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# BARNET CIVIC NEWS



**H**APPY smiles from the Borough of Barnet's new Carnival Queen, 16-year-old Sharon Ross, of Lyndhurst Gardens, Church End, Finchley, and her two attendants, Wendy Watkins (left), aged 19, of Alexandra Grove, North Finchley, and Patti Rook, aged

20, of Fortescue Road, Edgware.

Twelve girls lined up for the final of the competition in Owen Owen's department store, North Finchley. The judges were the Mayoress of Barnet, Mrs. Iris Hirshfield, Mrs. Noel Gorst, wife of the

Conservative M.P. for Hendon North, Wendy Marler, last year's Carnival Queen, and Mr. E. Hodges, a director of Owen Owen.

The crowning ceremony was carried out by the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Norman E. Hirshfield.

## Home loans scheme freeze

BECAUSE of drastic Government cuts, Barnet Council has been forced to axe its home loans scheme until further notice.

A Government order on 11th June instructed all councils to reduce their home loans scheme to half the amount it lent last year. Then Barnet lent £4,022,078 so this year it is restricted to £2,011,039.

Barnet was already well over the £2 million mark so when the order was made it had to halt its mortgages scheme immediately.

However, applications received up to and including 14th May will not be affected. Loans for improvements and those to housing associations also escape the axe.

Barnet Council regrets it has had to take this action. Many potential home buyers will be disappointed but the mortgages scheme will be started again as soon as possible.

## HELP FOR DISABLED DRIVERS

ON 1st June, 1975, the Orange Badge Scheme for disabled drivers was extended to enable badge holders to park for up to two hours on yellow lines, except where there is a ban on loading or unloading in force at the time, or in a bus lane.

Application for a badge should be made to the council's Social Services Department at Winston House, Dollis Park, Finchley, N3 1DH, telephone 01-349 9121.

In addition to the compulsory windscreen badge, if you intend to park on yellow lines in England and Wales, you will require the special disabled persons' orange parking disc. These too may be obtained from the council's Social Services Department.

# Preserving our local history

MANY people think that history is something which happened a long time ago. But history—especially local history—never ends. What happened yesterday in our borough is of interest today; what is happening today will still be of interest tomorrow.

History is preserved in documents, newspapers, pictures and photographs. A valuable record is not always a parchment deed; it can also be a ledger or a letter book of a local firm, or a photograph or letter illustrating the locality, kept by a local resident.

If you have any records which are no longer in use, please contact us before disposing of them. They may well be of local interest, even if they are not all old. If in addition you have any old letters describing the area, headed bills, programmes, photographs or anything which illustrates life in the borough in any way, could you please let us know? Even if you

have no wish to part with them, the Archivist would still be grateful for a chance to see them.

Some local residents and businesses have already deposited their records on permanent loan, or have allowed copies to be taken. Where records are confidential this is of course respected.

There is a steadily growing collection of sources on the history of the locality which is increasingly used by writers, students of local history and those who are simply curious about the house or road in which they live.

So if you believe you may have anything which you think would be of interest, or have any inquiry about local history which you would like to have answered, please contact the Local History Library which is housed at St. Mary's Community Hall, Egerton Gardens, NW4. Telephone 01-202 5625, ext. 55. All written inquiries should be addressed to the Borough Librarian, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE.

## BEWARE THOSE DEADLY SWEETS

EVERY year hundreds of people die from accidental poisoning and many thousands more are admitted to hospital.

One of the most frequent causes of these accidents is the careless storage and use of medicine.

Young children, particularly those between two and 10, are at special risk. Every child puts things into its mouth. Food, fingers, fluff from the teddy bear, coal and sweets are all something to lick or suck. For the toddler there are drawers, bedside tables, cupboards and handbags to explore.

To children brightly coloured tablets and capsules are exactly like sweets—just the right size and shape for sucking and swallowing.

This leads to accidental poisoning which sends young children to hospitals in ever increasing numbers every year—and sometimes to the mortuary.

To avoid these needless tragedies, observe the following commonsense rules:—

1. Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.
2. Store medicines in the home in a proper medicine cabinet with a safety locking device and close it tightly after use.
3. Never let a child play with medicine containers empty or full.

It is tragic also that medicines, prescribed to restore health, should so often cause the accidental poisoning of adults, especially the elderly. Most of these accidents are caused by careless use or failure to observe the instructions.

These accidents can be avoided by observing the following simple rules:—

1. Always read directions carefully and give or take the exact dose recommended.
2. Never give a medicine which has been prescribed for you to someone else who seems to have a similar ailment.
3. Never "borrow" medicines that seem to be the same as yours.
4. Never take or give medicines in the dark.
5. While taking a medicine prescribed by your doctor, do not take any other medicine before seeking his advice.
6. Do not hoard surplus medicines but never put unused medicines in the dustbin or on a fire. Return them to your pharmacy and ask the pharmacist to destroy them for you.

Remember that modern medicines are effective and potent. Treat them with care, store them properly and always follow the instructions.

# New finance chief and his deputy

MR. GEORGE W. HOPKINS, I.P.F.A., F.C.A., has succeeded Mr. John R. Hease, who retired at the end of June, as Barnet Council's Director of Financial Services and Borough Treasurer.



MR. G. W. HOPKINS

Mr. Hopkins has been with the Borough of Barnet since its inception in 1965. He was appointed Assistant Borough Treasurer in April 1965, and Deputy Borough Treasurer in November 1971.

He was Chief Accountant with Hendon Borough Council from 1960 until the formation of the Borough of Barnet. Before coming to Hendon, he held positions with the Borough of Brentford and Chiswick, the Borough of Richmond, Surrey, and the Borough of Willesden. He has been in local government since 1934.

Married with three daughters aged 19, 15 and 12, he and his family live at Hatch End. A member of Hendon Rotary Club, his other interests include gardening and photography.

MR. MICHAEL L. ROSS, I.P.F.A., A.C.I.S., has succeeded Mr. Hopkins as Barnet's Deputy Borough Treasurer.



MR. M. L. ROSS

He started in the treasurer's department of the Old Middlesex County Council straight from school in 1947. Apart from two years National Service in the Intelligence Corps he stayed there until the County Council's dissolution in 1965 after which he joined Harrow Borough Council.

In 1968 he was appointed Assistant Borough Treasurer with Barnet Council and promoted to Principal Assistant Borough Treasurer in 1973.

Aged 44, he is married and he and wife, Colleen, live at Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire. They have two sons, Peter who is 20, and Graham aged 16. Peter is at University in Rome while Graham is at secondary school.

Mr. Ross is a particularly keen gardener and his other activities include home wine making, literature and voluntary work with youth clubs and old people's homes in the Great Missenden area.

## Picture lending service

THERE will be exhibitions of new additions to the borough's picture lending service in three libraries from 2nd-30th August. The original paintings by local artists will be on show at North Finchley library and reproductions at East Finchley and Hendon libraries.

An exhibition of prints and paintings by Denis Higgins will be held in North Finchley library from 6th-27th September and East Finchley library from 1st-25th

October.

Denis Higgins studied etching at Hornsey College of Art evening classes and has exhibited at the Royal Academy the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and the Lord Mayor's Art Award exhibitions. He has also shown work at international exhibitions in Europe where he was awarded a bronze medal (Madrid) and silver medal (Paris).

# School halls for hire

ARE you looking for somewhere to hold your wedding reception, 21st birthday party or golden wedding celebration? If so, Barnet Council can help you.

It has been felt for some time that more use should be made of school halls in all parts of the borough instead of limiting it to recognised organisations such as parent-teacher or ratepayers' and residents' associations.

Now, as an experiment, the Council has decided to extend the use of school accommodation by allowing it to be hired for non-profit making social functions including special family occasions.

The halls vary in size and it is possible to cater for large and small parties. In addition, the school kitchens can be made available to make it much easier to prepare refreshments.

There is a letting fee and the charge per hour on weekdays is as follows:—

Halls accommodating up to	
200—	£5.20
Between 201-401—	£7.40
Between 401-600—	£11.10
More than 601—	£14.10

The minimum letting time is three hours. On Saturdays these charges are increased by 50 per cent. and, in any case where admission is charged, by 100 per cent.

There is an additional charge for the use of the kitchens. This works out at 25 per cent of the hiring fee of the hall, with a maximum of £10, plus the cost of providing a supervisory member of the school meals staff. Upright and grand pianos can be hired at a charge of £1.30 and £2.60 respectively.

Lettings are at the discretion of the Director of Educational Services. Information about the type of accommodation and the scale of charges can be obtained by writing to the Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N11 3DL.

## New day for club meetings

THE Hendon Group of the Middlesex and Surrey League for the Hard of Hearing has now changed the day of its meeting. The club meet on the third Tuesday of each month in Derwent House, Queen's Road, Hendon.

The secretary is now Miss Eva Nendick, of 36 Hodford Road, NW11 8NN.



ABOVE: Up go some of the children's hands as the Mayor asks a question during his talk to third year pupils from Grahame Park Junior School.

BELOW: The Mayor receives a gift of a plant on behalf of himself and the Mayoress, Mrs. Iris Hirshfield, who accompanied him for the visit by the party from the adult training centre. Presenting the gift is Valerie Kingsman, of Netherlands Road, New Barnet, one of the trainees.

## Mayor asks a question

A PARTY of trainees from the Fieldways Adult Training Centre, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, and another of third year pupils from Grahame Park Junior School, visited Hendon Town Hall recently.

The Mayor, Councillor Norman E. Hirshfield, welcomed both parties and, in an informal, friendly manner, explained the working of the council to them. They were also able to see and hear about the robes, regalia and maces.



## PLAY TIME

AS in previous years, children will be allowed to use Hollickwood School playground in Sydney Road, Friern Barnet, during the summer holidays. They will be under the supervision of parental volunteers.

The playground will be open for children until 29th August (excluding the 25th and 26th) between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

# IMPROVEMENT AREA

THE Welbeck Road area of East Barnet, including Jackson Road, Middle Road, and part of Cranbrook Road and part of East Barnet Road, has now been formally declared a General Improvement Area.

In May 1973, Barnet Council suggested that the Welbeck Road area should receive a "face-lift" if that was the wish of the residents. This was followed by a public meeting in November 1973, at which the residents approved the

principle of Welbeck Road becoming a general improvement area. A residents' committee was established at the meeting to liaise with the council and help prepare a "revised scheme" of improvements for the area.

Since then, there has been an extensive public participation programme with questionnaire surveys and regular meetings with the residents' committee to discuss various ideas.

A second public meeting was held on 20th February, 1975, and the revised scheme was overwhelm-

ingly approved by the residents.

The Department of the Environment has now accepted the scheme and the council has now been able to formally declare it a general improvement area.

This means that owners of properties in the area can obtain larger house improvement grants than before. The various environmental improvements including tree planting, the closure of Welbeck Road, new parking areas and the making of a no entry at the bottom of Jackson Road can be implemented in the near future.

# Show time at Friern Barnet

**D**ON'T forget Friern Barnet Summer Show in Friary Park on Friday and Saturday, 15th and 16th August. It promises to be the biggest and best ever staged there.

The show is mainly centred around the horticultural and floral exhibitions with the domestic, art and handicraft sections sure to be well supported. The baby show and dog show are likely to attract many entries and there will be children's fancy dress, sports, pets and art competitions as well as one for photographers.

One of the highlights of the show will be tethered and free flight displays by the Esso Hot Air Balloon, weather permitting.

There will be band displays and the Royal Navy are bringing along a quarter scale size submarine, as well as giving two displays of manoeuvrability with the helicopter. The G.L.C. are providing their mobile children's zoo and there will be pony rides.

The exhibition marquee will be the largest ever erected in Friary Park and there will be more than 100 exhibitors with static and mobile displays. A special arena display will be given by the famous "Tumblairs".

Added to all this, is a funfair and the show will close with a grand firework display.

## WASP NESTS

**BECAUSE** of rising costs, the council has decided to increase the charge for dealing with wasp nests from £1 to £2, the first increase for many years.

The demand for dealing with wasp nests varies according to the summer weather but averages from 800 to 1,200 calls for assistance during the season of four to five months. In the peak period up to 20 requests a day are received.

## Keep fit at the sports centre

**T**HE Borough of Barnet has always catered for a wide range of sporting activities but perhaps not so many people know about the Hendon Sports Centre in Algernon Road, Hendon, which uses the converted Army Drill Hall there and also the gymnasium at Hendon School.

Activities cater for all ages and include keep fit, weight-training, judo, badminton, basketball, trampolines, gymnastics and volleyball.

The centre is used by keen sports people of varying abilities and several activity groups are full and have waiting lists. Sportsmen of national standard in the trampoline, canoeing, gymnastics and athletics use the centre.

The staff of the centre are involved in the development of a Barnet Gymnastic Association and there will be close liaison between schools, youth and community services and everyone else in the borough who are interested in gymnastics.

The men's team at the centre are current National Gymnastic

**M**A RTIN LING, a pupil at Ashmole School, and a member of the Centre group's gymnastic team, shows the balance and courage needed to become a top gymnast.

Champions and the National Individual Champion, T. Wilson, is also a member.

The Centre group were in Berlin from 29th June to 6th July, representing Great Britain in the World Gymnastic Festival. Local boys from Osidge, Ashmole, Moat Mount and Orange Hill schools were in the team. More than 20,000 gymnasts were at the festival.

It is hoped to interest more young people in gymnastics and the other activities at the Hendon Sports Centre and the prospectus is available from Mr. E. Tuck, the Organiser, Algernon Road, N.W.4 (telephone 202 6027).

## Now for the third stage

**N**OW that stage two of the work programme for establishing a plan for Chipping Barnet town centre has been completed and approved, work is now in progress in Barnet Council's planning department on the third stage.

The second stage was to establish the plan objectives. The third stage will be to establish a preferred strategy for the area, based on the plan objectives.

Towards the end of stage three, the public will again be consulted and asked to give their views on various possible strategies. This is a means of helping the council to identify the strategy which will be most suitable to Chipping Barnet both in the short term and the long term for those living, working and shopping in the area.

During the stage two exercise, there was a public exhibition to illustrate the report of survey and suggested plan objectives in Chipping Barnet and New Barnet Town Hall in December and January.

Afterwards, a large number of comments and suggestions were received by the council from members of the public, local organisations and official bodies. In particular, much help was received from the Chipping Barnet Town Centre Proposals Committee which was set up to represent local organisations and people in the preparation of a plan for Chipping Barnet.

These observations were carefully analysed and were the subject of a report to the relevant council committee in May, 1975. After the

report had been considered, the plan objectives were approved and incorporated several amendments and additions.

The Stage 2 Report of Survey and Approved Plan Objectives will be published shortly and will be available to members of the public at a cost of £1 a copy. Meanwhile, copies of the approved plan objectives may be obtained from the Borough Planning Officer, Gateway House, Regent's Park Road, N3.



# EYESORES IN BARNET

OPEN space and sites awaiting redevelopment in the borough are being used more and more for dumping unwanted furniture, household, garden and other rubbish. This practice is not only irresponsible, it is also illegal and can result in a heavy fine—up to £100—if the offender is caught.

As well as making a place look untidy, dumping rubbish can also cause a health hazard. It also makes extra work for the council who have to clear such areas from time to time. This adds to the rates bill and the money has to come out of the ratepayers' pockets.

There is no need to dump your rubbish. The council run a service for the collection and disposal of unwanted furniture, bulky household and other rubbish. Please use it. The charges for this service are reasonable, so don't take a chance and risk a heavy fine.

Please ring 01-361 0013 for details and for your information; the price list is as follows:—

Piano (at ground floor level)	£1.25
(at first floor level)	£1.75
Three piece suite	£0.75
Bedroom suite	£1.00
Settee, armchair, chest of drawers, table, sideboard normal, dressing table, television, radiogram, bed-spring, cooker, cupboards	£0.25
Wardrobe	£0.63
Hall stand	£0.38
Mattress	£0.13
Small chair	£0.13
Bed ends in pairs	£0.25
Bed ends, spring and mattress (any size)	£0.50
Overmantel	£0.25
Sundry rubbish (including garden rubbish) for a dustbin full	£0.13
Bulk rubbish (if near pavement) for a cubic yard	£1.00
Bulk rubbish (carrying from rear) for a cubic yard	£1.25
Tanks and cisterns depending on size	£0.13-£0.25

Some garden rubbish is collected

THIS rural scene in Cool Oak Lane, Hendon, just above the Welsh Harp, is typical of the indiscriminate dumping of rubbish despite the clear warning notice.

free of cost if contained in the normal dustbin on the regular collection day.

Large quantities will be charged for, based on the amount.

Hardcore and brick rubble are not accepted owing to vehicle damage. The council do not undertake the excavation of garden soil.

Tiled surrounds and a small amount of rubble are accepted.

**An official council receipt will be given in all cases when money is collected.**

Old or unwanted domestic refrigerators are collected by the council free of charge. Please ring 01-361 0013 for this service and give about 14 days' notice.

## DO IT YOURSELF RUBBISH DISPOSAL

You can take and dump your own unwanted furniture or bulky household rubbish free of charge at the two G.L.C. refuse reception depots in the borough. They are located at:—

Brent Terrace, North Circular Road, NW2 (01-452 3918), and Summers Lane, N12 (01-368 8083).

Monday to Friday—8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays—8 a.m. to 12 midday.

# Don't park on the pavement

AN appeal asking motorists not to park their cars on pavements has been received on behalf of blind residents of the borough.

The practice of parking cars partly on the pavement seems to be on the increase. It can cause considerable obstruction to pedestrians and creates a particular hazard for blind people. It can also put mothers with their babies in prams at risk by forcing them on to the road to get by.

Motorists are reminded that this practice is dangerous. Your co-operation would be appreciated, so please do not park on the pavement.

Concern has also been expressed about the danger to passers-by, particularly the elderly, infirm, poorly sighted and the blind, caused by overhanging hedges, trees and bushes.

Householders and estate managers are asked to co-operate in reducing the risk of accidents by making sure that hedges, trees and bushes are trimmed regularly.

# What's on in the borough

"WHAT's on in Barnet" is a pamphlet produced and distributed by Barnet Council once a fortnight to let people know about forthcoming events in the borough.

Many organisations already use the pamphlet regularly to publicise their events which range from dancing classes, bridge and dog training to drama, exhibitions, lectures and music. There is information also about advice centres and citizens advice bureaux.

Other organisations are invited to make use of this fortnightly publication but, to allow time for printing, details must be sent at least three weeks before the event takes place.

The information required is the day, date and time, type of event, brief details, place, prices of admission, name of organisation, name and address to whom inquiries can be made and telephone number.

Items for inclusion should be addressed to the Controller of Administration, London Borough of Barnet, Town Hall, Hendon, NW4 4BG and marked "for the attention of the Press and Information Officer". You can also telephone 01-202 8282, extension 74.

# Your chance to be a Good Neighbour

**WOULD** you like to be a good neighbour and give a helping hand to old or chronically disabled people who are unable to cope with normal household chores and may have no help readily available to them?

Barnet Council's Good Neighbour Scheme provides support where the provision of a normal home help on an hourly basis would be difficult. The good neighbours light fires, prepare meals, do shopping, cleaning and any other necessary small household tasks.

Most important of all, however, is for them to keep a friendly eye on the person they are helping.

People assisted are those notified by doctors, community nurses, social workers and voluntary agencies. Good neighbours should live near the person who needs help. Often there is already an informal arrangement, frequently a near neighbour who does not want to become an ordinary home help with fixed hours but who is prepared to go in and look after

someone known to her from time to time during the day and last thing at night if necessary.

Many old people already receive this sort of help on a voluntary basis through the kindness of their neighbours. This fact is supported by the results of the up-dating of the Handicapped Register. This was carried out recently under the provisions of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1971 when more people in need of the service were discovered and more potential good neighbours were found. But more are needed to cater for all those people in need of help if the Good Neighbour Scheme is to be 100 per cent efficient.

In some cases the neighbour has to work or has other commitments and, while willing to help, is not able to do so for nothing. Barnet's Social Services Committee then offer payment ranging between £1.50 and £3.00 weekly to the neighbour.

The person in need of a good neighbour is helped to complete an application form for assistance, the needs of the case are assessed and an agreed weekly payment to

the neighbour determined. Those who agree to take part in the scheme as good neighbours are engaged on an individual case basis on the understanding that the engagement will be terminated by one week's notice on either side.

The completion of times sheets is not required but the good neighbour and the client are asked to certify at the end of each week that the assistance justifying the payment has been provided.

The scheme is administered by the home help organisers on an area basis and if you are willing to help in this scheme you should contact them at the following addresses:—

11A Wetherill Road, Muswell Hill (telephone 444 0165/6).

Grahame Park Health Centre, The Concourse, Grahame Park, NW9 (205 6204).

Watling Health Centre, Cressingham Road, Burnt Oak (906 0769).

Oak Lane Clinic, Oak Lane, Finchley, N2 (346 8678).

East Barnet Health Centre, East Barnet Road, New Barnet (449 5055).

## Your new Borough Librarian

**MR. DAVID A. RUDDOM**, A.L.A., has been appointed as Barnet Borough Librarian to succeed Mr. S. J. Butcher, F.L.A., F.R.S.A., who retired at the end of June.



**MR. D. A. RUDDOM**

Born in North London and brought up in Muswell Hill, Mr. Ruddom was educated at Stationers' Company Grammar School, Hornsey. Apart from a brief period working with a publishing company when first leaving school and two years National Service with the Royal Air Force, mostly in Egypt, he has spent all his career in public libraries.

A formative period of 10 years with Tottenham Public Libraries was followed by two posts with Hertfordshire County Libraries at Stevenage and Hertford. Coming back into London to a senior post with the Borough of Newham he subsequently moved to the Borough of Islington as Bibliographical Librarian. Then in 1971, he came to the Borough of Barnet as Principal Assistant Librarian and for the past two years has been Deputy Borough Librarian.

Aged 40, he is an Associate of the Library Association and lives in Enfield with his wife and 10 year old daughter. His several varied interests include singing—he is a member of the Little Heath and Potters Bar Operatic Society—gardening, provided the weather is reasonable, and a fascination for buses, trams and trolleybuses that goes back to childhood days.

### Council meeting

THE next meeting of Barnet Council will be on Tuesday, 30th September, in the Council Chamber at Hendon Town Hall at 7 p.m.

# YOUNG ARTISTS WORK ON SHOW

**THE** popular annual Children's Art Exhibition organised by Barnet Council's Libraries and Arts Committee is being held in Church House Farm Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, until the end of August.

Entries were invited from school children in the borough and the winning items, together with a selection of the commended entries, are being exhibited.

Opening hours are as follows:—  
Weekdays (except Tuesday), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Sundays 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Visitors are welcome and party visits may be arranged in advance by telephoning 01-203 0130. Admission is free.

The nearest Underground station is Hendon Central and the nearest buses are routes No. 83 and 143.

The prizewinners were:—  
Up to and including six years of age: 1. Rachel Hellner, Moss

Hall Infants; 2. Ben Hainsworth, St. Mary's, Finchley; 3. Matthew Holmes, The Hyde Infants; highly commended: Alan O'Keefe, St. Agnes J.M.I.; Meena Gandhi, Wessex Gardens Infants; June Scullion, Colindale J.M.I.; Arash Behtash, Moss Hall Infants; June Scullion, Colindale J.M.I.; Arash Behtash, Moss Hall Infants; Takayuki Sakai, Wessex Gardens Infants; John Quinn, St. Joseph's Infants.

Seven-nine years of age: 1. Yvonne Bonucchi, St. Joseph's Junior; 2. Kasuko Akaisha, Littlegrove J.M.I.; 3. Joanne East, Brunswick Park, J.M.I.; highly commended: Melanie Royston, Osidge J.M.I.; Darren Fahey, Barnet Hill J.M.I.; Sarah Lloyd-Williams, St. Martha's Convent; Karen Levay, Littlegrove J.M.I.; Lilian Castagnoli, St. Joseph's Junior; Steven Martin, Dollis Junior; Linzi Appell, Osidge J.M.I.

Ten-12 years of age: 1. Mark Harland, Dollis Junior; 2. Alan Higgins, Dollis Junior; 3. Jane Tuckwood, East Barnet Junior High; highly commended: David

Schiller, Edgware Junior; Dawn Taylor, Dollis Junior; Jane Billson, The Mount School; Peter Shepherd, Littlegrove J.M.I.; Clare Kingett, Osidge J.M.I.; Howard Greene, Brunswick Park, J.M.I.

Thirteen-14 years of age: 1. Tracy Patt, The Mount School; 2. Joanne Steele, Woodhouse School; 3. Julia Stacey, Woodhouse School; highly commended: Claire Warren, Woodhouse School; Beverley Labouchardiere, Grahame Park Comprehensive; Richard Pearce, East Barnet Junior High; Nigel Lax, East Barnet Junior High; J. O'Loughlin, Montfort House E.S.N.

Fifteen years of age and upwards: 1. Anil J. Barnes, Woodhouse School; 2. Leigh Fisher, Edgware School; 3. Christopher Palmer, Woodhouse School; highly commended: Patricia Grimwood, Edgware School; Krishma Ahmed, The Mount School; David Belchak, Edgware School; Keith Jobling, Edgware School; Andrew Garfield, Edgware School; Michael Sharp, Woodhouse School.

# New library is open



## Alan wins holiday in America

A FAMILY holiday in America is the prize for 10-year-old Alan Russell, a pupil at Brookland Primary School, Hampstead Garden Suburb, for winning his age group in a National Essay Competition which attracted more than 50,000 entries. The subject was "Why I would like to visit America".

As a result of his win, Alan and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Russell, of 33 Wildwood Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb, also met Prince Charles at St. James's Palace. Prince Charles presented Alan with an engraved silver cup and chatted to him afterwards.

The competition was organised by Mr. Eric Morley in aid of the Variety Club of Great Britain, the Outward Bound Trust and the Pedern Educational Trust. Every competitor who entered had to have his or her essay sponsored to the sum of £1 and all the money raised went to the three charities. This was made possible by the generosity of Sir William Butlin who donated the prizes.

The competition, for seven to 18-year-olds, was divided into five groups. Alan competed in the seven-nine age group for which he was eligible at the time. In his essay he wrote about an eagle that stands in the hall at his home which was brought from America by his grandparents in 1912.

As the prize was a family holiday, sailing with him on the Queen Elizabeth II from Southampton to New York on 7th August will be Alan's father and mother, and his 14-year-old brother Martin.

Alan, who is in the third year at Brookland School, plays in the school football and cricket teams and is a promising guitarist. His hobbies are stamp collecting and painting. One of his paintings was selected for showing at a recent exhibition in London.

After their stay in America, the Russell family will fly back to London.

## Using land for allotments

THE former temporary war-time allotment site next to Hertford Lodge, East End Road, Church End, Finchley, is again to be used for allotment purposes until the land is required for the Municipal Offices.

who has now succeeded Mr. Butcher, in the background, Mr. Tom Wattis (right), librarian in charge, is explaining the intricacies of the new booking out system.

For Mr. Butcher, who retired at the end of June, this was one of his many achievements during his 14 years with the Hendon and Barnet Borough Library services.

The new library will eventually serve a population of 10,000. At the moment, while

there are about 5,000 people on the estate, the library will open for limited hours. As the demand increases, the hours will be extended.

The library, which has a stock of 22,000 books, is open at the following times:—

Tuesday and Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

GRAHAME Park's new £88,000 library in The Concourse, Hendon, was opened by the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Norman E. Hirshfield, at the end of May.

Our picture shows (from left to right), the Mayor with Mr. Stanley Butcher, Borough Librarian; Mr. J. Dawkins, Director of Educational Services; Councillor D. E. Dell, Chairman of the Libraries and Arts Committee; and Mr. D. A. Ruddom, Deputy Librarian,

## TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

MANY boys and girls have part-time jobs during their spare time, but rarely do they get the chance to take a close look at some of the professional careers open to them. Earlier this year, the Borough Careers Service, whose function is to provide facilities for helping young people with careers information and advice, arranged a large-scale vacation course programme with the help of several departments of the council and with substantial support from Barnet General Hospital.

Over 100 sixth form boys and girls took part in the vacation courses, on a one or two-day basis, visiting the architects, town planning, financial services (accountancy, computers), engineering and surveying and libraries departments. In addition, Barnet Hospital offered two-day courses in nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy, pathology, X-ray and medical records.

These vacation courses have proved to be very popular with

some departments being oversubscribed. The general opinion of those taking part was that it was well worth giving up part of their holiday to visit the departments and that the experience gained would help them when making decisions about their future careers.

The Careers Service wish to extend the Vacation Course Scheme next year and would welcome offers of facilities from local employers.

# INTRODUCING YOUR COUNCILLORS



**COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLAUSTEN** represents the Hampstead Garden Suburb Ward, having joined Barnet Council in 1974. He is a member of the Education, Public Works, and Libraries and Arts Committees. He has been particularly active in trying to ensure that the borough maintains high educational standards and that the needs and wishes of people are fully taken account of in discussions of traffic proposals.

He is a member of the governing bodies of Hendon School and the Hasmorean School for Boys. He is an active member of Barnet Community Relations Council and a member of the Council of Alyth Gardens Synagogue.

He was educated at Clifton College, Bristol, and at Sheffield University, where he obtained a law degree. A member of the Conservative Bow Group, he sits on their Foreign Affairs Standing Committee. He has developed a particular knowledge of Africa, having worked in Malawi as a volunteer teacher. The author of two pamphlets on investment in South Africa he has also had a paper published recently on that subject.

Chairman of the Barnet for Europe Committee, he led the campaign in the borough to keep Britain in the E.E.C. He is also a member of the Debates Committee of the English-speaking Union and is a Freeman of the City of London.

He finds his work on the Council very worthwhile and satisfying, although extremely time consuming. Most of the problems people bring to him concern the education of their children and protecting the environment.



**COUNCILLOR MICHAEL COHEN** has represented East Finchley since he was first elected to Barnet Council in a by-election in 1972. He lives in East Finchley with his wife, Jenny, and their three children, Deborah and Gilly who are pupils at Brookland Primary School, and Thomas, aged two.

Born and brought up in Liverpool, he has lived in East Finchley for about 13 years and believes very strongly that local government should be local.

He is deeply involved in the affairs of East Finchley. An active member of the East Finchley branch of the Labour Party and of Finchley Constituency Labour Party, he was also a founder member of the East Finchley Neighbourhood Association. He is a manager of three local primary schools—Tudor, Martin and Manorside—a governor of three secondary schools—Christ's College, Alder and Bishop Douglass—and a member of the management committee of the Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre.

Among his other interests are membership of the Central Area Road Safety Committee and the executive committee of Barnet Community Relations Council where he is currently involved in a project to set up a Housing Aid Centre in the borough with Government financial assistance. He is also treasurer and a member of the executive committee of Barnet Borough Arts Council and treasurer of East Finchley Under-Fives, a committee of parents who

run two play groups in church halls in the area.

Concerned mainly about environmental problems, he sits on the Council's Public Works and Town Planning Committee and is Labour's shadow chairman of public works.

An accountant, he works for an international bank on the planning of its operations in North America which usually necessitates him visiting the U.S.A. once or twice a year.

At weekends, he and his family enjoy the open air life and normally spend their summer holidays camping in France.



**COUNCILLOR MRS. JUNE COLE** was elected to represent the Brunswick Park Ward in May 1974, and serves on the Education Committee, the Schools and Special Services Sub-Committee, and the Social Services and Grahame Park Committees. She is Chairman of the Northern Area Family Care Sub-Committee.

She has taken an active part in local politics since 1961, and is a member of the Finchley and Friern Barnet Conservative Association and the Women's Advisory Committee.

Educated in South London, she feels that the effect of winning an essay entitled "The Borough I Want" when she was 16, may have influenced her to take part in civic affairs.

Before her marriage she was a nurse at a London teaching hos-

pital and this interest was maintained as a member of the former Barnet Hospital Management Committee. She now serves on the recently established Joint Consultative Committee of the Barnet Area Health Authority.

Since her marriage she has successfully completed a teaching course in home economics and apart from the teaching experience gained, sees this knowledge as giving her a greater insight and understanding of the Social Services Committee. She is a member of the Association of Home Economists and examines candidates in that subject for the Middlesex Regional Examining Board.

Councillor Mrs. Cole has been a manager of the group of primary schools in the Brunswick Park and Osidge area since 1965 and a governor of Grahame Park Comprehensive School since 1972. Since her election to the Council, she has served on the governing bodies of the Friern Barnet Primary Schools and Southaw School for Girls and is vice-chairman of the latter.

She lives in Friern Barnet and is enthusiastically supported by her four children, all pupils at Whitefield Comprehensive School. Her husband, who was born in East Finchley, is actively involved in the League of Friends for Finchley Hospitals and Barnet Volunteer Bureau.

The family are members of Finchley Methodist Church where Councillor Mrs. Cole is president of the newly formed company of the 4th Finchley Boys' Brigade. Finchley and Friern Barnet Y.W.C.A. and Finchley Women's Inter-Church Luncheon Club are two of her other interests.

## Barnet Fair dates

AT this time of the year many inquiries are made about the dates of Barnet Fair.

This year, the horse fair will be held on 4th, 5th and 6th September, and the pleasure fair from 29th August to 6th September, both dates inclusive, but excluding Sunday, 31st August.