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LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

CIVIC NEWS

BOROUGH'S RATE SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

The Barnet London Borough Council at its meeting on March 16 approved the levy of the following rates which are shown for information with corresponding figures for 1969-70.

The rate for domestic properties will therefore, be increased by 9d.; mixed properties by 11d., and all other properties by 1s.2d.

	1969-70	1970-71
	s. d. s. d.	s. d. s. d.
Domestic properties	10 3 11 0	
Mixed properties where they are mainly residential but partly used for other purposes	10 11 11 10	
All other properties	11 6 12 8	

For domestic ratepayers this will mean a rise over four years of 10d.; in 1967-68 they paid 10s.2d., in 1968-69 they received a reduction of 1d. to 10s.1d., and in 1969-70 the rate was 10s.3d.

The rate for 1970-71 has been recommended after appropriating the sum of £796,360 (8.8d.) from balances. In 1969-70 the appropriation was £899,925 (10d.) from balances.

If the increase of 1s.2d. in the standard rate, 3.7d. is attributable to the Precepting Authorities; i.e., 2.2d. to the Greater London Council (or 1.7d. if account is taken to the ½d. supplementary precept issued last year which this Council took from balances) and 1.5d. to the Metropolitan Police.

It is estimated that the Council's expenditure will rise by approximately £2 million next year (equivalent to a rate of approximately 1s.11d.) over that in 1969-70 and this is accounted for as follows:—

	s. d. s. d.
(i) Revenue expenditure (including loan charges) arising from Capital schemes:	
Commenced or completed in 1969-70	2
To be commenced in 1970-71	2
	4
(ii) Developments in services charged direct to revenue and mainly caused by increases in demand, e.g., number of schoolchildren	3
(iii) Increases in salaries and wages due to negotiated pay rises	11
(iv) Other increased costs on existing services (excluding labour costs) including price rises, increased interest rates and additional contingency provision for future increases in costs	5
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The Council expects to receive in 1970-71, however, an additional grant amounting to £1,193,200 from the Government which is equivalent to a rate of 1s.1d. This is a block grant and is payable in respect of services generally on a formula which is intended to reflect the needs of the authority.

Capital expenditure for 1970-71 is £10½ million, of which £6 million is for housing, and this includes the starting of the main part of the Grahame Park Development on the former Hendon Aerodrome.

Looking back at the past year reference should perhaps be made to the heavy impact of pay rises which have been rather more substantial than in previous years; that to manual workers following the withdrawal of labour by refuse collectors represented an average increase of about 14% and cost the Council for the seven months that it was in operation about £350,000. It is hoped that some relief may be obtained during next year from a slight drop in long term interest rates, although in the

context of our total expenditure the effect will be comparatively small.

The commencement of the development at Grahame Park involving substantial expenditure on the various services this Council has to provide on this estate, will mean a steadily increasing burden —although this will not reach its peak until the following year 1971-72.

The requirements of the various authorities in 1970-71 are:—

	1970-71 Amount £	1970-71 Equivalent Rate in £ s. d.
London Borough of Barnet	10,343,640	9 6.1
Greater London Council	2,789,300	2 6.8
Metropolitan Police	1,440,540	1 3.9
	14,573,480	13 4.8
Less appropriation from balances (London Borough of Barnet)	796,360	8.8
	13,777,120	12 8.0
Less domestic rate aid grant		1 8.0
		11 0.0

Why some buildings are 'listed'

The "listing" by the Minister of Housing and Local Government of buildings possessing architectural or historic interest was designed to draw the attention of local planning authorities and owners to evidence of past craftsmanship and styles of architecture. This procedure was introduced by the Town and Country Planning Act 1947. Since then development plans indicate groups of buildings of special interest.

The Civic Amenities Act 1967 makes further provision for the protection and improvement of buildings of this type. Its most important feature is the power it gives to local planning authorities to designate parts of their areas for conservation purposes. Conservation areas are defined as "areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance."

Ministry circular 53/67 draws attention to the fact that there can be no standard description of a conservation area. It may be large or small from whole town centres to squares, terraces, or smaller groups of buildings. Listed buildings will often be the focus of conservation areas but this is not essential. Pleasant groups of other buildings, trees, open spaces or an historic street pattern or even items of archaeological interest may contribute to the special character of the area.

The designation of an area is only the preliminary to action to be taken by the local planning authority and owners for the enhancement of its character and appearance. A positive approach adopted at an early stage would ensure that the spirit of the Civic Amenities Act is achieved. The Act provides that where an application for planning permission is made and the proposal would affect the character or appearance of a conservation area, press notice must be given so that during the succeeding twenty-one days members of the public can inspect the plans and make representations. These will be taken into account



Vincetts Butchers Shop, Hammers Lane, one of the buildings in the Conservation Area.

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Meet three more members **BEWARE OF THESE 'OFFICIALS'**



Councillor N. J. Sapsted

Councillor Sapsted lives in Whetstone, is married and has two sons.

A former Mayor of the then Finchley Borough Council during 1962/63, and Deputy Mayor the preceding year, Councillor Sapsted, who is an Office Manager with a firm of Building Contractors, was first elected to that authority in 1950 and served on all its major committees. His period of office continued until 1957; he was re-elected in 1958 and has been a Council member since.

Representing the Finchley Central Ward of the Barnet London Borough Council, Councillor Sapsted serves on the Allotments, Buildings and Town Planning, and Education Committees, in addition to Sub-Committees, and is Chairman of Youth Services Sub-Committee.

Councillor Sapsted is very interested in all forms of international friendship and is a founder member of the Anglo Israel Friendship League and has represented the former Finchley Borough Council in Siegen, Germany, one of the towns with which Barnet has a civic link.

His many varied activities outside Council work include his Vice-Chairmanship of the North London Polio Fellowship and Vice-President Finchley Choral Society; he is Chairman of the Finchley and Friern Barnet Conservative Association, and a founder member of the Council of Christians and Jews. Closely linked with Peter Pan Homes, he is very interested in the welfare of mentally retarded children and of Old People and was responsible for the initiation of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign.

Apart from his interest in music, Councillor Sapsted is interested in the arts and is associated with the Barnet Borough Arts Council. His interest in football has led him to become President of the Finchley Football Supporters' Club.



Councillor D. F. Simons

Councillor Simons has been a resident of Mill Hill for over thirty years. Though now retired, he was a Master Baker in his own local business for twenty-one years.

In 1949 he was elected to represent the Mill Hill Ward on the former Hendon Borough Council and served with that authority until its amalgamation in 1965 with the four other constituent authorities. He was made an Alderman of the former authority in 1961 and served on all its main Committees.

Councillor Simons, who is a bachelor, was Mayor of the Borough of Hendon in 1961/62 and his niece, Miss Jean Winter (now Mrs. Mackridge), was his Mayoress and it was during her year as Mayoress that she met her husband.

In 1964 Councillor Simons was elected to serve on the Barnet London Borough Council for the ward he previously represented and with the reconstitution of the wards was elected to represent the Hale Ward. He has served on the Education Committee, being Chairman of the Further Education Sub-Committee. He is Vice-Chairman of the Estates Committee and also serves on the Allotments, Grahame Park and West Hendon Development Committees. He is Chairman of the Governors of Moat Mount Bilateral Secondary School and is one of the Governors of the Hendon College of Technology, Barnet College of Further Education and the New Managing Bodies of Dollis Junior Mixed and Infants' Schools, Fairway and Courtlands Schools and is Vice-Chairman of the Managing Bodies of Barnfield, Goldbeaters and Woodcroft Junior Mixed and Primary Schools.

Councillor Simons is President of Hendon Girl Guides Association, Chairman of the Managers of the Welsh Harp Youth Sailing Base, a Manager of Alger-



Councillor Mrs. B. M. Franklin

COUNCILLOR Mrs. Franklin was born in Friern Barnet, the grand-daughter of the Victorian novelist, Silas K. Hocking. She was educated at the North London Collegiate School and is married with one daughter. Her husband is engaged on work in the textile trade.

She became a Councillor of the former Barnet Urban District Council in 1955 and was Chairman of that Council in 1962-63. Councillor Mrs. Franklin now represents the Totteridge Ward of the Barnet London Borough Council—where she has lived for 35 years.

Chairman of Governors of Ravenscroft School, Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body of the Queen Elizabeth and Southaw Schools, she is also Chairman of the Governing Body of the Group 1 Primary Schools and Manager of St. Andrew's C. of E. Primary School. Councillor Mrs. Franklin serves on many committees which include, Estates, Health and Welfare, Buildings and Town Planning and General Purposes Committees and she is Chairman of the Northern Division Planning Sub-Committee.

In addition she is the Council Representative on the Totteridge Manor Association, a Trustee and House Committee Chairman of Woodside House Old Ladies' Home, Whetstone, Representative for the London Boroughs Association on the Executive of the Greater London Conference for old people's welfare, Chairman of the Barnet Old People's Welfare Committee, Council Representative on the Jesus Hospital Charity, a founder member of Chipping Barnet Housing Association and a life member and past Chairman of the Totteridge Women's Guild.

Councillor Mrs. Franklin's interests include, travel, music, gardening, sewing, tennis and walking.

BEWARE OF THESE 'OFFICIALS'

In view of the number of frauds committed by persons posing as Local Government or Public Officers, members of the public should note that each Officer of the Barnet London Borough Council who is authorised to make calls or inspect premises within the London Borough, carries a card of authorisation and identification, which is signed by the person concerned and by the Town Clerk. The card also bears a photograph of the Officer in question.

You are advised, therefore, to refuse admittance to your home to any person unable to produce this authority, and immediately to report the matter to the Police.

If you are still suspicious, upon production of an identity card, you are advised to refuse admittance and either—

1. Ring the Town Hall, Hendon—202 8282, extension 19, quoting the number on the card, when the other particulars can be verified, or
2. Require that a request be made in writing for admittance to the property, stating the reasons for which entry is required.

More about Councillor Woodruff

COUNCILLOR P. G. H. Woodruff who was featured in our last issue is Chairman of the Governors of Queen Elizabeth's and Southaw Schools, Vice-Chairman of Barnet College Governors, a member of the Governing Bodies for Ravenscroft School, and the New College Secondary School, Downage, and Elizabeth Allen's School, Barnet, Vice-Chairman of the Managing Body for a group of six primary schools, Correspondent Manager of St. Andrew's School, Totteridge, a member of a Managing Body for another group of seven primary schools, and of St. John's C. of E. School, Friern Barnet, and St. Catherine's R.C. School, Barnet. His other appointments to date include: Chairman of the Barnet and Potters Bar War Pensions Committee, President of the Ravenscroft Association, President of Barnet Amateur Swimming Association, President of the Brookland Players Dramatic Society, and a Trustee of Jesus Hospital Charity, Barnet, and also of Queen Elizabeth Schools' Endowment Fund.

Councillor Woodruff has been a Diocesan Lay Reader in the Diocese of St. Albans and London for 25 years.

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SCHEME TO PRESERVE BARNET'S HERITAGE

before a planning decision is made.

Firstly, it must be decided how far any new development should be permitted. Often the emphasis will be on control rather than prevention so as to ensure that the area remains prosperous. It is most important that every building is designed not in isolation but as part of the larger whole.

Many other positive measures can be adopted. Anything to raise the environmental quality might well stimulate efforts to preserve the good buildings in the area and in this connection local planning authorities are able to help directly in some cases by making grants for essential repairs. They are of course able themselves to take the lead in restoring buildings in their ownership. A few demonstrations of successful restoration or conversion may encourage other owners to follow suit.

SELECTION

Similarly a selection of street furniture of good design may improve the area and if this is accompanied by the removal or modification or strident commercial or traffic signs the whole atmosphere can be changed for the better. Yet further improvements to the environment can be effected by traffic management measures to reduce congestion and introduce off-street parking and pedestrian ways. Finally, tree planting and collective "face lifts" of the kind pioneered by the Civic Trust first of all in Magdalen Street, Norwich, can be embarked upon.

Good public relations is an essential part of any successful operation and the local planning authority will want to consider how best they can set about enlisting the support of their policies.

In Barnet, five conservation areas have been designated. These are Hampstead Garden Suburb, Mill Hill, Totteridge, Monken Hadley, and Wood Street, Chipping Barnet. Following their designation the Council have set up conservation area advisory committees on which are represented local residents' associations, historical and preservation societies, the Town Planning Institute and the Royal Institute of British Architects. These committees are consulted on all development control applications and their observations are made known to the appropriate committees of the Council and are taken into account when the applications are determined. These advisory committees will also be able to give advice on other proposals affecting the areas.

The five areas designated are as follows:—

(1) Hampstead Garden Suburb

The Hampstead Garden Suburb is situated in the north-west quadrant of London to the north of

Hampstead Heath. It was founded in 1907 by Dame Henrietta Barnett to realise a dream cherished through the long years of her residence in Whitechapel of a community of people of all classes and varying levels of income, catering for all age groups and sizes of families, particular provision being made for elderly citizens.

Although originally designed for an area of about 200 acres, the Garden Suburb now comprises approximately 800 acres, with some five thousand houses and a population of the order of fifteen thousand. The Central Square, occupying the highest ground, contains the twin churches, the Free Church and the Church of St. Jude, and to the east is the imposing Institute building. All these buildings, together with the houses in Erskine Hill, North Square, South Square, and Heathgate, were designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, and are included on the Statutory List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest prepared by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 32 of the Town and Country Planning

UNIQUE EXAMPLE

Act 1962. Other houses in Turner Close, Linnell Close, Bigwood Court, and Southwood Court, in the vicinity of Central Square, are also included on the Statutory List. Altogether, throughout the Garden Suburb, a total of three hundred and sixty-four premises are so listed.

Sir Raymond Unwin was responsible for the original plan, the main part of the estate being laid out for residential purposes with strict limitations on density. Many of the roads are in the form of broad avenues with vistas on to the two churches and the Institute in Central Square. Others comprise small closes which present a sense of enclosure and intimacy. Many fine trees and shrubs line the roads and the estate generally presents an air of serenity.

The Hampstead Garden Suburb presents a unique example of planned estate development whose general character should be preserved. The combined area of Hampstead-Highgate - Hampstead Garden Suburb is shown in the Greater London Development Plan as an area of special character.

(2) Monken Hadley

Situated in the most northerly part of the Borough and centred on the ancient fifteenth century Church of St. Mary, this area includes Hadley Green and part of the Common. It is essentially rural in character, still retaining its village atmosphere with numerous buildings of architectural or historic interest bordering the Green which give a pleasant approach to Hadley Common.

Thirty-four buildings are included on the Statutory List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest prepared by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 32 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962, and twenty further buildings are included on the Supplementary List. The area is of historic interest and the general character should be preserved, particularly the central portion where special consideration should be given.

Adjoining the area to the north is the Potters Bar district in the county of Hertfordshire and the residential area of Hadley Wood in the London Borough of Enfield. This area of Monken Hadley is included in the Greater London Development Plan within an area of special character listed as "North Barnet Area."

(3) Mill Hill Village

Set on The Ridgeway with extensive views to the south over London and to the north across the valley to Totteridge, this area retains much of its village character in the centre of which is the famous public school. Other notable properties include St. Vincent's Convent in the east, and at the western extremity the junior school and St. Mary's Abbey.

The area contains numerous buildings of architectural or historic interest and the Written Statement of the Initial Development Plan for Greater London lists four groups of buildings of special interest, viz:—

Old Forge, etc., Highwood Hill. Sunnyside, Hammers Lane to Post Office Cottage, The Ridgeway.

1-3. Church Cottages, The Ridgeway.

Hillview — Nicoll Almshouses, Milesplit Hill, and south-west side of High Street.

Many fine trees are within the area, some of which are already the subject of Tree Preservation Orders. It is also included within an area of special character shown in the Greater London Development Plan. The area is of historic interest and has great character which should be preserved, particularly the central portion where special consideration should be given.

(4) Totteridge

This area also retains much of its village character in spite of some urbanisation. The Common, maintained by the Trustees of the Manor of Totteridge, fringes both sides of Totteridge Lane from St. Edward's College in the west to Totteridge Green in the east, and includes the "Long Pond" and other smaller roadside ponds, and "The Green", flanked by large houses, with its fine trees and

paths leading to St. Andrew's School and the "Orange Tree" public house.

A number of buildings of architectural or historic interest are within the area, the most important of which is St. Andrew's Church with its unique weatherboard bell tower built around 1790. The general character of the area should be preserved, particularly the old village centre and the area of the Green where special consideration should be given. The whole of the Totteridge area is included within an area of special character shown in the Greater London Development Plan.

(5) Wood Street, Chipping Barnet

This street from the parish church of St. John the Baptist at the junction with High Street, to the Leather Sellers' Almshouses at Union Street, contains several buildings of special character and architectural merit. Within this section are fourteen buildings on the Statutory List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest, prepared by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government under Section 32 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962. In addition, there are four buildings on the Supplementary List.

The street has historic links going back in the case of St. John's Church and Tudor Hall to the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Several other buildings were erected in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. As a contrast to the open and partly rural character of Monken Hadley, which also contains many listed buildings, it is considered that Wood Street, which is closely built-up, is worthy of special attention.

The Town Planning Department of this Council is currently studying the possibilities of enhancement and proposals are being formulated. Consultation with the appropriate advisory committee will take place in due course and when the proposals are agreed the schemes will be published.

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College's rapid expansion over the years

BARNET COLLEGE was born in 1944, as a centre at Oakleigh Park mainly for young trainees of the Standard Telephone Company. Its life has been typical of the ebullient progress in education which has been a feature of the last generation, and today, on the Wood Street site, it is seen as a fine example of the modern college of further education, thousands of students of all ages taking advantage of the facilities offered. The wide range of courses provides for the needs of young people preparing for higher education or careers in industry, for trainees and apprentices, and for the cultural and recreational needs of the local community.

The Wood Street site originally housed The Queen Elizabeth School, but the old buildings have now been demolished, with the exception of the Tudor Hall. This scheduled building—an example of Tudor architecture—has recently been renovated by the London Borough of Barnet; it is used for meetings, lectures and concerts.

Students Enrolled

The College has departments of Adult Education, Art, Business and Social Studies, Engineering, General Studies and Science. In the current session, 500 students have enrolled for full-time courses, 1,000 for day-release courses, 1,000 for part-time day courses and 3,000 for evening courses.

Staff

The full-time teaching staff numbers over 100, and the breadth of subject specialisation can be gathered from the wide range of staff qualifications. There are graduates in biology, chemistry, commerce, economics, English, foreign languages, engineering, history, law, mathematics, medicine, philosophy, psychology, physics, sociology; also there is a wealth of commercial and industrial experience and skill embodied in the staff who are qualified as accountant, artist, barrister-at-law, caterer, chartered engineer, draughtsman-designer, dressmaker, electrical installation engineer, graphic designer, linguist, shorthand-typist and toolmaker.

DEPARTMENTS:

Department of Adult Education

The Department of Adult Education specialises in foreign languages and the domestic arts for both recreational and vocational students.

There is a two-year full-time language course in which French and German (or Russian) are

studied in association with economics, sociology, world affairs and science. Apart from giving students entry to University or C.N.A.A. degree courses, the course aims to give the students the foundation of an understanding of Europe, its life and institutions. The department has on its staff natives from European countries, and it has an excellent language laboratory. A course is provided for primary school teachers in the London Borough of Barnet who are able to have guidance in mastering the teaching and audio-visual aspects of language work, the idea of introducing a language to young children now being well established. English as a foreign language is also provided for about four hundred au pair girls each year.

The department runs a two-year course for nursery nurses which includes three days of practical work in nurseries and nursery schools.

The domestic arts courses organised by the department are some of the most popular in the college. There is a large and extremely well-equipped kitchen for cookery, and two large dress-making rooms equipped with sewing machines, etc. The examination courses for the City and Guilds of London Institute qualifications in the domestic subjects are expanding, with an increase in admission from housewives.

Department of Art

The Department of Art is housed as an annexe of the College in the buildings of the old John Hampden Secondary School at New Barnet; it is hoped that

the Department will move into new, specially designed buildings on the main college site in about two years time. The rapid expansion of the department reflects the national trend in art education. Apart from the full-time Foundation and Environmental Design courses, the department provides day and evening classes in experimental design, pottery, jewellery, woodwork, drawing and painting and photography, these last being mainly of a recreational nature. The staff are well equipped to cover the range of subjects offered. Most have given their own exhibitions or carried out commissions, and there are practising industrial designers, graphic designers and

display designers, as well as craftsmen.

Department of Business and Social Studies

The Department covers a wide range of subjects suited to those interested or involved in the business world.

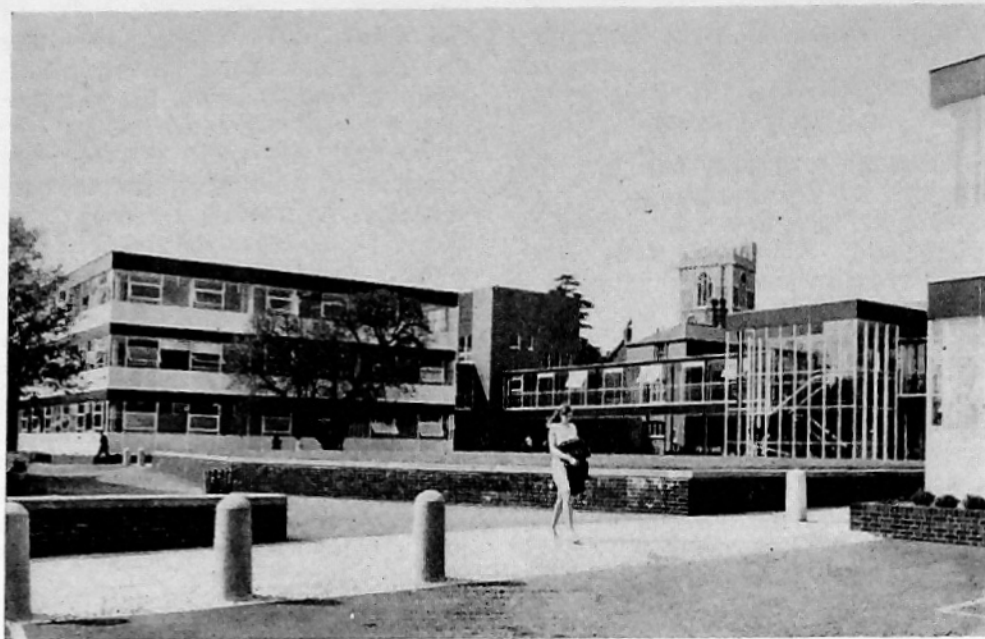
Full-time G.C.E. 'A' level courses are offered with options in British Constitution, Economics, English, French, Geography and History, for those intending to go to University or teacher-training college, or start careers in the professional fields in business or social service, including the Civil Service. Also there are part-time day, day-release and evening courses which lead to qualifications concerned with local government, professional institutions and company secretaryship.

From time to time special courses are arranged in co-operation with the Borough of Barnet in order to help the administrative staff of the Borough. Part-time day courses are arranged for housewives who aim to qualify for entry into teaching or University, or just wish to keep abreast with education in general—or even undertake to master fresh skills.

Department of Engineering

Technological progress has necessitated the reorganisation of engineering education and training. The Industrial Training Act stimulated industry in its approach to training, and new training techniques have been developed. There are also new ideas concerning

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A view of Barnet College



Students enjoying lunch in the spacious refectory

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examining, and the future pattern of engineering education can by no means be said to be settled.

The staff of the Department of Engineering have all had responsible industrial experience and are well-qualified to meet the challenges which the new ideas bring. The main work is concerned with day-release courses which are generally classified into three groups—National Certificate courses, technician courses and craft courses. Students over the age of 16 are released from employment to attend the college one day each week. Within these schemes apprentices, trainees and others can study for qualifications at technician or craft level in electrical engineering and electronics, mechanical engineering and production engineering. There is also a one-year full-time off-the-job training course—approved by the Engineering Training Board—for apprentices and trainees. Specialist evening short courses are arranged for such subjects as electronics, transistor and logic circuits, plastic materials, car maintenance for owner drivers. Secondary school teachers are able to attend a special course for workshop experience.

Department of General Studies

Many of the cultural subjects

offered by the college are arranged by the Department of General Studies, which is also concerned with sociological and managerial subjects and physical education.

The department will, in the 1970/71 session, be offering a two-year full-time course aiming at G.C.E. 'A' level achievements for those who wish to enter management, social work or teaching. There will be short courses for such subjects as law, drama, effective speaking, efficient reading, creative writing, film appreciation, sociology, modern poetry and musical appreciation. It will be possible for those who propose to study with the Open University to attend introductory courses in the department.

In the physical education sector, courses for teachers and coaches of badminton, fencing, trampoline and volley ball will be available. There will also be introductory recreational courses in these subjects.

Department of Science and Mathematics

The tremendous growth in scientific knowledge has had its impact on science education. The department has six laboratories, splendidly equipped for biology, chemistry, physics and computer

work. There is an on-line link with a large computer housed in central London; by this means the college has access to a comprehensive range of computer programmes, and the students are able to develop their own programmes and obtain answers from the computer by teleprinter.

Science full-time G.C.E. 'A' level courses cover options for mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry and biology. A close liaison is maintained with local industrial research laboratories; there is a day-release course for the Ordinary National Certificate in Science, and an animal technicians' course arranged in collaboration with the National Institute of Medical Research, Mill Hill. Provision is also made for the City and Guilds of London Institute's Science Laboratory Technicians' Course for those em-

ployed in educational and kindred institutions. The department has organised a course for serving teachers in the Borough who wish to study for the Diploma in Mathematics, attendance involving one half day and one evening per week. A wide range of evening courses is offered in the science and mathematical subjects.

Participation on Offer

This sketch of the departments illustrates the wide range of educational opportunities in further education which are available in the northern area of the London Borough of Barnet. The college is poised to face the challenge of the 70s. The facilities offered, in terms of buildings, equipment and staff, are first class. The citizens of the Borough are invited to participate—invited to expand their intellectual ideas, their interests and their skills.

STORY AND SONG TIME FOR THESE UNDER-FIVES

Children at North Finchley Library listening to stories and songs by the Children's Librarian, Mrs. Ginny Tucker.

Story times for under-fives at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N.12, is on Wednesday afternoons, and at East Finchley Library, High Road, N.2 (also with Mrs. Tucker), on Thursdays, both at 2.45 p.m. All young children are welcome.

Other libraries in the Borough have story time on different afternoons, and details may be obtained from the library concerned.



STATEMENT SHOWING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT AND WHERE IT WILL COME FROM IN 1970/71 IN RESPECT OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

1969/70	1970/71
£	£
% of Total	% of Total
11,602,150	12,978,330
2,935,850	3,438,560
2,481,880	2,446,678
1,274,450	1,356,455
824,680	926,780
729,240	781,650
558,330	651,578
562,190	625,440
311,690	338,000
270,380	282,651
270,000	271,800
254,470	275,160
142,050	160,127
1,192,270	1,774,411
£23,409,630	£26,307,620
100%	100%

NOTE The figures relating to expenditure may alternatively be expressed subjectively as follows:

£	£	% of Total
Employees		
Salaries—		
3,347,600	Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Staff ...	3,632,200
4,502,660	Teaching Staff ...	5,006,100
7,850,260		8,638,300
3,150,000	Wages ...	3,465,000
11,000,260		12,103,300
		46
Loan Charges		
739,550	Principal ...	933,090
2,649,410	Interest ...	3,219,690
3,388,960		4,152,780
		16
Other Expenses		
9,020,410	Payments for materials and services including contingency provision for pay increases ...	10,051,540
£23,409,630		£26,307,620
		100%

1969/70			1970/71	
£	% of Total		£	% of Total
3,822,265		Rents and other charges for services	4,587,565	
2,637,290		Reimbursements by public and local authorities	2,552,345	
<hr/> 6,459,555	27		<hr/> 7,139,910	27
		<i>Government Grants</i>		
6,906,510		Rate Support Grant	8,099,710	
510,000		Housing Subsidies	618,000	
88,140		Other	106,360	
<hr/> 7,504,650	32		<hr/> 8,824,070	33
		Balance to be met from rates, the General Rate Fund balance and the Domestic Rate Aid Grant	10,343,640	40
<hr/> £23,409,630	100%		<hr/> £26,307,620	100%

1969/70	1970/71
£ s. d.	£ s. d.
9,445,425	10,343,640
2,578,500	2,789,300
1,296,000	1,440,540
13,319,925	14,573,480
	13 4.8
899,925	796,360
	8.8
12,420,000	13,777,120
988,460	1,326,790
£11,431,540	£12,450,330
	11 0.0

New Borough Children's Officer



BARNET London Borough Council has appointed Mr. John Norman as the new Borough Children's Officer, in succession to Mr. Kenneth Brill who became General Secretary of the British Association of Social Work towards the end of last year.

Aged 43, Mr. Norman was formerly deputy to Mr. Brill at Barnet, joining the London Borough at its inception in April, 1965.

He saw service for three years with the Royal Navy on destroyers towards the end of the last war.

Before moving to Barnet, Mr. Norman was Area Children's Officer in the Enfield and Edmonton district of the former Middlesex County Council. He was also actively concerned with the Family Service Unit for three years in East London and served on the Management Committee.

He joined the child care profession 21 years ago. He has been a house master at an approved school for boys and during his career gained a diploma in social science and a Home Office certificate in child care, both at the London School of Economics.

Mr. Norman, who lives with his wife, also a former child care officer with Middlesex County Council, and two sons aged five and eight, at Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, is an expert swimmer and was a member of the London School of Economics' water polo team.

His hobbies include children's short story writing and gardening.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A register is maintained in the Town Clerk's Department of all known local organisations, to which reference is often made to satisfy the many enquiries received from residents wishing to take part in their own hobby, sport or entertainment.

There are 700 local organisations in the register, although it is felt that in a London Borough as large as Barnet there may be many more.

Reply-cards to amend details contained in the register are sent to secretaries of local organisations, and it is requested that Honorary Secretaries of organisations which are not recorded, should inform the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Hendon, London, N.W.4. (Ref. Information).

House that dates back to 1795

CORNWALL HOUSE, Cornwall Avenue, Finchley, is described by the Minister of Housing and Local Government in his list of Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest as a late Georgian building of two storeys constructed of rendered brickwork with a slated roof. When the house was built by John Yew Griffiths in 1795, the site extended from Ballards Lane (then called Barrows Lane) to Nether Street (then spelt Neather) and from Lovers Walk to what is now Wentworth Close. The

land originally formed part of a croft owned in the fourteenth century by a brewer named Peters.

Within the remaining garden of the property is the original well and evidence of some stable buildings. Legend has it that an underground passage joined Cornwall House and Sellers Hall which used to stand in Nether Street, but it is more likely that this was no more than a brick conduit. Barnet College of Further Education—



Children's Playground BELLE VUE ESTATE, N.W.4

THE BELLE VUE ESTATE

THIS development comprises 382 dwellings of mixed family accommodation in blocks varying from three to 16 storeys in height. The work was commenced originally under the former Hendon Borough Council and recently completed by the London Borough of Barnet Council. The area lies between Bell Lane and Victoria Road with the Bell Lane school on the eastern boundary.

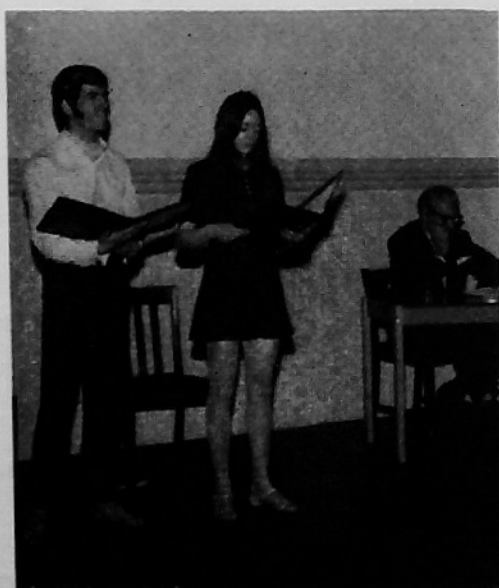
After completion of the dwellings the Housing Committee gave authority for a scheme to be prepared by the Borough Architect to provide a Children's Playground at an overall cost of £4,600. Competitive tenders were obtained and the lowest, that submitted by Towns-Wadey and Co. Ltd., amounting to £4,290, was accepted.

Construction has now been com-

pleted and the equipment is in use.

The play area is on a sloping site with a central break in level bridged by a ramp and slide. Equipment, including swings, merry-go-round, see-saw, horizontal ladder and crawling tunnels, has been installed. There is also a ball area and hopscotch pitch. Fencing has been erected around the perimeter adjoining the existing footpath and car park.

AROUND READERS IN SESSION



Two of the "Around Readers"—Richard Fenton and Elizabeth Long—taking part in the programme of "Poetry for All" which was held at Hendon Central Library, on Thursday, March 12th, in connection with Children's Book Week. The programme was introduced by John Le Mesurier.

PAYMENT OF RATES

Particulars of when, where and how rates may be paid are shown on the back of all rate demands. For the convenience of residents, these details are set out for information:

PAYMENT OF RATES (OTHERWISE THAN BY POST) MAY BE MADE AS UNDER:—

1. AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:—
 - (a) On Mondays to Thursdays from 9.15 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and on Fridays from 9.15 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Town Hall, The Burroughs, N.W.4.
Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet.
Council Offices, Station Road, New Barnet.
Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11.
 - (b) On Mondays from 9.15 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. and on Tuesdays to Fridays from 9.15 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hall, 331 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N.3.
2. BY CREDIT TRANSFER at any branch of the Clearing Banks by completing the slip attached. If paid through a branch other than that at which the ratepayer has an account a nominal fee will be charged. If payment is made through a Bank the account will not be regarded as paid until the amount is credited to the Council's bank account.
3. THROUGH THE LONDON TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK. For details apply to the local manager.
4. THROUGH THE NATIONAL GIRO.

The Council's account number is:— 5162114. It is essential that, in addition to the Council's account number, your rate reference number, as shown on this demand, together with your name and address, is quoted on all National Giro transfer forms as payment orders.

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non Road Youth Sports Centre and of the Canada Villa Youth Club.

Club. Councillor Simons takes a great interest in old people and is Chairman of the Trustees of the Nicholl's and Daniel's Almshouses.

Councillor Simons is Chairman of the League of Friends of Colindale Hospital.

As President of the Mill Hill Horticultural Society and a member of several other gardening societies, he is naturally a keen gardener. His main interest in this line is fruit growing and he enters produce, with some measure of success, in local shows. His other great interest is fishing, and he is a member of the Long Life Angling Society and the London Anglers' Association.

Children's Book Week Winners

All schools in the London Borough of Barnet were invited to take part in a competition as part of the Children's Book Week held at Hendon Central Library from March 9 to 13, 1970.

The subject of the competition was a short story to be written about the characters in any one of a selected list of books. The competition was judged in three age groups, with a different list of books for each group, and a separate class for infants asked for a picture-story about the characters from any book.

Twenty-three schools sent a total of 127 entries and the standard of many of these was very high. Winnie the Pooh was easily the most popular character for whom new adventures were imagined, many of them very amusing. Other popular choices were the Mole and Toad from *The Wind in the Willows*, Paddington Bear, Little Old Mrs. Pepperpot, Jennings and Black Beauty.

The winning entries are as follows:—

INFANTS

Joint 1st: Araminta Crace, Woodridge School; Martin Dunne, St. Agnes School.

Commended: Kevin Rock, John Prendegast, St. Agnes School; Mark Fairey, St. Mary's N.3 School; Lorraine Fieldman, Colindale School.

GROUP A (Lower Juniors)

1st: Ruth Manners; 2nd: Deborah Silver, Deansbrook School.

Commended: Elaine King, St. Theresa's School; Paula Brady, Littlegrove School.

GROUP B (Upper Juniors)

1st: Usha Goswami, Colindale School; 2nd: Margaret Shields, Garden Suburb School.

Commended: Paul Amsterdam, Julia Bisson, Deansbrook School; Ruth Metzger, Rosh Pinah School; Gillian Apps, All Saint's N.20 School; Nicola Spong, Dollisfield School.

GROUP C (Secondary)

1st: Kevin Hemmings, Woodhouse Grammar School.

Commended: Jane Fensome, Woodhouse Grammar School.

Book tokens were presented to the prize-winners by various children's authors during the course of Book Week talks at Hendon Central Library. Book Week is organised by the Council's Library Services Department.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

You are invited to attend meetings of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet to be held at the Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 1970.

Copies of Committee Reports are available in all public libraries before the Council Meeting takes place, and for members of the public, attending the meetings of the Council.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETS IN JULY

YOU are invited to attend the meeting of the Education Committee to be held at the Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4, on Wednesday, July 1, 1970.

The chairman of this committee is Ald. J. L. Freedman.

DIARY OF EVENTS

A publication giving details of forthcoming events in the London Borough of Barnet at which the public may attend, is issued fortnightly and is obtainable at any Council Office or Public Library in the London Borough.

ART SOCIETIES SHOW THEIR WORK

Two local art societies will exhibit members' work at the North and East Finchley Libraries, during the next two months.

The fourth annual exhibition of the TOTTERIDGE ART GROUP is now open at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N.12, where it will run until Saturday, April 18th. It will re-open at East Finchley Library on Wednesday, April 22nd and run until May 16th.

The Totteridge Art Group has grown considerably since its formation a few years ago. Meetings are held on alternate Thursday afternoons at the Dollisfield Hut, Hill Crescent, N.20, and lectures, demonstrations and painting outings are also held frequently.

New members are welcome and further details may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Phil Robertson, of 34 Eversleigh Road, New Barnet.

The FINCHLEY ART SOCIETY will show a selection of members' works in their Spring

Exhibition, which will be opened by The Worshipful Mayor, Councillor V. H. Usher, on Wednesday evening, April 29th, at North Finchley Library. The exhibition will remain open until Friday, May 15th.

This Society, which was established soon after the end of the war and now has over 100 members, holds meetings twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, when instruction is available. The Society also arranges frequent lectures, demonstrations, and a series of painting outings during the summer. Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. D'Arcy, 67 Cissbury Ring South, N.12.

Both these exhibitions, to which admission is free, will be open from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

'Don't feed grey squirrels' appeal

Barnet London Borough Council appeals to towns-people not to feed grey squirrels, in an effort to safeguard property and plants and shrubs in gardens.

Whilst some ratepayers believe that squirrels add a touch of naturalness to their surroundings, grey squirrels are designated a pest. Out in the open country they do serious damage to young trees in tree plantations.

They are not of public health significance, but in this London Borough they have been known to take young plants and fruits, to bite and scratch the hand that feeds them, to take insulation

from pipes and roof spaces to make their nest in the loft, to gnaw roof timbers and lead pipes.

Whilst no legal responsibility is placed on the Council to deal with this pest or nuisance, the Council do provide some assistance to those who are worried about the activities of squirrels on their property, by hiring out squirrel cage traps. The Council will collect any animals caught and arrange for their humane destruction.

Advice can also be given on proofing roof spaces against re-infestation, by contacting the following:

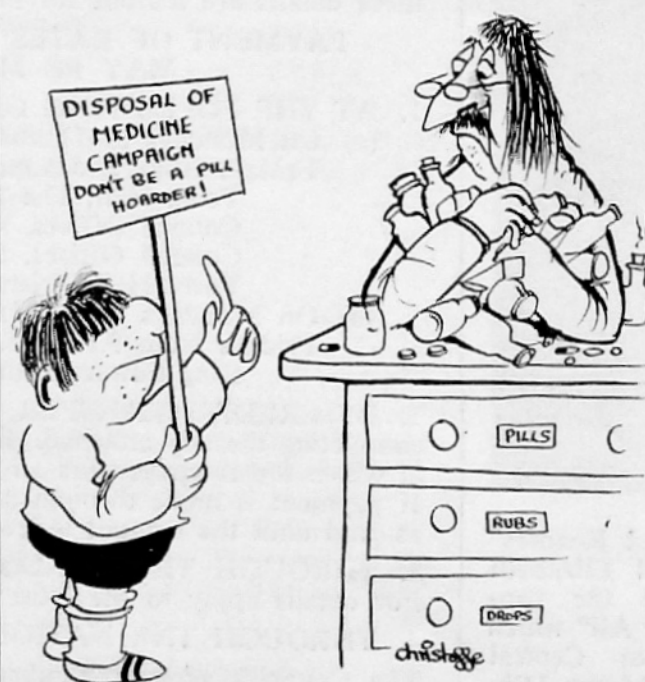
Public Health Inspectors (for Barnet, East Barnet and Friern Barnet), Church Farm, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. Telephone: 368 1116/7.

Public Health Inspectors (for Finchley, including N.12, Friern Barnet N.10 area only, Golders Green and Hampstead Garden Suburb), Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, N.3. Telephone: 349 9121.

Public Health Inspectors (for Hendon, Mill Hill, West Hendon, Burnt Oak and Colindale), Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware. Telephone: 952 7722.

Home Safety Tip

HOME SAFETY SAM SAYS:



Are you a miser?

Do you hoard old medicines?

- ◆ Keep medicines and pills locked away from children.
- ◆ Flush old tablets down the toilet.
- ◆ Tip old medicines away.
- ◆ Never treat yourself with "unknown" pills.
- ◆ Remember pills that cure can also kill!

Take his Tip