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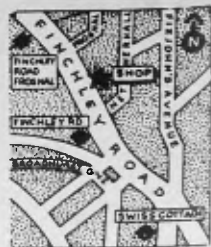
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Nature Notes APRIL

By Clive Herbert, Barnet Wildlife Group

With Spring just around the corner, now is the time to consider getting into Barnet's countryside.

The Borough's Manpower Services Commission team has recently completed management works in the Copthall area and at Dollis School Nature Reserve to enable children to obtain greater educational value from the site.

On April 3 and 4 there will be an opportunity to look at the display stands of the various conservation organisations at the Open Days in the Dennis Bland Environmental Centre, Byng Road, Barnet.

The traditional April Open Day at Darlands Lake Nature Reserve will take place on Sunday, April 26. Guided walks to look at the first of the spring migrant birds and the Snakeshead Fritillary flowers for which the reserve is renowned, will commence from the Orange Tree pub in Totteridge Lane at 2.30pm.

Earlier in the day at Oak Hill Woods Nature Reserve, East Barnet, there will be a bird census at 9am to survey the breeding population and a conservation project day from 10.30am.

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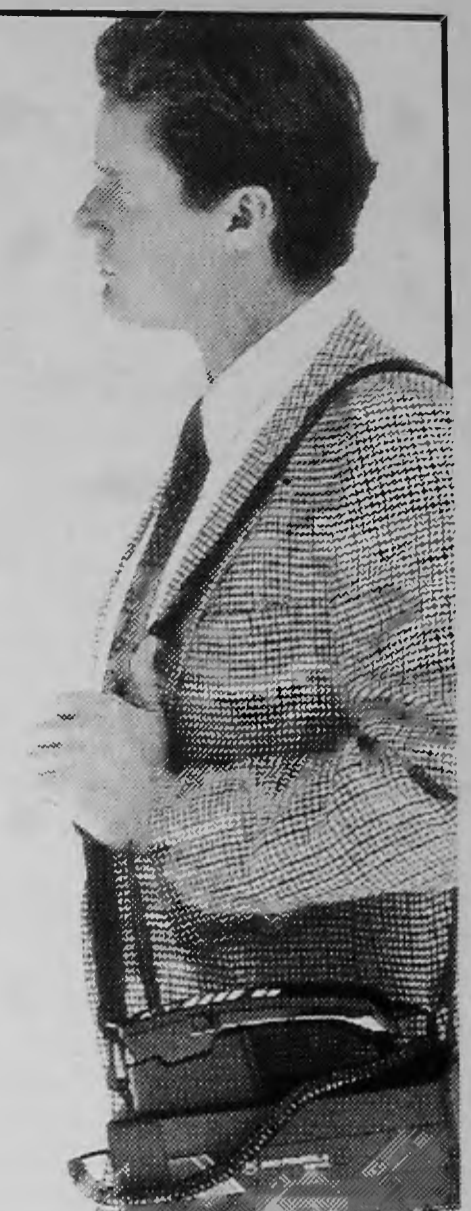


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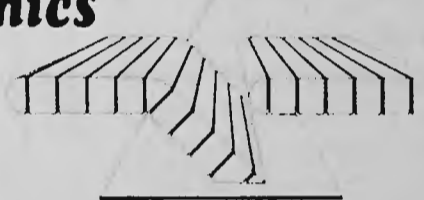
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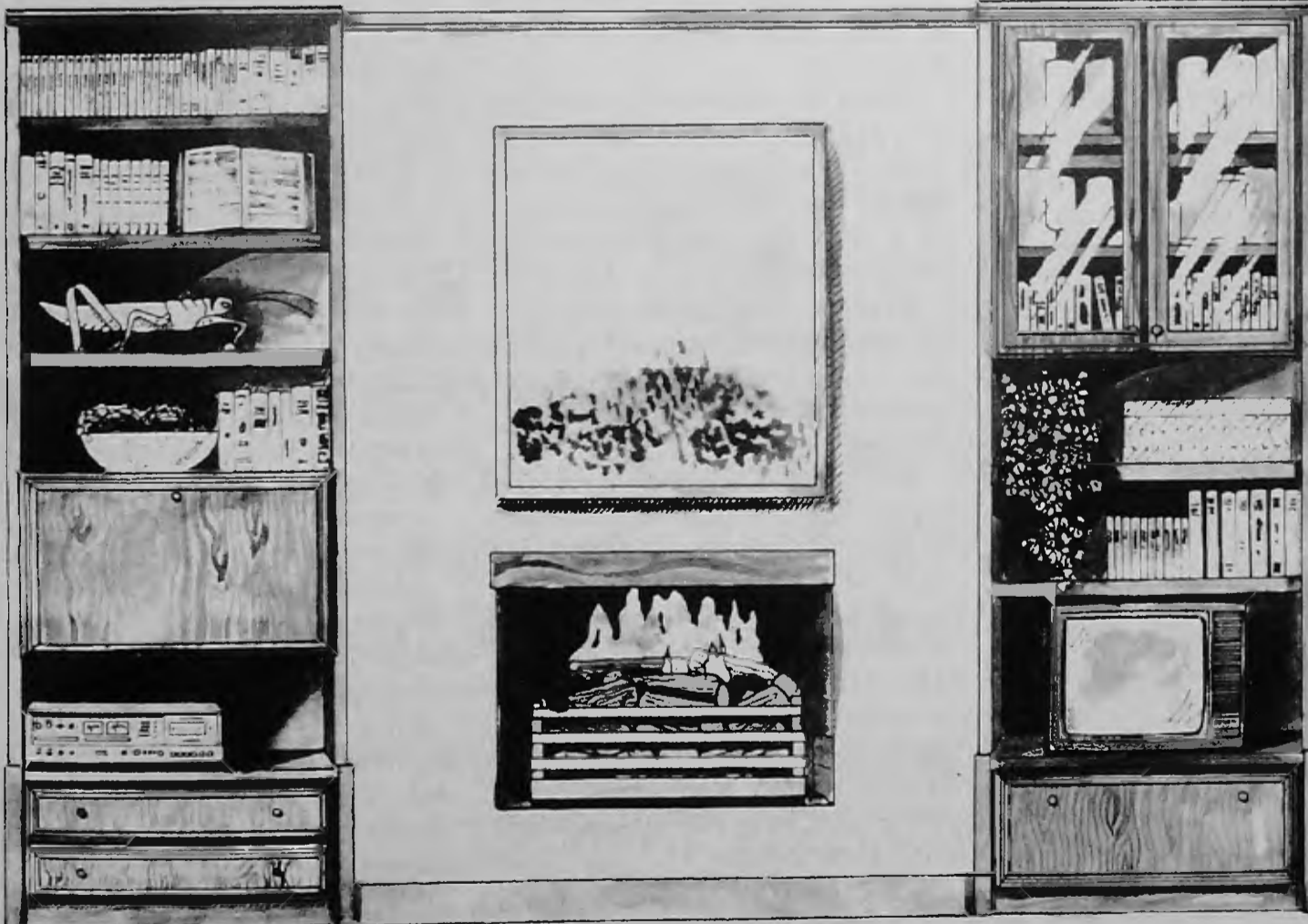


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Wheelchair service

SPECIAL arrangements to carry wheelchair passengers on a regular service between Central London and Heathrow are being made by London Regional Transport, following withdrawal of the 'CareLine' service operated by the Berks Bucks Bus Company — formerly Alder Valley North.

From Sunday, February 15, LRT will provide, on an interim basis, a daily service between Victoria and Heathrow.

Leader presents loyal greetings



CLLR Leslie Pym, Leader of Barnet Council, and his wife Gwen, have just returned from an enjoyable and hectic holiday in Hong Kong and the mainland.

While there they visited the Postal Courier Division of the Royal Engineers in Kowloon on the mainland, and were received by Lt. Col. Christopher Dawson, Deputy Commander Support Groups, Hong Kong.

Cllr Pym presented a letter of greetings from the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Denis Dippel, on behalf of the Council, to Major Paul Morris, Officer Commanding the Postal and Courier Depot, and a borough plate to Lt. Col. Dawson. In return Major Morris presented a plaque, again of greetings, to Cllr Pym who received it on behalf of the Mayor and the Council.

Our picture shows Cllr Pym presenting the letter to Major Morris who is with some of his staff who help distribute the mail to members of all the Armed Forces in the Far East. All these personnel have, at some time, served with the Postal and Courier Service at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, and remember their time there with affection for the Borough of Barnet.

Revised scheme causes concern

BARNET Council's Housing Committee are joining the Finance Committee in their opposition to several aspects of the revised Housing Benefit scheme which is due to come into operation in April next year, 1988.

Housing Benefits enable people on low incomes to receive help with rent and rates and the proposed changes are made in a section of the Social Security Act 1986.

At the March meeting of the Housing Committee Cllr Norman Hirshfield, chairman, said that in his view it was a piece of oppressive legislation, and the committee unanimously endorsed the action of Finance Committee in informing the Secretary of State for Social Services of their concern and writing to the four local Members of Parliament, as well as the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, expressed their views.

There are three particular aspects of the new Housing benefits Scheme which the committee felt to be unjust. Those with low incomes will receive less help. There will be

a considerable increase in administration costs which is a waste of public funds. And people with relatively small savings will receive no benefit.

Many people on low incomes will not be entitled to a full benefit level. They will have their housing benefit allowance tapered for every £1 a week they receive above the basic 'needs' level.

Everyone will have to pay at least 20 per cent of their rates whereas in the past people on low incomes were able to get up to 100 per cent benefit.

For instance a family living in a typical house with a rateable value of £400 will have to pay £132 a year or £2.35 a week.

A considerable additional burden of administration will be created. The Treasurer's Department will be responsible for collecting these small sums from people and will have to collect many more small amounts of rates and other charges from their tenants.

The Government has indicated that the level of capital or savings which people are allowed to have

when receiving Housing Benefit will be £6,000. Above that sum they will be ineligible for any help. Barnet consider that in these days it would be reasonable for the ceiling of savings to be substantially higher before benefit is cut off.

The figure of £6,000 is wholly unrealistic and according to Cllr Hirshfield runs quite contrary to Government policy of encouraging savings for old age. 'It seems,' he added, 'that Government departments are out of touch with each other and, if put into effect, will cause hardship to families in most need of help apart from the additional cost burden upon the local authority.'

Also of concern is the ending of rebates to claimants to help with fixed charges for amenities such as heating, hot water and lighting such as the type of charge made in sheltered housing schemes. There are 1,250 vulnerable claimants in Barnet who can at present be helped but who would lose out under the new scheme and who would be obliged to make the payments.

TEA ROOM PLAN FOR MILL HILL PARK

PLANS to extend the main pavilion in Mill Hill Park to provide a public tea room to serve local residents and visitors to the park, have been agreed in principle by Barnet Council's Development and Estates Committee.

Outside, as well as landscaping work, a small patio will be built. It

will have a south facing aspect looking out on to one of the two bowling greens to make the scheme more attractive.

When the lease of the former Mill Hill open air pool to a garden nursery firm for 125 years was agreed last year, it was stated that sympathetic consideration would be

given to the provision of a tea room in the park.

£20,000 has been set aside for 1987/88 and an outline scheme and the cost will be considered at a future meeting of the committee.

The pavilion is used by Mill Hill men's and women's bowling club, and cricket and soccer clubs.

SOCIAL SERVICES

ALL ABOARD the N10 Special. A new bus stop appeared in Muswell Hill when the Barnet Playbus made this a stopping point every Wednesday in February from 10-12 noon.

It was a 'double-decker' exercise — to promote the idea of play schemes for the under-fives through Barnet Play Association, and to draw attention to Barnet's Childminder Service.

Pictured in the bus is 13-month-old Matthew Hawkins with his mother, Sonia, a registered childminder.

There is an urgent need for childminders — people who care for other people's children under school age, while their parents are at work. Childminders work independently but Barnet's Social Services must register them and training is offered. It is illegal to run an unregistered childminder service.

Anyone interested in using the Bus for special children's projects should contact Derek Bell on 446 6510.

Anyone interested in Barnet Childminder Service should contact Alma Fraquelli, childminder organiser for the Northern Social Services Team on 448 5511.

The route for Childminders



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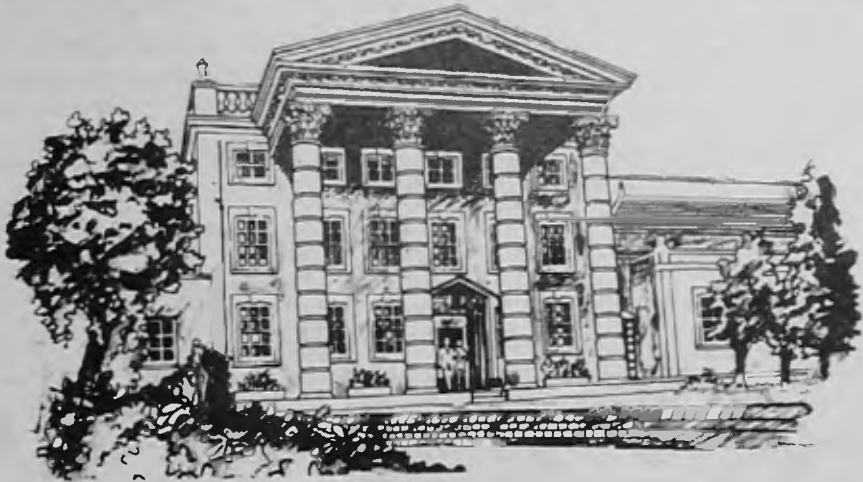
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Barnet's rates up 14p in the £

AFTER a freeze the previous year Barnet ratepayers are being asked to pay an extra 14.1p in the £ for 1987/88, an increase of 8.3 per cent on the standard rate for all commercial and industrial premises, and 9.3 per cent on the domestic rate.

At the special rates meeting in the Town Hall, Hendon, on Thursday, March 12, the Council set a standard rate of 184.9p in the £ which gives a domestic rate of 166.4p in the £ compared with 170.8p and 152.3p respectively the previous year.

This means that the typical domestic ratepayer, with a rateable value of £397, will be paying an extra £56 a year or £1.08 a week for all the services which Barnet and the precepting authorities provide.

However, this is 1p in the £ less than that originally recommended by the Finance Committee at their special meeting on March 4. At that time the levy required by the North London Waste Authority was not known and could only be estimated. A few days later the waste authority set their levy for Barnet at £2.247 million a reduction of £498,000 on the estimate of £2.745 million.

This reduced the budget for waste disposal in the Public Works Committee to £2,515,500 and the committee's net budget to £13,397,000.

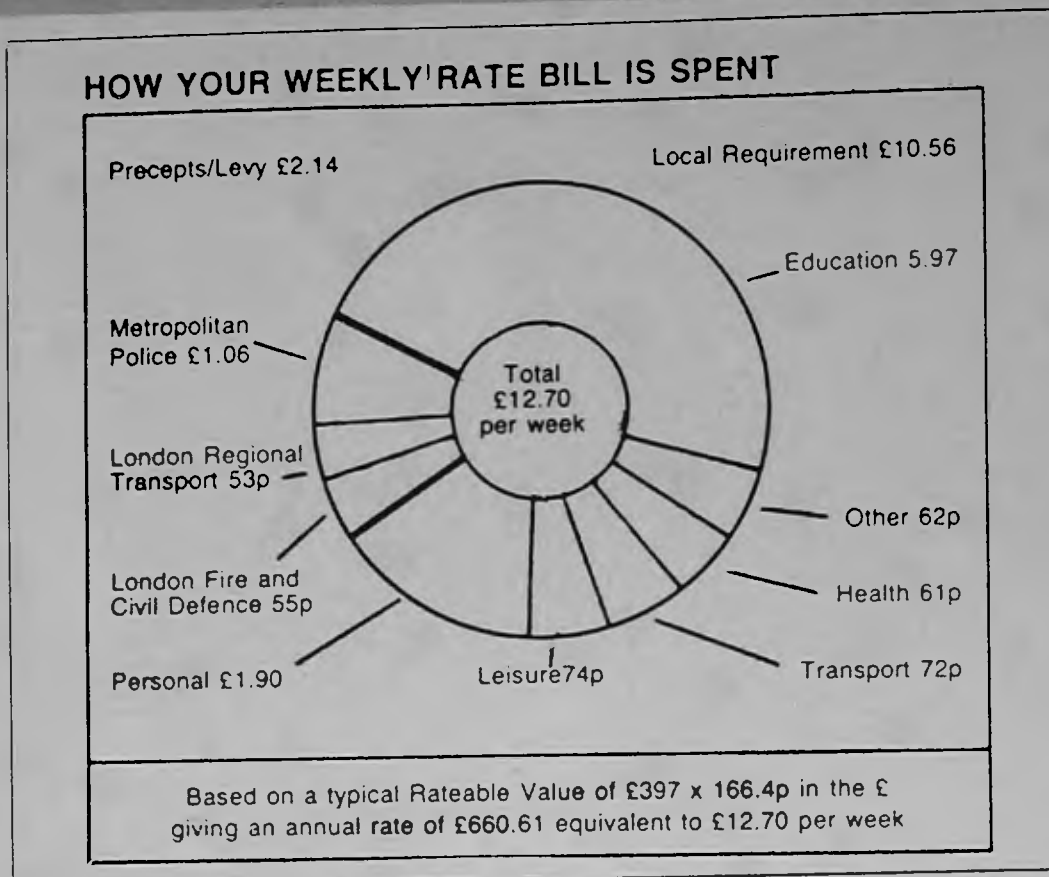
As a result the Council's budget requirements for 1987/88 reduced from £134,754 million to £134,256 million. Grant entitlement on this lower spending level was recalculated to £38.76 million, an increase of £350,000 and the total variation in net requirements was a reduction of £846,000.

At another special meeting of the Finance Committee held just before the Council's special rates meeting it was agreed that £613,000 should be used to reduce the rate levy by 1p. This reduced the previous recommended increase of 15.1p in the £ to 14.1p. The remainder was retained in balance.

Barnet set their planned spending for the year at £135 million. This was based on maintaining present services with an allowance for price increases together with £1 million for priority developments — particularly care in the community for highly dependent people, maintenance of school buildings, and highways maintenance.

This meant Barnet planned to spend almost £8 million above the level indicated for the borough. That meant a loss of almost £5.4 million in Government grant because for every £100 spent over the Government guideline the Council lost £70 in grant.

Barnet is hard hit under the present system when it comes to dividing up the Government grant cake. The average grant to local authorities nationwide is about 46



per cent but Barnet only received 28.5 per cent mainly because it is an area with a large proportion of high rateable value properties.

Strong representations were made to the Government both at officer level and by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Leslie Pym, and the chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr Leslie Sussman.

Although their representations won some concessions the difficulties for Barnet are made clear when it is realised that the Borough's Grant Related Expenditure allowance has only increased by 2.1 per cent when inflation has risen between 4 and 5 per cent.

Some good news was that the London Residuary Body, the authority responsible for administering the winding-up period of the former Greater London Council, reduced their levy for next year. They will also be paying out £1.78 million to Barnet as their share of £40 million of GLC balances being spread over the whole of Greater London.

Barnet has three major precepting authorities — London Fire and Civil Defence Authority who are levying a precept of 8.07p, an increase of 4.8 per cent; London Regional Transport who have set their levy at 7.77p which is a reduction of 2.02p or 20.6 per cent; and the Metropolitan Police whose precept is 15.4p an increase of just over 1p, equivalent to 8.4 per cent.

Barnet's total net requirements are shown in the Rate Levy table (right).

It is not known what the level of salary increases the borough will have to face during the year. Special provision has been made to cover the teachers' pay award as sufficient will remain in the Council's balances to bridge the gap between the cost and Government grant.

The Revenue Contingency Fund contains just over £3 million to cover other pay awards, exceptional price increases and contributions to

London-wide successor services. The Council has also earmarked £450,000 towards a partnership with Barnet Health Authority in providing care in the community for highly dependent people.

To reduce the effect on ratepayers of the need for increased spending, Barnet have drawn £1.38 million from balances, the equivalent of a 2.25p rate.

The revised product of a penny rate for 1986/87 is estimated at £612,500 compared with the original figure of £605,000.

Cllr Sussman drew attention to an error in the calculation of ex-GLC highways maintenance costs which could penalise Barnet unless

rectified by Appeal Court action which the Secretary of State was taking against another council. The cost to Barnet, unless this court action was successful, would be about £2.7 million in respect of 1986/87 and £2.8 million for 1987/88 — a total loss of about £5.5 million or a 9p rate.

He was sure however, that the Secretary of State would take all proper steps to ensure that Barnet was fully compensated for the additional highways costs it has taken on from the GLC and would find some way through the morass of the Rate Support Grant to make good the loss to Barnet.

Need for reform

In his report, Mr Michael Ross, Director of Financial Services, said: 'For many years this Council has protested to the Secretary of State for the Environment on an inadequate Grant Related Expenditure Assessment, derived as it is from a statistical formula which in no way represents the real needs of the borough.'

'When this is compounded by a grant allocation system so complicated that it is virtually incomprehensible, the results will remain unpredictable, particularly for a high rateable value authority such as Barnet.'

'In my view it is vital for the health of local government that a new and simpler grants system be introduced with the utmost urgency,' he added.

SUMMARY OF RATE REQUIREMENTS 1987/88

	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
	£000	£000	£000
Local Expenses by Committee			
Allotments	82	82	—
Development and Estates	6,489	2,237	4,252
Education	95,736	22,726	73,010
Finance	38,910	36,736	2,174
General Purposes	2,404	505	1,899
Central Administration	21,543	11,986	9,557
Grants	2,640	212	2,428
Housing	32,027	31,377	650
Libraries and Arts	4,085	438	3,647
Public Works	17,962	4,565	13,397
Social Services	24,729	2,957	21,772
Town Planning and Research	1,947	477	1,470
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSES	£248,554	£114,298	£134,256

RATE LEVY

	Rate in £	Estimate 1987/88
	p	£000
Total Local Expenses	219.19	134,256
Less Rate Support Grant	63.28	38,760
	155.91	95,496
London Fire and Civil Defence	8.07	4,943
London Regional Transport	7.77	4,759
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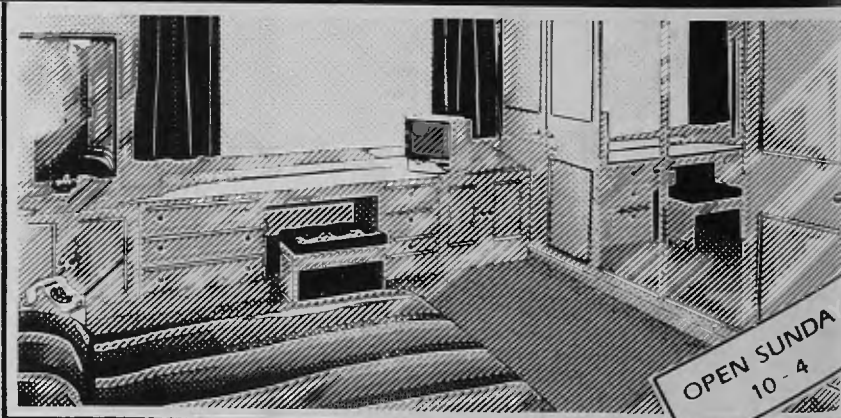
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CLLR Victor Lyon, chairman of Barnet's Development and Estates Committee, said how upset he was to hear about the accident to a three-year-old girl who fell off the steps while climbing a slide in Victoria Park, Finchley. At the March meeting of the committee, he said he was sure members would like to join him and express their sincere regrets to the mother and her daughter about the unfortunate incident.

Last year the Council had produced a 'Plan for Play' which in-

cluded an accelerated programme for modernising Barnet's playgrounds. Cllr Lyon said that in the next two years, 1987/88 and 1988/89, the committee had doubled the money available for modernising playgrounds from £20,000 to £40,000 a year. This would be of great help in speeding up the programme.

Barnet had always adhered to the safety standards for playgrounds which applied at the time and the 'Plan for Play' programme had been introduced to ensure these

high standards in the future.

Mr Max Caller, controller of engineering services, told the committee that on January 21, before the accident he had commissioned the National Playing Fields Association to carry out an independent safety audit of all playgrounds in Barnet.

When their findings had been received their recommendations to improve safety standards would be implemented as soon as possible. A report would also be presented to

the committee at a future meeting.

This, together with regular checks by Barnet's own health and safety officers and the parks staff, should ensure that any problems associated with playground equipment will be kept to the minimum. Any piece of equipment not reaching safety standards would be taken out of commission.

Cllr Lyon added that in spite of all the precautions that could be taken, children would still take risks.



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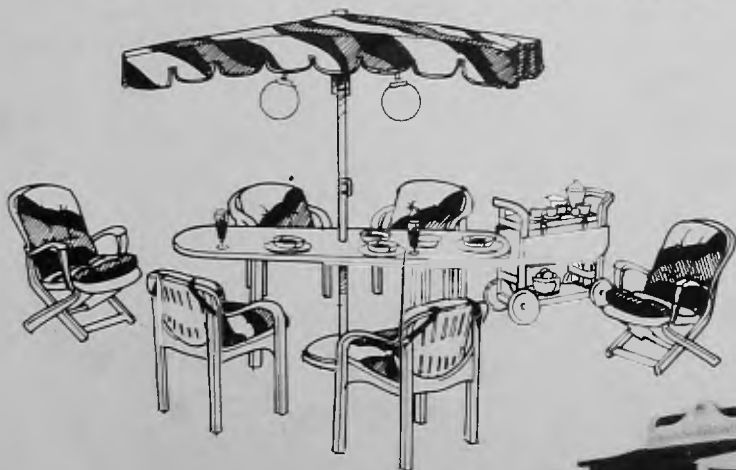
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Your counsellor will advise you on how to maintain your weight successfully in this way.

Director's successor appointed

MR Max Caller, BScEng, CEng, MICE, MIPHE, C.DipAF, controller of engineering services with the Borough of Barnet, has been appointed Director of Technical Services to succeed Mr Graham Brown, who will be retiring in June this year.

As director he will head a total staff complement of 1,600 and be responsible for the engineering, recreational, planning, architectural, property and works services, of the third largest of the London boroughs.

Mr Caller, aged 36, joined Barnet in July 1985 as a chief officer in the newly created post of controller of engineering services, at a time when the authority was restructuring the technical departments of the council to prepare for their move to a new headquarters building — Barnet House at Whetstone.

In the 20 months that he has been with Barnet he has developed a long term traffic management programme, providing an overall view of the problems and indicating priority areas.

He has established a District Officer service, with a team of 11 officers, 'the eyes and ears' of the borough, responsible for reporting and monitoring minor repairs, parking problems, standards of



cleansing and all other highway matters.

He has set up a Keep Barnet Tidy Group, involving commerce, education and community groups.

He has encouraged conservation activities through the Barnet Countryside Scheme, and expanded the sports coaching service through Barnet Sport. Both these activities employ and train unemployed people through Manpower Services Commission grants.

He has also promoted a major policy review of playgrounds and holiday play schemes.

He was also responsible for the

hand over of services from the GLC to Barnet, and acted as chief technical officer for the North London Waste Authority.

An engineering graduate of University College, London, he has spent his whole career in local government in London.

He began his career with the GLC, and later served with Thames Water Authority, the London Borough of Hammersmith and the London Borough of Newham where he was concerned with the Docklands Project.

In 1981 he joined the London Borough of Merton where he was involved with major development programmes and took a leading role in the formulation of a London agreement on Highway Adoption.

In addition to his office with Barnet he has very recently been appointed an adviser to the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Highways and Transportation Committee.

Mr Caller lives in Edgware and he and his wife have four children. His interests include cricket, bridge, and competitive board games. He is also a member of Sewers Synonymous — an elite band of engineers who have explored the underground network of sewers in London.

More fined for parking on pavements

BARNET Council began the year as it means to go on, waging battle with motorists who park on pavements.

At Barnet Court five motorists were prosecuted for footway parking in High Street, Elstree, and Hampden Way (two cases) and Osidge Lane (two cases), Southgate. Fines of £20 were imposed and in four cases the defendants had to pay costs of £15.

At Hendon court fines ranged from £10 to £40 for eleven cases of pavement parking in Harcourt Avenue (three cases), Deans Lane, Edgware, Florence Street, Hendon; Bunns Lane, Mill Hill, Hale Lane, Mill Hill (two cases), Mill Hill Broadway (two cases), and the North Circular Road. Costs were awarded in 10 cases, ranging from £10 to £20.

Action is also being taken against skip owners who fail to get Council authority for placing the skip in the highway, and/or fail to comply with the law which insists that the name and address of the skip owner is clearly shown on the skip, that it is properly lit during the hours of darkness, and that reflector strips are correctly placed.

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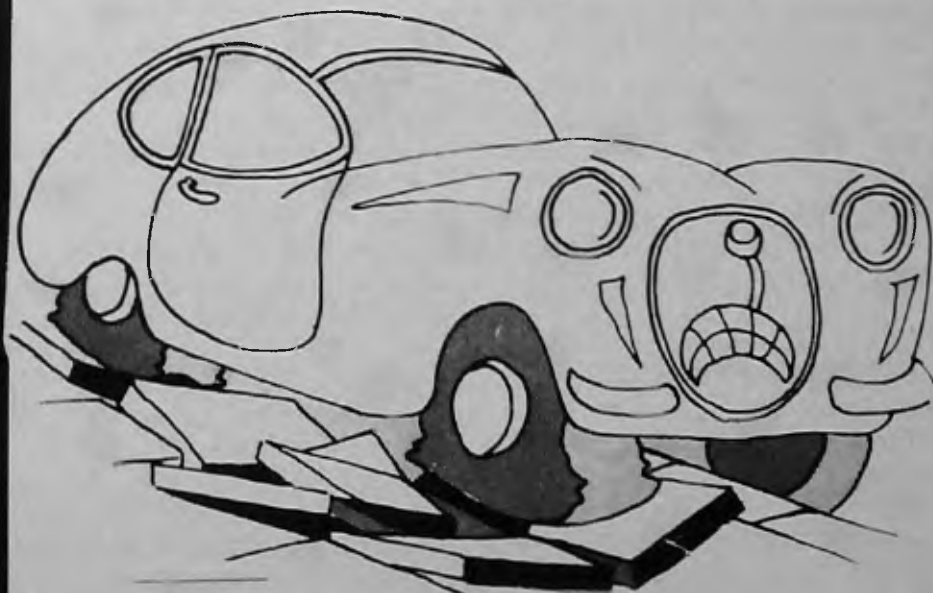
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The Great Snail and Egg Race

HERE'S how a snail, an egg and a very strange bird in a blue wig, helped keep Barnet children safe on the road.

At All Saints Arts Centre members of Lambeth Children's Theatre Company presented their Road Safety Show — 'Oh Crumbs' — to a live and lively audience of play group and infant school children.

They told the story of how Elvis, a little blue chick half way hatched from his egg, very nearly got run over by a snail. And all because the snail drove too fast and Elvis didn't listen to daddy bird.

Raymond Gunn and Geoff Leavey brought the oddball road show to Barnet, and strength was added to the message by Nick Taylor, road safety officer with

ABOVE: Enjoying the show. **RIGHT:** Elvis tries to peck one of the audience, controlled by daddy bird Raymond Gunn. Nick Taylor, in the background, appears to be in danger of being hit by the eye of the snail, Geoff Leavey.

Barnet Council, and home beat officer PC Tim Allen. The children were shown displays and carried away posters and colour books.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY SCHEME

BARNET Council's Road Safety Unit are holding Cycling Proficiency courses at Littlegrove School, Cat Hill, East Barnet, Childs Hill School, Dersingham Road, Childs Hill; and Deansbrook School, Mill Hill, from Monday, April 13 to Thursday, April 16. The course times are 10am to noon and 2 to 4pm.

Courses will also be held at Cromer Road School, New Barnet, and Garden

Suburb School, Childs Way, Golders Green, from Wednesday, April 22 to Friday April 24. Course times are 10am to noon and 2 to 4pm Wednesday and Thursday and 10am to 12 noon Friday.

Enrolment forms from Road Safety Unit, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, N20 OEJ. Tel 446 8511 ext. 4337

Children attending the courses must be aged 10 or over.

Councillors' & MP's Surgeries

Chipping Barnet

Sydney Chapman, MP, and a councillor, Sat Apr 4 and May 2, 10.30am to 12 noon, 163 High St.

Arkley Ward — Conservative councillors, Fri Apr 17 and May 1, 7.30pm, Dollis Valley Community Centre.

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

East Barnet Ward — Cllr Olwen Evans, Sat Apr 4 and May 2, 10.30am to 12 noon, Community Centre, Victoria Rd, New Barnet.

Finchley & Friern Barnet

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

Conservative councillors, Sat Apr 4 & May 2, 10.30am to noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

East Finchley — Labour councillors every Saturday, 10am to 11.30am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane N2.

Finchley Ward — Conservative councillors, Sat Apr 25, 10am to noon, Blue Beetle Hall (adj St Mary's Church), Hendon Lane, N3. Cllr Mrs Barbara Langstone can be contacted on 445 5443.

St Paul's Ward — Labour councillors Naren Davé, Michael Freeman and Kitty Lyons, every Saturday 11am to 12 noon. Etchingam Park Day Centre, Etchingam Park Road, N3, and at Tally Ho Corner.

Woodhouse Ward — Labour councillors Mike Harris, Dennis Reed and Rudolf Vis, every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, Friern Barnet Town Hall, N11.

Cllr Dennis Reed's new address is 290 Woodhouse Road, London N12 OLG. Tel. 361 8901

Also Saturdays at Tally Ho and Sutton Road.

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

Hendon North

John Gorst, MP, available Fri Apr 24, by appointment. At other times tel 959 1446 or via constituency office, 2 Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill. **Conservative councillors**, Grahame Park and Mill Hill, Weds Apr 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6.

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

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

Hendon South

Peter Thomas, MP, by appointment (219 4079) or via constituency office (202 7484).

Conservative councillors — Sat Apr 4 & May 2, 11am to 12.30pm, 166 Station Rd, Hendon (202 7484).

Childs Hill — Liberal/SDP Alliance councillors every second Wednesday of month 7-8pm, Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, NW11 and every fourth Monday of month, 7-8pm, St Peter's Church Hall, Cricklewood Lane, NW2.

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



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The delegates, representing universities, colleges and polytechnics throughout Great Britain, will be there to give advice to students and there will be four sessions through the day starting at 9.45am.

This year, entry will be by ticket only so it is important that students who are interested should obtain a ticket from their school or college as early as possible. As a high demand for tickets from the student population is anticipated, the Careers Service regret that this time parents cannot be accommodated.

The main aim of the day is to give the students the opportunity to obtain first hand information about specific degree and higher national diploma courses. Many different subject areas will be represented such as medicine, performing arts, accountancy, information technology, engineering and many others.

As well as discussing specific



Seeking advice at a previous conference.

subjects, experts will also give advice about their own institution, such as admissions policy, entry requirements, course structure and content, location and student facilities.

In view of the present competition for places in most areas of higher education, Barnet Careers Service want to ensure that local students are well prepared and

briefed about the decisions that confront them. More than ever these days, students need to think carefully about their choice of course and the career implications of their selection.

Careers officers, who visit local schools and colleges on a regular basis, are frequently asked to answer a diverse range of questions on matters related to higher educa-

tion. They will be available during the day to answer any general questions.

A number of delegates are being invited to help with questions about grants and awards, Oxford and Cambridge entrance, the UCCA and PCAS admissions procedures, higher education for disabled students, careers for graduates and student life.

This will be an excellent opportunity for young people to clarify their ideas on higher education and career choice.

Sessions times for the day will be:

- Session 1: 9.45 to 11am.
- Session 2: 11am to 12.15pm.
- Session 3: 1.15 to 2.30pm.
- Session 4: 2.30 to 3.40pm.

Remember though — entrance to the conference will be by ticket only.

Further information is available from:

Edgware Careers Office, 140 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware HA8 0UL. Tel. 906 1555.

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At work there is always some physical activity. Even if it is just walking up the stairs or running for a bus. But at home there is very

little, unless you make a conscious effort.

It is vital to exercise to keep your joints from stiffening and to keep your heart muscles working. The absolute minimum you should do is to walk briskly for 20 minutes at least once a day.

Also, think about taking up an activity which will keep you active and will get you out and about. Swimming for example, cycling, gardening or dancing.

Of course it is important not to go too far the other way and overdo things. That could cause other problems. So start any new activity gently and gradually increase.

As such it is worth making the effort to become involved in something which will give you a mental challenge and also find compan-

ionship and friendship. Why not join a social club, church or political group; work for a charity or community organisation?

Try to keep your weight down, but not by cutting out meals which in itself can cause problems. Eat well, but eat the right things and avoid fat meat, lard, dripping, butter, cream and full-fat cheeses. It is important to have vegetables, and fresh fruit or salads regularly as these provide important vitamins and minerals as well as fibre.

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NEWS

EUROPEAN YEAR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Working for a better Mill Hill

MILL HILL Preservation Society are making a special effort in this, the European year of the Environment, to increase interest in conservation and the local environment, particularly in schools in Mill Hill.

Representatives from most Mill Hill schools attended a recent meeting during which a number of useful proposals were made, and during Environment Week, from April 25 to May 4, the following events will be held.

Sunday, April 26: Litter clearance in Mill Hill.

This will be launched by the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Denis Dippel, at Mill Hill Circus at 9am. Barnet Council will provide sacks for the litter and three skips, one at the corner of Victoria Road by Mill Hill Circus; one by the Angel Pond at the top of Milespit Hill and the third at the bottom of Burtonhole Lane. It is hoped that a large number of local residents will help during the day.

There will be a poster competition for schools on the theme 'Keep Mill Hill Tidy.' Three prizes will be given in each grade — infants, juniors and seniors — and the posters will be displayed in Mill Hill library and on Mill Hill Broadway during Environment Week. Entry forms from the secretary,

Miss Marion Dewing. Tel. 430 5617 (day) and 959 5013 (evening).

Three footpath walks are being arranged for Sunday, May 1.

One over the footpaths in the Mill Hill Green Belt starting at 11am from the Rising Sun public house at the top of Highwood Hill.

One on the wildlife in Mill Hill at 2pm, again from the Rising Sun.

Another on trees in Mill Hill

starting at 2pm from the Three Hammers on The Ridgeway.

Projects will also be organised in schools during the year and Mill Hill Preservation Society will give a trophy for the best project in each grade. In addition, Mill Hill Historical Society will give a prize to the schools for the best essay on a local well-known person or building.

Finchley Society plans

THE Finchley Society will again play their part in Civic Trust Environment Week with a number of events for all sections of the community from April 27 to May 4.

Throughout the week all three Finchley public libraries will present a display of books from their shelves on subjects such as conservation, ecology, town planning and other aspects of the environment.

In addition the Church End library, Hendon Lane, will feature a Finchley Society display involving an open competition on the theme of local open spaces.

As a prelude to the week, a recital of chamber music, 'Musick for a while', will be given at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley,

in 'Inky Stephens' old drawing room, for members and friends of the society on Saturday, April 25. The programme will include an explanation and demonstration of antique musical instruments.

Nature Walks

On Sunday, April 26, Derek Warren of the Herts and Middlesex Trust, will lead nature walks round the Darlands Lake Reserve to see the rare fritillaries in bloom. The starting point is The Close by the Orange Tree public house, Totteridge, at 10.30am and again at 2.30 pm.

A May Fair, including children's entertainments, will take place at College Farm, Fitzalan Road, Finchley, on May 3.

Education deputy



MR JOHN BAILEY took up his appointment as deputy director and controller of educational services for the Borough of Barnet on March 2.

Mr Bailey, aged 48, was educated in Sheffield, Christ Church, Oxford, and the Institute of Education, London University.

After 13 years' teaching experience he became deputy divisional education officer with Hertfordshire (Dacorum Division) before coming to Barnet as assistant education officer (secondary) in 1979. He went back to Hertfordshire as assistant education officer (schools) in 1982 and was appointed divisional education officer for the South West Division in 1983.

He is married with four children and his wife, Diane, is a senior counsellor with the Open University. They live at St Albans.

Mayor opens Disaster Fund

FOLLOWING the tragic ferry disaster at Zeebrugge, Belgium, recently, when many people lost their lives or were badly injured, The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Denis Dippel, announced before the start of the special rates meeting of the council in March, that he was setting up a disaster Fund in the Borough of Barnet.

He said that the money would go towards relieving the suffering of all the people who had been victims of the disaster and he hoped that the people of Barnet would give his fund their fullest support.

Cheques and postal orders should be made out to the Mayor of Barnet's Disaster Fund and should be sent to him c/o the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG. Cash donations will also be welcome.

Higher pay for foster parents

BARNET Council's Social Services Committee has given the go ahead to increase the special rates paid to foster parents of hard-to-place children and to ensure that they receive 20 per cent above the London Boroughs' normal rate of pay. This is designed to attract more foster parents.

An example is the higher payments to be made to those caring for the 16 to 18-year-old group over a longer period — an increase of £20.20 a week up to £69.30. At the

other end of the scale the rate will be increased by £16 to £43.70 to care for the 0 to 4 year olds. These payments include the clothing and pocket money allowances.

Up to £163 a week is paid to foster parents of those placed as adolescents for short periods. Special higher rates are paid to substitute parents looking after family groups.

Alan Gorst, Director of Social Services, spoke enthusiastically about the scheme. 'We know that

things other than money attract people helping us care for children in care. Fair fees are important in getting the right people to take on this demanding but worthwhile job which can bring such pleasure. We now top the table in our rates of pay.'

Interested people may telephone 01-446 1488 and ask for Carol Rogers (ext. 4241) or Alan Gorst (ext. 4239) or write to them at Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N20.

NEW COURSES AT THE INSTITUTE

New courses in holiday languages, tennis, gardening, English music and play reading lead off the summer term at Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute which begins on April 27.

The five week language courses in French, German, Greek, Italian and Spanish are intended for beginners and near beginners and the emphasis will be on equipping the traveller to 'get by' in the language of the country he or she will be visiting. Foreign languages coordinator Graham Spowart will be delighted to hear from anyone who wants more information before en-

rolling.

The tennis course on Wednesday evenings from May 13 is also designed for beginners and players will be coached by Pat Mignon who was trained at Bisham Abbey and who is a welcome addition to the institute staff.

Gardening

For those who prefer their outdoor activities to take a horticultural form, 'Gardening in Summer' will cover lawn care, trees and shrubs, border plants, soil types, fertilisers and nutrients, taking cut-

tings, pruning and propagation.

Subtitled the 'Modern Age of Drama,' the play reading course with Sarah Glass will take an informal look at the post-war playwrights like Osborne, Bennett and Stoppard, while in 'English Music', Dorothy de Val will guide students through the last two centuries of England's lively and individual music tradition, including Elgar and Britten.

A leaflet 'Summer at the Institute' has details of these courses and more besides. Copies are available from the Institute in Central Square NW11. Tel. 01-455 9951.

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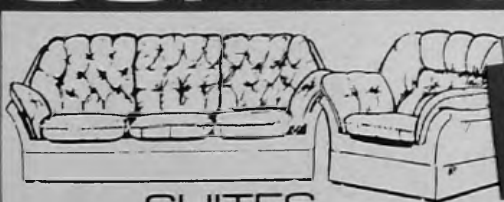
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Council Meetings

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

Tuesday April 7: COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday April 22: Town Planning & Research

Monday April 27: Development & Estates; Housing

Tuesday April 28: Public Works; Social Services

Tuesday May 5: COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday May 6: Planning Sub-Committees

Entries for the May issue must be received by Tuesday, April 10, and before that date if possible. New entries start on May 9.

*Asterix denotes weekly meeting.

Saturday April 4

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

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

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

*Emotions Anonymous, Community Centre, 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 3pm. 458 1504

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

Sunday April 5

Herts & Middx Trust for Nature Conservation — Tasks at Darlands Lake, Totteridge Lane, N20. Meet The Close, by Orange Tree Pub, N20. 10.30am. 346 5258

Car boot sale, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 10am-2pm. 445 1309

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Barnet 18 Plus Group, Bull & Butcher Public House, 1277 High Rd, Whetstone. 8.30pm. 0707 59373.

Weekdays

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

Crescent Playgroup, East Barnet Baptist Church Hall. 9.30am. 449 5095.

*Old Barn children's activities, Tarling Rd, N2. Under Fives, 9.30am; After School Club, 3.30-6pm. 349 4613

Monday April 6

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

*Edgware & Dist Canine Training Soc, St Alphege Hall, Playfield Rd, Burnt

Oak. Ring class 8.30pm; obedience training 9.15pm. 0923 35968

*Church Farm Children's 2-3 Club, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 10am-12 noon. 361 8166

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

*Emotions Anonymous, St Agnes Catholic Church Hall, Cricklewood Lane, NW2. 8pm. 961 5567

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

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

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

Tuesday April 7

*Finchley Writers' Workshop. North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. Everyone and all kinds of writing welcome for criticism and discussion. 6pm. 349 9412

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

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

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

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

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

*Hendon and Edgware 18 Plus Group, Games Room, Royal Oak Pub, Finchley Rd, Temple Fortune. 8.15pm. 205 1455

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

*CRAB — photography for mentally handicapped people, 43 Flower Lane, NW7. 2pm. 346 9789

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

*Basketball, 12-15 yrs Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 6pm. 368 6316

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

*Emotions Anonymous (emotional living problems). Unitarian Rooms, Hoop Lane, Golders Green. 8pm. 837 4456/959 1003

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

*MIND in Barnet, Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12. No appointment needed. 7.30-9.30pm. Also Wed. 2-4pm.

*MIND in Barnet, 154 Station Road, Hendon. No appointment needed. 1-3pm. Also Wed. 2-4pm and Thurs 8-10.30pm.

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

*Bottoms Up. A club for mothers with first babies, Jubilee Room, St

James' Church, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. 2.30-4.30pm. 361 3320.

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

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

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

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

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

*Cricket umpiring classes, Cockfosters Cricket Club, Chalk Lane. 7.30pm. 363 9397

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

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

*Legal Advice, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, 42 Church Lane, N2. Also first Tuesday in month immigration advice. 7-8.30pm. 444 6265

*Basketball for juniors, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. £1 per session. 368 6316

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

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

Wednesday April 8

Rotaract Club of Edgware & Stanmore, The Green Man Pub, Honey Pot Lane, Stanmore. 8.15pm. 722 4439 (also Apr 22)

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

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

*Barnet YHA Group 1st Lyonsdown Scout Hut, York Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. 449 1553/440 8770

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

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

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

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

*St Margaret's Badminton Club, Rectory Lane, Edgware. 8pm. 440 4572/951 0875. Vacancies for players

*CRAB — Circus sessions, Finchley Youth Hall, 142 High Rd, E. Finchley. 346 9789

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

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

*Badminton — few vacancies for good standard players — friendly club, three courts. 883 4437 (also Thursdays evenings).

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

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

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

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

Thursday April 9

RSPB (N London), Holy Innocents Hall, Tottenham Lane, N8. Film Night. 7.45pm. £1.20, 75p concessions. 361 2658

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

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

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

*MIND in Barnet Thursday Club, 154 Station Rd, Hendon. 7.45pm 446 1654

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Badminton (adults), Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 368 6316

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

*Emotions Anonymous, Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, East Finchley. 8pm. 722 6307

*Bounce, a group for children under five with special needs. New Barnet Community Centre, 48-50 Victoria Rd. 1.15pm for 30 minutes. 25p. 349 7120

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

*East Finchley Toy Library, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Eagans Close, N2. Over 500 toys available. 3pm. 883 6027 (also 1st & 3rd Sat., 10-11am)

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

*Talks on Social Effectiveness. 202 3373

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

*Badminton, adult beginners, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. £15 for 10 week course. 368 6316

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

Friday April 10

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

Oakleigh Carers Group, Health Centre,

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Oakleigh Rd Nth, Whetstone. 2pm. 368 8350

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

*Hendon & Hampstead Garden Suburb Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. 8pm. 205 6053

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

*Barnet Blind Bowls Club, Finchley Drill Hall, 444 High Rd, N12. 2pm. 449 7058

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

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

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

*Emotions Anonymous, St Albans Parish Church, The Vestry, West Heath Drive, Golders Green. 8pm. 837 4456

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

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

Saturday April 11

Barnet & Finchley Save the Children Fund Coffee Morning, Concourse, Trinity Church, Nether St, N12. Gifts, jewellery, plants etc. 10am-12.30pm.

Sunday April 12

RSPB North London — outing to Pagham Harbour. Meet Alexandra Park Gates, Priory Rd, N8. 8am. £4.75. 348 5300

RSPB NW London — day trip to Tring Reservoir. Meet Edgware Stn. 9.30am. 952 8672

Tuesday April 14

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

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

Arthritis Care, St Peter le Poer Hall, Albion Ave, Muswell Hill. 2pm. 883 2441

Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Chambers, 29 Wood St. 8pm. 449 7317 (also Apr 28)

Wednesday April 15

Finchley & Dist Philatelic Soc, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 7.30pm. 883 8724 (also May 6)

Thursday April 16

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

Saturday April 18

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

Tuesday April 21

Nth Middx Family History Soc Barnet Branch, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 7.45pm. 441 0529

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

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

Barnet National Trust, St Mary Magdalen Hall, Athenaeum Rd, Whetstone. 8pm. 449 3896

Friday April 24

Barnet Ratepayers' & Residents' Assn (Arkley & Hadley Wards), Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Rd. 8pm; surgery 7.30pm. 449 0807

Saturday April 25

Spring Fair, Avenue Lawn Tennis Club, The Avenue, off Sylvan Ave, N3. 10.30am

Sunday April 26

Open Day at Darlands Lake Nature Reserve, Herts & Middx Trust for Nature Conservation. Guided walk to see the Snakes head fritillary. 10.30am and 2.30pm in The Close by Orange Tree Pub, Totteridge Lane, N20. 346 5258

RSPB North London — car outing to Virginia Water. Meet Alexandra Park Gates, Priory Rd, N8. 8am. 801 8581

Monday April 27

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

Saturday May 2

Save the Children Week. Barnet & Finchley Branch stall in Barnet Market. Gifts, jewellery etc. 9am-3pm

Sunday May 3

Herts & Middx Trust for Nature Conservation. Tasks and surveys at Darlands Lake Nature Reserve. Meet 10.30am, The Close by Orange Tree Pub, Totteridge Lane, N20. 346 5258

RSPB NW London — morning visit to Darlands Lake Trust Reserve, Totteridge Lane, N20. Meet The Close, beside Orange Tree Pub 9.30am. 952 8672

Wednesday May 6

Kaufmann Memorial Lecture by Prof Robert S Wistrich 'The Jewish Identity of Sigmund Freud', Leo Baeck College, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, N3. 8pm. 349 4525

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

Horticulture and Floral Art

Saturday April 4

Barnet Horticultural Soc Annual Spring Flower Show, Ewen Hall, Wood St. 2pm

Tuesday April 7

Friern Barnet Floral Art Club, Christ Church URC Hall, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 8pm. 446 0783 (also Apr 21 & May 5)

Wednesday April 8

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

Thursday April 9

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

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

Saturday April 11

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' & Floral Art Soc. Spring Show, St John's Church Hall, Somerset Rd, New Barnet. 2pm. Admission 10p.

Tuesday April 14

New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Soc, Church Rooms, Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown Rd. Floral Art Demonstration. 8pm. 50p. 441 0293
Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 8pm. 959 3530

Wednesday April 15

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

Tuesday April 21

Totteridge Floral Art Group, Badger's Croft, Totteridge Village, N20. 2pm. 445 9307

Saturdays/Sundays

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

Sundays

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

Women's Clubs

Mondays

*Women's keep fit, Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7pm. £1 per session. 368 6316

*SupaSlim Slimming Club, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. Sensible dieting and group therapy. 10am. 445 3195

Tuesdays

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

*Supaslim Slimming Club, Church House, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. 8pm. 445 3195

Thursdays

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

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

*Ridgeway Club (Nat Assn of Women's Clubs), St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 7.45pm. 449 1373

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

Monday April 6

New Barnet Evening TWG, Brookside Methodist Church Hall, E Barnet. 7.30pm 440 1394

Hampstead Garden Suburb TWG, St Jude's Church Rooms, Central Sq, NW11. 2pm. 458 3706

Golders Green TWG, St Alban's Church Hall, Golders Green. 2pm. 455 4156

Tuesday April 7

Totteridge WI, Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Lane, N20. 7.30pm. 445 5700 (also May 5)

Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd, NW11. 2pm. 361 9623 (also May 5)

Royal British Legion Women's Section (N Finchley), Legionway, Summers Lane, N12. 8pm. 445 9911 (also May 5)

*Acorns', non-sectarian club, E Finchley Methodist Hall, High Rd, N2. 9.45am. Creche available. 346 7945/349 2318 (also May 5)

Wednesday April 8

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

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

Thursday April 9

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

Broadway Mill Hill TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. 2pm 959 1333

Chipping Barnet W1, Church House, Wood St, Barnet. 10am. 440 8807

Tuesday April 14

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

Wives' Group, Mill Hill East Church Hall, Salcombe Gdns. 8pm. 346 9430 (also April 28)

Wednesday April 15

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

Friary Club (Nat Assn of Women's Clubs), Canteen, Friern Barnet Town Hall, N11. 8pm. 445 8493 (also Apr 29)

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

Tuesday April 21

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

Friday April 24

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

Monday April 27

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

Barnet & Dist Branch (Nat Council of Women), St John's URC Hall, Mowbray Rd, New Barnet. 1.30pm. 449 2062

Tuesday April 28

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

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

Friday May 1

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

Wednesday May 6

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

Thursday May 7

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

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

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

Bridge and Whist

Saturday May 2

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

Mondays

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

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

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

*Partner Whist Drive, St Peter's Church Hall, Somerset/Lyonsdown Rd, New Barnet. 8pm. Admission 40p. 441 1591

Tuesdays

*Chase Bridge Club, St Andrew's

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Church Hall, Southgate. 9.30am. 360 5098

Wednesdays

- *Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service whist drive. Priory Hall, Friern Barnet Lane. 10.30am. 368 4278
- *Whist Drive, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. 7.45pm. 458 3933

Thursdays

- *Northside Bridge Club, E Finchley Methodist Church Annexe, High Rd. Duplicate first Thursday, rubber remaining Thursdays. 7.30pm. 445 7788
- *NW London Duplicate Bridge Club, Michael Sobell Centre, Limes Ave, NW11. Admission £1.50. 7.45pm. 455 3745

Fridays

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

Keep Fit

Saturdays

- *Body-Tune dance keep fit, St Mark's Church Hall, Potters Rd (entrance Woodville Rd), New Barnet. 9.20am (also Monday 10am) 441 1336
- *Aerobic low impact workout, United Reformed Church Hall, East End Rd, N2. 11am. 883 7029

Sundays

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

Monday-Friday

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

Mondays

- *Pensioners Health Group, Methodist Hall, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 2pm. 794 6376. 60p
- *Yoga, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 7pm. 455 2476. Also Weds 9.45am
- *Aerobics 9.30am; body conditioning 10.30am. St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3 (during term-time). 349 1449
- *Body conditioning classes, Christ Church, Whetstone, Oakleigh Rd Nth, N20. 10am and 7.15pm (also Tues, Wed, Thurs). Phone 440 2483/445 1846 for times
- *Aerobic workout, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 7pm, advanced 8pm. £2. 958 7596 (also Thurs 8pm)
- *Popmobility, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 7.30pm. £1.80 per session. 202 6027
- *Body-Tune, St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 7.15pm. 441 1336
- *Aerobics, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 8pm. 906 1721
- *Weight and fitness training, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 8.15pm. 906 2322
- *Aerobic advanced class, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. No beginners. 8pm. 349 1449

Tuesdays

- *Popmobility/aerobics, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7pm and 8pm. 441 2933.
- *Keep fit, Centre Point, Corner Mead Grahame Park, 8.30pm. 205 7113
- *Aerobics, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 1449 (also Thursdays 8pm)
- *Ladies Keep Fit — suitable all ages —

Hendon School, Golders Rise, Hendon. 7.30pm. 349 0400. (also on Thursdays)

- *Body conditioning classes, Oaktrees Special School, Chase Side, Southgate. 7.30pm. 368 0881
- *Keep Fit and self defence with Nanbudo, St Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 4421
- *Stretch and Shape, Oak Tree Special School, Chase Side, Southgate. 7.30pm. 368 0881
- *Slenderquest Slimming Club, St Mary Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 8pm. £1.75. 449 4277
- *Body Focus exercise/Dance class, Lyonsdown Hall, New Barnet. 10.15am. £1.50 creche inclusive. 368 5871
- *Ladies Weight training, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 10.30-11.30am. £1.80 per session, £15 per term. 202 6027
- *Exercise to music — keep fit/aerobics — URC Hall, Wood St, Barnet. £1.50. 8pm
- *Yogacise, 7.15pm; Body-Tune, 8.25pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 441 1336
- *Body-Tune dance keep fit, St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 8.15pm. 441 1336 (also Wednesday 7.15pm)
- *Yoga for absolute beginners, St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, E Barnet. 7.15pm. 441 1336 (also Wednesday 8.25pm)

Wednesdays

- *Pop exercise, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 7.30. Gym fit/swim, 8pm. 205 7113.
- *Yoga for people with handicaps. Special class, St Mary's Hall, East Barnet. Gentle movement, breathing, relaxation. 4-6pm. Qualified teacher. Other classes available. 440 1828
- *Aerobics, Cophall Swimming Pool, Page St, Mill Hill. 9.45am (during term-time). 349 1449
- *Mixed Volley Ball Training Club, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet Juniors 6pm; seniors 7pm. 441 2933
- *Health and Beauty, exercise and movement classes, Christ Church Hall, High Rd, N12. 7.15-9.45pm. 504 1644
- *Keep Fit (adults), Manorhill Centre, Summers Lane, N12. 7.30pm. 368 6316
- Yoga classes for beginners, Patanjali Yoga Centre, 190 Watford Way, Hendon. 10.30am to 12 noon. 203 0062
- *Body conditioning: keep fit class — Canada Villa Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 2-3pm. £1.50 per session. Creche available. 959 2811
- *Body conscious, body conditioning classes, St Mark's Church Hall, Woodville Rd, E Barnet. 6.45-7.45pm, 8-9pm. 440 5552
- *Yogacise, 8.25pm; Body-Tune, 7.15pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Rd, East Barnet. 441 1336
- *Weight Mates Slimming Club, St Mary Magdalen Church Hall, Holders Hill Rd, NW4. 10am. 455 4814
- *Tai-Chi for all, St Edward's Church Hall, Finchley Rd/Hoop Lane, Golders Green. 8pm. 458 9842
- *Aerobic low impact workout, 7-8pm; Body conditioning, 8-9pm; United Reformed Church Hall, East End Rd, N2. 883 7029

Thursdays

- *Get Fit Club for young and old, St Stephen's Hospital, Mays Lane, Barnet. 7.30pm. £1.50. 906 0974
- *Mixed exercise class for people with problem backs, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet.

- 8pm. 445 6986
- *Aerobics, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park, 8.30pm. 205 7113
- *Yoga, British Wheel trained teacher, Union Church, Northiam, N20. 7-8pm. 349 2972 (not August)
- *British Wheel of Yoga Teachers Diploma Course, Barnet. 7pm. Details 440 1828
- *Jumping Beans — pre-school gymnastics — Canada Villa Centre, Pursley Rd, Mill Hill. 10am-12 noon. £2 enrolment fee and £1 per session. 959 2811
- Body Focus exercise/Dance class, East Barnet Baptist Hall, Crescent Rd. 8.30pm. £1.50. 368 5871
- *Aerobic workout, Mill Hill School Sports Centre, The Ridgeway, NW7. 8pm. £2. 958 7596
- *Mother and Toddler Gymnastics (up to 4yrs old), Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. Sessions: 12.45-1.30pm, 1.30-2.15pm, 2.25-3.10pm. Last session 2½-4yrs only. £1.50 per family. 202 6027
- *Ladies Keep Fit, Hendon Sports Centre, Algernon Rd. 10am. £1.80 per session. 202 6027
- *Yoga Class for Women, Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 349 4613
- *Aerobics, St Augustine's Church, Great Field, Grahame Park. 8.30pm. 906 1721.

Fridays

- *Aerobics 9.30am; Body conditioning 10.30am, Christchurch Hall, High Rd, N12 (during term time). 349 1449
- *Anita's keep fit class, Michael Sobell Centre, Limes Avenue, Golders Green. 10.15am. 458 7411 ext 379 (day), 455 9195.
- *Keep Fit at the Old Barn Centre, Tarling Rd, N2. 1.30pm. 349 4613

Martial Arts

Mondays

- *North London Karate Club, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, 8-9pm, 9-10pm. 440/7733/8633 (also Thurs)
- *Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre. Recreation Hall, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. Children 8-14 yrs; 6.30-7.30pm. 449 3150
- *Cobra Karate Club, Christ's College School, Hendon Lane, N3. Beginners 7pm; advanced 8pm. 959 4338. Also Wednesdays
- *Watling Karate Club, Watling Boys' Club, Dryfield Rd, Burnt Oak. Under 12, 6-7pm; over 12, 7-8pm. 40p a session (and Wednesdays)
- *London School of Karate, East Barnet Upper School, Chestnut Grove. 8pm. 359 0381
- *New Barnet Jiu Jitsu Club, Scout Hut, York Rd, New Barnet. 7.30pm. Also Tues with children, 6pm. 446 1733
- Nanbudo Martial Arts Club, St Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N3. 8pm. 349 4421 (also Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Children 6.30pm. Wed)

Tuesdays

- *Karate Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 7-13 yr olds 6pm; 13 plus and adults, 7pm. 205 7113 (also Thursdays, 7pm and 8pm)
- *Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre, Penefather Hall, St Albans Rd, Barnet. Adults 7.30-9.30pm. 449 3150
- *J.L. Kung Fu Centre, All Saints Church Hall, Durham Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 959 2605
- *Goju-Ryu Karate, Queen Elizabeth's Children Sports Centre, Meadway, Barnet; 6-7pm, adults 7pm. 906 4372/449 8997 (also Thurs)

- *Meadway Goju-Ryu Karate Club, St Marks Hall, off Meadway, Barnet. 8.30pm. 274 6376 (children's classes)
- *Sport Karate Club, Beaver Hall, Fairmead Cres, Edgware. 8pm. 906 1701 (Barnet Karate Squad coach)

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

- *Shin Do Kwai Kendo Club, Whitefield School (gym) Claremont Rd, NW2. 7.30pm. 863 7574
- *Martial Arts Academy. Science-of-Combat, Hendon High School, off Brent Street, Hendon. 7pm. 0865 726772

Singles Clubs

Tuesday April 7

- Finchley Solo Club for widowed, divorced & single (25-65). 8pm. 889 0513/444 8743 (also Apr 21)

Tuesday April 28

- Spectrum for unattached professional people 25-40, Orange Tree, 7 Totteridge Village, N20. 8.30pm. 449 9893

Sundays

- *Singles Club party night get together, 411 Hendon Way, Hendon. 202 3101.

Mondays

- *Barnet Thirty Plus Group (30-50). Pity badminton at Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 8pm. 886 9252
- *Club 81 for unattached people 24-45, The Load of Hay Pub, Brent Street, Hendon. 8.45pm. 349 0026

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- *National Council for the Divorced Separated, North West London Branch. Friendly club evening near Brent St. Hendon. Details: 226 3752, 203 57389/3269
- *North London and District Divorced/Separated Club, St Paul's Church, High Rd, New Southgate. 8pm. Potters Bar 42849
- *Club 81 for unattached people 24-45. The Green Man Pub, corner of Nth Circular Rd/High Rd, N2. 8.45pm. 349 0026

Pensioners Clubs

Monday April 6

- Pensioners' Voice (Mill Hill), John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 1.30pm. 952 2496 (also May 4)

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Wednesday April 8

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

Thursday April 9

TGWU Retired Members' Assn (Edgware/Hendon), Church Hall, Rectory Lane, Station Rd, Edgware. 2pm. 203 4022

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

Thursday April 16

Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 10am. 346 6994

Thursday April 30

Pensioners' Voice (Colindale/Burnt Oak), Burnt Oak Library, Watling Ave. 1.30pm. 959 4683

Pensioners' Voice (Whetstone/Finchley), N Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. 1.30pm. 445 7113

Monday May 4

Pensioners' Voice (Mill Hill), John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. 1.30pm. 952 2496

Wednesday May 6

Pensioners' Voice (Golders Green), Trinity Church Hall, Rodborough Rd, NW11. 1.15pm. 455 7952

Mondays

*Handicraft Club for over 60s, Evergreen Centre, 54-60 Brookhill Rd, New Barnet. 2pm. 449 8690/886 7512

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

*Hadley Darby & Joan Club, Hadley

Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone. 2pm. 441 4853

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

*Roundabout Club pensioners group, Sarnes Court, Oakleigh Rd Sth, N11. 2pm. 368 4409

*Hoop Lane Thursday' — drop in for coffee and a chat — Unitarian Room,

Hoop Lane, NW11. 10.30am.

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

Fridays

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

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

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

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

Exhibitions

Sunday April 5

College Farm Gallery, Fitzalan Rd, N3. Mixed exhibition. 2-4pm. 445 5558

Until April 9

Hebrew Alphabet Calligraphy Exhibition by Joe Rose and Shmuel, The Sternberg Centre, The Manor House, 80 East End Rd, Finchley. 346 2288

April 11 to May 2

Barnet and Finchley Photographic Society exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave, N12. Normal library opening hours

Until April 16

Debbie Humphry, artist in residence at Edgware School, exhibits photographs with students of the school.

Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal opening hours

Until April 26

Work of the Finchley artist Herbert Norman, Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open: weekdays (except Tues). 10am-1pm, and 2-5.30pm, Tues 10am-1pm; Sun 2-5.30pm.

April 25 to May 23

Paintings by Elizabeth Davies, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal library opening hours

Until April 27

Icelandic tapestries by Jóna Sparey and her students, Totteridge Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, N20. 440 2803 for opening hours

May 3 to 30

'Colour Experience' — water colours by Elizabeth Stempien — Totteridge Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, N20

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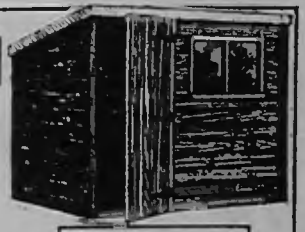
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Drama

April 9 to 11

East Finchley Theatre Club present 'Harvest' by Ellen Dryden, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd, N2. (BBAC Drama entry). 8pm. 883 1087

Good Companions A.D.S. present 'Whose Life is it Anyway' by Brian Clark, John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. (BBAC Drama entry). 8pm. 906 2735

April 24 & 25

Barnet South Community Assn present 'The Murder of Maria Marten' by Brian J. Burton, BSCA Hall, Mays Lane, Barnet. (BBAC Drama entry). 8pm. 449 4815

April 30, May 1 & 2

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Soc present 'Habeas Corpus' by Alan Bennett, The Institute, Central Sq, NW11. (BBAC Drama entry). 8pm. 455 6856

Wednesdays

*Incognito Theatre Group, Theatre, Friern Barnet. 8pm. 886 5791

*East Finchley Theatre Group, Methodist Church Hall, High Rd, N2. 7.30pm. 883 2633

*Gainsborough Theatre Club, The Centre, Gainsborough Rd, N12. 8.15pm. 205 8352

*Barnet Youth Drama Centre, 142 High Rd, E Finchley. Sessions for seven to 11-year-olds. 6pm. Also **Thursdays** (16+), 7pm; **Fridays** (12-15), 7pm; and **Saturdays** (7+), 10am. 883 9957 (workshop hours)

*Nether Never Drama Group, Disablement Assn in the Borough of Barnet, Trinity Church Centre, Nether St, N12. 8pm. 446 6935

Music

Saturday April 4

Finchley Choral Soc perform Bach's 'St John Passion', St Barnabas Church, Holden Rd, N12. 7.45pm. Tickets £3.50 (£2 children/students). 445 4968

Finchley Music Centre concert, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 10am. 368 1255

Hendon Music Centre concert, St Mary's Lower School, Sunningfields Rd, Hendon. 7.30pm. 368 1255

Sunday April 5

London Pro Arte Choir perform Faure 'Requiem' and works by Vaughan Williams and Lotti, St Michael's Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 8pm. 959 1659

Tuesday April 7

Hendon Library Gramophone Soc. The Burroughs. 7.45pm. 202 5625 (also Apr 21 and May 5)

Tues-Sat Apr 7-11

Borehamwood Operatic Soc present 'The King and I', Hertsme Centre, Elstree Way, Borehamwood. 7.45pm (Sat mat 2.30pm). Tickets £2.50-£3.50. 953 9872

Saturday April 11

Hendon Music Soc Recital series — Raphael Ensemble of London, Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, Golders Green. Works by Borodin, Arensky & Tchaikovsky. 7.45pm. 203 2355

Sunday April 12

Palm Sunday evening service at Free Church, Central Sq, Hampstead Garden Suburb, will consist of read-

ings from St Mark's Gospel interspersed with special music and hymns, led by Rev. Peter Barracough, choirmaster John Winter and the Free Church Choir. 6.30pm.

Tuesday April 14

East Barnet Library Gramophone Soc, 85 Brookhill Rd. 8pm. 440 4376 (also Apr 28)

Monday April 20

Barnet Schools Band in St Albans International Youth Festival Pilgrimage Service, St Albans Cathedral

Tuesday April 21

Barnet Schools Concert, St Albans Cathedral. 7.30pm

Wednesday April 22

Electronic Organ Concert by Ken Stroud, Edgware & Dist Organ Soc, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Rd, Burnt Oak. 8pm. 953 3291

Thursday April 23

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Soc, Friern Barnet Rd. 8.10pm. 361 2787 (also May 7)

Sunday April 26

Recital by Alan Brind, violin, BBC Young Musician of the Year, Sobell House, Limes Avenue, Golders Green Rd, NW11. Tickets £7.50 or £5.50 (includes wine). Proceeds to Day Centre. 7.30pm. 458 7411

Monday April 27

Hendon Music Soc, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8pm. 203 2355

Mondays

*Barnet Orchestra at Hendon, Whitefield School, Claremont Rd, NW2. 8pm 205 2418

*Finchley Choral Society, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether St, N3. 7.45pm. 445 8401

*Manor House Hospital Operatic Soc, Manor House, Hospital, North End Rd, NW11. 7.30pm. 346 0237

*Tudor Orchestra, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Rd, Players welcome all sections, particularly brass. 7.30pm. 445 0563

*Mill Hill Amateur Operatic Soc, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 8pm. 959 2848

*Music for Fun — informal choir, St Jude's Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb. 8pm. 886 0284

*Entertaining the elderly in Barnet — 'Music Hall' rehearsals, Baptist Church Hall, Green Lanes, N13. 7.45pm. 449 4507

Tuesdays

*The Apollo Singers, Wilberforce Hall, Wilberforce Rd, W Hendon. 7.45pm. 959 1244

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

*Guitar classes starting in January 1987 for children, teenagers and adults, New Seekers Music School, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway. Enquiries 09278 2151

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

Wednesdays

*Woodcroft Choir, Flower Lane Centre, 43 Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30pm. 202 3811 ext 240

*Barnet Choral Soc, Methodist Church Hall, High St, Barnet. 7.45pm. 440 1157

Thursdays

*London Pro Arte Choir, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns, Mill Hill. 7.30pm. 959 1659

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

*Borehamwood Operatic Soc, Fairway

Hall, Borehamwood. 8pm. 906 1453

Saturdays

*Hampstead Garden Suburb Youth Music Centre, Henrietta Barnett School, Bigwood House, Bigwood Rd, NW11. 9am-12.45pm. 907 8018. (Spring term commences Sat., Jan 24)

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Sunday April 5

Red Riding Hood with John Peel Puppets. 3pm. £1 children, £2 adults.

One Night Stand — three theatre groups display their latest work. 8pm. £2.75, £2 concessions

Wednesday April 8

Flamenco Workshop. 7-8.30pm. £2

Thursday April 9

Theatre Skills Workshops — Lighting — 7pm. £2

Friday April 10

Shikisha African Dance Workshop. 4-5pm. £2. Evening show by three Zulu women. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Saturday April 11

The Cholmondeleys — New British Dance. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Rock 'n' Roll Workshop with Yvonne Ostrer. 11am-1pm. £2

Sunday April 12

Alexander Technique with John Canning — half day workshop — 2-5pm. £3. (Only 20 places)

Court Ensemble — features an innovative combination of cello, tenor voice and piano. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Tues April 14 to Sat April 25

Exhibition 'Flights of Fancy' — North London Polytechnic students (Architectural & Recreation Management) re-design The Old Bull with a hypothetical budget of £750,000. Open 10.30am-7.30pm in Main Gallery

Wednesday April 15

Court Ensemble — matinee performance of programme on April 12. 2.30pm. £1.75

Thursday April 16

Theatre Skills Workshops — Sound — 7pm. £2

April 21-25

Half term activities — drama workshops for 7-15 yr olds

Fri/Sat April 24/25

Boilerhouse Theatre present 'Kennedys Children'. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Sunday April 26

The Lambeth Story Tellers — especially suitable for visually handicapped — 3pm. £1 children, £2 adults

Sat May 2 to Sat May 23

Rollei Collectors Club (International Salon of Photography 1987). Open 10.30am-7.30pm in Main Gallery

Wed/Fri 29/30, Sat/Sun 1/2 May

Entens Theatre Company present 'Private Lives'. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Women's Week — May 5-10

Tues May 5 — Moonlighters music — women's music shop. 8pm. £2.75, £2 concessions

Weds May 6 — Belladonna perform 'The Women we are'. 8pm. £2.75, £2 concessions

Thurs May 7 — Health — 1pm

Thurs May 7 — The Comedy Cabaret Store. 8pm. £3.25, concessions £2.50

Fri May 8 — Self defence workshop — 10.30am-12.30pm. 50p

Fri May 8 — Charter Theatre Com. 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Sat/Sun May 9/10 — Red Stockings — 8pm. £3.25, £2.50 concessions

Dance

Thursday April 9

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill B'way. 7.45pm. 950 5756 (also Apr 23 & May 7)

Saturday April 11

Finchley Sequence Dance Club, St Philip The Apostle Hall, Gravel Hill, N3. 7pm. 346 8675

Monday April 13

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

Saturday April 25

Hamstead & Dist Scots' Assn — Dance — Golders Green Parish Church, West Heath Drive. 7.30pm. 363 7930

Saturday May 2

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

Mondays

*CRAB dance club for disabled, Woodhouse Sixth Form College, Woodhouse Rd, N12. 50p per session. 7pm. 346 9789

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

*Hampstead & Dist Scots Assn, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8pm. 515 7056

Wednesdays

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

It is regretted that owing to pressure on space some of the weekly dance entries have been held until the next issue.

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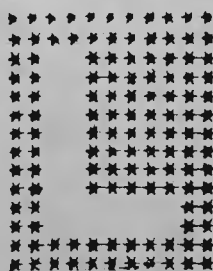
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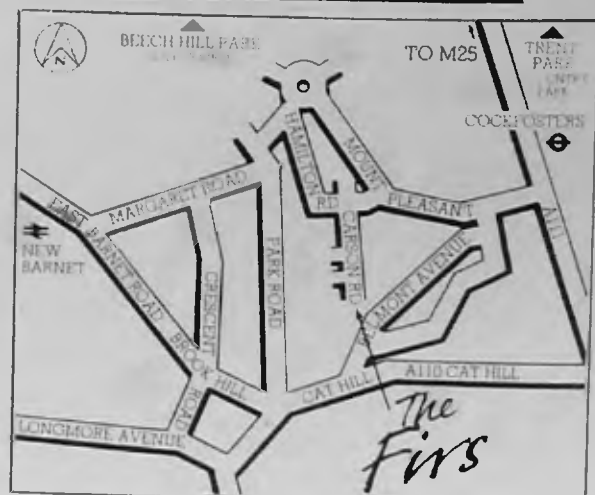


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Housing

Home Improvement Grants NOW UP TO 90%

BARNET Council are trying to help those most in need by directing home improvement grant aid to priority areas and people on low incomes.

Barnet's Housing Committee are to increase the level of home improvement grant aid to those in receipt of Housing Benefit from 75 per cent to 90 per cent of the cost of the work up to a maximum of £5,940.

At present there are nine priority categories and people whose homes fall within one of these may be eligible for a grant inspection right away.

1. Adaptations for the benefit of registered disabled people.
2. Applicants in receipt of Housing Benefit.
3. Properties within the seven General Improvement Areas in Barnet.
4. Where a notice has been served by the Chief Environmental Health Officer.
5. Intermediate Grant for missing basic amenities such as bath, basin, sink, hot and cold water supplies and internal w.c.
6. Essential fireproofing work for timber frame and steel clad dwellings.
7. Properties 'unfit for human

- habitation' within the terms and meanings of the Housing Act.
8. Structure in danger of collapse.
 9. Homesteading properties.

The Barnet House Condition Survey identified that there is a substantial problem of disrepair in Barnet's housing stock, predominantly in pre-1919 properties which is one of the criteria for a Repairs Grant. The other is that the Rateable Value must be less than £400.

It is the aim of the Council to help the elderly as much as possible, especially those on a low income who are above the thresholds for receiving Benefit of some sort. Many of these people fall between two stools and need assistance.

New initiatives are presently being considered to provide a more caring service, to help with form filling, builders, finance and organising the work.

Providing there are not further financial constraints by Central Government around £2m will be available over the next four years for Home Improvement Grants. Householders who feel they may be eligible for a grant for work such as leaking roofs, rising damp, timber rot or have a missing amenity, as in priority 5, should apply as quickly as possible.

Council rents rise by £2 a week maximum

Barnet Council tenants will be paying up to £2 a week increase in rents after April 1. But this is a maximum figure and more than half the tenants will find that their increase is less than £1.

These increases are charged for a 48-week year. If they are spread over a 52-week year the maximum increase would be £1.84 a week.

Over the past three years Barnet has been moving towards a more evenly based system with rents based on the Gross Value of the property. This figure is set by the district valuer — who is a central government officer.

In order to maintain a balanced

housing revenue account Barnet calculates the percentage increase needed, which this year was 3.75 per cent overall.

Special Allowances

Special allowances are made for flats, which have a higher gross value than houses of similar size and yet are often less popular with tenants than houses. Allowance is also made for properties which have not been modernised.

There is good news for tenants who pay charges for heating and hot water. These charges will be reduced by 10 per cent.

Garage rents will rise by 15p a week.

HOW THE INCREASES WORK OUT

Rent Increase	Numbers of dwellings			Total%
	Houses	Flats	Total	
£2 (max)	620	94	714	4.2
£1.50-£1.99	2,511	37	2,548	15.1
£1-£1.49	3,360	1,043	4,403	26.1
50p-90p	51	7,562	7,613	45.1
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Housing

BARNET ACTS ON HOUSING SURVEY

Barnet is taking action to remedy the problems of below standard housing throughout the Borough in both private sector and Council housing.

Since November the Housing Committee has been studying detailed reports on the state of housing in the Borough, based on the findings of the 1985 Greater London House Condition.

Barnet was keen to participate in the survey as the Council had planned to carry out its own survey but instead it invested £10,000 in this one. As its name implies this was a London-wide survey and Bar-

net was one of four Boroughs surveyed in depth. Accurate and up to date statistics are now available to help to plan services, spending and policies for the future.

The survey updated the results of a similar survey carried out in 1979 which were always regarded as misleading and did not portray the realistic position.

The new statistics, however, show the housing situation in the Borough with greater accuracy. In the private housing sector the number of unfit dwellings is estimated at 1,400 (7,000 was the 1979 figure) and

the number of other unsatisfactory homes is 16,600 (as compared to 18,300 quoted in 1979).

In the Council's own stock the situation has also improved with only 200 dwellings classified as unfit compared to over 3,000 in 1979 and the number of other unsatisfactory homes reduced by nearly a half from over 4,000 to 2,400.

Although these figures show improvement in the condition of all the Borough's housing the results still indicated that there was a minimum of £58 million of work needed to be carried out on the Council's own stock to remedy disrepair and a furth-

er £97 million in the private housing sector, mainly in housing built prior to 1919.

Councillor Norman Hirschfield, Chairman of the Housing Committee, said: 'We welcomed the opportunity of taking part in this in-depth survey. With the further knowledge that we have concerning structural defects, which the survey could not have shown, we estimate that in the Council's own stock there is a need for £80 million to be spent on remedial works and a further £40 million on desirable improvements.

'Barnet has a programme of modernisation and refurbishment taking priority in our capital programme for the next four years and plan an extra £5 million expenditure a year up to the end of March 1991.

'This is all work on the Council's own estates and when this four-year programme comes to an end there will still be work needing to be done which will be catered for in future capital programmes. Barnet has for several years been undertaking essential work and our first priority is to bring the stock up to a good structural and comfort standard.

'In the private housing sector we will do everything we can to encourage owners to renovate their own homes.

'We will be increasing the amount of money available for improvement grants by £200,000 a year. The good news is that the Council has increased the repairs grant limit to 90% for people on housing benefit — the very people who could not afford to carry out necessary repairs to their homes before.

'We are doing our part to help with advice and a speeding up of grant implementation and we have a clear priority list which includes targetting the money to people in special need.

'We are not complacent. We have a big task ahead of us, but we are putting money and staff resources into the problem and, because we have capital receipts from house sales, we shall be able to maintain our enhanced programme of renovations for the foreseeable future.'

The AMA's full report will be made available for Members of the Council to consider as soon as possible.

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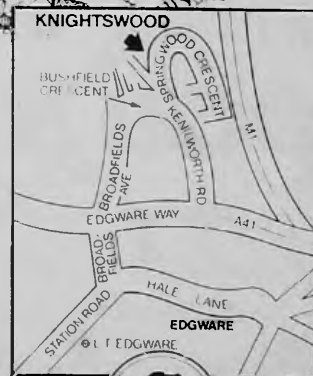
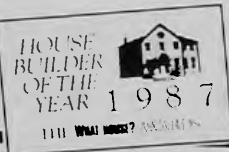
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However it has also meant that the 66 per cent of homes that are owner-occupied in the borough could be sitting on a fortune.

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Soccer

April 13-17: Copthall Stadium, Great North Way, Hendon. 10am to 3pm. Ages seven to 18. Bring extra kit in case of bad weather and a packed lunch.

Further information from John Dempsey on 203 2752.

Cricket

April 13, 15, 16, 20, 22 and 23 (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). West Hendon Playing Fields Pavilion, Goldsmith Avenue, NW9. Ages eight to 12. 10am to 12 noon, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Steve Alleyne on 203 2752.

Short Tennis

Short Tennis is played indoors with foam balls and plastic racquets. It is a good way to introduce children to tennis.

Fridays, **April 10, 17 and 24** at West Hendon Playing Fields Pavilion. Ages eight to 12.

Tennis

Ages 10 to 18.

April 13 (Monday). Hendon Park, Queens Road, and Victoria Park, Ballards Lane, Finchley, 10am to 12 noon, 1pm to 3pm.

April 14 (Tuesday). Edgwarebury Park, Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware and Oakhill Park, Church Hill Road, East Barnet, 10am to 12 noon.

April 20 (Monday). Hendon Park, 10am to 12 noon.

April 21 (Tuesday). Edgwarebury Park and Oakhill Park, 10am to 12 noon, 1pm to 3pm.

April 27 (Monday). Hendon Park and Victoria Park, 10am to 12 noon, 1pm to 3pm.

Contact Paul Haslam on 203 2752.

Athletics

All ages welcome.

April 13 and 15 (Monday and Wednesday). Women's jogging at Copthall Stadium and Oakhill Park. 10am to 11.30am.

April 14 (Tuesday). Copthall Stadium, Athletics clinic, long jump and hurdles. 10am to 12 noon. Sprints and endurance 2pm to 4pm.

April 16 (Thursday). Copthall Stadium. Athletics clinics, hurdles and high jump. 10am to 12 noon. Sprints and long jump, 2pm to 4pm.

April 17 (Friday). Athletics clinic, sprints, hurdles, jumps and endurance. 2pm to 4pm.

Contact Dave Thomson on 203 2752.

Youth and Community Service

Queen Elizabeth Centre
Meadway, Barnet.
Tel: 441 2933

Holiday programme **April 13 to 16 and 22 to 24**. Pay-as-you-Play sessions, £1, 10am to 12 noon. Under fives must be accompanied by an adult.

Casual swimming, 2 to 4pm. Adults 80p, children 40p.

Courses for swimming, £4 and £3. Football and tennis, £6 and £4.50. Must be booked.

Centre Point
Cornermead, Grahame Park NW9
Tel: 205 7113

Holiday programme **April 13 to 16 and 22 to 24**. Multisport and Trampolining sessions for children aged six-plus. 10am to 12 noon. No need to book. 60p hr.

Swimming crash courses **April 13 to 16**. 10am to 12 noon (half hour sessions) £4 per course. Must be booked.

Football FA course. Afternoon both weeks. Check times when booking.

Public swimming 2pm to 4pm. Children 30p, adults 60p.

Evenings: pay as you enter (children 50p, adults 80p) full range of activities. Public swimming Tuesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 16 and 23. 7pm to 9pm. Adults 60p, children 30p.

Ashmole Centre
Burleigh Gardens, Southgate
Tel: 368 4984

Holiday programme **April 13 to 16 and 22 to 24**. Pop-Lacrosse — a new sport featured on Blue Peter and London Youth Games, nine to 12 year-olds 9am to 11am daily. Cost £7 for full course. Wear PE kit and trainers.

Soccer for beginners. **April 13 to 16**. Five and Six-year-olds. Cost £4. 9.30 to 10.30am. Course must be booked in advance.

Casual activities, pay-on-the-day. Trampastics, ages four to six. £1 per session 10.45am. Rollerskating, ages six to 12. Own boots and skates needed. 50p a session. 11.45 am.

Sort-o-Sport, ages six to 12. £1.50 per session. 1pm to 4pm daily.

Finchley 12-plus Project

The Old Barn Community Centre, with grant aid from Barnet Council, runs an exciting full-time programme, 10am to 5pm daily for 12 to 16-year-olds. Places must be booked a week in advance. Every day there is a varied programme with a major special event: Cost £16 a week.

April 13. Roller skating at Picketts Lock and swimming at Lee Valley.

April 14. Dollis Brook Walk — all day hike.

April 15. Drama Workshops and sports.

April 16. Visit to Woburn Abbey

April 21 to 24. Come camping at the super site of Swaylands near Tonbridge, Kent. Stay for three nights. Great value for £16. Please book as early as possible.

Every afternoon the 12-plus Project offers drop-in sessions, no need to book but tel 368 4613 or 368 6316 for details and time and venue.

For the under 12s there's the junior play group with museum visits and general activities arranged for the holiday period.

The Under Fives Club holds daily sessions throughout the school holiday starting at 9.30am. Contact Syd Czapnik on 349 4613 or Ian Hickman, Manorhill Centre, 368 6316.

Manorhill and Ashmole are now taking summer bookings. Phone early to make sure of a place.

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Sport

Teaching soccer skills



ANKLE-DEEP in mud — Barnet Sport's senior football coach, John Dempsey, teaches local children soccer skills during the half-term break at Cophall Stadium.

Over 200 children, girls as well as boys, took part in the training sessions.

He was assisted by 10 coaches under the Manpower Services Scheme, some of whom hope to go on to obtain their football coaching certificates.

John said the training sessions were a success, and the youngsters gained a better knowledge and understanding of the sport.

Are you a wicket lady?

BARNET Sport is holding cricket coaching sessions at the Buckland Sports Centre, part of Mill Hill School, on the Ridgeway, and there are special classes for women and girls at just 50p a session.

The courses are held on Saturday mornings at 10am. You don't need any previous experience of the game, just turn up wearing comfortable clothes, like a track suit, and trainers.

Did you play at school and would like to take it up again?

Do you get stuck on the outfield while the men of the family enjoy the fun of batting and bowling?

Are you tired of watching cricket on TV and not understanding what is happening?

This is the fun way to get to grips with a great game. And after all Rachael Heyhoe-Flint has already proved that it is a game in which women can excel.

To find out more about the sessions phone leading cricket coach John Dempsey, on 203 2752. He has a team of cricket coaches.

There are also coaching sessions for unemployed people every Saturday at the same venue and a full range of cricket coaching for young people and sports enthusiasts is now running under the Barnet Sport banner.

BARNET COACHING REGISTER

BARNET'S Recreation Group is compiling a coaching register of all qualified sports coaches within the borough.

This will be used as an information service for individuals, clubs and organisations who may at some time require a coach for a specific activity.

Any qualified sports coach who wishes to have their details included on the register, should contact Michael Behnke, Sports Development Officer, on 01-446 8511 ext 4668.

A card will then be sent out on which relevant details can be recorded.

ATHLETICS FOR ALL

BARNET and District Athletic Club whose headquarters are in the northern end of the borough, off Victoria Road New Barnet — near Sainsbury's — would be pleased to welcome new members.

Members train at Cophall Stadium, off the Great North Way, Hendon, and Page Street, Mill Hill, on Tuesdays at 7pm during the winter season and at Bethune Recreation Ground, Beaconsfield Road, New Southgate, in the sum-

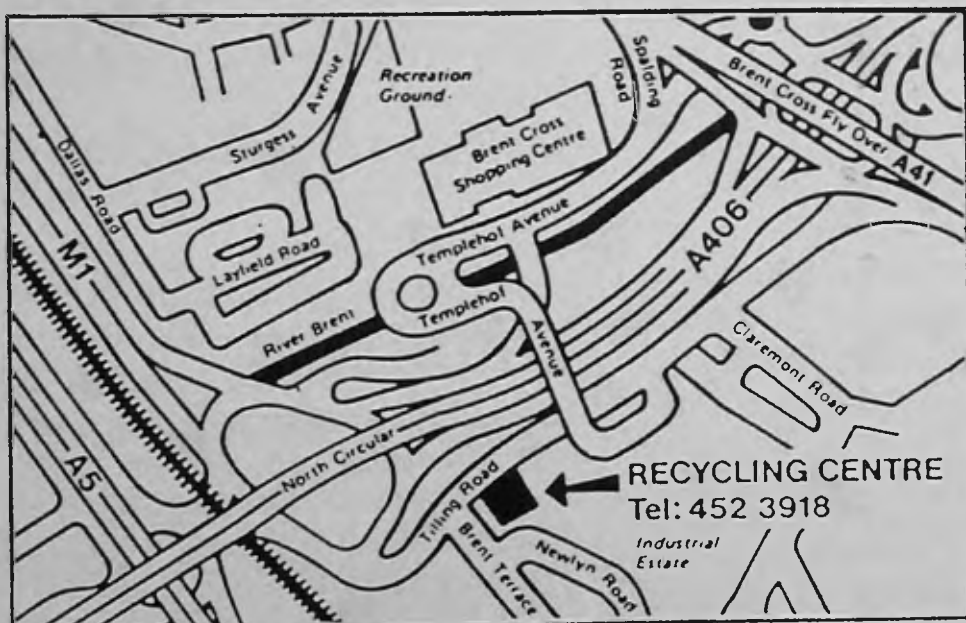
mer. On Thursdays they train from the clubhouse in New Barnet starting at 7pm and again on Sundays at 8.30am and 10.45am.

All standards are catered for from 11-year-old youngsters and joggers to the elite and veteran athletes, both men and women.

If you are interested Steve Harris, membership secretary, Tel. 368 6754, would be pleased to hear from you and give you more information.

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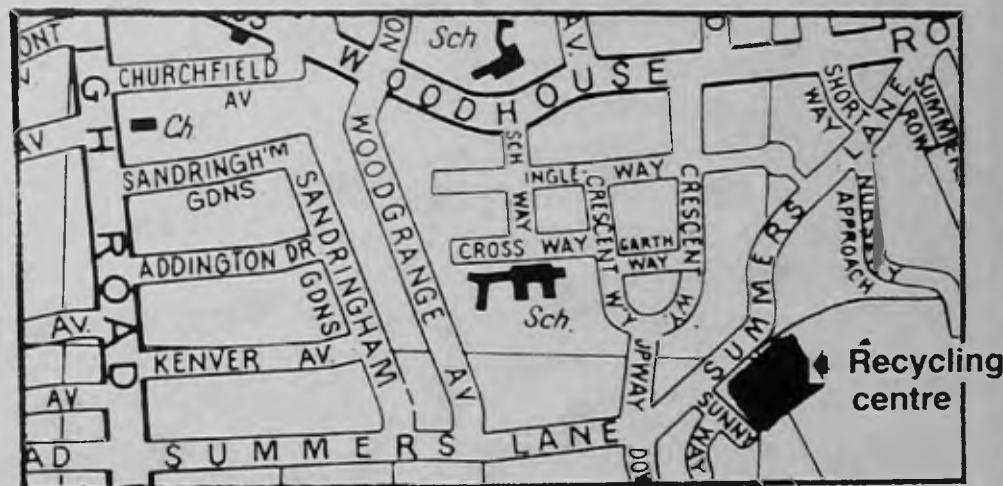
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Closing date: 16th April, 1987.

Ref: 600/405

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

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Borough Treasurer's Department

Group Leaders (2) — Payroll Section

Salary: SO1 £11,307 — £12,009 per annum inclusive

Following retirements, two Group Leaders are required in the Payroll Section based at Hendon Town Hall. You will be responsible for the day-to-day management of a team of 11 staff involved in the payment of some 9,000 personnel on weekly, monthly and sessional payrolls.

Barnet has its own uniquely developed on-line system and the Payroll and Deputy Payroll Managers are looking for two enthusiastic people with good communication skills, to assist them in the continued development of the system and for the training of junior staff in payroll technique.

A detailed knowledge of local authority pay and conditions of service and a sound knowledge of statutes and regulations affecting pay is required. Preference will be given to candidates with an A.P.S.A. qualification and experience with computer payroll systems.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.

Ref: 601/365

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Directorate of Educational Services

Part-time Educational Psychologist

18 hours per week

Child Guidance Centre, East Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware

Salary: Soulbury Educational psychologist Range QT Scale 3-4 — HT 7.4 £5,452 — £8,937 per annum inclusive

We are looking for a qualified Educational Psychologist to join a team of nine in the School Psychological Service. You will also work as a member of the Child Guidance Service. There will be opportunities to develop skills in consultation and project based work. Car allowance payable.

Informal enquiries may be made to the Principal Educational Psychologist, **Miss M. M. O'Flynn**, (01-951 1044).

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.

Ref: ADM/E/18B

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Meal-time Supervisors

Rate of Pay: £2.78 per hour plus Free Meal

Meal-time Supervisors are urgently required at the following schools:

Brunswick Park JMI School, Osidge Lane, N14. (Tel: 01-368 3475)

Cophall School, Page Street, Mill Hill, NW7. (Tel: 01-959 1937)

Deansbrook Junior School, Hale Drive, NW7. (Tel: 01-959 3423)

The Fairway JMI School, The Fairway, NW7. (Tel: 01-959 1177)

Finchley Catholic High School, Woodside Lane, N12. (Tel: 01-445 0105)

Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, N12. (Tel: 01-368 1783)

Garden Suburb Primary School, Childs Way, NW11. (Tel: 01-455 3269 and 01-455 8198)

Hasmonean High School, Holders Hill Road. (Tel: 01-203 1411)

Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11. (Tel: 01-458 8999)

Monkrith JMI School, Knoll Drive, N14. (Tel: 01-369 6020)

St Andrews JMI School, The Green, N20. (Tel: 01-445 6157)

Woodridge JMI School, Southover, N12. (Tel: 01-445 5478)

If you are interested, please contact the school direct.

Hours of work are usually between 12 noon-1.30pm, but these times may vary slightly depending upon the school.

Meal-time Supervisors who look after schoolchildren during the lunch period, are often required at schools throughout the Borough. If you would like to become a Meal-time Supervisor, please enquire at your local school where there may be a vacancy.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.

Ref: ADM/MTS

Cleaners

Rate of Pay: £2.78 per hour

School cleaners are needed to help the caretaker at the following schools:

Ashmole School, Cecil Road, N14. (Tel: 01-368 2608)

Barnet College, Russell Lane Site, Russell Lane, N20. (Tel: 01-361 5101)

Christ College, Hendon Lane, N3. (Tel: 01-346 1607)

East Barnet Upper School, Chestnut Grove, Cat Hill, East Barnet. (Tel: 01-440 4162)

East Barnet Lower School, Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet. (Tel: 01-440 4162)

Finchley Catholic High School, Woodside Lane, N12. (Tel: 01-445 0105)

Manorside JMI School, Squires Lane, Church End, N3. (Tel: 01-346 4847)
Northway School, The Fairway, Mill Hill, NW7. (Tel: 959 4232)
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, High Street, Barnet. (Tel: 01-449 2984)
If you are interested, please contact the school direct.

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Closing date: 9th April, 1987.
Ref: ADM/C

Resident Caretaker

Osidge Primary School, Chase Side, Southgate, N14

Your duties will include operation of heating system and responsibility for security of premises, portage, cleaning and supervision of staff.
School floor area: 24,873 sq ft.
Heating system: Automatic oil-fired central heating.
Accommodation: Three-bedroomed house — rental £4.64 per week.
Weekly pay: £120.61.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.
Ref: CAM/RCO

Application forms, quoting reference, from the Recruitment Office, address No. 1.

Education Catering

Peripatetic Canteen Supervisor

Salary: Scale 3 £7,344 — £7,906 per annum inclusive

We are looking for suitably qualified (HCIMA or equivalent) people who have experience in practical kitchen management and the training of staff. An Education Catering background would be an advantage. Essential car user allowance payable.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.
Ref: 603/224

Application forms, quoting refer-

ence, and further details from address No. 3. Tel: ext 326.

Barnet College of Further Education

Senior Photographic Technician

Salary: Scale 4 £8,049 — £8,910 per annum inclusive

You will be based in the Faculty of Art and Design and should be a well qualified, enthusiastic and energetic technician with experience in all aspects of professional photography. An HNC or similar qualification would be an advantage.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.
Ref: 892/344

Application forms, quoting reference, available from the Senior Administrative Officer, Barnet College of Further Education, Wood Street, Barnet, Herts, EN5 4AZ. Telephone: 01-440 6321.

Directorate of Social Services

Part-time Clerk/Typist

North Area Team

Salary: Scale 1/2 up to £3,589 per annum inclusive (for 18 hours per week)

We are looking for an audio/copy typist to provide clerical and secretarial support to our busy social work team. You will be required to undertake general clerical duties and provide switchboard cover as necessary.

You should have good audio/typing skills, experience of office routine and a flexible approach to work. Some shorthand skill would be an advantage although not essential.

The Team offers a pleasant working environment and is situated in New Barnet.

The 18 hours are to be worked on

Wednesday pm, Thursday and Friday. Informal enquiries to **Mavis Hendry**, tel: 449 5511.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.
Ref: 631/643

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Part-time Domestic Assistants

Rate of Pay: £2.71 per hour

Chandos Lodge, a home for 56 elderly people in Grahame Park, Colindale, NW9, needs part-time Domestic Assistants to undertake cleaning and tidying duties in the communal areas of the building.

Hours: 25 per week, timing by negotiation although 9.00am-2.00pm would be preferred. Alternative weekend working is involved, when the rate of pay is higher.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.
Ref: CAM/DAC

Please apply to Mrs E. Hayward, Chandos Lodge, Broadhead Strand, Grahame Park, NW9. Tel: 01-205 4878. Please quote reference.

Cleaner/Jobbing Assistant

Station Road — a small day centre in Hendon, NW4

You should be able to work on your own initiative and will undertake cleaning, gardening and simply DIY tasks around the house.

Hours: 18 per week, 10 of which must be worked between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

Rate of Pay: £2.80 per hour.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.
Ref: CAM/CJA

Apply to Charlotte Amazon, 154 Station Road, Hendon, London NW4. Tel: 01-202 2917. Please quote reference.

1 Personnel Officer, Room H, 16/17 Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon NW4 2EN. Telephone 01-202 8282 Ext 424. (01-202 6602 outside office hours)

4 Director of Social Services
Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone
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3 Director of Educational Services
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Directorate of Social Services

Careworkers

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The Leys at Elstree is a home for up to 23 adults with a mental handicap. We are looking for two full-time careworkers to join a team committed to encouraging the residents to achieve a full and independent life. The work involves providing physical care and emotional support for the client group. You will work 39 hours per week and will be required to undertake shift work on a rota basis. In addition, you will be required to sleep in at least once a week for which £11.22 per night is payable.

For informal enquiries and to arrange a visit to the home telephone 01-207 0122.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.

Ref: 633/290

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Nursery Officers

**Day Care Under Fives
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Salary: Day Grade 2 £7,344 to £7,896 per annum inclusive

Day Nurseries in Barnet are committed to the involvement of parents in their day-to-day activities and each child is seen as an individual, but part of a family.

Wingfield Day Nursery, Grahame Park, Colindale, NW9 is aiming to meet the needs of a multi-cultural community. Male and female workers who are members of ethnic minority groups are currently under represented in the staff team and in order to achieve a balance, applications from members of these groups would be particularly welcome. Applicants, who must be qualified (e.g.

CSS, NNEB) should have, in addition to all the skills required to work with young children, an understanding and supportive approach to parents and preferably experience in working with families under stress.

Interested applicants are invited to visit the nursery by appointment with the Officer-in-Charge.

Informal enquiries to: Virginia Heron, Officer-in-Charge. Tel: 01-205 6175. Or Monica Candy, Management Officer. Tel: 01-446 1488, ext. 4247.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.

Ref: 421/424

Application forms, quoting reference, from address No. 4.

Directorate of Technical Services

Secretaries

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The Personal Secretary to the Assistant Controller (Architecture), you will provide a comprehensive secretarial service. The ability to deal tactfully with staff, Council Members and members of the public will be of paramount importance, as will the ability to work under pressure. Attendance at conferences and meetings and the taking of notes/minutes will also be required. Ideally you will have had at least three

years experience as a Personal Secretary to Senior Management in Industry, Commerce or Public Service.

For an informal discussion about the post please telephone Mrs R. Coates on 01-446 8511, ext 4602.

Closing date: 9th April, 1987.

Ref: PS/A

Application forms, quoting reference, and job profile, from Assistant Controller (Support Services), address No. 2.

Library Service

Children's Librarian

Golders Green Library

Salary: Scale 3/4 £7,344 — £8,910 inclusive

We are seeking a Librarian who has completed qualifying examinations and has an interest and enthusiasm for work with young people. At the same time they will need to play a full part in the overall library team at Golders Green in serving this very varied community.

Closing date for applications — 15th April, 1987.

Ref: 607/47

Further details and application form from Borough Librarian, Ravensfield House, address No. 5.

For full-time posts we offer a minimum of 20 days basic annual leave, with additional leave at most Bank Holidays, canteen facilities and schemes to assist with temporary separation and relocation. Assistance with housing may be available; 100% of removal expense; interest free loans for annual season tickets.

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ARTSCENE



Tapestries from Iceland

AS we shake off the winter blues, we can learn how to prepare for the next one from an exhibition of 'Ancient Icelandic Tapestries'.

Tapestries by Jóna Sparey of Station Rd, New Barnet, and her students, are on show at The Gallery, Totteridge Library, until Monday, April 27.

Jóna's mother is Icelandic, and as a child she spent many summers in Iceland where her grandmother taught her the various traditional stitches.

The exhibits have been sewn without a pattern or a frame. It is the method of holding the canvas which enables a person to work without a cumbersome frame.

An exhibition at the Old Bull Arts Centre, Barnet, in 1983, was so successful that the visitors asked if she would teach them.

Since then she has taught many students whose ages range from six years to 82. Even poor eyesight is no handicap as she provides canvasses with larger

holes.

The craft has not only decorated homes for centuries, but kept the people of Iceland warm. 'Until 70 years ago it was illegal for people not to wear national costume,' Jóna explained. 'The tapestries have many uses such as tablecloths, table mats, bedspreads or bed valances.'

All the work is counted from a pattern, which can be designed from a photograph, and sewn directly on to a canvas. In this way people can make original ideas for special occasions.

This summer she is planning to take some students to Iceland to arrange an exhibition of their work at the Opera House in Reykjavik in the autumn.

She will give a talk about her tapestries on Friday, April 24, at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, from 2-4pm. Anyone interested in learning the craft should contact her on 440 2803.

DANCING FEET

ODSOX Youth Dance Company will be presenting their second annual production 'Odsox II — The Movie' on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5 at Barnet College Theatre, Wood Street, Barnet, at 8pm.

Since their formation in May 1985 by CRAB's (Community & Recreational Arts in Barnet) dance

animateur Jane Forde, Odsox's performers have increased to 30 young people from 12-21 years.

In April they will take part in the National Youth Ballet Course at the Royal Opera House and attend the New Dance Course in Amsterdam.

For tickets and details, tel: Jane Forde, CRAB, on 346 9789.

New home for Entens

THE long established Entens Theatre Company, previously based at the Intimate Theatre, Palmers Green, are making their new home at The Old Bull Arts Centre, High Street, Barnet. Their first presentation is Noel Coward's 'Private Lives' on Wednesday and Thursday, April 29 and 30 and

Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2 at 8pm.

Entens have given over 150 productions in 40 years, and after their The Old Bull debut they will be taking 'Private Lives' to the USA for an exclusive presentation in Montclair, New Jersey.

For tickets, tel: 449 0048.

Pictures and Art

CHILDREN at Edgware School are going around 'shooting' people.

Shooting — that is — with a camera. Pupils are being taught the skill of photography through Barnet's Libraries and Arts 'photographers in residence' programme.

Debbie Humphry is the current resident photographer at the school and an exhibition of her work with the pupils can be seen at Hendon Library until April 16.

The exhibition is in two parts. The first part looks at the school through individual portraits taken in black and white. The second is photographs taken by the pupils, showing a variety of interests and techniques.

From April 21 to May 15 the exhibition can be seen at Edgware library. The residency programme and exhibition are sponsored by

Dixons Group, Greater London Arts and the Borough of Barnet.

For further details, telephone the Arts Officer on 202 5625 ext 56.

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PEN and ink drawings by Herbert Norman of buildings in the Borough of Barnet and in Majorca are on display at Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, until April 26.

Born in Norwich in 1903, Mr Norman has spent most of his life with a drawing pen in his hand. He joined the family organ building firm of Hill, Norman and Beard in the drawing office. There he learned every aspect of technical drawing.

He was elected to Hornsey Borough Council and was Mayor in 1955-56.

Northside story

IT was cheers all round for Mrs Linda Carter's 1986 class of six and seven-year-olds from Northside School, North Finchley, at North Finchley library on March 7.

They won the best class entry in the 'Site to Store' competition run jointly by Barnet's Libraries and Arts and Sainsbury's.

The competition invited artistic and photographic impressions of the new Sainsbury's store in North Finchley from both children and adults.

John Wakefield, manager of the new Sainsbury's, presented the children from Northside School with a cheque for £50 which they

will spend on a day's field-trip outing.

Other winners were: Under 11's art section, Dio Davies, Purley Avenue, North Finchley; Adult photography, Peter Simon, Avenue Road, North Finchley; Adult art, Gillian Boal, Hillcourt Avenue, North Finchley.

A Grand Prix award of £100 went to Ray Boylett, Finchley Park, North Finchley, for his in-depth photographic history of the site from beginning to completion.

All the prizewinning entries are on display at North Finchley library, Ravensdale Avenue, until Saturday March 28.



Northside children with their winning entry.

RUSSIAN ROMANCE

THE Romantic period is the theme for Hendon Music Society's Saturday Recital Series which continues with a performance by the Raphael Ensemble of London at Trinity Church, Hodford Road, Golders Green, on Saturday, April 11, at 7.45pm.

This talented ensemble is made

up of some of the leading young British string players.

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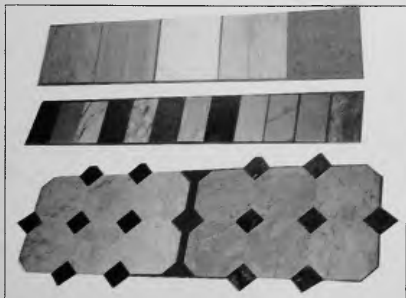
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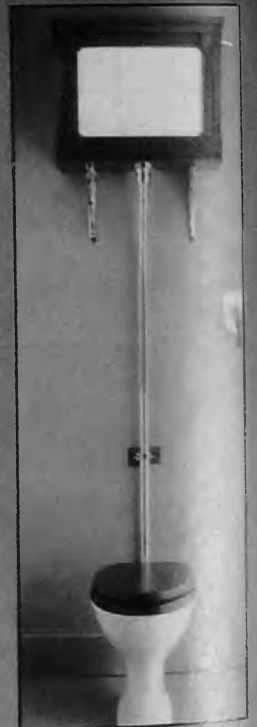
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