 2617
*Mind in Barnet Luncheon/Social Club, 2 Schoolway, Woodhouse Road, N12. 10am-4pm. 446 1654 (also Fridays)
*British Red Cross Society, 10 Downage, Hendon. Sale of nearly new clothes. 10am-3pm
*123 Club for mothers, babies and toddlers, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 9.30-11.30am. 368 4659
*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, Introduction to golf, 7.30pm; beginners weight training 8pm. 906 2322
*Hendon and Edgware 18 Plus Group, Games Room, Royal Oak Pub, Finchley Rd, Temple Fortune. 8.15pm. 205 1455
*Mother & Toddler Group, Rendezvous Centre, Coppets Rd, N10. 9.30-11.30am. Barnet Play Association's Play Bus and inflatables at these times. 444 7839
*CRAB — photography for mentally handicapped people, 43 Flower Lane, NW7. 2pm. 346 9789
*North London Holiday Fellowship Group, Harris Room, Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, Golders Green. 346 6795/444 5847
*Basketball, 12-15 yrs Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 6pm. 368 6316
*Colindale Youth Club 11-16 yrs, St Matthias Church Hall, Rushgrove Ave. 7pm. 205 7774
*Emotions Anonymous (emotional living problems). Unitarian Rooms, Hoop Lane, Golders Green. 8pm. 837 4456/959 1003
*Tumble Tots — physical activity for pre-school children (six months to five years), Bushmead Social Club, Hammonde Close, Edgware. Classes all day from 9.30am. 958 6579
*MIND in Barnet, Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12. No appointment needed. 7.30-9.30pm. Also Wed. 2-4pm.
*MIND in Barnet, 154 Station Road, Hendon. No appointment needed. 1-3pm. Also Wed. 2-4pm and Thurs 8-10.30pm.
*Al-Anon — help for families and friends of problem drinkers — Carey Room, Trinity Church Centre, Nether St, N12. 8pm. Further information for other local meetings 403 0888 (24 hour service).
*Bottoms Up. A club for mothers with first babies, Jubilee Room, St James' Church, Friern Barnet Lane. N20. 2.30-4.30pm. 361 3320.
*The Toddler Club. 2.30-4.30. New members welcome. Bring your babies and toddlers to Church House, behind St John's Church, Friern Barnet Road, N11. 368 7074
*Studio North Three adult classes in art, College Farm, Fitzallan Rd, Finchley. 10am-1pm. 959 1498/6175
*Elmgate Badminton Club, Church Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware (vacancies). 7.30pm. 959 4757
*Finchley & Dist Model Aircraft Club, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 14+. 8pm. 904 5449
*Cricket umpiring classes, Cockfosters Cricket Club, Chalk Lane. 7.30pm. 363 9397
*Computer Courses, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway. 8pm. 906 2322
*120 (Hendon) Sqn Air Training Corps, boys and girls 13½ to 16, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Rd, NW9. 7.30pm (also Fri & Sun 10am-12.30pm). 205 7297
*Legal Advice, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, N2. Also first Tuesday in month immigration advice. 7-8.30pm. 444 6265
*Basketball for juniors, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. £1 per session. 368 6316
*Hendon College Adult Literacy classes (students whose first language is not English), Montagu Rd Centre, Hendon. 7pm. 200 8300
*Hendon College Adult Reading & Writing classes, Thirleby Rd, Burnt Oak. 7pm. 200 8300

Wednesday March 11

Rotaract Club of Edgware & Stanmore, The Green Man Pub, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore. 8.15pm. 722 4439 (also Mar 25)
UNA Finchley Branch — Joint Meeting with Golders Green & Barnets, Church House, Hendon St Mary's, Church End, Hendon. International meeting to raise funds for refugee appeal. Speaker: Irene Kahon, London Region representative UNA High Commission for Refugees. 7.45pm. Tickets £1.50, £1 unwaged. 445 3748
Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 7.50pm. £2.20. 203 3735 (also Mar 25)
Sue Libovitch, Outreach worker, Jewish Women in London Group presents 'Three Jewish Women', a tape/slide show, The Sternberg Centre, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. £1. 7.45pm. 346 2288
*Parent & Toddler Time, East Barnet Baptist Church Hall, East Barnet Rd. 1.45pm (also Friday)
*Good as new sale, Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, 163 High Street, Barnet. 10.00am to 1.00pm. (Also 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month)
*Barnet YHA Group 1st Lyonsdown Scout Hut, York Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 449 1553/440 8770
*Bingo, St Alphage Church Hall, Playfield Rd, Burnt Oak. 8pm
*Barnet Caving Group, Bull and Butcher Pub, High Rd, Whetstone. 9.30pm. 446 1070/1868
*Bingo, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 2573
*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, Junior badminton, 6.15pm; beginners badminton, 7.15pm. 906 2322
*St Margaret's Badminton Club, Rectory Lane, Edgware. 8pm. 440 4572/951 0875. Vacancies for players
*CRAB — Circus sessions, Finchley Youth Hall, 142 High Rd, E. Finchley. 346 9789
*See-Saw Club for babies and toddlers with special needs, North Road Community Centre, Burnt Oak B'way. 10am. 368 6291
*Sale of clothing and bric-a-brac, Barnet Centre British Red Cross Soc, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 9.30am-3.30pm, 449 8969
*Badminton — few vacancies for good standard players — friendly club. 883 4437 (also Thursdays)
*Hendon Woodcraft Folk (during term time), Hendon School, Golders Rise. 6.15pm. 202 7140
*Old Barn Youth Club 10-14 yrs, Tarling Rd, N2. 7pm. 349 4613 (also Fridays)
*Hornsey Cine — Scene Two, St Peter le Poer Hall, Albion Ave, N10. 8.15pm
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Thursday March 12

RSPB (N London), Holy Innocents Church Hall, Tottenham Lane, N8. 7.45pm. 361 2658

*Church Farm Mother & Toddler Club, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 10am-11.30am. 368 4191

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

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

*MIND in Barnet Thursday Club, 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 7.45pm 446 1654

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

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

*MIND in Barnet — Women's Drop in Centre, Trinity Church Rodborough Rd, Golders Green. 9.30am-1pm (relaxation 11am). 446 1654

*Mums, babies & toddlers club, St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. 10am-12 noon. 445 0572

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- *Parent and Toddler Time, Victoria Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 1pm. 449 5511
- *Badminton Club, Christ Church URC, Bellevue Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 8pm. 449 8476
- *Community Links in Cameras (Clic), photography group of disabled people, 43 Flower Lane, NW7. 1.30pm. 346 9789
- *Badminton (adults), Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 368 6316
- *Canada Villa Youth Centre pre-school gymnastics club 'Jumping Beans', Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 10am-12noon. £2 registration, then £1 per session. 959 2811
- *Emotions Anonymous, Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, East Finchley. 8pm. 722 6307
- *Bounce, a group for children under five with special needs. New Barnet Community Centre, 48-50 Victoria Rd. 1.15pm for 30 minutes. 25p. 346 7120
- *Short tennis for juniors, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway. 6pm. 906 2322
- *East Finchley Toy Library, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Eagans Close, N2. Over 500 toys available. 3pm. 883 6027 (also 1st & 3rd Sat., 10-11am)
- *Finchley Chess Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Rd, N3. 7.30pm
- *Talks on Social Effectiveness. 202 3373
- *Machine Knitting Class, Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. Tuition at all levels. 1pm. 349 4613
- *Badminton, adult beginners, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. £15 for 10 week course. 368 6316
- *Hendon College Adult Reading & Writing classes, Montagu Rd Centre,

Hendon. 7pm. 200 8300

Friday March 13

- Oakleigh Carers Group, Health Centre, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 2pm. 368 8350
- UNA Finchley Branch AGM, Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. 8pm. Speaker: Sir Oliver Forster, former Ambassador in Pakistan. 445 3748
- *Mums & Toddlers Group, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 10-11.30am. 368 4278
- *Hendon & Hampstead Garden Suburb Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willfield Way, NW11. 8pm. 205 6053
- *Barnet and Finchley Photographic Soc, rear of 37a Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 8pm. 368 3917
- *Barnet Blind Bowls Club, Finchley Drill Hall, 444 High Rd, N12. 2pm. 449 7058
- *Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 8pm. 346 4265.
- *Brookside Community Group Senior Youth Club (11-16), Union Church, Northiam, N12. 7.15-10.15pm. 445 5958.
- *Social afternoon, Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. All ages. 1-3pm. 349 4613.
- *Emotions Anonymous, St Albans Parish Church, The Vestry, West Heath Drive, Golders Green. 8pm. 837 4456
- *Basketball sessions for juniors and seniors, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway. 7pm. £1.50 juniors, £2 seniors. 906 2322
- *Friendship Club for the over 30s, Finchley Manor Squash and Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Gdns, Finchley. 8pm. 346 7657/349 0670

Saturday March 14

- Barnet Deanery Overseas Sale in aid of St David's Secondary School, Bonda, Zimbabwe, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 10.30am. Admission 10p
- New Barnet & Dist Stamp & Postal History Fair, St Peter's Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 10am-5pm. 440 8835
- British Tinnitus Assn (NW London), Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 2pm. 444 9657

Sunday March 15

- RSPB (N London), outing to Minsmere RSPB Reserve (cards needed) — Alexandra Park Gates, Priory Rd, N8. 8am. 348 5300

Monday March 16

- UNA Barnets Branch AGM, All Saints School, Oakleigh Rd Nth, Whetstone. Speaker Mr Ivor Beynon. 8pm. 445 2094

Tuesday March 17

- Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Chambers, 29 Wood St, Barnet. 8pm. 449 7317 (also Mar 31)
- Barnet Branch Nth Middx Family History Soc, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 7.45pm. 441 0529
- RSPB (NW London), Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Circus. 8pm. 952 3129
- St John Ambulance 'Save a life' session — First Aid in an emergency — The Pavilion, Finchley Open Air Swimming Pool, High Rd, N12. 7.30pm. 440 8778
- Royal British Legion (N Finchley), Legionway, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 445 9911
- Barnet National Trust, St Mary Magdalen Hall, Athenaeum Rd, N20. 8pm. 449 3896

Wednesday March 18

- National Trust (Edgware & Dist Centre), John Keble Hall, Deans Lane. 8pm. 951 1578
- Finchley & Dist Philatelic Soc, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 7.30pm. 883 8724 (also Apr 1)
- The Star Life Discussion Group, Woodside Park. 8pm. Details 346 6515 (also April 1)

Thursday March 19

- Friern Barnet & Whetstone Rotaract Club, Bull & Butcher Pub, High Rd, N20. 8.15pm. 368 3383 (also Apr 2)
- Red Cross (Hendon) 'Save a Life' session — First Aid in an emergency — 10 Downage, Hendon. 8pm. 203 0567

Friday March 20

- Barnet African Caribbean Assn meeting, 71 Park Rd, Hendon. 8pm. 445 6051

Saturday March 21

- Auction, Church Hill Primary School, Burlington Rise, E Barnet. Viewing from 11am; sale 2pm. Admission 25p. 361 0365
- The Christian Socialist Movement 1987 Tawney Memorial Lecture given by Rev Dr Charles Elliott — 'British Economic Management...', St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley. 11am

Sunday March 22

- Car Boot Sale, Tudor Primary School, Queen's Rd, Finchley. 11am-2pm. Advance booking £5 per car, £6 on day. 346 6010
- RSPB (NW London) — Morning visit to Lemsford Springs. Edgware Stn. 9.30am. 952 8672

Monday March 23

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

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Wednesday March 25

Federation of Ratepayers' & Residents' of LBB AGM, N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 8pm. 449 0807

Thursday March 26

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

Saturday March 28

Jumble Sale, Golders Green Girl Guides, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, 10.30am

Sunday March 29

Herts & Middx Trust for Nature Conservation — Common Bird Census at Darlands Lake Nature Reserve. The Close, by Orange Tree Pub. 10.30am. 346 5258

Monday March 30

Barnet Ratepayers' & Residents' Assn AGM, Council Chambers, Wood St. 8pm. 449 0807

Wednesday April 1

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

Millidon Arts Soc, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 8pm. 959 4316

Horticulture and Floral Art

Tuesday March 10

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

Thursday March 12

Barnet & Dist Fuchsia Soc, Council Chambers, 29 Wood St, Barnet.

7.30pm. 445 6112

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

Tuesday March 17

Friern Barnet Floral Art Club, Christ Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 8pm. 446 0783

Totteridge Floral Art Group, Badger's Croft, Totteridge Village. 2pm. 445 9307

Wednesday March 18

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

Tuesday March 24

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Soc, Church Rooms, Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown Rd. 8pm. 50p. 441 0293

Saturdays/Sundays

*Mill Hill Horticultural & Allotment Soc, Hartley Close, Mill Hill. Trading hut open Sat 2.30-4pm, Sun 10.30am-12.15pm. Garden plots to let. 959 2848

Sundays

Burnt Oak Horticultural Society Trading Hut, Back Lane, r/o Woodcroft Hall. 10.30am-noon

Women's Clubs

Tuesday March 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 Mar 24)

'Acorns', non-sectarian club, E Finchley Methodist Hall, High Rd, N2.

9.45am. Creche available. 346 7945/349 2318 (also Mar 24)

Wednesday March 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 March 12

Finchley Granville TWG, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. 2pm. 455 2227

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

Chipping Barnet W1, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 10am. 440 8807

Monday March 16

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

Tuesday March 17

Friern Barnet & Whetstone TWG, Manor Drive Methodist Church, York Way, N20. 2pm. 368 2691

Wednesday March 18

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

Friary Club (Nat Assn of Women's Clubs), Canteen, Friern Barnet Town Hall, N11. 8pm. 445 8493 (also Apr 1)

Friday March 20

Broadfields Evening TWG, Mill Hill County High, Hammonds Close, Edgware. 7.30pm. 958 5718

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

Monday March 23

Barnet & Dist Branch (Nat Council of Women), St John's URC Hall, Mow-

bray Rd, New Barnet. 1.30pm. 449 2062

Tuesday March 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 March 25

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

Wednesday April 1

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

Thursday April 2

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

Mondays

*Women's keep fit, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. £1 per session. 368 6316

*SupaSlim Slimming Club, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. Sensible dieting and group therapy. 10am. 445 3195

Tuesdays

*Ladies Home League, Salvation Army Hall, Hertford Rd, East Finchley. 2.15pm.

*Supaslim Slimming Club, Church House, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. 8pm. 445 3195

Thursdays

*Barnet Asian Women's Assn, Barnet

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Health Education Unit, Oak Lane Clinic, East Finchley. 1.30pm. 883 1075/444 4411

*Women's Friendship Club, Union Church, Northiam, Totteridge. 2.15pm. 445 6945

*Ridgeway Club (Nat Assn of Women's Clubs), St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 7.45pm. 449 1373

*Sculpture Class, Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 349 4613 for enrolment details.

Bridge and Whist

Saturday April 4

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

Mondays

*Bridge Classes, 41 Northumberland Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. 449 0960. Also Tuesdays 10am, Wednesdays 2pm.

*Bridge Class, second year students, Woodside Park Club, Southover, N12. 8pm. 445 1108 (also Tuesdays)

*Hendon College Bridge Club (no teaching, intermediate level), 43 Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 11.45am-1.15pm. 202 3811 ext 240

*Partner Whist Drive, St Peter's Church Hall, Somerset/Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. Admission 40p. 441 1591

Tuesdays

*Chase Bridge Club, St Andrew's Church Hall, Southgate. 9.30am. 360 5098

Wednesdays

*Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service whist drive, Priory Hall, Friern Barnet Lane. 10.30am. 368 4278

*Whist Drive, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. 7.45pm. 458 3933

Thursdays

*Northside Bridge Club, E Finchley Methodist Church Annexe, High Rd. Duplicate first Thursday, rubber remaining Thursdays. 7.30pm. 445 7788

*NW London Duplicate Bridge Club, Michael Sobell Centre, Limes Ave, NW11. Admission £1.50. 7.45pm. 455 3745

Fridays

*The Fern Room Whist Club, Salisbury Road, Barnet, 2pm. 441 4853

Keep Fit

Saturdays

*Body-Tune, St Mark's Church Hall (off Potters Rd), Woodville Rd, New Barnet. 9.45am. 441 1336

Sundays

*Yoga classes at Patanjali Yoga Centre, 190 Watford Way, Hendon. Beginners: 1pm & 3pm, advanced 5pm. 203 0062

Monday-Friday

*Weight Training instruction, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 6-8pm Mon-Thurs; 5.30-7.30pm Fri. £1.80 per session or £15 per term. 202 6027

Mondays

*Pensioners Health Group, Methodist Hall, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 2pm. 794 6376. 60p

*Yoga, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 7pm. 455 2476. Also Weds 9.45am

*Keep fit, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 8pm. 205 7113

*Aerobics 9.30am; body conditioning 10.30am. Christchurch Hall, High Rd, N12. 349 1449

*Body conditioning classes, Christ Church, Whetstone, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. Mondays and Thursdays 7.15pm; Wednesdays and Fridays 10am. 445 1846

*Aerobic workout, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 7pm, advanced 8pm. £2. 958 7596 (also Thurs 8pm)

*Popmobility, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 7.30pm. £1.80 per session. 202 6027

*Body-Tune, St Mark's Church Hall (off Potters Rd), Woodville Rd, New Barnet. 10.20am (mums can also bring baby); St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 7.15pm. 441 1336

*Aerobics, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 8pm. 906 1721

Tuesdays

*Popmobility/aerobics, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7pm and 8pm. 441 2933.

*Relaxation classes, Centre Point, Corner Mead Grahame Park, 8.30pm. 205 7113

*Aerobics, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 1449 (also Thursdays 8pm)

*Ladies Keep Fit — suitable all ages — Hendon School, Golders Rise, Hendon. 7.30pm. 349 0400. (also on Thursdays)

*Body conditioning classes, Oaktrees Special School, Chase Side, Southgate. 7.30pm. 368 0881

*Keep Fit and self defence with Nanbudo, St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 4421

*Stretch and Shape, Oak Tree Special School, Chase Side, Southgate. 7.30pm. 368 0881

*Slenderquest Slimming Club, St Mary Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 8pm. £1.75. 449 4277

*Body Focus exercise/Dance class, Lyonsdown Hall, New Barnet. 10.15am. £1.50 creche inclusive. 368 5871

*Ladies Weight training, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 10.30-11.30am. £1.80 per session, £15 per term. 202 6027

*Exercise to music — keep fit/aerobics — URC Hall, Wood St, Barnet. £1.50. 8pm

*Yogacise, 7.15pm; Body-Tune, 8.25pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 441 1336

Wednesdays

*Popmobility, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 7.30-9.30pm. 205 7113.

*Yoga for people with handicaps. Special class, St Mary's Hall, East Barnet. Gentle movement, breathing, relaxation. 4-6pm. Qualified teacher. Other classes available. 440 1828

*Aerobics, Copthall Swimming Pool, Page St, Mill Hill. 9.45am. 349 1449

*Mixed Volley Ball Training Club, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet Juniors 6pm; seniors 7pm. 441 2933

*Health and Beauty, exercise and movement classes, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 7.15-9.45pm. 286 3102

*Keep Fit (adults), Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7.30pm. 368 6316

Yoga classes for beginners, Patanjali Yoga Centre, 190 Watford Way, Hendon. 10.30am to 12 noon. 203 0062

*Body conditioning: keep fit class — Canada Villa Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 2-3pm. £1.50 per session. Creche available. 959 2811

*Body conscious, body conditioning classes, St Mark's Church Hall, Woodville Rd, E Barnet. 6.45-

7.45pm, 8-9pm. 440 5552

*Yogacise, 8.25pm; Body-Tune, 7.15pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 441 1336

*Weight Mates Slimming Club, St Mary Magdalen Church Hall, Holders Hill Rd, NW4. 10am. 455 4814

Thursdays

*Get Fit Club for young and old, St Stephen's Hospital, Mays Lane, Barnet. 7.30pm. £1.50. 906 0974

*Mixed exercise class for people with problem backs, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 8pm. 445 6986

*Aerobics, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park, 8.30pm. 205 7113

*Yoga. British Wheel trained teacher, Union Church, Northiam, N20. 7-8pm. 349 2972 (not August)

*British Wheel of Yoga Teachers Diploma Course, Barnet. 7pm. Details 440 1828

*Jumping Beans — pre-school gymnastics — Canada Villa Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 10am-12 noon. £2 enrolment fee and £1 per session. 959 2811

Body Focus exercise/Dance class, East Barnet Baptist Hall, Crescent Rd. 8.30pm. £1.50. 368 5871

*Aerobic workout, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, NW7. 8pm. £2. 958 7596

*Mother and Toddler Gymnastics (up to 4yrs old), Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. Sessions: 12.45-1.30pm, 1.30-2.15pm, 2.25-3.10pm. Last session 2½-4yrs only. £1.50 per family. 202 6027

*Ladies Keep Fit, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 10am. £1.80 per session. 202 6027

*Yoga Class for Women, Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 349 4613

*Aerobics, St Augustine's Church, Great Field, Grahame Park. 8.30pm. 906 1721.

Fridays

*Aerobics 9.30am; Body conditioning 10.30am, Christchurch Hall, High Rd, N12. 349 1449

*Anita's keep fit class, Michael Sobell Centre, Limes Avenue, Golders Green. 10.15am. 458 7411 ext 379 (day), 455 9195.

*Keep Fit at the Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 1.30pm. 349 4613

Martial Arts

Mondays

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

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

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

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

*London School of Karate, East Barnet Upper School, Chestnut Grove. 8pm. 359 0381

*New Barnet Jiu Jitsu Club, Scout Hut, York Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. Also Tues with children, 6pm. 446 1733

Nanbudo Martial Arts Club, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 4421 (also Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Children 6.30pm. Wed)

Tuesdays

*Karate Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 7-13 yr olds 6pm; 13 plus and adults, 7pm. 205 7113 (also Thursdays, 7pm and 8pm)

*Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, Pennefather Hall, St Albans Rd, Barnet. Adults 7.30-9.30pm. 449 3150

*J.L. Kung Fu Centre, All Saints Church Hall, Durham Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 959 2605

*Goju-Ryu Karate, Queen Elizabeth's Children Sports Centre, Meadway, Barnet; 6-7pm, adults 7pm. 906 4372/449 8997 (also Thurs)

*Meadway Goju-Ryu Karate Club, St Marks Hall, off Meadway, Barnet. 8.30pm. 274 6376 (children's classes)

*Sport Karate Club, Beaver Hall, Fairmead Cres, Edgware. 8pm. 906 1701 (Barnet Karate Squad coach)

Wednesdays

*Watling SKC, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Burnt Oak. Juniors 7pm, adults 8pm. 906 1701

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

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

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

*Finchley Karate Club (Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate), Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 8pm. (Children 7pm) 346 9505 (also Fridays)

Thursdays

*Women's self defence, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7.30pm. £8 for 6 week course. 368 6316

Fridays

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

*Martial Arts Academy. Science of Combat, Hendon High School, off Brent Street, Hendon. 7pm. 0865 726772

Singles Clubs

Tuesday March 17

Finchley Solo Club for widowed, divorced & single (25-65). 8pm. 863 0513/444 8743

Sundays

*Singles Club party night get together, 411 Hendon Way, Hendon, 203 3101.

Mondays

*Barnet Thirty Plus Group (30-50). Play badminton at Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 8pm. 889 9252

*Club 81 for unattached people 24-45. The Load of Hay Pub, Brent Street, Hendon. 8.45pm. 349 0026

Tuesdays

*Divorced/separated club, 411 Hendon Way, Hendon. 202 3101

Wednesdays

*National Council for the Divorced Separated, North West London Branch. Friendly club evening near Brent St. Hendon. Details: 226 3752, 203 57389/3269

*North London and District Divorced/Separated Club, St Paul's Church, High Rd, New Southgate. 8pm. Potters Bar 42849

*Club 81 for unattached people 24-45. The Green Man Pub, corner of Nth Circular Rd/High Rd, N2. 8.45pm. 349 0026

BARNET DIARY

Pensioners Clubs

Wednesday March 11

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

Thursday March 12

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

Thursday March 19

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

Thursday March 26

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

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley), N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 1.30pm. 445 7113

Wednesday April 1

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

Mondays

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

*Club for active retired, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 11am-4pm. 368 4278

*Hadley Darby & Joan Club, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone. 2pm. 441 4853

*Social Club, Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 1pm. 349 4613

Tuesdays

*Luncheon Club for elderly homebound and lonely, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11.

10.30am-3.30pm; Club for the elderly 2-4pm. Both activities also Wed. & Thurs. 368 4278

*Union Street Evergreen Club, Ewen Hall, Wood St, Barnet. 2pm. 441 4853

*Fern Evergreen Club, The Fern Room, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 2pm.

Wednesdays

*Mays Lane Evergreen Club, St Stephens Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. 2pm. 441 4853

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

*Old Pals Club, Bingo, Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 2pm.

Thursdays

*Pensioners' 'Friendship Club', North Road Community Centre, Burnt Oak. 1.45pm. 951 1726

*Arts and Crafts — open CRAB sessions for the elderly. The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 1.30pm

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

*Hoop Lane Thursday — drop in for coffee and a chat — Unitarian Room, Hoop Lane, NW11. 10.30am.

*Golden Circle Club, The Salvation Army Hall, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 1.30pm. 203 4823

Fridays

*Young at Heart, Conservative Hall, Barnfield Rd, Burnt Oak. 1.30pm. 952 3513

*Club for the Elderly, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 2-4pm. 368 4278

*Bells Hill Evergreen Club, St Stephens Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. 2pm. 441 4853

*Over 60's Club, Salvation Army Hall, Hertford Rd, East Finchley. 2.30pm.

ARTS DIARY

Old Bull Arts Centre

68 High Street, Barnet. 449 5189

Workshops for children and adults in drama, art, guitar, music, poster design and printing, modern dance/theatre, crafts, tap dance. Phone for details. Ticket prices do not include 25p membership.

Until Saturday March 14

Moving Views by Vanessa Godfrey. Gallery open 10.30am-7.30pm

Saturday March 7

One Night Stand — platform for choreographers — 8pm. £2.75, £2 concessions.

Sunday March 8

The Portobello Booth Puppets. 3pm. £1 children +50p Bulls Eye Club membership, £2 adults

Classical Guitar Recital by Richard Durrant. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Thursday March 12

Theatre Skills Workshops — Directing — 7pm. £2 (also Mar 19)

Friday March 13

Disco, prize for best Disco Dancer (12-16 yr olds). 7pm. £1.50

Saturday March 14

Contemporary Jazz. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Tues Mar 17 to Sat Mar 28

Handicapped Children's Artwork. Gallery open 10.30am-7.30pm.

Friday March 20

Electric Palace — silent films with live piano accompaniment. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Sunday March 22

The Beavers present 'Cold as Ice'. 3pm. £1 children +50p Bulls Eye Club membership, £2 adults

Thursday March 26

Theatre Skills Workshops — Stage Lighting and Sound — 7pm. £2

Friday March 27

Outasight Theatre Co present 'Muck and Brass'. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Sat/Sun Mar 28/29

Double Vision present 'Show of Strength'. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions.

Mon Mar 30 to Sat Apr 11

Sculptures, drawings and prints by Tom Merrifield, Gallery open 10.30am-7.30pm

Thursday April 2

The Kosh Dance Co. 8pm. £3.25, £2 concessions

Friday April 3

Gregory Nash presents Momentum Rush (Second Dance and Mime Festival). 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Saturday April 4

Peta Lily, solo mime artist, presents 'Frightened of Nothing'. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

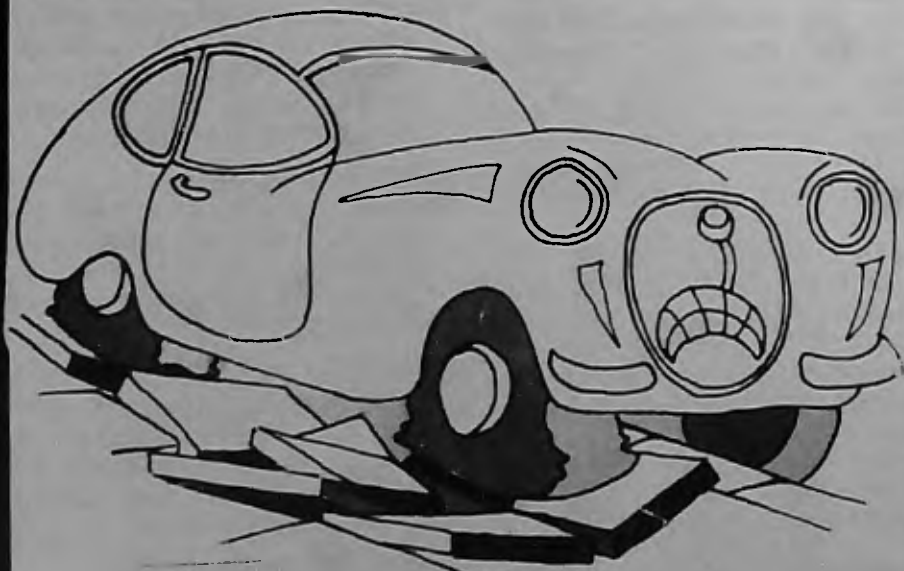
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Music

Saturday March 7

A Gala Evening of Song presented by the Cameo Opera, All Saints' Centre for the Living Arts, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. Tickets £3, £2 concessions. 7.30pm. 445 6831/445 4654

London Pro Arte Choir, St Michael's Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. Mozart evening. 7.30pm. Tickets £4.50. 959 1659

Brass Ensemble and Training Band 'Listen to the Band' concert, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 7.30pm. 368 1255

Sunday March 8

John Harle, saxophone, workshop for children and a recital at The Sternberg Centre, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. Workshop 3pm. £1, concessions for groups; Recital 7.30pm. 346 2288

Monday March 9

Hendon Music Soc, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 2355 (also Mar 30)

Tuesday March 10

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

Saturday March 14

Tudor Orchestra concert, Trinity Church Centre, Nether St, N12. Soloist Oliver Gledhill, cello. Works by Schumann, Rossini, Brahms, Beethoven. 8pm. Programmes £2.50, concessions. 445 0563

Barnet Youth Brass Ensemble concert, Barnet Parish Church, 7.30pm. 368 1255

Tuesday March 17

East Barnet Library Gramophone Soc, 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376 (also Mar 31)

Wednesday March 18

Lunch-time recital, The Sternberg Centre, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. 1.15pm. 75p. 346 2288 (also Apr 1)

Thursday March 19

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Soc. Friern Barnet Rd, N11. 8.10pm. 361 2787 (also Apr 2)

Saturday March 21

Hendon Music Soc present the Coull String Quartet, Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, NW11. 7.45pm. Tickets £4, concessions Snr Citizens £3.50, students £2. 203 2355

Saturday March 28

East Barnet Music Centre concerts, East Barnet Upper School, Chestnut Grove. 10am and 7.30pm. 368 1255

Finchley Chamber Orchestra, Trinity Church, Nether St, N12. Brahms' concert. 7.45pm. Tickets £3, £1.75j concs.). 444 0902

Barnet Choral Soc, All Saints' Church, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solonelle'. 7.45pm. Tickets £3.50. 440 7760

Wednesday April 1

UNA Barnets Branch present the Elstree Singers, Christ Church URC, Oakleigh Park Nth, N20. Proceeds in support of UNA's campaign for refugees. 8pm. 445 2094

Saturday April 4

Finchley Choral Soc perform Bach's 'St John Passion', St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. 7.45pm. Tickets £3.50 (£2 children/students). 445 4968

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

Hendon Music Centre concert, St

Mary's Lower School, Sunningfields Rd, Hendon. 7.30pm. 368 1255

Mondays

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

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

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

*Tudor Orchestra, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd, Players welcome all sections, particularly brass. 7.30pm. 445 0563

*Mill Hill Amateur Operatic Soc, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 8pm. 959 2848

*Music for Fun — informal choir, St Jude's Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb. 8pm. 886 0284

*Entertaining the elderly in Barnet — 'Music Hall' rehearsals, Baptist Church Hall, Green Lanes, N13. 7.45pm. 449 4507

Tuesdays

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

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

*Guitar classes starting in January 1987 for children, teenagers and adults, New Seekers Music School, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway. Enquiries 09278 2151

*Finchley Chamber Choir, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, N3. 8pm. 346 0502

Wednesdays

*Woodcroft Choir, Flower Lane Centre, 43 Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30pm. 202 3811 ext 240

*Barnet Choral Soc, Methodist Church Hall, High St, Barnet. 7.45pm. 440 1157

Thursdays

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

*Finchley Chamber Orchestra, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 7.30pm. 881 3619

*Borehamwood Operatic Soc, Fairway Hall, Borehamwood. 8pm. 906 1453

Saturdays

*Hampstead Garden Suburb Youth Music Centre, Henrietta Barnett School, Bigwood House, Bigwood Rd, NW11. 9am-12.45pm. 907 8018. (Spring term commences Sat., Jan 24)

Dance

Saturday March 7

Sequence Dance, Mountfield Sequence Dance Club, St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 7.30pm. 959 5185

Thursday March 12

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 7.45pm. 950 5756 (also Mar 26)

Saturday March 14

Friends of Barnet Schools Music Centres present a Barn Dance, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 7.30pm. £3. Tickets available at all Music Centres each Saturday

Finchley Sequence Dance Club, St Philip The Apostle Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. 7.30pm. 346 8675

Monday March 16

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

Thursday March 19

English Country Dancing, United Reformed Hall, East End Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 445 4772 (also Apr 2)

Friday March 27

Dance, St Matthias Playgroup, St Augustine's Church Hall, Grahame Park. 7.30pm. Tickets £2. 205 5459/206 2484

Saturday April 4

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, Southgate Upper School, Sussex Way, Cockfosters. 7.30pm. 360 2586

Mondays

*CRAB dance club for disabled, Woodhouse Sixth Form College, Woodhouse Rd, N12. 50p per session. 7pm. 346 9789

*Ballet for 4+, Michael Sobell House, Limes Avenue, NW11. Pre-primary 4.30pm; primary 5.15pm. 203 4358

Tuesdays

*20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Rd North, Whetstone. 7.45pm. 360 2586

*Tap dancing, Centrepont, Grahame Park. Under 12s 6.15pm; 12+ and adults, beginners 7pm, intermediate 7.30pm. 205 7113

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

*Ballroom and Latin-American classes, Van's Studio, 1 Middleton Rd, NW11. 8.30pm. 455 7468 (also Thurs)

*Hampstead & Dist Scots Assn, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8pm. 515 7056

Wednesdays

*Dancing, ballroom and Latin American, St Philip the Apostle Parish Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. Children 5-7pm, adults 7.30pm and 8.30pm. 360 0826

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

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

*Friary Sequence Dance Club, Manor Drive Methodist Church Hall, N20. 8pm. 883 3202

*American square dancing classes, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Edgware. 75p 8pm. 906 1582

*Odsox Youth Dance Company, Friern Barnet County School, Hemington Ave, N11. (12-21 yrs). 6-10pm. 346 9789

Thursdays

*Finchley Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, High Rd, E Finchley. 7.30pm 346 8675

*Pre-Primary ballet (3-5 yrs) 4pm, Primary Tap 4.45pm, Primary modern 5.30pm, East Barnet Baptist Hall, Crescent Rd. 368 5871

Fridays

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

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

*Primary to elementary ballet, East Barnet Baptist Hall, Crescent Rd. 4pm onwards. 368 5871

Saturdays

*Children's disco & ballroom, Subud Hall, 97 E Barnet Rd, New Barnet. 11am. 449 3336/6034

Drama

Thurs-Sat Mar 5-7

Woodside Park Theatre Club present 'The Restoration of Arnold Middleton' (BBAC Drama Festival), Woodside Park Club, Southover, N12. 8pm. 441 8477

Thurs-Sat Mar 12-14

Incognito Theatre Club present 'Pack of Lies' (BBAC Drama Festival), Theatre, Holly Park Rd, N11. 8pm. 445 4905

Thurs-Sat Mar 26-28

Guild Players present 'Dandy Dick' (BBAC Drama Festival), Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. 7.45pm. 346 8670

The Brooklands Players present One O'clock from the House (BBAC Drama Festival), Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 8pm. 207 2114

Wednesdays

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

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

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

*Barnet Youth Drama Centre, 142 High Rd, E Finchley. Sessions for seven to 11-year-olds, 6pm. Also **Thursdays** (16+), 7pm; **Fridays** (12-15), 7pm; and **Saturdays** (7+), 10am. 883 9957 (workshop hours)

*Nether Never Drama Group, Disability Assn in the Borough of Barnet, Trinity Church Centre, Nether St, N12. 8pm. 446 6935

Exhibitions

Sunday March 7

College Farm Gallery, Fitzalan Rd, N3. Mixed exhibition. 2-6pm. 445 5558

Until March 14

One Hundred Years of Service — Centenary of St John Ambulance Brigade, Barnet Museum, Wood St, Barnet. Open: Tues-Thurs 2.30-4.30pm; Sat 10am-12 noon & 2.30-4.30pm.

Until March 28

Skills — an exhibition of work of art and craft tutors at The Institute, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Rd, Hendon. Open: weekdays (except Tues) 10am-1pm and 2-5.30pm; Tues 10am-1pm; Sun 2-5.30pm

Until March 28

From Site to Store — art and photographic competition — views of new Sainsbury's store at North Finchley. North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. Normal opening hours

March 11-April 9

Hebrew Alphabet Calligraphy Exhibition by Joe Rose and Shmuel. The Sternberg Centre, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, Finchley. 346 2288

March 21 to April 16

Debbie Humphry, artist in residence at Edgware School, exhibits photographs with students of the school. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal opening hours

March 27 to April 27

Icelandic tapestries by Jóna Sparey and her students, Totteridge Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, N20. 440 2803 for opening hours

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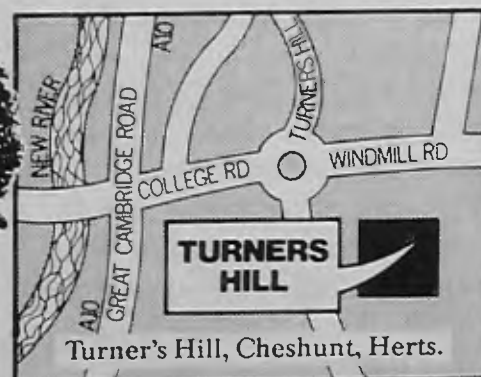
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Housing

Barnet's £70m Housing programme

Barnet's Housing Committee have drawn up a £70-million programme of investment in the borough's housing stock to be carried out over the next four years. The programme includes new housing, renovations to existing Council housing and home improvements grants to the private housing sector.

■ There will be a major concentration on renovations and renewals to improve the council's own housing stock.

■ The new-build programme will include close co-operation with Housing Associations providing both housing for rent and low-cost home ownership schemes.

■ More help will be given to the private sector through improvement grants with 90 per cent grants for people on low incomes.

£5m increase

This four-year programme shows an increase from approximately £12 million a year for the past three years to £17 million a year from 1987/88 to 1990/91.

Barnet's Housing Investment Programme allocation is expected to remain steady at approximately £5 million a year, so this major acceleration in the building and renovation programme will be made possible by using capital receipts from the sale of Council houses and land.

A decision taken by the committee in 1986, to use as much of the capital receipts as possible on major housing schemes rather than paying off debt charges and so losing Government subsidy, has released more funds for capital projects.

The committee is not free to set its own spending limits. The Government restrict spending through the Housing Investment Programme allocation — which is not a grant, merely a limit to the amount a council may borrow to fund its capital housing projects.

Sales peak

But Council's are allowed to top this up with up to 20 per cent of capital receipts from council house sales. Barnet has a long standing policy, going back to 1969, of encouraging tenants to purchase their homes and Council Housing sales peaked this year, with 800 sales. The accumulated capital receipts from tenants buying their own homes is the major factor in paying for the increased programme.

During 1987/88 the programme includes £2.9 million to be spent on new house building projects such as the Friern Hospital Site, which will provide a total of 87 homes; West Hendon Swimming Pool site; 63 homes; Barnet Lane, Brent Place, 16 homes; West Hendon former car park site, 34 homes and eight new units at the Croft, Burnt Oak, for homeless families.

Spreading over two or more years are projects such as the sheltered housing scheme at the site of the Church of Little St. Peter, Cricklewood; Barnet Hill, 56 units; Sunny Way, Downway, 24 units, and Woodside Park Road, 24 units.

£4.5 million will be loaned to Housing Associations providing a range of homes, from shared ownership schemes and leasehold sheltered housing to rental accommodation. These schemes all offer the Council nomination rights and so provide housing for housing waiting list applicants.

Refurbishment

Refurbishment schemes, estimated at more than £3¼ million, will be carried out at Coppetts Close, Cheshire House and Sutton Road. A further £2.2 million has been allocated to the external works programme for 12 estates.

Structural works, internal works, heating programmes, lift and window renewals and general items contribute a further £2.7 million.

It adds up to a total of £7.5 million on capital works. And the committee's 1987/88 estimate show a further £6 million to be spent on day-to-day maintenance and repairs from its revenue budget.

Surveys

In one of the most detailed reports ever presented on housing strategy to the committee the Director of Housing and the Director of Finance draw attention to the need for extensive repairs and refurbishment to be made to council properties. With information gained from their own surveys and the 1985 Greater London House

Condition Survey, they estimate that a total of £80 million needs to be spent over the next few years on remedial works plus a further £40 million on improvements and modernisation.

Consultation

Work has been hampered in recent months because of the shortage of qualified building surveyors and steps are being taken to improve the staffing situation. This is why the 1987/88 improvements and refurbishment programme is £7.5 million but it is hoped to increase it to £9.5 in the following year.

The top priority is being given to maintaining properties in sound structural repair, but in spite of this Barnet is planning to maintain a balanced programme with finance available for work of a slightly lesser priority.

Plans are in hand to extend consultation with tenants to give them a wider say in which areas they wish money to be spent on estate improvements. The committee has set aside an annual budget of £1 million for this purpose.

One of the strongest demands from tenants is for central or improved heating and housing officers will consult with tenants on ideas for installing improved heating of a type which tenants can afford. Other items in this category include requests for improved parking, landscaping and community facilities.

The Greater London House Condition Survey also underlined the state of disrepair to houses in the private sector. A major problem has been that although substantial grants are available for housing improvements it is often people with the least money who face the largest repair bills.

Barnet has already adopted a policy of giving grant priority to people on low incomes and now it is planned to increase the maximum grant to people on housing benefit to 90 per cent of the cost of works.

The amount allocated for home improvement grants will go up by £200,000, to £2.2 million.

Insulation

The amount allocated by the Government for home insulation grants is £64,000 — down by £36,000 on the current year. But it is possible to go back to the Department of the Environment and ask for a further grant when this money has been used. However, the rules for insulation grants are changing and they will only be granted to people on low incomes and on receipt of some form of benefit.

With £200,000 set aside for housing act advances — that is mortgage loans for older properties — the 1987/88 capital investment programme is £17.36 million with £18.7 million projected for 1988/89 and £17 million for the two following years — an estimated four years investment programme of £70 million.

TOP AWARD FOR BARRATT

CONGRATULATIONS to Barratts, with whom Barnet Council have a partnership scheme for the new estate at Knights Wood, Edgware, have been named Britain's 'House-builder of the Year'.

The Group scooped the top national prize in the 1987 'What House' awards — the fourth time they have won the title since the awards were launched by What House Magazine in 1982.

Every aspect of performance

was assessed, from showhouse presentation to the standard of after sales service and the quality of the homes.

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Sir Lawrie Barratt said: 'I am delighted about winning these top awards which are further recognition of the Group's quality building. Choice of new houses and service.'

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9 Central Circus, London NW4 3JS
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TEL NO. _____

Please tick which service required: MORTGAGE ☐ INVESTMENT ☐



Directorate of Technical Services

Engineering Services Division Engineering Group

Chief Engineer

Highway Planning

Salary: PO 4/5 £15,600 to £17,898 inclusive. Plus Essential User Car Allowance

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hard-working person to manage the Highway Planning Section.

This small section provides expert advice on highway design and traffic engineering matters related to all developments in the Borough, and formulates and implements policy on transportation, preparing the annual T.P.P. submission.

As well as being responsible for the efficient working and discipline of the section, you will represent the Controller of Engineering Services at regular Sub-Committee meetings. You will also be responsible for preparing Committee reports and proofs of evidence, and attend public enquiries on planning appeals.

You should be a Chartered Engineer, or have full membership of a comparable profession, and have at least five years' experience in similar work.

For further information about the post, contact Philip Skinner on 01-446 8511, ext. 4361.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: DTS/148

Application forms, quoting reference, from Assistant Controller (Support Services), address No. 2.

Engineering Services Division Works Services Group

Assistant DLO Manager

Building Maintenance DLO

Salary: £12,342 — £13,035 per annum inclusive. Plus Car Allowance

Due to the present postholder's impending retirement, we are looking for an Assistant DLO Manager for our Building Works DLO at Long Lane Depot in Finchley.

We need somebody who can demonstrate a working knowledge of the electrical and heating operation, and an appreciation of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980; a relevant qualification with either a technical or managerial bias would be an advantage. You will need a systematic and commercial approach to your work, in

order to plan effectively the related works in a changing operational environment.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: DTS/344

If you would like to apply for the post, or find out more details, contact Assistant Controller (Support Services), address No. 2. Please quote reference.

Engineering Services Division

Project Officer

Project Control Unit

Salary: Scale 4 SO2 £8,049 — £13,035 per annum inclusive.

The Project Control Unit is a small unit that has recently been created to assist the division in the provision of engineering services, by providing planning and programming advice and guidance to Group Management.

We are looking for a Project Officer who has:

- ★ Experience in programming/Resourcing techniques;
- ★ A dedicated attitude to work;
- ★ Self-motivation.

Your personality and intelligence are more important to us than academic excellence, whilst initiative, adaptability and the ability to work under pressure is essential. A knowledge of computerised programming systems is advantageous but not essential.

If you would like more information about this challenging and demanding role contact Trudy Cannin, Chief Assistant of the project Control Unit on 01-446 8511, ext. 4346.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: DTS/412

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Assistant Controller (Support Services), address No. 2.

Works Services Group

Street Orderlies

We urgently require Street Orderlies to assist in the cleansing of the borough.

HOURS: 39 per week, with occasional overtime available.

SALARY: £89.90 per week, plus £19.61 London Weighting, with Bonus payment of approximately £30.00.

For further details please contact Mr F. Elson (Assistant Manager — Cleansing) on 01-361 0013, ext. 3157.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: DTS/80

Application forms, quoting reference, from Assistant Controller (Support Services), address No. 2.

Development Services Division Architecture Group

Senior Mechanical Engineer

**Do you have five or more years' mechanical design experience?
Are you an effective leader?
Are you interested in fuel efficiency?**

We offer a salary of £12,690 to £14,391 (PO 1/2) inclusive, plus an Essential User Car Allowance, to our Senior Mechanical Engineer, who must be able to manage and co-ordinate the work of nine staff (Service Engineers, Clerks or Works and Fuel Efficiency Officers), covering the full range of maintenance, new build and replacement work. Both new build and refurbishment work is involved and of course the emphasis is on Local Authority buildings.

Ideally, you should have served a recognised apprenticeship in the heating and ventilation industry, and now hold Associate Membership of C.I.B.S.E.

If you're interested, why not telephone Ian Taylor on 01-446 8511, Ext. 4570, and ask for more details.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: DTS/571

Application forms, quoting reference, from Assistant Controller (Support Services), address No. 2.

Works Services Group

Technical Administrative Assistant

Salary: Scale 2/3 £6,618 — £7,896 per annum inclusive

We are seeking a lively and enthusiastic Technical Administrative Assistant who will initially be based at Squires Lane Depot, N3, to support the newly created and much publicised District Officer Service. The post will initially be based at Squires Lane Depot, N3.

This function, which is affectionately known as the "Eyes and Ears" of the Borough, is responsible primarily for:

- Routine street inspections;
- Emergency repair works;
- Abandoned vehicles and footway parking;
- Skip permits;
- Breaches of highway legislation;
- Public Utilities Street Works Act.

You should be able to demonstrate a methodical and sound administrative background and will be expected to

contribute to the overall effectiveness of this operation. Communication skills are viewed as a key quality and an essential requirement, as there is extensive contact with both members of the public and officers of the Authority. You should also have the ability to cope with a wide variety of duties within an extremely busy service.

A high degree of job satisfaction can be offered as the major service function is to see the job through from start to finish, arriving at solutions to problems where necessary, thus achieving the overall objective of improving the environment.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: DTS/373

Application forms, quoting reference, and further details from Assistant Controller (Support Services), address No. 2.

Directorate of Housing & Environmental Services

Housing Mobility Assistant

Salary: Scale 3 £7,344 to £7,896 per annum inclusive

You will be based in the Resources Section, and deal with applications for mutual exchanges of Council accommodation through the computer-based Mutual Exchange Bureau (MEB). Mutual exchanges, where tenants 'swap' homes, are an increasingly important aspect of the Housing Department's ability to solve housing problems.

You will also help to operate mobility schemes which enable tenants to move from one Local Authority's area to another. It is essential that you have a sensitive and understanding attitude to people's housing problems, and an ability to communicate with the public in a sensible and straightforward manner.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 9/1/1064

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Senior Estate Officer

(Temporary Post)

Salary: SO 1/2 £11,307 — £13,035 per annum pro rata. Plus Essential User Car Allowance

One of our Senior Estate Officers is commencing maternity leave from the 16th March, 1987, and we urgently require an experienced person to occupy the position until her return on 30th November 1987.

You will act as second in charge of a District Team dealing with the day to day management of approximately 5,000 dwellings. In addition you will deputise for the District Housing Officer and have responsibility for the supervision of Estate Officers.

Preference will be given to part or fully qualified members of the Institute of Housing.

You will be based in Whetstone, N20 and a scheme of flexible working hours is in operation.

Closing date: 12 March, 1987

Ref: 9/1/3431

If you feel you are able to cope with this challenging position, and ideally have supervisory and housing management experience please apply for job profile and application form, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Clerical Assistant

Salary: Scale 1/2 £5,463 — £6,771 per annum inclusive

Can you work under minimum supervision in a busy office? If so, we would like to hear from you.

You will provide clerical and administrative backup to a team of surveyors carrying out major works to the

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

Borough's housing stock. Your duties will include:

- ★ Record keeping;
- ★ Liaison with other Council Departments and outside bodies by telephone and letter;
- ★ Dealing with Tenants' enquiries relating to improvements schemes;
- ★ Other associated clerical work including the processing of tenants' allowances, maintenance of the Technical Library, and logging and circulating mail.

You will also be expected to undertake relief duties for the other clerical assistants in the section from time to time.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 9/1/2051

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Libraries Department Part-Time Library Assistant

(18 hours per week)

We are looking for an energetic person for this interesting and varied post in the Community Library on Grahame Park Estate, Colindale. It is essential that you have an interest in children's work and activities.

You will be required to undertake evening and Saturday work, and time-and-a-half will be paid for hours worked on Saturdays.

Your salary will be on scale 1/2 rising by annual increments to a possible maximum of £6,441 per annum pro rata, plus London Weighting. At age 21 you can expect to earn a minimum of £5,058 per annum pro rata, plus London Weighting.

Closing date 12th March

Ref. 607/212

Application forms quoting reference and further details from address No. 5.

1 Personnel Officer, Room H, 16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon NW4 2EN. Telephone 01-202 8282 Ext 424. (01-202 6602 outside office hours)

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

2 Directorate of Technical Services
Barnet House, 1255 High Road,
Whetstone, London N21 0EJ
Tel: 01-446 8511, Ext. 4460
(Ansaphone during office hours) or
Ext. 4464

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

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

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Directorate of Social Services

Assistant Officer-in-Charge

Storth Oaks, Hendon, NW4

Salary: NJC 5 £9,129 — £10,572 per annum inclusive

Storth Oaks is a nine-place home for single mothers and their children. It provides a caring and supportive environment, and prepares clients for independent living. Other families who are isolated and under stress attend on a day care basis, and there is a small playgroup for the children.

You must have an understanding of the needs and problems of families with young children. As part of a staff team you will work closely with each client's social worker and any other involved agency. Relevant experience is essential, and as well as possessing management skills, it is preferable that you have an appropriate qualification such as CQSW or CSS.

If you would like an informal chat, contact Jean James or Sheila Smith on 01-203 0660.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 633/442

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Administrative Assistant

Salary: Scale 4/5 £8,049 to £9,954 per annum inclusive

Are you a well organised administrator able to motivate staff? Then this is a chance for you to lead your own team, which is crucial to the efficient operation of our Social Services Head Office.

You will be responsible for establishing and reviewing systems and procedures within the section and will supervise five clerical staff whose duties include reception, distribution of post, stationery, reprographics, maintenance of central filing system, issuing of Orange Badges and bus permits for the disabled, and the production and circulation of committee reports and other publications when required.

You should be able to work on your own initiative and remain accurate and calm under pressure. You should have previous office experience and be able to organise and support your staff by programming the work and establishing priorities.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 633/619

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Careworker

Curtis Family Centre

Salary: Scale 3 £7,344 to £7,896 per annum inclusive

The centre, situated at New Southgate, N11, is a daycare resource for young children and their parents where the emphasis is on working with the whole family. The work is primarily with under 5s and their parents but young school children attend an After School Group and for holiday placements. There are links with the local community through the Mother Toddler Group and the Childminder group which meet regularly at the Centre.

The work is challenging and demanding. You should have lots of energy, experience of working with young families, a sound knowledge of child development and good care practice skills. In addition, you should hold an applicable qualification such as NNEB, CSS, or Nursery Teaching.

Interested applicants are invited to visit the Centre by appointment with the Organiser, Diana Searle. Tel: 01-368 0260.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 633/432

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Senior Clerical Assistant

Salary: Scale 3 £7,344 to £7,896 per annum inclusive

This is a varied and interesting post providing a clerical and typing support to the Domiciliary Services Section at our South East Area Team Office in East Finchley.

Your duties will include monitoring records of "help in the home" services, checking timesheets, preparing statistics and accounts and dealing with staff and public in person, or by telephone.

You should have a good standard of education, be numerate and have office experience and the ability and maturity to work on your own initiative in a busy environment.

For an informal chat contact Michael Westray on 01-444 4411.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 633/659

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Clerk/Typist

Salary: Scale 1/2 up to £7,179 per annum inclusive

We are seeking a competent clerk/typist to join our busy administration section at the West Area Social Work Team in Edgware.

Your principle duties will be copy/ audio-typing, maintaining files and records, taking telephone messages, photocopying, and undertaking general clerical duties.

You must have good typing skills, and shorthand, although desirable, is not essential. In addition you must have a good basic education and general clerical experience.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 633/655

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Centre Attendant (Full- or Part-Time)

Rate of pay: £2.80 per hour.

Hours: 36 per week

We are seeking a Centre Attendant at Flightways, a Day Centre for the physically disabled at the Grahame Park Estate, Colindale, which pursues a policy of maximum client involvement in its day-to-day running.

You will be required to attend to the physical needs of our clients such as toileting, bathing and feeding, and your hours of work will be between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Informal enquiries will be welcomed by Stephen Swailes or John Mitchell on 01-205 5803.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 603/CA

Application forms, quoting reference, from Flightways Day Centre, The Concourse, Grahame Park Estate, London NW9 5UX. Telephone: 01-205 5803.

Playleaders and Playhelpers

Approximately £95 to £120 per week, inclusive (under review)

We are looking for playleaders and playhelpers to run the Children's Holiday Playscheme this summer.

The Playschemes are for children aged 6-14 years, including mentally handicapped children, and are held in the Borough's schools and youth centres.

You must be at least 18 years old and should live locally. Previous experience of working with children within the above age range is desirable.

Interviews will be held on 13th, 14th, 22nd and 23rd April, 1987.

Closing date: 13th March, 1987

Ref: 633/PS1

Further details and application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Careworkers

Working with Children & Adolescents

In Barnet we endeavour to provide for the needs of the young people in our care by offering an environment that best meets those needs. It is not an easy job and it requires resilience, tolerance and self-confidence. If you have experience in social work, or a related area, and if you have stamina and are aged over 22 years, you may be one of the people we need for the following positions:

"GLENCAIRN" (Finchley, N12) — this setting provides medium to long-term care for nine youngsters who need limits within which to express themselves. Therefore, there is a structured environment planned on an individual basis for each young person.

Informal enquiries can be made to Steve Humbert on 01-445 4035.

Ref: 633/515

25 PARKHURST ROAD (Friern Barnet) — this is the Directorate's short-term unit providing reception and assessment of youngsters needing to enter residential care. An important part of your work in this ten-bed unit will be to prepare young people to live with substitute families.

For an informal chat contact Jim Hyland on 01-368 9191.

Ref: 633/491

33 PARKHURST ROAD (Friern Barnet) — we are looking at change in this nine-place residential setting. Although we endeavour to provide a looser structure for more integrated/mature young people, the personality of those who are being received into care still needs boundaries. To achieve this delicate balance is hard work and relies on the staff's ability to provide an acceptable living framework both in terms of structure and in the use of negotiating skills.

Informal enquiries can be made to Andy Hall on 01-368 6335.

Ref: 633/495

Relief Careworkers

Several posts, full- and part-time

In order to maintain stability, continuity and consistency for the young people living in these settings, we are looking for staff who would provide cover at times of staff shortages due to holidays, illness and vacancies.

You would be based at one establishment but, in exceptional circumstances, you may be required to work at other

locations. However, you will have the opportunity to meet the staff in each of the settings as you will participate in an induction programme once you start work with us.

Informal enquiries for these posts can be made to any of the above persons.

Ref: 633/484

The salary for each of these posts is £7,344 to £8,331 and pro rata of this for the part-time posts. You will work 39 hours per week (full-time) and be required to undertake shift-working on a rota basis. In addition you will be expected to sleep-in at the home on approximately three nights in every fortnightly period.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Application forms, quoting the appropriate reference, from address No. 4.

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

Barnet Travel Voucher Scheme

The London Borough of Barnet is introducing a scheme for handicapped people who are unable to use public transport. This innovative project will allow them to use taxi and minicabs at a greatly reduced cost.

To administer this scheme we are seeking the following staff:

Administrative Assistant

Salary: Scale 5 £9,129 — £9,954 per annum inclusive

You will need to have the initiative and possess the communicative skills necessary to effectively develop, maintain, and monitor the day to day management of the Scheme, which will involve you in dealing with the elderly and handicapped users of the Scheme, applicants and their doctors, and the participating minicab companies.

You will be required to develop administrative systems, produce information and publicity material, solve any operational difficulties and identify any areas where the Scheme could be improved.

You must therefore have administrative experience, be a good organiser and demonstrate a commitment to services for people with a physical handicap. A casual user car allowance is payable and preference will be given to a car driver.

Ref: 633/TVSI

Clerical Assistant

Part-Time — 18 hours

Salary: Scale 1/2 up to £3,589 per annum inclusive

You will assist in the smooth running of the scheme and will be involved in the keeping of records, the issuing of identity cards and vouchers, processing receipts and liaison over the telephone and in person with the scheme users

and potential users. The hours of work will be approximately 10.00am — 1.30pm Monday to Friday.

Ref: 633/TVS2

Clerical Assistant

Part-Time — 18 hours

Salary: Scale 1/2 Up to £3,589 per annum inclusive

In order to administer the scheme additional support is required in the Finance Section. You will be involved in a variety of financial procedures and checks with regard to the payment of invoices, the banking of income and the preparation and monitoring of estimates, together with assisting in similar work of the Finance Section generally. Hours of work will be approximately 1.30pm — 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Ref: 633/TVS3

Closing date for all three appointments 13th March 1987

Application forms, quoting appropriate reference, and further details from address No. 4.

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5 Borough Librarian, Ravensfield House,
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Borough Treasurer's Department

The following vacancies have arisen in the Computing Division based in Hendon

The Council's computer network is currently based upon ICL Superdual 2988 operating the full range of VME software to support a varied and expanding applications portfolio.

Computer Trainee

Salary: Scale 1/3 £3,786 — £7,896 per annum inclusive (depending upon age/qualifications)

We are looking for a lively and adaptable person to assist in the Computer Operations Section.

This group is responsible for the operation of ICL 2988 and ICL 2955 mainframe computers which service approximately 300 terminals and runs interactive, on line and batch systems covering many aspects of the Council's business.

Ref: 601/299

Data Controller

Salary: Up to £13,000 per annum inclusive

We are looking for a dynamic and adaptable person to control our busy data-control and data-preparation offices with a staff of 12.

You should have experience in submitting work to a large mainframe, knowledge of S.C.L. and the ability to plan and schedule an ever increasing number of varied "jobs".

This position could be of interest to you if you are working in an Operations environment and want to pursue a career off shift work.

Ref: 601/261

Closing date: 20th March, 1987

Application forms for both posts, quoting reference, available from address No. 1.

Postal Clerk/ General Assistant

Salary: Scale 2/3 £6,618 — £7,896 per annum inclusive

You will undertake varied tasks within the Control Section, including postal duties and input on VDU's of Housing Benefit claims. You should ideally have

some keyboard experience and a reasonable standard of education.

Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 601/487

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Directorate of Educational Services

Workshop Technician

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Closing date: 12th March, 1987

Ref: 603/311

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DANCE FESTIVAL AT THE OLD BULL

SHIKISHA — three Zulu women from South Africa will be singing and dancing traditional Zulu dances and chants. They will be appearing at the Old Bull Arts Centre, High Street, Barnet on Friday, April 10 at 8pm. Their performance, which includes street dances from Durban with original songs set to an Afro-pop backing, is part of the Old Bull's second festival or Mime and Dance.

Following last year's suc-

cess the second festival, starting April 2 to April 12, promises an even more impressive line up of talent.

The programme ranges from a dance company called The Kosh who will be presenting a unique and slick combination of acrobatics and dance — a solo mime artist; Flamenco dance workshop; rock 'n' roll workshop; original dance and mime sequences — to a project by Gregory Nash whose col-

laboration with musicians, film crews and dancers across the nation has resulted in an original production.

To complement the festival — an exhibition of sculptures, drawings and prints by Tom Merrifield will be held in the Main Gallery from Monday, March 30 to Saturday, April 11.

He specialises in sculpting dance and movement and his works are exhibited annually at the Festival Hall.

From Bach to the Duke

A SAXOPHONE recital by John Harle will be held at the Sternberg Centre, The Manor House, 80 East End Road, Finchley, March 8 at 7.30pm.

John Harle, whose debut was at Carnegie Hall in New York in 1984, performed as solo saxophonist at the Promenade Concerts that year. He studied at the Royal College of Music in London and the Paris Conservatoire and won a string of top competitions and awards.



His playing has inspired composers in Europe and America to write for him and he is now one of Europe's most active saxophone soloists as a concerto and recital performer.

The recital includes music by Bach, Ravel, Debussy, Villa Lobos and Duke Ellington. In the afternoon he will be holding a saxophone workshop for children from 3-4pm. For further details telephone 346 2288.

Some like it Coull

AS PART of Hendon Music Society's Saturday Recital Series a performance will be given by the Coull String Quartet at Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, on Saturday, March 21 at 7.45pm.

Formed in 1974 the Coull Quartet is one of the most distinguished quartets in Britain and have appeared extensively throughout Western Europe, the Far East, Australia and India. They have

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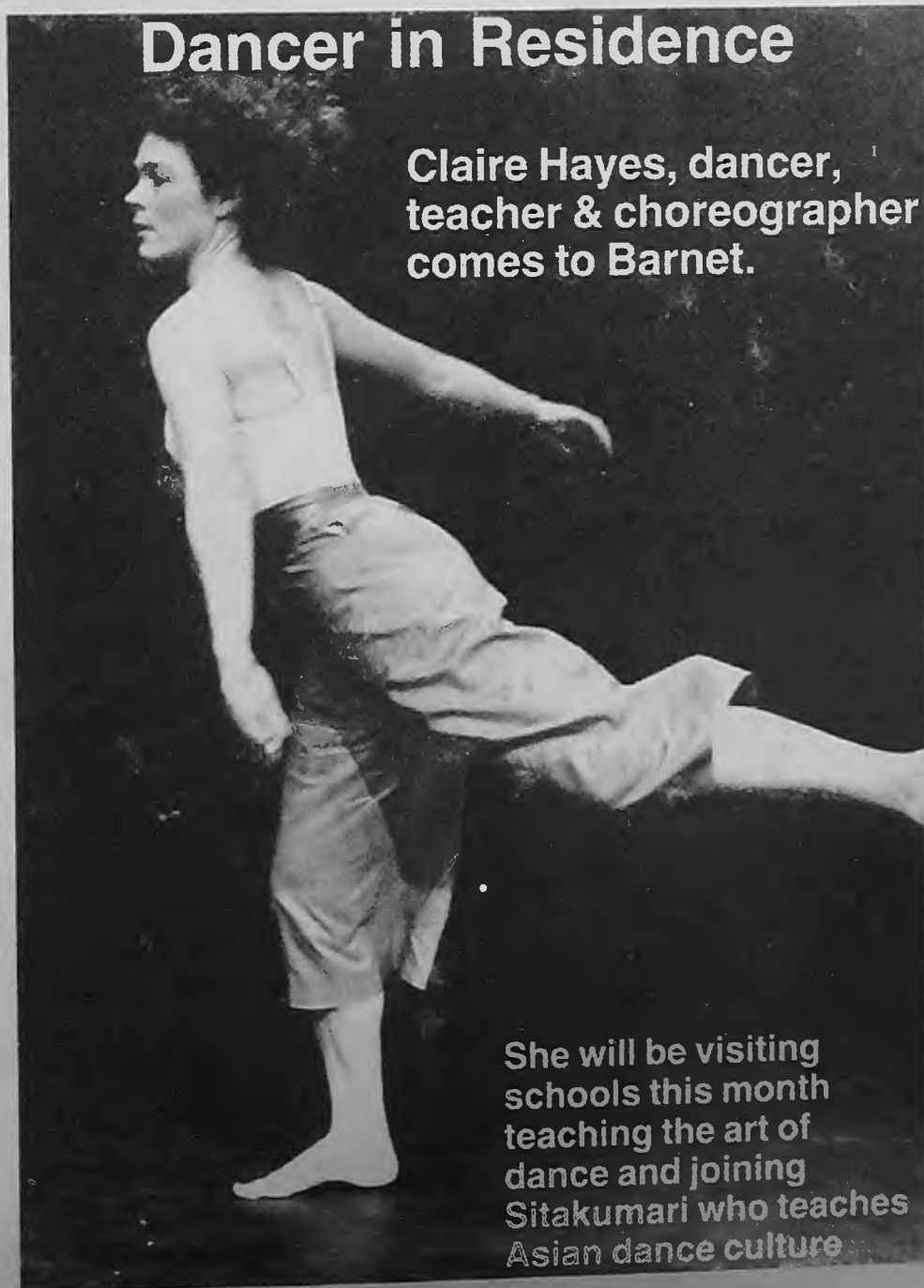
Their concert provides an opportunity to hear the last string quartets of three major composers: Mendelssohn — Quartet in F minor, Op. 80; Britten — Quartet No. 3, Op. 94; Haydn — Quartet in F, Op. 77 No. 2. For tickets and details contact Hendon Music Society, 3 Southfields, Hendon, NW4. Tel: 203 2355.



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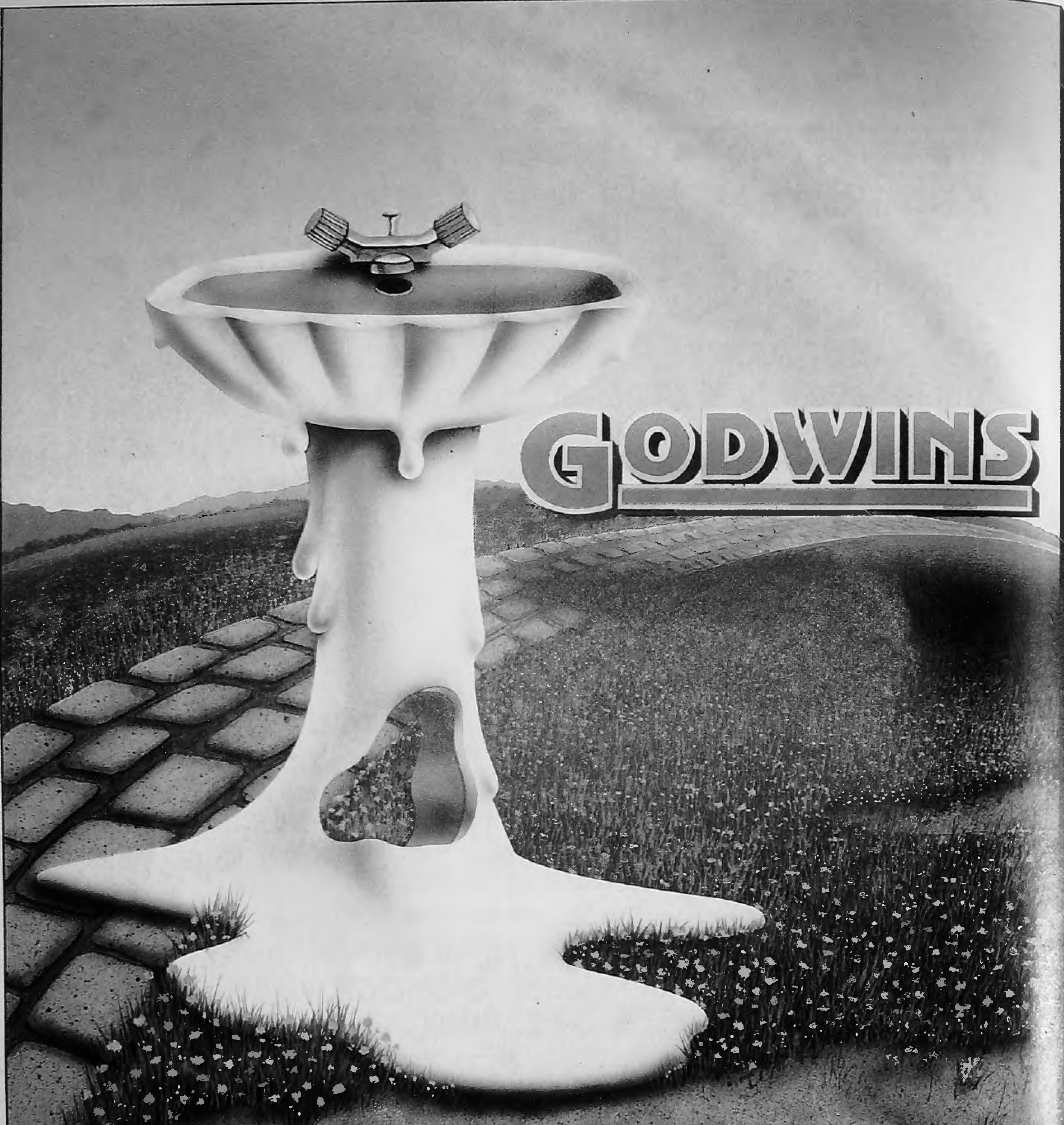
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