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2000 CONFERENCE

ALL THE FUN OF OUR FAIRS



Top:
The Steel Band from Woodcroft Junior School kept the crowds on their feet at the Watling Festival. Thousands of residents flocked to Montrose Park in Burnt Oak for what proved to be one of the highlights of the summer.

Top right:
Thousands turned out for the second East Barnet Community Festival at the end of June. Included in the entertainments was something for everyone including Iberian folk dancing, aerobics for young and old and trampolining.



Children from Rushgrove Primary School have helped Barnet Council design an exciting new playground at Rushgrove Park in Colindale.

Armistice Day

Work will stop at Barnet Council for two minutes on Monday, 11 November, to remember those who died in the world wars.

Barnet Council has supported the Royal British Legion call nationally for Armistice Day to be held on the correct day not just on the closest Sunday, bringing Britain into line with other European countries.

Work will stop and phones will not be answered as two minutes of silence are held in memory of those who lost their lives. The start and finish of the silence will be marked by the firing of maroons by the Royal British Legion.

"Last year there was great public support for holding Remembrance Day on a Saturday and I am delighted that Barnet Council will be observing this important national time of reflection," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Chair of General Executive Committee.

SET THE AGENDA

There is no turning back – the people of Barnet have spoken and your 21 demands for the year 2001 will be met.

This was the message from Council Leader Alan Williams as issue after issue raised at Barnet 2000 was being considered by the council's decision-making committees.

Major successes have already been achieved and this while the council is bidding for Government funding from the Government's Capital Challenge Fund for the regeneration of Finchley.

This money, for a massive regeneration programme for Finchley, would be just part of the council's plans for the borough to produce new homes, jobs and boost local businesses.

Barnet 2000, democracy at work in Barnet, gave the people of the borough a new voice in planning for 2000 and beyond, tackling every aspect of local life – and producing firm action for the future after three days of debate.

Council Leader Alan Williams reeled off one major development after another at the conference which tackled head on the task of building a better Barnet as we approach the new millennium.

"This conference showed you are determined to have a voice in local decision-making and we are determined to give it to you."

"Every issue, the 21 for your year 2001, you raised at Barnet 2000 is being tackled from environment to health, from youth to older residents, from housing to transport.

"You had us a community demanded action – and we will deliver action within the constraints of Government spending," said Councillor Williams.

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The 21 demands were:

- New arts centre at Tally Ho Corner plans
- Quality Service Guarantee Quick Response Teams
- Action Point goes borough-wide
- Barnet Care 2000 community care partnership
- Shopmobility scheme for disabled people
- Recycling bins for every home
- Million bulbs to be planted
- Two thousand new trees every year until 2000
- Local Agenda 21 given extra zone
- Improved air quality
- Environmental Action Week every year
- Benefit take-up campaigns across Barnet
- Credit Unions to create economic independence
- Strategy to combat deprivation
- Increase in vocational training for teenagers
- More rent-free space for new businesses
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FIGHTING FOR OUR TOWN CENTRES – Finchley Forum needs you

The council has lodged a £1.8m bid with the Government for money under its Capital Challenge scheme to help revitalise our town centres - and has now called for local residents and the business community to join a new Finchley Town Centre Forum.

Following behind the scenes negotiations with top Government officials, the council has concentrated its bid for funding on Finchley.

The council, working with the whole community, is determined to regenerate town

centre shopping, improve the environment and create new local jobs for local people.

If the council wins new money from the Government scheme, local people, businesses and those representing all groups in the area will have a say on how it is spent.

"We are determined to see new economic prosperity in all our town centres which is why the new Finchley Forum is based on a larger area than the initial capital challenge boundaries," said Councillor Andrew Dickie, Chair of the council's Economic Development and

Land Committee.

The new Finchley Town Centre Forum will help breathe new life and prosperity into North Finchley, Church End and East Finchley.

If you have ideas on how the centres should develop and a commitment to getting things done, your council would like to hear from you.

Nomination forms are available from Des Welton, Economic Development, Barnet Council, Town Hall, Hendon NW4 4BG or by telephoning 0181 359 2862.



Unveiling the new Guarantee - Councillor Linda McFadyen, Councillor Alan Williams and Councillor Helen Gordon

CORPORATE PLAN MEETS CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

Barnet Council plans ahead and the latest edition of your borough's four-year Corporate Plan - a blueprint for the priorities to be tackled in the next four years - accepts the new challenges facing us all following the demands of the community for change at the historic Barnet 2000 Conference in July.

Unveiling this year's Corporate Plan, Chair of the Policy and

Resources Committee, Councillor Joan Ryan said the success of the last two years plans had already been seen by the community.

"The fact we are able to adapt and develop the plan, as we have this year, to meet the demands of our community is proof positive that forward-planning - something sadly lacking in this borough for so many years - pays dividends.

"At Barnet 2000 we were able

to announce 21 new initiatives meeting the demands of the community. Yet these initiatives were already to be found at the very heart of our Corporate Plan - we recognised the overall needs and the people of this borough called for specific action," she added.

"The Corporate Plan has meant an end to crisis management in Barnet," said Councillor Ryan.

GOVERNMENT LEARNING FROM BARNET QSGS

The Government has congratulated innovative Barnet Council on its trailblazing Community Care Quality Service Guarantees (QSGs) and wants to learn from the borough to boost national standards for social services.

The Department of Health's Social Services Inspectorate has praised Barnet for the high standard of its QSGs in community care, introduced for the first time in the history of the borough last month.

Social Services Inspectorate Chief Inspector Sir Herbert

Laming asked the council to give the benefit of its help and expertise to the Citizen's Charter Unit.

He wants people throughout the country to benefit from the commitments to quality social services Barnet residents enjoy right now.

In his letter to the council, Sir Herbert said: "May I congratulate you on preparing a leaflet which is so easy to read and yet so informative."

"It is good to know that this Charter on Community Care is being provided for all users of services and I would be glad to be

kept up to date in any lessons that can be drawn from it."

Sir Herbert, who said he wanted to visit Barnet, was interested in the way Barnet gave residents a major role in services and sought partnership with the community.

"It is pleasing that the Government has recognised the high standards of social services this council is committed to delivering to its residents," said Councillor Helen Gordon, Chair of Social Services Committee.

YOUTH CENTRE PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

Your council has spent the last two years negotiating with the directors of Hendon Football Club to create a new youth centre on the club grounds to meet the needs of local young people.

The club will be run by a new charity with two representatives from the club and two from the council.

"This is a major achievement for this council and Mr. Ivor Arbiter, owner of Hendon Football Club.

"We have all worked together over the last two years, together with the Milly Aphorp Trust and the John Lyon Trust.

"This is partnership at work in Barnet," said Councillor Ryan.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ENVIRONMENT

Local agenda 21 update

Barnet's Local Agenda 21 programme continues to go from strength to strength. From the setting up of the neighbourhood Local Agenda 21 in the Friary Park area of the borough to the announcement at Barnet 2000, the biggest consultation and community festival event in the history of the borough, that the scheme was being expanded, the council continues to demonstrate its commitment to the agreement by world leaders in Rio 1992. They agreed to take action for the protection of the environment by encouraging the community to think globally and act locally.

Agenda 21 and Barnet's initiatives are about work with the whole community in partnership and listening to their views not just single groups or individuals

The Friary Area was set up following the formation of the council's first-ever Environmental Consultation Forum in September 1994. This followed a successful environment conference held at Avenue House which was attended by over 80 residents and organisations. The Forum, which reports to the council's Policy and Resources Committee, works with councillors and officers by looking at the whole borough, with five main areas of the environment in mind:-

- Energy
- Recycling and Waste Minimisation
- Transport
- Countryside and Green Space
- Unitary Development Plan

Local Agenda 21 is an on-going process. It is about working in partnership. Residents are not

The success story so far

only working with the council but with each other. It is about seeking sustainable development, with the local community, schools, businesses, voluntary groups and organisations developing and putting into action their vision for the future.

The Friary Park Steering Group has put together an Action Plan for the area. One of the main problem areas identified was traffic. Local solutions explored include a questionnaire to local schools as part of an awareness campaign to reduce school journeys to school by car and the promotion of cycling as an alternative.

The council took part in two national campaigns this summer to encourage environmental awareness. Schools throughout the borough took part in Walk to School Week and Barnet Council staff and councillors took part in Bike to Work Day.

Now that the Friary Area is successfully up and running, the council is focusing on the formation of the new Local Agenda 21 partnership in the Victoria Park area of the borough.

At a public meeting in September councillors and officers met with local residents to highlight major areas for action including:

- Victoria Park
- Traffic

- Trees
- Litter
- Recycling facilities
- Roads
- Pollution
- Traffic calming
- Environmental improvements for the town centre areas

"Local Agenda 21 is about working in partnership. Although Barnet is taking an active role, its aim is to guide and give help to residents rather than take control," Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee told the meeting.

"We must work together to make Barnet a better place to live and work in the future. It goes beyond planting more trees or putting in more recycling sites.

"The council has made a real commitment to Local Agenda 21. By working with residents, businesses and local organisations we can put together practical solutions to real problems," she added.

There will be a meeting to set up the Victoria Partnership Steering Group at the beginning of November. If you wish to attend or actively take part in the Group, please contact Samira Bharmal, Development Plans Section, Barnet House, 1255 High Road,



Councillor Stan Cross, Chair of Public Works, joins staff at Barnet House at the start of National Bike to Work Day.

Whetstone, N20 0EJ or call 0181-359 4669.

Barnet 2000 saw the launch of the first phase of the public consultation to find out exactly what residents think the most important environmental issues are. The top ten issues are:-

1. Reduce road traffic
2. Social equality and inequality/quality of life
3. Reduce pollution
4. Promote recycling
5. Protect natural habitats
6. Promote environmental education
7. Improve personal safety
8. Reduce number of cars
9. Improve energy efficiency
10. Increase greening of the borough

All these issues will be brought together in the next edition of the council's Corporate Plan, the guide to the borough's priorities for the next four years.

Residents and organisations with an interest in the environment are invited to attend Barnet's second Environmental Conference on the evening of 3 December at The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4. The conference will give residents the opportunity to discuss everything to do with the environment from Local Agenda 21 recycling facilities, litter to public transport. If you wish to attend please contact Samira Bharmal on 0181-359 4669.

HOUSING BENEFIT FOR UNDER 25s

From 7 October the Government changed the rules for housing benefit for most young single people under 25 years old with no dependant children. Now for them the maximum rent allowed is the average cost of a single room with shared facilities - as determined by the Rent Officer Service.

Young single people who moved into their current accommodation and made their claim for housing benefit before 2 January 1996 will not be affected by these changes unless they move or there is a break of more than four weeks in their claim.

Exceptions to these new rules are young single people who are council or housing association tenants and some young people who have been in care.

The Government introduced other changes which affect the way

that housing benefit is paid. From 7 October 1996 all new claims will be paid wholly in arrears, customers either claiming two or four weekly payments after entitlement. Payments made directly to landlords will be four weekly in arrears.

Before 7 October there will be no change for people claiming housing benefit unless there is a break of four weeks or more.

Advice on housing benefit is available from the Customer Services Division of the Finance Department at Fenella or at any of the regular advice surgeries held around the borough.

From 7 October there is a new Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) replacing unemployment benefit and income support. An unemployed person will have to sign up to a Job Seekers

Agreement to be entitled to the new benefit.

There are two parts to the JSA. Those claiming the contributory benefit JSA(C) need to complete a local authority application form for housing and/or council tax benefit. Those claiming income based benefit JSA(IB) need to complete the application form in the JSA claim pack for housing and council tax benefits.

Details of JSA or back-to-work benefits are available at your local employment services office.

Advice Day

Advice on housing and council tax benefits, council tax and education awards will be available from the Finance Directorate's Customer Services from 10am to 4pm on Tuesday 12 November 1996 at Tesco, Coppetts Wood.



Children and parents from Foulds JMI School in Barnet put their best foot forward during Walk to School Week in the summer.

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AT A GLANCE

- A bowls club is set to celebrate its 70th birthday with a new pavilion at Victoria Recreation Ground in East Barnet thanks to the council. The function room of the old bowls pavilion was destroyed in an arson attack in July 1994, meaning club members were unable to fulfil many of their home fixtures. Now the council has given the go-ahead to start work on the new pavilion which should be ready around April 1997.
- Families are being given a say in what type of new, exciting and improved play facilities your council will provide in local parks. The council has decided to spend over £300,000 on refurbishing and installing new play areas in borough parks. Residents can write in with their suggestions to Leisure Services, Barnet Council, Friern Barnet Lane, London N11 3DL.
- Families have been given the chance to come up with their own imaginative ideas to improve borough parks using lottery cash. The total cost of each project accepted for funding is expected to be over £100,000 and the park must be at least 30 years old and have some historic, design or social importance.

CRACKDOWN ON NOISE

Barnet's promised crack-down on noise nuisance has got off to a flying start with the launch of the borough's comprehensive out-of-hours noise service. The first weekend of the new service reached its peak on the Saturday night with more than a dozen calls - the last at 5am.

In each case Barnet's noisebusters successfully cut the night-time din being created by revellers or got it stopped altogether.

"The service is already bringing welcome relief to residents," said Councillor Jack Cohen, Chair of Development and Protection Committee.

There has been a dramatic rise in the number of noise complaints in the borough - up over 400 per cent in the last few years."

Barnet has taken action, ahead of new Government legislation, to bring in a 24-hour noise service with the mobility and powers to tackle the worst excesses.

Environmental Services officers will be standing by on weekdays and weekends with the promise of a swift response against

relief on way for residents

what Councillor Cohen has called "yet another example of pollution damaging the quality of life."

The officers will be able to advise residents and if necessary attend the scene of serious noise nuisance, with the power to have it stopped.

Police back-up will be on hand to support council officers if needed.

Friday and Saturday nights are the busiest times for noise from entertainments and parties and the new service operates on those nights from 10pm until the early hours depending on demand.

The same service is available

through the council's emergency services number on every night of the week and will cover other pollution issues as well as monitoring night trading hours.

Experience has shown that most people will turn down noise on the spot when told informally by officers they are causing a nuisance.

But for those who will not, environmental officers have an armoury of measures they can turn to to curb the problem - from serving legal notices to prosecuting offenders in the courts and, in extreme cases, seizing equipment.

- Suggestions from residents through the Recreation Forum or Friends of Parks groups would be welcomed by the council.

- Environmentally aware Barnet is checking the green credentials of firms it places on its

approved list. Tighter controls procedures and a greater emphasis on quality are also being introduced. For the first time the council is vetting firms on such issues as equal opportunities, use of unauthorised sub-contractors and proper liaison with tenants.

- More people with disabilities will benefit from the council's new, enhanced Travel Scheme. Barnet residents with disabilities which prevent them from using buses or trains will be able to travel in local black taxis and minicabs at reduced fares.

AT A GLANCE

- A new youth justice team to tackle crime and help rehabilitate offenders is being launched by your council. The new team will improve council services to local families and youth courts and help rehabilitate young people who have been sentenced to custody.
- The council has launched a review of day care for older people in the borough to provide modern, high quality services to meet their changing needs. Your council also agreed to find a new permanent location for Deansbrook Day Centre in Burnt Oak, to ensure the best possible service for not just present users but future ones. Deansbrook will remain open temporarily until a new site is found which meets the quality of service the council believes older people in the area need and deserve.
- The council will spend over half a million pounds on improving services to people with mental health problems this year.

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GROWING SUCCESS



Our picture shows (from left to right) the allotment team members Nimesh Patel, Ian Ford and Derek Whitbread.

An allotment project run by people with learning disabilities is a growing success.

The council social services scheme at Fieldways Resource Centre in Dollis Valley Way, Barnet, started three years ago but has expanded successfully over the last two years and become a full-time project.

Enthusiastic outreach project team members have completed a polytunnel to protect their plants

from bad weather and erected a small greenhouse and are also developing a sensory garden.

Plants are sold to the local community, bringing the self-financing project a small profit but more important giving team members experience of such areas as handling their own budgets and setting up systems to manage their produce.

People with learning disabilities at the New Fieldways Allotment Project have effectively

cultivated two plots and learnt new skills which they could not gain in the classroom.

"This is an excellent project where people with learning disabilities are learning new skills and enjoying the fruits of their own success," said Councillor Helen Gordon, Chair of Social Services Committee.

"I am delighted that this worthwhile project has been going from strength to strength over the last two years," she added.

Walk on the wild side

Over fifty residents, young and old, put their best foot forward at the end of September when the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Pam Coleman, officially opened the second section of the London LOOP walk, which runs through Barnet.

The LOOP (London Outer Orbital Path) will take walkers, once all the sections are open, on a round trip of the capital covering 150 miles.

The Barnet section runs from Elstree rail station to Cockfosters tube station and covers just over ten miles.

Our picture shows children from St Catherine's RC School tackling the walk at the opening with the walk's mascot, LOOPY the hawk.

The walk has been put together by Barnet Council, the Countryside Management Service and the London Walking Forum.

There is far more to Barnet than many residents think and children from St Catherine's RC School discovered the delights of the Barnet section of the LOOP walk when they joined the walk's mascot LOOPY at the launch. The Barnet section takes walkers through one of the greenest boroughs in London.

Our picture shows the children tackling the walk with LOOPY the hawk.

Multicultural Learning



The council's tenth annual multicultural education resources exhibition had a special visitor to officially open the two-day event.

Donald Woods, former editor of South Africa's "Daily Despatch" and internationally-famous anti-apartheid campaigner, started off the country's largest shop window on the world of teaching aids (books, leaflets, posters, cassettes, music and software) for multicultural education.

Our picture shows Donald Woods with Woodcroft Junior School's Steel Band which helped start the exhibition.



Work on the homeless day centre in Barnet began at the beginning of October and the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Pam Coleman, who had chosen Homeless Action in Barnet as her charity this year, paid a visit to the site on day one of the building work.

BOOKS ON THE DOORSTEP

A new fully accessible mobile library for the borough has been launched by the council. Councillor Katherine McGuirk, Chair of Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee, joined families at Kingsley Court in Edgware to test out the new service.

The mobile library is fitted with a steplift to help people with disabilities and brings a full range of books, CDs, videos, cassettes, books on tape and local information to the doorsteps of local residents.

Your council decided in July to give the borough mobile library service for the housebound and older people its second extension

in just six months.

After asking residents what they wanted, the council decided to introduce new street locations to better meet individual needs.

This was another step in the council's policy of improving access to library services for all sections of the local community.

The council will continue to review its mobile library service and listen to the views of local residents to ensure it changes to meet their needs.

"We are continuing to make the best use of our resources to provide a quality service for all our residents, including the most vulnerable," said Councillor McGuirk.



It is all systems go now for the Greek Cypriot Brotherhood after they received the keys to their new community centre.

The council decided in February to accept the Brotherhood's offer for the freehold for the building, the former St John's School in Britannia Road, Finchley.

Our picture shows Councillor Joan Ryan, Deputy Leader of the Council and Harry Sophocles, President of the Society.



Children from All Saints School, Cricklewood, joined Chair of Education Committee, Councillor Anne Jarvis, to proudly show off their poetry during the launch of "Poetry on Buses".



AT A GLANCE

- A strong stand from the council and community groups urging the Government to keep its hands off borough libraries has paid off. Barnet Council and the council's Recreation, Leisure and Arts Consultation Forum, made up of community group representatives, opposed privatisation plans.
- In response to calls from the borough's Town Centre Forums, the council has launched a crackdown on illegal flyposting on vacant shop windows.
- The council has stepped in to protect the long term future of the Barnet Talking Newspaper in a deal which will secure its home base for at least another 15 years. Barnet came to the rescue when the lease ran out on the Talking Newspaper's home for many years in Wetherill Road, Muswell Hill.
- The adult branch of Barnet's careers service has moved from Hertford Lodge to a new home in North Finchley Library, Ravensfield Avenue. Career and Educational Guidance for Adults is provided free and has a reputation for offering a first-class service to thousands of adults across the borough.
- The council is giving borough schools the chance to take advantage of a new computer system which will help them plan and pay for the best possible education service for their pupils. The system will be easier to use and more versatile and make school timetabling, administration and budget-handling more efficient.
- Local families can pay their Council Tax and rent bills by Switch and credit cards for the first time while saving Council Tax payers about £55,000 a year.
- The council has decided to upgrade the council's computerised cash receipt system bringing both cost-savings and a better service to residents.
- People with mental health disabilities will benefit from a pioneering new computer link between social services and a health trust at no extra cost to Barnet residents. Innovative Barnet Council is once again leading the way with the link between social services and mental health computer systems, the first of its kind in the country.

ONLY THE BEST WILL DO

Council tenants are being guaranteed a higher quality service than ever for housing-repairs. For the first time ever, the council is giving local families a written commitment to the excellent standards they can expect and deserve when work is carried out in their homes.

Services will be provided, taking on board the views of residents, to a higher level than those laid down by the Government on the time it takes to complete repairs.

The council, under its latest Quality Service Guarantees, will

Quality Repairs Guaranteed

tell residents how long it will take to complete various types of repairs in a special council leaflet. Quality of work will be monitored and Satisfaction Monitoring Cards can be filled in and returned to the council.

The ground-breaking initiative is just one of a series of Quality Service Guarantees the council has

launched over the last two years to ensure consistently high standards across its services for residents.

Our picture shows (left to right) Councillor Allan Turner, Chair of Housing Committee, Vice-Chair Councillor Gina Marks and Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

TeamBarnet profits

All of Barnet Council's TeamBarnet service organisations turned in trading profits last year.

Despite tough competition they provided value-for-money services for the community with local people doing local jobs and creating profits for the borough.

"It is a tribute to all those in TeamBarnet operations, all working in a highly competitive market area, that they have produced these profit figures," said Councillor Jo Salsbury, Chair of the Direct Service Organisations Committee.

Nursery classes boost

Two more nursery classes have been given the go-ahead as Barnet's promised nursery expansion programme gathers pace.

Edgware Infant and Childs Hill Junior schools will get the new classes in what Chair of Education, Councillor Anne Jarvis, called "another step towards bringing nursery education within the reach of every family which needs it."

The decision creates an extra 52 nursery places in the two schools.

Since the launch of the council's plan for a new era in nursery education, new classes have opened or are being built at six schools bringing the number of those with nursery classes in the borough to 32.

Barnet has targeted its programme of new classes to those areas most in need with top priority going to schools in deprived parts of the borough or where there are youngsters who need special education or social support.



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Until 8 Nov
Finchley Art Society Autumn Exhibition. North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, Finchley, N12. Also Demonstrations on 13 Nov, 7.30pm, Still Life in Oils with Robin Mackervoy & 27 Nov, 7.30pm, Portrait in Watercolours with Brian Woods, Cary Room, Trinity Church Centre, Details 0181-445 6835

Until 17 November
Exhibition 'Images from the Spanish Civil War'. Photographs and memorabilia of the Spanish Civil War 1936-39. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Tel. 0181-203 0130

3 November
Mill Hill Rotary Club Firework Display at Copthall Stadium. For details 0181-457 9917

9 November, 7.45pm
Hendon Music Society. Endellion String Quartet, Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, NW11. Details, 0181-203 2355. Also 7 Dec, Piano Concert, Peter Katin.

12 November, 8pm
Amateur Geological Society, talk 'The Iberian Pyrite Belt' by Dr. Colin Dixon (Imperial College). St Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley. Details, 0181-446 7698. Also Annual Bazaar, 7 December 10.15am-3.30pm, St Albans Church, NW11

19 November, 8pm
Sakoba Dance Theatre. Award-winning African dancer/choreographer Bode Lawal combines elements of western contemporary dance with African. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Box office 0181-449 0048

21 Nov & 19 Dec, 7.30pm
Barnet Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Association Meeting. Cheshir Hall, Foster Street, NW4

29 November, 2pm
Totteridge Floral Art Club. A Winters Tale with Kevin Gunnell. Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Village, N20. Details, 0181-445 0576

29 November
World Aids Day Tree Dressing 'One World One Hope'. Details 0181-359 3152

30 November
Christmas Show. New Barnet Amateur Gardening & Floral Art Society, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. Details 0181-440 3312. Also 12 Dec, 8pm, Floral Art 'Follow the Star' by Mrs Pat Filby.

16 December - 4 January
The Little Match Girl presented by Glenn Lee and The Bull. Matinees 2pm, eves 7.30pm. The Bull has regular performances in The Theatre and Studio, with special events on Sunday

afternoons for children and also runs practical classes and an educational programme. For further information phone the Box Office on 0181-449 0048

Golders Green & Hendon Branch of Amnesty International meet 7.45pm last Wednesday of every month (except December) to plan the campaign's action and fund raising activities. Unitarian Church in Hoop Lane, NW11. For information phone 0181-346 3138 or 0181-203 7860 (eves)

Library Book Sales. For details contact libraries on following phone numbers: Burnt Oak 0181-959 3112; Chipping Barnet 0181-359 4050; Church End 0181-346 5711; East Barnet 0181-440 4376; Edgware 0181-958 5550; Friern Barnet 0181-368 2680; Golders Green 0181-458 2168; Hampstead Garden Suburb 0181-455 1235; Mill Hill 0181-959 5066; North Finchley 0181-445 4081

Library Recorded Music Societies meet fortnightly (eves)- Hendon Library, The Burroughs, contact 0181-359 2873, East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, contact 0181-361 9518, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, contact 0181-444 7215

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (Potters Bar and Barnet Group). For details of events and activities phone Stan Bailey 01707 646073

Walks/Activities with the Barnet Parks Rangers. For more information and meeting points phone 0181-359 3052

17 November, 2pm
'Historic Hadley'

1 December, 10am
Walk part of the London LOOP in Barnet, 7 mile walk from Elstree to High Barnet.

8 December, 10am
Winter birdwatching at the Welsh Harp. Led by the London Wildlife Trust.

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19 & 26 Nov, Barnet Network Lunches.

Please phone 0181-343 3833 for more details.

Your council committees at work

29 October
Council Meeting

30 October
Development and Protection Committee

31 October
Compulsory Competitive Tendering Executive Committee

31 October
Direct Service Organisations Executive Committee

4 November
Recreation, Leisure and Arts Committee

5 November
Education Committee

6 November
Grants Committee

7 November
Economic Development and Land Executive Committee

11 November
General Executive Committee

12 November
Social Services Committee

13 November
Barnet Town Centre Forum at Barnet College, Wood Street

13 November
Road Safety Consultation Forum at Accident Prevention Centre

18 November
Development and Protection Sub-Committees

List of Committee Meetings at The Town Hall, Hendon for the period 29 October - 23 December 1996. Commencing 7pm unless otherwise stated.

19 November
Public Works Committee

20 November
Personnel Executive Committee

21 November
Budget, Financing and Performance Review Executive Committee

21 November
Public Works Forum

25 November
Golders Green and Temple Fortune Town Centre Forum at Golders Green Library

25 November
Edgware, Burnt Oak and Mill Hill Town Centre Forum, venue to be confirmed

26 November
Metropolitan Police and Barnet Community Consultative Group, Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware (7.30pm)

27 November
Policy and Resources Committee

28 November
Allotments Advisory Panel

4 December
Development and Protection Committee

10 December
Council Meeting

12 December
Compulsory Competitive Tendering Executive Committee

12 December
Direct Service Organisations Executive Committee

16 December
Housing Committee

17 December
Education Committee

18 December
Planning and Building Control Consultation Forum (7.15pm)

19 December
Economic Development and Land Executive Committee

23 December
Development and Protection Sub-Committees



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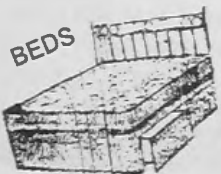
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Pam Coleman (Lab) 449 6254
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Every Saturday 10am-12noon
104 East Barnet Road, East Barnet

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Rene Palmer (Con) 368 7800
John Rawles (Con) 368 3522
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Monkfrith Boys' Club, Osidge Lane, N14
(Tel. 449 7345 - Chipping Barnet
Conservative Association)

BURNT OAK WARD

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Every Saturday 10.30am-12noon
Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware

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Jonathan Davies (LD) 203 6690
Susette Palmer (LD) 455 5140
1st Thursday every month 7-8pm
Childs Hill Library, 320 Cricklewood Lane,
NW2

COLINDALE WARD

Gill Sargeant (Lab) 455 1070
David Williams (Lab) 343 1082
1st Saturday every month 2-3pm
St. Augustine's Church (small lounge),
Grahame Park, Colindale, NW9

David Williams 1st Saturday every month 10-11am
Grahame Park Library, The Concourse, Colindale

EAST BARNET WARD

Usha Chopra (Lab) 449 3231
Anne Jarvis (Lab) 449 9001
Richard Soer (Lab) 441 0170
1st Monday every month 7-8pm
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48-50 Victoria Road, New Barnet
Every Saturday 10am-12noon
104 East Barnet Road, East Barnet

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Kanti Patel (Con) 446 6639
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Chipping Barnet Conservative Association,
163 High Street, Barnet Tel. 449 7345

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Jim Tierney (Lab) 346 3359
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The second section of the London LOOP walk takes walkers through Barnet and gives residents and visitors alike the chance to experience the delights of what is one of the greenest boroughs in the capital.

Once all the sections are open, covering 150 miles, the LOOP walk will take you all the way around London.

Pick up your leaflets and brochures on all the sports courses and walks offered in the borough at council offices and libraries.



Centre of Excellence

Your Hendon Youth Sports Centre is fast becoming a centre of excellence. It has the best gymnastic facilities in London with a wide range of classes and ten successful clubs. The centre has also started to develop school gymnastic classes in borough primary schools.

The launch of the new Judo class by Neil Adams, MBE, which was attended by over 100 children, is just another success story. Already the centre has produced

two junior national champions in another martial art, Karate.

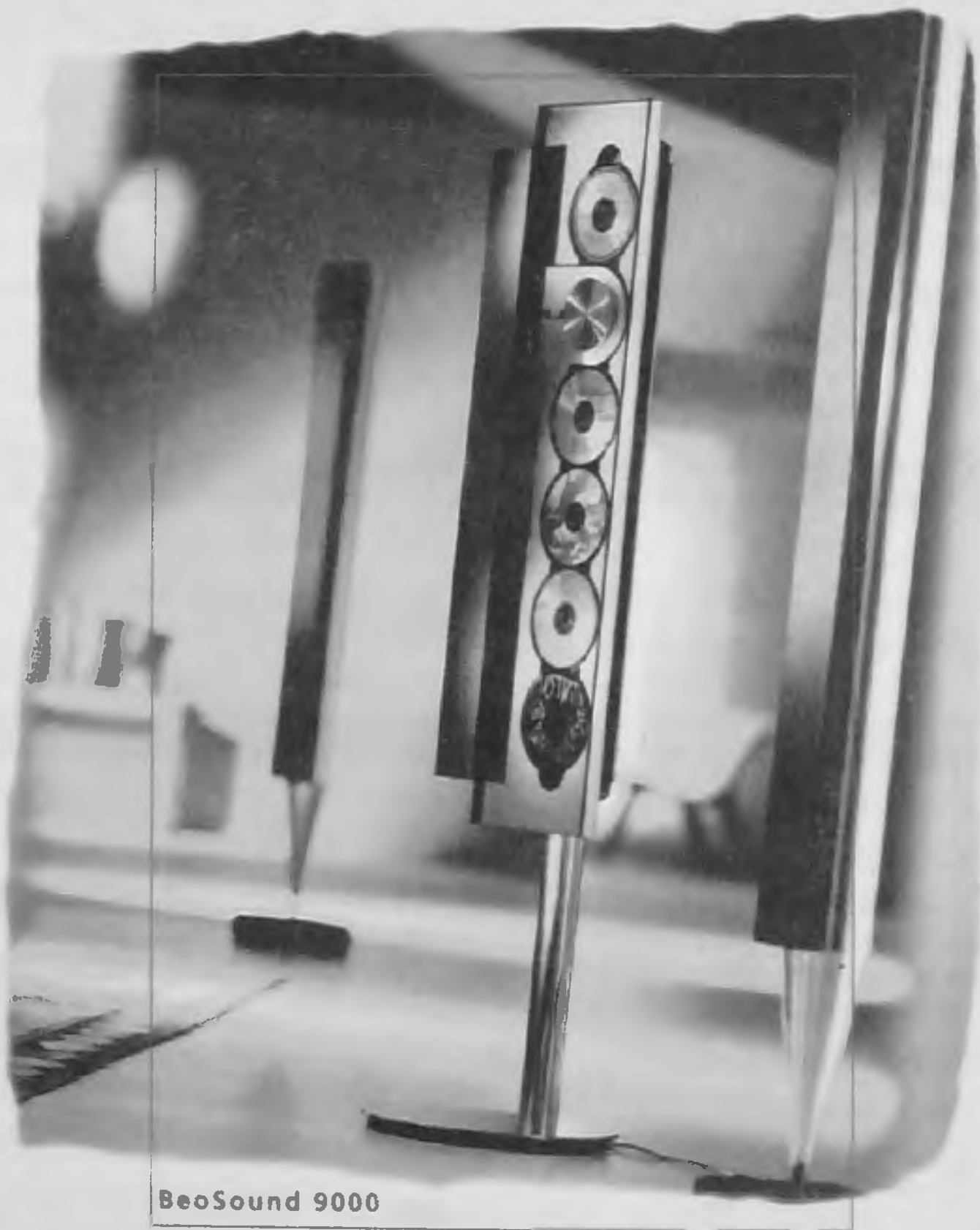
Other activities include indoor climbing with the junior club developing fast.

The centre also boasts a fully air conditioned fitness and weight training room and a multi-purpose sports hall.

The centre, off Marble Drive, next to the Tesco store, Brent Cross, is open from 9am to 10pm. For further details phone 0181-455 0818.



Above left: Reshard Rasheed (10) from Dollis Junior school, who won the under-12 category and Takemaro Karatsu, also from Dollis Junior school.
Above right: Neil Adams gives helpful advice to two judo club members.



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