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PEOPLE POWER

COMES TO BARNET



Barnet youngsters get down to a serious day's play at one of many events organised to celebrate Playday 98. The outing pictured above was held in Montrose Park, Burnt Oak.

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Six permanent Area Forums open to all will form the basis of a new contract between you and your council. Barnet has become one of the first authorities in the country to respond to the government's call to modernise local government and set up a totally new decision making structure.

Key to its success will be the informal Area Forums where any resident will be free to go without notice, petition the council, put questions, debate issues and set the agenda.

These sweeping changes mean the end for a system which no longer meets the needs of a modern council serving a demanding population.

Councillors now have the task of putting into action a more accountable system, more responsive to people's needs and giving residents a greater say in council decision making.

"The traditional nineteenth century system of committees focused on narrow service areas."

NEW STRUCTURES FOR THE NEW CENTURY

said Councillor Helen Gordon, Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

"The speed of change within society and local government has placed increasing pressure on councillors to get closer to the residents they serve.

"The old committee structure cannot meet this challenge and this new system is needed if we are to take further our pledge to consult and involve residents in decision making," she said.

The new system will aim to separate those

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Mayor J. Stephen Nsubuga-Bewayo of Barnet's Ugandan twin town of Jinja offers gifts of local produce to his opposite number, The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr. Usha Chopra during a recent visit to the borough. Jinja is Uganda's second largest town and lies at the point where the river Nile flows out of Lake Victoria. The link with Barnet goes back more than 30 years.

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FINCHLEY CREDIT UNION



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A group of local residents have been working over the last few months to set up a Credit Union in the Finchley area. The group has now agreed a mission statement and discussed the "Common Bond" or area that the Credit Union will cover. The group is looking for volunteers, interested in helping run the Credit Union, and willing to undergo the necessary training over the next six months. The aim is to be up and running before Christmas 1998. Training starts in November 1998, **so sign up now!**

WHAT IS A CREDIT UNION?

Credit Unions are financial co-operatives, which are run by residents. Members can save and borrow money.

The union is set up and run by the local community. If you save as little as £1 a week, for at least twelve weeks, you can then borrow money at low interest rates.

ARE MY SAVINGS SAFE?

Absolutely. No-one who is bankrupt, or has been convicted of fraud or dishonesty, can take part in the running of a Credit Union. The union works successfully on trust, but additional insurance is taken out to ensure that, should anything go wrong, there is no loss to members themselves.

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

Volunteers run the union. They look after the day to day book-keeping, administration, registration and policy of the union. Training is available so volunteers can understand their legal duties and responsibilities. Everyone also receives training in book-keeping, granting loans, and management of the union.

The group is particularly interested in attracting residents from the North Finchley and Finchley Central areas.

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a new council – in touch with the people

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who make policy decisions from those who will scrutinise the results.

The move away from narrow service area committees will allow broad themes such as community safety and the environment to be tackled.

Major policy initiatives will first be agreed by the Council-in-Committee before going to one of four Policy Development Committees by way of the council's main operational body, the Policy and Implementation Committee.

The Policy Development Committees will cover Education and Children, Social Affairs, Community Development and Environment.

A key feature will be a series of Scrutiny Commissions which will become the borough's watchdogs ensuring that what is promised is delivered.

At the heart of the new structure will be six Area Forums covering Barnet, Edgware and Mill Hill, Finchley, Golders Green, Hendon and Whetstone.

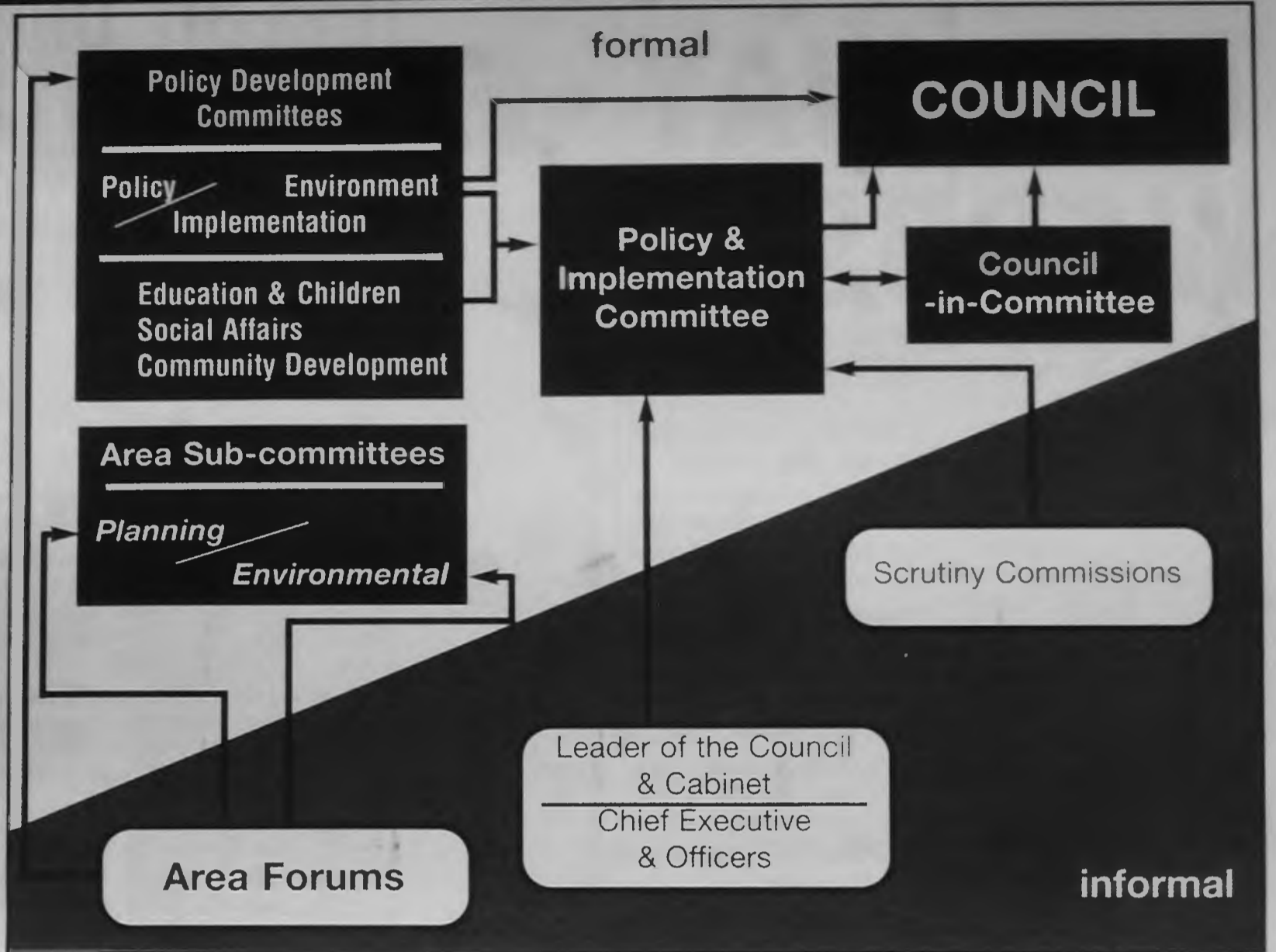
The Forums will provide an informal platform for all residents to have their say on council plans and proposals before decisions are made.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Alan Williams, welcomed the support for the new structure and has called on the whole council to look outwards towards the community and open up its procedures for the benefit of all who live and work in the borough.

"Too often in the past, despite our best efforts, the heavy hand of Town Hall bureaucracy has seemed to frustrate many of the wishes of our residents.

"The fault lies with the system which has been in use in Barnet and in councils all over the country for the best part of this century.

"The government has given the lead in encouraging councils to throw off those aspects of the old system which hold us back.



"We are one of the first councils to take up the challenge and put in place an entirely new structure which will create a modern local democracy for Barnet for the next century," said Councillor Alan Williams.



Cllr. Alan Williams, Leader of Barnet Council.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES ON THE WAY FOR COUNCIL WARDS

The boundaries of Barnet's 20 electoral areas or wards are set to change for the first time since 1977.

The independent Local Government Commission for England has called for the review. They have a duty to ensure every council has fair electoral arrangements and each of the three councillors represents roughly the same number of voters in each ward.

Barnet's population has been changing and the present boundaries will no longer allow a fair balance between councillors and electors. Current figures reveal the number of voters in Barnet's wards range from 14,314 in Hadley to just 9,757 in Childs Hill.

The council is proposing to increase the present 20 wards with 60 councillors to 21 wards with 63 councillors. It will mean major changes in some wards and, because of the knock-on effect, minor changes in others. In some cases ward names

will have to be altered to reflect the changes.

The council's proposals take into account the number of people in an area, local historic and community ties and physical barriers like railway lines and motorways.

The Commission will now study the council's and all the other proposals before making its recommendation early next year. Residents will be invited to comment on these before the final report goes to the Secretary of State.

The new boundaries will not come into effect until the next local government elections. Until then, the present wards and councillors remain as do the parliamentary constituency boundaries.

If you want to comment on the plans you can write direct to: The Local Government Commission for England, Dolphyn Court, 10-11 Great Turnstile, London WC1V 7JU.

IS THIS THE FUTURE SHAPE OF BARNET'S WARDS?



COUNCIL ANSWERS RESIDENTS PLEAS

The council is to allow funerals on Saturdays and end the ban on cars at weekends at Hendon Cemetery. The move follows a petition by residents and will make it easier for disabled people and people with mobility problems to visit the cemetery which covers a large area.

The main gates had been closed at weekends for security reasons although the cemetery was open to visitors. Access for cars was severely restricted.

Now changes to staffing arrangements will allow the

main gates to be open for vehicles at weekends and bank holidays.

A recent survey has shown an increasing demand for Saturday burials and cremations partly for religious reasons and partly to make it easier for family and friends to gather and attend funeral services.

For the first time funerals will now be possible at Hendon on Saturdays and without the surcharge imposed by many other cemeteries which open on Saturdays.



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LIBRARY SERVICE PRAISED BY AUDITORS

Barnet's Libraries deliver efficient, cost effective services and stand out as a centre of excellence when compared with other London boroughs, according to a recently released Auditor's report.

The external auditors investigated the operation of the borough's libraries to ensure residents are getting a value for money, professional service which meets local needs.

The inspection comes at a time when the national library service is coming under the spotlight as costs increase and new information technology

puts added pressure on them to provide up to date services into the new century.

The report highlighted the good practice found in the library service's planning arrangements including the regular surveys among users designed to improve the service.

The cost of the various services provided were found to be lower than those in most London boroughs.

The Auditors noted the council was saving money as a result of discounts obtained when it recently contracted out its library stock supply system. New computers will soon be

introduced to improve this aspect of the service still further.

"This is an excellent report which underlines the formidable reputation of the borough's library service already noted in figures published annually by central government.

"Barnet residents are proud of their library service and demand high standards," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Chair of the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee.

More than 200 staff work in the borough's libraries. Last year the borough's residents borrowed 3.8 million books.

DANNIE ABSE : POET and DOCTOR

The life and work of one of Britain's most widely read poets is featured at an exhibition currently at Barnet Council's Church Farmhouse Museum, in Greyhound Hill.

Dannie Abse was born into a Welsh Jewish family in Cardiff in 1923 and has lived in Golders Green since 1957.

A practising doctor until recently, he has produced a large and varied volume of work including poetry, fiction, autobiography, plays and journalism.

He has lectured and given readings in Britain, Europe and the United States and presented programmes on radio and TV.

The exhibition includes manuscripts, books, posters, photographs, theatre programmes, paintings and audio and video tapes.

Dannie Abse is an inventive poet who has done much to bring verse to the public arena and who shows no signs of flagging.

The exhibition runs until 15 November.



Dannie Abse outside Church Farmhouse Museum, where an exhibition on his life and work is attracting many visitors and widespread media attention.

TOWN CENTRE BOOST

Barnet Council is to commission the Civic Trust Regeneration Unit (CTRU) to prepare Town Centre Actions Plans for North Finchley, Church End, Finchley and East Finchley.

£330,000 has been earmarked for a programme of flagship town centre regeneration projects supported by the government and Boots the Chemists.

Councillor Helen Gordon, Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, said: "Town centre regeneration is a key part of our economic development strategy. The CTRU is already working with us to develop our new town centre management scheme which is now about to start."

CHERRY TREE WOODS

A major consultation is to be launched to give residents a say in the future of Cherry Tree Woods in East Finchley.

Local people are to decide on how best to improve the popular woodland from a list of possible options.

Suggestions for the site include ending football which is currently played on the often waterlogged former watercress beds.

The pavilion could be developed to provide better catering as well as exhibition space, a meeting room for local groups and public toilets.

Facilities for children could also be improved with restored play areas for the

youngest and basketball on one of the tennis courts for older children.

Plans for the future of the woods are being drawn up with help and guidance from the London Ecology Unit.

"The council wants to create a healthy environment for the enjoyment and education of local residents of all ages.

"It is an important part of our strategy to involve the local community in safeguarding our green heritage and we are keen to get residents' views on these exciting proposals," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Chair of the Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee.

PARTNERS

A Joint Venture Company between the council and the private sector is to be set up to develop a key council-owned site off Moxon Street in Chipping Barnet. The land is earmarked for housing, business units, retail, community or leisure use and the aim is to boost the local town centre economy. Similar schemes have been highly successful in Birmingham, Manchester and Coventry.

"This council wants to use every means at its disposal to regenerate our town centres and this site has great potential as a Joint Venture Initiative," said Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of the Economic Development and Land Executive Committee.

DEVELOPER FINED

Barnet Council has successfully prosecuted a developer under listed building legislation. The developer was fined a total of £7,500 plus costs for offences involving two properties - Laurel Cottages in Totteridge - where he removed and replaced internal woodwork and replaced doors and windows. Barnet Council argued that the unauthorised works had greatly diminished the special interest of these listed buildings, which date back to the 1700s and whose character and historical importance should have been maintained for future generations to enjoy.



AUTUMN LEAVES
Six special teams working in shifts will be working throughout autumn and into winter to clear fallen leaves from the borough's 320,000 trees.

TARGET: LOAN SHARKS

The council's Trading Standards Unit are continuing their fight against illegal loan sharks operating in the borough.

Following complaints from residents of harassment both illegal loan sharks and licensed moneylenders, Trading Standards set up a confidential hotline 0181 359 4300 for residents and businesses.

A number of moneylenders have been investigated following complaints. In some cases the police and the Office of Fair Trading Licensing Branch have been called in to investigate further.

Trading Standards Officers have been able to advise residents on their legal rights and although they cannot deal with specific debt problems they will give information on agencies who can offer help.

BURNT OAK CLASSICS

Channel Four Television recently went on location to Burnt Oak to film part of its 'Classic Homes' series.

The programme featured an early form of prefabricated house building. They were made of steel in Scottish shipyards and erected on site. Known as Atholl Steel Houses, after the shipyard owner, more than 250 were built in 1927 on the then new Watling Estate.

There was a severe housing shortage at the time and many methods were tried to speed up the construction programme which was being led by local authorities like the London County Council.

They have stood the test of time and seventy years later, with central heating and other modern facilities, still provide good homes for many residents.

LINKED

Barnet and Camden boroughs may come together to form one of the new constituencies that will elect the assembly for the new Greater London Authority. After consultation, a final decision is due next year.

MAKING BARNET A BUG-FREE ZONE

The approach of the year 2000 has led to widespread concern over what has become known as the Millennium Bug.

Computers store and read dates using only the last two numbers for the year. This means 1 January 2000 would be recorded just the same as 1 January 1900. Chaos could follow as a result.



To happen, the council needs to be ready for any disruption to services outside the council's control which could affect residents.

The council has already set up special teams of officers dedicated to dealing with the Year 2000 problem in computers and other systems.

Work has also started on school administration and communication systems and contact is also being made with key services including transport, utilities, emergency services and health as part of the council's aim to make Barnet a Millennium Bug-Free Zone.

The Millennium Bug can also affect lifts, alarm and security systems and telephone switchboards.

The challenge Barnet faces like all other councils is to safeguard the most important systems threatened by the Millennium Bug and have contingency plans to deal with any problems which might arise.

The council is already taking action to minimise any impact this computer problem could have in Barnet.

Although some of the doomsday-style scenarios which have been given national publicity are unlikely

CHILDMINDING SCHEME GO-AHEAD

A childminding network covering Burnt Oak, Colindale and West Hendon is to be set up by the council working closely with the Park Initiative Centre at Grahame Park. This is designed to help parents get back into the labour market, a key aim of the council's Economic Development Strategy.

The network is the first of its kind in the borough. It will provide support to registered childminders operating in the borough, raise childcare

quality and complement the Welfare to Work programme.

"The benefits of this network are huge both for childminders already operating in the borough as well as parents who want to return to work," said Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of the council's Economic Development and Land Executive Committee.

"This project meets many of this council's key aims - working in partnership, community support and invest-

ment, providing services and help to those in need and generating a thriving local economy," she added.

The network will offer training, give business advice and provide quality support to both childminders and the parents who use them.

"By helping to provide access to affordable childcare we can help them back into work and in some cases out of the poverty trap," added Councillor McGuirk.

LIFELINE SERVICE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

Barnet Council is upgrading the Lifeline alarm system which offers emergency help to older people and people with disabilities.

The system is operated by Lifeline centre operators and provides a 24 hour monitoring service 365 days a year, giving reassurance and emergency help to vulnerable people living in sheltered accommodation or their own homes.

As community care has developed new technology has been used for innovations in the way alarm services meet the needs of those most at risk.

Community alarms are a cost

effective way of giving immediate help to people in emergencies.

Lifeline systems can be used for security and for meeting short-term care needs including those of people who have just come out of hospital.

The council has over the last five years been working in partnership with the police in using alarms to help victims of domestic violence and racial harassment.

The aim is to have the new Lifeline system in place by April 1999 and to ensure staff are trained and everything is working before 2000.

MAJOR DRIVE TO REDUCE CLASS SIZES ON TARGET

Barnet has reached its promised target of ensuring that no child will start school in a class of more than 30.

The council is also on course to cut all infant class sizes to 30 or less by the year 2000.

Helped by recent government cash grants, the programme of cutting class sizes has involved employing more teachers and building new classrooms.

Chair of the Education Com-

mittee, Councillor Anne Jarvis, thanked all those whose efforts made the achievement possible saying smaller class sizes means better education for all our young people.

"It is a practical example of what can be done when the LEA and the schools work together in partnership to achieve a common goal.

"We are now well on the way to reaching our promised long term target of eliminating all primary school classes with more than 30 pupils," she said.

PRIZE DRAW

The council is running a free prize draw each month for visitors to Watling Market. The Market, off Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, has everything you need from fresh fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, electrical goods, clothing and linen and has plenty of parking. Winners receive a £50 voucher to spend in the market.



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KILLER TYRE ALERT

A shock survey has revealed that 32 per cent of all used tyres sold are unsafe.

Trading Standards officers across North London joined forces to expose dealers who continue to flout the law despite advice and warnings.

Defective second hand tyres have been found on sale throughout the area as dealers fail to follow the British Standard Code of Practice.

Potential buyers are being warned that used tyres often come from vehicles which have been involved in

accidents. Many of these will have been incorrectly repaired or have damaged casings, steel mesh interiors and side walls.

Fears have been raised about the risk of tyre failure at high speeds which could cause serious or even fatal accidents.

Trading standards officers wish to alert consumers to be on their guard when buying used tyres. They are also urging dealers to introduced quality controls to ensure that second hand tyres remain a low cost, environmentally friendly and safe product. Traders breaking the law run the risk of prosecution.

ROUNDAABOUT FACELIFT

Driver in Barnet will be encircling a better class of roundabout following the decision to give the go-ahead for sponsored landscaping on the borough's roundabouts.

The decision will allow M.I.M.S. Ltd, a specialist landscape marketing company, to find sponsors among local businesses. In return for paying for planting and landscaping, sponsors names will appear on a plaque placed on the roundabout.

This is the first sponsorship deal of its kind in the borough which follows similar popular projects by other local authorities around the country.

Strict guidelines are in place to ensure the work done does not distract drivers and obeys current advertising standards. Nine roundabouts will benefit from the facelift, including ones in Mill Hill, Golders Green, North Finchley and Cricklewood.

ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS

The council's commitment to effective local safety schemes has resulted in a 15 per cent drop in road accidents in Barnet over the last four years, according to the latest figures.

In the three months since safety measures were installed along the Finchley Road at Temple Fortune, there have been no personal injury accidents to either pedestrians or drivers.

Research by the council revealed 94 in the previous five years. "Traders and residents all praise the scheme and recognise we are saving lives," said Councillor Stan Cross, Chair of Public Works Committee.

STOP PRESS - FIVEWAYS

Nearly £1 million is to be spent on a major improvement scheme at Fiveways Corner, Mill Hill, where the A1 and A41 merge and where on average 20 people are injured in accidents every year. Work is due to start early 1999 and will take about four months.

BIKE OK?

As part of National Consumer Week, Barnet Council is running a scheme aimed at making sure residents' bikes are safe to ride. Take your bike along to Watling Market on Saturday 7 November for a free safety check. Motorists can also go along and have their tyre pressure gauges tested for accuracy.

BELT UP IN THE BACK

This is the message from Barnet Council's Accident Prevention Unit to motorists throughout the borough.

Both the Metropolitan Police and Barnet's Accident Prevention officers have been targeting parents on the school run, giving information and advice on belting up in the back and the consequences if they fail to do so. Too many children are still travelling in both the front and back seats without using their seatbelts. Shocking statistics show the failure by adults to use rear seat belts, which are now compulsory. In a recent survey, only half of those travelling in the back were wearing seatbelts.



No problems here for one careful driver outside Wessex Gardens School obeying the life-saving 'Belt Up' rule for drivers and young passengers.

When a car crashes at 30 miles per hour, an unbelted adult passenger is thrown forward with a force of three and a half tons, equal to the weight

of an elephant. This can result in death or serious injury not only to the unbelted rear passenger, but to the driver or front seat passenger as well.

PARKING PROPOSALS

One of the borough's most popular town centres will soon have pay and display parking after requests from the local traders' association for improved parking along Finchley Road and Bridge Lane in Temple Fortune. When residents and local businesses were consulted, nearly sixty per cent were in favour.

A controlled parking zone is being proposed around Colindale tube station to relieve congestion. Parking bays for residents, their visitors and people who work in the area are among the suggestions. Residents have been asked for their views to changes on parking restrictions which will prevent vehicles from parking on corners, across driveways and in narrow roads.

London Bus Priority Network

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BUS STOP CLEARWAYS

Barnet Council has introduced Bus Stop Clearways at more than eighty bus stops in the borough. In London, the number of journeys made by bus is increasing. The introduction of clearways is one of the measures that can be taken to help reduce congestion. This makes bus travel more reliable, convenient and attractive and also keeps traffic moving.

If buses are prevented from pulling up to the kerb at bus stops, it becomes difficult for everyone to get on and off safely and causes delay to other traffic, including other buses.

Vehicles other than buses may not stop within a clearway. The message to drivers tempted to use bus stops for quick errands is simple. **DO NOT PARK ON BUS STOPS!**

ROUTE 383

Avital new bus route linking New Barnet and Woodside Park stations has been given the thumbs up by local residents.

Of the 1,877 replies received during consultation, 85 per cent supported the introduction of the new route.

"The council's transport strategy says we will work to make public transport more accessible to all our residents. This route does just that.

"It will help reduce car trips to school and play a part in helping create a safe and healthy environment for residents" said Council Leader, Cllr. Alan Williams.



1 & 2 Youngsters trying out for the first time, joined by Council Leader Alan Williams who

3 Before and After : the transformation of a building covered with intimidating graffiti it now stands as an Observatory.

4 Opened in time for winter, the new Breakfast Club provides a healthy start to the day for scores of young

5 The Apthorp Fund for Young Artists, run by a group of artists aged 18-30 living, studying or working in the area, has a scheme to help young artists by buying their works sent in, buy them from the artists and have a permanent display in public buildings across the borough. The year's competition, Emma Wood, whose work was displayed from 6 November. For further information

6 Councillor Alan Williams helps lay the foundation stone for the new North Finchley Town Centre Authority and the charity Mind for a new

7 An elegant guide to historic North Finchley street display forms part of the Town Centre project. Those interested in the area's rich local heritage

8 Deputy Council Leader, Councillor Helen Williams, and the School Club now up and running at Tudor

pictured, top:
Ninety-four year old, Esther Brooker, takes centre stage at the start of this year's 'Autumn Days' keep fit and healthy programme aimed at all ages from fifty upwards.

above:
Popular children's author Joanna Troughton, launched the National Year of Reading in Barnet. Nearly £120,000 is to go to the borough's schools to spend on books and help raise literacy standards. Every school with more than 100 pupils will get £1,000. Also launched was the 'story sack' idea to make reading fun for the youngest pupils. For more details on how you can get involved, call 0181-359 3854.



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The first time their new recreation courts at Stonegrove, Edgware, are opened by Councillor Williams who opened the facility.

Completion of the pedestrian subway under the A41 at Mill Hill. Once finished it now sparkles with a tiled mosaic inspired by the nearby Mill Hill

A new Breakfast Club at the Hyde School, NW9, is already providing a range of services for youngsters.

The Art Fund, run by Barnet's Arts Office, is looking for artwork from young artists living or working in the borough. The Fund was set up in 1994 as a way of buying their work. A panel of expert judges will select the best from the artists at prices ranging from £100 to £2,000 and have them put on display in galleries across the borough. Our picture shows top artist from last year, whose latest work goes on exhibition at The Bull Gallery, Barnet. For more information on the scheme call Barnet's Arts Office on 0181 359 3152.

Work is under way to lay the foundation for a partnership venture with the Health Authority for a new Day Centre in Bunns Lane, Mill Hill.

North Finchley has been unveiled by Councillor Kathy McGuirk. The unveiling is part of the Town Centre improvement programme and will help get more people to enjoy the area's cultural heritage.

Councillor Helen Gordon cuts the ribbon to open the eagerly awaited After School Club at Tudor School, Queens Road, N3.



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A NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD LANDMARK

People who live and work in the Golders Green Area have been helping Barnet's Arts Office transform the Northern Line Bridge on Finchley Road.

Sculptor and blacksmith Kevin Boys has been commissioned by Barnet Council, London Transport and the Candid Arts Trust to erect an iron sculpture on the bridge and create a new welcoming gateway to the town centre as part of the area's regeneration.

Supervised by a team of blacksmiths, residents of all ages have been invited to hammer out their

ideas on what Golders Green means to them. The results will form part of the final design.

The project hopes to reflect the rich cultural mix of the local community and demonstrate how public art can be used to change and improve the environment. It has won the approval of the Temple Fortune and Golders Green Town Centre Forum.

Kevin Boys is an experienced teacher and craftsman whose recent sculpture (pictured right) now stands at the Angel tube station in Islington.



MEETING TOMORROW'S HOUSING NEEDS

Housing associations, residents' associations, leaseholders, local businesses and voluntary organisations have been consulted on a new Housing Strategy for 1999/2000.

Priorities highlighted for development over the next year include:-

- A review of Barnet's entire housing service, using best value principles, over the next four years
- Expanding tenant participation and community development work on housing estates using 'estate partnership' and community planning initiatives
- Intervening in the local housing market to improve standards, protect tenants and owners, and bring empty properties back into use
- Working in partnership with local housing associations and other organisations to regenerate areas of the borough and provide new affordable housing.

"This Strategy reflects the importance this council places on working with our partners within the housing sector to provide the best possible service for residents," said Councillor Allan Turner, Chair of Housing Committee.

Barnet is building on its already successful programme

of improvements in services for tenants and will continue to make additional resources available to expand these further. Other key aims have been tackled - anti-social behaviour on council estates and improved community safety through better lighting, door security systems and environmental improvements.

Work has already started on a neighbourhood partnership for Grahame Park estate and the council has expanded its Care and Repair Service to offer full support to all people with disabilities as well as older people. Major schemes are underway developing new homes, bringing empty shops back into use and letting empty flats above shops.

Regeneration will be the main focus of the new Strategy this year and in following years.

CREDIT UNIONS EXPLAINED

Barnet Council recently set up a community credit union in Grahame Park and Burnt Oak. The Watling and Grahame Park Credit Union is run by residents for residents and offers low cost loans as well as help for those who may not have easy access to the banking system. Plans are now well under way for a second community credit union in Finchley.

For more information call 0181 359 2782.

CASH FOR SCHOOLS

More than £325,000 of government cash has been awarded to Barnet for extra classrooms and essential building projects.

The cash is being used to expand reception classes and remove outside toilets from five schools and improve the heating systems in others. Some of the costs are being matched

by funds provided by the council.

"These improvements to school buildings are part of an extensive long-term plan by the council to make our schools efficient, comfortable and modern centres of learning," said Councillor Anne Jarvis, Chair of the Education Committee.

REVAMP FOR REGISTER OFFICE SERVICE

A decision to unite the borough into a single registration district will allow residents in future to use either of the two existing offices for civil marriages and to register births and deaths.

The council conducted an extensive consultation, including a Citizens Jury, before agreeing a package of measures designed to give Barnet a top class service equal to any in the country.

The two offices at Burnt Oak and Wood Street will be kept open and, using the latest technology, provide a near identical range of services to residents.

Both buildings will get a major face lift. Other improvements will include longer opening hours, an appointment system and Saturday afternoon weddings.

Councillor Helen Gordon, Chair of Barnet's Policy and Resources Committee, welcomed the decision.

"Our aim has been to design a modern, more effective, high quality service which meets the needs of all residents.

"The task was greatly helped by the advice and suggestions we received from all sections of the community and this successful outcome is a tribute to their efforts," said Councillor Gordon.

SUPPORT BOOST FOR BARNET'S NEW DEAL

A new post has been created to support the borough's New Deal for Young People, part of the government's Welfare to Work programme.

The council chairs the Barnet New Deal Consortium which is a wide-ranging partnership including North London TEC, North London Chamber of Commerce, Barnet Borough Voluntary

Service Council, Barnet College, Prospects Careers Service, Hendon College, Barnet Racial Equality Council, the GMB and Nortel Ltd..

The new temporary post will be funded by the council for one year to help the Consortium monitor the effectiveness of the programme and promote New Deal to

employers, potential providers and the public at large.

New Deal is aimed at 18-25 year olds and focuses on helping the young unemployed who have been claiming benefit for more than six months.

It aims to find them work where they can gain the skills and education to improve their prospects of getting long-term jobs.

"We are in a key position through this scheme to help get our young people onto the career and employment ladder.

"We are the borough's biggest employer and will not only be able to offer advice but also are in a position to offer work placements," said Councillor Monroe Palmer, Chair of the General Executive Committee.

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There are a number of low or no cost measures to save energy including lagging water tanks and pipes, insulating lofts, using low energy

light bulbs and draught excluding doors and windows.

There are also grants and cashback schemes available to help you subject to certain conditions.

Why not join Barnet Council's Energy Efficiency events during the week in conjunction with Eastern

Electricity. Look out for other displays and activities throughout the week.

For further advice on Barnet's Energy Efficiency scheme please contact Tamsin Greulich on 0181-359 4717 or Liz Paffley on 0181-359 4510.

COUNCIL EMBRACES BEST VALUE

Barnet Council is reviewing all its services in a five year programme to provide greater quality and value for money for local people.

Local residents will be given the chance to help set clear standards for the cost and quality of their council services and there will be regular monitoring of how well the council is doing in achieving these standards.

The council's commitment to a high standard of performance and putting things right promptly when they go wrong led to the launch of its Quality Service Guarantees initiative in August 1995.

The idea of best value is still being developed, but Barnet's initial work fits in well with current Government plans to abolish the old Compulsory Competitive Tendering system.

In the first of five phases, the council has already started pilot projects reviewing: residential care of older people; transport, traffic and parking; and refuse, recycling and cleansing.

Now councillors have given the go-ahead to start work on phase two covering: asset and property management; adult social services; housing repairs; education services to schools; library services and information.

The work involves

carrying out detailed reviews of service areas, asking local people what level of services they want and are willing to pay for.

The emphasis will be put on improving quality, efficiency and cost-effectiveness and providing services closer to what people want, giving service users and staff a bigger role than ever.

Barnet's performance will be compared with other councils and organisations and the borough must show that it can compete with the best in both public and private sectors.

The aim is to bring together all the factors that make a service a success, including effective management, properly trained and motivated staff, giving residents what they want and regular monitoring.

"We are putting all our services under the microscope over a five year period to identify those areas where improvements are needed while maintaining and building on our strengths.

"The council will be consulting with local residents and listening very carefully to what they say before designing new services to take us into the next century," said Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Helen Gordon.



SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS

Mid-summer saw 120 ten and eleven year olds get the chance to improve their reading and writing skills - and enjoy the experience - at three special Summer Schools

The Summer School scheme, a first for Barnet and sponsored by local businesses and traders, is part of the drive to raise standards of literacy in the borough's schools.

They offered a rich programme of language work coupled with sport and creative activities for pupils identified as needing a boost with their reading and writing.

The Schools were held at Barnet College and Ravenscroft and Whitefield Schools.

Young people due to transfer to secondary schools in the autumn were nominated by their primary schools.

The free Schools were staffed by trained teachers and classroom assistants, voluntary agencies, youth workers and parents all working together to provide a stimulating programme of activities.

Plans are already under way to extend the scheme next year.

Our picture shows six of the Barnet College prize winning 'Superkids'.

AT A GLANCE

WINNING TEAM

The council's Building Control section has won the prestigious British Standard Award ISO 9002 for the high quality, cost-effective service they provide the borough. They are responsible for ensuring all building work is done using the right materials and complies with all the planning and development regulations.

CONSERVATION

The road which was once home to George Sainsbury the founder of the supermarket chain, Gracie Fields and many other rich and famous residents is to be the subject of a Conservation Area Review. The Bishop's Avenue in NW11 is of historic and architectural importance to Barnet and the Review will help planners protect the character of the area when dealing with future planning applications.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Northway School, The Fairway, Mill Hill, has just been given a generous second helping of grant from the Midland Bank PLC who sponsor the school's Breakfast Club. Since opening in April, the club has been so successful it now intends to stay open all year round.

COLLEGE FARM

The council has laid down planning guidelines on what would be acceptable if any future development is proposed on the College Farm, Finchley site. The urban farm has provided a valuable amenity to generations of residents and plans by the present owners to sell have caused widespread concern. The council has now placed restrictions on any future use of the site including the preservation of the open space and the present farm buildings.

COMMUNITY LIVING AND SUPPORT SCHEME *making a difference*

Barnet's Community Living and Support Scheme is looking for people who want to make a difference to the lives of others by offering them friendship as well as care and support.

The scheme offers a flexible service to families of people with a learning disability.

People who have a learning disability often don't have the same opportunities as the rest of us to make friends and enjoy life to the full.

These are the stories of real people - only the names have been changed.

Mr and Mrs Murphy joined our scheme when it first began over 10 years ago. They have three children of their own and care for adults with a learning disability within their own home for a few days or a few hours at a time.

The Murphys along with a number of other people liked the sound of our scheme, and after an approval process which lasted 2/3 months with a social worker, they were ready for their first client. Theresa is a young woman with a learning disability who usually lives with her Mum. Occasionally her Mum needs to take a break and Theresa goes to stay with the Murphys. Theresa's mother says, "It's great to know that I can go back to Ireland for a few weeks and know my daughter is being given family care with people who understand her needs."

Are there other ways of being a carer? Yes, Oliver is a young man with a moderate learning disability who lives with his parents and older brother. He has been going to stay with the Murphys for many years. Sometimes when his Mum and Dad want an evening

out, Oliver visits the Murphys for just a couple of hours instead of staying overnight.

Oliver's Mum and Dad say "With our special family to care for him from time to time we can go out for evenings and the occasional overnight, at the same time we know Oliver is happy, safe and having a great time joining in the family fun."

The Murphys tell us, "We had no idea, when we applied to this scheme what a difference our contribution could make to the lives of others."

All carers receive an allowance, training and ongoing professional support. We are looking for people who come from a variety of cultures and ethnic backgrounds who may be single, a couple or a family.

**If you would like to find out more please contact: Alyson Jaffe or Jane Sandham, Team for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Sapphire House, 22 East Barnet Road, Barnet EN4 8RQ
Tel: 0181 359 5490.**

SPEEDIER PROCESSING FOR NEW HOUSING BENEFIT CLAIMS

As part of Barnet Council's commitment to delivering good value, quality, accessible services, new claimants for housing benefits are to be visited at their homes from 1 November in order to speed up the processing of their claims.

The visit will enable information and evidence to be gathered at this first point of contact in keeping with the DSS Housing Benefit Verification Framework and reduce delays caused by having to ask for this information and evidence by post or personal visit. Visits will be particularly beneficial to the elderly and those who have difficulty in reading and writing.

In addition as part of Barnet's Anti-Poverty

strategy, benefits checks will be undertaken in order that those in need are given advice on other benefits to which they may be entitled.

The visits will commence on 1 November and will extend under a rolling programme to other claimants of Housing and Council Tax Benefits.

This initiative has been recommended by the government's benefit fraud inspectorate that has been set up to look into how councils and other agencies administer the system and further improvements are expected. Meanwhile this initiative will assist the earlier identifications of claims received from those not entitled to them as well as cracking down on fraudulent claimants.

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Chartered Surveyors

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Fax: 0181-446 2876

Tel: 0181-445 1002



LESLIE PYM

Former Councillor, Leslie Pym CBE, has been presented with a Resolution of Appreciation from the council for his 27 years service to the borough. He represented Hale Ward from 1971 until 1998, was Leader of the Council (1976-91) and Mayor of Barnet (1991). He is seen here pictured left, with Barnet Chief Executive, Max Caller.

FACELIFT FOR BARNET HOUSE

Residents visiting one of the most famous landmarks in the north of the borough - Barnet House in High Road, Whetstone - will be faced with a building undergoing a major facelift. The cladding, which protects the building from the elements, is being checked and repaired. Work is due to last six months and the council apologises for any inconvenience which may be caused.

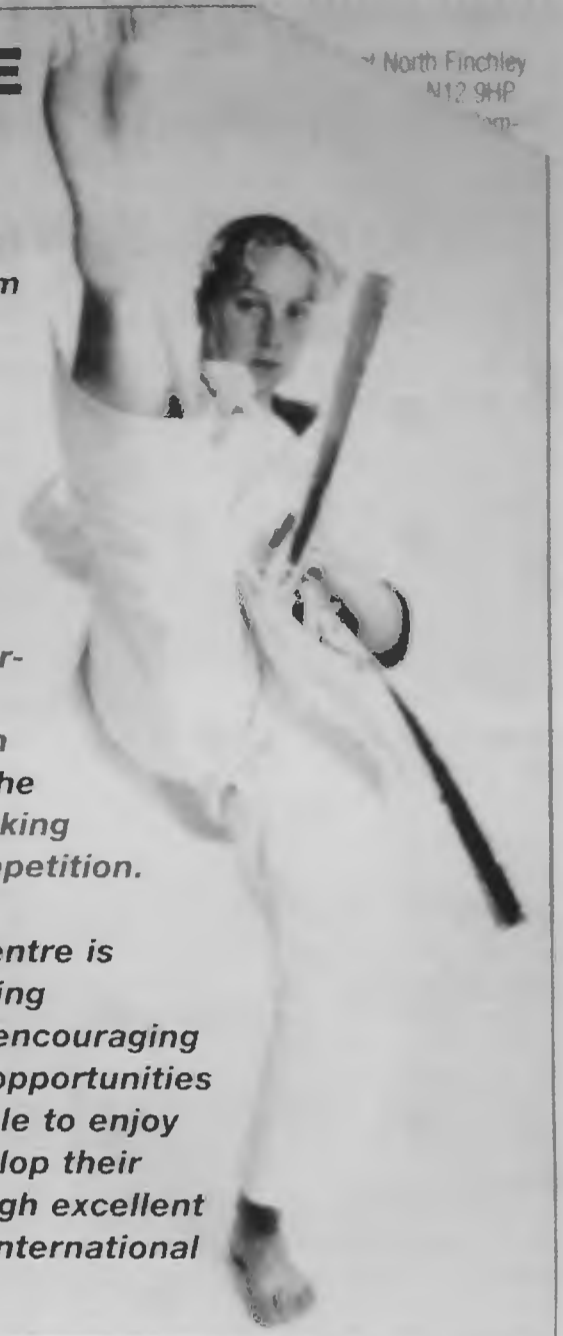


KARATE KID

Hendon Youth Sports Centre's Jemma Mitcham took gold to become Junior Kata World Champion at the Karate World Cup in Paris.

The fifteen-year-old faced stiff opposition from athletes from the 59 countries taking part in the competition.

The Hendon Centre is gaining a growing reputation for encouraging and providing opportunities for young people to enjoy sport and develop their potential through excellent coaching and international level facilities.



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COMMUNITY CARE HELPLINE

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Community Care Helpline is Barnet Council's new information and advice Helpline. It is there for anyone who needs help or advice on the wide range of Social Services available to adults who are aged 18 and over and who live in the borough.

Community Care Helpline can help with:

- advice on how to get an assessment; whether you qualify and if you can apply for the service direct
- information on benefits you may be entitled to
- information on likely charges for the services available
- written information in your preferred language
- advice on how to put things right if you are unhappy with the service you receive
- specific written information on the particular service you require.

Community Care Helpline is open Monday to Thursday: 9.00am - 5.15pm and Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm.

You can also contact us using a Minicom on 0181 359 4852 or fax us on 0181 359 4355.

Or write to: Community Care Helpline, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ.



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Barnet Council has linked up with EAGA Service Ltd to provide a new Energy Efficiency Home Discount Scheme which could save residents substantial amounts on fuel costs and home security. EAGA Services Ltd are a non-profit distributing company who specialise in energy efficiency programmes.

They negotiate discount prices with local firms and pass the savings on to the customer. Each of their suppliers must pass strict quality control checks to ensure high standards of craftsmanship.

The scheme will be open to owner occupiers, landlords or tenants in the borough. Tenants should get approval from their landlords before agreeing to any work.

Energy efficiency measures which the scheme will offer include:-

- cavity wall insulation
- loft insulation or top up of existing insulation to 200 millimetres
- draught proofing
- hot water tank jackets
- reflective radiator panels

Home security measures include:-

- front door locks
- back door locks
- window locks

As well as feeling warmer and safer you will be cutting costs and helping protect the environment.

A government grant scheme is available to help elderly residents and those on low incomes.

The scheme will be launched in November this year. If you are interested please call the Safe and Warm Co-ordinator on 0181-359 4510.

REMEMBER - Never let a stranger into your home without seeing a form of identification.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

(at Bank Holidays, surgery times may change. Please ring beforehand to check) (Con = Conservative, Lab = Labour, LibDem = Liberal Democrat)

ARKLEY WARD

ANITA CAMPBELL (Lab)

Tel: 0181-449 2703

Surgery: 1st and 3rd Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT, 2-3pm

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

PAULINE COAKLEY WEBB (Lab)

Tel: 0181-449 2588. Surgery: 1st and 3rd Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT, 2-3pm

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

PAM COLEMAN (Lab)

Tel: 0181-449 6254. Surgery: 1st and 3rd Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT, 2-3pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

BRUNSWICK PARK WARD

GEOF COOKE (Lab)

Tel: 0181-446 5773. Surgery: Tuesdays at New Southgate and Friern Barnet Social Club, 31 Oakleigh Road South, New Southgate, London N11, 7-8pm. Also: Saturdays at 104 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, Herts., 10.30am-12noon. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

LYNNE HILLAN (Con)

Tel: 0181-445 5101. Work Tel: 0181-452 7222. Work Fax: 0181-450 3232. email: ashurst@Londonweb.net

Surgery: 2nd Saturday every month at Osidge Library, Brunswick Park Road, London N11 1EY, 10.30am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ANDREAS TAMBOURIDES (Con)

Tel. and fax: 0181-368 5417.

Surgery: 2nd Saturday every month at Osidge Library, Brunswick Park Road, London N11 1EY, 10.30am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

BURNT OAK WARD

LINDA McFADYEN (Lab)

Tel: 0181-440 6254. Surgery: Saturdays at Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware, Middx, 10.30am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ALLAN TURNER (Lab)

Tel: 0181-952 2106. Surgery: Saturdays at Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware, Middx, 10.30am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ALAN WILLIAMS (Lab)

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (LABOUR GROUP LEADER)

Tel: 0181-906 0576. Surgery: Saturdays at Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware, Middx, 10.30am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

CHILDS HILL WARD

JACK COHEN (LibDem)

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP LEADER

Tel: 0181-445 3981. Surgery: 1st Thursday every month at Childs Hill Library, Cricklewood Lane, London NW2, 7-8pm. Also: 2nd Tuesday every month at Kent Hall, Westcroft Way, London NW2, 4-5pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

MONROE PALMER (LibDem)

Tel: 0181-455 5140.

Home email: monroepalmer@cix.compulink.co.uk

Surgery: 1st Thursday every month at Childs Hill Library, Cricklewood Lane, London NW2, 7-8pm.

Also: 2nd Tuesday every month at Kent Hall, Westcroft Way, London NW2, 4-5pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

SUSETTE PALMER (LibDem)

Tel: 0181-455 5140. Home Fax: 0181-731 7670.

Surgery: 1st Thursday every month at Childs Hill Library, Cricklewood Lane, London NW2, 7-8pm.

Also: 2nd Tuesday every month at Kent Hall, Westcroft Way, London NW2, 4-5pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

COLINDALE WARD

DANISH CHOPRA (Lab)

Tel. and fax: 0181-449 3231. Surgery: Saturdays at Grahame Park Library, The Concourse, Colindale, NW9 5XL, 10-11am. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

NATHANIEL RUDOLF (Lab)

Tel: 0181-346 1175. Home Fax: 0181-446 5571.

Surgery: Saturdays at Grahame Park Library, The Concourse, Colindale, NW9 5XL, 10-11am. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

GILL SARGEANT (Lab)

DEPUTY MAYOR

Tel: 0181-455 1070. Surgery: Saturdays at Grahame Park Library, The Concourse, Colindale, NW9 5XL, 10-11am. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

EAST BARNET WARD

USHA CHOPRA (Lab)

MAYOR

Tel. and fax: 0181-449 3231.

Surgery: Saturdays at 104 East Barnet Road EN4 8RE, 10.30am-12noon (the Labour Party Office).

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

OLWEN EVANS (Con)

Tel: 0181-368 1986. Surgery: 3rd Saturday every month at East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, EN4 8SG, 10.30am-12noon.

Also: 1st Saturday every month at The Community Centre, Victoria Road, New Barnet, 10.30am-12noon

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ANNE JARVIS (Lab)

Tel: 0181-449 9001.

Surgery: Saturdays at 104 East Barnet Road EN4 8RE, 10.30am-12noon (the Labour Party Office).

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

EAST FINCHLEY WARD

HELEN GORDON (Lab)

DEPUTY LEADER

Tel. and fax: 0181-444 2761

Surgery: Saturdays at East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, East Finchley, N2, 10-11.30am.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ALISON MOORE (Lab)

Tel: 0181-343 0306. Surgery: Saturdays at East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, London N2, 10-11.30am.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

PHILIP YEOMAN (Lab)

Tel: 0181-444 9216. Surgery: Saturdays at East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, East Finchley, N2, 10-11.30am.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

EDGWARE WARD

MALCOLM LESTER (Con)

Tel: 0181-349 2595.

Surgery: every Thursday at Edgware Library, Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 8NN, 6-7pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

JOAN SCANNELL (Con)

Tel: 0181-959 5921. Fax: 0181-906 0112.

Surgery: every Thursday at Edgware Library, Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 8NN, 6-7pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ANTHONY SPENCER (Con)

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Work Fax: 0171-537 2005.

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anthony@spencerslondon.demon.co.uk

Surgery: every Thursday at Edgware Library, Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 8NN, 6-7pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

FINCHLEY WARD

EVA GREENSPAN (Con)

Tel. and fax: 0181-203 1598

Surgery: 1st Wednesday every month at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3, 7.30-8.30pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

BARBARA LANGSTONE (Con)

Tel. and fax: 0181-445 5443. Mobile Telephone:

0958 626255. Surgery: 1st Wednesday every month at Avenue House,

East End Road, Finchley, N3, 7.30-8.30pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

LESLIE SUSSMAN (Con)

Tel. and fax: 0181-346 6775. Surgery: 1st Wednesday every month at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3, 7.30-8.30pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

FRIERN BARNET WARD

JAMES CHAPMAN (Con)

Tel: 0181-446 9066.

email: cllr.james.chapman@barnet.gov.uk

Surgery: To arrange an appointment, please call telephone number above or the Chipping Barnet Conservative Association on: 0181-449 7345, or call in at 163 High Street, Barnet.

BRIAN SALINGER (Con)

Tel. and fax: 0181-368 1329. Work Fax: 0181-368

1105. Mobile Telephone: 0956 337878. email: bjsalinger@aol.com

Surgery: To arrange an appointment please call any of the above or the Chipping Barnet Conservative Association on 0181-449 7345, or call in at 163 High Street, Barnet.

JOHN TIPLADY (Con)

Tel: 0181-445 5734.

Surgery: To arrange an appointment please call above telephone number or contact the Chipping Barnet Conservative Association on: 0181-449 7345, or call in at 163 High Street, Barnet.

WHAT'S ON

We welcome contributions to the What's On column. Write to: The Editor, Community News, Barnet Council, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG. We reserve the right to shorten entries and no responsibility can be accepted for the accuracy of information supplied for the column.

Until 15 Nov

Exhibition marking Dannie Abse's 75th birthday, the 50th anniversary of his first published poems and launching his newest work, published this September. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Tel. 0181-203 0130.

The Bull, Theatre, Gallery, Studios

Drama: 6 Nov, Frantic Assembly 'Sell Out'; 8-10 Dec, G & J Productions Ltd. & The Reduced Shakespeare Co. 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare' (abridged).

Dance: 29 Nov, Srishti-Nina Rajarani Dance Creations 'Santripti'

Comedy & Poetry: 7 Nov, Stewart Lee; 20 Nov, George Melly - His Life & Times, 6 Dec, Comedy Workshop Graduation Night; 11 Dec, John Dowie in 'Back to Stand Up, Front to Verse'.

Music: 1 Nov, The Burning Bush; 15 Nov, Hilary James & Simon Mayor; 21 Nov, The Acoustic Network; 22 Nov, Dick Gaughan; 28 Nov, Relentless MC; 12 Dec, Vulcheva-Jenkins Incident.

Little Bull - Children's Shows:

1 Nov, Kazzum 'The Flying Chestycoffs'; 8 Nov, Humble Pie Puppets 'Teddy Bears Picnic'; 15 Nov, Hilary James & Simon Mayor 'Musical

Mystery Tour'; 22 Nov, Clydebuilt Puppets, 'Peter & The Wolf'; 29 Nov, Magic Mirror 'The Railway Children by E Nesbit'; 6 Dec, Lantern Theatre 'The Magic Nutcracker'.

For details of the above listings and classes & courses contact The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ, tel. 0181-449 0048.

7 Nov, 7.30pm

Old Time Music Hall. Manor House Hospital Operatic Society, at St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3. Box Office tel. 0181-445 3429.

14 Nov, 7.45pm

Hendon Music Society presents Margaret Fingerhut (piano) and Bradley Creswick (violin) with programme including works by Mozart, Dvorak and Bartok plus Cesar Franck's Sonata in A major. Also 5 Dec, Divertimenti, a quintet of some of London's leading chamber musicians, led by Paul Barritt, the co-leader of the

English Chamber Orchestra with programme including Schubert's great C major Quintet, Beethoven's Quintet Op 17 and works by Dvorak and Offenbach. Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green. Tickets £9.50 (children £5, conc. £7.50). For details phone 0181-203 2355.

15 November

Friends of JAMI present a Bridge Evening at Sobell Centre, Limes Avenue, Golders Green, NW11. Tickets £15 incl. light refreshments. Call Maurice Goldstone tel. 0171-722 5558, fax. 0171-722 6660.

16 November

Barnet Branch of British Epilepsy Association Speaker Mr T. O'Connor from the Barnet Branch of the Red Cross on subject of 'First Aid' at Trinity Church Centre, Nether Street (Tally-Ho end), North Finchley, N12, 7.30-9.30pm. This group exists for those

with epilepsy, their families and friends and meets on the third Monday of the month (not Aug). For further details contact 0181-446 6696 or 0181-445 8724.

Week 16-22 November EUROPEAN DRUG PREVENTION WEEK

Barnet Drug Action Team is planning to offer drugs education, publicity and information via the Internet and educational computer programmes at sites across the borough for the whole week. Our twin town of Chaville (Paris) will undertake similar work and young people from both countries will be able to discuss issues via the Internet. Activities are targeted at young people and parents but will be open to the public. Barnet Youth Service will manage these activities.

GARDEN SUBURB WARD

JOHN MARSHALL (Con)

Tel: 0181-445 4292.

Surgery: 4th Monday every month at Fellowship House,

Willifield Way, London NW11, 7.30-9pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

JAZMIN NAGHAR (Con)

Tel: 0181-458 2466 Fax: 0181-458 5457.

Surgery: 4th Monday every month at Fellowship House, Willifield Way, London NW11, 7.30-9pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

Dr. PETER SKOLAR (Con)

Tel: 0181-455 1652.

Home Fax: 0181-731 9414.

Surgery: 4th Monday every month at Fellowship House,

Willifield Way, London NW11, 7.30-9pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

GOLDERS GREEN WARD

MELVIN COHEN (Con)

Tel: 0181-343 7382. Work Fax: 0181-445 0979.

Surgery: to arrange an appointment, please call telephone number above or contact the Finchley and Golders Green Conservative Association on 0181-445 4292. 2nd Sunday every month at Golders Green Library, 2.15-3.15pm. Last Sunday every month at Hendon Sports Centre, 11.15am-12.15pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ABA DUNNER (Con)

Tel: 0181-455 9960. Work Tel: 0181-731 9025.

Surgery: to arrange an appointment, please call telephone number above or contact the Finchley and Golders Green Conservative Association on 0181-445 4292. 2nd Sunday every month at Golders Green Library,

2.15-3.15pm. Last Sunday every month at Hendon Sports Centre,

11.15am-12.15pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (Con)

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2.15-3.15pm. Last Sunday every month at Hendon Sports Centre,

11.15am-12.15pm. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

HADLEY WARD

KATIA DAVID (Con)

Tel: 0181-361 9805. Surgery: 3rd Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, 163 High Street, Barnet, Herts. EN5 5SU, 10.30am-12noon. Tel: 0181-449 7345 Fax: 0181-449 7346. Also: 4th Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT. 11.30am-1pm Tel: 0181-359 4040. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

LIZ MAMMATT (Con)

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KANTI PATEL (Con)

Tel: 0181-446 6639. Surgery: 3rd Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, 163 High Street, Barnet, Herts., EN5 5SU, 10.30am-12noon. Tel: 0181-449 7345. Fax: 0181-449 7346. Also: 4th Saturday every month at Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT. 11.30am-1pm Tel: 0181-359 4040. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

HALE WARD

STEVEN BLOMER (Lab)

Tel: 0181-959 7878. Surgery: 1st and 3rd Saturday every month at Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, London NW7 2HX, 1-2.30pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

BRIAN GORDON (Con)

Tel: 0181-202 0044. Fax: 0181-202 4145.

Surgery: Last Thursday in every month at Hendon Conservative Association, 2 Apex Parade, Selvage Lane,

London, NW7, 8.15-9.15pm.

Tel: 0181-959 1446. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

RUTH NYMAN (Lab)

Tel: 0181-959 3369. Work Fax: 0181-903 1943.

Home email: email.nyman@virgin.net

Surgery: 1st and 3rd Thursday every month at Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, NW7 2HX, 3.45-4.45pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

HENDON WARD

MAUREEN BRAUN (Con)

Tel: 0181-203 1876.

Surgery: 1st Monday every month at Hendon Library,

The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ, 6.45-7.45pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ANTHONY FINN (Con)

Tel: 0181-202 9689. Work Tel: 0171-328 3272.

Work Fax: 0171-328 2140.

Surgery: 1st Monday every month at Hendon Library,

The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ, 6.45-7.45pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ANDREW SHERLING (Con)

Tel. and Fax: 0181-202 8630.

Surgery: 1st Monday every month at Hendon Library,

The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ, 6.45-7.45pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

MILL HILL WARD

ROGER AXWORTHY (LibDem)

Tel: 0181-905 8863.

Surgery: Saturdays at Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, London NW7 2HX, 10am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

WAYNE CASEY (LibDem)

Tel: 0181-906 8189.

Surgery: Saturdays at Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue, London NW7 2HX, 10am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

JEREMY DAVIES (LibDem)

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Surgery: Saturdays at Mill Hill Library, Hartley Avenue,

London NW7 2HX, 10am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ST. PAUL'S WARD

KITTY LYONS (Lab)

Tel: 0181-346 6843.

Surgery: Saturdays at the Labour Party Office, 331 Ballards Lane, Finchley, London N12, 11am-12.30pm. Tel: 0181-343 9854. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

KATHY McGUIRK (Lab)

Tel: 0181-346 8255. Work Tel: 0181-343 9854.

Surgery: Saturdays at the Labour Party Office, 331 Ballards Lane, Finchley, London N12, 11am-12.30pm.

Tel: 0181-343 9854. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

JIM TIERNEY (Lab)

Tel: 0181-346 3359.

Surgery: Saturdays at the Labour Party Office, 331 Ballards Lane, Finchley, London N12, 11am-12.30pm.

Tel: 0181-343 9854. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

TOTTERIDGE WARD

BRIAN COLEMAN (Con)

Tel: 0181-349 2024. Surgery: at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, London N12 9HP. Next surgery is 21 November 1998, 10.30am-12noon and at Totteridge Library, 109 Totteridge Lane, London N20 8DZ on 19 December 1998, 10.30am-12noon. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY or contact 163 High Street, Barnet (0181-449 7345)

KEVIN EDSON (Con)

Tel: 0181-446 8343. Surgery: at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, London N12 9HP. Next surgery is 21 November 1998, 10.30am-12noon and at Totteridge Library, 109 Totteridge Lane, London N20 8DZ on 19 December 1998, 10.30am-12noon. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY or contact 163 High Street, Barnet (0181-449 7345)

VICTOR LYON (Con)

Tel: 0181-446 4423. Surgery: at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, London N12 9HP. Next surgery is 21 November 1998, 10.30am-12noon and at Totteridge Library, 109 Totteridge Lane, London N20 8DZ on 19 December 1998, 10.30am-12noon. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY or contact 163 High Street, Barnet (0181-449 7345)

WEST HENDON WARD

ARUN GHOSH (Lab)

Tel: 0181-202 6841.

Surgery: Saturdays at West Hendon Clinic, West Hendon Broadway (entrance in Perryfield Way).

London NW9, 10.30am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

AGNES SLOCOMBE (Lab)

Tel: 0181-202 4074.

Surgery: Saturdays at West Hendon Clinic, West Hendon Broadway (entrance in Perryfield Way).

London NW9, 10.30am-12noon.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

ANSUYA SODHA (Lab)

Tel and fax: 0181-959 6035.

Home email:

ansuya@vishnomarketing.demon.co.uk

Surgery: Saturdays at West Hendon Clinic, West Hendon Broadway (entrance in Perryfield Way).

London NW9,

10.30am-12noon. NO APPOINTMENT

NECESSARY.

WOODHOUSE WARD

STAN CROSS (Lab)

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Surgery: Saturdays at the Labour Party Office, 331 Ballards Lane, London N12 8LT, 11am-12.30pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

BARRY RAWLINGS (Lab)

Tel: 0181-343 7259.

Surgery: Saturdays at the Labour Party Office, 331 Ballards Lane N12 8LT, 11am-12.30pm.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

For more information phone 0181-359 3134 and visit the Barnet website on www.barnet.gov.uk

19 Nov, 7.30pm

Barnet Branch of the London & North Middlesex Family History Society, 'The History of Almshouses' a talk by Anne Prudames at Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. Group meets 3rd Thurs of the month (except Dec). For details phone 0181-441 2943 for details.

21 Nov, 2pm

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Society Christmas Show for the benefit of the North London Hospice. St John's Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. Admission 50p.

Also 10 Dec, Floral Art, Mrs Athena Tulba 'It's Christmas'. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet, 8pm.

Members, £2.50, visitors £3.

22 Nov, 3pm

The Council of Christians and Jews, (Golders Green/Hendon branch) a talk on 'The Work of Ort'. Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, NW11. Details 0181 458 2030.

7 December

Sotheby's Vintage Car & Motorcycle Auction. Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, Hendon NW9. For more information on events phone the Marketing Dept. on 0181-205 2266 ext 251 or 0181 200 1763.

10 Dec, 7.30pm

Barnet Borough Confederation of Tenants and Residents Association Meeting, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley.

Tudor Symphony Orchestra meets weekly for rehearsals no audition required. Two or three concerts yearly.

Rehearsals Monday evenings during term 7.45-9.45pm at Trinity Church (close to Tally-Ho Corner), 15 Nether Street, North Finchley, N12. Membership £35 per term. Contact 0181-954 7302.

Leo Baeck College, The Shiur

Autumn Semester until 15 January 1999, Tues 11.15am-12.45pm. Themes from the book of Numbers. Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East End Road, Finchley N3 2SY. Details, 0181-349 4525.

Arthritis Care (Edgware Branch)

meets at John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware, 2-4pm, first Tues of each month (except Jan). New members welcome (starting as guests if they wished). Further details, phone Membership Secretary on 0181-952 5797.

Watling Pensioners Luncheon Club

Lunch for pensioners who are

members of Watling Community Association (£2.50 annual membership) every Tues, Wed and Thurs at Watling Community Centre, 145 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak 12.30 - 1.30pm. The lunch costs £1.75p, to book phone Albert Lacey on 0181-952 6620

Walks/Activities with Barnet

Leisure Services and CMS. For more information and meeting points phone 0181-359 3052.

8 November, 2-4pm

Discover the fascinating history of the Hadley area on this 6km walk through wildflowers and woods.

6 December, 10am-12noon

5km walk to discover the ancient woodland of Scratchwood and learn of the management techniques used to preserve this habitat. Amble on to Moat Mount to contrast this with the ornamental trees of a past estate.

6 December, 2-4pm

Join Roy Beddard of the Welsh Harp Conservation Group on a 3-4km circular walk to see a range of wintering wildfowl and also winter visitors such as thrushes, buntings etc at the Welsh Harp. Please wear wellingtons or walking boots plus waterproof winter clothing. Bring binoculars if possible.

Barnet Chamber of Commerce - Forthcoming Events

12 November

Network Lunch at The Pavilion on the Park Restaurant, Hendon College

26 November

New members meeting, Middlesex County Cricket Club, Finchley, N3.

For the latest information on events please contact De Cavanagh on 0181-343 3833

Barnet in Bloom

ENTRY FORM

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BARNET IN BLOOM

Once again, the green fingered residents of Barnet have shown that when it comes to brightening up the borough they are champions - despite this year's weather.

A record number of entries were received for this the eighth annual event and the standard gets higher each year.

Local finalists went on to represent the borough at the London wide competition where again Barnet residents took top prizes - SEE STOP PRESS.

The competition reflects Barnet Council's commitment to improving the environment for all to enjoy. This year's entries from residents, businesses and even Hendon Fire Station show that everyone can do their bit to make the borough a brighter place to live.

This year's sponsors were JC Decaux, Street Equipment, The Spires Shopping Centre, The Finchley Society, Drakeford Press and the Co-operative Retail Services Ltd.



Mr & Mrs Hill of Brunswick Park Road took the Container Gardening Prize.



The JC Decaux Best Town Centre Trophy awarded to Mill Hill Broadway.



The White Lion Public House, St. Albans Road, Barnet, wins Best Bloomin' Pub.



First Prize for Best Front Garden went to Mr & Mrs N.D. Vadgama of Lovelace Road, East Barnet.

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At the **London in Bloom Presentation** on Tuesday 6 October 1998 the **Wild Flower and Environment Trophy** was presented to **The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Usha Chopra**, for **Totteridge Fields**, managed under licence as a nature reserve by the London Wildlife Trust; the **Best Floral Hotel** with 50-100 rooms was won by the **Hendon Hall Hotel, Hendon** and third place in the **Best Bloomin' Pub** competition was won by **The Windsor Castle Public House** at East Finchley.

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