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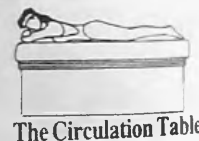
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Community Charge for 1991/92

On Monday 25 February Barnet Council's Policy and Resources committee recommended a Community Charge of £387.00 for residents. This was approved by the full Council on 7 March.

Speaking at the full council meeting, Cllr Leslie Pym, Barnet Council's Leader, commented that the budget represents a prudent and responsible balance between meeting the needs of service recipients, and Barnet Council's duty and responsibility to have regard to the taxation consequences of expenditure on services.

For the year 1991/92 Barnet Council's own spending needs are estimated at just under £193 million.

Five key sums of money go to make up the Community Charge:

1. Barnet Council's own needs £192,941,000
2. Metropolitan Police precept £27,604,790
3. London Fire and Civil Defence Authority £9,822,990
4. Government grant £71,594,580
5. Barnet's share of national non-domestic rates £77,896,900.

When these global figures are broken down to make up the personal community charge for Barnet's 223,087 chargepayers, this is how it works:

£ per chargepayer	
London Fire and Civil Defence Authority	44.03
Metropolitan Police	123.74
London Borough of Barnet	864.47
	<u>1032.24</u>
Less:	
Government standard spending grant	320.92
Business rates	349.18
	<u>670.10</u>
Charge before adjustment	362.14
Add:	
Other adjustments	24.86
Total personal Community Charge	<u>387.00</u>

"This budget continues Barnet's practice of constructing good housekeeping budgets which provide value for money", said Cllr Pym. All departments now have to provide councillors with service plans to justify their activities and

provide value for money (see p4).

"It is regrettable that the charge shows an increase above the level of inflation, however, certain factors have led to this increase," explained Cllr Pym.

"Firstly, the council's budget reflects a higher inflation rate covering salaries and prices than that assumed by the Secretary of State for the Environment in the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) settlement. One of the reasons for this is the expense incurred in collecting and administering the charge, particularly in its early years, this has meant extra staffing.

"Secondly, many London boroughs receive a vastly greater RSG per chargepayer. It would seem that Barnet is considered by the Department of the Environment to be a wealthy and affluent borough and suffers accordingly with regard to RSG.

"Thirdly, the portion of society who will not pay its share towards the cost of running the community put up the charge for all law-abiding residents who do pay."

HELP WITH YOUR BILL

Community Charge Benefit

Under Community Charge regulations many local residents qualify for a rebate.

Barnet Council has drawn up a personal and family profile chart to help local chargepayers identify their circumstances and find out if they qualify for benefit (opposite).

Barnet Council has processed 80,000 applications in the current year. All applications are treated in strictest confidence.

If you think you qualify please act quickly as claims are rarely backdated.

Where to apply?

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Chargepayers who are working single parents or receive Invalid Care Allowance should note that the benefit scheme has been improved to

assist them from October 1990. If you fall into these groups and are on low income, it could be worthwhile applying.

Community Charge Reduction Scheme

This scheme replaces the transitional relief scheme introduced in 1990/91 and will apply initially for the years 1991/92 and 1992/93.

Generally those registered adults who lived in a property with a low rateable value in 1989/90 and still reside at the same address will receive assistance with their Community Charge bills. The scheme also applies to the elderly and disabled chargepayers who did not pay rates in 1989/90, and people living in certain sheltered housing schemes.

Eligibility depends upon you being shown in the Community Charge register as at 31 March 1990 and still being resident at the same address.

To qualify for a reduction under the scheme in Barnet from April 1991, a single adult household must have had a rates bill in 1989/90 for less than £210.65 (rateable value

£108) and a household of two or more adults a rates bill of less than £525.30 (rateable value £269).

The calculation of the Community Charge reduction for the elderly and disabled who were not former ratepayers or partners of former (continued on page 4)



Why not use the prepaid form at the back of your Community Charge Information Booklet that comes with your bill to apply, or telephone the number on your bill.

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PAYMENT OF APRIL INSTALMENTS

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PLANNING FOR SERVICE

Barnet Council is meeting the challenge of the 90s thanks to a new policy introduced this year. In planning this, departments were asked to cost the authority's legal requirements and then the level of service with an eye to value for money and a quality of life for residents.

This formed the basis of Barnet Council's budget for 1991/92 which will be financed largely through the Community Charge.

The idea behind the proposals,

called service plans, is to make the council more accountable to councillors, and hence to you, the public, requiring the authority to justify its activities. All staff will have targets based on these on which they will be evaluated at the end of each financial year.

Amongst the proposals are: Technical Services staff have been preparing for the introduction of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 with its code of practice for litter clearance.

Accelerated

A programme of refurbishing the council-owned 48 children's playgrounds under the Plan for Play policy has been accelerated. The launch of Barnet Council's Trees for Life campaign has added to the programme of maintaining the 'greenness' of the boroughs streets and 112 parks and open spaces.

As agents for the Department of Transport, a major programme of road improvements is underway and an £800,000 lighting improvement scheme is being carried out boroughwide.

The planning group is working towards formal adoption of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP)

aimed at producing a balanced pattern of development in the borough. Barnet Council, which is the sixth busiest planning authority in the country, is the first local authority to produce a UDP.

Challenge

Community Services faces the challenge of new legislation involving children and community care.

The welfare of children is always of paramount importance and targets include ensuring that parents of children in care have a partnership relationship with the council and all day and residential care facilities offer the best possible service in line with regulations and the latest good practice guidelines.

A three year housing investment programme of £30 million of major improvements has been approved and work on major schemes including Grahame Park, Colindale, is underway.

Barnet Council continues to aim to maximise nomination rights on Housing Association schemes.

Changes in legislation have had a significant impact on Environmental and Consumer

Services, including the new Food Safety Act which gives greater powers to demand higher standards from over 1,700 food premises in the borough.

Popularity

Plans for the Education Service take account of the rise in the birth rate and the popularity of Barnet's schools, the latter being partly due to the continued excellent exam results in the borough.

More school places will be provided both at primary and secondary level and implementation of both the National Curriculum and the successful delivery of Local Management of Schools and Colleges continues.

Information Centre

In line with Barnet Council's policy of keeping the public informed about the authority's activities, an information centre is being built in the foyer of The Town Hall, Hendon, and, under the guidance of the Marketing and Public Relations Unit, improvements are planned for reception facilities in other council offices

HELP continued

ratepayers does not follow the above criteria. The provisions in the new scheme are similar to those in the former transitional relief scheme in relation to those chargepayers.

Reductions have been afforded automatically on your bill where Barnet Council is aware of the appropriate circumstances.

If your bill for 1991/92 does not include any Community Charge reduction but you consider that you might qualify in accordance with the above terms please apply immediately.

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Council leader stands down

Councillor Leslie Pym, Leader of Barnet Council, has advised the Conservative majority Group that he would be standing down as Leader of the Council at the end of this municipal year.

Leslie Pym, 63, has been Leader for 15 years; this is the longest serving Council Leader in London.

He has lived in the Hendon area for nearly the whole of his life. He attended local schools in the area, Goldbeaters Infants and Junior School and then obtained a scholarship to Hendon School. He has always been active in the community, having been involved in voluntary youth work and raising funds for charities for many years.

Prior to his retirement nearly five years ago he worked for Barclays Bank for 43 years, finishing his service as a Senior Branch Manager of Hampstead and then Enfield Branches.

He is currently Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Leslie Pym said: "I have endeavoured during my 15 years to lay the foundation for a positive borough council, with the emphasis on good services and good housekeeping for residents. Barnet Council has recently undertaken a major review of its management structure and



style, and I am sure this will serve my successor well and enable the new Leader to continue the progress of this authority in a forward-looking manner."

He is Deputy Chairman of the London Boroughs Association and an active member of the A.M.A. Police Committee.

●Councillor Pym has been nominated to be Barnet Council's Mayor for the forthcoming year. The nomination will go forward to the Council's Annual Meeting on 7 May.

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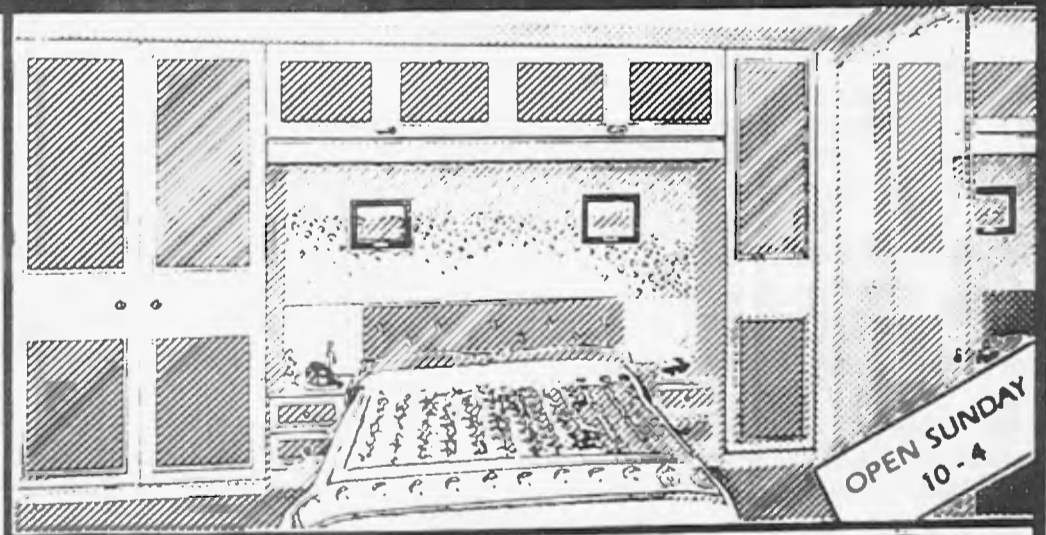
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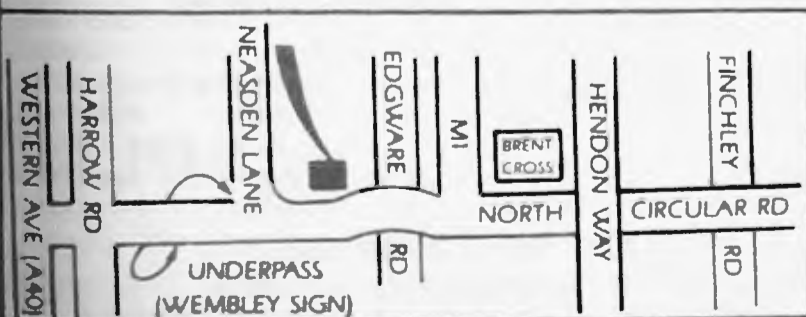


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Residents from Childs Hill battled through blizzard conditions to a public meeting called by Barnet Council on Tuesday, 12 February and delivered a resounding "No" to draft proposals from the Local Government Boundary Commission to move them into neighbouring Camden.

There was standing room only at St Agnes' school hall, Gillingham Road, NW2, when about 150 people braved the wintry weather to voice their opposition to the draft proposals which would shift more than 1,600 people together with shops and businesses out of the Borough of Barnet and into Camden.

The roads affected by the draft proposals are: Ash Grove, Oak Grove, Yew Grove, Elm Grove, Besant Road, Besant Close, 114-168 Cricklewood Broadway, 2-132 Cricklewood Lane, Galsworthy Road, Horton Avenue, Howard Close, Lichfield Road, Marnham Avenue and Westcroft Way.

Barnet Council will fight the move but Chief Executive, Max Caller, told residents: "Barnet Council felt it absolutely essential you should be aware of these proposals and given the opportunity to ask questions and put your views."

At the close of the meeting residents who

had written objections deposited them in a collection box.

Barnet Council announced on 13 February that there were 44 written protests collected and these would be forwarded to the Boundary Commission together with a note of the tenor of the meeting in time for the deadline of 1 March 1991.

However, the London Borough of Barnet will change its shape if the Secretary of State for the Environment approves final proposals from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, relating to Barnet's borders with the Boroughs of Harrow and Hertsmere and the County of Hertfordshire.

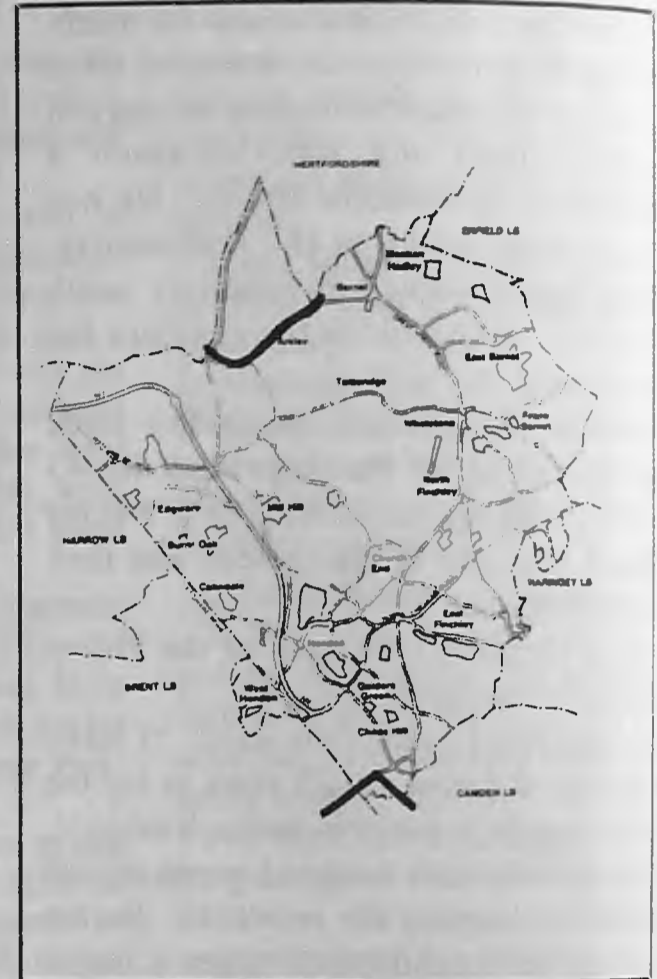
In the first of its reports on London boundaries sent to Chris Patten at the end of January the Commission's recommendations will move the pointed tip at the northern end of the Borough of Barnet into Hertsmere.

It now falls to the Secretary of State, if he thinks fit, to make an order implementing the proposals not earlier than six weeks from the day the Commission's final recommendations were submitted to him.

Barnet Council's Policy and Resources Committee is to make strong representations to the Secretary of State endorsing a preliminary objection lodged by the Chief Executive.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England began its review of Greater London, the London Boroughs and the City of London in April 1987. This is the first review of the London Boroughs since their formation in 1965.

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East Barnet Ward: Cllr Olwen Evans (Conservative) available first Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet. Contact Cllr Jim Anani 445 3872 or Cllr John Perry 368 4368 for personal appointment.

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Totteridge Ward: Contact Conservative councillors Joan Levinson 368 3298, Victor Lyon 446 4423 and Victor Usher 445 4248.

Labour councillors second Saturday of month, 10.30-11.30am, 104 East Barnet Rd, New Barnet.

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Finchley Ward: Contact Conservative councillors Eva Greenspan 203 1598, Barbara Langstone 445 5443 or Leslie Sussman 346 6775. Eva Greenspan available first Friday of month, 10.30am-noon at 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

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Garden Suburb, Golders Green and Hendon Wards: Conservative councillors, first Saturday of month, 202 7484.

Childs Hill Ward: Liberal Democrat councillors second Tuesday of month, 7-8pm, Garth Hall Community Centre, Mortimer Close, Granville Rd, NW2 or phone councillors Jack Cohen 445 3981, Monroe Palmer 455 5140 or Brian Stone 450 0762.

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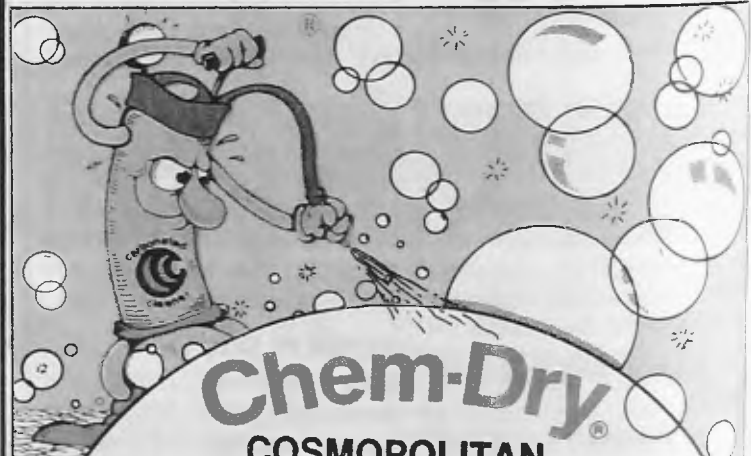
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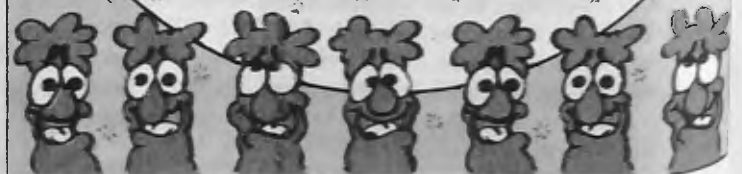
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New library entered for award

Barnet Council's new library at Chipping Barnet is to be entered for the Civic Trust Awards 1991.

Tom Jeffrey, Barnet Council's Controller of Development Services said: "Chipping Barnet library designed by the council's architectural and building practice has a striking and innovative design and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to submit it for a Civic Trust award."

"The success of this project demonstrates the high quality of design of which the practice is capable and I am optimistic about our chances of success in the awards."

The awards are intended to stimulate interest in the appearance of the cities, towns, villages and countryside. It is hoped they will create a greater awareness of the importance of environmental design,

including architecture and landscape design. Last year's awards were presented to projects in the shire counties of Britain. This year it is the turn of Britain's major towns and cities.

In 1987 Barnet was commended for its development at Thackeray Close, Tarling Road, East Finchley.



A striking and innovative design.

Samuel peeps at the books!

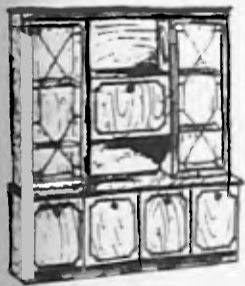
Famous diarist Samuel Pepys took time out to sample one of the wide selection of books at Chipping Barnet library during a special open day on Wednesday, 27 February.

Mr Pepys, alias Robin Perkins from Potters Bar, was joined by a young friend, three-year-old Rabia Malik of The Avenue, Barnet, who had also gone along to enjoy the wide variety of activities on offer at the library.

The Open Day was proclaimed "a great success" by Colin Page, the Acting Controller of Libraries and Arts, who said: "Everybody seemed to have a thoroughly good time, the library was always bustling with people enjoying the wide variety of activities on offer."

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Hazel's three word plan for Whitefield

Barnet Council's Whitefield school has a new headteacher: from 1 April in Hazel Taylor (above) who is looking forward to the challenge of running a great school with an even greater potential.

An example of the existing feeling at the school came recently when the fourth form pupils followed up the annual party that they organise for senior citizens by making a special 100th birthday party for one of the ladies (pictured below).

Nellie Ives is in fact the great, great grandmother of a current pupil, Robert Taylor. The huge birthday cake was donated by a student from Hendon College.

For Hazel Taylor this is a good example of the need for people to think caringly as well as creatively. She wants the school to continue to provide high standards in all areas.

There are opportunities to learn about business and the latest technology.

The school will develop existing links with the local business community to ensure that the curriculum develops the skills that will be needed by citizens of the 21st century.

However Hazel also wants to ensure that the school meets the needs of all pupils and the wider community.

She wants physically handicapped and bi-lingual pupils to share in success to enrich the whole school.

"Three words sum up Whitefield for me: opportunity; achievement; community. We will be

Educational achievements praised – an open letter from the Director of Educational Services

I would like to take advantage of the second edition of "Barnet News" to pass on a special and very sincere message of congratulations from the Education Committee to all the young people in our schools and colleges who took external examinations last summer and to the parents and others who encouraged and supported them.

In January Barnet Council's education sub-committees received a report on the GCSE and GCE advanced level results from last year's round of examinations. Although the national league tables are yet to be finalised, the excellent results from Barnet's schools and colleges are expected once again to put the Borough amongst the very best in the country.

This is no isolated achievement. Throughout the period 1982 to 1988, the percentages of young people in Barnet gaining 5 or more GCSEs at A - C level and those passing one or more A levels improved consistently, and Barnet was, by some distance, the best performing local authority in Greater London.

Results for the period 1989 to 1990 have been no less spectacular. Pupils in Barnet Council's schools and colleges generally do very well in examinations, particularly at the higher grades. They gain more GCSEs, are more likely to stay on at school or college and are more likely to gain the two or more A levels required for university or polytechnic entry than pupils in most other local authorities.

But Barnet's schools and colleges are not just for high fliers. There is clear evidence that youngsters in Barnet do well in examinations across the whole ability range, and there are other measures of success too, such as those being achieved in our nursery and primary schools and on the achievement project (TVEI) and those now being recorded on our Barnet Primary Record and our Barnet Record of Achievement.

In discussing the report, Barnet councillors made special mention of the firm foundations laid in our schools and colleges under the Barnet curriculum excellent and often exciting work being done there which provide the solid basis for later achievement. They resolved to pass on a message of congratulations, not just to pupils, students, teachers and lecturers, but also to the parents and others who supported and encouraged the youngsters in their efforts.

Cllr Anthony Antoniou, Chairman of the Schools and General Sub-Committee said: "By any standards Barnet is an exceptionally successful education authority and our thanks should go to all our dedicated staff, parents and students".

"The administrative staff and teachers create the atmosphere and provide the backing for the students who, with substantial support from their families, worked very hard to achieve these excellent results".

In Barnet, we look upon education as a continuous process from pre-school to post-16 and beyond and we see the provision of a basic education of the highest quality as an entitlement for all our young people. Despite external pressures on the education service we continue to speak, with some pride, of the Barnet 'family' of schools and colleges.

Education, at all levels, is very much a partnership. In Barnet we count ourselves fortunate to enjoy such strong and valuable support from parents and other residents and we know how much this contributes to the Borough's success. It gives me great pleasure to extend the congratulations of Barnet Council's Education Committee not just to pupils and students, but to the parents, governors and other members of the Barnet community who contribute so much to its educational success.

Neil Gill

Neil Gill, Director of Educational Services

making the most of all of them," says Hazel.

Chairman of the governors Cllr Leslie Foster said: "On behalf of my fellow governors, staff and students at Whitefield we welcome Hazel Taylor to Barnet and look forward to a bright future under her leadership.

"I am sure parents of pupils and her colleagues will have the same confidence that we, the governors have, in the future of this excellent school in the south of the borough."



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Left to right: Mary Perry, Head of the Centre; Wenning Meech, Animal Technician; Pauline Harkness, Teacher, and Margaret King, Secretary.

SEVERE WEATHER CHALLENGE

The heavy snowfalls that hit the country during February meant a whole load of extra work for Barnet Council.

The staff at the Denis Bland Environmental Education Centre staggered on through the snowy spell and kept all the centre's livestock in good condition (above).

Barnet Council's winter maintenance team worked 24 hours a day to keep the borough's roads open during the recent chaotic weather.

As part of the battle with the severe snowfalls they covered the borough's roads with over 2,500 tonnes of salt. By Monday 11

February, 12 Barnet Council vehicles plus two from the Department of Transport had salted 90 per cent of all carriageways, working in 12 hour shifts. The team also hand salted at least one pavement in every road in the borough.

As well as salting the borough's roads in order of priority - starting with main roads and then moving to side roads - the team also responded to special calls, clearing the road for an Arkley man to get his wife to hospital and responding to a plea for assistance from an East Barnet doctor who couldn't get his car out of his road.

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HIDE AND SEE

Ornithological enthusiast and TV celebrity Bill Oddie was the guest of honour at the grand opening of a new bird hide on the banks of the Welsh Harp reservoir on Saturday, 2 February.

The hide, which cost £4,500 to install, has been paid for by a grant from the Green Card charitable trust. It will be available for use by school parties and the general public as well as bird watching groups, and contains charts, noticeboards and log books.

The hide is the brainchild of the Welsh Harp Conservation Group which is funded jointly

by Barnet and Brent Councils under the auspices of the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee.

West Hendon ward councillor Tim Sims, chairman of the Joint Consultative Committee, said: "I welcome this initiative which will add to the already considerable benefits of the Welsh Harp and allow greater involvement not only by bird watchers and the general public but also by schools in both Barnet and Brent."

The hide has been built on stilts on the edges of the marsh to give an elevated view of the reservoir.

Cllr Tim Sims joins Bill Oddie at the new hide.



ZONE OF SUCCESS

Despite earlier fears Barnet Council's new Controlled Parking Zone in Chipping Barnet is proving successful. In fact, a study of the scheme by the Department of Transport's Road Research Laboratory has found that the scheme has improved conditions for residents, drivers and pedestrians.

This comes as no surprise to Barnet Council's Robin Hodsdon, Senior Project Engineer, who put a lot of work into first finding out exactly what was needed in Barnet and then using the most up to date technology to achieve it.

The Controlled Parking Zone project followed the building of the Spires Shopping Centre in Barnet which was central to the long term revitalisation of the area. Even before this, many residents were finding it difficult to park outside their own homes and many cars were parked illegally.



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All residents and businesses in the area were asked by Barnet Council, what parking they needed and the available kerbside space was assessed. Results showed that demand for spaces exceeded supply.

The aim is for the scheme to be self-financing while making the most efficient use of what space there is. The priority was to ensure residents could park close to their homes.

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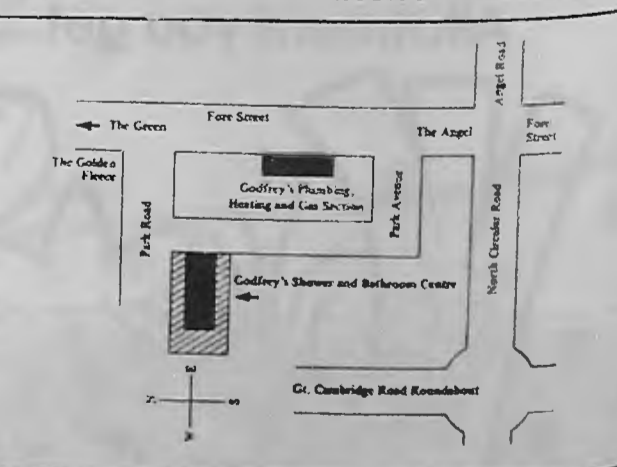
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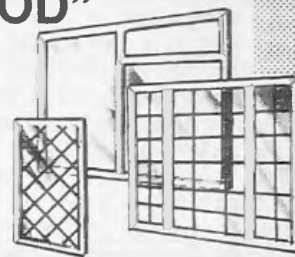
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Dear Editor

This letter is being sent to you on behalf of the Tutor and members of a Current Affairs class at Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7.

The recycling of waste and the collection of paper and bottles is often discussed in the above mentioned class, so we were interested to read in the first issue of Barnet News that the council is introducing paper banks at five sites around the borough.

However, this may not produce the desired income to encourage the council to continue the scheme.

Every household has waste paper - for instance all the free papers - but not every household can get to the paper banks.

It is known that in Perth, Western Australia where wheelie bins have been in use for some years that householders are invited to leave their empty bottles and glass jars in a carrier bag or box and this is collected by bin men and deposited in a container attached to the side of the collection vehicle.

We understand that Switzerland also has a weekly paper collection separate from general waste collection.

Why, therefore, cannot Barnet Council be the fore-runner in collecting waste paper from every household? It should not be too difficult to have a container attached to the collection vehicle and if this proves successful maybe we can see the day when two containers are attached, one for paper and one for glass.

E Rosen and members of the Current Affairs class at Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7.

Barnet Council is continually reviewing how to promote further recycling.

The paper banks in the borough have been established in conjunction with Cheshire Recycling Limited who arrange for the collection and transport of paper from the banks. This company is a subsidiary of Bridgewater Paper Limited who operate the newsprint manufacturing mill in Cheshire where the recycled paper is used.

The waste paper market has always been subject to large fluctuations in demand and prices which in the past have made the long term success of recycling

schemes uncertain. Because the same company both collects and uses the paper from Barnet, the continuity of our scheme is more assured.

In preparing a plan for Barnet the possibilities of increasing Bank sites will be considered including the use of large wheeled bins at locations in the community such as schools etc.

The separate collection of materials from households will also be assessed. Where such systems are already operating in the UK such as at Milton Keynes and Sheffield indications are that these entail considerable cost even after allowing for the income from materials sold.

Bernard King, for Barnet Council's Head of Engineering

Dear Editor

In December 1990 the council completed an extension for me. I enclose a poem I wrote as a token of my appreciation.

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*Thanks to the OT's who worked on my case
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From the beginning with Pat James-

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*Sorry - only a few I can recall
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To those at social services & home improvement grant section

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Mrs Sylvia Davis,

**Southbourne Crescent,
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Baker's dozen rise to the occasion

A baker's dozen of Barnet Council's trail-blazing Sheltered Housing Wardens were joined by councillors and council officers at a special presentation ceremony to mark a national first on Wednesday, 27 February.

The wardens were the first in their profession to win a special National Certificate which is validated by BTec and the Centre for Sheltered Housing Studies.

Pictured at the presentation are, standing left to right, Pat Hunter (Warden), Sue Mitchell (Warden), Ray Janering (Barnet Council's Director of

Community Services), Cllr John Rawles (Chairman of Barnet Council's Housing and Environmental Services Committee), Cllr Malcolm Lester (Deputy Chairman), John Beech (Housing Training Manager), Bill Bailey (Director of The Centre for Sheltered Housing Studies), Pat Hope (Warden), Chris Gregory (Barnet Council Housing Welfare Officer) and Ros Fisher (Warden).

Sitting in the middle row are, left to right, Wardens Soo Hailstone, Teresa Johnson, Anita Todd, Morag Taylor and Bridget Mullen.

While in the front row are, left to right, Wardens, Rose Ardron, Sue Gay, Carol Cox, Rachel Williams, Denise Head and Gina Stevens.

One of the thirteen, Rose Ardron, received extra praise from happy couple 99-year-old Thomas Taynton and his wife 96-year-old Ethel May (Pictured below).

Thomas and Ethel, of Edgware are the oldest living couple in Britain and presented Rose with flowers to thank her for all her care and attention and to congratulate her on her award. Rose (centre) is the Warden at their sheltered housing unit.



ROAD CLOSURES

As a result of British Gas installing a new pipeline, there are road closures in and around Hampstead Garden Suburb from 1 April until October 1991.

● Willifield Way, NW11, between Temple Fortune Hill and Hampstead Way - 2 April for 4-6 weeks.

● Ashbourne Avenue between Finchley Road and Ashbourne Way, 2 April for 8 weeks.

● Ashbourne Avenue between Ashbourne Way and Bridge Lane, 29 April for 4 weeks.

● Willifield Way between Temple Fortune Hill and Asmunds Hill, 3 June for 6 weeks.

● Banned Entry into Hampstead Way from Meadway (northbound), 17 June for 4 weeks.

● Hampstead Way between Meadway and Corringham Road, 17 June for 4 weeks.

● Willifield Way between Asmunds Hill and Hogarth Hill Princes Park Avenue and 26 August for 6 weeks Bridge Lane (all 3 arms of the junction), 22 July for 5-6 weeks.

Editorial

After the launch of *Barnet News* at the end of 1990, Barnet Council conducted a random telephone survey to try and identify the success of the first issue.

The research carried out on a representative cross section of residents across the borough, along with the results of the returned questionnaires from the first issue of *Barnet News*, meant that Barnet Council's Marketing and Public Relations Unit was able to identify the following:

- 86% of the people who received *Barnet News* had their copies delivered.

- Of those who received the magazine:

- 56% found *Barnet News* interesting

- 60% felt that it was informative and useful

- 67% considered it to be professionally presented

When asked to express what they could recollect about the Winter issue general comments included:

"interesting local news"; "neat, sectionalised, good information"; "noticed magazine has changed"; "many adverts"; "improvement on previous....".

Thanks go to everyone who took the time to return their comments on the questionnaire and to all those that took part in the research.

A random telephone survey and a cut-out and return questionnaire are but two ways of trying to measure the success of *Barnet News* and whilst not conclusive, they do show that on the whole *Barnet News* was well received.

If you have any comments about the magazine, or a letter or view you wish to share, please write to: Russell Jones, The Editor, Barnet News, Marketing and Public Relations Unit, The Town Hall, Hendon, London NW4 4BE.

Or leave your letter or message on Barnet Council's Publicity Hotline.

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Left to right: Headmaster, Brian Fletcher; Barnet Mayor, Cllr Roy Shutz; Director of Educational Services, Neil Gill; (far right) Eve Construction Site Manager, Mick Perry).

Christ's College building complete

A new extension to Barnet Council's Christ's College School for boys in East End Road, Finchley, was officially opened by Barnet Council's Mayor, Cllr Roy Shutz, on Tuesday 26 February.

The £3 million new building links the upper school to the lower school on one site providing purpose-built facilities for the 940 boys and 66 members of staff. It includes seven science laboratories, a library, a computer room, a drama studio, a sports hall, a soundproof music room and a sixth form area with kitchen, pool table and private study room.

Plans for the scheme were first unveiled in 1975 and the first stage was completed in 1978 when Christ's College was split between the Hendon Lane and East End Road sites.

Headmaster, Brian Fletcher, said: "The enhanced facilities will greatly enhance the opportunities offered to all boys and encourage more pupils to stay on into the sixth form."

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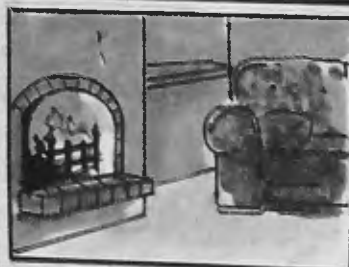
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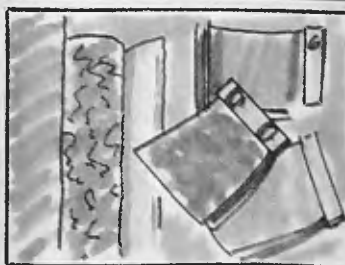
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Barnet Council's Marketing and Public Relations Unit have done it again, this time saving the council nearly £5,000 by arranging for building contractors Watkins Ltd to sponsor new sports clothing for Barnet Council's athletes in the 1991 London Youth Games.

The announcement of the sponsorship package which provides all sports clothing required by the team (expected to be about 300 strong) was made at the official opening of the new Chipping Barnet Library on Saturday 19 January.

The Marketing and Public Relations Unit has recently arranged two other successful sponsorship deals: J Sainsbury funded publicity for the council's new paper recycling scheme, and Mortgage Express of New Barnet are sponsoring the Barnet heats of the Young Consumer of the Year competition, which is being contested by three local secondary schools.

In the London Youth Games last year the London Borough of Barnet took part in 21 out of 33 events in the Youth Games and every team improved its position over the previous year.

Such was the level of performance by



Barnet Council's Mayor, Cllr Roy Shutz, presents tracksuit tops to three of the borough's athletes, watched by Colin Simmonds, managing director of Watkins Ltd.

Barnet's young people that in eleven events, the borough's teams finished in the top ten places.

Barnet Council is now looking for team managers for a number of sports to help the borough enter more events, including angling, diving, skiing, volleyball, showjumping and hockey, this year. The council would also like to hear from would-be competitors who live in the borough.

If you would like to compete or could be a team manager, contact Eric Finestone, Principal Youth Officer, Barnet Council's Educational Service, Friern Barnet Lane, N11 3DL. Tel: 081-368 1255 extn 3305.

TARGETTING TEENAGERS

Barnet Council's Youth Service has undertaken a major review in order to focus more on teenagers.

Until February the Service had a broad community brief, with a priority for 11-18 year olds. Now the priority will be for 13-18 year olds within a target group of 11 to 25 years.

The Youth Service operates 19 youth centres which offer a wide range of opportunities and activities for young people. These range from the social atmosphere of 'The Whalehouse' alcohol free bar at Church Farm, to drama workshops at Finchley Youth Theatre, and from sports activities at four Area Centres to water-based activities at the Welsh Harp Youth Sailing Base.

Five of the centres have recently been altered to cater for people in wheelchairs.

The aims of the Service are to offer not just 'somewhere to keep them off the streets', but to use leisure time to help young people gain personal confidence and social skills. This involves providing social meeting places, challenging opportunities, and a range of trips and visits, in this country and beyond, with the aim of giving young people the chance to be involved in taking decisions, and be more aware of issues which affect them, as well as making friends and having a lot of fun.

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The new 90s woman seems keen to shake off this image, leave her denims in the garden shed and stun the opposite sex with a sleeker, smarter and slightly provocative approach.

Although 15 per cent of women questioned felt that fashion still bowed overly to convention, a massive 75 per cent felt there had been a recent increase in 'black tie' events and 65 per cent enjoyed being able to go to town with their outfit.

The majority of women questioned said they would go for a colourful outfit - 55 per cent felt that the

'little black dress' was no longer the ultimate in evening wear and over 60 per cent felt it was time designers and manufacturers used more exciting fabrics.

Velvet was still voted the favourite fabric, but chiffon, crepe and silk/satin also scored well. Lurex and very glitzy fabrics were particularly popular with sequined fabrics proving a firm favourite with the over-40s.

Separates were viewed as a versatile and flexible evening wear option across the board, although the eternally romantic evening gown scored top marks with just over 55 per cent choosing this option.

The general signs were that women felt more of a need to dress up that they did five years ago, perhaps as a reaction to today's more casual day wear. Whatever the reason, evening wear is very

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He was talking about a group of men in their mid-30s and early 40s, all showing signs of corpulence, with large extended stomachs and stooped shoulders.

Not all of us are mad on sport but that does not mean to say we are unfit; it is not essential to 'pump iron' or jog a mini-marathon every day to keep in reasonably good shape.

Of course diet is part of the

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pattern in a healthy lifestyle, but the general consensus of opinion is no longer in favour of drastic dieting programmes.

Common sense with your eating habits together with advice from your local doctor or from one of the many established health and fitness clinics in the area, will help you shed those extra pounds and start to feel and look better.

Exercise is important in maintaining a healthy body as well as helping you unwind from the pressures of life.

What you do depends on your age; younger people are quite capable of working up a sweat on the squash court but it is advisable that you are fit before you take up this type of activity.

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MAINTAINING A PROFIT

In the second of our series looking at the work of Barnet Council's varied departments, *Barnet News* examines the authority's successful Grounds Maintenance programme.

Barnet Council's Grounds Maintenance Direct Services Organisation (DSO) have not only kept up the appearance and maintenance of all the borough's parks and open spaces but have also seen their income blossom into profits of £93,138 from January to December 1990. This looks set to exceed £115,000 by the end of the financial year.

In line with government laws on competitive tendering, the authority's Grounds Maintenance Services were put out to tender in 1988 and the council's existing Grounds Maintenance team successfully won the four-year contract which started on 1 April 1989.

Mike Swabey, Manager of the DSO, said: "We are fairly unique in London in that we have turned around a profit on the whole range of grounds maintenance services.

Competition

"A lot of other authorities have only tendered 20% and are now facing competition on new tenders from the commercial sector, which is gearing itself up to deal with local authority contracts."

The Barnet Council contract covers the care and maintenance of open spaces, parks and outside sports facilities.

The DSO also does tree work throughout the borough, work at Hendon crematorium and it deals with vandalism and emergencies in parks such as fallen trees and broken pipes.

"We ran training courses to help our people realise the

implications of the tender and then sought their advice on the changes that were needed to ensure that we approached the tender in a rational and business-like manner," said Mike.

Bonus scheme

"The introduction of a target-lead bonus scheme made the DSO more profitable and gave the staff an incentive to make it all work."

Good communications with the staff not only helped win the contract but also meant a smooth introduction to the changes that were needed.

"We have now moved away from static gangs based in the parks, to more mobile groups using the latest machinery," explained Mike.

"Generally we deal with two types of work: cyclical, that is work that needs doing in response to the seasons, and responsive, jobs that arise unexpectedly such as storm-damaged trees or vandalised buildings.

"There are also one-off jobs such as raising the banks at the bowling green in Oak Hill Park to bring it up to international standards."



Upgrading the bowls lawn in Oak Hill Park. Jeff Wales (left) and Stephen Bolton.

"Barnet Council has a dedicated group of professional people working together to serve the council and its customers," said Mike.

Business-like

"I'm very impressed at how the attitude of staff has become more business-like; they now come to me to suggest other work and to point out wastage."

One of Barnet Council's Grounds Maintenance crew is a

man who has seen a lot of changes since starting work for the council.

Leslie Nicholson has worked in grounds maintenance for the last 46 years.

"When I first started everything was done by hand," he said.

"I can remember chaps dragging a huge roller over the bowling green, strapped to the front like mules. Now everything is mechanised."



Mike Swabey, Manager of the DSO - impressed at the change in staff attitude.



Leslie Nicholson - has seen a lot of changes in his 46 years with the council.

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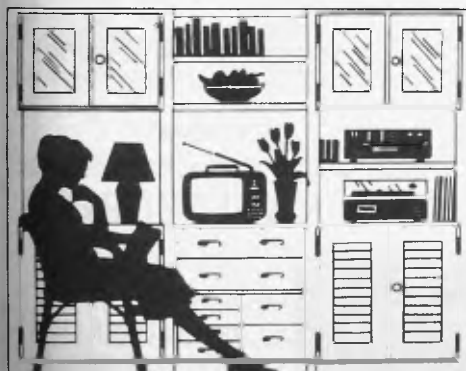


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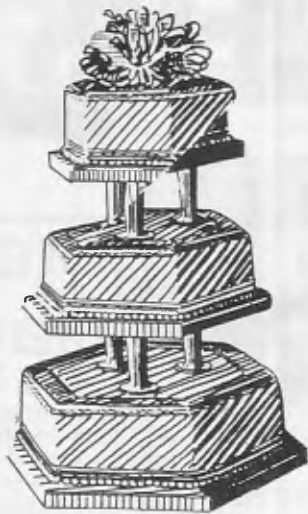
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Lodge Lane car park - close to the junction with the High Road, behind the Torrington PH.

Station Road Edgware - at the High Road end, by the Railway PH and St Margaret's Church.

Bunns Lane car park, Mill Hill - at the Mill Hill end of Bunns Lane.

High Road East Finchley - near the junction with East End Road, by Budgen.

All the paper banks are being emptied at least once a week, with the Lodge Lane one being emptied 3 times a week at the moment! Barnet Council is monitoring the rate of use at all sites frequently, but if you find an overflowing paper bank please call Barnet Council on 081-446 5237 to report it.

BLOOMING GOOD COMPETITIONS

This year Barnet will be blooming even more than usual. For the first time Barnet Council will be helping to nurture London in Bloom - a competition organised by the London Tourist Board in which boroughs compete against each other to see whose residents have the greenest fingers.

Barnet Council is planting seeds in the minds of its residents by organising three qualifying stages of the competition.

The first is open to any Barnet resident and is called "The Porch and Doorstep Competition". Everybody has a front door which could be enhanced with hanging baskets, tubs or other greenery.

For people who live in flats, individual or group entries will be accepted, although this should be clarified on the entry form. The judging will take place in June, one week before the London in Bloom panel comes to the borough, which gives your ideas time to grow to fruition.

The winning entry will receive a trophy to keep and there will be certificates for the winner and five runners-up. These six will then be forwarded to the London in Bloom competition.

The regional judges include the Mayor of Barnet and a representative from Liberty



Life Assurance who are the sponsors of the Porch and Doorstep competition. Liberty Life already have a large office in Station Road, New Barnet, and are shortly opening a new branch in High Street, Barnet.

The second competition is for flower arranging clubs and societies and takes place on 17 April.

Five clubs have been invited to take part and the judging will be at the Town Hall or that date. The sponsors are Elleni Flowers of North Finchley who are giving each club a £40 voucher with which to buy the flowers.

The third competition is open to all public houses in the borough. The aim is for pubs to use plants and flowers to look as attractive to the public as possible.

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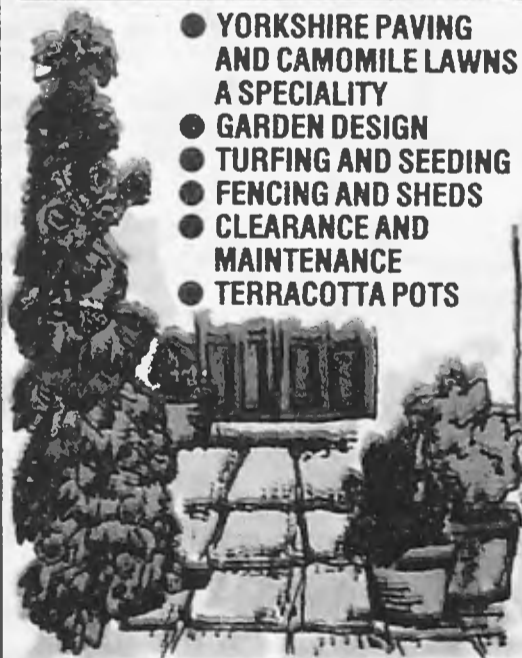
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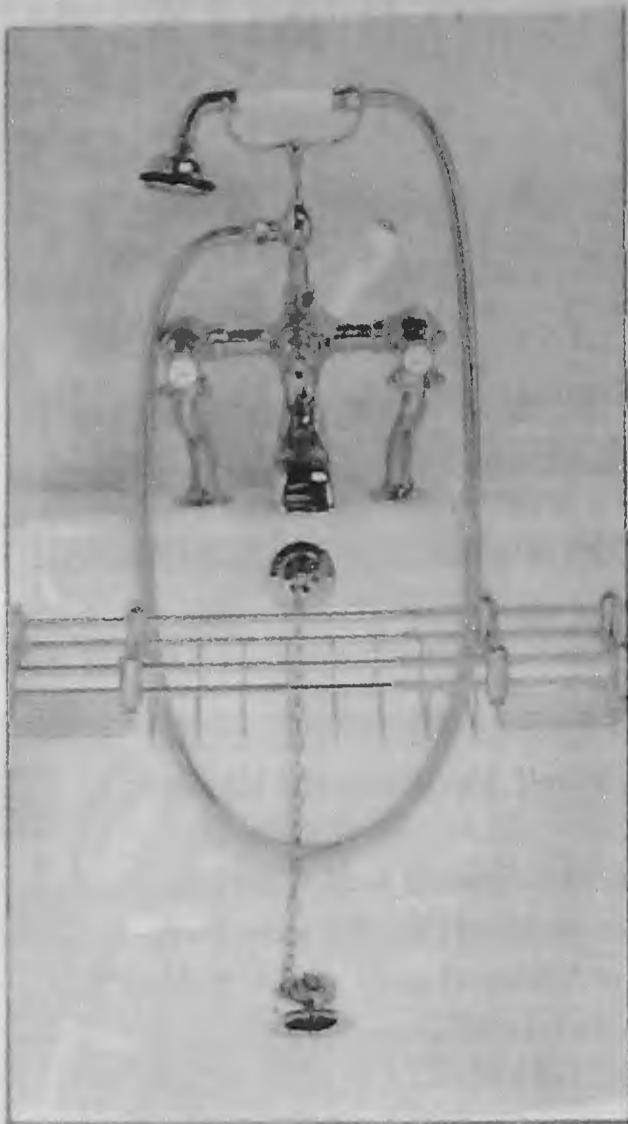
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