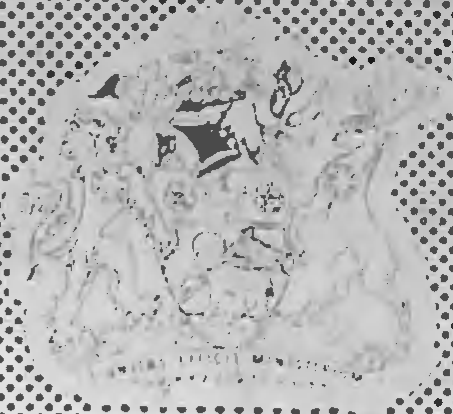
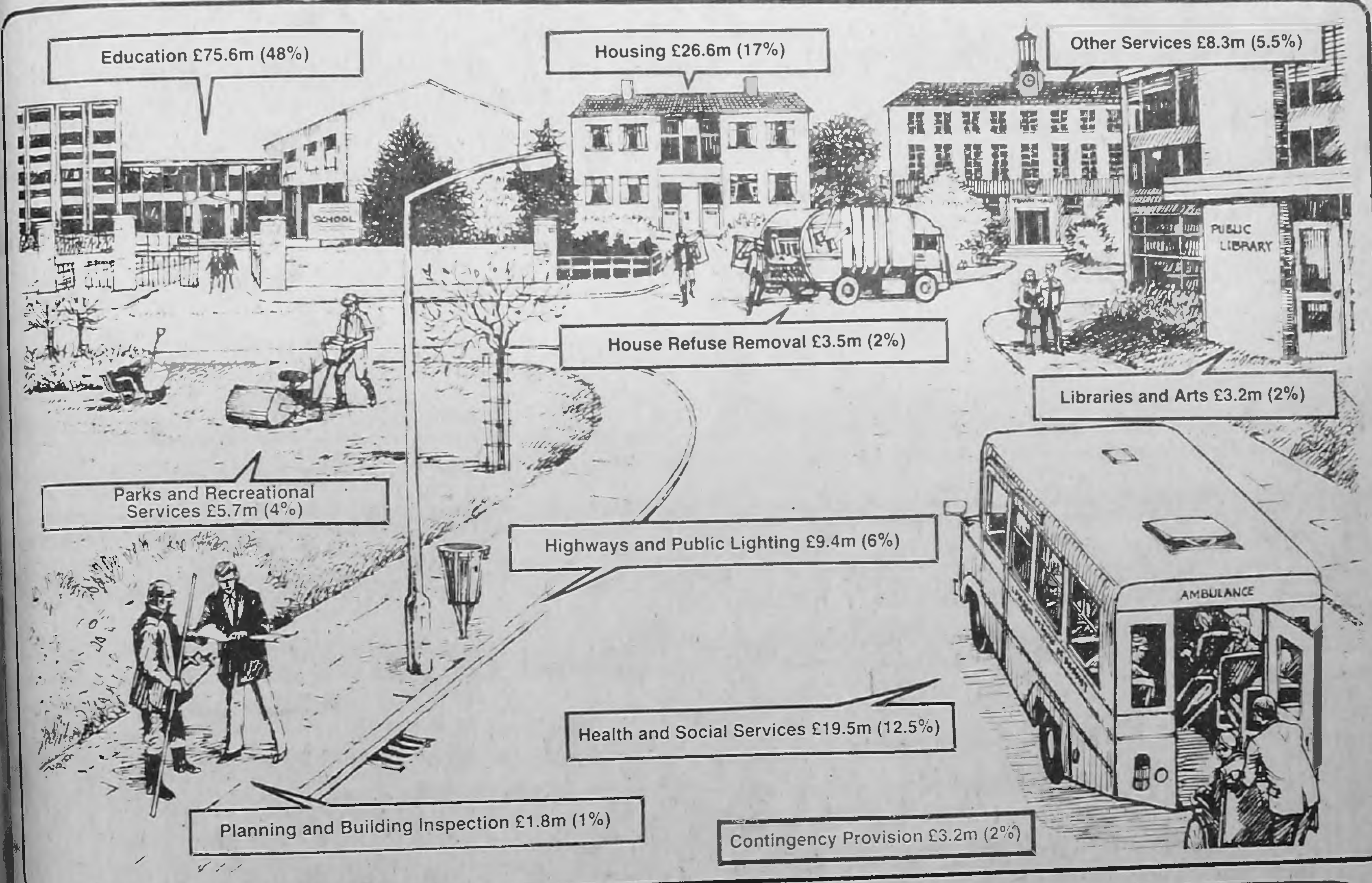


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Barnet's spending on local services



HOW THE RATE WAS SET

A last-minute increase of £880,000 in Barnet's Rate Support Grant from Government and a further £615,000 drawn from balances, following assurances that Barnet would not face a claw-back of grant during the year, enabled Barnet Council to reduce their proposed rate increase by 2.5p in the £ at their special rates meeting on Thursday, March 24.

The meeting was originally scheduled for March 17 when Barnet was expected to announce an increase of 15p in the £ for all ratepayers. Negotiations between Barnet Councillors and the Department of the Environment, which had been taking place since December 1982, reached a turning point on the afternoon of that meeting and it became known that Barnet's Rate Support Grant would be increased.

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The increase of 12.5p in the £ can be summarised as follows:

	p in the £	Percentage increase (domestic rate)
Barnet Council	6.8	5.6
Greater London Council	5.0	4.0
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Total increase	12.5	10.2

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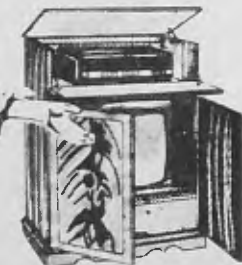


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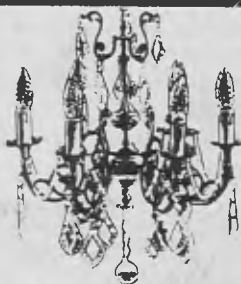
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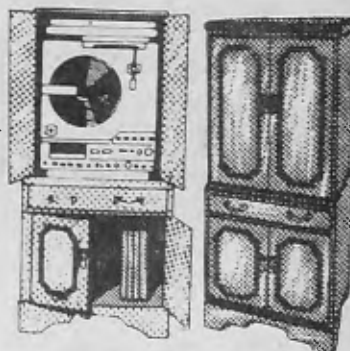
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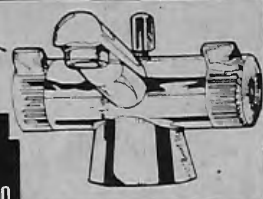
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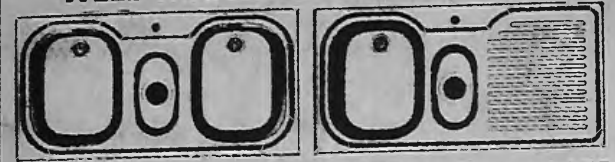
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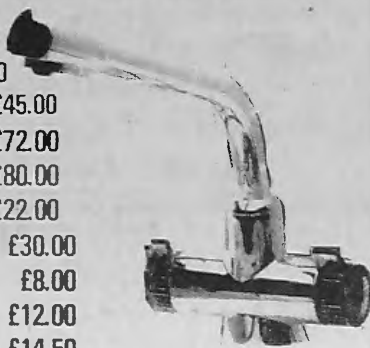
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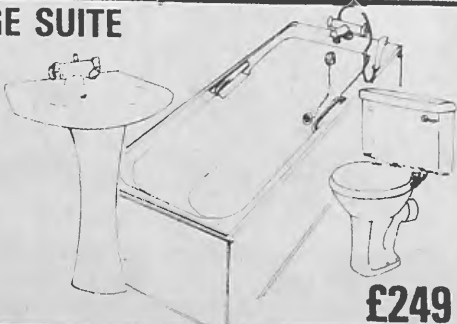
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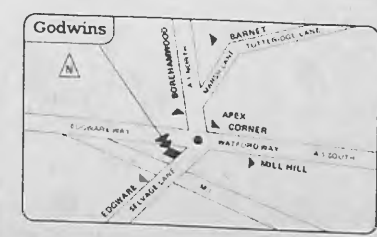
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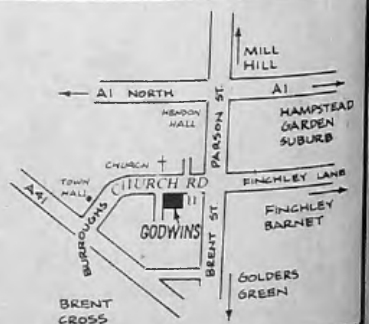
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The rates report

April 1983

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What the rates bill will mean to you.

The average domestic rateable value in the borough is £380 which means an annual rate bill this year of £513.00 compared with £465.50 last year, or approximately 91p a week more.

Even with the last minute grant adjustment the major reason for the local rate increase is the overall cut in rate support grant. In cash terms Barnet will receive £34,430,000 which is £2,740,000 less than the previous year and this makes no allowance for inflation.

Originally the grant was cut by more than £3.6 million and detailed research and member-level meetings with the Department of the Environment led to a late revision.

One of the key factors in the cut in grant was £1.9 million lost because evening class students not sponsored through employment schemes, were no longer subject to grant. Barnet has a very high number of these part-time students.

But Barnet Council were able to show that the cuts they faced were greater than the so-called 'Safety Net' — a government balancing factor which comes into action if a Council loses more than a 3p rate on rate support grant calculation.

It was this safety net factor which allowed Barnet to gain its £880,000 addition to the original grant figure. At the same time the Council were assured by Government that

this year there would be no claw-back of the grant. In previous years the Government has adjusted grants at the half-way stage to meet national spending patterns and Barnet has faced having to draw on reserves to make good the deficit on grant. This year, with Councils nationally meeting Government spending targets, Barnet has an assurance that there will be no claw-back and therefore the Council felt able to appropriate a further £615,000 from reserves.

In addition to the cut in rate support grant the Greater London Council are asking for 39.2p in the £, an increase of 5p in the £ and the Metropolitan Police precept is 11.06p in the £, up by 0.7p.

The Government has set spending targets on all local authorities and Barnet has budgeted to spend within £4,000 of its ceiling. This means that over the year very careful monitoring has to be carried out to make sure there is no overspending, as the Government has placed severe penalties on Councils which break the targets.

No easy task

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor David Burton, told the Council 'It has been no easy task matching scarce resources with those areas of our services where priority is considered to be greatest.'

The Council had identified areas where there should be some real growth, particularly in the Social Services Department for the care of the elderly, he said. Their budget was up by 10 per cent compared with an average increase of 4 per cent for other spending committees.

Compensatory savings had been made throughout the spending spectrum by improved efficiency and by having regard to changes in demand.

He said that overall Barnet had set its spending levels to keep the rate increase down to approximately 2p in the £ and he described the cut in rate support grant as a 'bombshell'.

It had been felt that the cut in grant should not be met by cutting services but by increasing the local rate.

Tribute

He paid a special tribute to Mr. George Hopkins, Borough Treasurer, who is retiring at the end of this financial year, and his tribute was supported by the Leader of the Labour Group on the Council, Councillor Geof Cooke.

In his report to the Finance Committee, Mr. George Hopkins, Borough Treasurer, said: 'On this occasion the budget has been prepared against the lowest rate of inflation for some years; low interest rates and low pay increases; the requirements of the precepting authorities were smaller than originally anticipated, all of which were in our favour, but when notification of our Rate Support Grant entitlement was received, any hopes of containing the local rate increase within the bounds of inflation were defeated. Had it not been for this substantial reduction in our grant in 1983/84, Barnet's increase would have been no more than a twopenny rate, less than 2 per cent.'

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44,559,610	29				
6,986,600		Housing Subsidies	1,841,750		
7,580,380		Other Government Grants	10,505,440	12,347,190	8
14,566,980	9½				
		Balance to be met from rates, Rate Support Grant, The General Rate Fund balance and Domestic Rate Aid Grant		97,167,000	62
94,770,300	61½				
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HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT

1982/83	% of Total		£	1983/84	% of Total
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31,100,320	20	Housing	26,630,250	17	
16,236,470	10½	Social Services	18,028,070	11½	
7,382,190	5	Highways	8,175,480	5	
5,381,170	3½	Parks and Recreational Services	5,744,250	4	
1,633,500	1	Rate Rebates	3,920,000	2½	
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3,001,030	2	Libraries	3,244,250	2	
1,407,780	1	Health Services	1,484,080	1	
1,661,700	1	Planning and Building Inspection	1,774,820	1	
1,051,250	1	Public Lighting	1,196,210	1	
601,910	½	Sewers	656,100	½	
3,164,180	2	Other Services	3,748,290	2½	
4,850,000	3	Contingency provision for pay and price increases	3,190,000	2	
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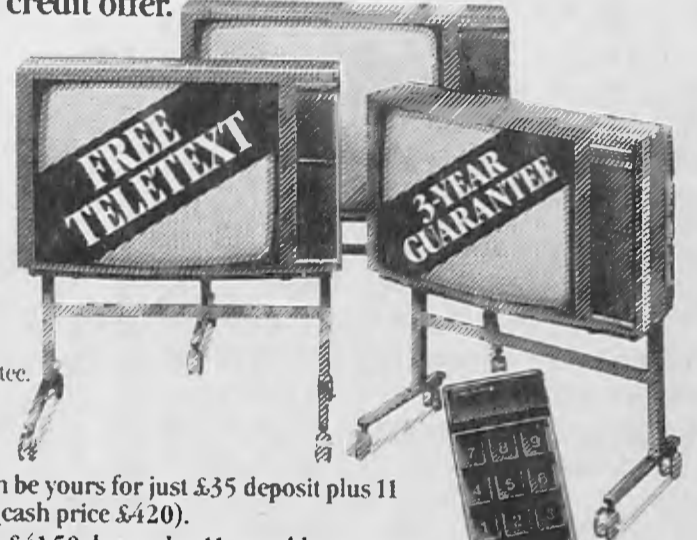
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BARNET MUSEUM, in Wood Street, Chipping Barnet, has been restored to life. Visitors can now enjoy the elegant rooms and spacious displays which trace local history from Roman times.

The museum was officially opened on Saturday, March 5, by the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Vic Usher, who was introduced by Mr. Ronald Bayman, chairman of Barnet and District Local History Society. It was an appropriate team effort because the museum represents the best type of co-operation between the Council and a local group.

Three years ago this pleasant Georgian house was in such bad repair that there was a real danger that the whole building would have to be demolished. Instead the Council, through the Libraries and Arts Committee and the borough architect, Derek Buckman, prepared a scheme to save the museum, obtain funds for the work and give the local history society a beautiful setting for their collection.

The museum was originally two linked houses. One was in a dangerous state of decay and was demolished. This site is now being sold under strict planning guidelines so that it will blend with the facades of the Wood Street Conservation Area.

Meanwhile the other house was completely gutted and in the rebuilding the original frontage, a fine old fireplace and a few timber beams were retained. The cost was over £100,000 but most of this will be compensated for through grants and the sale of the adjoining site. The floor space was opened out a new display and storage area created in the basement so that the museum now has more exhibition space in one house than it did in the original two.

For two years, while the work was carried out, the museum was closed. Then the local history society began moving back, working weekends and evenings.

A Victorian room captures a bygone age. There is a display of cameras, lenses and microscopes from the pioneering firm of W. Watson which had premises on Bells Hill. The British Museum have prepared a display of Roman pottery, each item clearly labelled, and the story of the Wars of the Roses is told in banners and weapons.

The museum is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2.30 to 4.30 pm and Saturdays, 10 am to noon and 12.30 to 4.30 pm.

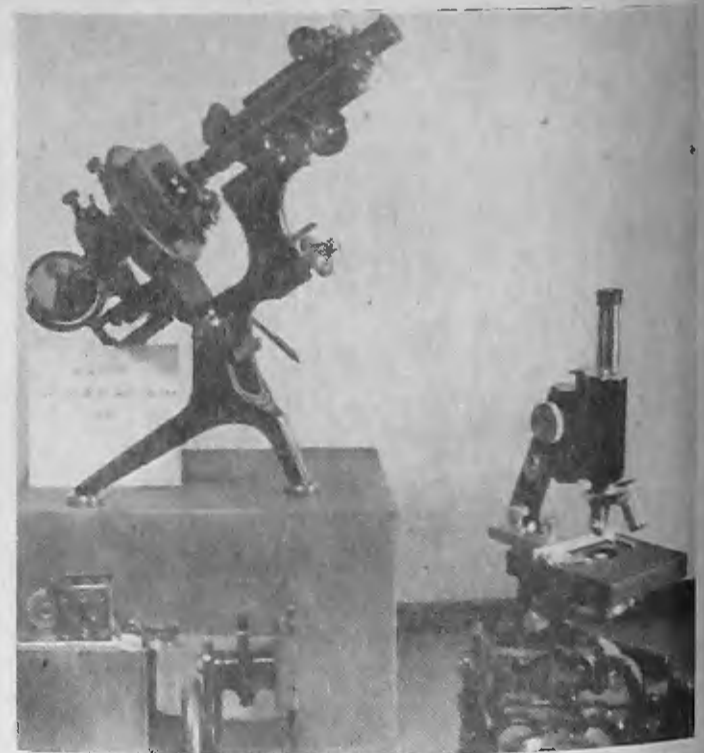


The Victorian room, a collage of nostalgia.



The restoration of Barnet Museum has taken place under three chairmen of the Libraries and Arts Committee, and all three attended the opening. In the picture left to right: Mr. Ronald Bayman, chairman of the local history society, Cllr Mary Temple, Cllr Michael Hill, past chairmen, and Cllr Olwyn Evans, present chairman of the committee, Derek Buckman, borough architect, and David Ruddom, borough librarian.

**A new setting
for Barnet's
heritage**



Microscopes from the Watson collection.



The British Museum stand of pottery admired by, left to right, Doug Austin, Mrs Nina Jones, Mrs Miriam Rose and Max Hoather, volunteers who helped to arrange the displays.



By a stand featuring the old Barnet Fire Brigade, left to right, Eric Elliott, William Taylor, honorary curator, and Stephen Castle, of the British Museum.

Appeal tops £15,000

THE MAYOR of Barnet's Appeal for his Treasure Chest to support local charities is still rolling merrily along.

At the March meeting of the Appeal Committee it was reported that the fund had jumped by £3,000 to more than £15,000. Donations had been coming in steadily and some of the bigger events will bring in a lot more.

A sponsored swim at Copthall Pools on Saturday, March 12, attracted 156 swimmers and their sponsorship is expected to raise about £2,500.

There was a good attendance at the dinner dance at the Europa Hotel, Grosvenor Square on Thursday, April 7, which again, together with the proceeds of the tombola, is expected to contribute quite a large sum to the appeal.

A venue for the Nearly New Shop was found at 101 Ballards Lane, Finchley, and it opened on April 8 for two weeks. Why not pay a visit before it closes?

Arrangements for the fete at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, on May 8, expected to attract thousands of visitors, are going well and among the star attractions are the Royal Marines Band and the Red Eagles. Also on offer at the fete to swell the

funds will be that from Images, the portrait and wedding photographers whose new studio at the Brent Cross Shopping Centre was opened recently by the Mayor, Councillor Vic Usher. Images are offering a sitting at their Brent Cross studio to all who make a £10 donation at the fete towards the appeal. In addition, £10 will still be deducted from the cost of any order placed for a portrait or photographs at the exhibition stand which is to be mounted at the fete.

Mill Hill Rugby Club is the venue for the charity match between an International XV and a Borough of Barnet XV and it is hoped it will attract a large number of rugby enthusiasts. Admission is by programme and the date is Sunday, April 24.

DIARY DATES

Nearly New shop at 101 Ballards Lane, Finchley, now open.

April 24: Charity rugby match between an International XV and Borough of Barnet XV, at Mill Hill Rugby Ground. Admission by programme.

May 7: Parascending at Welsh Harp, between 9 am and 2 pm (weather permitting).

May 8: Grand fete at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill.



COUNCILLOR Frank Gibson, former Mayor of both Finchley and Barnet, with his wife Betty and two sons Ivor (left) and Dale, after receiving the OBE from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace. The award was for his political and public services. The photograph was taken in the inner quadrangle at the Palace. 'Prince Charles quickly put me at my ease,' said Councillor Gibson.

Under one umbrella

RESIDENTS of East Finchley postal district N2 will soon be claiming supplementary benefit from the Hendon local office, and not Highgate (Archway Tower) as previously.

At present N2 residents deal with both offices: Highgate for supplementary benefits, Hendon for all other benefits, such as invalidity, retirement, widows' and disability pensions. The change will end confusion, and all Finchley people will deal with the one Social Security office for all benefits.

The date of the change will be

April 25. Existing recipients of supplementary benefit will be individually notified. People about to make a claim should send it to the Highgate office up to and including April 21, or to the Hendon office after that date.

The DHSS aim is to give a better service. It is recognised that the Hendon office may be further away for some residents but most claim activity is dealt with by post or telephone, rather than personal call at the office, which should only be necessary in cases of extreme emergency, or for special reasons.

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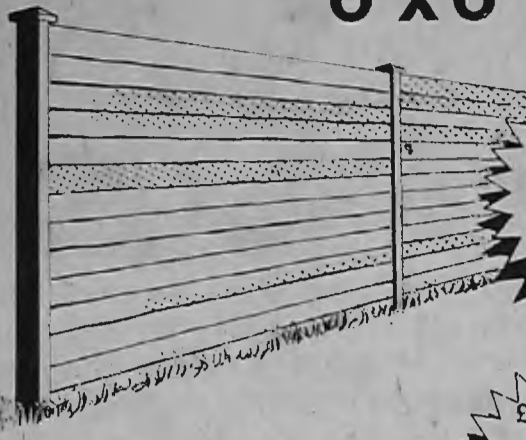
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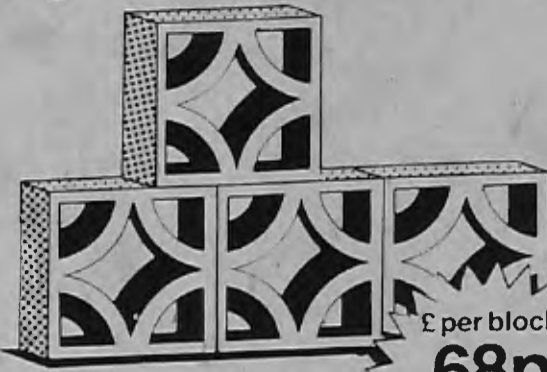
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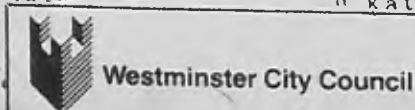
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'THANK-YOU' TO THE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

THE MAYOR of Barnet, Cllr Vic Usher, said 'Thank you' to the men and women who make it possible for disabled people to get out and about, attending clubs, visiting friends and all the activities which able-bodied people take for granted.

He invited the volunteer drivers to the Town Hall, Hendon, to thank them all personally. The visit was organised by a former Mayor of Barnet, Mrs. Rita Levy.

The squadron of volunteer drivers was set up in 1975 as a result of the Mayoral Appeal of Councillor Norman Hirshfield. Two minibuses were purchased which are driven by volunteer drivers to take groups of elderly or disabled people out to their clubs, parties and excursions.

Two local voluntary organisations, the Barnet Volunteer Bureau and the Disablement Association in the Borough of Barnet, administer the project.

The next stage of the scheme came in 1982 when a Handicar was purchased which could be used like a taxi for individuals who could either provide their own driver or use one of the volunteers.

So now groups and individuals can benefit from this

fleet of vehicles, all equipped with wheelchair access.

Thanking the Mayor, Mrs. Levy said it was a splendid example of the way Barnet Council supported voluntary organisations and achieved a service which was friendly, efficient without placing too great a burden on the rates.

The one problem they faced was the urgent need for volunteer drivers for both the minibuses and the handicar.

She appealed for anyone with a current driving licence to think about sparing a little time, perhaps just a couple of hours once a week or once a month, to build up the reserve of drivers.

The reception marked the 'retirement' of four of the volunteers who had reached the age of 70 and therefore were no longer allowed to drive the minibuses.

The retiring drivers were Sidney Miller, Station Close, Finchley, one of whose duties is driving for Hutton Grove Synagogue over 60s club; Ernest Bennetts, Marriott Road, Barnet, who drives for the Blind Bowls Club and Barnet Stroke Club; and George Mersh, Derwent Avenue, Barnet, who drives for the Blind Bowls Club



Mrs. Sylvia Scutt arrives at the Town Hall, Hendon, for the Volunteer Drivers reception. Standing left to right, John Saunders, the Mayor of Barnet, Mrs. Gwen Heard, chairman of the organising sub-committee; George Mersh, Sidney Miller, Ernest Bennetts, Colin Lynch and Kate Elliott.

and now plans to take on voluntary escort duties. John Saunders, of Crowshott Avenue, Stanmore, and drives for the disabled members of the Convent of St. Mary at the Cross, Mill Hill, will retire in July.

One of those present was Mrs. Sylvia Scutt, who suffers from multiple sclerosis and lives at the Marie Foster home, Barnet. She arrived in her electric wheelchair, in the handicar.

'It has opened up a new way of life for me,' she said.

'Now I go shopping at Brent Cross, to the theatre in town, visit friends and I can be independent. My electric chair fits in the handicar, the driver collects me and takes me home. And the

rates are very reasonable.

'If only more people would come forward as drivers. We have the vehicles and of course their expenses are paid so it is just time we are asking for.'

For anyone who is disabled or has a disabled relative, and for any club whose members are elderly or disabled the volunteer driver service is available.

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Anyone wishing to help should contact one of the three Red Cross centres in the Borough of Barnet — at 10 Downage, Hendon, NW4 (203 0567); St Albans Road, Barnet (449 8969); and 172 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3 (346 2588).

Of course, there are many who are too busy with job or family responsibilities to give

time in this way. These busy people can support the Red Cross by sending a donation direct to one of the centres or applying at the centre for a covenant form if they wish to make regular donations to the Red Cross.

Throughout the year, trained Red Cross volunteers help the sick, the old and the handicapped in our local communities. The Red Cross also train young people and adults in first aid and basic nursing to recognised standards. By giving this money or by helping, you will be supporting all this wonderful work by the Red Cross trained volunteers.

Florence Marsh
Hendon Red Cross

Anne Painter
Finchley Red Cross

Pat Fleming, Barnet Red Cross

BANK HOLIDAY FUN

BARNET CARNIVAL will be held this year on Monday, May 30 (Whitsun Bank Holiday) at Byng Road Playing Fields, Barnet. This carnival is an established part of the Barnet scene with its special appeal of a full day's entertainment for all the family.

Among the attractions that the organisers, Barnet Rugby Club, hope to include in this year's show are a traction engine display, model engines, horse and trap rides, a motorcycle display, a parachute jump

and the side shows organised by Barnet's local voluntary groups.

The carnival has been very well supported in the past by local groups. If there are any who have not yet received an invitation to take part and raise funds for their own special purpose, and would like to do so, I will be willing to provide them with further details.

J. Lewis
(for the Carnival Committee)
84 Wentworth Road
Barnet
(Tel: 440 2900)

Yoga for the disabled

I WOULD like to inform those who are disabled that the summer venue for Yoga for Handicapped Class will be held in St Mary's Church, Hall, Church Hill Road, East Barnet.

Summer meetings will begin on Wednesday, April 20 from 4 to 6 pm. The class has been beneficial for those who joined

at the beginning last September and new members will be welcome. It is also free.

For further details contact me on 440 1828.

Tug Wilson
(Tutor)
39 Hillier Close
Barnet, EN5 1BD

Soccer training sessions

I AM running a football team on the Grahame Park Estate for the unemployed and training sessions are held on Mondays and Wednesdays behind Centre Point, Grahame Park School, Corner Mead, Grahame Park Way, Colindale, from 4 pm to 7 pm. Next season we are hoping to compete in one of the local leagues.

Unemployed people from all

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ANY SUGGESTIONS?

I AM writing in response to the letter that you published from the Secretary of Hendon WEA branch. I hope it has helped to encourage local interest in the branch.

As many of your readers may know, there are six WEA branches in the borough. They run daytime and evening courses for adults in a variety of subjects which include, for example, Art, Local History and Psychology. The course topics are chosen by the Branch Committee whose members are voluntary WEA students and members.

The branches would welcome suggestions from the community for new activities, and would like to encourage community

groups to contact them if they think the WEA could help them to set up courses.

These courses do not have to be academic or run along formal lines. In other parts of London the WEA has funded courses for tenants' associations, family centres, pensioners, women's groups and unemployed centres. The topic and location of the courses can be decided by the branch and the groups involved.

If any readers wish to contact me I will put them in touch with their local branch.

Amanda Woolley
for Barnet Committee of
WEA Branches
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An expanding scheme

BARNET Home Tutor Scheme has expanded its work to include groups for mothers. These give women the chance to learn English in a friendly atmosphere whilst their children play together.

Unfortunately we are having difficulty finding volunteers to play with the children. It is valuable work, giving the children a chance to hear English spoken in similar situations to those they will meet in nursery, playgroup or school.

Volunteers are welcome to

bring their own child with them. A mileage allowance is paid to cover travel expenses.

There are groups in most parts of the Borough. Anyone who can spare about two hours a week on a regular basis, should contact Joan Miller by phoning 368 1433 or 444 6163.

These groups would also appreciate gifts of good quality toys.

J. Miller (Mrs)
East Finchley Neighbourhood
Centre
42 Church Lane, N2

Make sure of benefits

AS MOST people will already know, from April 4 when the new Housing Benefit Scheme got fully underway, the help that is now available from supplementary benefit will be split between supplementary benefit and a re-vamped Rent and Rebates Scheme. Some people will now find themselves floated off supplementary benefit on to Standard Housing Benefit.

It is therefore important that people with disabilities should ensure that they are getting all their entitlements to extra allowances such as heating additions, diet additions, laundry additions, wear and tear on clothing, domestic help, blindness additions and so on, where it applies.

If any disabled person has special needs the Disablement Association in the Borough of Barnet, Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, will be

pleased to help them. The opening hours are Monday to Thursday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, telephone 449 9181.

Mrs Stella Morgan (Organiser)
DABB

I WOULD like to thank members of the Council's staff who are assisting people under the new Housing Benefits Scheme.

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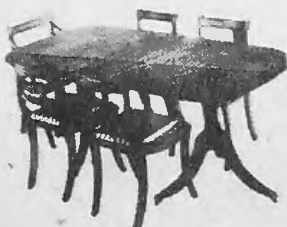
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New housing schemes



Architect's drawing of sheltered housing scheme.

A NEW sheltered housing scheme is being built by Barnet Council at Prospect Place, East End Road, East Finchley, and will be ready in the late Spring.

Sheltered housing is provided for active elderly people who would benefit from moving into a modern, self-contained flat, with its own kitchen and bathroom specially designed for easy use, and which also offers the security of having a resident Warden.

Prospect Place has been designed by the Borough Architect's Department, to

offer a pleasant, quiet environment. While each flat is self-contained there is a community room where residents can meet.

The Council is keen to offer these new flats to elderly couples or single people, resident in the Finchley area, who are council tenants living in housing which is either too large for them or is unsuitable.

Anyone who is a Council tenant or on the housing waiting list who would like to move to this sheltered housing scheme should write to the Director of Housing Services (see column 4).

AN attractive housing development, built in a quiet residential road in Chipping Barnet, and designed in such a way that it has an individual quality, is soon to be offered for rent by Barnet Council.

These one-bedroom flats in traditional two-storey blocks, offer full central heating, ample cupboard room, well-planned kitchens and a landscaped garden with car parking space.

Many people on Barnet's Housing Waiting List urgently need three-bedroom housing and at the same time many tenants who, because their families have now married and have homes of their own, are living in houses which are more suitable for a large family. These new schemes are designed to help meet this difficult problem.

Newlands Place development with its warm, red brick, attractive cornices and dormer windows, is close to the large Barnet housing estates off Chesterfield Road.

Doors controlled by entry-phones lead to a well-lit staircase which gives access to four flats. Each of the 18 flats in the scheme has a pleasant living room, a comfortable bedroom,

a large, sunny kitchen and the bathroom has well planned fittings with 'grab' handles for bath and toilet.

Every flat has a walk-in cupboard for storage and a large airing cupboard.

Care has been taken to make life easy for people who will be making these their homes in retirement. Electric sockets are at waist level and windows are designed with easy-to-use safety handles.

Both schemes have been designed in the Department of the Borough Architect.

Newlands Place will be ready for letting in late April. The Council is keen to offer them to tenants from its housing estates in the High Barnet area.

Anyone who would like to move to either of these new developments should write to the Director of Housing Services, 65 Watford Way, Hendon NW4 3AY.

PANDA QUIZ COMPETITION

FORTY-FIVE schools in the boroughs of Barnet and Herts-mere have been taking part in the Metropolitan Police S District Panda Quiz Competition and the finals will be held at Hendon Police Training College on April 22 at 7 pm.

The quiz which has a strong road safety content is aimed at children aged nine to 11. The area was divided into 15 groups and each school met the others in its group three times. All the way through points were build-

ing up and not until after Civic News went to press were the finalists revealed.

The exercise has been one of co-operation between the schools and the police.

A competition for special schools for children with an educational handicap is being run at the same time.

Members of the public wishing to attend the quiz should contact their local schools.

Ambulance appeal

TO MARK the 80th year of the St John Ambulance in Barnet the local Division are organising an appeal for £2,000 to buy and equip an ambulance for use on their numerous duties.

Last year the Division undertook more than 4,000 hours of duties, 3,000 of them first aid duties in the Barnet and London areas. An ambulance would provide a base from which to work on duties as well as taking casualties to hospital. This would reduce the workload of

the London Ambulance Service who have provided a good service for the St John Ambulance by taking casualties to hospital.

The Divisional Officer, Mr Stephan Krause, outlines some of the events to be undertaken by his Division during 1983. The first event is a Sponsored Pram Push on Saturday, April 23. In June there will be house-to-house and street collections in Barnet. A stall will be run by the Division in Barnet Market on Saturday, June 25.

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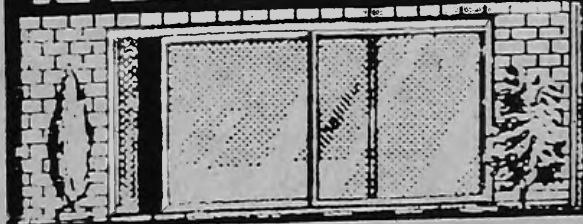
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WHAT'S ON

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Saturday April 16

Flea Market, Salisbury Hotel,
Barnet, in aid of Cancer Re-
search. 10 am (440 2330).

Tuesday April 26

Hendon WEA meeting on the
English Language, Children's
Section, Hendon Library, The
Burroughs. 7.30 pm (202
7961).

Sunday May 1

Mill Hill Preservation Society
Footpath Walk. Meet 11 am
The Rising Sun, Highwood Hill.

Wednesday May 4

SDP Liberal Alliance, Hendon
Library, The Burroughs.
Speaker: Lord Ezra, former
Chairman of National Coal
Board on 'Industrial Policy'. 8
pm (445 8261).

Friday May 13

Hendon & District Cage Birds
Association, Carey Hall, Wil-
berforce Rd., West Hendon.
7.30 pm Budgerigar talk and
washing demonstration. (205
2647).

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WALK FOR A MINI-BUS

HAYNES SPECIAL SCHOOL in New Southgate are organising a 24-hour sponsored walk on May 14-15 to raise money to pay for the maintenance of their Variety Sunshine Coach given to them in 1980 after the school had raised £1,500.

Since then the mini-bus has been in constant use and £3,000 has been raised with the help of long distance walkers.

This year the school hopes to raise over £2,000 and are asking: 'Can you help, either by walking and raising your own sponsorship or by sponsoring the teachers from the school who will be walking?'

The walk will start from Tilbury Ferry on Saturday, May 14 at 9 am and will follow the Countryway in an anti-clockwise direction towards

Brentwood and onwards to Epping etc., with checkpoints and refreshments on the way.

All walkers (no runners please) will be given a certificate showing the time and distance walked.

For an entry form write to or telephone Dave Clarke, Deputy Head Teacher, Haynes School, Brunswick Crescent, New Southgate (tel. 368 2672 in school hours) or Ian Balsillie (tel. 0279 726023 weekends and evenings). Entry forms should be accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope. You will then receive your sponsor card, check cards and an outline of the route. There is an entry fee of £4 to cover administration costs and this should be made payable to the Haynes School Mini-bus Fund.

Spot the ball competition



Well! Our spot the ball competition had everyone beaten. We had a good batch of entries from the juniors last month — and still no one got really close to the centre of the ball. The nearest, and she gets the record token prize, was Sarah Wild, 33 Cyprus Rd, Finchley.

SPOT YOUR VALUABLES

HAVE YOU been burgled? West Hampstead Police have found a large cache of stolen property which will be on show at the Police College, Aerodrome Road, Colindale, from 10 am to 7 pm until April 16. Members of the public are invited to visit the display. They should take details of when and where they reported thefts and any identifying material.



Wham, bam, zoom into Church Farm House Museum, Hendon to meet the All American comic strip characters. Details in the Exhibition panel of What's On.

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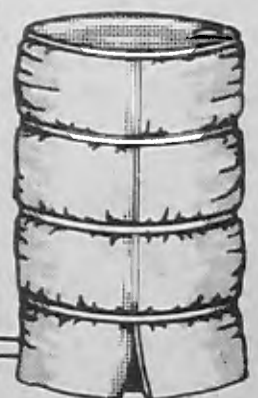
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Summer workshops

THE summer term, Barnet Arts Council Workshops at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley runs from April 25 to July 15.

Children's workshops from 5 to 6.30 pm. Membership is 10p and the cost for each session is 40p. Their programme is: Mondays: photography (10-18 years), drama (8-10 years), art and craft (7-12 years); Wednesdays: silk-screening and printing (10 to 18 years), video (10-18 years); Thursdays: art and craft (7-12 years), drama (11-18 years).

Adult workshops are: Mondays: drama/keep fit 10.30-11.30 am (with creche) and 12 noon to 1 pm, 75p a session; Wednesdays: drama, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, unemployed 25p, others 75p a session; women's silk-screening group (with creche) 1.30 to 3 pm, £3 a term and 50p a session; Fridays: dance/keep fit, 10 to 11 am, 11.15 am to 12.15 pm (with creche), 75p a session.

Further information from Barnet Workshops Organiser, Anne Latimer, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3 (346 7120).



Infant schools' music festival

FIFTY-FIVE schools, seven more than last year, took part in this year's Infant Schools' Music Festival organised by Barnet Schools Music Association and held over a number of days towards the end of the spring term.

This year's theme was world-wide 'Travel'. Four communal songs were learnt by all schools and each

school presented a song of their own choice together with percussion and instrumental work, country or folk dancing and a story with musical accompaniment.

Twelve host schools entertained several other schools. They were: Grasvenor, Foulds, Osidge, Oakland, Moss Hall, St John's (Whetstone), Holly Park, Brook-

land, Dollis, St John's (Hendon), St Paul's (Mill Hill), and Edgware. Our picture was taken at Holly Park, Friern Barnet. The Mayor, Councillor Vic Usher, attended two of the performances, at St Paul's and Osidge.

This year's organiser was Mrs. Marjorie Martin, head of Grasvenor School, Barnet.

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WHAT'S ON IN BARNET

THIS LIST of activities in the Borough is open, free of charge, to all voluntary and community groups.

Entries for the June issue (June 11 to July 16) must reach the editor by May 10.

Entries to Civic News, address: page 4.

*Asterisk denotes regular weekly meeting.

Saturday April 16

Garden Suburb Ward Councillors' surgery, The Tea House, Northway, NW11. 10 am—noon.

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners & Floral Art Society Spring Show, St John's Church Hall, Somerset Rd. 2 pm (449 5650).

East Finchley Councillors' surgery, Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane. 10—11.30 am.

Drama Workshop for children, The Old Bull, 68 High St, Barnet. Ages 7—10. 10.30 am—12.30 pm; 10—12. 1.30—3.30 pm. 50p per session (449 0048).

Artcraft and drama workshop for children, Elizabeth Allen Centre, Wood St, Barnet. 9.30 am term time (368 2772).

Dolphin Swimming Club. Tuition for all ages. Warm indoor pool in Hampstead. 2—5 pm (349 1844).

Social Singles Club for unattached people 30 to 50; 8 pm (346 8604) or SAE to 23 Gregory Ave, Potters Bar, Herts.

Barnet Thirty Plus Group unattached people 30 to 50. 8 pm (405 4821 or SAE to Ms Stella Lemos, Camacha, 1st Silkfield Rd, NW9 6QT).

High Barnet Baptist Church bookstall, 197 High St, Barnet — sale of 'Tearcraft' materials, cards. 10—4 pm.

Sweat, Stretch 'n Shape exercise class, 2—3 pm, £1.50; Rock Dance, 3—4 pm, £1.50. United Reformed Church Hall, East End Rd, N2 (883 7029).

Sunday April 17

Hendon South LIB/SDP Alliance Bazaar, Cheshir Hall, Hendon. 11 am—2 pm (202 7821).

Barnet and District Athletic Club, youngsters training, Victoria Hall, Park Rd, East Barnet. 10.30 am (882 3265).

Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Every evening. 7.30—11 pm. Training for youngsters. Sundays 3—5 pm (440 1721).

Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, 145 Orange Hill Rd, Burnt Oak. Beginners 8 pm (959 5204).

Bridge Lane Bridge Club, 71 Bridge Lane, Golders Green. Every day except Friday evening. 1.30—6 pm and 7.45—11.40 pm (455 3711 and 458 1764 after 2 pm).

Mind (voluntary mental health organisation) Social Club, Day Centre, Etchingham Park Rd, Finchley, N3. 3.30—7 pm (455 2850).

Zen Meditation, 91 Nether St, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 1819).

Bible Talk, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Rd, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (441 0060 or 449 2055).

Tae Kwon Do Club, Grahame

Park Centre Point. 2—4 pm (200 7112).

Finchley Crusaders, Youth Group for boys and girls. Ages 5-11, 3 pm, 46 Dollis Ave, N3 (346 6715); 11-18, 3 pm, St. Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3 (346 1277).

120 (Hendon) Squadron ATC, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Rd, Colindale. Boys 13½-15½. 10 am (205 7297).

Wembley Sailing Club, Birchen Grove, NW9. Welsh Harp. Beginners welcome (455 5073).

Mini Rugby, 6—11, Mill Hill Rugby Club, Page St, Mill Hill, 10.30 am (203 0685 959 8680).

New Barnet and Whetstone Crusaders, boys and girls groups, 4—18 yrs. St. John's URC Hall, Somerset Rd, New Barnet. 3 pm (440 2871).

Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre. Beginner's class, St. Mary's Church House, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. 2 pm (449 3444).

Muslim Youth Club of Finchley, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. Various activities. 12.30—4.30 pm (349 2844).

Monday April 18

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Bigwood House (Community Room), Bigwood Rd, N11. 'Early photographs and photography.' 8 pm (202 0269).

Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service Whist Drive, Priory Hall, Friern Barnet Lane. 2.15 pm (368 4278).

Mill Hill Rotaract Club, Mill Hill Lawn Tennis Club, Sylvan Ave. 8 pm (202 4509).

Loyal Flower of Hendon Lodge of Odd Fellows, Post Office, Brampton Grove. 7.45 pm (952 5576).

Annunciation Youth Centre, Thirleby Rd, Burnt Oak. 6 pm Judo; Guitar; Football, girls and boys 11-16; 8 pm. General activities 13-17. **Tuesdays:** Irish dancing 5 pm; Popmobility girls 7.30 pm; ladies 8 pm. **Wednesdays:** 6.15 pm Brownies; 8 pm girls' football general club 13-17 yrs; **Thursdays:** Over 60s 2 pm; Guides 7 pm; **Fridays:** Junior Youth Club (9-12 yrs) 6 pm; General Club (12-14 yrs) 7.30 pm; Friday's People (18-25 yrs) 8 pm; **Saturdays:** Irish dancing 10 am; Boppers Disco (9-12 yrs) 7.30 pm (959 7840).

Woodcraft Folk (High Barnet) — Barnet Hill School, Dollis Valley Way, boys and girls 6-10 yrs 6.15 pm (440 5369), 10-13 yrs 7.45 pm (449 7709); Foulds School, Byng Rd, Barnet, 6-10 yrs 6.15 pm (449 0361), 10-13 yrs 7.30 pm (449 6038).

4th East Barnet Mixed Venture Scout Unit (16-20), Netherlands Rd, New Barnet. 8 pm (30 66649).

Barnet Chess Club, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 7.45 pm (445 0635).

Dog obedience training, All Saints' Parish Hall, Oakleigh Rd North, Friern Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm; Advanced 8.45 pm (449 4155 after 6 pm).

Ladies' meeting, East Finchley Baptist Church, Creighton Ave, Finchley, N2. 2.30 pm.

Silver Threads — Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 2 pm (440 8303).

North London Karate Club, QE

Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7733 8633).

Bridge, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm (959 4723 346 6925).

Edgware Sea Cadet Corps Boys and Girls 12-18 yrs. Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm (959 0711).

Livingstone Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, Bevan Park Baptist Church, Grove Rd, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 3094).

Hendon Sea Cadet Corps — Sea and Marine Cadets 12 yrs plus. Cool Oak Lane, NW9. 7.30 pm (200 6286).

Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, URC Hall, Oakleigh Rd North, Whetstone, 8 pm. Beginners 7 pm.

1st Hendon Boys' Brigade, United Reformed Church, Eversfield Gdns, Mill Hill. 6-8 yrs. 4.30 pm; 8-11 yrs. 6.30 pm; 11-17 yrs. 8 pm (427 6237).

Pop-Flexibility (exercise to music), Finchley Sports Hall. 7.30 pm (349 1844).

Modern sequence and old time dancing, Ashmole Sports Centre, Burleigh Gdns, Southgate. 7.30 pm (886 3799).

Self-defence for girls, Bunyan Hall, Trinity Church, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 7 pm (346 3621).

Visual Arts Club, Old Bull Centre, 68 High St, Barnet — 1.30 pm, adults £1, 7-12-yrs. 4 pm, 50p (449 0048).

Music and Movement, mime, percussion, contemporary and jazz dance classes, children

3½—15. All Saints Church Hall, N6 (also Tues & Wed). 2 to 6. (349 0974).

Friendship Social Club for over 60's. St. Peter Le Poer Hall, Albion Ave, N10. 2 pm (446 4221).

Finchley Pensioners' Club, St. Paul's Hall, Long Lane, Finchley. 1.30 pm (346 0564).

Ladies — come and find a new meaning to life, Salisbury Chapel, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 2.15 pm (449 7026).

Yoga — fit and disabled — Tudor Hall, Barnet College, Wood St, Barnet. 7.30 pm (440 1828).

New Barnet Literary and Debating Society, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 3859).

Barnet Tae Kwon Do Club, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, Finchley, 7.30 pm.

Ladies Keep Fit, Silk House Community Centre, Annesley Ave, Colindale. 7.30 pm (206 0072). £1 per session.

Bridge lessons and play for improvers (intermediate standard) St Michael's School, Nether St, North Finchley. 7.45 pm (349 4707).

Barnet Contemporary Dance Company, QE Centre, Meadway, Barnet. Beginners 7 pm, intermediates 8 pm (441 5984).

St. John Ambulance Cadets, boys and girls 8-16. 7 pm; Adults 7.45 pm. Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Edgware (959 5391).

Yakar Educational Foundation (Jewish lectures), 2 Egerton Gdns, Hendon. 8 pm (202

5551/2). Also Tuesdays.

Canada Villa Senior Youth Club, Youth Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm. Also Wednesdays and Fridays (959 2811).

Over 60s Club, St. Mary Magdalen Hall, Holders Hill Rd, Mill Hill. 2 pm.

East Barnet Toy Library (excluding school holidays) open to all pre-school children, St James Hall, East Barnet Rd, New Barnet. 2—3.30 pm (440 9562).

Football training for unemployed youngsters, behind Grahame Park Centrepoint, Corner Mead, Grahame Park Way, Colindale. 4—7 pm. Also Wednesdays. All welcome.

After Eights' Young Wives, Brunswick Park Rd Health Centre, N11. (368 9630).

Barnet Branch of the North Middlesex Family History Society, Church House, Wood St. 7.45 pm (449 5080 6153).

Amnesty International (Friern Barnet), Ovington Room (behind St John's Church), Friern Barnet Rd. 7.15 pm (368 8131).

Rotaract Club of Cockfosters & Hadley Wood, Duke of Lancaster Pub, Lancaster Rd. 8.30 pm (445 5103).

Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (26-60). Finchley area. 8 pm (441 5532 889 0513).

Friern Barnet and Totteridge Camera Club, Dollisfield Library, Totteridge Lane. 8 pm (445 2617).

Training, Mill Hill Rugby Club, Page St, Mill Hill. 7 pm (203 0685).

Barnet and District Athletic Club Training, Victoria Hall, East Barnet. 7.15 pm (441 1589).

English Country Dancing, Holy Trinity Hall, Church Lane, N2. 7.30 pm (445 4772).

Modern ballroom and Latin American dancing, Shakespear Hall, Manor Park Crescent, Station Rd, Edgware. 8.30 pm (346 5868).

Judo, Quinta Club, Mays Lane, Barnet (449 2914).

Hendon South Young Socialists, 7 Sunnyfields Rd, Hendon. 8 pm.

Hendon South Young Conservatives, 166 Station Rd, Hendon. 8.15 pm (455 9136).

West Hendon Handicraft Group, Community Centre, West Hendon Estate. 2 pm (205 0514).

Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. After School Club, 5 to 12 yrs and parents. Senior Youth Club. 7.30 pm (444 8422).

Prayer and Bible Study Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 7.15 pm (440 8303).

57 Nursing Division, St John Ambulance Brigade, Carey Hall, Claremont Rd, Cricklewood. 7.30 pm (428 4529).

Barnet Hockey Club training session, Grahame Park all-weather floodlit pitch. 8 pm (445 8968 or 61 22668).

East Finchley Sisterhood, Methodist Hall, High Rd, East Finchley. 2.30 pm (444 5756).

Hendon Arts Theatre Workshop, open to all, 7.45 pm (202 6242).

Manor Drive Methodist Church Wives' Club, York Way, N20

EXHIBITIONS

Until April 24

'Flights of Fancy'. American comics based on a local private collection. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: Mon—Sat (except Tues) 10 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Tues 10 am—1 pm; Sun 2—5 pm (203 0130).

May 7 to June 19

Victorian and Edwardian children's illustrated books. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Opening hours as above.

Until April 16

Exhibition of paintings of competition entries by school children of the Borough at Harris Fine Art Gallery, Castle Mews, North Finchley.

Pinhole photographs (taken with a shoe box camera) by Huw Davies and Tessa Ashley-Millar. The Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. Open: Mon.—Sat. 10 am—6 pm. Exhibitors will be present each day from 11 am to 5 pm (449 0048).

Until April 23

Watercolour and sepia paintings by Christine Spence, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal opening hours (202 5625).

Until April 29

GCE Art 'O' and 'A' level from 1982 examinations, Stanhope Road Centre,

North Finchley. Open: Mon—Fri 10 am—12 noon, 1.30—3.30 pm, 6.30—8.30 pm (445 6088).

Until April 30

Sculptures by Vincent Woropay. The Crest Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane N20. Open: Tues. & Wed. 2—5.30 pm; Fri. 11 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat. 11 am—1 pm, 2—4 pm (485 6993).

April 16 to 30

Barnet and Finchley Photographic Society Annual Exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. Colour slides will be shown in hall on Thursday April 28, 8—10 pm. Normal opening hours (445 4081).

April 17 to 22

National Association of Jewish Youth Clubs, Exhibition of Arts and Crafts, The Old Bull, 68 High St., Barnet. Open: Mon.—Sat. 10 am—6 pm (449 0048).

May 6 to 26

Colin Chebsey, Watercolours, Stanhope Road Centre, North Finchley. Open: Mon—Fri 10 am—12 noon, 1.30—3.30 pm, 6.30—8.30 pm (445 6088).

May 6 to 28

Oil paintings and watercolours by Dorothy Whiteley and Anthony Rickards, The Crest Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane. Open as above (April 30).

Tuesday April 19

After Eights' Young Wives, Brunswick Park Rd Health Centre, N11. (368 9630).

Barnet Branch of the North Middlesex Family History Society, Church House, Wood St. 7.45 pm (449 5080 6153).

Amnesty International (Friern Barnet), Ovington Room (behind St John's Church), Friern Barnet Rd. 7.15 pm (368 8131).

Rotaract Club of Cockfosters & Hadley Wood, Duke of Lancaster Pub, Lancaster Rd. 8.30 pm (445 5103).

Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (26-60). Finchley area. 8 pm (441 5532 889 0513).

Friern Barnet and Totteridge Camera Club, Dollisfield Library, Totteridge Lane. 8 pm (445 2617).

Training, Mill Hill Rugby Club, Page St, Mill Hill. 7 pm (203 0685).

Barnet and District Athletic Club Training, Victoria Hall, East Barnet. 7.15 pm (441 1589).

English Country Dancing, Holy Trinity Hall, Church Lane, N2. 7.30 pm (445 4772).

Modern ballroom and Latin American dancing, Shakespear Hall, Manor Park Crescent, Station Rd, Edgware. 8.30 pm (346 5868).

Judo, Quinta Club, Mays Lane, Barnet (449 2914).

Hendon South Young Socialists, 7 Sunnyfields Rd, Hendon. 8 pm.

Hendon South Young Conservatives, 166 Station Rd, Hendon. 8.15 pm (455 9136).

West Hendon Handicraft Group, Community Centre, West Hendon Estate. 2 pm (205 0514).

Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. After School Club, 5 to 12 yrs and parents. Senior Youth Club. 7.30 pm (444 8422).

Prayer and Bible Study Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 7.15 pm (440 8303).

57 Nursing Division, St John Ambulance Brigade, Carey Hall, Claremont Rd, Cricklewood. 7.30 pm (428 4529).

Barnet Hockey Club training session, Grahame Park all-weather floodlit pitch. 8 pm (445 8968 or 61 22668).

East Finchley Sisterhood, Methodist Hall, High Rd, East Finchley. 2.30 pm (444 5756).

Hendon Arts Theatre Workshop, open to all, 7.45 pm (202 6242).

Manor Drive Methodist Church Wives' Club, York Way, N20

WHAT'S ON

- (during term-time). 2 pm. Creche available (368 2193).
- *Home League women's meeting, East Finchley Salvation Army, Hertford Rd, East Finchley. 2.15 pm (444 0207).
- *Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, Children's class, East Barnet Lower School, Westbrook Cres. 7 pm.
- *Home League women's meeting, Hendon Salvation Army, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 2.15 pm.
- *Tae Kwon Do Club, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 8 pm (200 7112).
- *Ladies' Fellowship, United Mission, Pembroke Rd, Muswell Hill. 2.15 pm (444 5536).
- *Friends of Clitterhouse Junior School — Bingo session term time — Claremont Rd, Cricklewood. 8 pm.
- *120 (Hendon) Squadron ATC, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Rd, Colindale, Boys 13½-15½. 7.30 pm (205 7297).
- *Goodwyn Ave Badminton Club, Methodist Church, Mill Hill, 8 pm (953 2021, ext. 82).
- *Spark Community Social Club (for anyone who has had a stroke), Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Burnt Oak. 7 pm (952 3322).
- *Slenderquest, Small Room, St Mary's Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet (203 0898).
- *Mother and Children's Club, Essex Hall, Essex Park, Finchley, during term-time. 2 pm.
- *20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Rd North, Whetstone. 7.45 pm (360 2586).
- *Mothers and Toddlers Group, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Rd, New Barnet. 1 pm (449 8200).
- *Evergreen Club for over 60s.

- Baptist Hall, High Rd, New Southgate. 1.30 pm (446 2497).
- *Scottish dancing, St Albans Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8 pm. Children 6.30 pm (435 5152).
- *Prams and Pushchairs — Mothers, babies and toddlers meeting, Union Church, Northiam, Totteridge. 2 pm.
- Umpires training course, Cockfosters CC, Chalk Lane. 8 pm. No fees (449 5496 360 7129).
- *Mind in Barnet (Voluntary Association for Mental Health), 154 Station Rd, Hendon. Advice and counselling in strict confidence. No appointment necessary. No charge. Tuesdays 1—3 pm; Wednesdays, 2—4 pm; Thursdays 8—10 pm.
- *Disabled sports for all ages, King Alfred's School, North End Rd, NW11. 8 pm (449 9181).
- *West Hendon Liberal Association. 7.45 pm (202 8087 Sunday to Thursday evenings).
- *Hendon and Edgware 18-plus group, the Cavalier Rooms, Prince Albert, Golders Green Rd. 8.15 pm (207 4875).
- *Canada Villa Judo Club, Youth Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 6.30 pm (959 2811).
- *Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Lyonsdown Hall, New Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm. General 8.30 pm (77 52169).
- *BHTS/Sangam Club, St Paul's Church Hall, Long Lane, N3. 1.30 pm.
- *Finchley Ferris Wheelers Square Dance Club — beginners class, St Mary's Hall,

- Hendon Lane, Finchley. 7 pm.
- *Natraj Arts — Indian Dance classes, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 6 pm (368 0842).
- *Barnet Unemployed Group 'drop in' centre, St Margaret's Hall, Victoria Ave, Finchley N3. 1—4 pm (446 0103).
- *Woodcraft Folk Central Barnet (6—10 yrs), Deansbrook School, Mill Hill. (959 1513).
- *Barnet Women's Place silk screening course, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 1.30 and 8 pm (440 9562).
- *Rock Dance, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Eagan's Close, Market Place, East Finchley.

- Adults and children over 8 yrs 50p. 6—7 pm (444 8422).
- *Exercises to music by qualified teacher, Barnet Centre British Red Cross Society, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 8 pm (449 8969).

Wednesday April 20

- Finchley Church End Afternoon TWG, St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. (346 4178).
- Rotaract Club of Barnet, The Salisbury, High St. 8 pm (77 55630).
- National Trust Edgware & District Centre, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. Treasures of the Goldsmith's Company. 8 pm (951 1578).
- Woodside Park TWG, Old Finchleians Club House, Southover 2 pm (445 6593).
- Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8.30 pm (361 0454).
- Hendon Floral Art Group, Victoria Hall, Victoria Ave, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm (959 6111).
- Lions Club of Finchley, Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, Hendon. 7.30 pm (951 2196).
- *Bring and Buy' coffee morning, Hendon Red Cross Centre. 10 Downage, Hendon. 10 am—12 noon. 'Nearly new' clothes also available. (202 6740).
- *Women's League of Health and Beauty, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, North Finchley. Graded classes from 7 pm (30 61448).
- *Snack lunch (from 30p), Church House, Wood St, Barnet. Proceeds to Christian Aid. 12 noon (449 9902).

- *Barnet Caving Group, Joiners Arms, Ballards Lane, N3. Beginners and experienced cavers welcome. 9 pm (449 0374 or 444 4374).
- *Wednesday Bridge Club, St Andrew's Small Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 1.30 pm (440 9682).
- *Barnet Cycling Club, Victoria Hall, Victoria Rd, East Barnet. 8 pm (446 1762).
- *Old Time and modern sequence dancing, BSCA, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm (440 4424).
- *Friary Sequence Dance Club, Manor Drive Methodist Hall, Whetstone. 8 pm (446 4816).
- *Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Edgware. 8 pm (959 5204).
- *Dog training, St Philip's Hall, Gravel Hill, Finchley. Beginners 7 pm; Intermediate etc. 8 pm (455 9820).
- Finchley & Friern Barnet YCs, 212 Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 9426).
- *Edgware Amateur Cine Society, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 8 pm (204 7484).
- *Whist at Fellowship House, Wilfield Green, Golders Green. 7.45 pm. 25p. (458 3933).
- *Yoga, Whitchurch Institute, Buckingham Rd, Edgware. 2.30 pm (203 1935).
- *Edgware Photographic Society, Edgware Library, Hale Lane. 8 pm (952 4786).
- *Ballroom, sequence, old tyme and party dancing, St Mary's Hall, 54 Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 8 pm (803 9028).
- *Home League ladies meeting, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Rd, New Barnet. 2.15 pm (449 8200).
- *Pymmes Judo Club for children, East Barnet School, West-

Council meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and Committee meetings which are held in the Town Hall, Hendon at 7 pm:

- Monday, April 18: Housing.
- Tuesday, April 19: Education Sub-Committees.
- Wednesday, April 20: Town Planning and Research.
- Tuesday, April 26: Council Meeting.
- Wednesday, May 4: Planning Sub-Committees.
- Tuesday, May 10: Council Annual Meeting.



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brook Cres, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (440 6473).

*Judo, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. Juniors 8 yrs plus. 5.15 pm and 6.15 pm. Girls and ladies self defence. 7.30 pm (444 8422).

*Over 60s Meeting, West Hendon Community Centre. 2 pm (202 4847).

*North London & District Divorced and Separated Club, St Paul's Hall, High Rd, New Southgate. 8 pm (363 4130).

*Incognito Theatre Group, Holly Park Rd, New Southgate. 8 pm. New members welcome (445 1576).

*Daniel Court Social Club, North Ace, Grahame Park. 2 pm (200 1759 after 6 pm).

*West Hendon Dog Training Club, Christ Church Hall, The Crest, Brent St, Hendon. Beginners, intermediate and competition levels (445 3031/455 5889).

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

*Mothers and Toddlers Group, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Rd, New Barnet. 2 pm (440 7058).

*Mountfield Old Time and Modern Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, Finchley. 7.30 pm.

*East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, N2. Social Work Surgery. 1.30-3.30 pm (444 6265).

*Drama Workshop, children 5-7, Old Bull Centre, 68 High St, Barnet. 4.15 pm. Teenagers 6.30 pm. 50p per session (449 0048). Adults 8.30 pm (77 58636).

*Lyonsdown Parent and Toddler Group, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet.

term time. 10 am (441 0352).

*Yoga — fit or disabled — St Mary's Hall, East Barnet, 2 pm and 4 pm; Stanhope Rd Centre, North Finchley, 7.30 pm (440 1828).

*Brent Divorced and Separated Club, Supper Room, The Hog's Grunt, Production Village, 100 Cricklewood Lane, NW2. 8 pm (452 2912).

*Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, Beginners Class, St John's Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. 8 pm (449 3444).

*Gymnastics, Manor Arrows Youth Centre, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, N12. 6 pm (368 8976).

*Badminton, East Finchley (883 4437).

*Yoga — all levels, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 10.30 am (346 1365). Also Thursdays, 6.30 pm.

*Barnet Unemployed Group 'Drop in' Centre, Youth Hall, 142 High Rd, East Finchley. 1-5 pm (446 0103).

*Barnet Women's Place Studies course, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 8 pm (449 6099).

*Ladies Friendship, Oakleigh Chapel, 170 Oakleigh Rd North, Whetstone. 2 pm (368 7788).

*3rd Mill Hill Brownies, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 6.30 pm (959 7296).

*North Finchley Budo Kan (martial arts). (445 1651). Also on Thursdays.

Thursday April 21
Institute Arts Group, Bigwood House, Bigwood Rd, NW11.

Talk and criticism of members work. Non-members 30p. 8 pm (455 3244).

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

*Training, Mill Hill Rugby Club, Page St, Mill Hill. 7 pm (203 0685).

*North Side Bridge Club, Methodist Church, High Rd, East Finchley. 7.30 pm (445 7788).

*Activities Evening (10 to 18 year olds) badminton, five-a-side football, indoor hockey etc. Manor Arrows Youth Club, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. 6 pm (368 8976).

*Finchley Old Time and Modern Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, East Finchley. 7.30 pm.

*National Council for the Divorced and Separated (NW London Branch), Cavalier Rooms, Prince Albert, Golders Green Rd, NW11. 8 pm.

*Mental Health Association (MIND) Social Club, 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 8 pm (455 2850).

*Finchley Chess Club, Day Centre, Etchingham Park Rd, Finchley. 7 pm (445 7560).

*Silver Circle, Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Rd, New Barnet. 2 pm (449 8200).

*Ridgeway Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, St Mary's Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 7.30 pm (449 2852).

*Barnet and District Athletic Club Joggers night, Victoria Hall,

Park Rd, East Barnet. 7 pm (441 1589).

*Barnet Youth Hostels Association Group, Scout HQ, Triangle Passage, New Barnet. 8 pm (77 54216).

*Pymmes Judo Club for adults, East Barnet School, Westbrook Cres, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 6473).

*Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. 3 pm. After School Club (5 to 12s and parents). Senior Youth Club (13 to 18 yrs). 7.30 pm (444 8422).

*North London Karate Club, QE Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7733/8633).

*Duplicate Bridge, Friends of the Jewish Day Centre, Michael Sobell House, Limes Ave, Golders Green. 7.45 pm. £1.20 inc. refreshments.

*Dancing, Conservative Hall, High Rd, New Southgate. Modern Sequence and Old Time. 8.30 pm (361 9847).

*Barnet PHAB Group (physically handicapped and able-bodied), Alyth Youth Centre, Alyth Gdns, Temple Fortune. 8.15 pm (906 1505).

*Old Time and Sequence Dance Club, Cadets HQ, Long Lane, Finchley. 7.30 pm (445 3610).

*Boys Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Rd, High Barnet. 6.30 pm (204 7213).

*Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, girls' 12-18 yrs, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm (959 0711).

*8th Barnet Scout Group (Cubs) 8-11 yrs, The Scout Hut, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 6.30 pm (440 7457)

Ladies' Meeting, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 2.30 pm (440 3899).

*Burnt Oak Salvation Army Over 60s Club, Barnfield Rd, Burnt Oak. 2 pm (906 1606).

*Tae Kwon Do Club, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 8 pm (200 7112).

*9th Hendon Boys' Centre, Edgware Methodist Church, Garratt Rd, 8-11 yrs. 6.45 pm (958 8285).

*Boys' Brigade, 1st New Barnet, Brookside Methodist Church, East Barnet. 6-8 yrs. 6 pm; 8-11 yrs. 6.30 pm (441 2042).

*Hendon Chess Club, 7 Sunningfields Rd, Hendon. 7.30 pm (200 5823).

*Sequence Dancing, St Stephen's Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm; General dancing 8.30 pm (77 52949).

*High Barnet Woodcraft Folk, Underhill School, Mays Lane, Barnet. Boys and girls 6-10 yrs 6.15 pm (441 3233).

*8th Hendon Boys' Brigade (Pre-Junior) 5-8 yrs 6 pm, Mill Hill East Church, Salcombe Gdns (205 3182/346 6167).

Russell Club (National Association of Women's Clubs), Southaw School, Russell Lane, Whetstone. 8 pm (361 1553).

*JACS (Finchley). Cultural club for retired people. Caller Wing, Finchley Synagogue, Kinloss Gdns, Finchley. 1.30 pm (446 0787).

*Retirement Club, Montagu Rd Centre, Montagu Rd, Hendon. 1.45 pm (202 2233).

*Over 60s Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 2 pm.

*Pop-flexibility, Finchley Sports Centre, High Rd. 7.30 pm (349 1844).

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*3rd East Barnet Scout Group (11-16 yrs), Vernon Cres, East Barnet. 6 pm.
 *Ballard Jewish Friendship Club, Ruben Shine House, 184 Ballards Lane, Finchley. 7 pm (346 4393/455 8710).
 *Church Farm Square Dance Club, Church Farm Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 8 pm (363 5247).
 *Women's Friendship Club, Union Church, Northiam, Totteridge. 2.15 pm (445 7993).
 *1st Friern Barnet Boys' Brigade, Manor Drive Methodist Church, Whetstone. 6-8 yrs, 5.45 pm; 8-11 yrs, 6.30 pm; 11-17 yrs, 7.45 pm (446 0882).
 *3rd Colindale (St Matthias) Brownie Guides 6.30 pm, Guides, 8 pm, HQ, St Matthias Parish Centre, Rushgrove Ave, Colindale (205 5159, Brownies, 205 0684 Guides).
 *Old Bull Morris Men, Morris and traditional clog dancing, QE Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 8 pm (0442 62387).
 *Barnet Women's Place, John Hampden Annexe, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 2099/446 3339).
 *Slenderquest Slimming Class, 117/121 High St, Barnet (1st floor). 10 am (441 4688).
 *Barnet Women's Place Self-Defence course, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 1.15 pm (446 4978).

Friday April 22

The Historical Society (North London), Junior Library, Cecil Rd, Enfield. 8 pm (971 9866).
 *Grafton Radio Society, 'Five Bells' Public House, East End Rd, N2. 8 pm (346 5841).
 *S' District Metropolitan Police schools 'Panda' competition Final, M.P. Cadet Training

School, Aerodrome Road, Hendon. Tickets available only through heads of Barnet schools. 7 pm.
 *Barnet International Folk Dance Club, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley. 8 pm (368 5345).
 *St George's Swimming Club, QE Boys' School, Queens Rd, Barnet. Beginners and improvers. 7 pm (449 9104).
 *Hendon Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 7.45 pm (455 0837).
 *Barnet & Finchley Photographic Society, rear 37 Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 8 pm (368 3917).
 *Mill Hill Over 60s Handicraft Club, Moreton Close Lounge (behind shops Salcombe Gdns, Mill Hill). 2 pm (959 3858).
 *Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley, Junior Youth Club (8-13 yrs), general. 5.45 pm (444 8422).
 *Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Rd, Finchley. 8 pm (346 4265).
 *Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, boys 12-18 yrs, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm (959 0711).
 *8th Barnet Scout Group, 11-16 yrs, Scout Hut, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 7.30 pm (440 7457).
 *Over 60s Fellowship, East Finchley Salvation Army, Hertford Rd, East Finchley. 2.30 pm (444 0207).
 *Barnet Arts Workshop Dance/Keep Fit Class, Avenue House, East End Rd, Finchley. 75p (creche). 10 am and 11.15 am (346 7120).
 *Hendon Unit Sea Cadet Corps, Girls 12 years plus. Cool Oak

Lane, NW9. 7.30 pm (200 6286).
 *Bible Fellowship, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Rd, New Barnet. 7.45 pm (449 8200).
 *5th Hendon Boys' Brigade, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 8-11 yrs, 6.30 pm; 11-18 yrs. 8 pm (952 3385).
 *Barnet Blind Bowls Club, Drill Hall, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 2 pm (449 7058).
 *High Barnet Woodcraft Folk Venturers 13-16+ (enquire QE Sports Centre for location) (440 2426).
 *Mother and Toddlers Group, The Hyde URC Hall, Colin Close, Colindale. 2 pm. During term (200 5375).
 *120 (Hendon) Squadron ATC, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Rd, Colindale. Boys 13½-15½. 7.30 pm (205 7297).
 *3rd East Barnet Cub Scout Pack (8-11 yrs), HQ, Vernon Cres, East Barnet. 6.30 pm.
 *1st Golders Green Ranger Guides (14-19 yrs), St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 7.45 pm (360 6456 day).
 *Siddha Meditation — Satsangs — chanting, talks and meditation. 7.45 pm (446 1650).
 *Ranger Guides — 8th West Finchley, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, Finchley, 14-18 yrs. 7.30 pm (349 9081).
 *Natraj Arts — Indian Dance classes, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Rd North, N20. 6—7 pm (368 0842).
 *Sweat, Stretch 'n Shape exercise class, United Reformed Church Hall, East End Rd, N2.

7—8 pm. £1.50 (883 7029).
 *Woodcraft Folk Central Barnet, (during school term). Moss Hall School, N12: 6-10 yrs, 6.30 pm (346 7740/446 0304); 10—13 yrs 7.45 pm (445 1767). Northside School, N12: 6-10 yrs, 6.30 pm (446 1625); 10—13 yrs 7.45 pm (445 3970); 13—16 yrs 8 pm (346 3565).
 *Barnet Centre British Red Cross Society Youth and Junior's, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 6 pm (449 8969).

Saturday April 23

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, QE Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm (360 2586).
 Spring Market, Church Hill JMI School, Burlington Rise, East Barnet. 11 am-4 pm (368 4778).
 Grand Jumble Sale, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 5th Edgware (John Keble) Scout Group. 2 pm.

Sunday April 24

Octopus Swimming Club for the Handicapped, Squires Lane Baths, N3. 12.30 pm (346 5944).

Monday April 25

Barnet and District Philatelic Society, Town Hall, Station Rd, New Barnet. Competitions. 7.30 pm (449 2536).
 Rotaract Club of Hampstead, Hendon and Golders Green (18-28), Dickens Room, Jack Straw's Castle, North End Way, NW3. 8 pm (794 7048).

Tuesday April 26

Calling all learner drivers. Pre-driving test lecture, Road Safety Centre, East Barnet Town Hall, Station Rd, New Barnet. 7.30 pm £1.25. Contact Barnet Council's Road Safety Section, Smith's Field, East End Rd, N3 (349 9121, ext 422).
 Acorns, women's non-sectarian club, East Finchley Methodist Hall, High Rd. 9.45 am. 'Life in California today'. Creche available (449 8613/349 2148).
 Finchley Redbourne TWG, Etchingham Park Centre, Etchingham Park Rd, N3. 7.45 pm (346 8596).

Wednesday April 27

Amnesty International (Golders Green), Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, NW11. 7.30 pm (346 3138).
 Friary Ladies Club, Assembly Rooms, Colney Hatch Lane, Friern Barnet (entrance Lyndhurst Ave). 8 pm (368 0638).

Thursday April 28

Finchley and Barnet CND, Friends Meeting House, 56 Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. 8 pm.
 Osidge Branch (Women's Section), Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, St Andrew's Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 2 pm (368 5414).
 Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley), North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 1.30 pm (445 7143).
 Pensioners' Voice (Colindale/Burnt Oak), Burnt Oak Library, Watling Ave. 1.30 pm (959 4683).
 Hendon and District Aquatic Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8 pm (368 8430).



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Friday April 29

Barnet Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, WRVS Luncheon Room, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. Surgery 7.30 pm, Committee 8 pm.

Saturday April 30

Olde Tyme Fayre, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill, 10.30 am-3 pm. Admission 10p. In aid of local charities.

Monday May 2

Mill Hill Rotaract Club, Mill Hill Lawn Tennis Club, Sylvan Ave. 8 pm (202 4509).

Loyal Flower of Hendon Lodge of Odd Fellows, Post Office, Brampton Grove. 7.45 pm (952 5576).

New Barnet Evening TWG, Methodist Hall, Brookside, East Barnet. 7.30 pm (449 3024).

London Hash House Harriers, Tottering towards Totteridge. Meet 6.45 pm Totteridge and Whetstone Tube Station, Totteridge Lane (349 2338).

Tuesday May 3

'After Eights' Young Wives, Brunswick Park Rd Health Centre, N11. 8 pm (368 9630).

Pensioners' Voice (Mill Hill East), St Mary Magdalene Church, Holders Hill Rd, Hendon. 1.30 pm (349 0426).

Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 1.45 pm (445 8011).

West Hendon Labour Party, Meeting and Councillors' report. (Details 202 9751).

Rotaract Club of Cockfosters and Hadley Wood, Duke of Lancaster Pub, Lancaster Rd. 8.30 pm (445 5103).

Solo Club for widowed, divorced and single (26-60), Finchley area. 8 pm (441 5532/889 0513).

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday May 4

Ecology Party Barnet/Finchley. (449 8297).

Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8.30 pm (361 0454).

Pensioners' Voice (Golders Green Childs Hill), Methodist Hall, Rodborough Rd, Golders Green. 1.30 pm (458 1479).

Lions Club of Finchley, Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, Hendon. 7.30 pm (951 2196).

Rotaract Club of Barnet, The Salisbury, High St. 8 pm (77 55630).

Barnet Evening TWG, Church House, Wood St. 7.45 pm. 'My years in Saville Row'. (449 5229).

Thursday May 5

East Barnet Valley TWG, St John's Hall, Mowbray Rd, New Barnet. 2.15 pm (449 4227).

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

Local History Group of East Finchley Village Society, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane. 8 pm.

Hendon Afternoon TWG, Cheshir Hall, Foster St. 2 pm (202 6081).

Chipping Barnet WI, Wesley Hall, High St, Barnet. 10 am (441 4103).

Women's Aid monthly meeting. (449 4847).

Multiple Sclerosis Society (Barnet and District), Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 7.30 pm (30 64282).

Saturday May 7

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, QE Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm (360 2586).

Advice Bureau held by Sydney Chapman, MP for Chipping Barnet and Barnet councillor, 163 High St. 10.30 am-12 noon (449 7345).

Friern Barnet Council of Voluntary Service Whist Drive, Priory Hall, Friern Barnet Lane. 8 pm (368 4278).

Sunday May 8

Octopus Swimming Club, Squires Lane Baths, N3. 12.30 pm (346 5944).

Cyclists! Figure of 8 Round Barnet Bike Ride. Meet 11 am prompt outside Finchley Central Tube Station (car park entrance). Barnet Group of the London Cycling Campaign (444 5956).

Monday May 9

Barnet and District Philatelic Society Junior Section, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Station Rd, New Barnet. 6.30 pm. Heads and Tales (449 2536).

Rotaract Club of Hampstead, Hendon and Golders Green (18-28), Dickens Room, Jack Straws Castle, North End Way NW3. 8 pm (794 7048).

Finchley Chrysanthemum Society, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. Bring and Buy. 8 pm (346 2974).

Tuesday May 10

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 8 pm (954 4944).

Acorns, women's non-sectarian club, East Finchley Methodist Hall, High Rd. 9.45 pm. 'I

walked with the stars of the theatre'. Creche available.

National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NW London), Health Centre, Temple Fortune Lane. 8 pm (445 5113).

Open House — social and cultural meeting — SAE 146 Oakleigh Rd Sth, New Southgate.

Wednesday May 11

Brunswick Park Ladies, Church Farm Lane, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 2 pm (368 0383).

British Computer Society (North London), West Lodge Park Hotel, Cockfosters. 'Computing in the early days', and AGM. 7.45 pm (368 5339).

Barnet and District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood St. 8.15 pm. 'Mithras'. (77 54150).

Hendon Horticultural Society, Lecture Hall, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 'Fruit and vegetable growing'. 8 pm (346 7392).

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet), Methodist Church Hall, High St. 1.30 pm (449 6023).

Totteridge Afternoon WI, Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Lane. 2.15 pm (445 8277).

Royal British Legion, North Finchley, Legionway, off Summers Lane. 8 pm (445 9911).

Barnet Friends of the Earth, Venue varies (441 0792).

Finchley Floral Art Society, Friends Meeting House, Alexandra Grove, North Finchley. 8 pm (446 0835).

Friary Ladies Club, Assembly Rooms, Colney Hatch Lane, Friern Barnet (entrance Lynhurst Ave). 8 pm (368 0638).

Thursday May 12

Barnet Flower Arrangement Society, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8 pm. 'Inspiration'. (77 52924).

Finchley and Granville TWG, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. 2 pm (445 5865).

Hendon and District Aquatic Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8 pm (368 8430).

Pensioners' Voice (East Finchley), East Finchley Library. 1.30 pm (444 5950).

Barnet and District Fuchsia Society, Council Offices, 29 Wood St. 8 pm (0727 59989).

Friday May 13

Finchley Branch UNA Study Group, 41 Lullington Garth, N12. 8 pm (445 3748).

Grafton Radio Society, 'Five Bells' Public House, East End Rd, N2 (346 5841).

Saturday May 14

British Tinnitus Association (NW London), The Meritage Club, Church Rd, Hendon. 2 pm.

Family Holiday Association, Hill Close Fete, Hampstead Way, NW11. 2 pm (455 1777).

LATE ENTRIES

Friday April 29

Hendon & District Federation of Townswomen's Guilds Spring Fair Day, Hartley Hall, Mill Hill. 1.30 pm. Speaker: Mrs Diana Sinden 'Married to an Actor'.

Saturday April 30

St Mary's Parish Church, Centenary Fair, Parish Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley. 10.30 am (346 8646).

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Monday April 18

•Finchley Choral Society, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, Finchley. 7.45 pm (445 8401).
 •Barnet Orchestra at Hendon, Whitefield School, Claremont Rd, Cricklewood. 7.45 pm (205 2418).
 •Tudor Orchestra, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Rd, Finchley, N2. 7.45 pm.

Tuesday April 19

Hendon Library Gramophone Society, The Burroughs. 'The Root of all evil: money on L.P.' 7.30 pm. (202 5625)
 •Finchley Chamber Choir, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, Finchley. 8 pm (959 2681).
 •Hendon String Orchestra, Whitefield School, Claremont Rd, Cricklewood. 7.45 pm.
 •Apollo Singers, Male Voice Choir, Grahame Park School, Corner Mead, Colindale. 7.45 pm (959 1244).

Wednesday April 20

•Barnet and District Choral Society, Wesley Hill, Methodist Church, High St, Barnet. 7.45 pm (368 5897/440 1157).
 •Senior Citizens' Light Orchestra, Friends Meeting House, by Winchmore Hill Green. 10.30 am. More wind and string players needed (360 2013).

Thursday April 21

•Finchley Chamber Orchestra, Moss Hall Junior School, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm.
 •Barnet Band, QE Boys' School, Queen's Rd, Barnet. 8 pm (405 3474, ext 43 day: 723 5968).
 •London Pro Arte Choir, Grahame Park School, Colindale, NW9. 7.30 pm (959 2688).

Music in Barnet

April 20 to 23

Hendon Catholic Operatic Society present 'Oklahoma', Institute Hall, Central Square NW11. 7.30 pm (203 2798)

Saturday April 23

Music in Central Square. Organ recital by Peter Lea-Cox, St. Jude's Church, Central Square NW11. 8 pm.

Sunday April 24

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Centre, Borehamwood. Recital by Margaret Fingerhut, piano. 7.45 pm (953 9872).

Monday April 25

Hendon Music Society, Central Library, The Burroughs.

Gerald McDonald on 'English Song from Dowland to Britten'. 8 pm (203 0929).

Tuesday April 26

East Barnet Library Gramophone Society, 85 Brookhill Rd. 'Surprise, Surprise'. 8 pm (440 4376).

Thursday April 28

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Rd. In an 18th-century drawing room. 8.10 pm (368 2680).

Tuesday May 3

Hendon Library Gramophone Society, The Burroughs. Programme by Adrian Midgley. 7.30 pm (202 5625).

Saturday May 7

London Charity Orchestra, Grahame Park School, Corner Mead, Grahame Park Way, Colindale. Works by Beethoven, Liszt, Rossini and Gluck. Soloist Robert Stevenson, piano. Tickets £3, £2 (OAPs, children, unemployed half-price). 7.40 pm (346 0103).

Barnet Parish Church Recitals. The Mid-Herts Recorders and Holborn Consort. 7.30 pm (449 7760).

Barnet College Concerts, Tudor Hall. Peter Thompson, Clarinet. 7.30 pm (959 6234/4003).

Monday May 9

Hendon Music Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Anthony Hodgson on 'Michael, the other Haydn'. 8 pm (203 0929).

Tuesday May 10

East Barnet Library Gramophone Society, 85 Brookhill Road. 'Three hundred years past or present'. 8 pm (440 4376).

May 11-14

Manor House Hospital Operatic Society present 'The Gondoliers'. Institute Hall, Central Square NW11. 7.30 pm (421 0317).

Finchley and Friern Barnet Operatic Society present 'Fiddler on the Roof', Hornsey Town Hall, Crouch End Broadway. 7.30 pm (445 3391).

Thursday May 12

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Rd. Piano transcriptions. 8.10 pm (368 2680).

Saturday May 14

Recital by The Trio Obligati, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd. 7.45 pm (883 1087).

Finchley Chamber Choir, with Finchley Chamber Orchestra, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane N3. French Music. 7.45 pm (449 7076) (not on Wednesday May 11 as stated in Barnet Arts).

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Thursday April 21

Bubble Theatre Community Show 'Pick Yourself Up', Avenue House, East End Rd. N3. BBAC Workshop. 10.30 am. Tickets £1.25 (346 7120).

April 20 to 23

The Guild Players present 'When we are Married' by Priestley, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane. 8 pm (346 1293).

April 21 to 23

Mill Hill Theatre Club present 'Kennedy's Children' by Robert Patrick, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 8 pm (203 0023).

Saturday April 23

East Barnet Woodcraft Folk present The Lissenden Players Olde Time Music Hall, St. Mark's Hall, Woodville Rd., New Barnet. Tickets £2.50 including chip supper. 7.30 pm (440 7531).

April 28 to 30

East Finchley Theatre Group present 'Florence Nightingale — an Exploration' by John Bowen, East Finchley Methodist Hall, High Rd. N2. 8 pm. Tickets £1.25 (883 2633).

The Good Companions present 'Home' by David Storey, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 8 pm (959 6234/4003).

May 5 to 7

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society present 'Butterflies are Free' by Leonard Gershe, Institute Theatre, Central Square NW11. 8 pm (455 6558).

May 9 to 13

Youth Drama Festival, Youth Hall, 142 High Rd., East Finchley. 7.30 pm. Prizewinners presentation on Saturday May 14. 3 pm.

May 12 to 14

Barnet South Community Association present 'Bell, Book and Candle', BSCA, Hall, Mays Lane. 8 pm (440 9032).

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So, where to start with home improvements? How do you find the information, where are the opportunities, how can you decide what is for you and then how do you do it?

First look for inspiration and guidance. Knowing that you would like to modernise the bathroom or kitchen or add an extension is fine but what is it to look like?

The gas, electricity and solid fuel industry showrooms are good places for picking up home improvement ideas and advice. They are all members of the National Home Improvement Council and during National Home Improvement Month often mount special displays on how you can improve your home.

Choosing an established contractor for the work you need doing is essential. It can make the difference between that glossy 1980s look and a bodged job which could easily cost more to put right in the long run.

Personal recommendation by someone who knows the contractor's work is often a satisfactory way of obtaining good workmanship.

A good professional may well have a long waiting list so it's a good idea to arrange your improvement plan of action well in advance of when you actually want the job done. For example, if central heating installation is top of the list, contact contractors NOW if you want to be sure of having it in time for next winter's cold weather. Sometimes too, contractors offer lower rates for work done in 'off-season' as far as they are concerned.

The NHIC has some advice on how to deal with the professionals so that both you and he know exactly where you stand on the work you are expecting him to do. Again, allow plenty of time to obtain estimates, and arrange for the work to be done at a mutually convenient time. When a job is rushed or squeezed in there's more chance of misunderstandings and unsatisfactory work.

A reputable builder has various insurances against work accidents and employs qualified workers. Bear in mind that in the long run he may well be cheaper after you've put right the things done incorrectly by the amateurs. So, his quotations are likely to be higher than those of moonlighter or gifted amateur.

To start off, ask at least two companies to visit the house and present written quotations. Make sure that the quotations are for the same work and materials in order to

make a fair comparison.

If your project is a large one you may need the services of an architect and/or chartered surveyor. Always check too on whether your plans require local authority planning permission or building regulations approval.

Check that your builder has the right insurance — employer's liability for injury to his workers, public liability for damage caused by your project to anyone else and, if possible, works insurance which allows for any damage caused to your home by the work undertaken. Check with your own insurance broker that your theft and fire policies are valid during the time of work.

When you're carried away with the builder who is going to make your dreams come true a written contract often seems unnecessary or almost as if you don't trust one another. It is however essential to have one. Progress payments should be agreed and any changes made during the work should be added, quoted and agreed just like the main contract. As far as is possible, materials to be used should also be itemised.

Smaller companies may ask for advance payments to buy materials and staged or progress payments are now common in the industry. Most builders work ahead of payments — for example completing three quarters of the work with only half the money paid. Only hand money to the person with whom you have

discussed the business — never to a workman.

Quotations are normally fixed for a month with any doubtful cost like decorative materials included as a prime cost or 'pc figure' to be settled later. Ask about VAT as it can make a big difference to the final bill. Most alterations to buildings are VAT free but replacements do carry VAT.

Watch the progress of work and withhold money if you are not satisfied. Complain to your builder and to his professional organisation. Be wary about signing a 'satisfaction note' until you are completely satisfied. Many contracts allow you to hold final payment for three months to see if any defects appear.

For your part pay promptly for a job well done. A good relationship with a reputable builder is worth its weight in bricks!!

Lastly, keep dreaming . . . there may be problems, red tape and inconvenience in store for you but at the end of a relatively short time, your home will be much more comfortable as a result. What's more, most home improvements prove to be an investment. An attractive, well-maintained, modernised property always sells more easily when the time comes. Any money you put into it will give comfort and convenience now and may well increase the price of your property when you sell. However, with the cost of moving estimated at £1,000—£3,000 it is cheaper to modernise, sit back and enjoy the comfort.

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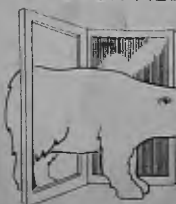
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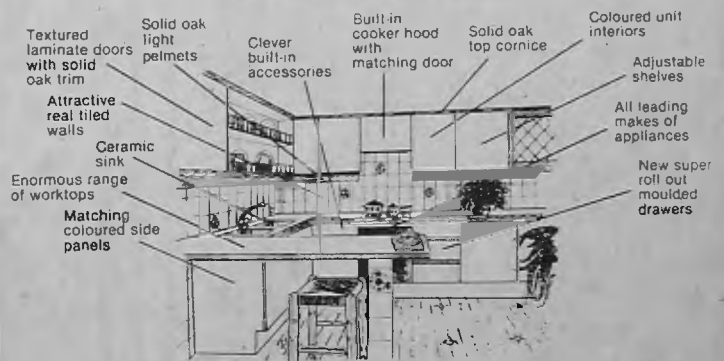


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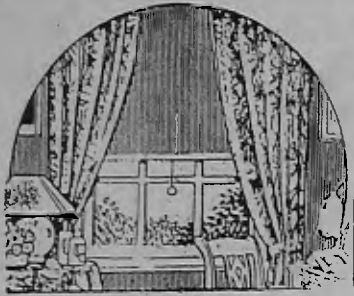
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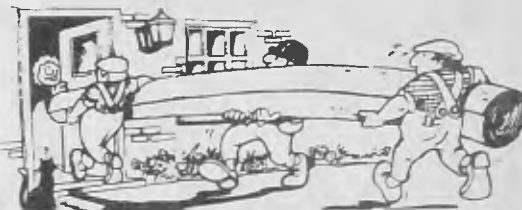


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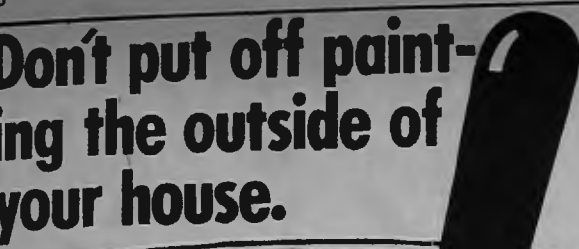
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Homes for elderly must be registered

RECENT checks by Council officers and police to pinpoint houses where elderly people live who might need extra help in times of emergency — such as the water workers industrial action, have led to the discovery that there are residential homes for elderly people which are not registered with the local council.

Any householder offering board and residence to four or more elderly people or disabled people in return for payment must register with the local authority through the Social Services Department.

The reason is to make sure that any residential home for elderly people offers a proper standard of accommodation and maintains an adequate quantity of life for the residents.

The standards are reasonable and most people who run such homes need not fear that they will face too great a burden of finance if they approach the council for registration — the fee is only £1.

The regulations set out minimum standards: one bathroom for 15 residents; one lavatory for four residents (including staff). A single room must be at least 10 square metres; a double room 15½ square metres. There

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It is also important that a fire alarm system and smoke detectors are fitted and working.

Barnet Council do not want to prosecute people who are offering residential accommodation for elderly people. Indeed these private homes give an important service to the community. But they do want to make sure that the law is complied with.

It is compulsory under the Residential Homes Act to register homes for elderly or disabled people with the council.

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Registration has many advantages. There is advice on hand from the Council and the owners can participate in the Council's training schemes. A regular series of meetings is held for owners of private and voluntary homes where they can air problems, exchange ideas and catch up on the latest requirements.

To find out more please contact Mr. David Adams, London Borough of Barnet Department of Social Services, Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, N20. Tel: 446 1488.

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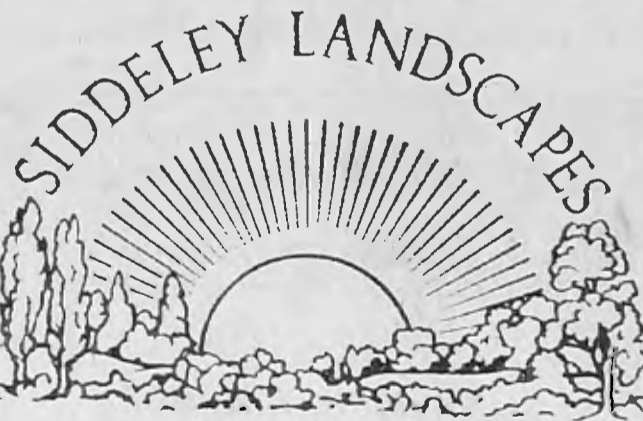
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