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Christmas and New Year Edition



CELEBRATE NEW YEAR IN STYLE!

A dazzling display of spectacular fireworks will be lighting up the New Year sky on Monday 1 January 2001, when Barnet Copthall Stadium hosts its grand display for the second year running.

Over 10,000 people joined in celebrations at the impressive pyrotechnic event for the millennium festivities, and this year we're hoping to make your night bigger, brighter and better than the last! The whole family can enjoy watching the jugglers

and clowns - making sure not to get too close to the fire-eaters! Be amazed by the dare-devil high wire acts and take part in all the fun of the fair.

Don't miss this opportunity to make your New Year something to remember.

Admission is free, but you will need to get a free ticket by calling 020 8457 9900. Gates open at 4.15pm, and the fireworks display starts at 6pm, but call to check in advance. Collections will be made on the night for the Mayor's Charity.

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KIDS PLAY SAFE

Swapping their school blazers for fluorescent jackets, year six pupils from Danegrove School took part in a road safety awareness campaign in October to make sure they are safe on the roads this Winter.

Appointed as official junior road safety officers Hannah Back and James Jones handed out information packs to their classmates and parents upon their arrival at the school gates.

As road users we can all do our bit to improve road safety by making sure our speed is appropriate for the weather conditions and locality.

Most serious road accidents involving children happen close to home or on residential roads carrying only light traffic so making sure children are most definitely seen as well as heard is the



James Jones and Hannah Back making sure their road safety message was seen as well as heard

message that Councillor Allan Turner - Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability wants to convey.

"I hope this campaign will encourage other schools to adopt a similar strategy for ensuring children and other road users become more aware of child road safety especially in the darker winter months."

Seeing the Light

Bringing some seasonal cheer to your town centres, festive lights are being assembled to make local Christmas shopping an altogether brighter experience. For the past five years the lights have been paid for through a collaboration between the council and local traders.

Shoppers in West Hendon; Golders Green; East Finchley; Church End Finchley; North Finchley; East Barnet; Edgware and Whetstone can enjoy the sights whilst out in town.

A special Christmas event will take place in Chipping Barnet on December 3. The High Road will be closed off

to allow Santa and his reindeers to promenade up and down the town centre. Everyone will really be dancing in the streets at the event when they get a chance to try out some Salsa steps.

Shops in North Finchley will open late on December 13 for last minute present buying, but there will also be some added bonuses for customers including make-overs, story telling sessions for kids and free mince pies at participating venues. There's plenty of fun to be had this season in Barnet.



It's official - we're blooming wonderful: the borough of Barnet won no less than four awards for its floral displays at the London in Bloom Awards in September.

The borough scooped the top slot for Clarefield Park, Cricklewood. Judges awarded us the Improvement Trophy for transforming what was an overgrown, derelict industrial site into an attractive and popular local park, designed by residents for residents. It opened to the public in September 1999.

The Spires Shopping Centre, Barnet won second prize for the Best Town Centre. Second prize for the Restaurant Trophy went to ASK Pizza and Pasta in Whetstone, and green-fingered

FLOWER POWER BARNET GETS THE THUMBS UP!

resident Mrs June Stark of Abbots Road, Highlands won third prize for the Best Container Garden.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Councillor Susette Palmer said: 'We are delighted to receive this recognition for our green fingered residents and workers - what a tribute to their hard work and talent. We live in a beautiful borough but we're not complacent - next year we intend to win even more. Watch this space!'

KEEPING ART PART OF YOUR BOROUGH

Talented young artists in north London are being given the opportunity to get creative for cash. As part of an art awards scheme organised by Barnet Council, budding artists are being invited to submit their work to a panel of judges who then decide upon which masterpiece to purchase for the benefit of the five boroughs involved - Brent, Haringey, Enfield, Harrow, and Barnet.

Applicants who are successful in their submission stand the chance of receiving an award of between £100 to

£5,000 provided by the Milly Aphorp Charitable Trust - a welcome financial boost to any young artists career. The panel of judges include: gallery owners, practising artists and a trustee of the charitable trust. Works purchased will be displayed in hospitals, schools, residential homes and youth centres around the boroughs.

If you are between 18-30 and would like an application form to enter the scheme, please send an A5 SAE to the Arts Office, The Old Town Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, N11 3DL or telephone 020 8359 3152.

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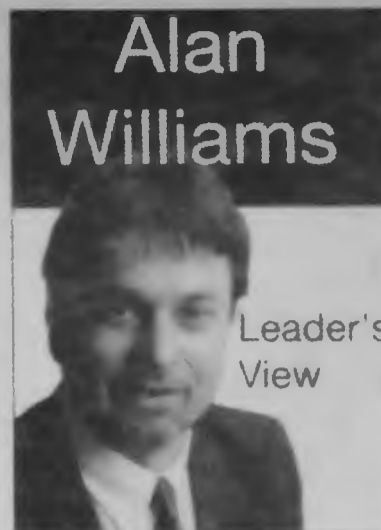
ALL'S FAIR AT COMMUNITY CARE



Nicole Warren offers some stage guidance to her fellow thespians at the Community Care Fair



Indian dancer Krishna Chapaneri



A warm welcome to the second edition of **Barnet Life**.

At this time of the year, councils throughout the country are looking at their budgets for the next financial period. Barnet is no exception and for the third year running we will be asking residents to give us their view on our draft budget. A budget consultation brochure will be coming through the letterboxes of every household in the borough during December, asking for your views on the level of council tax you are prepared to pay.

As I have mentioned, we have asked for your views for the last two years and each time the council has adapted its services to meet your needs.

This year over £1.8million is being pumped into improving street cleansing and refuse collection and another £195,000 will be spent on winter roads maintenance and pavement repairs. These were all areas highlighted by residents as needing priority funding. This commitment to acting on the views of residents through our consultation exercises is reflected in the national reputation Barnet has developed for the quality of its public consultation. This is reflected in Barnet Council winning the contract to run a Citizen's Jury for Islington and Camden councils and Camden and Islington Health Authority. The Citizen's Jury, made up of a cross section of residents, looked at the stigma associated with mental illness and took examples from a wide variety of people from the mental health area, before making their recommendations. Barnet held its own Citizen's Jury when it looked at how to re-provide a register service in the borough. We are now acting on their recommendations. We are confident that with your feedback through consultation now and in the future we can continue to make your borough a place you can be proud to live and work in.

The fourth annual borough Community Care Fair last month brought together 75 stall holders, around 900 visitors, and a programme of bright and original entertainments for seven hours of talk, advice and enjoyment. The Fair, held at the RAF Museum in Grahame Park, united exhibitors from voluntary and private care organisations, council departments and associated organisations, all under one roof. The public were able to talk with the care providers, and the Council and other service organisations welcomed the opportunity to talk about how they could work together to provide a better service. They also hosted the presentation of two new local awards, the Volunteers Award and the Community Project Award. The Community Project Award, sponsored by Middlesex University's Business School, is a new scheme set up to benefit the community via the work of local voluntary groups. Twenty organisations bid for the award by explaining how they

would invest the funds and who would benefit. A panel of judges decided to award first prize of £500 to the Middlesex Association for the Blind, second prize of £300 to St John's Ambulance, and a third prize of £200 to DABB (Disability Action in the Borough of Barnet). The prizes were presented by the Dean of Middlesex University Business School, Professor Dennis Parker.

The Volunteers Recognition Awards were presented to 27 volunteers in the community as follows: Madeleine Allen; Sidney Berg; Usha Bhatt; Agnes Burns; Margaret Durbin; Jean Dyson; Helen Fletcher; Rhoda Fynn; Gladys Francis; Reg Goodwin; Dorothy Jones; Seymore Jones; Maria Kyriacou; Mark Levesdon; Lesley Longbottom; Lorraine Lowery; Anne Mansell; Trudie Moos; Bernard Morely; Janette Orkin; Surajben Patel; Jacque Rochman; Tim Sharp; Fred Solosy; Connie Wiggs; and Mary Zelinger.

TALLY HO - LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

Work began on the site of the new Arts Centre at Tally Ho in October. However, there will be no bricks and mortar in sight for quite a while yet. Before the construction can begin, there is a whole load of groundwork, or rather, under-ground work, that needs to be done. For the next few months, service providers will be working down to a depth of 120 metres beneath the site to divert cables and other services. It all began in October with BT diverting their fibre optic cables. For safety purposes they are re-establishing them well outside

the line of the new buildings. Soon works will also commence on behalf of Thames Water to construct a new access chamber to the deep sewer that runs across the site. The old one was in the middle of the site and will be made useless when the building is constructed above it. Work continues on with other service providers moving in to do their own diversion works, such as British Gas to move pipes and Cable & Wireless to move their cables. The multi-million pound Tally Ho Arts Centre is scheduled to be complete in 2002. The service diversion work is expected to last until around late February of next year.

THE FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

Residents are being urged to help the council in its fight against fraud. A new hotline has been set up which the public can use to report any suspected fraudulent claims for benefit. Cabinet Member for Finance, Budget, Land and Buildings, Councillor Danish Chopra said: "Those guilty of making false claims for money they are not entitled to, are costing each and every person in the community money that could go to people in real need. money that should be invested in our community." The number to call if you suspect anyone of making fraudulent claims for benefit is 020 8359 2007 between Monday to Friday. Experienced staff will be at hand to take your call in the strictest of confidence.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Maternity grants have risen from £200 to £300. The benefit increase will apply to babies born, adopted or subject to a parental order for a surrogate child on or after 3 December, 2000. Contact Barnet Council's Welfare Rights Unit on **020 8440 0987** for further information.

An overwhelming number of nominations came through for **the Mayor's Civic Awards**. A ceremony will take place at Hendon Town Hall in mid January for the Mayor's Official presentation of the awards to the lucky winners.

A new wedding guide produced by the council has been published including details of approved venues for civil marriages in the borough, and useful contacts for just about everything. The 32-page booklet is available from registry offices in Barnet, and Action Points at libraries.

Good news for parents with children of pre-school age. A **new creche facility** opened at the Log Cabin in Grahame Park in October, giving parents with toddlers the opportunity to get involved in a range of pre-school activities. The group meets regularly on a Monday and Thursday from 10am - 12 noon. For further information please call **020 8959 4417**.

Mrs Rose Howes, celebrated her **100th birthday** at Lonsdale House, East Finchley. The Mayor presented her with a bouquet of flowers at a family and friends celebration on October 28.

Borough archivist Andrew Mussell will be taking a closer look at some of the famous and infamous characters who died in Barnet. This talk is the last in the series of Millennium Lectures and will be held on Saturday 2 December 2000 at East Finchley Library, High Road, between 2.30 - 4.30pm. Entrance is free.

The Memory Lane Singers from Finchley are available for bookings on Sunday afternoons and some evenings. If you would like to book them for an event you are planning, please call Idit Gold, Musical Director on **020 8449 0011**.

ONLINE FORUM

If you are baffled by e-commerce and want to know more about how to get the best of buying and selling on the Internet, help is at hand. A new on-line forum which can be found at our website address, www.barnet.gov.uk, allows you to trade and exchange views on using the internet to maximise your business sales potential. This facility forms part of the council's wider consultation interests - the results of your feedback will help us to ensure you are offered high standards of service from businesses in the

C2K - A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

The '21st century circus' was the biggest arts-in-the-community event ever held in Barnet and the largest staged anywhere in London. Over 2000 performers and members of the public flocked to Barnet's millennium arts extravaganza held at a purpose built, multi-stage theatre at the Brent Cross Shopping Centre. The C2K - Cast of 2000 - brought together more than 300 performers in a multi-media festival of drama, dance, film, poetry and video, celebrating Barnet's diverse cultural past and present as the borough looks forward to the 21st century. For many of the young performers,

C2K was the first time they had the opportunity to work with professionals on a multi performance show playing before a paying audience.

"It was a terrific thrill to see so many Barnet people producing so much talent and entertainment. The atmosphere was electric as cast and audience interacted to create a millennium night to remember", said Councillor Susette Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community Development. The event was sponsored by Barnet Council, The Millennium Commission, Brent Cross Shopping Centre and Pure Entertainment.

borough, and address any requirements brought up in discussion.

It is hoped that this will enable a wider group of people easier access to information which may be of benefit to them.

By following the links from the Trading Standards section, you will see a list of registered building and motor traders in Barnet. By using the services of these registered

businesses consumers can be assured that they will receive professional work at fair prices, in compliance with consumer and fair trading laws. If you are a small trader and would like to register your business with on-line, please call **0208 359 4889**.

Barnet Trading Standards can be found at: www.barnet.gov.uk/trading_standards

MAKING THE RIGHT 'CONNEXION'

Young adults with 'grown-up' worries can face their future with confidence thanks to a radical new scheme being piloted by Barnet.

'Connexions' is a comprehensive advisory service available to 13-19 year-olds needing guidance on the issues that concern them, from careers and health to education, training, finance and housing. Bringing together all subject areas under one roof, it is hoped young people will find looking for professional advice a less daunting prospect.

Barnet Council, together with the boroughs of Enfield, Haringey, and Waltham Forest has been selected to join just 15 other areas across the country to take part in trials of the scheme. A major grant of just over £7.5 million has been awarded for this entire project which it is hoped will provide better information for young people looking for jobs within an industry best suited to their interests and abilities.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Alan Williams is delighted that Barnet has been chosen to pilot this scheme: "It shows that when it comes to services for young people we are ahead of the game. We are delighted to have this opportunity and believe it will be good for the young people of Barnet."

Peter Heaviside of Prospects Careers Services hailed the scheme as: "The biggest step forward in providing youth services in 50 years."

Forming part of the North London Connexion Partnership, the scheme has been given the go-ahead for April 2001.



Tim Osbourne gets some career guidance

REVITALISING BURNT OAK



Watling Avenue as it is today

HEALTHY LIVING - WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER

The Mobile Action Point Bus, which has been bringing Council information and advice to residents, now also carries health advice and campaigns. The bus visits local venues throughout the borough, and residents can step on board to find the information they need.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Councillor Susette Palmer said:

'We are committed to providing the best service for our residents, and with this in mind, the Council is building new bridges to areas which have been the work of other organisations. Together with the Health Authority, we hope to help people on health issues as well as with traditional council services. After all, if we're all healthier, then we all gain.'

Residents in Burnt Oak have welcomed plans to revitalise their town centre into an attractive social and business environment which local residents will enjoy living in, and those outside the town will want to visit.

The centre has seen signs of suffering from competition posed by other town and regional shopping centres, but the effects of the plan of action proposed by the Town Centre Management Team (TCM) are already showing signs of change for the better.

Over 5,500 residents were sent questionnaires and an additional 50 were sent to the three youth centres in the borough to ensure a representative sector of the community had their say. 200 people also took part in street-level interviews and gave their suggestions on possible improvements to their town centre.

The outcome of the survey, outlined in the plan, found that residents and centre users were most concerned about safety, the environment, and parking, and were given the opportunity to decide on the best way for the council to address these problems.

Overall, proposals for opportunities in the area were made as follows:

- * To improve Burnt Oak Station concourse and make it a focal point for the centre
- * To improve street lighting
- * To promote Watling Market
- * To organise murals to enhance the public realm
- * To use wide pavements for al-fresco dining
- * Sunday opening for Watling Market and/or certain shops
- * To increase the number of stalls on the market along Burnt Oak Broadway

With the majority of the town centre in Burnt Oak being an official conservation area, the Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) is already proving to be an asset to regeneration plans. In association with English Heritage, local businesses and residents in the conservation area can apply for a grant to maintain the original architectural design of existing buildings and to improve shop frontages. One of the issues proposed by the action plan is the development of the car-park by Burnt Oak Station which also serves shoppers in the area. It is proposed that a new Lidl store will be opened on part of this site, which in turn would have beneficial implications for Watling Market, also located on this site. The Lidl development would not only boost local trade, but ensure that the market would gain covering to protect stalls from harsh weather conditions. This development plan is still in negotiation.

The Neighbourhood Management service which was developed from the Ward service has also proven to be a great success in keeping the streets safe, clean and tidy in conjunction with our all inclusive clean-up campaign.

The plan also proposes to make changes to the Silk Stream path in order to improve pedestrian access from the north of the borough.

This is the fourth in a series of plans produced by the Town Centre Management team addressing the needs of your community.

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Our man around town



Alan Everitt, town centre co-ordinator, on what's happening in our town centres

At the click of a button you can search for that special something or for Christmas shopping ideas via the Council website.

Its re-design has given us the opportunity to introduce a link to the exciting range of shops in the borough.

This is one of two new projects we have developed for Barnet that I'm sure you will find both helpful and reassuring. The second focuses on safety in Burnt Oak town centre:

Log on to Barnet On-line (www.barnet.gov.uk) and you can now search all 20 town centres for fast, accurate information on the retail stores and services companies.

This facility will also remind shoppers that a superb network of shopping services is available right on their doorstep. Our next step is to pilot links between our shop listings and individual shop websites, which will allow you to search for individual products.

We aim to develop the site further to improve facilities, and we would be grateful for your suggestions on what we can do to provide further information for you. Click onto our site at the above address and follow the links to contact us by filling out a website feedback form.

The second project I would like to tell you about relates to the important issue of safety. Work has been moving forward on a number of projects in Burnt Oak town centre and we have now drafted an action plan which brings these and new projects together. The draft plan has been developed over the summer and is based upon a number of surveys and workshops which has drawn on the knowledge of local organisations, individuals and community groups.

The plan is being distributed to local organisations for their comments and an implementation group will be formed to work on the delivery of projects and co-ordination of the whole plan.

To contact me about any issues raised above, please call 020 8359 2631.

'SAFER STREETS' IN BARNET

There has been a significant drop in street crime following a London-wide crackdown, making Barnet a safer place to live. In just three months the Metropolitan police operation 'Safer Streets' has curbed street crimes such as handbag snatches, mobile phone theft, and other incidents involving use of force or threat.

Theft of mobile phones and cash represent the vast majority of street crime offences reported in the borough. Mobile phones are the 'present of the moment' and represent a tempting target to criminals.

Chief Superintendent John Yates of Barnet Police is urging those thinking about giving a mobile phone as a present this Christmas to ensure it is security marked with your postcode and house number. He promised that the police would be: "stepping up the number of property marking

events held both before and after Christmas."

In Barnet, a pro-active approach has been taken which involves holding regular strategy meetings attended by representatives from the police, education, youth services, and Neighbourhood Management services. Chief Superintendent Yates, attended a strategy meeting in November and was pleased to inform the group of the success of the campaign.

"Already we have seen a marked decrease in street crime figures in the borough - in September we saw a 14 per cent drop against last year. We need to guard against complacency - we will be using every possible means to convey basic crime prevention messages to residents and use sophisticated technical methods to trap those committing offences."

FAMILY HELP AT GRAHAME PARK

Working families at Grahame Park are being advised of the opportunities available to them through the governments tax credit scheme.

This four-month project is ensuring that every family on the estate knows about the scheme and how it can help them financially.

Based at the Citizen's Advice Bureau on the concourse, it is receiving excellent support from all the voluntary organisations based on the estate.

A key feature of this scheme is the opportunity to give personally tailored advice about the impact on the whole family's finances through claiming the tax credit - especially with regards to housing benefit.

The childcare tax credit which forms part of the working family tax credit, is only available for the expenses of registered childcare, and not on an informal basis. Grants are now available to help people set up as child carers and there is a good network already on the estate. The project will aim to point people in the right direction to find out more about registering as a child carer.

For general advice about working families tax credit, call the Inland Revenue help line on 0800 597 5976 or see your local Citizens Advice Bureau.



REFUSE COLLECTION OVER CHRISTMAS

These are the dates for refuse collection over the Christmas and New Year period. There will be no change to Wednesday, Thursday or Friday collection dates.

Christmas 2000

Usual refuse collection dates	Ammendments
Monday 25 December	will be collected on Saturday 23 December
Tuesday 26 December	no collection until 2 January (double collection)
Wednesday 27 December	same
Thursday 28 December	same
Friday 29 December	same

New Year 2001

Usual refuse collection dates	Ammendments
Monday 1 January	will be collected on Saturday 30 December
Tuesday 2 January	double collection

Normal collections will resume from Wednesday 3 January 2001.

There will be no recycling collection on Saturday 23 December or Saturday 30 December. Following the success of Bank Holiday working this year, next year we will be collecting bins normally through all Bank Holidays except at Christmas and the New Year.

331 IS AOK!



Since it opened in early October, 331 - the advice centre for young people - has been besieged by young volunteers wanting to help staff it. Many others have come through the door to access the personal counselling and other services on offer.

Says Judy Mace, one of 331's joint managers, 'In just the first month that we were open - representing 48 hours of opening time - more than 85 young people came into the Centre, the majority of these were young men of around 17. Many of them came for our personal counselling service. Others were seeking advice on sexual health, careers or money matters.

'It's early days yet, but the feedback has been very positive indeed. The young people have said they find 331 warm and welcoming, really helpful and friendly. That's good to know, and as more and more young people spread the word about 331, and get involved in the running of it, we will continue to grow and improve.'

331 offers young people between the ages of 14 and 18 somewhere to go, chill out, and seek help and advice in the areas which concern them. On offer is advice on health, including mental and sexual health; housing; finance and benefits; careers; gap year projects; safe travel and more. Many of the professional advice services in these areas, such as the family planning service and Prospects, the career advice service, have taken space on the premises at 331. Young people can access personal counselling in their own right from qualified counsellors.

No appointments or referrals are required for any of the services, and 331 is currently open the following hours: Monday 10 - 2; Wednesday 12 - 4; Friday 2 - 6 which are the hours the young people feel are most useful to them. Once the centre has accumulated a 'staff' of volunteers, it is hoped the hours will be expanded. The phone number is **0208 492 7332** or e-mail threethreeone@hotmail.com

CIVIC FORUM - PLANNING AHEAD

The Civic Forum, launched in 1999 is going from strength to strength. The building block of the Forum, the Community Plan, was published in September 2000, and promised to make Barnet 'a safer, healthier and more thriving place for everyone.'

Residents, businesses, voluntary organisations, community groups and statutory bodies such as the Health Authority and Metropolitan Police, have all played a part in developing a shared vision for the future, based on an understanding of current issues and priorities developed across the whole spectrum of community development in the borough.

With the Plan now published the Civic Forum have started to set targets, enabling them to monitor and report on progress, making sure they keep on the right track and achieve the Plan's goals. The Forum has achieved much over the last year including new ways of thinking and new alliances between organisations, a spirit of collaboration, a commitment by the members of the Forum through the signed Statement of Intent. The next goal for the Forum is to establish Action Teams taking responsibility for implementing the Community Plan's aims.

If you would like further information on the role of the Civic Forum in the borough and the aims of the Community Plan, please contact Tony Nakiamoff or Lisa Jerome on **020 8359 2732/2893**.

A WARMER WINTER FOR PENSIONERS

Pensioners all over the country will enjoy a warmer winter, whatever the weather, as the government have increased winter fuel payments from £100 to £150. Those who have previously not received this benefit and are over 60 will also receive the payment. A married couple both over 60 would receive the sum of £75 each.

If you are unsure about whether you qualify for the winter fuel payments you can contact the national helpline number **08459 15 15 15** where you can also request a claim form. You can also download a claim form at the following website address: www.dss.gov.uk.

Ask Andy



Consumer
advice from
Trading
Standards
Officer,
Andy Bishop

Barnet Council's trading standards officer, Andy Bishop, this month gives advice to consumers wishing to purchase goods through mail order and the internet.

With Christmas just around the corner and no time to trawl through shops, people are looking for faster ways of buying goods - through mail order, by fax, or online. Some feel disadvantaged when buying in this way as they cannot examine goods personally, and may end up something they weren't expecting in the post. New legislation is now in force that sets out basic rights which consumers can expect when buying certain goods and services via the internet, telephone, fax and mail order.

Consumers are now entitled to:

- * **Receive clear information about the goods or services before purchasing**
- * **Know about the seven day cooling off period in which the consumer can withdraw from the contract.**
- * **Unless otherwise agreed with the supplier, the have the right to receive goods and services within 30 days.**

If a supplier fails to comply with regulations, consumers will be able to have their money back. Where suppliers fail to refund the consumers' money, or fail to meet their statutory obligations the Office of Fair Trading and local Trading Standards officers can take proceedings for an injunction.

Should you need further advice or a copy of one of the following useful, free leaflets: 'Home Shopping: new rights for consumers', or 'Paying in advance', and 'Buying by post,' please give us a call on **0208 359 2606**. You may wish to access Barnet Online at www.barnet.gov.uk and browse through to Trading Standards for more details to our links pages.

Coming soon...

MILLENNIUM EVENTS

22 November, 10am-6pm. 'McDonalds Our Town Story', Barnet's day at the Millennium Dome, Greenwich. Young people from the borough will perform a short piece that will be performed on the McDonalds' 'Our Town Story' stage at the Dome. A display and digital art presentation will accompany the show. The event will focus on the issue of identity in Barnet. Further details (020) 8359 3152.

26 November, 2 December and early 2001. Children's Millennium Wood - To celebrate the birth of every child born in Barnet in 2000 parents will be invited to a planting ceremony at Barnet Playing fields, Lyttleton playing fields Sunday 26 November 10am - 2pm
Hendon Park Saturday 2 December 10-2pm
Woodcroft Park Sunday 25 February 2001 10-2pm. Contact (020) 8359 3229

2 December, 2-4pm
East Finchley Library, High Road. Lecture Series: Dead and Buried in Barnet - A talk by the council's archivist Andrew Mussell on famous people buried in Barnet Churchyards.

ART IN BARNET

Art classes for adults and children taught by Nick Hyams. Childrens workshops held on Saturdays at 10am, 11am, and 1pm. Contact (020) 8951 3883 for further details

CLASSICAL MUSIC AND CAROLS

Classical Music Concerts
Contact: (020) 8445 8388 unless otherwise stated

18 November, 7.45pm
Finchley Chamber Orchestra
Tragic Overture Brahms
Vin Concerto Sibelius
Symphony no. 8 Dvorak
Trinity Church, Nether St N12

18 November HGS
Millennium Music
Handel's 'Messiah'
Open concert of Parts 1 and 2 and the Amen Chorus
Free Church, North Square NW11 7.30 - rehearsals
at 3pm - all welcome to join in

2 December Edgware
Symphony Orchestra
Beethoven Coriolanus Overture
Mozart Symphony no. 31 'The Paris'
Beethoven 8th Symphony
Venue TBC 8pm ring
01923 25618

2 December Hendon
Music Society
Anthony Godstone & Caroline Clemmow piano
duet Trinity Church,
Hodford Rd NW11
7.45pm
3 December BBAC
Concert Barnet Church
2pm

9 December Finchley
Choral Society - Family
carols
St Mary's Church
Hendon Lane 7.30 pm
Tickets £6 adults £1
children (020) 8445
9666

10 December London
Pro Arte Choir, John
Keeble Church
Edgware 7.30pm

10 December Alyth
Choral Society NW
Reform Synagogue 7.30
contact (020) 8455
1732

12 December
Symphonic Wind
Orchestra of
North London Brookland
School NW11 contact
(020) 8883 3365

16 December Barnet
Choral Society Barnet
Church
Wood St 7.30pm

16 December Finchley
Chamber Choir &
Orchestra Christ Church
N12

21 December HGS
Millennium Music
Carol Concert at Free
Church NW11

THE BULL

68 High Street, Barnet
EN5 5SJ. Tel. 020 8449
0048. Contact The Bull
for more information
about their events,
courses and classes.

Theatre

16 November, 2pm &
7.30pm. Red Ladder
'Picture Me'. A new play
by writer Noel Greig
spans two countries and
cultures and looks at
the lives of people living
with HIV and those who
have to come to terms
with loss. £8, £6 conc.

17 November, 8pm.
Rejects Revenge
Theatre Co. 'Canterbury
Tales'. Double Fringe
First winner 'Rejects
Revenge' brings you the
story of one Geoff
Chaucer, wit, raconteur
and 14th century wide
boy! £10, £8 conc.

18 November, 8pm.
Mulan Theatre Co.
'Daughter of the River'.
An adaptation of Hong
Ying's autobiography
this production brings
together on stage the
personal and the
political, articulating
the horror and beauty of
mainland China. £7, £5
conc.

26 November, 5.30pm &

8pm. Mike Maran
Productions 'Captain
Corelli's Mandolin'.
With two musicians and
a storyteller, this
adaptation transforms
Louis de Bernieres'
passionate story about
a small community on
the Greek island of
Cephalonia into an
intimate musical epic.
£10, £8 conc.

Kazzum and The Bull present: The Wizard of Oz

Celebrating this classic
tale
Kazzum's new
adaptation vividly
brings to life the
fantastical journey
along the yellow brick
road, meeting
some of our favourite
characters
along the way!

December dates and
times

Fri 8 - 11am & 2.30pm
Sat 9 - 2.30pm & 6pm
Sun 10 - 2.30pm & 6pm
Wed 13 - 11am & 2.30
pm
Thurs 14 - 11am &
2.30pm
Fri 15 - 11am & 2.30
pm
Sat 16 - 2.30pm & 6pm
Sun 17 - 2.30pm & 6pm
Wed 20 - 11am &
2.30pm
Thurs 21 - 11am &
2.30pm
Fri 22 - 11.30am &
3pm
Sat 23 - 2.30pm & 6pm
Sun 24 - 11.30am &
3pm
Tues 26 - 3pm
Thurs 28 - 11.30am &
3pm
Fri 29 - 11.30am &
3pm
Sat 30 - 2.30pm & 6pm
Sun 31 - 11.30am &
3pm

January dates

Wed 3 - 11.30 am &
3pm
Thurs 4 - 11.30am &
3pm
Fri 5 - 11.30am & 3pm
Sat 6 - 2.30 pm & 6pm
Sun 7 - 11.30am & 3pm

Tickets: Morning £8/6
conc
Evening shows £9/£7
conc

Music

24 November, 8pm. Sin
E. The six-strong Irish
fusion band with their
funked-up, jazzy Celtic
music, combining Irish
tunes with Indian
percussion and jazz
arrangements creating
their own distinctive
hybrid music. £10, £8
conc.

24 November 2000
8pm Sin E
Innovative six-strong
Irish infusion band
returns
with their superb,
funked-up
jazzy Celtic music.
An electric mix of
Indian and Celtic
percussion

arrangements.
£10/£8 conc

25 November 2000
Big Chief 8pm
The British Band
getting
to grips with Rhythm
and Blues.
Rolling on the good
times!
£8/£6 conc

1 December 2000
Barnet Folk Club
Bringing Folk music into
the 21st Century. BFC
create a relaxed
atmosphere
for local musicians top
play their
own brand of un-plugged
sounds - from traditional
to
contemporary.
Admission is free.
t (020) 8441 3620

OPENING HOURS

Opening hours
Tues-Sat 10am-7pm
Sun - 1pm-7pm
Admission is Free

6 December - 7 January
2001
Dawn to Dusk
Manor Park Paintings
Foyer and Bar
Exhibition reflects
experiences of
tending a garden.
Bringing the natural
environment to the
canvas.

Ceramics
6 December - 7 January
2001
A small group of
ceramacists exhibit an
impressive
and unusual array of
varied work
from beautiful non-
functional pieces to
singular
hand-build vessels.
Items are on sale for
that perfect and unique
Christmas gift.

LITTLE BULL

Children's shows and
classes
All tickets £3.95 in
advance
and £4.25 on the day
(subject to
availability)

19 November 2000
Storybox Theatre
Jack and the Beanstalk
3pm
With a handful of beans
and a
heart-full of courage,
Jack sets off
on a tall tale of
adventure.
Ages 5+ / 50 mins

26 December 2000
Kazzum presents
The Flying Chestycoffs
attempt the history of
Planet
Earth - 3pm
From the big bang to the
present day,
our hapless heroes take
us on a journey
billions of years old in
just 50 minutes!
ages 4+ / 50 mins

2 December 2000
Norwich Puppet Theatre
The Snow Queen

An early Christmas
treat.
Hand Christian
Anderson's tale is
transformed
into a wintery spectacle
bringing everyday
object to life.
Ages 5+ / 50 mins

PARENT AND TODDLER

Parent and Toddler
Dance
Tues 10am & 10.45 am
Sept 19 - Nov 28 2000
Ages 18 months to 3
years.
Lots of fun with rhymes,
movement
and dance for the very
young.
Accompanied by an
experienced teacher
Sarah Lloyd-Winder.
£35 per term

Kathak Dance
Tues 5pm
Sept 19 - Nov 28 2000
Ages 7-11
Discover the North
Indian
Style of Kathak dance
with
Amina Begum. Skills
learned include
rhythm, time and
footwork patterns.
£35 per term/£4.50 per
class

Creative dance
Ages 3-5
Weds 2-2.40pm
Sept 20 - Nov 29 2000
Dance and storytelling
with
Sarah Lloyd-Winder.
This
lively class teaches
basic movement
steps.
£35 per term

BEYAMA

After-School Drama Club
Weds 4.30-6pm
Sep 20 - Nov 29
Ages 8-11
Deborah Newbold takes
this
packed-out drama club
with
10 more weeks of
drama and
games to help you
unwind after a
tough day at school!
£40 per term

Little Bull Drama Club
Thurs 2-2.40pm
Sept 21 - Nov 30 2000
A weekly class for very
young actors
£35 per term

Bull Junior Drama Club
Thurs - 4.15-5.15pm
Sept 21 - Nov 30
Ages 5-7
A fun class lead by
Amanda and Cheryl
which will
teach children exciting
drama and movement
skills to encourage
teamwork and
creativity.
£35 per term

Tiny Bull drama club
Fridays 11 - 11.45 am
Sept 22 - Dec 1 2000
Ages 18 months - 3
years - a gentle yet
creative
class for little actors.
An exciting introduction
to the world of theatre.

£35 per term

Big Steps Drama Club
Fridays 2 - 2.40pm
Sept 22 - Dec 1 2000
Ages 3-4
A new club for pre-
school children which
will encourage
creative time
independently
through a range of arts
activities.
£35 per term

Bull Beginners
Fridays 4.15 - 5pm
Sept 22 - Dec 1 2000
Aged 4-5
An intermediate class
for those who have
recently started school,
which will encourage
integration,
independence, and build
confidence through
drama,
music and movement.
£35 per term.

THE BULL

'Year of the Artist'. A
thousand artists in a
thousand places.
(funded by the National
Lottery). Stella Subbiah,
co-artistic director of
Sankalpam, will be
based at The Bull from
October 2000 to May
2001 running
workshops, setting up a
professional dance
network for Barnet and
offering experience with
visiting artists working
in a range of disciplines.
All of this is free to the
Barnet community so
whether you are a
professional practitioner
or a first time dancer,
a school, college or
community group please
contact Adrian Berry on
(020) 8275 5375 for
more information.

2 December, 8pm. IJAD
Dance Co. 'Pas De
CinQ'. Inspired by Milan
Kundera's 'The Book of
Laughter and
Forgetting' Pas De
CinQ seeks to portray a
state of mind that
those held captive face
in their search for
freedom. IJAD use
Arabic architectural
structures merged with
Japanese Butoh and
contemporary dance.
Preceded by a piece
created with refugee
communities in Barnet.
£8, £6 conc.
IJAD Dance Co. will be
at The Bull for two
weeks before the
performance working
with groups and
individuals from the
Refugee and Asylum
Seekers community.
If you would like to
take part in this
project, please contact
the Education
Department on
(020) 8275 5375

ALL SAINTS ARTS CENTRE

122 Oakleigh Road
North, N20. Tel. 020
8445 8388. Contact
the Centre for details of
events and classes in
art, dance, music and
drama.

Barnet LIFE

MUSIC

18 November, 7.45pm.
Finchley Chamber
Orchestra Concert.
Works by Brahms,
Sibelius and Dvorak.
Trinity Church, Nether
Street, North Finchley,
N12. Tickets (020)
8449 2604.

Recorded Music Society Meetings

Friern Barnet Library
N11 (020) 8368 2680
Thursdays 8-10pm

East Barnet Library
85 Brookhill Road
East Barnet EN4
(020) 8440 4367
Tuesdays 8-10pm

16 November 2000
More nostalgia -
Neville Jones Chairman
of Southgate RMS

21 November 2000
Aaron Copland and his
times:
a centennial
celebration - Liz Hart

30 November 2000
Great cities
Anthony Cutbush

5 December 2000
Brush up on your
Shakespeare-
Brian Strong

14 December 2000
Christmas Party
(Friern Barnet)

19 December
Christmas Party and
requests (East Barnet)

9 January 2001
Musical contrasts -
Ken Nelms

11 January 2001
Music from the
operettas-
Ken Brooks

23 January Midwinter
miscellany-
Joan and Frank Ball

New Barnet Amateur
Gardeners and Floral
Art Society

t (020) 8440 3312
Mrs Deidre Thompson
Hon Secretary

14 December 2000
Floral Art Display
Mrs Douglas Howard -
'My kind of Christmas'
Members £2.50
Visitors £3.00

11 January 2001
Quiz Night
Lyonsdown Hall
Lyonsdown Road
New Barnet 8pm
Members £1.50
Visitors £2.00

COMEDY

19 November 2000
8pm Asian Comedy
Night
The UK's leading Asian
Comedians present a
fun-filled
night at The Bull.
Oozing with
hilarious gags and does
of stand-up
this hard-hitting
evening promises to
have you rolling in the
aisles.
t (020) 8449 0048
£8/£6 conc

COMPETITIONS

Barnet 2000 Open
Poetry and New Short
Story Competition.
Poems up to
35 lines in length,
short stories between
1,500-2,000 words.
Entries to be received
by 10 October 2000.
Over £1,000 in cash
prizes. Enquiries phone
020 8446 7989 or SAE
to All Saints Arts
Centre address below.
Photo 2000
Competition.
Use your camera to
capture the millennium
spirit anywhere, any
time during the year
2000 (incl. 31 Dec
1999). Closing date for
entries 15 January
2001. Details SAE to
BBAC, All Saints Arts
Centre, 122 Oakleigh
Road North, London,
N20 9EZ.

Line Drawing
Competition. Winners
work used to illustrate
BBAC's annual poetry
anthology. Send SAE
to Arts Council address
above. Closing date 3
January 2001.

MUSEUMS

Church Farmhouse
Museum
Greyhound Hill
Hendon NW4
(020) 8203 0130

16 December 2000- 4
March 2001
Rag Dolls Exhibition - free
Monday - Thursday 10-
12.30 & 1.30-5pm
Friday - closed
Saturday - 10-1 & 2-
5.30pm
Sunday- 2-5.30pm
Museum will be closed
24-26 December 2000
and 31 December - 1
January 20001

Barnet Museum, 31 Wood
Street, Barnet. Open
2.30-4.30pm Tues, Weds,
Thurs and Saturdays
10.30am-12.30pm & 2-
4pm.
Tel. (020) 8440 8066.



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on the page.**

Black History Month
Black History Month in October
brought together a diverse
range of multi-racial arts events
in the borough. Captured here
a member of the Maambeena
Dance Ensemble giving a flavour
of the atmosphere of the event.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE - 150 YEARS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES



*Right: A young reader at Hendon Library
below: Story Time in the 1940's with Eileen Colwell at Hendon Library*

The year 2000 marks 150 years of public libraries services in the UK. To celebrate this fact, Barnet Libraries have organised a display about the history and development of the borough's library service. The exhibition at Hendon Library tells the story from the laying of the first foundation stone in 1929 to the present day.

Thanks to the local studies and Archives Service and the Hendon Reference library, a wealth of fascinating material has been unearthed and is currently being used as part of the exhibition. There are memorabilia from the Queen Mother's war-time visit; and photographs from the opening of the multimedia centre in 1998 which introduced library users to the world of information technology. The sinister story of the library's appearance in the horror film 'The Ghost of Rhashomon Hall' is revealed too. There are also a host of old photographs, documents and press cuttings to look at.

A prominent feature of the exhibition has been dedicated to Mrs Eileen Colwell, the world famous librarian who pioneered children's services and was based at Hendon library for 40 years. Her personal contribution to the display reads as follows:

"For forty years, Hendon Library was the centre of my existence, my pride and my joy. I had seen it grow from the first brick to its culmination as the most modern of its period. I had always dreamed that someday I would establish a library where children would be free to find the best books in the world."

About Eileen Colwell

Born in 1906, Eileen moved to Hendon in 1926 after gaining her Diploma of Librarianship at University College. At the time there was no library service for children, so Eileen set about creating a dedicated resource centre and soon, her storytelling sessions were greatly looked forward to by children from across the borough.

She ran the junior library which has now become the entrance wing with its new coffee lounge and adult fiction collection. Keen to get the children actively involved she recruited assistants to help her stamp books, find tickets, and carry out other simple tasks. She also set up various clubs for the children, and organised small-scale plays for their parents. With Eileen's help, by the end of the war Hendon library had established a serious international reputation for its children's department.

Now the 96-year-old resides in Loughborough. She was awarded an MBE for her unique services to libraries and books in 1965, and in April 1967 the council presented her with a special vellum parchment inscribed with an account of her career at the library she had helped to make internationally respected. Later on in 1974 she was made an Honorary Fellow of Manchester Polytechnic and was also awarded an Honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Loughborough University.

Eileen's autobiography "Once upon a time" is now available to buy through mail-order from Pennine Pens. Order forms are available from Hendon Library at the exhibition stand.

This exhibition is a must for anyone who has ever used and enjoyed Hendon Library, and will be open until mid-December 2000. For more information please contact the Library on 0208 359 2629.



Hendon Library opening times over the Christmas period

Monday December 25	-	Closed
Tuesday December 26	-	Closed
Wednesday December 27	-	9.30-8pm
Thursday December 28	-	9.30-8pm
Friday December 29	-	9.30-5pm
Saturday December 30	-	9.30-5pm
Sunday December 31	-	Closed
Monday January 1	-	Closed
Tuesday January 2	-	Normal opening hours resume

WELL FOR WINTER?

As the evenings are drawing in sooner, and the bitter chill of winter forces us to wear extra layers, it's only a matter of time before colds and flu begin to strike. It's worth being prepared for minor ailments and setting a plan of action to combat the possibility of catching viruses which may seem harder to shake off in cold weather.

Diet

It's important to eat regular hot meals as part of a balanced diet including fresh fruit and vegetables to boost vitamin levels. The key to maintaining good health in the winter is to provide your body with the correct balance of proteins, carbohydrates and essential fats which are found in dairy products, bread and fish.

Medicines

Just to make sure you are prepared if you are struck down by a cold, make sure your medicine cupboard contains basic items such as pain-killers, decongestants, antacids, plasters, antiseptic solutions etc. The excesses of Christmas and New Year eating can sometimes be more than our bodies can handle.

Keeping your house warm

Once of the best ways of increasing your comfort and keeping the bills down is to make your home more 'energy efficient'. You can do this by insulating your home to prevent icy draughts entering. The other way is to make good use of your heating, getting the full benefit from your fuel.

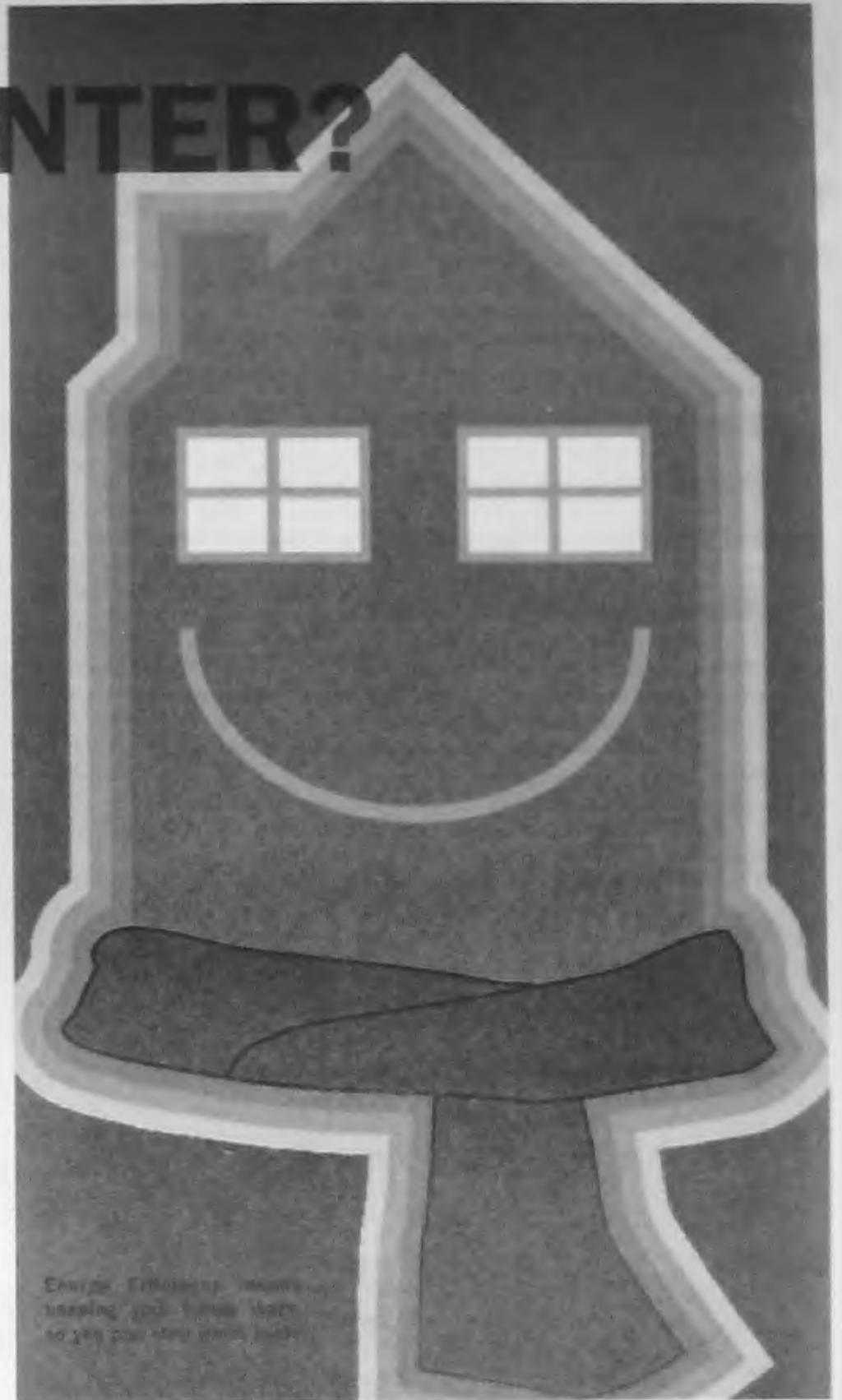
By fitting a special jacket around your hot water tank, heat will be prevented from escaping, which eventually slows down the rate of heat loss. Your hot water will stay at the right temperature for longer so water heating won't have to be used as much. Heat rises, so lots of heat can be lost through your roof. Insulating your loft and pipes that are up there will help prevent frozen pipes in very cold weather.

Double-glazing can also prevent a lot of heat escaping from the main part of your house. Although an expensive option, there is an alternative - attach a plastic sheet film or sheeting to the window frame. This can range from fixing cling film to the window with sticky tape, or a piece of stiff plastic sheeting which can be fixed to the window and used year after year.

Heavy, lined curtains which reach down to the floor will help to block out drafts around your windows and by blocking off gaps and cracks around doorways and skirting boards heat is less likely to escape.

Help with insulating your home - If you receive income support, Housing Benefit, Family Credit, Council Tax benefit, Disability working allowance, Disability living allowance or attendance allowance you can apply for a grant to pay for your home energy efficiency improvements - HEES grant - Home Energy Efficiency Grant.

To find out if you are eligible for this help call the Help the Aged national advice line free on 0800 65 00 65.



Walk your way to fitness in 2001

Fitness for Life - the campaign for health and physical activity at Barnet Council, is promoting a series of winter walks designed to introduce people of all ages to the benefits of the great outdoors and moderate exercise.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Councillor Susette Palmer said: "This is a great idea for everyone, whatever their age, physical ability or medical condition. Both exercise in the open air and the company of other like-minded people are well-known for raising spirits."

The Fitness for life team are offering a choice of 20 walks all lead by a qualified instructor. The walks cost from as little as 80p.

For more information call Chris Smith on 0208 202 6458

LEISURE AND ARTS FOR MULTICULTURAL BARNET

Plans to encourage local people to make more use of arts and leisure facilities in Barnet are under way.

The council have made a commitment to developing a cultural strategy for the borough. Recent consultation carried out for Barnet's community plan showed that increasing the opportunity for, and access to leisure and cultural activities is a top priority for residents.

At a conference in June where speakers from the voluntary sector, the Sports Council and the London Arts Board discussed possible areas to be covered within the strategy. Since then further consultation has been carried out to honour our aim.

Areas that will be looked at when devising the strategy will be predominantly in the arts and leisure sector: sports; parks; museums; libraries; the countryside; and shopping centres to name but a few.

**GET
CLOSER
TO
NATURE**

Ever thought you'd like to take up a new hobby? Allotment keeping can be a rewarding pass time for those who are prepared to put a little effort into making their environment a better place to be.

Barnet's Recreation and Parks Service are encouraging people not to neglect their allotments in the winter season. You don't have to be a pensioner with time on your hands to own an allotment. People have allotments for a variety of reasons - some may live in flats and don't own a garden, or others are simply into organic food. Stella Burnett acquired an allotment on Vale Farm two years ago, and even though a self-confessed allotment amateur, she has been successful in growing some hard-to-come-by vegetables herself. "When I first started I was a bit worried that it would be too much work," she said, "but you don't have to tire yourself out. This year I have had 30 different fruit and vegetables growing - enough to keep me going all year."

**MEETINGS OF COUNCIL,
COMMITTEES, PUBLIC
MEETINGS, ETC**

16 NOVEMBER- 15 JANUARY 2000

Normally, meetings will commence at 7pm and will be held at The Town Hall, Hendon, unless otherwise arranged. Other arrangements operate for Area Forums and Area Sub-Committees.

To find out details for one near you ring (020) 8359 2018. Meetings not included will be arranged as and when required

November

- 16 (Thurs) - Superannuation Fund Management Advisory Panel
- Ad Hoc Scrutiny Commission
- Chief Officer Appointment Panel (Chief Executive) All day starting 9.00am
- 20 (Mon) - Cabinet
- Education and Children Scrutiny Commission
- Recreation, Leisure and Arts Scrutiny Commission Visit
- 21 (Tues) - Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
- Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee (The Old Town Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, N11)
- Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee (Avenue House, East End Road, N3)
- 22 (Wed) - Education and Children Policy Development Committee
- 23 (Thurs) - Trading Operations and Income Group
- Recreation, Leisure and Arts Scrutiny Commission - Visit
- 27 (Mon) - Corporate Health, Safety and Welfare JNCC
- Special Meeting of Environment Policy Development Committee
- Recreation, Leisure, and Arts Scrutiny Commission - Visit
- 28 (Tues) - Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee
- 29 (Weds) - Ad Hoc Scrutiny Commission
- 30 (Thurs) - Council-in Committee Agenda Conference

December

- 4 (Mon) - Housing Scrutiny Commission
- 5 (Tues) - Golders Green Area Forum Childs Hill JMI School Dersingham Road
- Whetstone Area Forum Southgate & District Synagogue, Oakleigh Road North
- Edgware and Mill Hill Area Forum The Watling Centre Orange Hill Road
- 6 (Weds) - Policy and Implementation Committee
- 7 (Thurs) - Party Group Meetings
- 11 (Mon) - Education and Children Policy Development Committee
- Social Services Scrutiny Commission (Adults & Older People)
- 12 (Tues) - Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee
- Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee - Avenue House
- 13 (Weds) - Resources Executive Committee
- Social Affairs Policy Development Committee
- 14 (Thurs) - Council - in Committee
- 18 (Mon) - Cabinet
- Recreation, Leisure and Arts Scrutiny Commission
- 19 (Tues) - Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
- Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Friern Barnet Lane
- Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee - Avenue House
- 20 (Weds) - Ad Hoc Scrutiny Commission
- 21 (Thurs) - Trading Operations and Income Group
- 28 (Thurs) - Council-in Committee Agenda Conference

January

- 2 (Tues) - Environment Policy Development Committee
- 3 (Weds) - Policy and Implementation Committee
- 4 (Thurs) - Party Group Meetings
- 8 (Mon) - Reserved for Scrutiny Commissions
- 9 (Tues) - Finchley Area Forum - Old Barn 20 Fallows Close, Tarling Road
- Barnet Area Forum - Underhill Junior School Mays Lane
- Hendon Area Forum - Barnet Multicultural Centre Algernon Road Hendon
- 10 (Wed) - Social Affairs Policy Development Committee
- 11 (Thurs) - Council-in Committee
- 15 (Mon) - Ad Hoc Scrutiny Commission

**ALLOTMENT
PRIZE WINNERS**



Every year Barnet Recreation and Parks Service hold an allotments competition for the best kept plots in the borough. This year the winners, listed in the table below, were presented with their awards at a ceremony at Hendon Town Hall on October 6. The winners are as follows:

- Cllr Simmons Bowl**
Best Cultivated Allotment in the Borough
Jim Moran, Pointalls
- Fred Jex Memorial Trophy**
Best Cultivated Allotment in central area
Jim Moran, Pointalls
- Arridge Sheild**
Best Cultivated Allotment in the Western Area
Mr H Thorpe, Colindale Allotments and Gardens
- Cllr Hewes Cup**
Best Cultivated Allotment in the Northern area
Mr M Black, Dollis Valley
- Franklin Trophy**
Best Runner Up in Area Competition
Mr P Young, Woodhouse Allotments
- Barnet Federal Bowl**
Best Kept Field in the Borough
Finchley Horticultural Society
- Cllr Naar Challenge Cup**
Best Kept Allotment Field in Western Area
Finchley Horticultural Society
- Alderman Naar Challenge Cup**
Best Kept Allotment in Western Area
Colindale Allotment and Gardens Association
- Hills Trophy**
Best Kept Allotment Field in Northern Area
New Barnet, Clifford Road

If you would like to know more about acquiring an allotment from Barnet Council please ring Carol Nelson on **020 8457 9914**.

HOW YOU ARE HELPING US TO 'CLEAN-UP'



above: an abandoned vehicle being towed away
below: the unwanted vehicle after it had been crushed



Barnet Council's £2m clean-up campaign to improve the streets, shopping centres, pavements, parks and public spaces is going full steam ahead - thanks to your support.

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we can fix them quickly. And please, don't drop litter." The new clean-up hotline is 020 8359 6035. It's been introduced for you to report street litter, overflowing bins, fly-tipping, abandoned cars, graffiti, broken pavements and potholes. The clean-up hotline has already taken hundreds of calls. Cabinet Member for Environment Councillor Allan Turner said: "Our new determination to sort things out is already making a difference to streets, parks and open spaces - and the campaign has led to the arrest of a graffiti vandal in Burnt Oak following a joint operation with the police. In return, we'd like your commitment, so that together we can make our borough even better."

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Party: Labour
Ward: Brunswick Park
Council career: Represented Colindale 1978-86
 Opposition Leader 1980-6
 Elected for Brunswick Park 1998
 Chairs Whetstone Area Forum
 Member of Street Based Services Scrutiny Commission

Q Why did you become a Barnet Councillor?
A I wanted to improve the borough and the best way was to get involved to make it happen

Q Were you born and bred in the borough?
A No, I was brought up in East Cotes, Isle of Wight. I came to the borough as a student, living in Finchley and studying at the observatory in Mill Hill. With one short break, I have lived in the borough ever since.

Q What is your day job if any?
A I work for the National Grid Company developing software for use by

electrical engineers
Q What one thing would you change about Barnet?

A Eyesores such as litter, graffiti, dog mess
Q What has been the high point of your career?
A The successful campaign to extend the availability of nursery education in districts where it was needed most, especially Grahame Park.

Q And the low point?
A Being unable to reach enough people with the message that Labour could win in Chipping Barnet in 1997 and so narrowly failing to be elected to

Parliament.

Q How do you spend your time outside the council?
A Mostly with my family at present. I need to get back to playing sport - my squash club, cricket club and football team have all folded!

Q What is your favourite book, film, music, TV programme and website?
A Book - 1066 and All That by WC Sellar and RJ Yeatman (spoof history)
 Film - No real favourite but I like Truly, Madly, Deeply
 Music group - Cream
 TV - Informative programmes like Time Team
 Website - None. I find

the web to be very slow and frustrating

Q Which single person or event has had the most influence upon you?

A My hero is Johann Kepler for striving through adversity to show that the accepted view of the Universe was wrong.

Q What do you hope to achieve in your time as Councillor?

A To leave my ward with better education, housing and road safety than when I started to represent it.

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

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MARCH TO THE GREEN LINE



The 20th annual march towards the occupied town of Morphou in Cyprus, one of Barnet's twin towns, was lead by Councillor Danish Chopra, Cabinet Member for Finance. Barnet and Morphou became twin towns in 1995 to further goodwill between the two communities and to promote an understanding of the issues affecting Cyprus and support for an early end to the division of the island. The focus of the visit was the march on Sunday October 8 to the Green Line near the

village of Astromeritis. The Barnet delegation accompanied by local MP's Rudi Vis and Andrew Dismore, joined other delegations from Greece and Malta, together with several hundred Morphou exiles in the march. At the Green Line wreaths were laid in memory of those killed or who disappeared in the troubles of 1974. The Barnet delegation, which also included Councillors Pauline Coakley-Webb, Linda McFadyen and John Marshall, were guests of the Municipality of

Morphou and of Mayor, Mrs Antigoni Papadopoulous. Commenting after the march. Councillor Chopra said: "I have been deeply touched by the ceremonies and march in our twin town of Morphou. They have served to strengthen both my and the council's resolve to press for a democratic solution for Cyprus which will enable all communities to enjoy the same freedom and democracy as the rest of Europe."

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HOUSING BENEFITS OFFICERS - working to help you

Matthew Curzon invites Barnet Life to join him in a day in the life of a housing benefits officer.



Matt works as a Housing Benefits Officer, which means he helps in processing housing and council tax benefit claims for private tenants, council tenants and homeowners. He is primarily office based but also visits elderly residents who are housebound to assess their claims. He also helps out at the benefits counter dealing with enquiries from the public.



8.30am

Matthew begins the day by answering telephone enquiries from the public about benefit entitlements relating to housing or council tax and gives advice about making claims. All this information is put into a computer database to keep their claimant records up to date. "This is a very important part of the job - without these records we would not know what benefits people are receiving or are entitled to."



3.00pm

Out on a home visit. Matt meets an elderly housebound couple from North Finchley to assess their benefit claim. "I enjoy this aspect of the job as I have the chance to meet different people and make a real difference to their lives."



11am

Another significant role is assessing claim forms to ensure that the right people are getting the help they need. "I take my responsibility very seriously as I know that a successful claim can improve the quality of people's lives."



3.15pm

Matt explains the claims form to the couple, and once they have filled it out, he is then able to take the paperwork back to the office and continue with the processing. "It can be quite a daunting task to fill out the form if you are not used to doing it. I am always happy to go through anything people may be unclear about, and I also have to make sure they complete the form. Some people can accidentally miss out questions which means a claim can't be processed and has to be sent back."



1.45pm

As part of a rota system, the team help out on the benefit counter, advising people about claims and processes on a one-to-one basis. "This keeps me in touch with people and I always aspire to do my best for them - it is a very rewarding part of the job for me."



Back at the office. Matt finishes off any outstanding work at the end of another long day and heads off home. "I can honestly say there is no part of my job that I dislike. There are not many people who can say that about their job and I am glad that I am doing something I enjoy, and something which helps people within the community."

Getting in touch

Matt works as part of a team of 80 benefits officers in Hendon. The job can be very rewarding for the right candidate and a great sense of achievement can be gained through this role. If you would like more information about becoming a Housing Benefits Officer, you can contact the Recruitment Unit at Barnet Council, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BG or e-mail recruitment@barnet.gov.uk

Mobile Phone Masts: Essential technology or health risk?



The past year has seen much controversy over the siting of mobile phone masts within the borough. The Council is aware of residents' concerns about health and safety and is doing all that it can to address them by getting tough with operators and lobbying the government for more powers.

As more and more people in the borough are using mobile phones, network providers need to construct more masts to accommodate growing demand. However, most residents do not want one in their back yard, at the end of their road or on their golf course.

The Council understands the concerns that residents have about mobile phone masts but also recognises the need to extend the mobile phone network.

Some people are worried about the possible health hazards. But the Government says if a mast meets recommended guidelines (of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation) then local authorities should not need to consider the health effects. Government regulations also mean that planning permission is not required for masts under 15 metres high. This makes it difficult for Barnet Council to intervene in the siting of masts.

However, Barnet Council is doing all that it can to represent the views of residents, and has recently called on the Government to extend full planning control to all masts and related equipment.

Councillor Monroe Palmer, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration, said 'We feel that the need to provide a mobile telephone network is not so important that the normal planning processes should not apply.

'All we are asking for is for a level playing field. One that allows the Council to balance the needs and concerns of operators and local people. The planning system does that for other types of development; we cannot see why it shouldn't for masts as well. That is why we urge the Government to change the law'.

TEN NEW HEADS APPOINTED FOR BARNET SCHOOLS

Memories of the first day at school all came flooding back for ten new headteachers who took up their posts at the start of the autumn term.

Eight Barnet primary schools welcomed new heads in September. Sian Davies, Heather Blackmore, Mike Horton and Maureen McGoldrick join All Saints, Brookland Junior, Childs Hill and Dollis Infants. Georgina Alston, Katherine Marshall, Kenneth Burgess and Richard Maudsley take over at Grasvenor Avenue, Queenswell Junior, St Mary's N3 and Whittings Hill.

Two secondary schools also saw new faces at the helm - Raabi David Radomsky at Hasmonean High and Robert Hannan at St Mary's CE High.

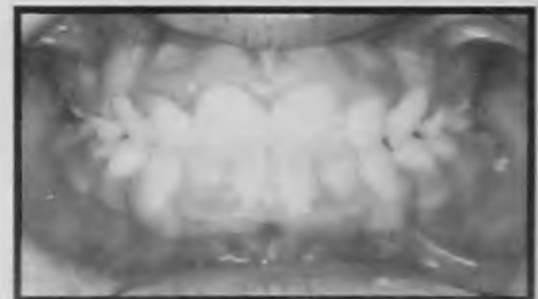
The vacancies arise through retirement, promotions and moving on to new careers. Many of those leaving take the expertise they gained in Barnet to other schools beyond our borders and in return we get staff with different experiences and new ideas.

Councillor Alison Moore, Cabinet Member for Education, thanked all the headteachers who had retired for their tireless work in the borough's schools.

"These are tough, demanding and rewarding jobs. I welcome all the new headteachers who are joining us this term and will continue to ensure they get all the support they need and deserve from the council's Education Service".



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Hidden treasures



Hugh Petrie, Heritage Officer for the London Borough of Barnet Archives, takes a closer look at the hidden treasures to be found in East Finchley.

Eighteenth century East Finchley's famed hog market gave the Market Place, where Holy Trinity School is now, its name. Pigs, some driven from Wales, were fattened up on the grain left over from London's infamous gin trade. Even up until 1955 twenty-five pigs were kept by one die hard in Prospect Place. Pigot's Gazetteer in 1831 remarks: "A market for pigs, held on Monday, was formerly attended by many. It has long been on the decline - the little business now done is transacted at the George Inn."

In 1866 Market Place connected by The Walks with Church Lane was East Finchley's traditional village centre. There were hairdressers, dress makers, drapers, tailors, boot makers, as well as grocers, butchers, fishmongers and bakers. There was even a florist. Opposite the post office a new pub was

built called The Duke of Cambridge.

In 1867 East Finchley Station opened, enabling limited commuting with London. Half the shops we see on the High Road were built before 1905. One of the earliest is that of Robert Charlton Turner, who opened a pharmacy on the High Road in 1884. After a series of owners it was taken over by Charles William Andrews in 1904, and still trades under this name. Benjamin Joyce, timber merchant, appears at an address in 1886 near the railway station, a company now trading in Church Lane. Quite the most impressive building was the Congregational church built in East Finchley in the 1870's. Its spire rose to a height of 130 feet and in the tower is a clock with four dials striking the hours, (this was demolished in 1965 and replaced by Budgens Supermarket).

Tram service started in 1905 competitively reducing the cost of train tickets. The rail link with the new tube (now Piccadilly line), at Finsbury Park created a new population of commuters. By 1914 many more shops were built in the High Road. By

1911 Andrews functioned as a public telephone call office. Two doors down from the Primitive Methodist Hall (now the youth hall), was the Home and Colonial stores. Pulham & Son, a well-established (and well remembered) butcher's shops on the High Road and Long Lane. At the junction of Hertford Road was the temperance tavern The Black Bess, next to which was the Finchley Athenaeum, East Finchley's first cinema. The better known cinema, East Finchley's Picturedrome (The Phoenix) opened in 1912.

Demolition before the war, and bombing during the war, considerably changed the Market Place Redevelopment after the war changed the Market Place beyond recognition. A small shop and an office licence were included in the new buildings opposite The George, but these were closed in 1973, finishing a shopping tradition. Only The Duke of Cambridge remains from the Victorian period, last in and will possibly be the last out. Although shops still soldier on in Church Lane, the centre of East Finchley Village is now the High Road.

TAKE THE PLUNGE



Welcome to your new sports page! With the help of Barnet's Recreation and Parks Team we aim to bring you a comprehensive look at what's going on in your borough. This month we will be focussing on swimming as a form of exercise for people of all ages, in the run-up for National Swimathon Week which takes place in March 2001.

Many of us would like to get fit but are unsure about where to start. There are a whole range of intense to gentle forms of exercise you could choose, but be sure to opt for a form of exercise that will not over-work your body resulting in muscle strains or other physical injury. The message from Barnet's Recreation and Parks team is that you don't have to run a mini-marathon everyday in order to stay fit and healthy. Instead, gentle to moderate physical activity could be a more effective way of helping you lead a healthier lifestyle. Following the simple guidelines below you too could take part in Swimathon 2001.

What is Swimathon?

It is the biggest sponsored swimming activity held in the country. Organised by the London Events

Agency, it takes place at swimming pools on a national scale in March 2001. Why not enter and raise funds for charity whilst getting fit too? Lane swimming is available in most pools which is an ideal way of increasing endurance levels, helping you to swim further and raise more money!

Getting started

Most people don't need a medical check up before beginning a gentle, gradually increasing exercise programme, but it's advisable if you suffer from any medical conditions to check with your GP first. Once you have decided to commit yourself to a programme of activity, planning should be an important part of your preparation.

PERFORMANCE HINTS

Be realistic about the amount of work you set yourself, within the time available to you. Start gently and gradually increase the amount of exercise you do.

You must exercise regularly and consistently, not in fits and starts. Set time aside for your fitness regime.

Plan your session into separate parts to avoid boredom.

- * Warm up - swim a few lengths just to get your muscles working
- * Set yourself a number of lengths to do in your preferred stroke
- * Break the stroke down and swim lengths of legs only
- * Watch the clock and try to reduce the time it takes to swim a set number of lengths
- * Ease off gently at the end of your session
- * Record the distances you have achieved so that you can increase your lengths gradually

If you would like a set programme, please phone the Recreation Office on 020 8457 9900 and they will forward a programme that you could adapt to suit your own personal needs.

EVENTS DIARY

To keep you up-to-date with what's going on in the world of sports in Barnet, you may find the following dates useful for your diary. If you know of or are organising a sporting event and would like to include it in our sports diary, please contact 020 8359 2312.

2000

November 21 London Borough of Barnet Secondary Schools Swimming Gala

Barnet Copthall Pools are hosting a Gala for all primary and secondary schools in the Borough. The event last year was a resounding success and looks like having a larger entry this year. The teams compete for computer prizes for their schools

November 25 National Top Team Swimming Competition

The National Top Team competition is also to be held at Copthall pools. Teams from all over the British Isles including Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland take part in tests on their first aid, life guarding and resuscitation skills. This is backed up with a written test. Spectators are welcome.

November 25 London Inter Borough Swimming Finals

The Mayor of Barnet, along with seven other London Mayor's will be present at Copthall Pools in the evening to see whether the Barnet Borough Swimming team can repeat their success and win the trophy for the fifth year in succession.



Jemma Mitcham during the Karate Championships in Tokyo

Hendon Youth Sports Centre - Successes

The Under 14 British Men's Gymnastics Championships took place on October 15 at Highgate Sports Centre, and representatives from Hendon produced an elegant display bringing home a silver medal won by Hasit Savani of Hendon for his performance on the parallel bars.

Connie Ito from East Barnet won a silver medal at the London Gymnastics federation Women's club division Two International Championships on October 8 along with her fellow competitor Natalie Nicolaou from Whetstone who won the bronze.

The Karate Union of Great Britain held its annual Home International Grand Slam on October 15 where Jemma Mitcham (pictured left) from Hendon swept the board with four gold medals.

Did You Know?

* Up to 20 Water Aerobic Classes are held in Barnet Copthall, Finchley Lido, and Church Farm Pools each week. These cater for all types of people i.e. women only, ante/post natal classes, 50+, shallow and deep water

* There are up to 50 fitness classes held each week at Ashmole Centre, Barnet Copthall Pools, Compton Sports Centre, Finchley Lido, Hendon Youth Sports Centre and Queen Elizabeth Girls School. You only need the entrance fee. There is no membership of monthly subscription required.