

Youth in Hendon

An Article on Youth by The Worshipful the Mayor of Hendon

(Cllr. John W. Shock, J.P., M.A., F.C.A.)

Teenagers have, no doubt, in every generation seemed to their elders to be eccentric, irresponsible and slightly ridiculous. Their efforts to assert themselves produce some results which to most adults seem curiously unattractive if, on the whole, harmless. The assertiveness which results in violence is comparatively rare but is publicised beyond its deserts. The eccentric are a small fraction of the whole—the vicious smaller still. The vast sensible steady mass of youngsters is too often overlooked.

It is the province of the sociologist to seek the causes of today's odder manifestations. One such cause is idleness and another is affluence. The choice lies open to put either to good or bad use.

There is no shortage of temptations leading the wrong way. The bad example is often the one to be followed—and not only by the young. If all the dangers cannot be removed counter attractions can be provided.

Nothing creates a greater interest than "taking part." There is more pleasure in playing a game than in watching it—in acting in a play than in sitting in the audience. The Youth Organisations set an example of public service and the Youth Clubs led by a small, devoted band of organisers provide the right atmosphere of fellowship.

It is my intention during my Mayoral year to promote an appeal for the youth of the Borough and I shall shortly be making a tour of many of the Youth Clubs and Organisations to see where the greatest need lies.

If we expect a high standard from our young people we must be prepared to help. I am sure that they will respond to this lead. I hope that the Burgesses of Hendon will respond as readily to this appeal.

A Welcome to New Burgesses

On the present register of electors the letter "Y" appears before 1,044 names. This means that they were entitled to vote for the first time after 1st October, 1964, and could have exercised their new right on the 15th October, 1964. "Y" voters are of course all twenty-one years of age.

To emphasise this fact, and to give them an indication of local government, an invitation was sent to all "Y" voters to come to the Town Hall, Hendon, on 30th September, 1964. A Quiz on local government was arranged during the evening, with The Worshipful the Mayor of Hendon (Councillor John W. Shock, J.P., M.A., F.C.A.) as Chairman of the Panel, answering questions sent in by "Y" voters. The Members of the Panel were: Alderman W. Lloyd-Taylor, Alderman A. Paul, J.P., Councillor Q. J. Iwi, M.A., Councillor F. A. Sharman, B.Sc.(Eng.), A.C.G.I., M.I.C.E., Dr. N. F. H. Butcher, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D. (Borough Education Officer). The Question Master for the Quiz was Mr. R. H. Williams, LL.B., Town Clerk of Hendon.

Following the Quiz, "Y" voters viewed exhibits arranged by the various departments of the Council, and took refreshments with the Mayor. All "Y" voters received a certificate to remind them as new burgesses, they are entitled to vote.



The Worshipful the Mayor of Hendon (Councillor John W. Shock, J.P., M.A., F.C.A.) presenting a certificate to David R. Tavner (eldest son of Mr. Charles Tavner, a senior Legal Assistant in the Town Clerk's Department), as a new burgess of the Borough. On the right of the Mayor is Mr. R. H. Williams, LL.B., Town Clerk of Hendon.

Members of the Youth Sub-Committee

of the Education Committee of the Council of the Borough of Hendon

Council Representatives: Chairman: Alderman D. F. Simons; Alderman J. L. Freedman, J.P., M.A., LL.B. (Chairman of Education Committee); Councillors W. P. Ashman, H. R. Brooks, (Mrs.) N. I. Cullinane, E. B. Davis, B.A., C. F. Harris, R. Robinson, I. D. Scott and T. C. Stewart, O.B.E.

Other representatives: Mr. P. Goodstein and Miss P. Hawkins (representing the Youth Council). Mr. H. Gillingham, F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I., Mrs. F. J. Morrison and Mr. J. Potter (representing the Youth Leaders' Conference). Miss R. M. Hardwick and Mr. J. Hedge (representing the Hendon Teachers' Association). The Rev. C. J. Spencer (Church of England) and The Rev. F. Smyth (Roman Catholic) (representing Religious Denominations). Mr. S. A. Lovejoy (Mill Rotary Club)—representing Rotary Clubs.

THE ALDERMEN OF THE COUNCIL



Alderman D. F. Simons

Alderman Simons has been a resident of Mill Hill since 1938, and was elected a Councillor to represent the Mill Hill Ward in 1949. He was appointed an Alderman in 1961 and was Mayor of the Borough in 1961/62. He has served on all the main Committees of the Council, is present Chairman of the Works Committee, and has been Chairman of other Committees of the Council.

He serves in many ways in addition to his Council activities, some of which include. Chairman of the Trustees of the Nicholl's and Daniel's Charities. Chairman of the Governors of Moat Mount and Goldbeaters Schools, Vice-Chairman of the Colindale Hospital League of Friends, President of the Mill Hill Horticultural Society, and is a member of the Mill Hill Toc H.

Elected as a Councillor of the London Borough of Barnet for the Mill Hill Ward on 7th May, 1964, Alderman Simons has been appointed Chairman of the Allotments Committee, and Chairman of the Youth Sub-Committee of the Education Committee.

Alderman Simons has been Chairman of the Youth Sub-Committee of the Education Committee of the Borough of Hendon since 1950, except for the year of his Mayoralty. He takes a considerable interest in all branches of youth activities, is Chairman of the panel for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and also the Borough of Hendon Citizenship Badge.

He is President of the Golders Green Boy Scouts Association, Vice-President of the Hendon Boy Scouts Association, President of the Hendon Girl Guides, Chairman of the 1st Hendon Scout Group, President of the Hendon and District Youth Football League, and President of the Hendon Youth Table Tennis League.

Alderman Simons was in business in Mill Hill for 21 years, from which he has now retired.

FACILITIES FOR YOUTH IN THE BOROUGH OF HENDON

Youth Clubs

The needs of youth are many and varied, and Hendon is fortunate in having some 170 organisations to meet this need-Boys Brigade, Girls Life Brigade, Scouts, Guides, Pre-service Units, St. John Ambulance Cadets and the British Red Cross. Churches encourage young people to take part in Youth Fellowships which may have an open membership or be confined to those attending the various denominations. There are also a few independent clubs.

The partnership between the Civic Authority and the voluntary youth groups has always been most successful and this has meant extending activities to cover a wider range of interests. Events and Facilities

The Education Committee has promoted sports leagues, art festivals, athletic meetings, swimming galas, speaking contests, quizzes, and makes available for hire at a small charge camping equipment, film projectors, tape recorder, and record player. In addition the Borough Council has placed a camp site at the disposal of the Education Committee for use by affiliated youth groups and also grants privilege tickets for members of youth organisations to enjoy the swimming Training courses in youth baths. leadership and senior club membership are arranged annually. Financial aid when required is given to youth groups to help them to extend or widen their programme.

Youth Council

As a means to encourage independent thought and action a Youth Council has been formed which invites each of the affiliated youth organisations to send two members between the ages of 15 and 21 to the monthly meetings. The Youth Council make recommendations to the Youth Sub-Committee through the two members who serve thereon, and its great

value lies in the close contact made with representatives of other Clubs. Youth Leaders Conference

This is usually held two or three times a year and is a wonderful opportunity for the various leaders of youth groups to come together to discuss their mutual and various problems and ideas, and in the past has been found a useful sounding board.

Borough Citizenship Badge Scheme

This scheme has been operating since 1958 and the Education Committee, in setting it up, had in mind the membership of those groups who do not have a badge system and hoped that this scheme would have a wide appeal. Its aim is to promote healthy, wise and helpful development. The scheme is in five sections, two of which are compulsory, and the remainder offering a choice to the candidate. The two compulsory sections are Public Service and Civics. Short training sessions are sometimes arranged in connection with this Badge wherever it is possible. Since the inception of this Scheme approximately 16 young people have gained the award, of whom 12 are boys and 4 are girls.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme This nation-wide scheme was first put forward by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, to help both the young and the grown-up. It is designed as an introduction and incentive to leisure time activities, a challenge to personal achievement and a guide to those people and organisations concerned with the development of our future citizens.

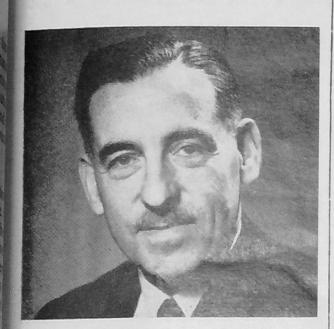
This Scheme is divided into Boys' Scheme and Girls' Scheme and a local panel under the Chairmanship of Alderman D. F. Simons has been set up to implement the scheme locally. Youth Handbook

A Youth Handbook is published once every two years, and a copy may be obtained from the Youth Officer at the Town Hall, Hendon.



A view of the Welsh Harp Sailing Base, Cool Oak Lane, Hendon, which provides excellent facilities for young people to learn the arts of sailing.

THE ALDERMEN OF THE COUNCIL



Alderman W. Lloyd-Taylor

Alderman W. Lloyd-Taylor has been a resident of Hendon for over 32 years, and has represented the Central Ward for 14 years. He was elected as a Conservative in 1950; appointed an Alderman in 1961, and became Mayor of the Borough in 1962/63.

He has served on all the main committees of the Council and is the present Chairman of the Estates Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee and Chairman of Governors of Hendon County Grammar, Whitefield Secondary Modern and St. David's Secondary Schools. He is past Chairman of the Works, Libraries and General Purposes Committees, and the present Committees on which he serves are— Allotments, Estates, Housing, Education, Establishment, and Whitley Works.

Elected as a Councillor for Central Ward to the Council of the new London Borough of Barnet on the 7th May, 1964, he was appointed Chairman of the Education Committee of that Council.

Alderman Lloyd-Taylor is in property management, is married and has three sons and one daughter. His War service was with the Royal Tank Regiment in the 8th Army.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hendon on Monday, 12th October, 1964, it was decided to hold only two further meetings of the Council, which will be held on Mondays at 6.15 p.m. at the Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4. The dates of these meetings are given below for information:—

21st December, 1964

15th March, 1965

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. A Public Gallery, where seats are not reserved, is set aside for those who wish to take advantage of the opportunity to hear their local representative on the Council, debating points which affect all residents.



Copthall Stadium, Great North Way, Hendon, was opened on 17th July, 1964, by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh and is available for use by young people for training and athletic events.

Youth and the Municipal Link with Tempelhof - Berlin

Many visits have been arranged between Hendon and Tempelhof, since the municipal link was first established in 1961. The accent on youth has been pronounced in this link, and from 19th July to 9th August, 1964, a party of young people from Hendon visited Tempelhof. This visit was returned from 6th to 20th September, 1964, when a youth party from Tempelhof came to Hendon.

The most recent visit was made by a civic party from 7th to 11th October, 1964, although unfortunately on this occasion the Mayor of Tempelhof, Herr Kurt Mürre, was indisposed and unable to accompany the civic party.

The civic party from Tempelhof, which comprised—

Herr Werner Krause, Chairman of the Council,

Herr Willi Ebel, Chief of the Department of Schools and Education,

Frau Ella Hallen, Town Councillor,

Frau Dorothea Siegel, Town Councillor,

Herr Alfred Menger, Town Councillor, Herr Kurt Neumann, Chief of the Depart-

ment of Youth and Sports, Herr Bernhard Hoffman, Chief of the Department of Buildings and Housing,

Herr Georg Reichenau, Town Councillor, were welcomed by The Worshipful the Mayor of Hendon (Councillor John W. Shock, J.P., M.A., F.C.A.), in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, 7th October, 1964. During their stay the civic visitors had an opportunity of studying the progress made in Hendon on many projects, as well as paying brief visits to places of interest, both locally and in London.



The Worshipful the Mayor of Hendon (Councillor John W. Shock, J.P., M.A., F.C.A.) and Mrs. Shock, the Mayoress, explaining civic robes and regalia in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Hendon, to a party of young people from Tempelhof, Germany, with which the Borough of Hendon has a municipal link.

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YOUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GARDEN SUBURB WARD



Councillor Quintin J. Iwi, M.A.

Councillor Iwi was born in Golders Green in 1933, and has lived all his life in the Borough. He is married and has one child, a daughter of 3 months.

Educated at Henrietta Barnett Junior School, Golder's Hill School, and St. Paul's School, Hammersmith. Councillor Iwi went to New College, Oxford where he read law.

He was elected to Hendon Council in 1962, now serving on the Highways, Works and Finance Committees and on the Sub-Committees concerned with Road Safety, and the operation of the Rating (Interim Relief) Act, 1964. His particular interest is in highway problems.

Councillor Iwi has been an active Liberal for many years, is a former Chairman of Hendon Young Liberals and a former President of Oxford University Liberal Club. He is now a member of the Hendon South Liberal Association Executive Committee, and of his Ward Liberal Association Executive. He is leader of the Liberal Group on Hendon Borough Council.

In such spare time as he has Councillor Iwi is interested in local and political history, also stamp collecting.

Last year it was decided that the Council's Agenda should be produced in the Town Hall, and a special Section was established in the Town Clerk's Department to carry out this work, in conjunction with the Printing Section in the Department of the Borough Treasurer.

The Council usually works on a fiveweek cycle of Committees, there are normally seven Council Meetings each year, and the reports of the various Committees have to be included in the



Councillor F. Andrew Sharman, B.Sc. (Eng.), A.C.G.I., M.I.C.E., M.Inst.H.E.

Councillor Sharman, aged 44, is a civil engineer, and was first elected as a representative for the Garden Suburb Ward in 1959. After serving for three years, he was re-elected in 1963, and has been on nearly all the main committees. He is Chairman of the Child Welfare Sub-Committee, a Governor of Hendon College of Technology, and last year was appointed to the Council of Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute.

In May, 1964, Councillor Sharman was elected to represent the Garden Suburb Ward on the Council of the London Borough of Barnet, which chose him as Chairman of its Development and Research Committee.

His work as a professional engineer, has been principally concerned with development projects overseas; he has published a number of technical papers, and is a member of several learned societies and professional bodies. Locally, he is an active Conservative and a member of Hampstead Garden Suburb Protection Society.

His wife is called Honor, and he has three children.



Councillor (Mrs.) Phyllis Young, M.B.E.

Councillor (Mrs.) Young is trained in social welfare, was awarded the M.B.E. in 1948, is married and has lived in Hampstead Garden Suburb for 22 years. She was elected as a Councillor for the Borough of Hendon to represent the Garden Suburb Ward in 1962 as a Liberal, and serves on the Buildings and Town Planning, Education, Public Health, Libraries and Museum, and Youth Employment Committees.

A Governor of Henrietta Barnett School, Councillor (Mrs.) Young is a member of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Council, and the Liberal Ward Committee for Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Councillor (Mrs.) Young is extremely interested in research and has published reports on "The Colour Problem in the London Docks," and "The Care of the Elderly Suffering from Mental Disorders " (London Area). Her past work includes-Ministry of Labour Welfare Officer, Head of W.V.S. Old People's Welfare Department, Chairman of National Council of Womens Employment and Insurance Sectional Committee, Chairman of L.C.C. Care and After Care Committee (Fleet Road School, Hampstead), Youth Clubs in East and South London, and Hampstead and St. Pancras areas.

SPEED AND ECONOMY

Council Agenda. Work of this nature calls for speed and many corrections to ensure accuracy, so it is not surprising that the Council were faced with a charge of £5,200 for outside printing of the Council Agenda during 1962/63.

After the first year, the production costs for preparing seven issues of the Council Agenda in the Town Hall are estimated at $\pounds 2,000$, a total saving of $\pounds 3,000$. The special equipment purchased to carry out this work is also available for use, when the Council Agenda is not being prepared.

Following success with the first major printing work undertaken, the Council have now decided to print the Register of Electors, containing some 105,000 names, and a similar saving is expected.

There will be considerably more work for internal printing in the Town Hall next year, when the Boroughs of Hendon and Finchley merge with the Urban Districts of Barnet, East Barnet and Friern Barnet, to form the London Borough of Barnet.