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# IS THIS YOU ?

The chart, which is based on the Barnet Council community charge of £247 per chargepayers, is only a guideline as people's circumstances differ greatly.

Net income is all income after deductions for income tax, national insurance and half of any private pensions contribution. You qualify for community charge benefit if your net income is below the guide figure in the column on the right.



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Single person aged 25-59	£64.75	Couple-one of whom is aged 60-74	£133.40
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Single person aged 75-79	£80.30	Couple-one of whom is aged 80 & over	£138.70
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Single parent one child under 11	£96.10	Couple-with one child aged 11-15	£140.20
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Single parent one child 16-17	£106.40		
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For each additional child add a further personal allowance according to age :		Under 11	£13.35
Under 11	£13.35	11-15	£19.75
11-15	£19.75	16-17	£23.65
16-17	£23.65	18	£31.15
18	£31.15		

The above amounts are net of earned income disregards: £5 for a single person; £10 for a couple and £25 for a single parent.

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# REVISIED COMMUNITY CHARGE for 1991/92

BARNET COUNCIL has commenced production of its Community Charge bills for 1991/92 which will of course reflect the provisions of the recent Government changes including the £140 general reduction made in the Government's Budget statement in March 1991.

Although the Government has announced a consultation document concerning the replacement of the current system of Local Government Finance it is clear that the Community Charge will continue until at least 1993 with some experts predicting that it might not be able to be replaced until 1994.

No doubt there has been confusion by the press and television statements that the "poll tax" is to be abolished but the process of replacement, which includes consultation, Government legislation and the computer and administrative capability to cope with

such major changes takes several years to implement. The Government has also stated that there will be no amnesty for residents who have not paid their full contribution of the Community Charge.

As previously stated Barnet Council is committed to rigorous recovery action and defaulters will find that the Council will continue to take enforcement proceedings through the Courts in the interests of the very large majority of chargepayers who have paid their Community Charge in full.

In order to make savings, save chargepayers time and help the environment by saving paper, chargepayers are again requested to please pay instalments by Direct Debit.

## Community Charge Benefit

**U**nder 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 (See opposite page).

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.

## Community Charge Reduction Scheme

This scheme is in addition to the general reduction of £140 provided by the Government through the Community Charges (General Reduction) Act 1991. It replaces the transitional relief scheme introduced in 1990/91 and will apply for 1991/92 only.

Generally eligibility extends to persons shown in the Community Charges Register for Barnet on the 31 March 1991 and who are still resident at the same address. There

must have been a 1989/90 rating charge on the property in which you reside. The amount of the reduction in your charge will depend upon the number of qualifying residents in the household and the former rates payable.

The following table sets out some examples of the relationship between the number of qualifying people in the household and the level of old rates payable below which a reduction in the Personal Community Charge will be granted. This means for example that if there are three qualifying people resident in your household and your rates bill in 1989/90 was less than £637.00 all

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1.....	£ 100.....	195
2.....	226.....	442
3.....	326.....	637
4.....	426.....	832

However, 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.

### PAYMENT OF FIRST INSTALMENT

Please note that chargepayers who pay by instalment booklet method should use the counterfoil on the bottom of their Community Charge bill to pay their first instalment. A payment book with nine counterfoils will follow.

### DIRECT DEBIT

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### PAYMENT AT POST OFFICE

We are pleased to announce for Chargepayers without a Bank or Building Society account, arrangements have been made between Barnet Council and the Post Office so that for a small fee of 25p you can pay your Community Charge locally at any Post Office.

# BONJOUR MONSIEUR *le Mayor*



Picture courtesy of Hendon Times Group

The former Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Roy Shutz, played host to children from Chaville, Barnet's French twin-town, on Thursday 24 April.

School-children from the town, which is six miles from Paris, were shown around the Town Hall and were allowed to try on the ceremonial robes in the Council Chambers', before tea with Cllr Shutz in the Mayor's Parlour.

Accompanying the children was Chaville's secretary of the Twinning Association, Denis Sommereux, who was born in North London and was a pupil at Barnet Council's Finchley Catholic High School. Mr Sommereux left for France in 1949 and was delighted to return to the borough on this visit.

Denis Sommereux enjoying his return to Barnet



Money raised for Gulf War victims in Barnet's twin town of Ramat Gan in Israel was presented to a representative of the Sheeba Hospital at a special reception on Monday 22 April.

The suburb of Tel Aviv bore the brunt of Iraqi Scud missile attacks during the war and The Friends of Ramat Gan teamed up with local newspaper groups to raise money for medical

equipment for the Hospital, which was the biggest unit treating spinal injuries, burns and other serious injuries.

The reception, held at The Town Hall, was attended by former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (above). Barnet Council's past Mayor Cllr Roy Shutz (above left) and Hendon South MP John Marshall.

## MONEY RAISED FOR *Ramat Gan*

## WHY I CHOOSE



"Barnet's 'Homely' feel makes it a good place to live".

William Roberts, who moved from Haringey to Barnet.

## WHAT DO YOU SAY? see p11

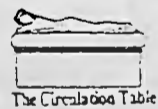
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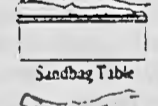
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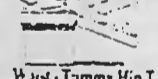
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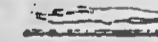
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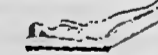
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worth about £4,000 were ripped from the ground, along with the metal cages that were protecting them, at Brook Farm Open Space.

It follows the theft of miniature trees worth about £1,500 from Sturgess Park, off Sturgess Avenue, near Brent Cross shopping centre, overnight between 5 and 6 April.

The uprooting of the trees, which included oak, poplar, willow and wild cherry, planted between the footpath and cyclepath at Brook Farm, was discovered by police who were walking through the park.

Barnet Council's Senior Arboricultural Officer, Stan Cook (pictured left) said: "We are going to plant the trees again and we are hoping that, thanks to the wet weather, they may survive.

"We had made a beautiful avenue of native trees, whoever uprooted them must have gone to an enormous amount of effort.

"I would like to appeal to anyone who sees anything suspicious like this to either contact Barnet Police or get in touch with me at Barnet House on 081-446 8511 ext 4490," said Mr Cook.

If you would like to help put this tragedy right Barnet Council have a variety of tree sponsorship schemes available. 'Trees for Life' has an option to suit every pocket - for more details call 081-202 8282 ext 2670 or write to 'Trees for Life', Barnet Council, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG.

Photo by Jackie Kimani

## MORE TREES Uprooted

Barnet Council's tree planting programme received a second setback this month when vandals uprooted over two dozen newly planted trees and dumped them in a brook in Whetstone.

The attack happened in the early hours of Wednesday 1 May when 28 trees

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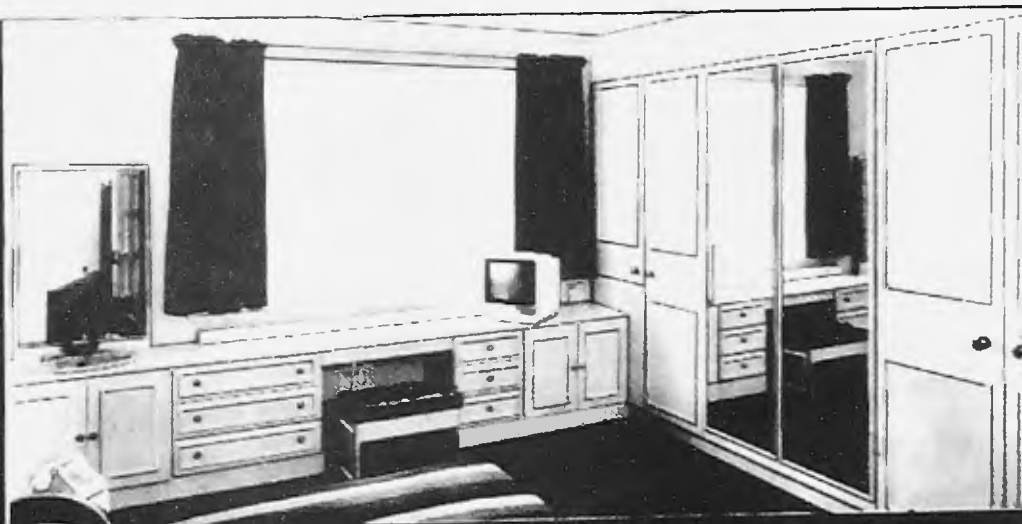
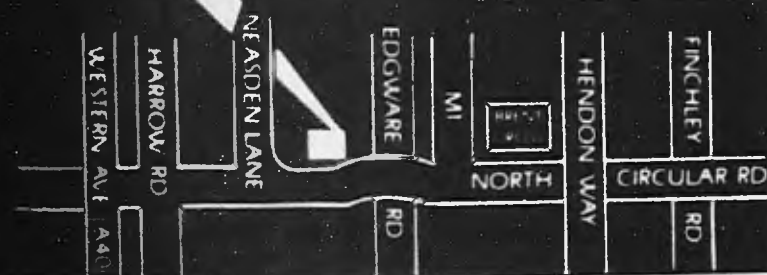
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**Y**oung consumer experts from Barnet Council's Ravenscroft School beat off stiff competition to win the Greater London Finals of the Young Consumer of the Year Competition and take a ticket to Rotterdam for the National Grand Final in July.

Deputy head teacher and team coach Mary Karaolis said: "I'm very proud of our team which has won both the Barnet and the London-wide competition."

### here we come

The winning team of Russell Chandler (16), Marc Brumwell (17), Natasha Litchmore (17) and Neemesh Purohit (16), backed by reserve Stephen Ptohopoulos (17), won a cliff hanging conclusion to the contest, taking the trophy by three points, having gone into the final round behind teams from Havering, Redbridge and Barking.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**B**arnet Council's college at Wood Street Barnet held a European breakfast seminar on Monday 22 April to launch a Further and Higher Education week to encourage more people back into education.

The launch included a presentation from Pauline Green, MEP for North London, who stressed the opportunities that the 1992 single market will bring.

Throughout the week Barnet

College held open days to show the opportunities available and displayed student work.

Meanwhile Hendon College held roadshows in Broad Walk Shopping Centre in Burnt Oak to advertise the week. Opened by celebrity star gazer Russell Grant, the week included displays of catering, hairdressing, pottery, stained glass making and other activities which can be studied at the college.

'Return and Retraining Days' at both colleges encouraged hundreds of people to visit the college to see what further education could offer them.

(L to R) David Braddock, Vice Principal of Barnet College, Pauline Green, MEP for North London and Neil Gill, Barnet Council's Director of Educational Services



## WHY I CHOOSE



"Year after year, Barnet Council proves that it's best for our children's education".

Violet Jackson, who has lived all her life in the Woodhouse ward.

## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

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Advice surgery with a Labour councillor second Saturday of month, 10.30-11.30am, 104 East Barnet Rd, New Barnet.

**Brunswick Park Ward:** Conservative councillors available second Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, Monkfrith Boys' Club hall, Osidge Lane, N14.

**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.

**Hadley Ward:** Conservative councillors Gillian Bull, Liz Mammatt and Ashley Newman available third Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, 163 High St, Barnet.

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

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Conservative councillors, first Saturday of month, 10.30am-noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3 or phone as above.

**East Finchley Ward:** Labour councillors every Saturday, 10-11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, N2.

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

**Friern Barnet Ward:** Contact Conservative councillors Chris Platford 368 6817, Brian Salinger 368 1329, John Tiplady 445 5734.

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**Woodhouse Ward:** Labour councillors Stan Cross, Mike Harris and Dennis Reed, every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, The Education Offices (formerly known as Friern Barnet Town Hall), Friern Barnet Lane, N11.

## HENDON NORTH

John Gorst, MP, by appointment, 959 1446 or via constituency office, Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill.

**Edgware, Hale and Mill Hill Wards:** Conservative councillors, constituency office, alternate Mondays by appointment 959 1446.

**Burnt Oak Ward:** Contact Labour councillors Gerald Shamash, 458 2679, Alan Williams 906 0576. Also every Saturday, 10.30am-noon, Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak, 952 5771 (24hr message line).

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## HENDON SOUTH

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

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

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**West Hendon Ward:** Labour councillors second Saturday of month, 11am, West Hendon Youth Club, 4A Park Rd, NW4 by appointment, contact councillors Doreen Neall 202 9927, Tim Sims 071-734 8080 or Agnes Slocombe 202 4074.

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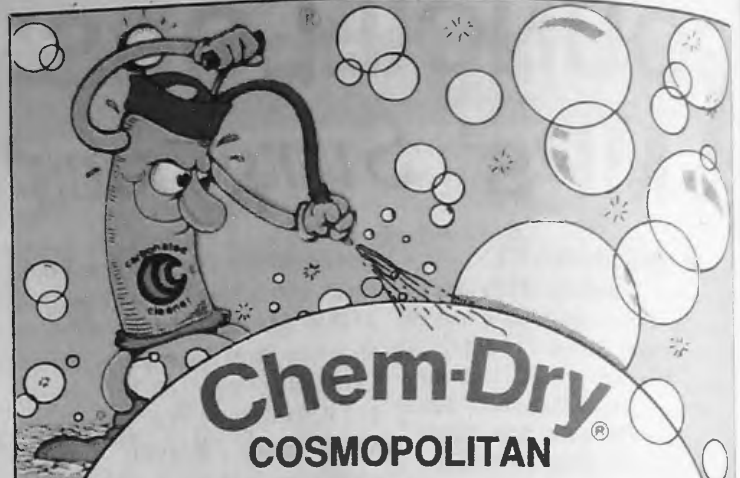
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## BARNET BURSTS

*into bloom*

The first Barnet In Bloom competition involving floral art societies in the borough brought a burst of colour to The Town Hall, Hendon, on Thursday 18 April when four societies competed to represent Barnet at the London in Bloom competition in September.

Elleni Flowers.

The winners were Mari Aldred and Elizabeth Gaskell-Taylor from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Floral Arrangement Society and the runners-up were John Hooker and Vanessa Knill from the Friern Barnet Floral Art Club.

All the floral arrangements created for the competition were admired by guests at the Mayor's Charity Ball held at the RAF Museum, Hendon, that evening.

Judges were the former Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Roy Shutz; Betty Stockwell of the National Association for Flower Arranging Societies; Nitsa Mitchell and Mandy Francis from sponsors.



## NEW INFORMATION centre

Visitors to Barnet Council's Town Hall in Hendon over the last few months will have noticed the continuous comings and goings of builders from our contractors, Birchwell Ltd, as they create a new information centre.

Due to be opened in May by

Barnet Council's new Mayor, Cllr Leslie Pym, The Town Hall Information Centre will give borough residents and visitors information on all spheres of Barnet Council activities.

## WHY I CHOOSE



"The way Barnet is handling the campaign against the Boundary Review is a credit to the council and its staff."

Mr and Mrs Pottenger who have lived in Friern Barnet for over 60 years.

**WHAT DO YOU SAY?**  
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# BATTLE FOR

## BARNET'S BORDERS

The lives of some 10,000 people in the borough have been disrupted by draft and final proposals from the Local Government Boundary Commission to alter Barnet's boundaries with neighbouring authorities.

In the first quarter of this year:

●Residents of Childs Hill battled through blizzard conditions to a public meeting called by Barnet Council where they said "No" to draft proposals published on 24 January, to move 1,600 people, together with shops and businesses, into Camden.

●At the end of January the Boundary Commission submitted the first set of final proposals to the Secretary of State for the Environment, recommending an area shown on a map as the pointed tip at the northern end of the Borough of Barnet, move into Hertsmere.

●Early last month new draft proposals put forward a move to shift 5,400 people and 90 businesses in South Friern from Barnet into Haringey. Barnet Council again arranged a public meeting and almost 900 people packed a marquee in the grounds of Coppetts Wood JMI School, Coppetts Road, N10 on

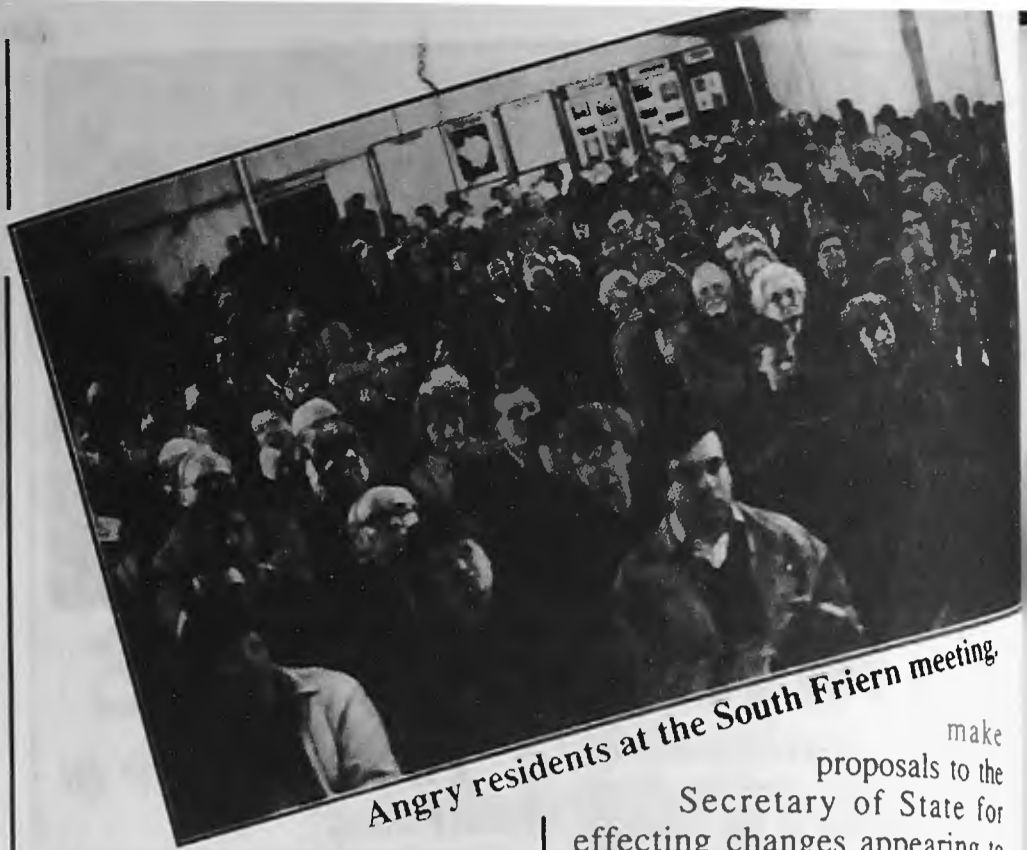
Tuesday 23 April 1991 to give a unanimous thumbs-down to the Commission suggestion.

●On 23 April 1991 Barnet Council heard that representations made in October/November 1990 on draft proposals by the Boundary Commission to move some residents and businesses out of Barnet into Enfield had been lost. A new consultation period on those draft proposals has been arranged with a closing date of 1 July 1991.

### Vigorous protest

When told last month of the loss of a "substantial number" of responses to the draft proposals relating to the Barnet/Enfield border, the Leader of the Council, Cllr Leslie Pym said: "I would hope the Boundary Commission will now tighten up on procedure to ensure that each and every representation forwarded to them will be safeguarded in future.

"The people of the Borough of



Angry residents at the South Friern meeting.

Barnet and Barnet Council take a serious view of these proposals which are turning up piecemeal from the Boundary Commission.

"In the light of what seems to be the majority opinion that all the people currently living or having a business in the Borough of Barnet wish to remain in this borough, we can only vigorously protest to the Commission about each and every proposal," he added.

Barnet has now received proposals on four out of the five boundary reviews which were expected following the setting up of the Local Government Boundary Commission in 1987.

The Department of Environment guidelines set out the Commission's brief as: "To

make proposals to the Secretary of State for effecting changes appearing to the Commission desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government."

This is the basis on which Barnet Council is strongly opposing all the Commission's proposals for its borders with neighbouring authorities.

The South Friern draft proposal was apparently drawn up by the Boundary Commission on the basis of a suggestion from one unidentified person who may not even live in the area.

In Childs Hill the Commission's draft proposal appeared to be based on a suggestion from a committee of two people, again unidentified, who may not live in the area concerned.

Barnet Council's Chief Executive, Max Caller said: "None of the draft proposals or the final proposal put forward by the Boundary Commission to date are, in the view of this authority, in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

"Historically and currently this authority is willing and able to provide services to people in all these areas. Barnet Council will continue to oppose these moves but we need the support of residents and business people to enable the Boundary Commission to be convinced that there is no justification for these proposals.

"Individual views do count and Barnet Council continues to ask people in these affected areas to write to the Boundary Commission."

## WHY DO PEOPLE CHOOSE TO LIVE

The Boundary Commission for England and Wales is currently reviewing the shape of the London Borough of Barnet and thousands of residents throughout the borough are protesting at the changes proposed by the Commission.

Public meetings organised by Barnet Council in the areas under threat have been attended by thousands of residents horrified at the thought of losing their Barnet residency and ending up in one of the neighbouring boroughs.

Why is this? What makes people fight to want to live in Barnet?

We've highlighted some of the reasons given to us by residents and their testimonies are sprinkled throughout the pages of this magazine.

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On the next page is a simple questionnaire for you to fill in to register your views on why you live in Barnet. Just cut out the questionnaire and return it to the address shown for your views to count.

Or you can leave your comments on Barnet Council's Publicity Hotline. Just phone 081-202 8282 ext 2325 and leave a message on the answering machine (9am-5pm Mon-Fri).

## WHY I CHOOSE



"South Friern has had links with Barnet since the days of Queen Victoria. Let's tell the Boundary Commission that we are NOT AMUSED."

John Grey (Schoolboy)

WHAT DO YOU SAY?  
see p11

# THE BARNET SURVEY

PLEASE TICK IN THE BOXES WHERE APPROPRIATE

Do you Live  Live & Work  Work  In Barnet

Which part of Barnet do you live in?

Which part of Barnet do you work in?

How would you rate Barnet as a place:

	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good
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For sports & recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which aspects of Barnet do you enjoy the most?  
(Tick as many boxes as you like)

Leisure facilities   
Parks & open spaces   
Environment

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Shopping

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The cash incentive scheme is designed to help tenants buy properties on the open market and in doing so free homes for families on the list.

Brenda is pictured handing over the keys to her flat to the Housing Committee Chairman Cllr John Rawles who has also welcomed the scheme.

Cllr Rawles said: "The scheme is a very good idea: it releases good accommodation and gives tenants, who would not otherwise be able to, a chance to buy their own home."

Brenda said: "I am very pleased, I had been trying all ways to move but it is this scheme that has enabled me to do so."

"The housing department was very helpful."

**H**appy Brenda Thompson has become the first Barnet Council tenant to take advantage of an exciting new cash incentive scheme introduced to free housing stock for reletting. Brenda, who has lived in Tyrrel Way, West Hendon, for the last five years, is moving to the wilds of Whitby thanks to a Barnet Council grant offered to give her the chance to buy her own home.

## THE KEY TO SUCCESS

## HELP yourself

**B**arnet Council, along with other businesses and groups, has helped support a new guide for pensioners in Barnet, which was launched on Tuesday 16 April.

The 'Help Yourself' book contains information which local elderly people and their carers will find of great assistance. It lists information on activities, services and benefits available to pensioners in the borough.

First produced in 1985 by The Pensioners Link organisation, the book has now been compiled and produced by the 'Help Yourself Group', which consists of local volunteers supported by professional workers.

The book will now be available free of charge in Clinics and Barnet Council Libraries.

**WHAT DO  
YOU SAY?  
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### WHY I CHOOSE



*"Elderly people get better services from Barnet Council."*

Ivy Wick, who has lived all her life in the Borough.

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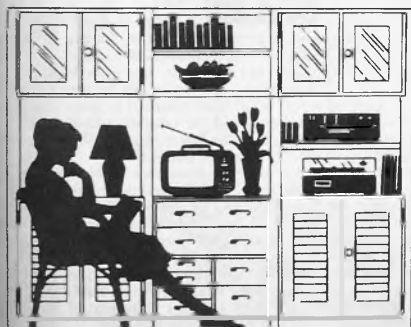


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# LEADER HONOURED



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## Councillor Leslie Pym CBE, ACIB has now become Mayor of Barnet Council after 15 years as its Leader.

For the first time in its history the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA) has honoured a retiring council leader.

Barnet Council's Leslie Pym is standing down after a record 15-

years as Leader of a London borough and on Wednesday 1 May, he was the guest of honour at a unique dinner hosted by the AMA at the Goring Hotel, SW1.

Cllr Sir Jack Layden, Chairman of the AMA and Labour Leader of Rotherham Council, told Cllr Pym: "You have long been a good friend of the AMA. You have been prepared to give of your time to the work of our police

committee and your wise counsels have been much appreciated here.

"On the face of it, you and I may not have a great deal in common. For all the efforts of our Arthur (Arthur Scargill that is), there's still something of a gulf between most miners and most bank managers. But we're both of us retired now and retirement's a great leveller.

"In fact, Leslie, there is a lot more that unites us than divides us. You have shown a loyalty to your part of the world that matches mine in Yorkshire - though of course there's no real comparison between God's own county and the London suburbs, however leafy.

"You've lived in the Hendon area nearly all your life. You went to school there. You've been active in the community there ever since and for 15 momentous years you've been Leader of Barnet Council. That makes you the longest serving council leader in London.

"Now you are to be Mayor of Barnet and you intend to stay on

the council even after that.

"You must have asked yourself a hundred times why you do it; why you stay on the council year after year. I know I've asked myself that question often enough in my time as Leader of Rotherham.

"Why do we do it? It's not so we can make a fortune for a start. Nor so we can spend more time with wife and family. Nor yet so we can get the thanks of the press and general public.

"I think we do it because we feel we've got something to offer the community - some ideas, a little energy, a lot of commitment.

"We keep telling ourselves there is a job to be done and someone has got to do it.

"We do it basically because we love the communities in which we live; we want to see the right things done for those communities. We want to see them prosper.

"Local government must be about local communities, local pride, the desire to do things that benefit local people. If those things remain at the heart of local democracy then there will always be people like Leslie Pym who think the sacrifices demanded by public service are all worthwhile."



## NEW APPEAL TO HELP

### Children

Children With Leukaemia is the charity chosen by the new Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Leslie Pym, for his Mayoral year's Appeal.

Cllr Pym and his wife, Gwen, (pictured left) were invested with the badge of office as Mayor and Mayoress of Barnet at a ceremony on 7 May.

The Mayor chose Children With Leukaemia as his Charity Appeal because of his interest and involvement with the Paul O'Gorman Foundation, which was set up by Eddie O'Gorman following the death of his son, Paul, who was a pupil at Fairway School, Mill Hill and Mill Hill County High School.

"I hope all borough schools will want to become involved in this appeal which aims to raise money for research and treatment.

"There are six children in the Borough of Barnet who are receiving treatment for leukaemia and I am asking as many people and local organisations as possible to support this Appeal for my Mayoral year," said Cllr Pym.

"Dennis Signy will be Chairman of the Appeal and his wife Pat will be Secretary of the Committee," added the Mayor.

Anyone who would like to support the Mayor's Appeal is asked to contact the Secretary, Mrs Signy, 223 Great North Way, Hendon, NW4 1PN.

● The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress are Cllr John Hedge and his wife Peggy.

## MAYOR BECOMES Leader



The new leader of Barnet Council is Cllr Roy Shutz, 48 (left), who was elected to represent Garden Suburb Ward in 1982.

Born in Birmingham, where his parents settled after coming to Britain as refugees from Central Europe in the late 1930s, Roy Shutz was educated at state schools and read law at Birmingham University. He became a teacher and later held administrative posts at Warwick University and the London School of Economics. After taking his Bar exams, Mr Shutz practised as a barrister from 1974 until 1990.

He serves as a member of the Middlesex Area Probation Committee and the London (North West) Valuation and Community Charge Tribunal. Mr Shutz's interests include the theatre, golf (handicap 16) and was for 14 years, a member of the London Society of Rugby Union Referees.

During eight years as a councillor, Mr Shutz has served on the Housing, Grants and General Purposes Committees and was Chairman of the Education Committee from 1986 until 1990.

Cllr Shutz was Mayor of Barnet from May 1990 to 7 May 1991. His Mayoral Charity Appeal was Barnet Community Trust for which over £50,000 was raised.

## WHY I CHOOSE



"Barnet Council's Community Charge is a lower than in many other London Boroughs."

Mrs Gladys Lack, who has lived all her life in the borough.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?  
see p11



## CONFERENCE OFFERS EDUCATION

## AND CAREERS ADVICE

**E**ngland international Paul 'Gazza' Gascoigne has sent the boys of Barnet Council's Primary football team an autographed ball as a form of apology after his recent behaviour.

The Barnet team were horrified when Gazza ran on the pitch and took a goal kick during a Batchelor cup match between Barnet and Harrow in March. With only two minutes to go, the game turned into turmoil.

The referee restarted the match after speaking to Gazza but by then the Barnet team were totally distracted and

The 1990/91 squad with Manager Maureen Nash (top centre) and the autographed 'Gazza' ball. The team's strip is sponsored by Anglo American Optical and their tracksuits by Screed Force Ltd.

allowed Harrow to score.

Barnet Team manager Maureen Nash, who was appalled at the star's behaviour, said: "Losing that match meant we were runners up in the cup, but the team proved their worth by winning the Thames Valley League."

Maureen now plans to raffle the signed football to raise money for the Primary Schools team.

# GASCOIGNE'S *Regret*

**S**ixth form and college students attended the seventh Higher Education conference of Barnet Council's Careers Service held at the R.A.F. Museum on Thursday 9 May.

The primary aim of this annual event, targeted at the post-16 age group, is to help students clarify their ideas on higher education and career choice.

As in previous years, this was a subject-orientated conference which gave students an opportunity to obtain first hand information on specific areas of study at Degree and H.N.D. levels.

Students were also able to meet delegates from universities, polytechnics and colleges of higher education and gain information about student life in general.

The conference has established itself as one of the major events of the academic year. It enjoys a high reputation among academic establishments

throughout the United Kingdom, many of whom have asked to take part in this event on several occasions.

Further education and career advice and information may be obtained from:

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**C**hildren from all parts of the borough were dancing on Thursday 18 April, not in the street, but in Copthall School, Mill Hill.

The reason was Barnet Council's Annual Schools Dance Festival in which 13 borough schools were represented by children aged between 5 and 18.

Many types of dance were performed including modern, jazz, contemporary and folk.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Joan Levinson, who attended, commented: "The dancing was outstanding and a tribute to all the children and their schools."



# DANCING

Cool Cats Emma Lincoln (top) and Emma Halls at the Copthall Dance Festival

## Festival

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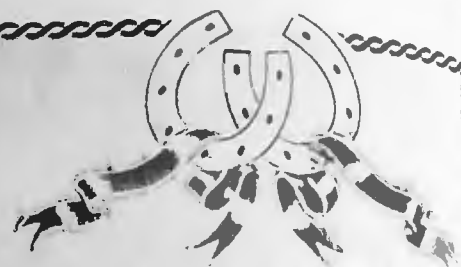
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This good advice applies to all aspects of the day - the service, car hire and especially the wedding reception. Most couples want to celebrate their wedding reception with style and flexibility, though how they go about it depends on resources, particularly financial.

Where finances are not too tight a hotel or banqueting suite is popular, though where one or either of the couple's parents, relatives or friends have a large residence then a reception 'at home' is quite usual. Once the location has been booked or arranged then the seating is an important consideration. Decide whether you want a sit-down meal, a buffet or a breakfast.

Do you go for 'in-house' catering, hire mobile caterers or do you do it yourselves?

Most hotels cater for wedding receptions and offer special packages which include a private room or suite, catering staff, and a variety of set menus.

Currently a typical hotel price per head for a sit-down meal is around £20 - and that does not include wines, spirits and the champagne! A similar meal provided by an outside caterer is probably half that price and a buffet about a third but that, of course, does not include a premises hire fee. Whatever the choice, the golden rule is to work out the guest list early and allow for last moment additions and expenses.

Find out too if there are any dietary variations (vegetarian, kosher, non-fish, diabetic, and so on) to be taken into consideration.

Other ideas worth considering for the 'at home' reception include marquee hire, cutlery/crockery/glassware/tablecloth & napkins/sale or return on drinks and paying a few helpers to serve and wash up.

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Attitudes For Success recognise that women need more than just technical skills to make a successful return to work. "Return With Confidence" helps women to improve their attitudes to themselves and to the job market.

The course persuades delegates to take a positive view of challenges, encouraging them never to settle for second best.

Freddie Mitman, an experienced motivation specialist, is the key

to  
starting  
work  
again

presenter of the course.

He explains: "While the Government provides retraining to bring returners up-to-date with new technology, it fails to tackle more intangible problems, such as lack of confidence, which can often create a stumbling block."

Women who have been out of the workplace, usually bringing up a family, often fail to recognise that their experience has given them useful management and organisational skills.

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# IT'S SUMMER SHOW Time

**T**he Copthall Show (7,8,9 June) includes: athletics (The East of England Biathlon Championship; Middlesex Schools Athletic Championship); football (Junior Football competition); swimming (Barnet swimming championships); cricket (Williams Cricket Trophy for Primary Schools). Other events include hockey, archery, Gaelic football, hurling, motor cycling and a horse show.

Throughout the weekend visitors are invited to 'Have a go' on the QUAD BIKES.

Sunday 9 June is FAMILY DAY, which includes a mounted horse display and the Triumph Car exhibition.

Summer time is show time for Barnet Council and its residents, with the three annual shows aiming to make this summer fun for you and your family. The programme starts in June with the Copthall Show, Finchley Carnival takes place in July and the fun is rounded off with the Friern Barnet Summer Show in August.

Full details about events can be obtained by contacting the Shows Organiser, Barnet Council, Barnet House, High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ.

Tel 081-4446 8511  
ext 4492.

**F**riern Barnet Summer Show (Friday & Saturday 9&10 August) Competitions include hobbies and handicrafts, a produce and flower show, floral art, children's fancy dress, a dog show. Other events include an exhibition of work by local artists (artists wishing to exhibit are invited to apply for details to the Shows Organiser) and a craft market (spaces available for stalls).

**F**inchley Carnival - Victoria Park, Ballards Lane N3 (10-13 July). The procession on Saturday 13 July is held over a 2 mile route which finishes in the High Road N12. (Entries for the carnival need to be with the Shows Organiser by 3 June 1991. Contact 081-446 8511 ext 4492).

FREE ADMISSION on Fri(12-7pm) for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and school parties. This year events in Victoria Park include a fun fair, displays, charity stalls, cat show and a dog show.



Above:  
A member of the BTCV wheels out another trolley from Grahame Park Ponds.

**A** team of trusty volunteers took part in a grand pond clearance at Barnet Council's Grahame Park ponds in Colindale and came up with a whole variety of unlikely objects.

The team were all from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) and spent the day at the ponds taking part in an annual clear-up.

They dragged shopping trolleys, push chairs and tyres out of the ponds which are home to several water birds including coots and mallards plus amphibious life like frogs.

Barnet Council's Parks Contract Manager, Jim Rea said: "The ponds seem to act as a magnet for a lot of local rubbish.

We hope that the clear-ups will encourage members of the local community to get involved for the benefit of all."

BTCV provided tools and volunteers while Barnet Council provided skips for the clearing of the ponds.

## WALKING IN THE RIGHT

### Circles

**T**hree new circular walks exploring the attractive green belt countryside around Totteridge and Mill Hill were launched on Sunday 12 May.

The Mill Hill Preservation Society collaborated with Barnet Council's Recreation Group and the Countryside Management Service to plan and implement the new routes, which are way-marked with blue, red or yellow discs.

The walks are between 5 and 7 miles long, with alternative shortcuts; linked to local public transport; easy to follow and suitable for people of all ages.

A walks leaflet has been published showing a map of the routes, buildings and features of interest along the way plus general information. These are available from local libraries, Council information points and newsagents, priced 20 pence.

## PONDERING A Problem

### WHY I CHOOSE



"In community-spirited Barnet, I know my customers as individuals. This has helped me to form close links for my charity work."  
Popat Shah, a local businessman for 21 years.

WHAT DO  
YOU SAY?  
see p11

# CALLING ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS

## DO YOU NEED?

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Environmental and Consumer Services operate an Agency Services Scheme which gives advice on all of the works covered by the Minor Works Grant. Assistance can also be given with filling in forms, organising the works and providing details of local builders.

So if you would like further information, telephone Mrs Donnelly on 081-446 8511 ext 4745 or Mrs Harrison on ext 4718 or complete the attached slip and return to:-

**Community Services, Environmental and Consumer Services, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ. ☎ 081-446 8511**

CUT OUT THIS FORM Ref EH/RES/FLH/Agency

1. I am over 60 years, in receipt of income-related benefit and would like further information on the Minor Works Grant.
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DAYTIME

## FOUR WEEKS OF FREE FUN

Barnet Council's playschemes begin on Monday 5 August and are being run in association with Meynell games.

Throughout the summer there will be opportunities to try: acting and film making; fashion; short tennis; silk screen printing; dance; netball; gymnastics; board games; football; needlework; photography; basketball. The list is endless, why not turn up and see for yourself!!!

Activities take place at the following venues: Hendon Park, Queens Road, Hendon NW4; Montrose Playing Fields, Montrose Avenue, Colindale NW9; Oak Hill Park Church Hill Road, East Barnet; Victoria Park, Ballards Lane, Finchley N3.

The morning sessions (10.30am-12.30pm) are for 5-8 year olds; afternoons (1.30-3.30pm) are for 9-12's. No need to advance book, just turn up at any session, but arrive early as numbers are limited.

Remember the playschemes are all outside, so warm, casual clothes should always be brought and something waterproof should be brought on days that might be wet.

### FINALE DAY ON FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

All the playschemes will get together at Victoria Park in Finchley for a whole day of free fun. There will be a spectacular "It's a knockout", as well as tons of organised games to play. The action packed day starts at 10.30am and runs through to 3.30pm, so we suggest you bring a packed lunch, although light refreshments will be on sale.

### ENTERTAINMENTS IN THE PARKS

Roll up! Roll up! A whole range of entertainment in the parks, especially designed for 2-10 year olds. It's fantastic, it's fun, it's in your local park and IT'S ABSOLUTELY FREE! Guest entertainers include Dennis Patten with Percy the Talking Penguin, Rosy the Clown, Barney the Clown and Wild Rumpus with The Monstrous Garbage Beast Show. The entertainers will be at various parks throughout the period. Please call the SUMMER HOTLINE for more details.

### SPORT FOR SUMMER

Paid courses to learn or try a new sport. Pick up a new skill this summer. A whole range of sport courses are available for 6-17 year olds, including sailing and canoeing; tennis, golf and soccer; motorcycling; orienteering and nature days and snooker.

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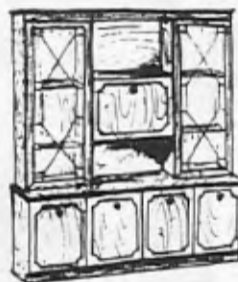
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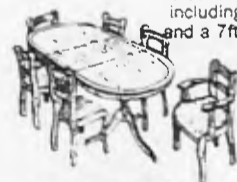
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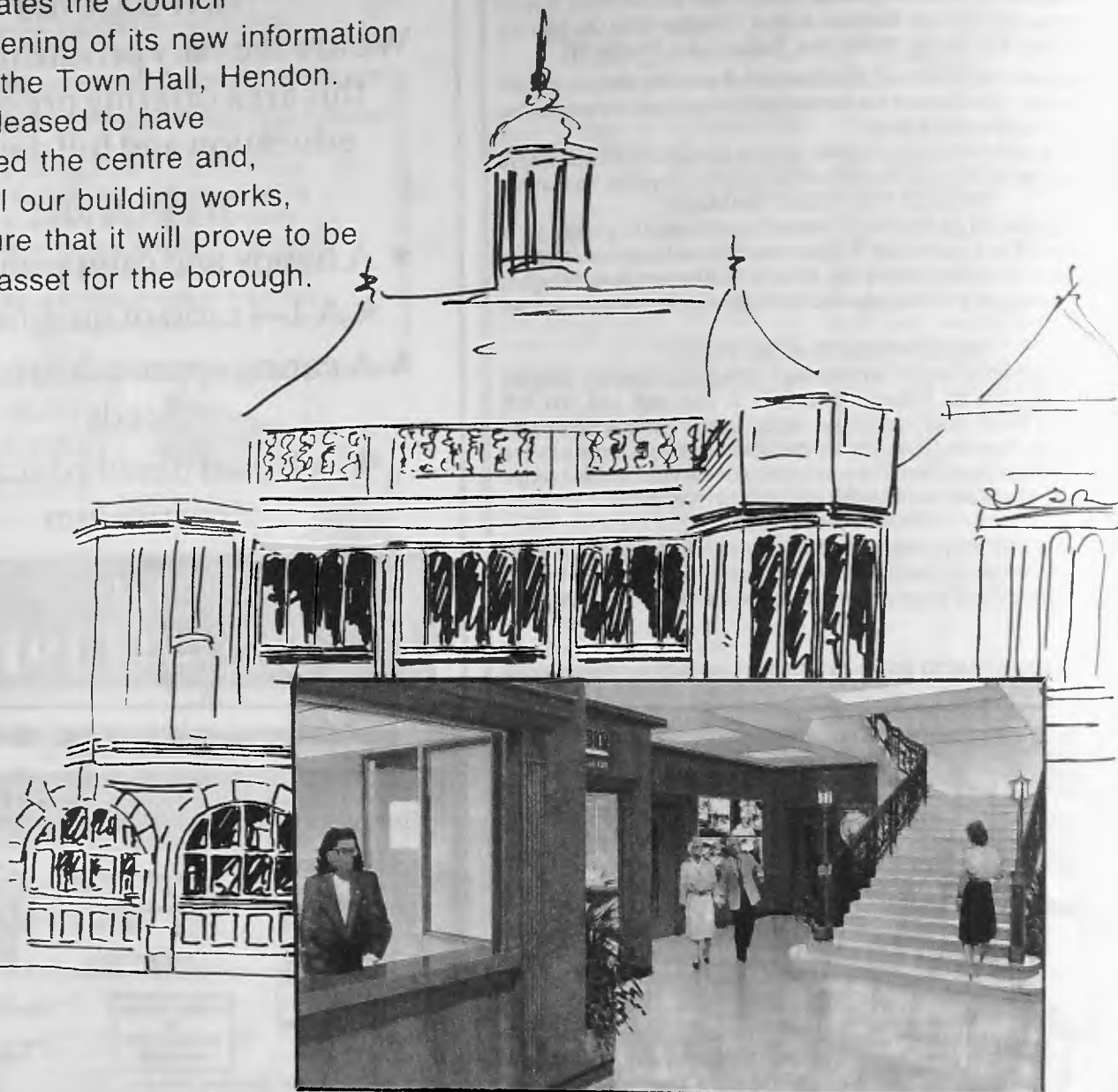


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## ACORN PLANTED FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN



**B**arnet Council has planted an Acorn by giving the go-ahead to a pilot project to help children under the age of five who have special needs.

The Schools and General Sub-Committee at a meeting on Tuesday 23 April gave full support to the establishment of a pilot scheme at the Acorn Centre, Oakleigh School, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone.

Cllr Anthony Antoniou, Chairman of the Committee said: "There is a need for a co-ordinated approach to help pre-school children with special educational needs and the informal project which has been underway at the Acorn Centre since September 1990 is the first step on the road of meeting this need.

"We are delighted to recommend establishment of the pilot scheme which will continue its partnership approach with Barnet Health Authority and Barnet Council's Community Services, in the best interests of these children and their families."

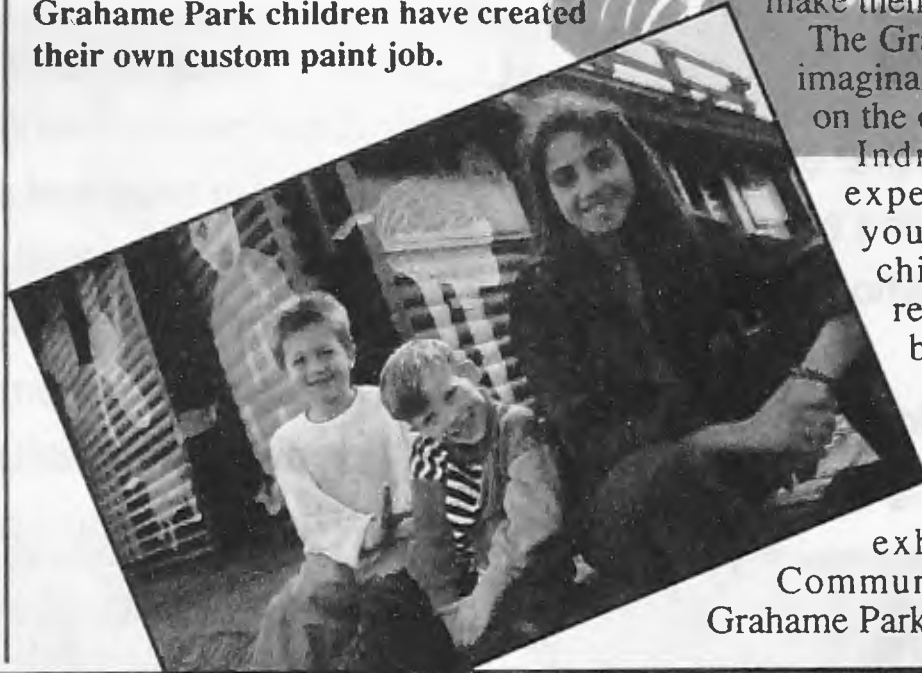
Head teacher Judith Charlesworth

said: "The staffing ratio in Acorn is one to three youngsters and we do have paramedical support from the Health Authority.

"We take a very wide range of children for whom it is not clear where their future educational needs might be met. It is so much nicer for these children to have what they need on their own doorstep without being shipped out of the borough at such a young age."

The decision of the Schools and General Sub-Committee establishes the scheme on a pilot basis until August 1993 and during this time full evaluation including measures of parental satisfaction, will be carried out.

**With the help of artist Indra Khanna, Grahame Park children have created their own custom paint job.**



## GRAHAME Park Zoo

**W**eird and wonderful animals have appeared in the adventure playground at Barnet Council's Grahame Park, Colindale. They come, not from any zoo, but from the imagination of the children who play there.

The project to paint a new mural on the log cabin was part of Barnet Council's Community Arts Programme at Grahame Park.

Professional artist Indra Khanna was commissioned to help the children make their images come to life.

The Grahame Park children drew imaginary animals and then voted on the ones they liked best.

Indra who has a wealth of experience working with young people, said: "The children were sweet. They really enjoyed themselves but were very well behaved. They even learned how to paint quite well."

There will be an exhibition of the whole Community Arts Programme at Grahame Park later in the year.



# MARBLE

## World

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# GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ABOUT SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Barnet Community Services are arranging a forum on Services for Older People in association with the District Health Authority and Family Health Services Authority on Monday 15 July. We want to know what's important to you, to help us plan care in the community.

Which of the following four topics do you think should be the theme of the forum (please tick one box only)

**Advocacy**

It has been said that older people feel that their views are not being heard by those who provide services.

I would like the forum to look at ways of improving consultation.

**Residential Care/Sheltered Housing**

Moving to either of these is a major decision in the lives of both the older person and their carers.

I would like the forum to discuss the practicalities of these decisions.

**Support for people at home**

Older people and those who care for them often feel unsupported and unappreciated.

I think the forum should look at whether the services of home helps, home careworkers, district nurses and meals at home are appropriate to people's needs.

**Health Services and Social Services working together**

In the future more older people will be cared for at home than in hospital.

I would like the forum to focus on what this will mean in Barnet.

Please tick yes or no to the next three statements

I use some of Barnet Council's services for older people

I take care of someone who uses the services for older people

I would like to come along to the forum on Monday 15 July

(Places will be limited so please apply early)

Yes No

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name and Address: .....

..... Tel No: .....

Please help us plan this and future meetings by telling us which ethnic group you belong to

Asian  Black  White  Other (please Specify) .....

Please return this questionnaire to:

Peter Keeble, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ



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You must be at least 18 years old and should live locally. Previous experience of working with children in the above age range is desirable.

Ref: CAM/PS1.

For some posts a driving licence is desirable.

Closing date: 7 June 1991.

Application forms and job details available from the Personnel Department, Community Services, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ.

Tel: 081-446 6857 (24 hour answer service) or 081-446 8511 ext. 4276





Into action - another wasps' nest is dealt with by Barnet Council

## NO STING IN this tale

**B**arnet Council has just the answer for people who don't get a buzz out of having a wasp nest at the bottom of the garden.

The Wasp Nest Treatment Service, part of Barnet Council's Environmental and Consumer Services pest control work, operates throughout the summer to rid residents of the troublesome insect.

Last summer pest control operatives treated over 2,500 wasp nests and a customer satisfaction survey carried out by Barnet Council last November shows that

98 per cent of the people who had used the service were satisfied with the results. The cost of the treatment service, at £25 with a charge of £10 for any further nests on the same site plus a free service for people who receive a state benefit is very good value compared with private companies that offer the same facility.

The service is run from the Environmental and Consumer Services Department based at Barnet House in High Road, Whetstone.

More details can be had by ringing 446 8511.

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**B**arnet Council is offering the kids plenty to do this summer with a host of activities at three centres throughout the borough.

For all courses mentioned, advance booking may be necessary. Please contact the relevant centre.

**Manorhill Centre** in Summers Lane N12 has week long playschemes starting on 29 July. All schemes are open for children from 6 to 12 years of age. There are three types of schemes on offer - footballscheme, sportscheme and an activities scheme.

The activities scheme usually includes two outings per week and usually includes arts and crafts, sports, nature trails and storytelling. The footballscheme children are coached throughout the week in basic skills with small competitions at the end of each week. The sportschemes children usually have a different sports every half day.

Prices and further details can be obtained by calling the Manorhill Centre on 081-368 6316.

**Ashmole Centre** has a host of activities to keep the children happy throughout the long summer months including the Ashmole Summer Club for kids aged 6 to 13, which contains an exciting programme consisting of sports games, rollerskating. Art & Craft, Busy Bodies Club, sports & arts activities for 5 & 6 year olds., Fun for 4's club with activities designed to keep 4 year olds happy and soccerschool for boys and girls, tennis, trampolining, athletics, gymnastics, netball,

cricket, badminton, hockey, basketball and swimming. For more details Tel: 081-368 4984.

**Grahame Park Centre Point** operates two 10-day schemes comprising of course instruction in the morning and recreational activities in the afternoon. Kids can chose from tennis, football, cookery, drama and swimming in the morning and sample these and other activities in the afternoon. The scheme is open to children aged 7+. More details from 081-205 7113 (10-4 Mon-Fri) or 081-200 3065 (6-9 Mon-Fri & 10-4 weekends).

**The Queen Elizabeth Centre** summer programme includes roller madness (children must bring own skates), football, tennis, gymnastics, cricket, fencing, netball, trampolining, badminton, basketball, volleyball. Call 081-441 2933.

## ARTS ROUNDUP

**Every Sunday, 3pm, until 30 June** - Children's entertainment at the Old Bull Arts Centre. Ring 449 0048 for information.

**Saturday 25 May** - Join a professional company to sing 'The Jury' and 'The Bridal Party'. Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet, Herts. 8pm. Tickets £5.50 (concs £4.50).

**Sunday 2 June - Recital** - Judith Burbank, soprano. Musical tribute to Bernstein and Copland. All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. Tickets £6.

**Sunday 9 June - Concert** - The Parnassus Ensemble at the Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, London N3, 7.45pm. Includes works by Mendelssohn, Copland, Schoenberg and Prokofiev. Tickets £6.

**Saturday 22 June - Concert** - Finchley Choral Society at St Barnabas Church, Holden Road, N12, 7.45 pm. Includes works by Haydn. Tickets £5 (£3 concs).

**Saturday 29 June - Concert** - Finchley Chamber Orchestra at Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12, 7.45 pm. Includes works by Rossini, Bartok, Rodrigo, Beethoven. For information and tickets, ring 449 2604.

Tickets and further details of these and other local arts events can be obtained from Barnet Council's Arts Officer. Tel: 081-202 1903 (24hrs).

# LETTERS

Write to: The Editor, Barnet News, London Borough of Barnet, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG.

### Dear Editor

I received Issue Two of 'Barnet News' this week - What happened to my copy of Issue One I would not know - and was much impressed by it - a marked improvement on the old version.

However, one feature of it disappointed me: on Page 3 the table of components of the Community Charge for 1991/92 did not have any comparative figures for 1990/91. Could this be because

the £338 included a non-recurring safety net element of some £70?

**Eric Leigh, Friern Barnet N11.**

*For the financial year 1990/91 the "true" community charge was £313. However to mitigate the effect of adding the £70 safety net to that figure Barnet used reserves, thereby reducing the charge to £338. The deduction of the £70 from this figure is therefore fallacious.*

*EDITORS NOTE: We are sorry to hear that Mr Leigh did not get Issue One of Barnet News.*

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## WHY I CHOOSE



"A fair rent is important - that's why I'm a Barnet Council tenant".

Mary Butland, Housewife.

## WHAT DO YOU SAY? see p11



# EDUCATION

## Parents' Choice

Your vital choice! Where will you send your children to school?

Of course you will talk with friends and visit the local maintained schools. If you wish to widen your choice you may care to consider the Independent Schools.

The Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS) for London and South East exists to help you do so. You can write for a free handbook to ISIS at 3 Vandon Street, London SW1H 0AN or telephone 071-222 7274.

There has been a notable growth of interest in these schools over the past year or two. They are purposeful and well disciplined. Classes are small so that each child can be treated as an individual. They provide a very wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. Contact with parents is close, because they stand or fall by providing what the parents pay for.

No doubt you will first consider the local day schools. But take the chance to look further afield as well. Have you considered weekly boarding? It offers an excellent compromise: undistracted work and recreation for five days at school; and the family all together at the weekend.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

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For a copy of the Prospectus write to: The Headmistress, Mrs I R Raphael MA (Cantab)



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For a prospectus and further information please contact: The Admissions Secretary on 081-953 4261 ex 239

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After the opening ceremony, the visitors were conducted on a tour of inspection of the 5 new classrooms, the library, the Art/Technology room and the new multi-purpose dining room by the Head Boy, Romil Kanani, the Head Girl, Bhavi Patel, and Pablo Martín, Mark Kröhn, Jonathan Tsang and Melvin Siew, School Prefects.

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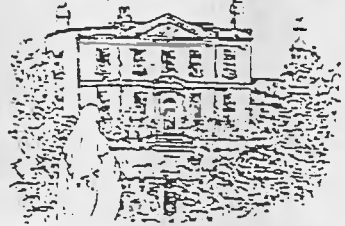
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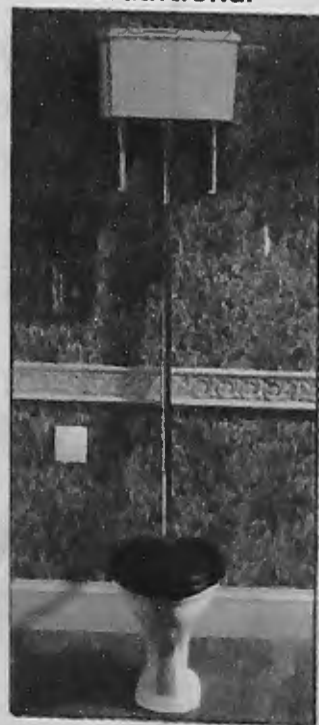


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