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The business was established in 1930 by Cecil Williams, who although he has now retired, still takes an interest as a director. Today his son, Trevor, is the driving force and managing director, with his wife, Anne, and his brother, Ron, very actively involved.

Their shop, in Ballards Lane, is the hub of a business which stretches out across Europe to the Eastern Bloc countries and westward to the United States and South America.

But its roots are deep in Barnet's commercial and sporting sectors.

Trevor grew up here. He went to school at the former Clarks College and later to Mill Hill School. He was his school gymnastics champion and one master wrote in his report: If Williams put in as much effort with his school work as he does with his gymnastics he would be a brilliant academic.

But Trevor chose sport. In those days there were few opportunities to move from amateur to the top competition level, so he developed his interests through his business life. The aim was to serve the practical sportsmen and women who wanted good, serviceable equipment, knowledgeable service and a friendly contact.

Eighteen years ago he started another company to manufacture Gee Mats which are the high quality, attractively coloured mats used in gymnasia and sports centres throughout the world for martial arts and gymnastics.

And dance

In his North Finchley headquarters he has opened a dance equipment centre where Angie Phillips runs a fitting and kitting out service for young and adult ballerinas and tap dancers from all over North London.

On the ground and first floor sports equipment from clothing to gymnasium equipment is featured. But there is a clue to the deep community involvement. On the counter are leaflets. Some are from Barnet Council featuring the Barnet Sport Programme or the Youth and Community Activities. Others

advertise club event or tennis tournaments.

For Trevor believes in helping the cause of sport.

In June he sponsored the first Copthall Show. He was the major sponsor for Barnet's Team in the London Youth Games. He has sponsored a dance and mime festival at the Old Bull Centre and this year he was a sponsor for the Lawn Tennis Association Volkswagen Ratings Tournament which took place at many local clubs.

He turned the usual approach to sponsorship on its head and offered prizes for the losers.

'I have been concerned for a long time that there is too much prize money for the few at the top of the tennis ladder,' he said. The higher you get the more the prize and the more equipment is supplied free of charge. Players are paid huge sums just to use certain brands of equipment. Well — I gave five pounds to all the losers in the lowest sections.'

He also gave a bursary of £250 for the under 15 year old whom the judges selected as a tennis player who would most benefit from a course of private lessons. This went to Anne Robotham of Muswell Hill.

As well as sponsorship Trevor believes in taking an active part in

the local commercial and charity scene. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Finchley, vice president of Finchley and Whetstone Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of Barnet Sports Council and a vice president of Barnet Council of Youth.

Now it is Christmas time at Williams Sports. The shelves are overflowing with stock. Williams Sports is a founder member of Intersport, the marketing and buying group and so the range is varied and competitively priced.

'It is always a busy time,' Trevor Williams said, looking along the rows of track suits, training shoes, soccer boots, sports bags and equipment. 'But buying sports gear and equipment needs real understanding and knowledge. You can't afford to buy the wrong thing these days. The kids know exactly what they want and it is really best to ask them and tell us. Or even bring them along to point out what they would really like. Let them tell you two or three things, then make your 'surprise' choice.'

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Children from Rosh Pinah School join the Mayor's chaplain, the Rev Saul Amias, at the Channukah candle in Edgware Synagogue.

More cheques for Mayor's Appeal

EVERYONE in Barnet will find an event to enjoy, to join in the fun and help raise money for the Mayor's Appeal in aid of the North London Hospice which is to be built in North Finchley.

Here's a quick look at the programme, featuring sports and social events:

Saturday, December 12: The Laing Hendon Band play carols at Brent Cross Shopping centre. 10am and 2pm.

Sunday, January 24: Trivial Pursuits evening.

Sunday, January 31: Coffee morning by Mrs Clara Thubrun.

Saturday, February 6: Supper Quiz Evening, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill. Tickets £7.50.

Saturday, March 26: Sponsored swim, Cophall Pools.

Sunday, March 20: Barnet Press Marafun, Cophall Centre.

Thursday, March 24: Civic Charity Ball, Intercontinental Hotel.

It's a wonderful cause and so far the response of Barnet people has been very encouraging, the Mayor, Cllr Malcolm Lester, said.

At the November meeting of the Appeal Committee the treasurer, Mr George Hopkins, announced the fund now stood at over £19,000 and there was still money to come in from several major events which has already been held.

Chief Inspector Gareth Wakeford reported that the snooker tournament had taken off in a big way. The first stage had been a match between Arsenal and Millwall football players at Whetstone Snooker Club.

This had raised £665, and other snooker clubs in the area were all



The Mayor, Cllr Malcolm Lester, accompanied by the Mayoress, Adelaide, receiving a cheque for £1,127, in aid of the Mayor's Appeal, from the Rev David Sharpe, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill, in the Mayor's Parlour. The money was raised by a Michaelmas Festival held by the Church at the end of September.

joining in. Each would produce a winner and a grand final would be held.

Crazy Sports Day

The Metropolitan Police recruits had held a Crazy Sports Day and £2,000 had been pledged in sponsored events.

The North London Advertiser Jazz Concert had raised £1454.79. A special evening and collection at the Load of Hay public house in Hendon has raised £1,000 and the

evening at the Peking Opera Restaurant raised £227.

The public and local organisations were supporting the appeal and already £13,521 had been received in general donations.

The Hospice, planned for a site in Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, will serve all faiths. It will provide a caring environment for people with terminal illnesses, and will also provide a day care service giving support to both the patient and the family.

Charity Ball

The major event of the year will be the Civic Charity Ball. The Duchess of Norfolk, joint chairman of the Help the Hospices organisation, will be attending.

Tickets will soon be available, and applications can be made to Mrs Pat Signy, Appeal secretary, 223 Great North Way, Hendon NW4.

Meanwhile the committee are asking the public to support the event now with gifts for the tombola, raffle and auction. Again contact Pat Signy on 203 0962.

Donations for the Appeal can be sent to the Mayor's Parlour, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG. Cheques should be made out the Mayor of Barnet's Appeal.



The Mayor puts another £665 into safety when John West, of Whetstone Snooker Club, and Chief Inspector Gareth Wakeford, called into the Mayor's Parlour to present the cheque representing the proceeds of the first event in the Mayor's Appeal Snooker Special. The money came from a special snooker tournament between players from Arsenal and Millwall Football Clubs. From left to right are John West, manager Whetstone Snooker Club; his assistant, Angie Campbell; the Mayor, Cllr Malcolm Lester; Mrs Elfriede Wakeford; and Chief Inspector Wakeford.



The editorial team and advertising staff of Barnet Borough News wish all our readers a happy festive season.

Mayor thanks heroes of the storm

They worked round the clock to clear the roads and make the highways safe. They forgot meals and finally had to be ordered to go home to get a rest.

They are the men from Barnet's Technical Services Directorate who responded to the emergency when the 100mph gales swept through the borough on the night of October 15/16.

The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Malcolm Lester, wanted to say 'Thank You' to the gangs who made Barnet safe, and laid on a beer and pasties lunch at Squires Lane highways depot, Finchley, on Friday, November 13.

Admiration

'People are sometimes a little critical about our roads, but I don't think anyone has anything but admiration for the way you worked through that night and all the weekend following. Everyone in Barnet would want to thank you and it is a privilege for me to come here today on their behalf and congratulate you all,' he said.

Max Caller, director of technical services, said he was proud of the fact that the Mayor had come to meet the men, and proud of the way the department had responded to the emergency.



The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Malcolm Lester, joins the men who cleared up the October storm damage at an informal 'Thank you' lunch meeting at Squire's Lane depot on Friday, November 13.

'Wheelie' bin trial settles down

THE wheeled bin pilot scheme which Barnet Council is carrying out in Whetstone, North Finchley and Mill Hill East, is settling down.

By week three the number of complaints and enquiries had dropped so that only one special phone number was needed. The majority of rounds were being completed on time, and residents were following the system so that the trial was getting a fair test.

Max Caller, Barnet's director of technical services, said this week: 'The majority of people are co-operating and that has helped us. We have learned a lot from the first three weeks and will be making some fine adjustments in our programme. We shall be writing to

residents in some roads and giving them a new collection day because we have found that some days were too heavily loaded and others were lighter.'

The collections in the trial area continue to show an increase in refuse collected.

In week one, 226 tonnes were collected, compared with a standard week of approximately 157 tonnes.

In week two the total was 233 tonnes and in week three, 180 tonnes.

'We have made it clear to both residents and refuse collectors that now the scheme is running, no refuse will be collected in the trial area unless it is contained in the

wheelie bin,' Max Caller said. 'But the additional load shows that people are making good use of the bins which hold 2½ times as much as a standard dust bin. I think a lot of the extra load is garden refuse which might have been burnt or taken to the tip in the past together with a backlog which had built up.'

Over the past fortnight 250 of the large 500-litre bins have been delivered, mainly for trade refuse. These trade bins are easily identified as they have orange lids.

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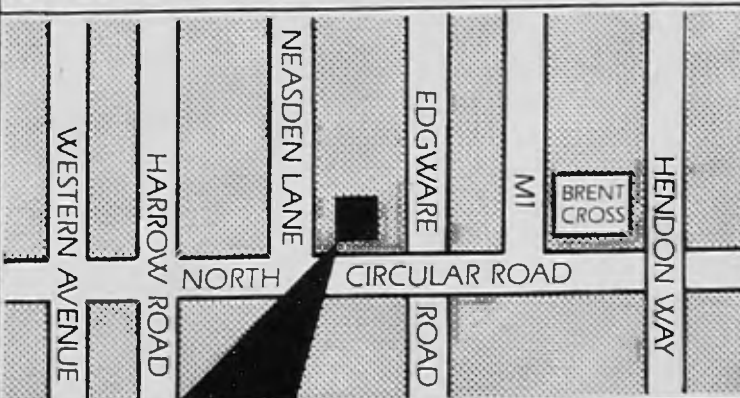
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Christmas past in museum



THE dining room at the Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, has been decorated for a Victorian Christmas.

This seasonal exhibition runs until January 6 but the museum will be closed from 1pm on December 24 until December 29 inclusive and on January 1.

The Victorians decorated their trees with candles — presenting a considerable fire hazard — and were hung with chocolates and sweets to be eaten when the decorations were taken down on Twelfth Night.

Kissing Bough

Before the advent of the tree, the centerpiece of Christmas decoration was the Kissing Bough. The notion is retained to this day in the form of the sprig of mistletoe hung from the ceiling to facilitate 'chance' encounters.

The museum is open weekdays (except Tuesdays) from 10am until 1pm and 2pm until 5.30pm. On Tuesdays opening is from 10am to 1pm and on Sundays from 2pm to 5.30pm. Admission free.

Holiday sport

YOUNG people can work up an appetite for the festive season with some activities on offer from December 21.

Ashmole Centre, Burleigh Gardens, Southgate, N14. 368 4984.

December 21, 22 and 23: Casual Roller Skating for the age group 6 to 13, from 11.45am to 12.45pm. Cost 50p per session.

Sort-A-Sport for the age group 6 to 12, from 1pm to 4pm. £2 per session and a variety of sporting activities available including soccer, netball, trampolining and cricket.

Pay on the day.

Courses from Barnet Sport, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20. 446 8511 extn 4489.

December 21 to 24: Football for youngsters aged 7 to 17, from 10am to 1pm on Monday and Tuesday at Copthall Stadium.

Athletics for the age group 7 to 10, from 10am to 12noon on Monday at Copthall and for those aged 11 to 18 from 1 to 3pm on Tuesday at Copthall.

Cricket for 8 to 12 year olds on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to noon and 2 to 4pm at West Hendon Indoor Pavilion.

Tennis for 10 to 18 year olds on Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 3pm either at Hendon or Edgwarebury Parks.

All sessions are free, equipment and coaching are provided.

New courses for a new year

A new year brings new courses to Copthall with the addition of Yoga sessions and a course for women in self-defence.

The first of two Yoga in Pregnancy courses begins on January 11 at 7.30pm and runs every Monday until February 15.

There are six sessions in the course, each lasting one and a half hours, for a total cost of £18.

General Yoga courses, costing £15, for men and women, will be held on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. The first begins on January 12 and runs until February 16.

All the courses include a free swim as long as the pool is available.

A women's self-defence course, consisting of 10 one-hour sessions, begins on January 14 at 7.30pm. The course costs £20.

The January to March programme of all activities available at Copthall is now available. Bookings for courses can only be made in person at Copthall Pools, Great North Way, Hendon/Page Street, Mill Hill.

RECREATION

THE 50-plus age group now have the sports hall at Barnet College's Russell Lane site, Whetstone, to themselves on Tuesday afternoons between 2.30 and 4pm.

There is no charge for the session of recreation and sport which gives an opportunity to try short mat bowls, table tennis, badminton, short tennis and Boccia.

Pavement parkers fined

Recently 53 motorists have been successfully prosecuted by Barnet Council for pavement parking offences in the borough. The offenders were fined between £20 and £35 plus costs.

The offences took place in

Burnt Oak Broadway (38 cases); Meadfield, Edgware (one); Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill (nine); Edgware Road (two); Regents Park Road, Finchley (one); Watford Way (one); and Hartley Close, Mill Hill (one).

Holiday closing arrangements

BARNET Council have made the following closure arrangements for their offices, libraries, swimming pools and civic amenity sites over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

At the time of going to press the arrangements for refuse collection had not been finalised and residents are asked to see their local newspapers for the details.

Main offices

The main offices — Town Hall, Hendon; Town Hall, Friern Barnet; and Ivy House, Whetstone; and district offices, will close at

5pm on Christmas Eve and re-open at 9am on Monday, January 4.

The emergency 24-hour telephone number of 202 8282 will operate through the holiday period and standby teams will be on duty. Residents are asked to use this number only in the case of an absolute emergency.

Libraries

The libraries will close at 1pm on December 24 and re-open on Wednesday December 30.

On December 31 the libraires will open from 9am to 5pm. They will be closed on Friday, January 1 and Saturday, January 2.

If anyone wishes to borrow additional books over the holiday period, they should ask at the enquiry desk at their local branch library.

Swimming pools

Copthall Pools will be open on December 24 from 9am to 4.30pm. The pools will be closed from December 25 to December 28.

On December 29, 30, and 31 they will be open from 9am to 4.30pm but will be closed on January 1. There will be normal opening times from January 2.

Squires Lane Baths, Finchley, will be closed from Monday, December 21 to Monday, January 11 to allow essential maintenance work to be carried out.

Civic amenity sites

The borough's civic amenity sites at Brent Terrace, off Tilling Road, Cricklewood, and Summers Lane, Finchley, will be closed on December 25, 26 and 27 but will be open to the public from 8am to 4pm on Monday, December 28 to Thursday, December 31. Both sites will be closed on Friday, January 1 but will be open from 8am to 4pm at the weekend.

Cross-Country success

THE first London Youth Games Cross Country event at Copthall Stadium early in November was a resounding success, with Barnet taking fifth place overall.

Drizzle didn't dampen the enthusiasm of competitors from 28 London Boroughs and the spectators, including the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Malcolm Lester and

his wife, Adelaide.

The event was sponsored by the ASDA Foundation. Trophies were presented by David Gransby, group property director for ASDA; Los Angeles Olympic 3,000 metre silver medallist Wendy Sly and athlete Tim Hutchings, who took fourth place in the 5,000 metres at Los Angeles.

Now we face the bill

BARNET is unlikely to qualify for any Government assistance to help pay the bills for storm damage following the gales of October.

The Government announced that it would help boroughs but Barnet would be expected to spend the product of a penny rate (£612,500) on cleaning up alone, before qualifying for aid.

To make matters worse Government imposes a penalty by withholding £70,000 in grant for every £100,000 that the Council spends above Grant Related Expenditure

Allowance. So that if Barnet spends an extra £200,000 the Government will dock £140,000 from the Rate Support Grant.

Barnet's Finance Committee have agreed to make strong representations to the Department of the Environment on the scheme for financial assistance, indicating that it is objectionable that the Council should have to suffer grant loss on unavoidable expenditure.

Mr Mike Ross, Borough Treasurer, said: 'In my view it is quite wrong for the Treasury to profit from a public catastrophe.'



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CHC seeks members

BARNET Community Health Council is looking for new members who are interested in the health service and are willing to spend time visiting hospitals, attending meetings and taking part in discussions.

Under a new chairman — Marion Witton — the CHC is also aiming for a higher public image.

Mrs Witton said: 'We represent the voice of the consumer but unless we know what the man in the street wants from the NHS, we cannot hope to be effective.'

'In turn the consumer needs to know we exist, so in the coming year we aim to go out to the public by giving talks to social groups and voluntary bodies.'

At the age of 36, Mrs Witton is the youngest chairman Barnet CHC has had. She is also the first to have a nursing background, having

trained as a State Registered Nurse at University College Hospital, and also qualified as a Registered Mental Nurse in Norwich.

Her last job was as a health visitor for Enfield Health Authority, having trained at the North London Polytechnic.

Mrs Witton became involved with the CHC seven years ago.

Her husband, Derek, is the Learning Resources Manager at the Standard Chartered Bank. The couple have three children, Katie aged 11, Victoria 6 and Nicholas 3.

Mrs Witton is the daughter of former Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr John Tiplady and his wife, Margaret.

Anyone interested in joining the CHC or wishing to have a member of the CHC give a talk to a group, should contact secretary Shirley Sadler on 959 2038.

ADVICE TO TENANTS

COUNCIL estates are apparently being canvassed by insurance agents and brokers, claiming they have been sent by the Borough's Sales Team or are calling at the Council's request.

Tenants are advised that no one has been authorised to make unsolicited approaches to tenants.

Any tenant wanting informal

advice on the Right to Buy Scheme should contact the Council's Sales Team at Barnet House on 446 8511 extensions 4812/4817.

Tenants are also reminded that all the Borough's employees carry Council identification cards.

Identification should be requested of any caller before they are invited inside premises.

Beat the winter freeze

A plan to help the elderly beat the winter freeze, has been jointly launched by the Borough's Environmental Health Department and the registered charity, NACRO.

Efforts are being made to seek out and insulate the homes of elderly people throughout the Borough.

Geoff Fish, Chief Environmental Health officer said: 'Most people must, by now, know the terrible problems the elderly have in winter, but how many of us have paid a neighbourly call to such people to see if their loft is insulated and pipes lagged?'

'If only more people would check with any of their neighbours, who may not have the ability to get insulation firms in. They need only

to let us or NACRO know, and we can do the rest.'

NACRO has 270 staff covering the Boroughs of Barnet and Brent. They provide such services as painting, gardening, small plumbing works, draught and loft insulation and crime prevention.

Funded by the Manpower Services Commission, they will organise the work, charging only for the materials, less any grant that may be available from the Environmental Health Department.

To find out how to give Jack Frost the cold shoulder, phone Betty Donnelly at Environmental Health on 446 8511 extn 4745 or Duncan Park at NACRO on 951 5100/4743.

Give-a-Lift needs drivers

VOLUNTEER drivers are needed by the Give-A-Lift project, linked to the North Team Social Services.

This well-established project helps people living in the N10, N11, N12, N14, N20 and Chipping Barnet areas who, for whatever reason, are unable to use public transport.

Lifts are provided by a team of volunteer drivers who receive 22 pence per mile.

Over the years, numerous indi-

viduals have used the scheme, including a blind man who went horse riding, an elderly woman who visited her sick husband in hospital and a man confined to a wheelchair, who went to a special ex-serviceman's club in Woking.

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Recruitment of engineers for software support, on-site maintenance and training reflects the firm's commitment to high quality service.

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Artscene

Matchstick marvels

THE first comprehensive exhibition of the work of a talented craftsman, runs at the Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, until January 3.

John Powell was born in 1911 and died last year. He spent most of his life in Burnt Oak and later, Kenton.

He began making matchstick models as a hobby in the 1930s, but devoted himself to his craft full time after his retirement.

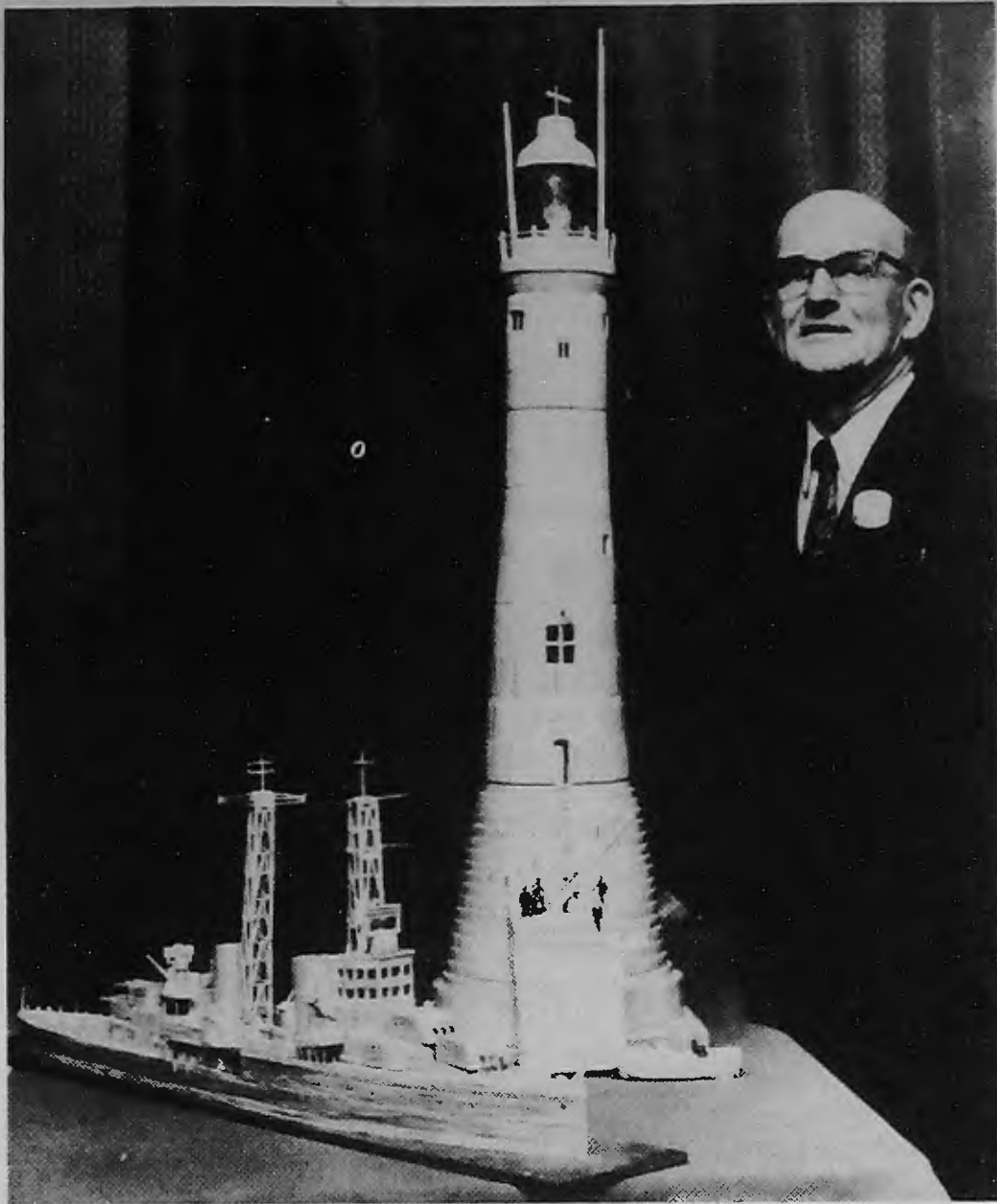
In the early years he asked friends and colleagues for the matches which he transformed into striking models. As time went on and the size of the models grew, he found the only way to get enough matches was to have them delivered in bulk from a leading manufacturer.

Among the largest and most striking of his models are those of Tower Bridge, the Post Office Tower and Beachy Head lighthouse.

Such large scale models took up to two years to complete and used more than 50,000 matches.

In addition he made smaller models of ships, churches, houses, a helter-skelter, gipsy caravans and even one of the Cenotaph in Whitehall, the scene of this month's Remembrance Day service.

Mr Powell's methods were meticulous. He worked from blueprints and photographs — often taking his own detailed pictures of buildings to ensure the accuracy of his models.



The skilled execution of his work is even more remarkable when one considers that Mr Powell's right hand was severely damaged in an accident at work in 1958.

Some of the models have been on public display individually before. The original model of the Post Office Tower was auctioned for charity on the children's TV programme 'Blue Peter'.

Mr Powell often exhibited models to raise money for charities but this is the first comprehensive ex-

The late Mr Powell pictured with his models of the Beachy Head lighthouse and a ship.

hibition of his work which is now owned by his son, Mr Ronald Powell of Mill Hill.

The Museum is open weekdays (except Tuesdays) from 10am until 1pm and from 2pm until 5.30pm. On Tuesdays it is open from 10am until 1pm and on Sundays from 2pm until 5.30pm. Admission free.

Historic visit by Chinese artist

A CELEBRATED Chinese artist arrived in Britain last month for the first showing of his work in this country.

An exhibition of oil and watercolours, in both Chinese and Western style, by Zhu Tong, was opened at the Lincoln Gate Plaza, Golders Green, on November 30 by the Head of the Cultural Department at the Chinese Embassy.

During the month-long exhibition the artist (pictured below) will give weekly lectures to the public.

Zhu Tong, born in 1933 in the City of Yangzhou, studied at the Fine Arts department of Nanjing University from 1950 until 1956.

It was there that his talents in traditional Chinese drawing and painting, moved into a broader aspect of art.

The artist holds many senior positions in Arts Associations in China, including the titles of Vice-President of Shanxi Yellow River Art Academy and Chairman of Shanxi Water Colour Painting Research Association.



Zhu Tong

Old Bull events for Christmas

A CHRISTMAS cavalcade with the Concorde Players is underway at the Old Bull Arts Centre, Barnet.

It is an extravaganza of pantomime sketches, songs and dance with Father Christmas introducing excerpts from such favourite shows as Aladdin, Dick Whittington and Ali Baba.

This Christmas treat for children and adults costs £3.50 (£2.50 concessions) plus 25p membership.

There are matinee performances on Saturday, December 5, at 2.30pm and Sunday, December 6, at 2pm. An evening performance on December 5 begins at 7.30pm.

Adults can enjoy Chicago — a musical vaudeville — by The Association from Thursday, December 10 until Saturday, December 12, starting at 8pm.

This funny and, unbelievably true, story takes place in the roaring twenties and follows the arrest of a woman called Roxie Hart for the murder of her faithless lover.

Tickets cost £3.75 (£2.75 concessions for the Thursday perform-

ance) plus 25p membership.

On Sunday, December 13, the Children's Drama Club present two performances of their latest venture, starting at 3pm and 5pm. Tickets cost £1.

The Boilerhouse Theatre Company present a special Christmas performance on Tuesday, December 15, for the over-50s. The show

CHANNUKAH CELEBRATION

THE Manor House Society are presenting a Channukah Extravaganza for children on Sunday, December 13.

Mr Mysto, the magician, will entertain youngsters between the ages of four and ten. There will be tea, games and a going-home surprise.

Tickets cost £2.50 each and can be booked, with cheques payable to The Manor House Society, from Pam Lewis at The Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East End Road, Finchley N3 2SY.

begins at 2pm, entrance costs 50p.

Market

Original Christmas gifts can be bought from an exhibition by invited artists and crafts people at a market which begins on Monday, December 14.

The exhibition will run until Saturday, January 2, excluding the public holidays.

Bobo girls at the Manor

An evening of fringe comedy with the Bobo Girls is being staged at the Manor House Society on Sunday, December 6.

This comedy duo of Rebecca Front and Sioned Wiliam was a sell-out at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The evening begins at 8pm and tickets cost £3.50 for members and concessions and £4.50 for non-members. Light refreshments included.

All Saints' Arts Centre

OLD and new are represented at the All Saints' Arts Centre this month.

Children from All Saints' Primary School take to the stage on Monday, December 14 and Tuesday, December 15 in 'The Mission of the Smallest Star'.

This Christmas space odyssey starts at 7.30pm.

From the space age, time turns backwards for Stripes Unlimited Theatre Company's production of 'A Christmas Carol'.

Charles Dickens' well-known characters, including Scrooge and Tiny Tim, will entertain from Friday, December 18 until Sunday, December 20 and from January 1 until January 3.

There will be performances at 3pm and 7.30pm. Tickets, £2.50 each (£1.50 concessions), from All Saints Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North N20 9EZ. For further details telephone 445 8388/4654.

Leisure and Sport

Exciting plans for the Glebelands

Plans to build a tennis centre, an indoor golf centre and an indoor bowling hall on the north-west corner of the Glebelands on land at the junction of High Road and Summers Lane, North Finchley, have been agreed in principle by Barnet Council's Development and Estates Committee.

Taking Shape

This means that the planning brief to turn the whole of the Glebelands, Finchley, into a centre for leisure and sporting activities is taking shape. It is hoped that these early plans will allow Barnet the chance to develop a multi-sport indoor sports complex within a reasonably short period of time. It will enable the Council to complement facilities already available there, such as Finchley open-air swimming pool.

The proposals are almost at the planning application stage after which there will be widespread consultation to obtain the views of local residents and interested organisations.

The tennis centre will be an

upgraded version of the successful David Lloyd Tennis Centre at Heston and be built by them. It will comprise a large, clear span building of three bays under pitched roofs providing 12 indoor tennis courts and a two-storey administration and club building.

The latter building will have changing rooms, saunas, clubrooms and bar, kitchens, sports equipment sales kiosk, reception restaurant, dance studio, gymnasium, beauty salon, snooker room — all for the use of club members — and offices.

Fronting this building and linked with the changing rooms will be a small enclosed swimming pool with a sliding glazed roof. There will be a running track around the outside of the tennis hall.

Outside there will be seven open-air tennis courts with some low-level floodlighting and parking for 206 cars. Landscaping work will also be carried out.

Golf Centre

The main component of the golf centre to be built by Golf Centres Ltd, is a large golf-driving range balloon with two levels of driving bays, each catering for 16 players.

At the front end will be a split two/three-storey clubhouse with a manager's flatlet, office, meeting room, clubroom, lounge, bar, kitchen, changing room and a sports equipment sales kiosk.

Next to the main building will be a two-storey sports lodge with 40 units of bedroom accommodation. This will be for people using the golf and tennis centres for residential courses or competitions. It will not be operated as an hotel for the general public.

There will be parking for 70 cars and appropriate landscaping.

New concept

Indoor golf halls are a new concept. They are an extension of the more traditional driving ranges and provide high-quality practice facilities in comfortable surroundings all-year round.

Both the tennis and golf centres are large buildings and so as to reduce the impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding residential area careful consideration will be given to the external appearance of the buildings. The natural north-south slope of the land, boundary planting and landscap-

ing, will be used to achieve an acceptable environment.

Indoor bowling hall

The indoor bowling hall will be built by the Glebelands Indoor Bowling Club. It will be a single-storey building with an artificial playing surface and eight rinks. There will also be changing and committee rooms, office, lounge, bar, kitchen and hall. There will be parking for 80 cars.

Consultation

Various existing land users will be affected by the proposals if they go ahead and preliminary discussions have been held with them to obtain their initial reactions. These include Finchley Football Club, Southgate and Finchley Coaches Ltd, Eastern Electricity Board, the Albanian Association and Bishopswood Bowls Club.

Recreation

The full Glebelands project will include woodland and grassland where people can enjoy recreational walks and picnics.

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News

New heating installed



Spur Road Estate

THE third phase of replacement central heating boilers on the Spur Road Estate, Edgware, has been completed.

Contractors, Servowarm, exhibited details of their work at Garrick, Raffles and Stamford Courts, at last month's Heating and Ventilation Show at Olympia.

The first phase of the work began in 1985 on the low-rise blocks of Craven and Martyn Courts. The

following year work was carried out at four other low-rise blocks and three high-rise blocks.

Work started on the last three blocks in June this year and was completed at the end of September.

The central boiler plant was replaced with individual gas-fired heating and hot-water systems in the 132 flats.

All homes on the estate have now got new heating systems.

EXCHANGE VISIT — 1988

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for the 1988 exchange visit between young people from the Borough and Barnet's twin town of Siegerland, West Germany.

Each year the Youth and Community department organise a home-to-home exchange for 20 young people between the ages of 15 and 21.

The Siegerland group will be visiting Barnet from July 22 until August 5 next year. The return visit by the Borough's young people will be from August 6 until August 20.

In 1988 this popular exchange will be 37 years old. The visit will be an opportunity for young people to experience living in a West German home and visiting places of interest. Social events with young Siegerlanders are arranged.

The cost, provisionally fixed at £110, will include air travel by Lufthansa, insurance, accommodation, food and programme costs in Siegerland. The charge for those who cannot accommodate a young visitor from Siegerland will be about £150.

Applicants from the Borough for the Siegerland visit will be expected to ask their parents to accommodate a young visitor from the twin town, in their homes free of charge. The home offered must be within

the boundaries of the Borough of Barnet.

The exchange is limited to young people living in the borough, going to school in Barnet or belonging to a youth organisation in the borough.

Application forms can be obtained from The Director of Educational Services (FE), Town Hall, Friern Barnet N11 3DL.

Developing a positive image

NEON signs, cafe areas and a variety of names including those of well-known authors are among suggestions made by the Borough's Libraries and Arts Committee to create a positive image for Barnet libraries.

Borough Librarian David Rudom has been asked to continue to develop a more positive image of the Council's libraries. Members also reaffirmed their commitment to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service and agreed the objectives remained as agreed in 1974 — Education, Information, Culture and Leisure.

The aim is to make local libraries as recognisable to passers-by as major stores in shopping areas.

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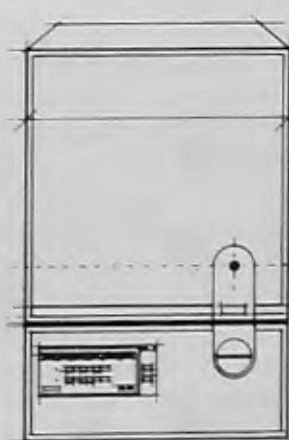
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LET'S MAKE IT:

Holiday happiness — not heartbreak



LAST year's festive season brought heartbreak for some families. In an effort to prevent unhappiness at holiday time this year, the Borough's Trading Standards and Road Safety officers, police and the fire brigade offer some advice.

Fire Prevention Officer Dave Hassell warns: 'Christmas trees should be kept away from fires and planted firmly in damp soil. Plastic trees should be made of non-flammable material.

'Do not use cotton wool decorations and never attach decorations to light fittings, or place them where they could fall on to a fire or heater.

'Candles may look attractive on trees, but electric lights are safer. Remember to check that flexes are not frayed.

'Keep fires guarded, turn off portable heaters if you go out, or make certain they cannot be knocked over by pets. Never leave anything near them that could catch fire.

'Tidy away all wrapping paper — it can catch fire easily.

'Make sure that you have a plentiful supply of ashtrays for smokers.'

The Brigade also asks owners of business premises to check on every possible fire hazard before locking up for the Christmas break.

After office Christmas parties, make sure cigarette ends are not left smouldering and all fires are switched off and unplugged.

Crime prevention

Hendon Crime Prevention Officer, Pc Jim Clark, said: 'It is no accident that crime tends to peak at this time of year.

'When you go shopping before Christmas, there is always a temptation to take your shopping back to the car, before plunging back into the crowds for several more armfuls.

'But wait a minute — where have you left the car? Is it in a dark side road or a poorly-lit car park? Have you locked it properly — **EVERY** door? Is your shopping locked out of sight in the boot? Have you set the car alarm?

'The holiday will be spoilt for many people by having the gifts they have bought for family and friends stolen from the car.'

Pc Clark warns women shoppers to take extra care with their handbags. 'The most dangerous places

are shoe shops and clothes stores,' he said.

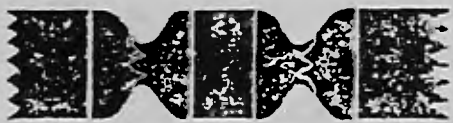
'The handbag is put down beside you as you try on shoes or go into a cubicle to try on clothing. When the time comes to pay, the handbag has gone.

'Another common place for a purse or handbag to be stolen is in a crowded supermarket. Try not to take a handbag. Put a purse and cheque book in an inside coat pocket. Put cheque guarantee cards and credit cards in a different pocket with car and house keys.'

If a handbag is a necessity, never leave it unattended.

Men are advised to take extra care with wallets. Pickpockets are looking for any chance to make their holiday a wealthy one.

Presents are not always safe when you have got them home. Pc Clark said: 'Dark and murky afternoons are the favourite time for house burglaries. While you are still at work, the burglar is doing his Christmas shopping at your house.'



'Presents wrapped beneath the lighted tree are a gift to the thief.

'Ensure that the windows are closed and locked, even if you only pop out to the local shops. If your ground-floor windows haven't yet been fitted with locks, it is time the family thought about including the house on the Christmas present list.'

In addition to good door locks, the officer advises using lighting. 'If you have external lights fitted, they should be on all through the hours of darkness. Get them to come on automatically by use of a light sensitive switch. Use time switches in the house so interior side lights come on at dusk, which can be as early as 3pm in midwinter.

'If you go away over the holiday period, tell the neighbours that lights will come on, and ask them or friends to call and take papers out of the door. Don't forget to cancel the milk.

'Finally, remember that it's a lonely time of the year for many senior citizens who can't get out much and have no friends or family nearby.

'They are happy to receive callers but not all of the callers will have seasonal kindness at the forefront of their minds.

'The confidence trickster knows old people worry about the cold and may be saving money towards a winter heating bill.

'It is wicked to prey on the old

and vulnerable at any time but at this time of the year it is callous in the extreme. Often the worry and distress is enough to kill an old person who has been robbed in this way.

'Keep an eye out for callers at your elderly neighbour's house, call round yourself and check the neighbour is alright. Warn the elderly of the dangers of letting strangers into their home and try to persuade them to keep their money in the Post Office, bank or building society.

'On behalf of the Metropolitan Police, I wish you and yours a happy and uneventful festive season. I hope the advice I have given will see you all into a secure and prosperous New Year.'

Trading standards

The Trading Standards Office asks: 'As Christmas approaches will you be looking forward to — or dreading — the annual trudge around the shops?

'Whatever your feelings there are a few points to bear in mind. When buying presents, either ensure they will be suitable for the recipient or get the trader to agree to exchange or give a refund on the goods.

'Unless this is made clear at the time of purchase, the trader is not obliged to do so, unless the goods are faulty. You may be required to give proof of purchase so it is always best to keep your receipt.

'Toys are high on most people's shopping lists at this time of year. How can you be certain they are safe? It is better to buy from a reputable, established trader, even if it seems more expensive.

'When choosing soft toys, make sure the eyes and other features are well secured. Check toys for sharp edges and spikes. If you are giving battery-operated toys as gifts, make sure the batteries are correctly inserted as there is a slight risk of them exploding if they are the wrong way round.

'Always remove plastic bags from gifts before giving presents to children.'

Trading Standards advise taking particular care when buying clothing for gifts. 'Nightwear and fires are not a good combination. Before buying nightwear, check the label. It is advisable to buy garments marked Lower Flammability, but care must still be taken when the wearer is standing close to a fire.

'When buying children's garments with hoods, check that there is no cord through the hood. If there is, remove the cord before allowing the child to wear the garment. This prevents any possi-

bility of the child being strangled.

'For Do-it-yourself enthusiasts there are all manner of electrical gifts which, if properly used, are safe. However, a good present would be a circuit breaker for use with outdoor electrical equipment. In case of any break in the cable, this will stop the user being electrocuted.

'As the weather turns colder, some people may be considering buying second-hand electric fires. They may look alright, but are they safe? Always have them checked by a competent electrician before they are used.

'With the vast array of goods on offer, traders will be competing for your custom. Some will offer credit facilities such as in-store budget cards. Before buying anything on credit, shop around and see who is offering the best deals.

'Compare the interest rate — this should be expressed as the A.P.R. Work out how much the goods are actually going to cost in total; it may be more than you realise.

'As people get into the festive spirit and office parties are under way, pubs and restaurants become busy. Check the price of rounds of drinks and the bill at the end of the meal. Watch that the drink you have ordered is the one you receive and not a different brand.

'Finally, Barnet Trading Standards would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas.'



Don't drink and drive

And from Alan Piddington, of Barnet's Road Safety Unit, comes the message: 'Don't forget Drinking and Driving wrecks lives.

'Remember alcohol starts to slow your reactions just after 20 minutes and it takes hours to wear off. The drinks you had at lunch-time may still be in your blood when you call in the pub in the evening.

'So please, this Christmas, before you drink, ask yourself what transport will you be using. Take care it's not an ambulance or a police car. Safe driving.'



SAMARITANS: The 'Life' line

FOR MOST of us Christmas is one of the happiest times of the year. Families come together and a New Year means new hope.

But not for everyone. For those in despair this festive season can be Hell. Alone, unable to see a way through their problems, they choose the last option — suicide.

Tragically, many of them are under 25 years old with all the richness of life ahead of them.

There is help — a friend and counsellor just a phone call away. Even on Christmas Day and bank holidays the Samaritans man their lifeline phone 24 hours every day.

The local Samaritans Group, which serves Barnet, Enfield and Haringey, can be reached at any hour of the day or night on:

889 6888

Nationwide there are around 5,000 suicides a year — and an unknown number of attempted suicides. Locally there are 50 people who will die by their own hand in the coming year — unless their cry for help is heard.

We can all help in a small way. We can tell people about the work of the Samaritans. If a friend seems unduly withdrawn or sad, or their family circumstances seem unbearable, we can refer to the number.

We can send a donation to the

centre — because manning a 24-hour phone, even though it is all voluntary work, costs a great deal of money.

Or we can join this group who describe themselves as:

'Just ordinary people who can listen with compassion and are willing to spare time for others in despair'.

When someone reaches that last stage of despair and calls out 'Is anybody out there?' The answer is Yes, The Samaritans.

WANTED: A volunteer

BARNET Borough Voluntary Service Council is looking for a volunteer for two afternoons a week. The organisation, which is grant-aided by the Borough, co-ordinates voluntary activity and has a very busy resource centre which produces minutes, newsletters and publications for the VSC itself and for other voluntary groups in the borough.

The job would suit a person with enthusiasm and a sense of humour who wishes to regain office skills. Ability to type is essential. Tuition on the word processor would be given, and travelling expenses paid.

Further information from Dolina Horrex, VSC, Hertford Lodge, East End Road, Finchley N3 3QE. Tel: 346 9723/8644.



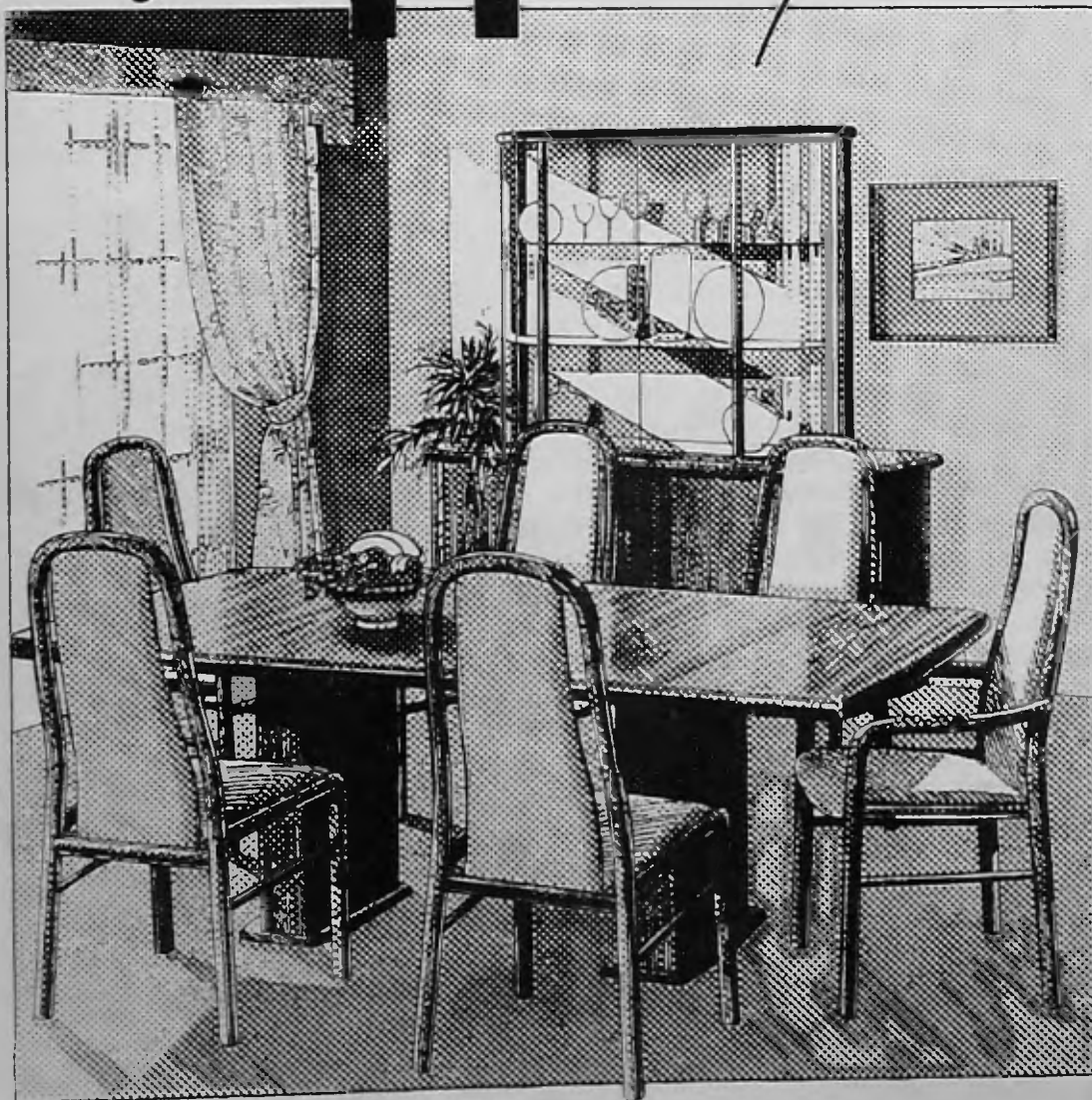
Sing a Song of £11,000

A BEETHOVEN concert, held at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, raised £11,000 for the North London Hospice which is to be built in Woodhouse Road, North Finchley.

The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Malcolm Lester, who has made the project the subject of his Mayoral Appeal, and his wife, Adelaide, were among the guests and are pictured here, during the reception, with Mr. Peter Benton, chairman of the North London Hospice Group Council (left) and the Rev. Stephen Terry, of St. John's Church, Whetstone, who is the liaison officer between the Group and local organisations.

The concert was planned by Janet Ridley, Pauline Treen and Liz Croll, who between them managed to sell 900 tickets at charity prices. They are members of the North London Chorus who sang Beethoven's Mass in C. The City of London Sinfonia, conductor Alan Hazeldine, and Piers Lane, pianist, featured on the programme.

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News

Access to a new life

MATURE students on the new Access courses at Barnet College are finding it very different from school.

There are two Access to Higher Education courses running for the first time this year. Linked to Middlesex Polytechnic, one course is for sciences and the other for social sciences. Students who pass are guaranteed a place on a degree course next year.

The courses are designed to give a second chance to people who missed out on higher education the first time round. Elizabeth Arlango, tutor to the Access to Science course, is keen for women to do the course. 'Girls often don't get science teaching in schools,' she says. 'Some girls' schools don't have physics teachers, or they encourage the girls to do biology and leave the hard sciences, physics and chemistry, to the boys.'

The experience of the women students supports this view. Lee, who was at school during the war, said that the boys did science and the girls did domestic science. She wanted to learn physics but was taught instead how to scrub a table.

Eleanor's girls' school had three streams; office work, baby care or needlework.

Lorraine felt that the boys were trained for power and the girls for domestic slavery.

'I had to leave school to help my father in his shop. I'd given up all hope of studying physics and chemistry,' one student said.

The hours, 10am to 3.15pm, are



Anthea and Ruth compare notes on Barnet College Access Course.

designed to help people with young families, and the 21 hours of the course mean that the students can continue to sign on.

The students will be assessed by both course work and examination. Their best pieces of work will go into a folder and be judged by the Poly.

Tom felt that this 'holistic' approach was a more realistic method of judging a person's ability than a sudden death test of memory one day in June.

Enthusiasm for the course is marked. The needs of 'returners' are really understood. The teaching is informal and the tutors are patient. There's a lot of tutorial support and a caring attitude. There are non-academic benefits too. The students have made new friends, formed groups and have ceased to regard themselves as society's rejects.

Alison found it difficult to adjust

to studying again. At first she had a regular headache each night.

She, too, will be applying to university although fitting the course into her busy life hasn't been easy. Not only does she have to study, do homework and apply herself to the course, she has to run her home, provide for two children as well as being a responsible and loving mother. The hours fit her family life. The 10am start gives Alison the opportunity to take her children to school, and the 3.15pm finish allows her to dash down the road to collect them.

It's not always a success story, however. Another student faces even greater difficulties. Her husband thought that for her to take a full-time course was 'stupid' and now they are separated. As the film 'Educating Rita' showed, education changes people and some relationships don't adjust to the new situation.

Schools throughout Barnet are being invited to take up the Keep Barnet Tidy Campaign as part of their environmental studies.

Barnet has placed packs of project material for various age groups at the Teachers' Centre, in High Road, Finchley. These have been produced by the national Keep Britain Tidy Group. For younger children there are story books and glove puppets while older children learn about recycling and the dangers of litter on a more scientific basis.

Cllr Mrs Dot Benson, chairman of the Keep Barnet Tidy Group, said at their November meeting that she hoped teachers would examine the packs and see how they could be incorporated in school projects. The main drive behind the Keep Barnet Tidy Group was education, she said, and she was particularly keen to see schools fully involved.

The project packs were explained to the borough by Miss Elizabeth Allen, head of educational services of the Keep Britain Tidy Group, who addressed a meeting of council representatives and teachers at the



Town Hall, Hendon, in September.

She explained how the packs were linked to the interests of the various age groups. For primary children the theme was play, while older children learned about disease spread by flies and vermin.

The packs for secondary school children aimed at stimulating an interest in their local environment and a recently-published handbook for older students detailed environmental issues in Europe.

A fact that always surprised her when she spoke to younger children was that they could calmly watch the outcome of accidents to people caused by litter, such as broken glass, but became very upset when

the danger to animals was pointed out.

Mr. Bernard King, of Barnet's Work Services Group, said that the Controller of Engineering Services was drawing up a Community Project to carry out a detailed survey into the sources of litter in areas of the borough. Golders Green and Cricklewood were among the target districts. This would be put to the Manpower Services Commission as a project for employment opportunities for the longer-term unemployed, and if it gained their backing could be introduced with MSC funding.

The Controller of Engineering Services, Mr. Graham Beattie, said plans were in hand for additional litter bins to be placed in shopping centres, and progress was being made on the joint Chamber of Commerce project to have sponsored litter bins in local shopping parades.

Companies, businesses or organisations who would like to know more about sponsoring a litter bin can write for information to The Controller of Engineering Services, London Borough of Barnet, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER RETIRES

MOST people retire only once, but as Harry Healey approaches the age of 70, he plans to retire for a second time.

In 1983, when he retired from full-time work, Mr. Healey was asked by his son, Victor, a member of Community Links in Camaras, if he would help out by driving the ambulance for a little while.

The 'little while' has been five years! Mr Healey has driven not only for CLIC but also for other disabled groups. On Wednesdays it was carpentry group and on Tuesdays wheelchair dancing with CRAB.

He became involved and explains: 'I made a lot of good friends at CLIC.'

Although he has no interest in photography, he joined the classes in his own way, making tea and coffee, helping anyone who needed assistance and generally being a good friend.

CLIC member Mike Lee said: 'He even went on our photographic holiday to Box Hill, driving, helping, pushing and amusing everyone.'

Mr Healey feels that with the approach of his birthday — the 70th also means renewal of his driving licence — he has, reluctantly, to retire again.

He does not intend to lose contact with his friends and nor will CLIC and CRAB forget him.

The message from their members is: 'An enormous thank you to the man who gave up so much of his free time to make our classes possible. He always had a cheerful word and helping hand. We all wish him the very best in his second retirement.'

Anyone who can assist CLIC and CRAB by being a volunteer driver, is asked to contact their office at Avenue House, East End Road N3 3QE. Tel: 346 9789.



Harry with CLIC member Pamela Jones.



DON'T let darkness and bad weather be a fatal combination this winter.

Pedestrians should dress to be seen no matter how murky the conditions. Light coloured hats, scarves or gloves could be lifesavers.

Luminous armbands or adhesive strips for cyclists, on both rider's clothing and machine, make them more visible.

Wet and icy roads bring additional hazards for drivers and pedestrians alike. Extra distance should be allowed for vehicles to slow down or stop and motorists should avoid sharp braking.

Dipped headlights are used more often at this time of the year and all lights need to be kept clean. A daily wipe of front and rear lights on all vehicles will keep grime at bay.

Be safe, be seen and please don't drink and drive.

ATTENTION

★ PEDESTRIANS ★
★ CYCLISTS ★
★ MOTORCYCLISTS ★
★ HORSE RIDERS ★

BE SEEN

BE SAFE
NOT SORRY!



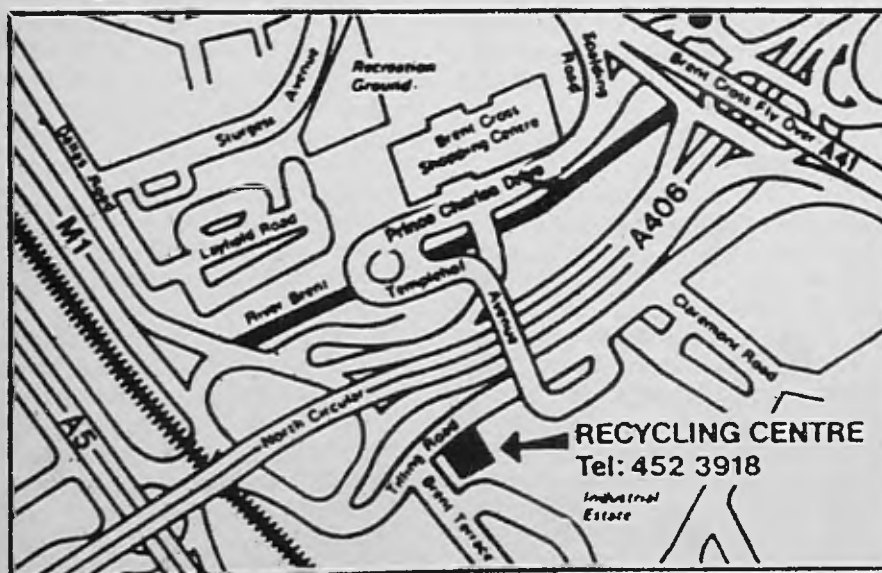
Wear something light at night. A large percentage of accidents can be avoided if you wear reflective clothing or luminous bands

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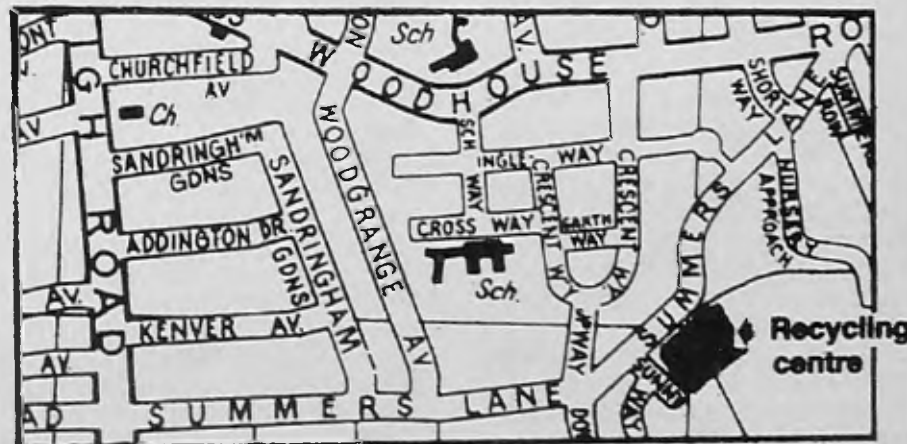
The London Borough of Barnet has two Recycling Centres where the public are encouraged to bring glass containers, old clothing and furnishings, metal goods and cans, waste sump oil . . . for recycling which saves energy resources.



The Centres are at:
BRENT CROSS, Tilling Road, NW2 (Tel: 452 3918) (see map)
Opening hours Mon-Sat: 08.00-16.00.
Sun 08.00-16.00

SUMMERS LANE, Finchley, N12 (Tel: 368 8083) (Between Woodhouse Road and High Road, North Finchley)
Opening hours Mon-Sat: 08.00-16.00.
Sun: 08.00-16.00

In addition, the Centres also accept bulky items and garden waste that borough refuse vehicles cannot accept. There is no charge to householders for this service.



- BOTTLE BANKS are situated at:
1. Stapleton Road car park Chipping Barnet.
 2. Behind Tesco's in Ballards Lane.
 3. Lodge Lane Car Park, North Finchley.

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Council Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend council and committee meetings in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7pm

Monday December 7: General Purposes

Tuesday December 8: Education

Wednesday, December 9: Grants

Thursday, December 10: Establishment

Tuesday, December 15: Allotments

Wednesday, December 16: Town Planning and Research

Tuesday January 5: Education Sub-Committees.

Wednesday, January 6: Planning Sub-Committees

Entries for the January issue must be received by December 7, and before that date if possible. New entries start on January 9.

Please check that meetings are to be held over the Christmas period.

***Asterisk denotes weekly meeting.**

Saturday December 5

New Barnet & Dist Stamp & Postal Fair, St Peter's Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 10am-5pm. 440 8835

Christmas Fair, Oakland Infants School, Ridgeway Ave, E. Barnet. 2pm. Entrance 10p. 449 7832

Christmas Mini Fayre and Coffee Morning, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Catholic Church Hall, Union St, Barnet. 10am-1pm

*Tennis Squad, Barnet College, Russell Lane, N20. 10am. Details Manorhill Centre, 368 6316

*Melanies Latest Charts and Imports Club, 407 Hendon Way, Hendon. 202 7289

*North London Rambling Club organised Saturday walks. Contact (SAE) Ray Todd, 31 Blair Close, St Paul's Rd, London N1 2YP

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, Junior activities 7-14 yrs, 10.30am. 906 2322.

*Saturday Club for children 3-110yrs, Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm. 349 4613

Sunday December 6

London Hash House Harriers Fun Runs — Kilburn and All You Can Eat for £5.00. Start from Kilburn Tube Station, Shoot Up Hill, NW6. Indian Meal afterwards. 11am

*Finchley Section of the Cycling Touring Club organise Sunday rides. Phone 361 9851

*Tennis and Short Tennis for 5 yrs to adult, Christ's College Lower School, East End Rd, N3. Details Manorhill Centre 368 6316

*North West London HF Club. Sunday rambles in Home Counties. 997 6079

*Mind in Barnet 'Libra' Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Rd, Finchley. 3.30pm. 455 2850

*Shaftesbury Harriers training sessions, Cophall Stadium, Gt Nth Way, NW4. 11am. 200 1584. Also Tuesdays 6pm

*North London Holiday Fellowship Group. Sunday rambles in Home Counties. 346 6795/444 5847

*Finchley Zen Society, 91 Nether Street, N12. 8-9pm. 445 1819

*Youth Club for hearing impaired, Graham Park Youth Centre, Corner Mead, Graham Park Way. 10.30am. 202 3811

*Barnet 18 Plus Group, Bull & Butcher

Public House, 1277 High Rd, Whetstone. 8.30pm. 0707 59373.

Weekdays

Playgroup 3-5yrs, SPEC Community Centre, 87 Brookside Sth, E Barnet. 9.15am-12.15pm. 368 0891

Crescent Playgroup, East Barnet Baptist Church Hall. 9.30am. 449 5095. Old Barn children's activities, Tarling Rd, N2. Under Fives, 9.30am; After School Club, 3.30-6pm. 349 4613

*Brookside Play Group (3-5 yrs), Barnet Pre-School Playgroup Assn), 87 Brookside Sth, East Barnet. 9.15pm-12-15pm. 368 9891

Monday December 7

*St John Ambulance. 1st Finchley Badger Set, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, Finchley, N3. Age 5½ upwards. 6.15pm. 207 3036

*Cranbourne Badminton Club, Hampstead Garden Suburb. New experienced players welcome. 346 5655

*Job Counselling, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, East Finchley, N2. 2pm. Help with application forms, CVs and Interviews. No appointment needed. 444 6265

*Art Classes. Courses in Life Drawing, Portraiture, Still Life, General drawing and painting, Colour Theory and Practice Graphics. For Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, O & A Level and Pre-foundation. At All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. 445 8388/445 4654

*CRAB — photography group for disabled people (CLIC), 43 Flower lane, NW7. 1.30pm. 346 9789

*Bells Hill Prams & Pushchairs St. Stephen's Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. 1.30pm. 441 9501

*Edgware & Dist Canine Training Soc, St Alphage Hall, Playfield Rd, Burnt Oak. Ring class 8.30pm; obedience training 9.15pm. 0923 35968

*Information and Advice Drop In, Sutton Road Health Clinic, Muswell Hill. CAB and Social Services worker available. 2-4pm. Housing Estates Officer attends first Monday of month

*Morning badminton club, Hartley Hall, Mill Hill. Vacancies for experienced players. 959 4867

*Brownies at East Barnet Baptist Church Hall, East Barnet Rd. 6pm. 440 6811

*Hendon College Adult Literacy classes (students with mental handicap), Thirleby Rd, Burnt Oak. 7pm. 200 8300

*East Barnet Toy Library, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, E Barnet. 2-3.30pm. 449 6772

*RAF Association, Royal British Legion Hall, Legionway, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 883 5722

*New Barnet Literary & Debating Soc, Foyer Rooms, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 449 0440

*London Hash House Harriers meet for runs all over London until end of September at 7pm, then at weekends at 11am during winter months. Details of programme, s.a.e. 'Mic Mac', 12 Parkhurst Rd, Friern Barnet, N11 3EL. 361 0887.

*Church Farm Pre-school Activities Group, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 9.45-11.15am. 368 9893

*10th Hendon Brownie Pack, St Mary Magdalen Church Hall, Holders Hill Rd, Hendon. 6.30pm

Tuesday December 8

Hendon & Dist Cage Bird Assn, Labour Hall, Back Lane, off Watling Ave, Burnt Oak. 7.30pm. 205 2647/709 2433

Arthritis Care, Cranley Dene, Muswell Hill Rd, N10. 2pm. 883 2441

National Schizophrenia Fellowship,

Health Centre, 23 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. 8pm. 455 5113

Totteridge Ward Labour Party, N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave, N12. 8pm. 449 6524

*Finchley Writers' Workshop, Moss Hall Tavern, 6pm. 349 1948

*Friern Barnet and Totteridge Camera Club, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, beginners to advanced. 8pm. 445 2617

*Mind in Barnet Luncheon/Social Club, 2 Schoolway, Woodhouse Road, N12. 10am-4pm. 446 1654 (also Thurs & Fri)

*British Red Cross Society, 10 Downage, Hendon. Sale of nearly new clothes. 10am-3pm

*123 Club for mothers, babies and toddlers, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 9.30-11.30am. 368 4659

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Golf lessons. 7.30pm. 906 2322

*Hendon and Edgware 18 Plus Group, Games Room, Royal Oak Pub, Finchley Rd, Temple Fortune. 8.15pm. 952 2243

*Mother & Toddler Group, Rendezvous Centre, Coppets Rd, N10. 9.30-11.30am. Barnet Play Association's Play Bus and inflatables at these times. 444 7839

*North London Holiday Fellowship Group, Harris Room, Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, Golders Green. 346 6795/444 5847

*Basketball, 9-16 yrs Christ College Lower School, East End Rd, N3. 6pm. 368 6316

*Colindale Youth Club 11-16 yrs, St Matthias Church Hall, Rushgrove Ave. 7pm. 205 7774

*Emotions Anonymous (emotional living problems). St Albans Church, West Heath Drive, Golders Green. 7.30pm. 837 4456/959 1003 (also Fridays)

*Tumble Tots — physical activity for pre-school children (six months to five years), Bushmead Social Club, Hamonde Close, Edgware. Classes all day from 9.30am. 958 6579

*MIND in Barnet, advice and counselling, Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12. No appointment needed. 7.30-9.30pm.

*Al-Anon — help for families and friends of problem drinkers — Carey Room, Trinity Church Centre, Nether St, N12. 8pm. Further information for other local meetings 403 0888 (24 hour service).

*Bottoms Up. A club for mothers with first babies, Jubilee Room, St James' Church, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. 2.30-4.30pm. 361 3320.

*Friendship Club for over 40s, Christ Church Hall, High Road, N12. 346 7657/349 0670

*The Toddle Club. 2.30-4.30. New members welcome. Bring your babies and toddlers to Church House, behind St John's Church, Friern Barnet Road, N11. 368 7074

*Studio North Three adult classes in art, College Farm, Fitzalan Rd, Finchley. 10am-1pm. 959 1498/6175

*Elmgate Badminton Club, Church Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware (vacancies). 7.30pm. 959 4757

*Finchley & Dist Model Aircraft Club, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 14+. 8pm. 904 5449

*Computer Courses, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway. 8pm. 906 2322

*120 (Hendon) Sqn Air Training Corps, boys and girls 13½ to 16, RAF Hendon, Aerodrome Rd, NW9. 7.30pm (also Fri & Sun 10am-12.30pm). 205 7297

*Legal Advice, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, N2. Also first Tuesday in month immigration advice. 7-8.30pm. 444

6265

*Hendon College Adult Literacy classes (students whose first language is not English), Montagu Rd Centre, Hendon. 7pm. 200 8300

*Hendon College Adult Reading & Writing classes, Thirleby Rd, Burnt Oak. 7pm. 200 8300

*Barnet & Dist Athletic Club training session, Cophall Stadium. 7pm. 368 6754

*1st Childs Hill Guides (10-14), All Saints Church Hall, Church Walk, NW2. 6.45pm. 458 5549

*Job-search counselling, Barnet Unwaged Branch WEA, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, N2. Help and advice with application forms etc. 2-4pm. 440 9430

Wednesday December 9

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 7.50pm. 906 1869

Rotaract Club of Edgware & Stanmore, The Green Man Pub, Honey Pot Lane, Stanmore. 8.15pm. 722 4439 (also Dec 23)

Orbit Club of NW London (25-40), Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, N12. 8.30pm. 906 2080

*CRAB — Circus Skills — children aged 8+ 5pm, 50p a session; adults 7pm, £1 a session. Barnet Drama Centre, 142 High Rd, East Finchley. 346 9789

*Parent & Toddler Time, East Barnet Baptist Church Hall, East Barnet Rd. 1.45pm (also Friday)

*Good as new sale, Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, 163 High Street, Barnet. 10.00am to 1.00pm. (Also 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month)

*Barnet YHA Group 1st Lyonsdown Scout Hut, York Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 449 1553/202 7574

*Bingo, St Alphage Church Hall, Playfield Rd, Burnt Oak. 8pm

*Barnet Caving Group, Bull and Butcher Pub, High Rd, Whetstone. 9.30pm. 446 1070/1868

*Bingo, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 2573

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, Junior badminton, 6pm; adult badminton, 7pm. 906 2322

*St Margaret's Badminton Club, Rectory Lane, Edware. 8pm. 440 4572 0923 46953. Vacancies for players

*See-Saw Club for babies and toddlers with special needs, North Roac Community Centre, Burnt Oak B'way. 10am. 368 6291

*Sale of clothing and bric-a-brac, Barnet Centre British Red Cross Soc, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 9.30am-3.30pm. 449 8969

*Badminton — 3 courts, first class facilities. Few vacancies for experienced players — friendly club, 883 4437 (also Thursdays evenings).

*Hendon Woodcraft Folk (during term time), Hendon School, Golders Rise. 6.15pm. 202 7140

*Old Barn Youth Club 10-14 yrs, Tarling Rd, N2. 7pm. 349 4613 (also Fridays)

*Hornsey Cine — Scene Two, St Peter Le Poer Hall, Albion Ave, N10. 8.15pm

*Hendon College Adult Numeracy classes, Thirleby Rd, Burnt Oak. 7pm. 200 8300

*Chanticleer Camera Club, The Minchenden Association Clubhouse, Bramley Rd, N14. 8pm. 888 5669

*MIND in Barnet Advice Centre, 2 School Way, North Finchley. 10am-4pm. No appointment needed. 446 1654/6470

*Self-development course, Barnet Unwaged Branch WEA, George Richardson House, 7 Sunningfields

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Rd. Hendon. 10am-1pm; 2-5pm.
Half or full day. Unemployed free,
others small charge. 440 9430

Thursday December 10

RSPB North London. 'Old Hall Marshes' by Peter Gotham. Holy Innocents Church Hall, Tottenham Lane, Hornsey N8. Admission £1, non RSPB members £1.50. 7.45pm

*Church Farm Mother & Toddler Club, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 10am-11.30am. 368 4191

*Brookside Methodist Church Boys' Brigade, East Barnet. Pre-Junior 6-8, 6.15pm; Juniors 8-11, 6.30pm; Company 11+ 8pm. 441 2042

*Hendon Chess Club, Hyde United Reformed Church, Edgware Rd, Colindale. 7.30pm. 952 3129

*MIND in Barnet Thursday Club, 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 8pm. 446 1654

*High Barnet Woodcraft Folk, Underhill School, Mays Lane, Barnet. 6-9 yrs, 6pm (440 5369); 10-13 yrs. 7.15pm (440 2426)

*Carpentry for disabled, John Grocums, Stoneyfields Rd, Edgware. 1.30pm. Ring Ian at CRAB 346 9789.

*MIND in Barnet — Women's Drop in Centre, Trinity Church Rodborough Rd, Golders Green. 9.30am-1pm (relaxation 11am). 446 1654

*Mums, babies & toddlers club, St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. 10am-12 noon. 445 0572

*Parent and Toddler Time, Victoria Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 1pm. 449 5511

*Badminton Club, Christ Church URC, Bellevue Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 8pm. 449 8476

*Community Links in Cameras (Clic), photography group of disabled people, 43 Flower Lane, NW7. 1.30pm. 346 9789

*Badminton (adults), Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. 368 6316

*Canada Villa Youth Centre pre-school gymnastics club 'Jumping Beans', Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 10am-12noon. £2 registration, then £1 per session. 959 2811

*Bounce, a group for children under five with special needs. New Barnet Community Centre, 48-50 Victoria Rd. 1.15pm for 30 minutes. 25p. 346 7120

*Short tennis for juniors, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway. 6pm. 906 2322

*East Finchley Toy Library, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Eagans Close, N2. Over 500 toys available. 3pm. 883 0244

*Finchley Chess Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Rd, N3. 7.30pm

*Talks on Social Effectiveness. 202 3373

*Machine Knitting Class, Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. Tuition at all levels. 1pm. 349 4613

*Hendon College Adult Reading & Writing classes, Montagu Rd Centre, Hendon. 7pm. 200 8300

*Barnet & Dist Athletic Club training session, Clubhouse, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. 7pm. 368 6754

*PHAB-integrated social club for physical handicapped and able-bodied people. Details 450 4180

*Alcoholics Anonymous, Temple Fortune Health Clinic, 23 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. 8pm. 352 3001

Friday December 11

Oakleigh Carers Group, Health Centre, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 2pm. 368 8350

Finchley Branch UNA, 4 Rathgar Close, off Dollis Ave, N3. 7.45pm. Speaker on Mozambique. 445 3748

*Mums & Toddlers Group, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 10-11.30am. 368 4278

*Hendon & Hampstead Garden Suburb

Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willfield Way, NW11. 8pm. 205 6053

*Barnet and Finchley Photographic Soc, rear of 37a Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 8pm. 368 3917

*Barnet Blind Bowls Club, TAVR Drill Hall, 444 High Road, N2. 2pm. 449 7058

*Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 8pm. 346 4265.

*Brookside Community Group Senior Youth Club (11-16), Union Church, Northiam, N12. 7.15-10.15pm. 445 5958.

*Social afternoon, Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. All ages. 1-3pm. 349 4613.

*Basketball sessions for juniors and seniors, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway. 7pm. £1.50 juniors, £2 seniors. 906 2322

*Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. Squash coaching — juniors 6.15-7.15pm; adults 7.15-8.15pm. 906 2322

*Bingo, BSCA Centre, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8pm. 441 9387

Saturday December 12

British Tinnitus Assn NW London, Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 2pm. 444 9657 (also Jan 9)

Sunday December 13

RSPB NW London — morning visit to Brent Reservoir. Meet Cool Oak Lane Bridge. 10am. Boots essential. 952 8672

RSPB North London, Car Outing to Abberton Reservoir & Walton-on-the-Naze. Leave Alexandra Park Gates at 8am. Contact Andrew Osborne 801 8581

Monday December 14

RSPB Potters Bar & Barnets, Oakmere House, Potters Bar. 8pm

Tuesday December 15

Nth Middx Family History Soc, Barnet Branch, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. Annual Social, 7.15pm. 441 0529

Save a Life Campaign Session, St John Ambulance, The Pavilion, Finchley Open Air Swimming Pool, High Rd, N12. 7.30pm. 440 8778

Friern Barnet Amnesty Group, Jubilee Room, St James' Church, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. 8.15pm. 368 9487

Royal British Legion (N Finchley) Legionway, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 445 9911

Barnet National Trust, St Mary Magdalen Hall, Athenaeum Rd, N20. 8pm.

RSPB NW London Christmas meeting, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill. 8pm. 952 3932

Wednesday December 16

Barnet Rotaract Club, Barnet Cricket Club, Barnet Lane. 8pm. 441 5892 (also Jan 6)

Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, N12. 8.30pm. 445 1393 (also Jan 6)

Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. 8pm. 883 8724 (also Jan 6)

Thursday December 17

Friern Barnet & Whetstone Rotaract Club, Bull & Butcher Pub, High Rd, N20. 8.15pm. 368 3383 (also Jan 7)

Save a Life Campaign session — Red Cross, St Albans Rd, Barnet. 8pm. 449 8969

Monday December 21

British Epilepsy Support Group, Trinity Church Hall, Nether St, N12. 7.30pm. 446 2003

Saturday January 2

New Barnet & Dist Stamp & Postal History Fair, St Peter's Hall, New Barnet. 10am-5pm. 440 8835

Wednesday January 6

Barnet Animal Rights Group, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 8pm. 440 1715

Milldon Arts Soc, Union Church, The Broadway, Mill Hill. 7.30pm. 958 5126

Horticulture and Floral Art

Tuesday December 8

Friern Barnet Floral Art Club, Christ Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 8pm. 446 0783

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 8pm. 959 3530

Wednesday December 9

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' & Floral Art Soc, St Peter's Church Hall, Lyonsdown Rd. 8pm. £1.25. 441 0293

Hendon Horticultural Soc, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 1187

Thursday December 10

Barnet & Dist Fuchsia Soc, Council Chambers, 29 Wood St, Barnet. 7.30pm. 445 6112

Barnet Flower Arrangement Soc, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 0707 57199

Tuesday December 15

Totteridge Floral Art Group, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Lane, N20. 2pm 445 9307

Wednesday December 16

Hendon Floral Art Group, West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9. 7.30pm. 346 8916

Saturdays/Sundays

*Mill Hill Horticultural & Allotment Soc, Hartley Close, Mill Hill. Trading hut open Sat 2.30-4pm, Sun 10.30am-12.15pm. Garden plots to let. 959 2848

Sundays

*Burnt Oak Horticultural Society Trading Hut, Back Lane, r/o Woodcroft Hall. 10.30am-noon

Women's Clubs

Monday December 7

New Barnet Evening TWG, Brookside Methodist Church Hall, E Barnet. 7.30pm. 440 1934 (also Jan 4)

Hampstead Garden Suburb TWG, St Jude's Church Rooms, Central Sq, NW11. 2pm. 458 3706 (also Jan 4)

Golders Green TWG, St Alban's Church Hall, Golders Green. 2pm. 455 4156 (also Jan 4)

Tuesday December 8

East Barnet (Osidge) TWG, Church Farm, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 7.45pm 368 7346

Wives Group, Mill Hill East Church Hall, Salcombe Gdns. 8pm. 346 9430

Wednesday December 9

Brunswick Park Ladies Section, Chipping Barnet Conservative Assn, Church Farm Hall, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 2pm. 449 7345

Mill Hill Afternoon TWG, Harwood Hall, The Broadway, NW7. 2pm. 959 1505

Thursday December 10

Finchley Granville TWG, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane, N3. 2pm. 346 7056

Broadway Mill Hill TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, 2pm. 959 1333
Chipping Barnet WI, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 10am. 440 8807

Friday December 11

Barnet Afternoon TWG, Church House, Wood St. 2pm. 449 0367

Monday December 14

Barnet & Dist Branch National Council of Women, St John's URC Hall, Mowbray Rd, New Barnet. 1.30pm. 20p. 449 2062

Tuesday December 15

Finchley & Whetstone TWG, Manor Drive Methodist Church, York Way, N20. 2pm. 368 5571

Wednesday December 16

Woodside Park Afternoon TWG, Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, N12. 2.15pm. 445 0911

Friary Club (NA of WC), Friern Barnet Town Hall Canteen, N11. 445 8493 (also Wednesday December 20)

'Acorns', non-sectarian club for women, St Paul's Church Hall, Long Lane, N3. 9.45am. Creche available. 346 7945/7378

Friday December 18

Broadfields Evening TWG, Mill Hill County High School Hammonde Close, Edgware. 7.30pm. 958 4692

Monday December 21

Mill Hill Highwood TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. 2pm. 959 1994

Tuesday December 22

Montrose WI, Parish Room, St Alphage Church Montrose Ave. 7.45pm. 951 1140

Finchley Redbourne TWG, Etchingham Park Rd Day Centre, N3. 7.45pm. 349 3365

Wednesday December 23

Finchley Church End TWG, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 2.15pm. 883 6538

Tuesday January 5

Totteridge WI, Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Lane, N20. 7.30pm. 445 5700

Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd, N11. 2pm. 361 9623

Royal British Legion Women's Section (N Finchley), Legionway, Summers Lane N12. 8pm. 445 9911

Wednesday January 6

Barnet Evening TWG, Church House, Wood St. 7.30pm. 449 6809

Thursday January 7

East Barnet Monkfrith TWG, British Legion Hall, Nursery Rd, N14. 1.45pm. 0707 51896

Ashley TWG, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns. 7.30pm. 906 1952

East Barnet Valley TWG, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 2.15pm. 449 8601/3885

Mondays

*SupaSlim Slimming Club, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. Sensible dieting and group therapy. 10am. 445 3195 (also Tuesdays 8pm)

*Ladies self defence, Canada Villa Youth and Community Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 2pm. £1.50. 959 2811

*Women only recreational sessions. Sport for Fun. Manor Hill Centre, Summers Lane N12. 368 6316

Tuesdays

*MIND in Barnet — women's drop-in, Barnet United Reformed Church, Wood St, Barnet. 7.30pm

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*Ladies Home League, Salvation Army Hall, Hertford Rd, East Finchley. 2.15pm.

Thursdays

*Barnet Asian Women's Assn, Barnet Health Education Unit, Oak Lane Clinic, East Finchley. 1.30pm. 883 1075/444 4411

*Women's Friendship Club, Union Church, Northiam, Totteridge. 2.15pm. 445 6945

*Ridgeway Club (Nat Assn of Women's Clubs), Evergreen Centre, Brookhill Rd, East Barnet. 7.45pm. 449 1373

*Sculpture Class, Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 349 4613 for enrolment details.

Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. Admission 40p. 441 1591

*"Bridge Builders" — all levels of play for all ages, Sobell House, Limes Avenue, off Golders Green Rd, NW11. 7.45pm. £1.50, special instruction for beginners £2. 458 7411

Tuesdays

*Chase Bridge Club, St Andrew's Church Hall, Southgate. 9.30am. 360 5098

Wednesdays

*Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service whist drive, Priory Hall, Friern Barnet Lane. 10.30am. 368 4278

*Whist Drive, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. 7.45pm. 458 3933

Thursdays

*Contract Bridge, Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, Golders Green. 1pm. Admission free. 202 2751/200 1839

*Northside Bridge Club, E Finchley Methodist Church Annexe, High Rd. Duplicate first Thursday, rubber remaining Thursdays. 7.30pm. 445 7788

*NW London Duplicate Bridge Club, Michael Sobell Centre, Limes Ave, NW11. Admission £1.50. 7.45pm. 455 3745

*Bridge and whist for over 70s, Aiyth Social Club, Alyth Gdns, Finchley Rd, NW11. 12 noon. Ploughman's lunch (60p). 458 5674

Fridays

*The Fern Room Whist Club, Salisbury Road, Barnet, 2pm. 441 4853

Keep Fit

Sundays

*Yoga classes at Patanjali Yoga Centre, 190 Watford Way, Hendon. Beginners: 1pm & 3pm, advanced 5pm. 203 0062

Mondays

*Stretch, tone & trim to music, Brookside Methodist Church, East Barnet. 10.15am. Creche facilities. 440 5811.

*Body-tune dance keep fit, St Mark's Church Hall, Potters Rd, Meadway, New Barnet. Mum can bring baby. 10.30am. 441 1336

*Pensioners Health Group, Methodist Hall, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 2pm. 794 6376. 60p

*Yoga, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 7pm. 455 2476. Also Weds 9.45am

*Aerobics 9.30am; body conditioning 10.30am. St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3 (during term-time). 349 1449

*Body conditioning classes, Christ Church, Whetstone, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 7.15pm (also Thurs). Phone 445 1846

*Aerobic workout, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 7pm, advanced 8pm. £2. 958 7596 (also Thurs 8pm)

*Popmobility, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 7.30pm. £1.80 per session. 202 6027

*Aerobics, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 8pm. 906 1721 (Also Thursdays. 8.30pm)

*Weight and fitness training, Mill Hill

School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 8.15pm. 906 2322

*Aerobic advanced class, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. No beginners. 8pm. 349 1449

*Keep Fit, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. 368 6316

*Low Impact Aerobics and Stretch, All Saints Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 7.30pm. 368 5514

Monday-Friday

*Weight Training instruction, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 6-8pm Mon-Thurs; 5.30-7.30pm Fri. £1.80 per session or £15 per term. 202 6027

Tuesdays

*Popmobility/aerobics, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7pm and 8pm. 441 2933.

*Keep fit, Centre Point, Corner Mead Grahame Park, 8.30pm. 205 7113

*Aerobics, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 1449 (also Thursdays 8pm)

*Ladies Keep Fit — suitable all ages — Hendon School, Golders Rise, Hendon. 7.30pm. 349 0400. (also on Thursdays)

*Body conditioning classes, Oaktrees Special School, Chase Side, Southgate. 7.30pm. 368 0881

*Keep Fit and self defence with Nanbudo, St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 4421

*Stretch and Shape, Oak Tree Special School, Chase Side, Southgate. 7.30pm. 368 0881

*Slenderquest Slimming Club, St Mary Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 8pm. £2. 449 4277

*Body Focus exercise/dance class, Lyonsdown Hall, New Barnet.

Bridge and Whist

Saturday December 5

Whist Drive, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 8pm. 368 4278

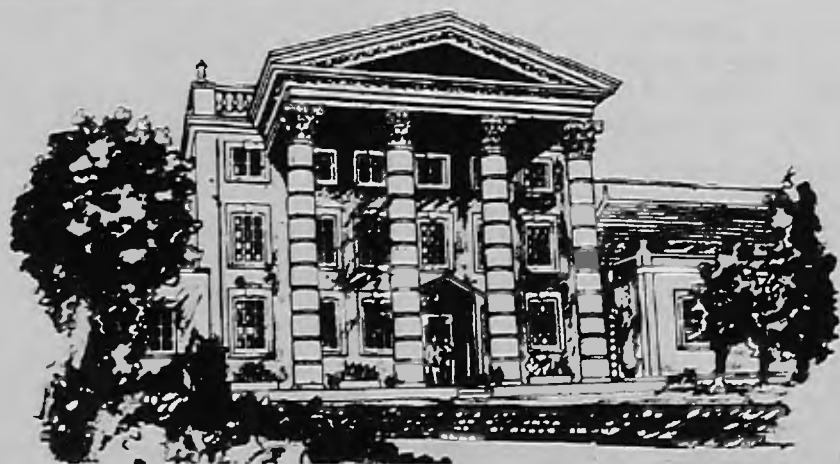
Mondays

*Bridge Classes, 41 Northumberland Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. 449 0960. Also Tuesdays 10am, Wednesdays 2pm.

*Bridge Class, second year students, Woodside Park Club, Southover, N12. 8pm. 445 1108 (also Tuesdays)

*Hendon College Bridge Club (no teaching, intermediate level), 43 Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 11.45am-1.15pm. 202 3811 ext 240

*Partner Whist Drive, St Peter's Church Hall, Somerset/Lyonsdown



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10.15am. £1.50 creche inclusive. 368 5871

*Ladies Weight training, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 10.30-11.30am. £1.80 per session, £15 per term. 202 6027

*Exercise to music — keep fit/aerobics — URC Hall, Wood St, Barnet. £1.50. 8pm

Wednesdays

*Body conditioning classes, Christ Church, Whetstone, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 10am. 445 1846

*Stretch, tone & trim to music, Manor Drive Methodist Church Hall, Manor Drive, N20. 10.15am. Creche facilities. 440 5811 (also Fridays). No classes from Aug 23-Sept 6.

*Pop exercise, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 7.30. Gym fit/swim, 8pm. 205 7113.

*Aerobics, Copthall Swimming Pool, Page St, Mill Hill. 9.45am (during term-time). 349 1449

*Mixed Volley Ball Training Club, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet Juniors 6pm; seniors 7pm. 441 2933

*Health and Beauty, exercise and movement classes, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 7.15-9.45pm. 504 1644

*Keep Fit, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7-8pm & 8-9pm. 368 6316

Yoga classes for beginners, Patanjali Yoga Centre, 190 Watford Way, Hendon. 10.30am to 12 noon. 203 0062

*Body conditioning: keep fit class — Canada Villa Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 2-3pm. £1.50 per session. Creche available. 959 2811

*Weight Mates Slimming Club, St Mary Magdalen Church Hall, Holders Hill Rd, NW4. 10am. 455 4814

*Tai-Chi for all, St Edward's Church Hall, Finchley Rd/Hoop Lane, Golders Green. 8pm. 458 9842

*Keep fit, St Paul's Church Hall, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 8.15pm. 906 0854

*Relax and become supple with Yoga, Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft, N20. 1.30pm. 445 2171

Thursdays

*Get Fit Club for young and old, St Stephen's Hospital, Mays Lane, Barnet. 7.30pm. £1.50. 906 0974

*Mixed exercise class for people with problem backs, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 8pm. 445 6986

*Aerobics, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park, 8.30pm. 205 7113

*Yoga, British Wheel trained teacher, Union Church, Northiam, N20. 7-8pm. 349 2972 (not August)

*British Wheel of Yoga Teachers Diploma Course, Barnet. 7pm. Details 440 1828

*Jumping Beans — pre-school gymnastics — Canada Villa Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 10am-12 noon. £2 enrolment fee and £1 per session. 959 2811

Body Focus exercise/Dance class, East Barnet Baptist Hall, Crescent Rd. 8.30pm. £1.50. 368 5871

*Mother and Toddler Gymnastics (up to 4yrs old), Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. Sessions: 12.45-1.30pm, 1.30-2.15pm, 2.25-3.10pm. Last session 2½-4yrs only. £1.50 per family. 202 6027

*Ladies Keep Fit, Hendon Sports Cen-

tre, Algernon Rd. 10am. £1.80 per session. 202 6027

*Yoga Class for Women, Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 349 4613

*Aerobics, St Augustine's Church, Great Field, Grahame Park. 8.30pm. 906 1721.

*Yoga for people with handicaps. Special class, Stanhope Road Centre, N12. Gentle movement, breathing and relaxation. Qualified teacher. Other classes available. 1.30pm. 440 1828

Fridays

*Aerobics 9.30am; Body conditioning 10.30am, Christchurch Hall, High Rd, N12 (during term time). 349 1449

*Anita's keep fit class, Michael Sobell Centre, Limes Avenue, Golders Green. 10.15am. 458 7411 ext 379 (day), 455 9195.

*Keep Fit at the Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 1.30pm. 349 4613

*Keep Fit, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 9.30am. 368 0881

*Body conditioning class for problem backs and joints, Christ Church Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, Whetstone. 10am. 445 1846

Saturdays

*Body-Tune dance-cise, St Mark's Church Hall, Potters Rd (entrance Woodville Rd), New Barnet. 9.45am. 441 1336

*Aerobic low impact workout, United Reformed Church Hall, East End Rd, N2. 11am. 883 7029 (also Wednesdays 7-9pm)

Martial Arts

Mondays

*North London Karate Club, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, 8-9pm, 9-10pm. 440/7733/8633 (also Thurs)

*Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre. Recreation Hall, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. Children 8-14 yrs; 6.30-7.30pm. 449 3150

*Cobra Karate Club, Christ's College School, Hendon Lane, N3. Beginners 7pm; advanced 8pm. 959 4338. Also Wednesdays

*Watling Karate Club, Watling Boys' Club, Dryfield Rd, Burnt Oak. Under 12, 6-7pm; over 12, 7-8pm. 40p a session (and Wednesdays)

*London School of Karate, East Barnet Upper School, Chestnut Grove. 8pm. 359 0381

*New Barnet Jiu Jitsu Club, Scout Hut, York Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. Also Tues with children, 6pm. 446 1733

Nanbudo Martial Arts Club, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 4421 (also Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Children 6.30pm. Wed)

Tuesdays

*Shotokan Karate Club, Christ's College, Hendon Lane, N3. 8pm. Adults and beginners. 202 3171 (also Thursdays)

*Karate Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 7-13 yr olds 6pm; 13 plus and adults, 7pm. 205 7113 (also Thursdays, 7pm and 8pm)

*Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, Pennefather Hall, St Albans Rd, Barnet. Adults 7.30-9.30pm. 449 3150

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- *J.L. Kung Fu Centre, All Saints Church Hall, Durham Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 959 2605
- *Barnet Goju-Ryu Karate Club, (traditional Okinawan Goju-Ryu), Queen Elizabeth's Sports Centre, Meadway, Barnet; children 6-7pm, adults 7pm. 449 8997 (also Thurs)
- *Meadway Goju-Ryu Karate Club, St Marks Hall, off Meadway, Barnet. 8.30pm. 274 6376 (children's classes)
- *Sport Karate Club, Beaver Hall, Fairmead Cres, Edgware. 8pm. 906 1701 (Barnet Karate Squad coach)

Wednesdays

- *Watling SKC, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Burnt Oak. Juniors 7pm, adults 8pm. 906 1701
- *Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, Adults Christchurch School, Hilton Ave, N12. 8-9pm. 449 3150
- *Judo for children, Pymmes Youth Centre, East Barnet Lower School, Westbrook Crescent, E Barnet. 6.30-7.30pm; 7.30-8.30pm. 440 6473. Adults Thursday 7.30pm.
- *Kateda Self Defence Association, King Alfred School, North End Rd, NW11. 7pm. 904 6720
- *Finchley Karate Club (Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate), Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 8pm. (Children 7pm) 346 9505 (also Fridays)

Thursdays

- *Women's self defence, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7.30pm. £8 for 6 week course. 368 6316

Fridays

- *Shin Do Kwai Kendo Club, Whitefield School (gym) Clarendon Rd, NW2. 7.30pm. 863 7574
- *Martial Arts Academy. Science-of-Combat, Hendon High School, off

Brent Street, Hendon. 7pm. 0865 726772

- *Lyonsdown Judo Club, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. Children 8-15yrs, 7.30pm; adults 8.45pm. Ladies self-defence 8.30pm. 449 4831 (eves)

Dance

Saturday December 5

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, Southgate Upper School, Sussex Way, Cockfosters. 7.30pm. 360 2586

Saturday December 12

Mountfield Club Sequence Dance, St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 7.30pm. 959 5185

Finchley Sequence Dance Club, St Philip The Apostle Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. 7pm. 346 8675 (also Jan 9)

Monday December 14

Chipping Barnet Folk Dance Club, Church House, Wood St. 7.45pm. 449 4425 (also Jan 4)

Saturday December 19

De Bohun Sequence Dance, Christ Church Parish Centre, Waterfall Road, Southgate. 7.30pm. 886 9878

Thursday December 31

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club New Year's Eve dance, Mill Hill East Church Hall, Pursley Rd. 8pm. 950 5756

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club New Year's dance, Southgate Upper School, Sussex Way, Cockfosters. 7.30pm. 360 2586.

Mondays

*CRAB dance club for disabled, Wood-

house Sixth Form College, Woodhouse Rd, N12. 50p per session. 7pm. 346 9789

- *Ballet for 4+, Michael Sobell House, Limes Avenue, NW11. Pre-primary 4.30pm; primary 5.15pm. 203 4358

Tuesdays

*20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Rd North, Whetstone. 7.45pm. 360 2586

*Tap dancing, Centrepont, Grahame Park. Under 12s 6.15pm; 12+ and adults, beginners 7pm, intermediate 7.30pm. 205 7113

*Wheelchair dancing, Grahame Park Community Centre, The Concourse, NW9. 1.30-3pm. 346 9789. Transport available

*Ballroom and Latin-American classes, Van's Studio, 1 Middleton Rd, NW11. 8.30pm. 455 7468 (also Thurs)

*Hampstead & Dist Scots Assn, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8pm. 870 6131

*Contemporary modern/disco classes for children 4-14 yrs, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. Beginners 4.30pm; advanced 5.30pm. 440 8530

Wednesdays

*Dancing, ballroom and Latin American, St Philip the Apostle Parish Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. Children 5-7pm, adults 7.30pm and 8.30pm. 360 0826

*Contemporary Dance Classes, Brookside Methodist Church, Cat Hill, E Barnet. Beginners 7pm; intermediate 8pm. £1.25 per class or £5 per half-term. 441 5984

*Mountfield Old Time & Modern Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, High Rd, East Finchley. 8pm. 959 5185 (in term time)

*Friary Sequence Dance Club, Manor Drive Methodist Church Hall, N20. 8pm. 883 3202 (commence Sept 23)

*American square dancing classes, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Edgware. 7.5p 8pm. 906 1582

*Odsox Youth Dance Company, Friern Barnet County School, Hemington Ave, N11. (12-21 yrs). 6-10pm. 346 9789

*Adult tap classes, St Paul's Church Hall, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 9.15pm. 906 0854

Thursdays

*De Bohun Sequence Dancing, Christ Church Parish Centre, Waterfall Road, Southgate. 8pm. 886 9878

*Folk and country dancing, Whetstone URC Church, Oakleigh Road North. 1.30pm. 449 8434

*Finchley Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, High Rd, E Finchley. 7.30pm 346 8675

*Pre-Primary ballet (3-5 yrs) 4pm, Primary Tap 4.45pm, Primary modern 5.30pm, East Barnet Baptist Hall, Crecent Rd. 368 5871

Fridays

*Latin & Ballroom, Subud Hall, 97 E Barnet Rd, New Barnet. 8.30pm. 449 3336/6034

*Barnet International Folk Dance Club, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone. 8pm 427 8042

*Primary to elementary ballet, East Barnet Baptist Hall, Crescent Rd. 4pm onwards. 368 5871

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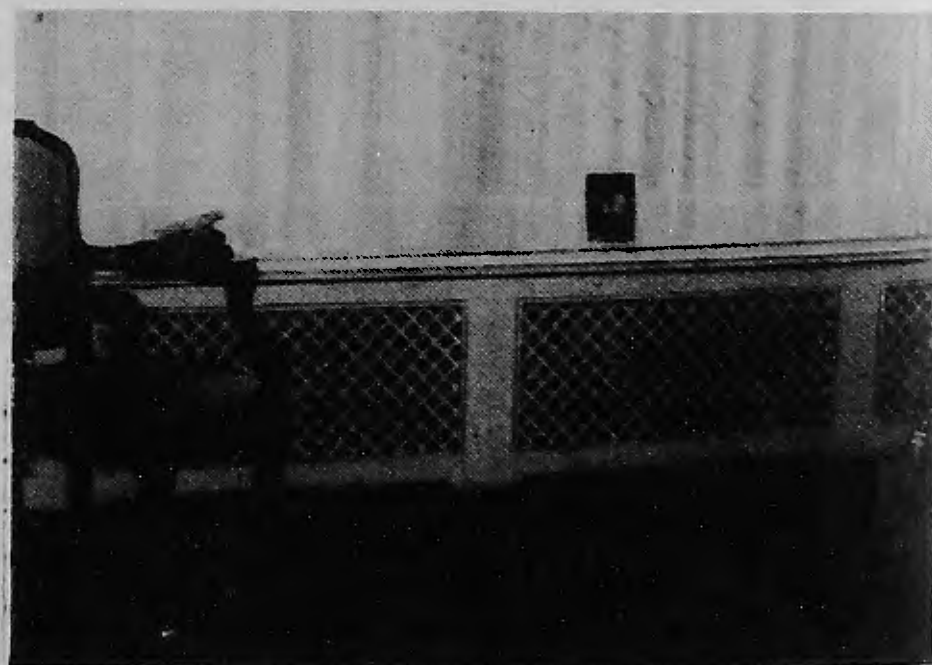
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Pensioners Clubs

Wednesday December 9

Pensioners' Voice (Barnet), Brookside Methodist Church, E Barnet. 1.30pm. 361 2787

Thursday December 10

Pensioners' Voice (E Finchley), E Finchley Library, 226 High Rd. 2pm. 883 2155

Barnet Teachers' Assn (NUT) Retired Members' Section, Barnet Teachers' Centre, 451 High Rd, N12. Christmas party. 7pm. Details re membership Mrs Wilkinson 368 7414

Thursday December 17

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley), N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 1.30pm. 445 7413
Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 10am. 346 6994

Wednesday January 6

Golders Green & Dist. Pensioners' Assn, Trinity Church Hall, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 1.15pm. 455 7952

Mondays

*Pensioners Lunch Club (Asian Vegetarian Menu), East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, East Finchley. Noon. 444 6265

*Handicraft Club for over 60s, Evergreen Centre, 54-60 Brookhill Rd, New Barnet. 2pm. 449 8690

*Club for active retired, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 11am-4pm. 368 4278

*Hadley Darby & Joan Club, Memorial

Hall, Hadley Highstone. 2pm. 441 4853

*Social Club, Old Barn, Tarling Rd, N2. 1pm. 349 4613

Tuesdays

*Pensioners Lunch Club. Home Cooked Food at East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, East Finchley. Noon. 444 6265 (and Fridays)

*Alyth Social Club (70+), Alyth Gdns, Finchley Rd, NW11. 12 noon-3pm. Ploughman's lunch (60p). 458 5674

*Luncheon Club for elderly homebound and lonely, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 10.30am-3.30pm; Club 2-4pm. Also Wed. & Thurs. 368 4278

*Union Street Evergreen Club, Ewen Hall, Wood St, Barnet. 2pm. 441 4853

*Fern Evergreen Club, Fern Room, Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 2pm. 441 4853

Wednesdays

*Bingo and Tea. East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, Finchley, N2. 2.00pm. 444 6265

*Mays Lane Evergreen Club, St Stephens Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. 2pm. 441 4853

*West Hendon over 60s Lunch and Social Club, Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9. Lunch 12.30pm; Social Club. 1.30pm. 202 5057

*Old Pals Club, Bingo, Old Barn Tarling Rd, N2. 2pm. 349 4613

Thursdays

*Pensioners 'Friendship Club', North Road Community Centre, Burnt Oak. 1.45pm. 951 1726

*Arts and Crafts — open CRAB sessions for the elderly. The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 1.30pm

*Roundabout Club pensioners group, Friary Hall, URC Church, Oakleigh Park Nth, N20. 2pm. 361 2787

*Hoop Lane Thursday — drop in for coffee and a chat — Unitarian Room, Hoop Lane, NW11. 10.30am.

*Golden Circle Club, The Salvation Army Hall, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 1.30pm. 203 4823

*The Torrington Park Pensioners' Club, Health Centre, Torrington Park, N12. 2pm. 446 4201

Fridays

*Edgware Friday Club for Senior Citizens, Methodist Church Hall, Garratt Rd, Edgware. 10am. 952 3908

*Young at Heart, Conservative Hall, Barnfield Rd, Burnt Oak. 1.30pm. 952 3513

*Club for the Elderly, Friern Barnet Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 2-4pm. 368 4278

*Bells Hill Evergreen Club, St Stephens Church Hall, Bells Hill, Barnet. 2pm. 441 4853

*Over 60's Club, Salvation Army Hall, Hertford Rd, East Finchley. 2.30pm.

Mondays

*Barnet Thirty Plus Group. Play badminton at Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 8pm. Details of other activities from 959 7084

*Club 81 for unattached people 24-45, The Load of Hay Pub, Brent Street, Hendon. 8.45pm. 349 0026

Tuesdays

*Divorced/separated club, 411 Hendon Way, Hendon. 202 3101

Wednesdays

*National Council for the Divorced Separated, North West London Branch. Friendly club evening near Brent St. Hendon. Details: 226 3752, 203 57389/3269

*North London and District Divorced/Separated Club, St Paul's Church, High Rd. New Southgate. 8pm. Potters Bar 42849

*Club 81 for unattached people 24-45, The Green Man Pub, corner of Nth Circular Rd/High Rd, N2. 8.45pm. 349 0026

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Drama

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*Dunelm Players, St Peter Le Poer Church Hall, Albion Ave, Muswell Hill. 8pm. 906 4187/444 7762 (also Sundays 6.30pm)

Wednesdays

*Incognito Theatre Group, Theatre, Friern Barnet. 8pm. 0707 58756
 *East Finchley Theatre Group, Methodist Church Hall, High Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 883 2633
 *Gainsborough Theatre Club, The Centre, Gainsborough Rd, N12. 8.15pm. 205 8352
 *Barnet Youth Drama Centre, 142 High Rd, E Finchley. Sessions for seven to 11-year-olds, 6pm. Also **Thursdays** (16+), 7pm; **Fridays** (12-15), 7pm; and **Saturdays** (7+), 10am. 883 9957 (workshop hours)
 *Nether Never Drama Group, Disabling Assn in the Borough of Barnet, Trinity Church Centre, Nether St, N12. 8pm. 446 6935

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Sundays

*Live music — Rock & Blues — Torrington Pub, 4 Lodge Lane, N12. 8.30pm. 445 4710 (also Fridays)

Fridays

*Melanies Jazz Funk Night (strictly over 21 years). 407 Hendon Way, Hendon. 202 7289.

Music

Tuesday December 8

Hendon Library Gramophone Soc, The Burroughs. 7.45pm. 202 5625 (also Dec 22)

Thursday December 10

Friern Barnet Gramophone Soc, Friern Barnet Rd, N11. 8.10pm. 361 2787 (also Jan 7)

Tuesday December 15

East Barnet Library Gramophone Soc, 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376 (also Jan 5)

Mondays

*Barnet Orchestra at Hendon, Hendon School, Golders Rise, NW4. 8pm 205 2418
 *Finchley Choral Society, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 7.45pm. 445 8401
 *Manor House Hospital Operatic Soc, Manor House, Hospital, North End Rd, NW11. 7.30pm. 346 0237
 *Tudor Orchestra, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd, Players welcome all sections, particularly brass. 7.30pm. 445 0563
 *Mill Hill Amateur Operatic Soc, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 8pm. 959 2848
 *Music for Fun — informal choir, St Jude's Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb. 8pm. 886 0284
 *Entertaining the elderly in Barnet — 'Music Hall' rehearsals, Baptist Church Hall, Green Lanes, N13. 7.45pm. 449 4507

Tuesdays

*The Apollo Singers, Wilberforce Hall, Wilberforce Rd, W Hendon. 7.45pm.

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*Hendon String Orchestra, Whitefields School, Claremont Rd, NW2. 8pm. 455 5005

*Guitar classes for children, teenagers and adults, New Seekers Music School, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway. Enquiries 09278 2151

*Finchley Chamber Choir, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, N3. 8pm. 346 0502

Wednesdays

*Finchley & Friern Barnet Operatic Soc, St Andrew's Church Hall, Alexandra Park Rd, N10. 7.45pm. 368 0770. New members welcome, especially men

*Barnet Band, Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School, Queens Rd, Barnet.

7.30pm. Brass and reed players required. 449 3057

*Barnet Choral Soc, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 7.45pm. 440 1157

Thursdays

*London Pro Arte Choir, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns, Mill Hill. 7.30pm. 959 7050

*Finchley Chamber Orchestra, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 7.30pm. 881 3619

*Borehamwood Operatic Soc, Fairway Hall, Borehamwood. 8pm. 906 1453

Saturdays

*Hampstead Garden Suburb Youth Music Centre, Henrietta Barnett School, Bigwood House, Bigwood Rd, NW11. 9am-12.45pm. 907 8018.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

AN exhibition of work by Peter Fink, artist in residence at the Sternberg Centre, is on show until January 4.

It will feature paintings completed during his residency and the artist will be talking to groups of school children visiting the exhibition.

To commemorate his stay, the Manor House Society has commissioned Mr Fink to produce a five-colour silk screen print in an edition of one hundred, 30 of which will be on hand-made paper.

Mr Fink, a sculptor by training, has pursued his interest in painting during his time at the Centre and

carried out projects with pupils from the Akiva School.

He was born in London in 1948, graduated as an engineer at the University of Prague, followed by an advanced sculpture course at the St Martin's School of Art and a degree in philosophy at the University of London.

The exhibition will be open Mondays to Thursdays from 10am until 5pm and Fridays from 10am until 2pm. The Centre at East End Road, N3, closes at 3pm on December 24 and December 31 and will be closed on December 25, 28 and January 1.

★ ENTERTAINMENT ★

Monday December 7

Hendon Music Soc present 'On a Winter's Night', Hendon Methodist Church, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 2355

Thursday December 10

Finchley Chamber Orchestra, Moss Hall School, Nether St, N3. Informal concert £2.50 (including refreshments, £1.50 conces). 346 0502

Thurs-Sat Dec 10-12

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society. Birthday Party by Harold Pinter. Institute Theatre, Central Sq, NW11. £2.50. 340 6654

Fri/Sat December 11/12

Salvation Army present 'Bethlehem Incident', a new musical by young people portraying the Christmas Story as perhaps seen through a television news camera. Citadel, Brampton Grove, Hendon. 7pm. Tickets £1.50, conces 75p. 203 0900

Saturday December 12

Finchley Choral Soc invite you to join in Family Carols with the Frith Manor School Chorus and Arden Hart Brass Quintet, St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. 7.30pm. Tickets £2, £1 children and students. 445 4968

Sunday December 13

Alyth Choral Soc performing Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', North Western Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gardens, NW11. 7.30pm. Tickets £5, including refreshments, £3.50 conces. 346 5821

Mon/Tues Dec 14/15

All Saints Arts Centre present The Mission of the Smallest Star, a Christmas Odyssey performed by children from All Saints Primary

School, Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 7.30pm. Tickets £2.50. 445 8388/4654

Fri-Sun Dec 18-20 & Jan 1-3

Stripes Unlimited Theatre Co present 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 3pm. & 7.30pm. Tickets £2.50. 445 8388/4654

Saturday December 19

Barnet Choral Soc sings well loved carols with the Arden Hart Brass Ensemble, Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Chipping Barnet. 7.30pm. Tickets £2, children £1. 449 7760

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Thurs-Sat December 10-12

The Association presents Chicago — A Musical Vaudeville. 8pm. £3.75, conces Thurs only £2.75

Until December 12

Exhibition by Leonie Sharrock of oils, watercolours etc. entitled Possibilities

Mon Dec 14 to Sat Jan 2

Christmas Market — opportunity to buy original works for presents

Sunday December 13

The Saturday morning Children's Drama Club present two performances of their latest venture. 3pm & 5pm. £1

Tuesday December 15

Arts afternoon for the over 50s. 2pm. 50p

Until December 24

Christmas Crafts Fair. Local and resident craftsmen.

Exhibitions

Until December 12

Mildon Art Soc Exhibition, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Open normal library hours.

Until December 19

13th Barnet Artists' Exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. Open normal library hours.

Until January 3

Matchstick Marvels, a collection of

models made from matchsticks. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: Mon-Sat (except Tues) 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm; Tues: 10am-1pm; Sun 2-5.30pm. 203 0130

Arts Workshops

Barnet Arts Workshops run regular activities throughout the term. Youth workshops (4-16) in drama, arts and crafts. £3.50 per half-term. Adult workshops: Dance/Keep fit; photography; video; screenprinting. (£1.50 per session, £10 per term, Free for unemployed.) Details 346 7120

Sundays

*The Mix — a creative workshop for all ages/abilities, The Drama Centre, 142 High Rd, East Finchley. 2.30pm. 444 1893

CELEBRATING SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH life and legends will be in the forefront of an exhibition at Golders Green Library during the week which includes St Andrew's Day.

This patron saint of Scotland is remembered on November 30 and a special display of books, including titles about history, cookery, Nes-sie and whisky will be mounted from November 24 to December 5.

Celebrate Scotland at Golders Green during the following opening hours: Tuesdays to Thursdays 9am until 8pm, Fridays 9am until 5pm and Saturdays 9am until 4pm.

This display will be followed from December 8 until December 12 by a Chinese theme in books to link with a visit by artist Zhu Tong to the adjacent Lincoln Gate Plaza.

Points at issue over the Cambridge diet

I WELCOME the well researched and balanced article in last weekend's *Sunday Telegraph* by Anthea Hall about the Cambridge diet.

I would like to comment on three aspects of this article on behalf of the company.

First, Cambridge Nutrition does not condone bad counselling. If Anthea Hall's colleague will provide details of her experience this will be thoroughly investigated by the Cambridge Diet's disciplinary committee and action taken.

Second, the company has co-operated fully with the Committee on the Medical Aspects of Food Policy during the preparation of their report. Until that report is published we believe that it would be inappropriate to comment on it. We shall, however, respect the findings of the committee and will act responsibly on their recommendations.

Third, evidence based on animal as well as extensive human studies, has indicated that John Garrow's fears concerning lean body mass are not substantiated. John Garrow has been a critic of very low calorie diets for some time, perhaps their acceptance will lead to his own method of clamping the jaws together being consi-

dered both unnecessary and barbarous.

(Dr) JOHN MARKS,
Medical Consultant to
Cambridge Nutrition Ltd,
Thorpe Rd, Norwich.

This letter was printed in the *Sunday Telegraph* (15 November edition) after the recent controversy.

To prove just how successful the diet can be, here is an extract of an interview heard on BBC Radio 2, October 26 1987

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GLORIA HUNNIFORD:
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DANNY LA RUE:
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GLORIA HUNNIFORD:
Which is great...

DANNY LA RUE:
... which is very good, because it keeps you, you feel much better when you're having to run — I did a matinee in the evening and I changed twenty times — you know, each show ten times. So, that's a lot of costume changes.

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ONE of the most successful women in the world of magical entertainment, Kay Kristal, has recently moved from her native Oxford to Barnet.

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With the average man facing 14 years of retirement and the average woman over 20 years, life after work does need to be properly prepared, because the novelty of getting up late, taking time over the morning newspapers and spending the rest of the day pottering around in the garden soon wears thin.

There are currently around nine and a half million people above State retirement age (approximately 20 per cent of the population). More and more people are living into the 80s which, linked to the fact that "early retirements" are becoming more common (if not popular), retirement preparation does make a lot of sense.

Just how much people will enjoy retirement depends on others, to a certain extent, but mostly on themselves. Each individual has to consider what they want from retirement and what they are willing to put into it. How well the preparations are made will pay an important part in their future.

Married couples may find that life together is somewhat difficult in the early days of retirement, for being together all day and every day may lead to friction. Single people who have become accustomed to living alone may

face the problem of making new friends outside of their working environment.

So what should people be looking for in the run-up to retirement? Money is uppermost in most people's minds and the prospect of a happy retirement may be clouded by the loss of a regular wage packet or salary cheque.

People often have a clear idea of what they would like to do after they have retired but the big question is, can they afford it? Few are likely to be better off in retirement than during their working lives but, with care, some professional guidance, a bit of luck and some careful planning the financial outlook for retirement need not be that bleak.

It is true that income goes down at retirement but so do a number of outgoings, and the first move in financial planning should be to work out a financial budget to consider how both the income side and the outgoing side of the equation will balance. It must be remembered that National Insurance contributions will no longer be payable once people reach State retirement age (whether or not they continue to work), that fares to work cease and it may not be necessary to spend money on formal clothing.

However on the home front — more money will be spent on heating as extra time is spent around the house.

This is a piece from Keith Hughes — author of a new book "Easing into Retirement" which covers topics relating to:— Investment Taxation — Health — Leisure and psychological adjustment.

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Arkley Ward — Conservative councillors, Fri December 18, 7.30pm, Dollis Valley Community Centre.

Brunswick Park Ward — Conservative councillors available second Saturday of month, 10.30am to 12 noon, Monkfrith Boys' Club hall, Osidge Lane, N14.

East Barnet Ward — Cllr Olwen Evans (Conservative), Sat December 5 and January 2, 10.30am to noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. Contact Cllrs Mrs Mamie Perry and John Perry on 368 4368 for appointment. Labour councillors available Sat December 5 and January 2, 10.30 to 11.30am, 104 East Barnet Road, New Barnet.

Finchley & Friern Barnet

Margaret Thatcher, MP, for constituents only, via constituency office, tel 445 4292.

Conservative councillors, Sat December 5 and January 2, 10.30am to noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

East Finchley — Labour councillors every Saturday, 10am to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane 2.

Finchley Ward — Contact Cllr Barbara Langstone on 445 5443.

St Paul's Ward — Labour councillors Naren Davé, Michael Freeman and Kitty Lyons, every Saturday 11am to 12 noon. Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Road, N3, and at Tally Ho Corner. Not holiday period.

Woodhouse Ward — Labour councillors Mike Harris, Dennis Reed and Rudolf Vis, every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, Friern Barnet Town Hall, N11. Also Saturdays at Tally Ho and Sutton Road. Not holiday period.

Friern Barnet Ward — Contact Cllrs Chris Platford (368 6817), Brian Salinger (368 1329), John Tiplady (445 5734).

Hendon North

John Gorst, MP. No surgery for December. At other times tel 959 1446 or via constituency office, 2 Apex Parade, Selva Lane, Mill Hill. Conservative councillors, Grahame Park and Mill Hill, Weds December 9, 16, 23 and January 6.

Burnt Oak — Cllrs Ellis (959 6191), Shamash (458 2679), Williams (203 3234), every Saturday, 10.30am to noon, Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak (952 5771).

Colindale — Labour councillors available first and fourth Sat each month, 2-3pm, St Augustine's, Grahame Park.

Hendon South

John Marshall, MP, via constituency office (202 7484) by appointment, see local press for details.

Conservative councillors — Sat December 5, 11am to 12.30pm, 166 Station Rd, Hendon (202 7484).

Childs Hill — Liberal/SDP Alliance councillors every second Wednesday of month 7-8pm, Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, NW11 and every fourth Monday of month, 7-8pm, St Peter's Church Hall, Cricklewood Lane, NW2. Cllrs Cohen (205 1233), Palmer (455 5140), Stone (450 0762).

West Hendon — Phone Cllr Tim Sims (734 8080, office hours) for appointment at West Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club, The Broadway, NW9. Cllrs Doreen Neall (202 9927) and Agnes Slocombe (202 4074) by appointment.

Euro MP

John Marshall, Euro MP, contact Euro agent: 440 7328.

Nature Notes

DECEMBER

By Clive Herbert of the Barnet Group
London Wildlife Trust

I SUSPECT that 1987 will be remembered for its cool, wet summer and the night of October 15/16 when a storm with gusts of over 100 mph hit the south east. Severe damage was done to property and landscape alike.

Many rare and valuable specimens were lost at Kew Gardens and, closer to home, the Beale Arboretum at West Lodge Park, Hadley Wood, lost around 40 trees. In our borough we shall probably never know how many thousands of trees were destroyed that night, as many residents dealt with their own losses without reporting numbers.

On Barnet's nature reserves, the damage appears to have varied considerably. By far the least affected has been Rowley Green Common in Arkley. At Darlands Lake in Totteridge a total of 28 trees were blown down breaking in places the new perimeter fence erected this summer. Oak Hill Woods in East Barnet has been badly hit. Although few trees were uprooted, many were 'topped' and lost their crowns.

We need your help

At both Darlands Lake and Oak Hill Woods, routine conservation tasks have been suspended until the storm damage has been cleared. Big bonfires are certainly the order of the day for December! Both reserves urgently need assistance for this emergency work. If you can tend a bonfire, ring me on 440 6314 for details.

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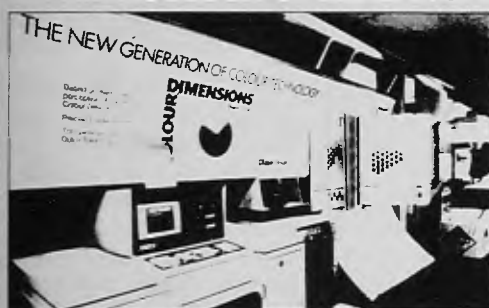
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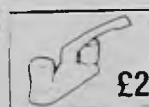
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Awards

Barnet's young designers meet the Prince



Simon McCann and his Lumolarm.

TWO BARNET pupils were among 15 top winners in the 1987 all-England Schools Design Prize. Davida Bates, of Mill Hill County High, and Simon McCann, of Whitefield School, received their awards from Prince Edward, at the Science Museum on Monday, November 2.

The awards, which are organised by the Design Council, and sponsored

by British Aerospace, encourage young designers between the ages of 11 and 19 to use their creative skills and practical knowledge to design products with a potential for manufacture.

Davida designed the Aproglove, a combination apron and oven-glove which is practical and attractive.

Warning

Simon came up with a Lumolarm which warns drivers who have left their headlights on.

Both were in the Under 14 age group. Among those at the presentation were Cllr Olwen Evans, chairman of Schools and Special Education Sub-Committee, and Cllr Dot Benson, vice-chairman of Barnet Education Committee.



Davida Bates demonstrates her Aproglove.



Davida and Simon receiving their awards from Prince Edward.

Barnet win energy saving award

AN ENERGY saving scheme which has saved the borough £1,480 a year, won Barnet an award under the British Gas North Thames Gas Energy Management Awards 1987.

A new heating installation at the Blessed Dominic Primary School, Grahame Park, resulted in a saving of 4,000 therms a year, and put Barnet's heating and mechanical engineers from the Technical Services Directorate into the award category for new technology.

The school was built in 1971 and was originally supplied for heating and hot water from the oil-fired district heating scheme which served the Grahame Park Estate.

In the early 1980s there were serious problems with water leaking from pipes supplying the school. After discussions with North Thames Technical Consultancy Service, Barnet Council decided to have a separate installation for the school.

A Broag Seagold gas-fired conde-

nsing boiler, the first of its type in Britain, was installed with an Andrews hot water storage heater.

British Gas scientists carried out a full investigation of the system's efficiency, and their findings showed that the system would pay for itself in just over four years.

Barnet's success was announced at the regional GEM awards ceremony, on Friday, October 30, when Professor Heinz Wolff, of TV fame, was present.



Ian Taylor, principal mechanical and electrical engineer with Barnet's Development Services Group, accepts the GEM award from Prof. Heinz Wolff and Mr John Gadd, regional chairman, North Thames Gas.

THE PLUG THAT WIRES ITSELF

PUPILS of Ravenscroft School were set an almost impossible task. Design a plug which wires itself. And they did!

A team of five, Kwame Oduro Yeboah, John Hehnen, Gina Llescou, Yogesh Bhura and Dinesha Wijetunge, were given the task by Paul Taylor, of Barnet Health Authority.

The idea was to invent a plug which would be totally safe as the wiring method was self checking and foolproof.

As a result of their work the pupils won £100 in the BP Youth and Industry Award Scheme.

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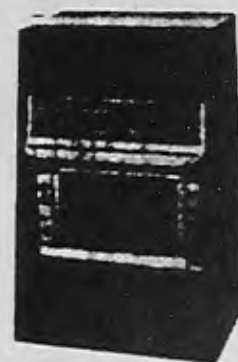
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Before you commit yourself ask, 'Can I afford to buy?' Allow for the mortgage and relevant insurances and consider further that you are now responsible for repairs, maintenance, rates, water charges, building insurance, i.e. fire, flood, etc. plus home contents, gas and electricity charges.

The more you borrow for home improvements, the greater your monthly payments. Take all these into consideration when you decide to buy. Hard thinking now can save misery later. Planning is essential.

Shop around for free advice which should include a follow up service given by a consultant who is accessible to you should you need their advice. A professional knows the pitfalls and you should feel confident that any problems can be solved. Be wary of signing on a first appointment.

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If this does not put you off, good luck and happy house hunting! I operate within a 'Tenants Homebuyers Advice Service' for council tenants and the private sector for all mortgage related queries.

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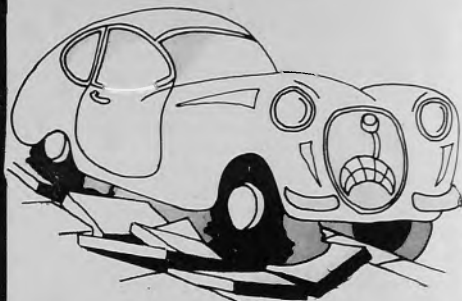
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DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Residential Careworkers

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Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Interview date:
15th December, 1987.

Application forms from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/502.

Clerical Assistant

(Part-time — 20 hours per week)

Salary: Scale 2/3. £3,868—£4,578 per annum inclusive.

Do you enjoy varied clerical work?

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Closing date:
11th December, 1987.

Interview date: 7th January, 1988.

Application forms from address No. 4. Please quote reference 633/685.

Clerical Assistant

Salary: Scale 1/2. Up to £7,524 per annum inclusive.

Our homes and centres need effective support in obtaining goods and services to provide a high quality caring service to elderly, mentally and physically handicapped people.

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The office is located at 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N20, and is within easy reach of Northern Line tube and several bus services.

Closing date:
11th December, 1987.

Interview date:
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Part-Time Care Assistant

Rate of pay: £2.98 per hour (increase pending).

The Leys, in Elstree, is a home for 23 people with a learning disability (mental handicap), set in eight acres of pleasant rural grounds. We believe that our clients have the right of choice, self-respect, and self-determination.

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Closing date:
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Informal enquiries and applications to Ron Cordell, The Leys, Barnet Lane, Elstree, Herts. Telephone (01) 207 0122. Please quote reference CAM/CAL.

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Hours: 36 maximum per week, Monday-Friday, between 9.00am-5.00pm. We are seeking new staff who are male as several of our clients are male and we have more women members of staff than men.

Sex Discrimination Act 1976, exceptions section 7(2)(b) applies.

Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Please apply to the Manager, Ms S. Lynch, Flightways Day Centre, The Concourse, Grahame Park Estate, London NW9. Telephone (01) 205 5803. Please quote reference CAM/CAF.

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DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Closing date:
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Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Please apply to Mr D. Ely, Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 9HZ. Telephone (01) 446 1488, ext 4272. Please quote reference CAM/CET.

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Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 9/1/2002.

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(Part-Time)

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Closing date:
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Closing date:
12th December, 1987.

Application forms and further details from address No. 5. Please quote reference 607/125 for Mill Hill, or 607/131 for Burnt Oak.

Part-Time Library Assistant

East Barnet Library
(18 hours per week).

Evening and Saturday work included but time-and-a-half paid for hours worked on Saturdays. Interesting and varied duties.

Salary: Clerical Scale 1/2 rising by annual increments to a possible maximum of

£3,393 per annum plus London Weighting. Minimum salary at age 21 — £2,965 per annum plus £369 London Weighting per annum.

Closing date:
19th December, 1987.

Application forms and further details from address No. 5. Please quote reference 607/158.

Caretaker

(Non-resident)
North Finchley Library.

Rate of pay: £115 approx. (inclusive) for 39-hour week. (Pay Rise pending), Saturday working with enhanced pay.

Closing date:
31st December, 1987.

Application forms and further details from address No. 5. Please quote reference 607/C.

DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION — ENGINEERING GROUP

Clerk of Works

Salary: Scale 4/SO2.
£8,397—£13,620 per annum inclusive. Plus Car Allowance.

You will have obtained the City and Guilds Course C in Electrical Installation and have several years' experience in public lighting maintenance, including the supervision of private contractors.

As a Car Allowance is attached to this post, you should possess a current driving licence.

For informal discussion about this post, please telephone **JOHN BRAGG** on (01) 446 8511, ext 4375.

Closing date:
17th December, 1987.

Interview date:
5th January, 1988.

Application forms from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/110.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION ARCHITECTURE GROUP

Senior Architects

Salary: £13,257—£17,039 per annum inclusive of London Weighting, depending on qualifications, experience and ability, plus Car Allowance.

If you are Chartered/Registered, with at least two years' successful experience since qualifying, believe in high standards and are ready for greater personal responsibility, this could be the opportunity you are looking for.

Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Interview date:
16th December, 1987.

Application forms from address No. 2. Please quote reference DTS/505.

RECREATION GROUP

The Amenity Section has the following vacancies for self motivated people who wish to work at Barnet's Cemetery and Crematorium.

Gravedigger

Salary: £118.71 per week. Plus a Bonus payment.

Two Gravediggers are required to join the team at Hendon Cemetery. You should have relevant experience but training will be provided where necessary. Although you will be attached to the Cemetery team you may be required to work at any location in the Borough.

Ref: DTS/GD

Chapel Attendant/Cremator Operator

Salary: £120.36 per week. Plus a Bonus payment.

We are looking for a Chapel Attendant/Cremator operator Hendon Crematorium. Your duties will include Cremator Operation, Chapel Reception, Gardening and Ancillary Work in the Garden of Remembrance. Training will be provided where necessary. Although you will be attached to the Crematorium/Cemetery Teams you may be required to work at any location in the Borough.

Ref: DTS/CO

Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Application forms from address No. 2. Please quote appropriate reference.

Where to apply

1. Recruitment Office, 16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon, London NW4 2EN
Tel: 01-202 8282 Ext 2372 (01-202 6602 24 hr ansaphone outside office hours).
2. Application forms from the Assistant Controller (Support Services), Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ.
Tel: 01-446 8511 Ext 4460 (ansaphone during office hours) or Ext 4454
3. Director of Educational Services, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, London N11 3DL
Tel: 01-368 1255
4. Director of Social Services, Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 9HZ
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DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

WORKS SERVICES GROUP

Street Cleansing Section

We urgently require Street Orderlies, Drivers and HGV Drivers to assist in the cleansing of the Borough.
Hours: 39 per week with occasional overtime available.
Pay: STREET ORDERLIES — £109.51 per week. Plus Bonus payment of approx. £30.00.

Ref: DTS/SO

Pay: DRIVERS — £112.11 per week. Plus Bonus payment of approx. £30.00. **Ref:** DTS/D3.
Pay: HGV DRIVERS — £115.77 per week. Plus Bonus payment of approx. £30.00.

Ref: DTS/D4.

Interviews will be held at Summers Lane Depot, Summers Lane, N12 on Thursday 10th December, 1987 at 9.00am.

For further details please contact Mr E. Woodcock, Assistant Manager Cleansing on (01) 361 0013, ext 3115 or 3157. Please quote appropriate reference.

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Laboratory Technician

Christ's College Upper School, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3.

Salary: £4,077—£5,566 per annum inclusive.

Hours: 31¼ per week, 40 weeks per annum.

We are looking for someone from February, 1988, to prepare and set up

demonstration and class experiments, and maintain and clean apparatus.

You will be based in the Physics Department and some knowledge of Physics and laboratory work would be an advantage.

Closing date: 10th December, 1987.

Application forms from address No. 1. Please quote reference 155/232.

Clerical Assistant

Edgware School, Green Lane, Edgware, HA8 8BT

Salary: £4,440—£5,225 per annum inclusive.

Hours: 30 per week, 40 weeks per annum.

Can you type? Are you familiar with simple accounts procedures? Could you operate the switchboard and deal with queries from parents, staff and pupils? If you can, this could be the job for you. Other duties include the distribution of parcels and post and various office duties.

Closing date: 10th December, 1987.

Interested? Please contact address No. 1 for an application form. Please quote reference 159/121.

Welfare Assistant

Deansbrook Junior School, Hale Drive, Mill Hill, NW7.

Salary: £5,641 per annum inclusive.

Hours: 32½ per week, 40 weeks per annum.

You will be required to carry out a wide range of non-teaching duties including assisting the teacher in the classroom, reception of children into the school and

administering First Aid, for which a certificate will be required.

Closing date: 11th December, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 034/511.

Workshop Technician

Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, Finchley, N12.

Salary: Scale 3. £7,689—£8,241 per annum inclusive.

Hours: 36 per week, 52 weeks per annum.

Would you like to work in the new Craft, Design and Technology rooms of this 11-16 age group school? A knowledge of basic electronics/computing as well as a knowledge of practical work in wood and metal would be an advantage. In addition you should be adaptable and willing to develop teacher support materials.

Closing date: 10th December, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 161/311.

Cook

Swaylands School, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 8AU.

We are looking for a bright and enthusiastic Cook to work at Swaylands Residential School.

Rate of Pay: £2.70 per hour, plus shift allowance for weekend working (under review).

Hours: 39 per week, 52 weeks per annum.

You will be expected to cater for approximately 80 pupils plus 30 staff daily, together

with the catering needs of a number of visiting residential study courses throughout the year.

You must be adaptable, prepared to work shifts and enjoy working with young people. A knowledge of kitchen management, menu planning and stock control is essential.

Tenancy of a 3-bedroomed cottage is available with this post.

Closing date: 10th December, 1987.

Application forms available from the Headteacher, Mr K. P. Hyde, Swaylands Residential School, telephone Penshurst (0892) 870 200. Please quote reference ADM/S/ SWAYLANDS.

Where to apply

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Community Programme Agency Manager

£12,894 per annum inclusive. London NW4.

The London Borough of Barnet is a Managing Agent for the MSC's Community Programme, and is looking for someone with the skills and experience to manage its 240 place scheme. Currently, the central administration team consists of 17 posts, but plans are being considered for future expansion.

You should have:

- ☐ Excellent communication skills;
- ☐ The ability and enthusiasm to "sell" the scheme and your ideas;
- ☐ Highly developed administrative skills;
- ☐ A commitment to helping

the long-term unemployed. Normal Community Programme eligibility conditions may be waived. This post is funded by the MSC, and a fixed-term contract of two years will be offered initially.

Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

For further particulars and an application form, contact address No. 1. Please quote reference CPDM.

BOROUGH TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Senior Rating Assistant

Salary: Scale 6/SO1.
£10,704—£12,547 per annum inclusive. (£10,929—£12,813 from 1.2.1988).

You should have sound rating experience and preferably hold full or part qualification of the Rating & Valuation Association. Assistance with study for recognised

qualification is available and encouraged. In accordance with the Council's Promotion policy, a salary within grade PO1 (£13,257—£14,244) can be paid to the holder off the full certificate of the RVA examinations.

Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 601/209.

General Assistant

Salary: Scale 2/3. £6,963—£8,241 per annum inclusive. (£7,134—£8,412 from 1.2.1988).

You will be based in a busy section of the Treasurer's Department located at Hendon Town Hall. You should be numerate and accurate with the ability to work to deadlines. Experience of the use of computer terminals would be an advantage.

Closing date:
10th December, 1987.

Application forms available from address No. 1. Please quote reference 601/64.

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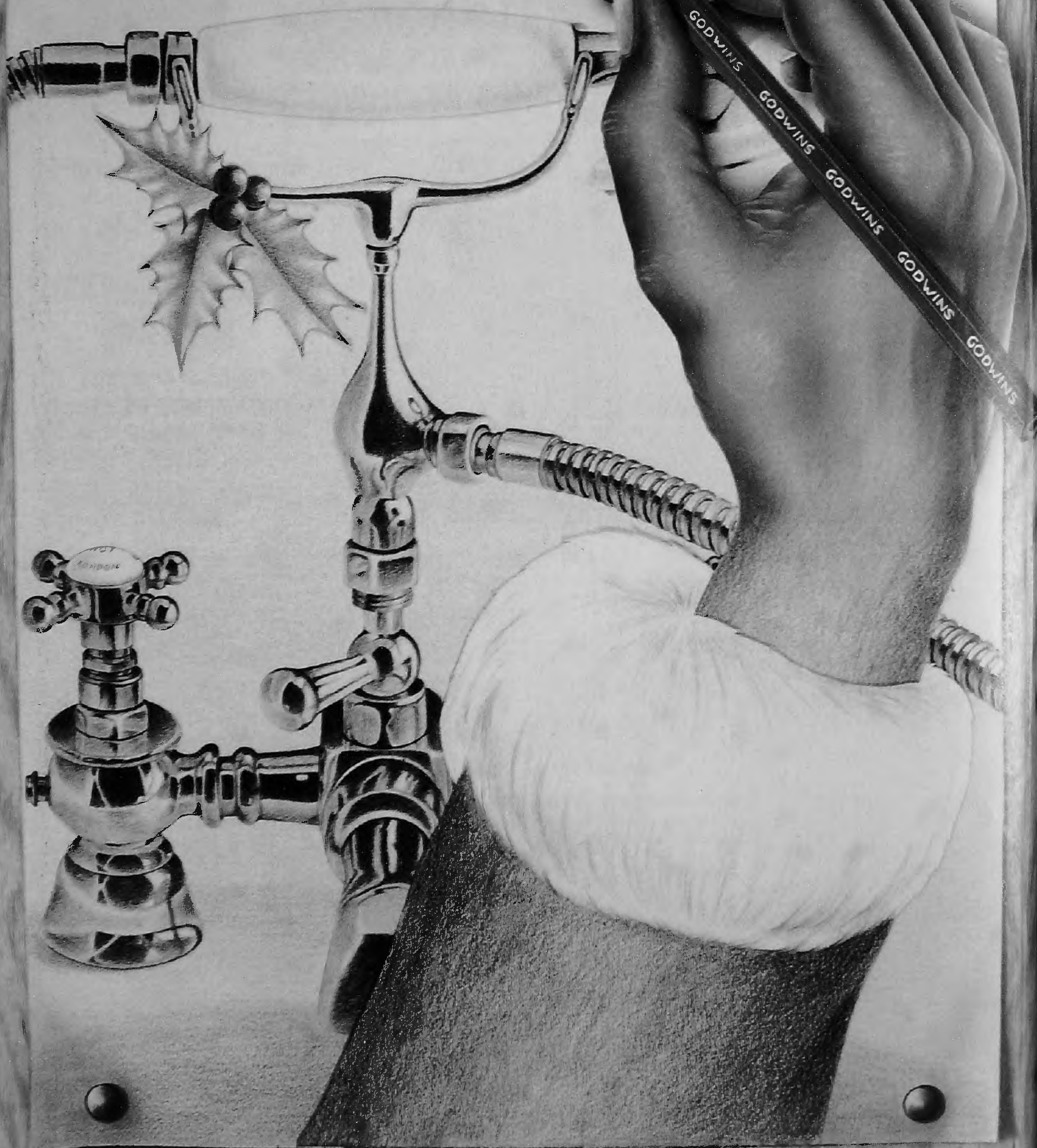
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