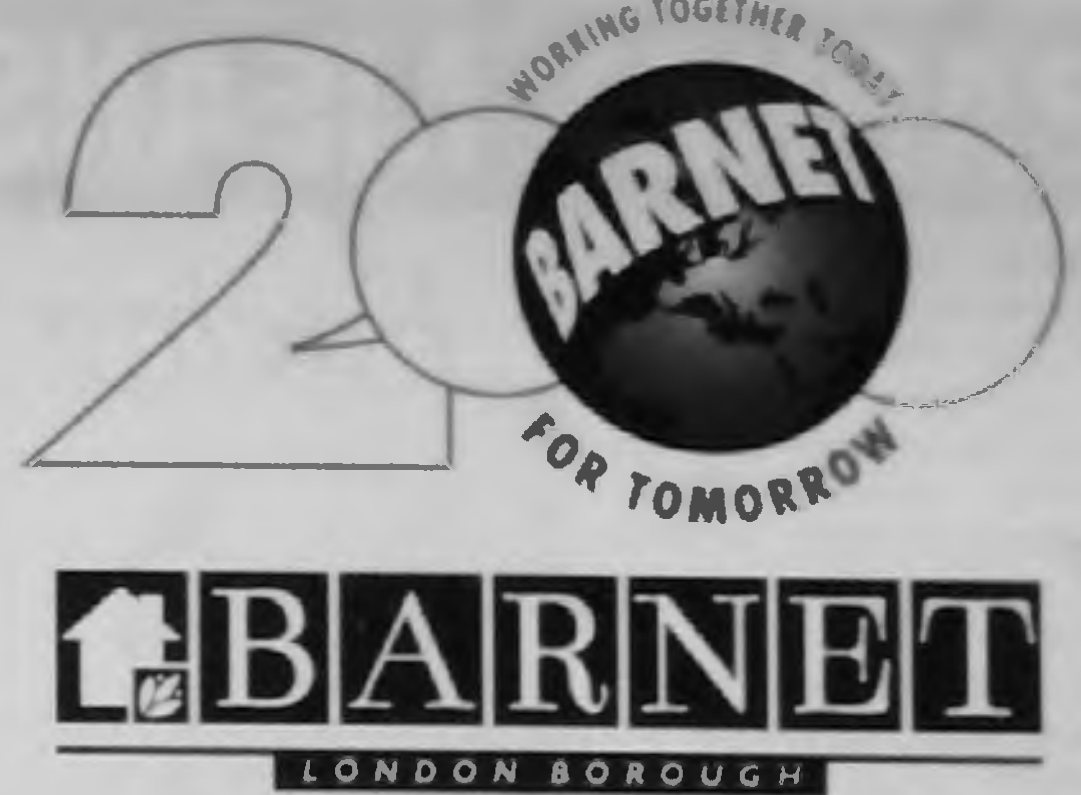


Barnet 2000 news

SUNDAY 14 JULY 1996

The morning newspaper of Barnet 2000



FIGHT NOW FOR A GREEN FUTURE

Everyone must help to protect the beauty of our environment for the sake of our children by changing their values now.

Sir Chris Bonington, the internationally famous climber, warned a packed audience in the main conference hall yesterday of the dangers to future generations if people failed to plan for sustainable development now.

Sir Chris Bonington announced Barnet Council's new youth award for environmental initiative.

It will give young people aged five to 21 who have improved the environment in the borough the chance to win a cup at a special Environment Conference in November.

Barnet's new youth environmental award, part of the council's backing for Agenda 21, the international plan agreed in Rio calling for local councils to work with the community to protect the environment, fitted perfectly the theme of Sir Chris' powerful call for action now.

Sir Chris' inspiring message was that every single one of us can do something now to protect our environment. We do not

have to wait for governments to do it for us.

"We can push governments but we cannot afford to wait for them to do something because it will be too slow," he said.

By not leaving rubbish in our own backyard or somebody else's wherever we are in the world and by leaving cars at home and using public transport, we can help preserve the unspoilt countryside for future generations.

Climbers could become an example to everybody by taking their own rubbish down again with them from the mountains, he said.

Much of the Hampstead-born climber's message focused on the threat to Britain's national parks from both developers and people and what can be done to save them.

His love of climbing was spurred by his experience of being evacuated to the Lake District during the war when he was 16 and was not spoilt by



narrowly escaping an avalanche on his first trip to Snowdonia.

Sir Chris as the President of the Council for National Parks stressed the need for sustainable development to protect these national beauty spots and jobs.

Governments have their part to play too and Britain could help by having a national policy for transport and long-term planning to provide alternative jobs for workers employed in work which harms the countryside such as quarrying.

He held up farmers receiving subsidies to reduce their flocks while building hedgerows as an example of what can be achieved.

Another example which others could copy was the Sherpas of Nepal who had introduced their own initiatives for dealing with rubbish without

waiting for government aid while enhancing their own lifestyles and wealth through environmentally aware tourism.

This was in sharp contrast to some of the horrendous damage being done to British national parks by quarrying, roads, power stations and army firing ranges.

"If only we can farm in a more ecological way it would produce more employment and produce healthier food rather than creating EC food mountains," he said.



Jumping for Joy

Children were one jump ahead of those locked in debate at conference yesterday.

As the debate covered everything from the environment to business, housing, jobs and young people, these children joined others in a fun-packed day on the green outside conference.

Today there will be more fun with the Openwide Theatre Company, Pekko's Puppets, Kazzum Arts Project and Circus Skills Workshop.

Massive boost to Mayor's charity

Barnet 2000 yesterday saw a milestone for the Mayor's Charity - Homeless Action in Barnet - with a massive £10,000 boost from Notting Hill Housing Trust.

The Trust handed over a cheque to the Mayor, Councillor Pam Coleman, which will go towards helping the homeless in the borough.

The cash will go towards building and managing the Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) centre in North Finchley. The centre is yet to be built but it is hoped to have it up and running by early next year.

Barnet Housing Aid Centre, who currently occupy cramped offices in Friern Park, will share the building providing a one-stop-shop centre for residents with housing and homelessness problems.

The centre will employ a full-time manager and two project workers, assisted by part-time admin and other staff supported by daily teams of volunteers.

The Mayor's charity appeal team have been working hard since the start of the Mayoral year in May to boost funds. A recent sleep-out in Finchley raised nearly £500 and with events coming up such as a barn dance, a concert featuring a galaxy of Broadway songs and the north London premiere of Steven Spielberg's new hit film, Twister, the charity is confident of continuing to boost funds.



Barnet Council Leader, Alan Williams greets Sir Chris Bonington

BARNET MEANS BUSINESS

The business community throughout North London and beyond responded to the call from the council to support Barnet 2000 and take full part in working with the community to shape the future of the borough into the next century.

At a workshop on business in Barnet, Ken Shoultz of Barnet Chamber of Commerce, told delegates of the key themes to be tackled to ensure prosperity and employment for Barnet's residents and traders in a tough, competitive world.

Small and medium-sized enterprises, which dominate the business landscape in Barnet, need to meet the challenge of competition head-on with better

Facing the challenge

quality products, sounder finance, good marketing and shop floor organisation. Barnet Chamber of Commerce plays a crucial helping role with expertise and personal contact.

To keep a manufacturing base, the borough's enterprises must innovate to survive. The new Lea Valley Business Innovation Centre was there to make that happen and Barnet's entrepreneurs were urged to make full use of it to stay ahead of the game.

Business in Barnet has been given a competitive edge with the

arrival of fibre optic cables installed by Videotron. For most people cable means television but the reality is a lot different. Cable gives access to the information superhighway - with low operating costs and a vast and as yet mostly untapped range of services and contacts on offer.

Delegates were told that business will prosper best if it gets the community on its side - that means closer links with the wider community, good employment practices, good service and being prepared to work in partnership in a socially responsible way.



Pauline Green, MEP for North London joined the Leader of Barnet Council, Alan Williams and delegates to launch Barnet Council's Economic Development Strategy.

Working together for success

Reviving town centres through partnerships between local councils, business and community groups was a major topic of conference.

The town centre management session examined how partnerships between local, voluntary, business and other organisations could reap great benefits for town centres.

Barnet Council itself recently introduced its own town centre forums made up of community representatives and a series of imaginative short and long-term measures to boost town centres have already been drawn up.

The speaker during the workshop session was Chris Green of Boots The Chemists, who has had lengthy involvement in innovative town centre management and regeneration across the country.

Another session yesterday looked at how cooperatives could help local regeneration and create a more sustainable economy.

The main speaker was Miranda Meadowcroft, who has been involved in the cooperative movement for over ten years.

MORE JOBS AS BANK EXPANDS

Up to 60 new jobs could be created and millions of pounds invested in the borough with plans by the Cyprus Popular Bank to set up their UK HQ in Finchley.

The bank has submitted plans to Barnet Council to provide accommodation at its three-storey offices at High Road, Finchley for head office administration, a training centre and branch.

The new development, which has yet to be considered by Barnet planning committee, will create the bank's sixth branch in the UK.

Announcing the development at Barnet 2000 yesterday, the bank said they had researched the borough and found Barnet and Finchley vibrant and easily accessible for staff and customers.

The bank, which supported

yesterday's launch of Barnet's latest Economic Development Strategy, is associated with the HSBC Group, one of the leading financial institutions in the world.

"This is a first major step in our strategy to encourage inward investment into the borough. It demonstrates our determination to encourage companies to set up their business bases in the borough and create new full time jobs," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

Barnet's Economic Development Strategy, a blueprint for building a better borough, includes a major commitment to creating employment and decent affordable housing.

The strategy was produced after widespread consultation with local businesses. Eighty per cent of these are small businesses with one to ten employees.



Ian Scott from Barnet Council's Hendon Youth Sports Centre could not believe his eyes when his hero, the explorer Chris Bonington, had a go at abseiling.

Chris Bonington was at the second day of Barnet 2000 to take the main session Living Sustainably - the local challenge with global rewards (see page 1).

"I could not believe my eyes, Chris Bonington is my hero, this has made my year," said Ian who was demonstrating the abseiling with children from the centre.

A veteran of dozens of expeditions, including climbing both Mount Everest and K2, Chris Bonington said: "This was one of the best abseils I have done, I really enjoyed it."

Keeping tree heritage healthy

The future of the borough's trees is in safe hands thanks to Barnet residents.

Barnet is one of the greenest boroughs in London and has thousands of trees lining the streets and in its parks and gardens.

Keeping an eye on these is a major task for the borough's tree officers so in March this year Barnet decided to send out a plea for help to its residents.

Barnet needed residents to act as tree wardens to help keep an eye out for disease and damage and to work with the borough's own tree wardens to educate the community on the role of our trees in the environment.

Volunteers soon flooded in and in May this year a training programme began. Residents acting as tree wardens are out and about on the streets keeping an eye out for damaged or diseased trees.



READ ALL ABOUT IT
delegates catch up on the news

Multi-cultural Barnet

The message to Barnet Council came across loud and clear at the workshop - The Face of Multi-cultural Barnet. We need positive action on improving employment opportunities for residents from the borough's rich and diverse ethnic minority communities.

The need for co-ordination of information, eradication of racism and improved awareness education on the different communities and cultures was highlighted.

Also the need for a multi-cultural centre and targeted resources for refugees was another clear message from delegates on the second day of Barnet 2000 from the workshop whose aim was to develop an agenda for change which reflects the aspirations and hopes of residents throughout the borough.

If you'd rather

take off than
sign on...

Help Yourself

By coming to us for advice, tens of thousands of local people are now better qualified, better trained and better equipped to be in control of their careers.

Add to that the fact that, last year alone, we successfully helped nearly 1500 people out of long-term unemployment and into jobs, as well as helping over 365 people start up their own businesses, and it's no wonder we pride ourselves on our professional approach.

So, whether you're looking for a change of direction or a fresh start, we can help you to help yourself.

NORTH LONDON TRAINING & ENTERPRISE COUNCIL LTD

Dial for a new direction

0181 447 9422

www.nltec.co.uk



THE SPIRES
BARNET

**Voted London's Most
Attractive Shopping Centre
1994, 1995***

THE SPIRES SHOPPING CENTRE, High Street, Barnet

*London is Better

THE PARTNERS AND STAFF OF

GLAZERS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

WISH BARNET 2000 EVERY SUCCESS

843 FINCHLEY ROAD, LONDON NW11 8NA. TEL: 0181 458 7427 FAX: 0181 458 8504

E-MAIL: quality@glazers.co.uk INTERNET: www.glazers.co.uk

Hendon College

Providing the very best education, training and leisure opportunities in North London

A college for the 21st century here for you today

HENDON
COLLEGE



Investing 7 Million Pounds in the community

By investing in this new building work, Hendon College will be demonstrating its commitment to helping create a positive future for Grahame Park. We will be able to provide outstanding learning opportunities for our students and excellent facilities for everyone in the community.

By September 1996:

Excellence in learning resources

New library and learning resource centre

- Up to 80 computer work stations offering multi-media facilities
- Study booths with audio-visual facility for video playback
- Communications laboratory with specialist language support staff
- Computer based language learning
- Workshop areas for literacy and numeracy
- Dedicated areas for quiet study
- Facilities for assignment preparation and presentation
- Reception area with newspapers and periodicals
- Disabled access

By January 1997:

Excellence in computing facilities

New computing suite

- Dedicated teaching rooms containing 120+ individual work stations
- Large screen demonstration facilities plus 60 work stations
- Open plan area with 70 work stations
- Help desk facility
- Multi-media equipment

The new library and Learning Resources Centre and the Computing Suite will both have the very latest equipment. These facilities will be open six days a week including late evening opening Monday to Thursday.

Excellent service for clients and students

New admissions centre

- New reception area
- Private interview rooms
- Information points
- Self-access computer terminal

The new admissions centre will not only offer opportunities for immediate enrolment but a range of other services. Independent advice and guidance will be available to meet each individual's needs. Advice can be sought on financial and welfare issues.

Refreshment facilities

- 200 seater refectory
- New snack bar
- Vending machines
- Pavilion on the Park Restaurant

A choice of courses for you

GNVQs

(General National Vocational Qualifications)

GNVQs are a broad qualification, providing students with a knowledge and understanding of a chosen vocational area. They are available at three levels, Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced, and are an alternative to academic programmes such as GCSE or A Level. GNVQ Advanced levels are accepted as an alternative to A Level for entry to university.

- Business
- Health and Social Care
- Built Environment (Foundation and Intermediate only)
- Leisure and Tourism
- Science
- Hospitality and Catering
- Engineering
- Information Technology

NVQs (National Vocational Qualifications)

NVQs are based on standards set by industry and commerce, and provide students and employees with a practical base to their knowledge and skills that is recognised by employers. Each NVQ relates to a particular occupation, and can be awarded in up to five levels. Hendon College offers a wide range of NVQ courses - a copy of the full course selection is available in our prospectus.

A Level

We offer a wide range of subjects at A Level, covering humanities, sciences and business. We have a full-time course over 2 years for those who are new to A Levels, plus a 1 year programme for students who wish to improve their A Level grades.

GCSE

A wide choice of GCSE subjects is available to student on a 1 year programme

BTEC

Our BTEC courses provide students with vocational qualifications which are widely recognised by employers, and can also lead to higher education. We have BTEC National Diplomas in:

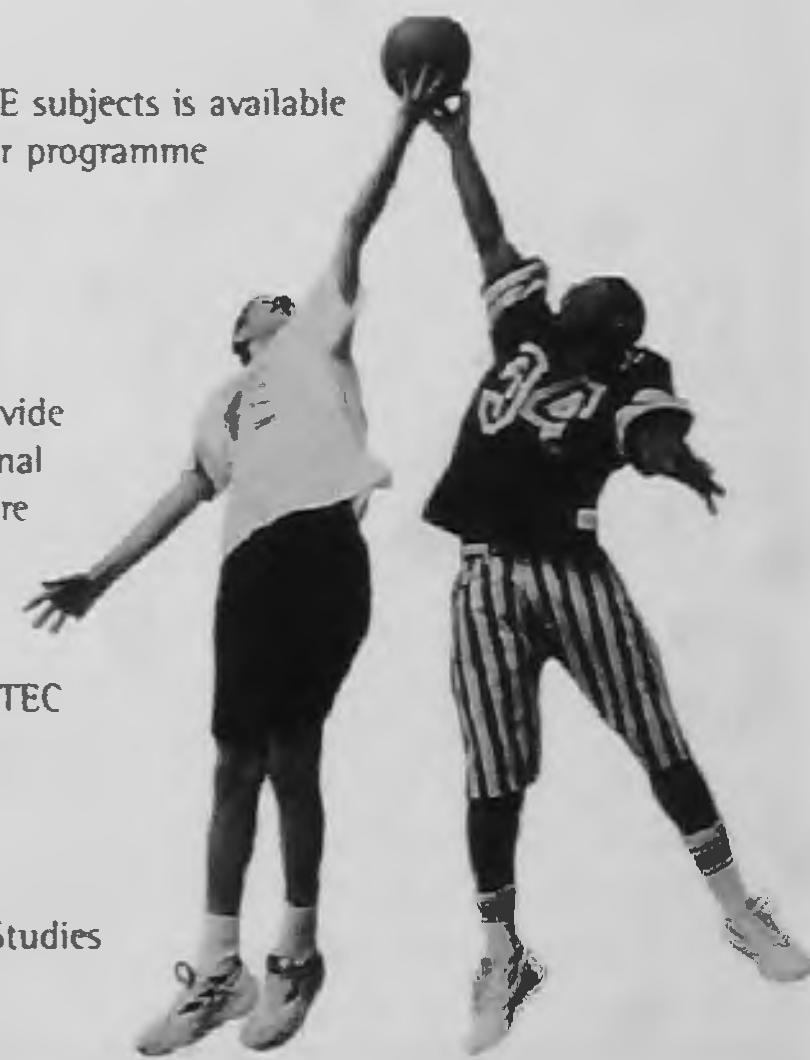
- Computing
- Media Studies
- Early Childhood Studies

Flexible learning

If you would like to improve your qualifications but cannot attend college either on a full-time or part-time basis, you may wish to consider Flexible Learning.

Working from home, your study time will be flexible, however, you will be expected to work to a schedule and your assignments will still have to be submitted on time! You will be allocated a tutor who will be responsible for you throughout your period of study and you will be invited to attend regular tutorials.

As one of our students you will be able to use all of our college facilities including the Learning Resource Centres and Libraries. Studying at home is not the easiest option but we give you as much support as you need.





Delegates at work in the 'Arts in Barnet' workshop

CHALLENGE OF WORK AND PAY

NO JOBS FOR LIFE

The days of a job for life are numbered - and businesses and employees must adapt to meet the new demands of creating a highly flexible but highly skilled workforce.

This was the message from the thought-provoking Training For Business Growth workshop yesterday which confronted the

challenge of organisations only succeeding in highly competitive markets with quality goods and services.

Delegates confirmed the role of customer care as the key to

successful business and called for training programmes which appreciated that every company and member of staff was different.

BELOW DECENCY LEVELS

Delegates at the 'Low Pay and Anti-poverty' workshop were staggered to learn that a quarter of men and a third of women in Barnet earn less than the Council of Europe's decency threshold.

Better pay can lead to better efficiency and Barnet Council's policy decision to tackle low pay among its own employees has done just that.

The council has chalked up major successes in its drive against poverty and attempts to put cash into the pockets of the most vulnerable residents.

Benefit take-up campaigns

have already released over £300,000 of unclaimed benefits to which people were entitled in one area alone. An estimated £15m is thought to be still due to thousands more.

Credit Unions are taking off with council backing to help those the normal banking system has left behind and to keep loan sharks at bay.

Delegates pointed to the need for the whole community to get involved with self-help schemes drawing on the experience and expertise of individuals and groups to form groups to help their neighbours.

'DRIVE IN' BRITAIN FACES DISASTER

Councillor Jack Cohen chairs the session which laid bare the grim statistics of how 'Drive-in Britain' will grind to a standstill in the new millennium if private car use is not curbed.

These were contrasted with a saner set of figures to aim at by year 2006 - car trips down 20 per cent, school journeys down 10 per cent, pedestrian casualties down 10 per cent and bike rides up 10 per cent.



WATCH THIS SPACE

Don't miss Council Leader Alan Williams's round-up address today at 11am in the main conference hall

BARNET ACTS ON RECYCLING

The Action on Waste workshop on the second day of Barnet 2000 saw the launch of two new initiatives as part of the council's campaign to get residents thinking about reducing waste and recycling more of their household rubbish.

Within the next six months Barnet will be launching a Household Collection Scheme.

The other initiative to be launched was the home composting scheme. Residents can now buy, for only £10, one of over a dozen different kinds of home composters or wormeries which break down household rubbish into compost.

Delegates called for more publicity, possibly an A-Z of recycling, which acts as an easy guide for residents on the whole range of 'save it'

Two new initiatives launched

facilities the council offers.

Delegates also wanted more collection facilities available for special waste like oil and batteries.

Another idea was for a council-sponsored second-hand shop for furniture and household objects.

Delegates also wanted to see schools encouraged to develop educational initiatives and recycling programmes.



The road to... success

Council Leader Alan Williams tests out the new recycling vehicle at Barnet 2000.

SHOW MUST GO ON

Call for action on arts for our community

A determination to place the arts high on the agenda for the new century was a key theme at Barnet 2000.

The arts have a crucial role to play underpinning the quality and cohesion of community life, now more urgent than ever as we approach the new millennium.

Although Barnet lies only 10 miles from Britain's biggest concentration of arts centres, the new challenge is seen as the responsibility of local people.

The conference heard how art, like sport, should not be looked on as an activity that is only worthwhile if it is done at the highest level and to international standards.

It must be open to all whatever their talents and has a vital contribution to make to the well-being of every one of us.

Sue Robertson, Chief Executive of the London Arts Board and former Director of Education at the South Bank Centre, lead the workshop on "The Arts in Barnet".

She believes the arts have a basic right to a central role in planning for the future and that

the whole community must be consulted on how that role can best serve society.

She wants everybody to have the freedom to express themselves in the most effective and powerful way possible - through the arts.

Delegates came up with radical ideas for improving the scope for all the arts in Barnet and said there was an urgent need for a large-scale venue in North London.

They asked for help from Barnet Council in providing notice boards and poster sites, information and publicity.

They wanted closer cultural links with our twin towns and more use to be made of schools and libraries for arts groups.

They supported the council's initiative in creating local festivals and hoped the council would help them become annual events.

Enthusiasm for the arts in Barnet runs deep and calls for expansion will find a welcome echo from Barnet Council which recognises the importance of the arts and their role in adding to the vitality and confidence of whole communities.

FUN AS WE PREPARE FOR MILLENNIUM



1 Council Leader, Councillor Alan Williams, joins pupils from Childs Hill School before they kick off the Barnet 2000 Youth Festival. **2** Sweet A.D. rocking in the new millennium. **3** As you like it.. Radar delivers a bit of jazz in the festival grounds. **4** Marrakesh Express puts Barnet on the road to 2000. **5** Paddling into the new millennium. **6** There is just so much to see in the festival grounds... **7** A special moment from Childs Hill Schools' performance. **8** Hands up for a new century. **9** The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Pam Coleman, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Usha Chopra and Pauline Green the MEP pay a visit to the Videotron stand.

PERRYS NORTH LONDON



**USED CAR
CENTRE WITH
OVER 100
QUALITY USED
CARS IN STOCK!**

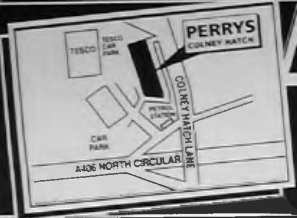


PERRYS COLNEY HATCH

COPPETS CENTRE, COLNEY HATCH LANE

0181-361 0181

We put people first!



We understand
local businesses.

We are one.

We may be a large international bank, but we run our branch just like any other local business. Indeed you'll find we're just as competitive and ambitious as you are. Why not come and see what we mean. Telephone Dora Karaolis or Chris Byers on 0181 446 1377, or call in at any of our branches in Barnet, East Barnet, Finchley Central, North Finchley or Cockfosters.



BARCLAYS

Our partners in Barnet 2000

Thanks to our partners in Barnet 2000

- Advertiser Group
- Alston Studio
- Arbiter Group plc
- Barclays Bank plc
- Barnet Chamber of Commerce
- Barnet Education Business Partnership
- Boosey & Hawkes
- Brent Cross Shopping Centre
- British Gas TransCo
- British Telecom
- Community Care Magazine
- Co-operative Bank plc
- The Cyprus Popular Bank Ltd
- The Danwood Group
- Drakeford Press
- Eastern Eye Newspaper
- Edmund Nuttall Ltd
- Garland Electronics
- Glazers Chartered Accountants
- The Greek Cypriot Brotherhood
- Hendon College
- Hendon Times Group
- Hillier Parker Charitable Trust
- Homes & General Nursing (Care)
- Kirkman & Jourdain Ltd
- Leaside Office Products
- Metroline Buses
- Microsoft
- The Staff of Middlesex University
- North London TEC
- PDFM
- Perrys North London
- Protection & Detection (Holdings)
- Quality Fieldwork Ltd
- Regency Graphics
- Schrodgers Investments Management
- The Spires Shopping Centre
- Tarmasters
- TeamBarnet
- THI Leisure
- Three Valleys Water
- UK Fire
- Videotron

Good Luck to Barnet 2000

Our company and its predecessors have been supplying water in the area for more than 100 years.

We hope to still be supplying water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for the next 100 years.



THREE VALLEYS WATER



DRAKEFORD PRESS

Wish Barnet Council every success for
Barnet 2000 Conference & Festival

Living in and serving Barnet & it's businesses for over 25 years

22-24 UNION STREET BARNET HERTS EN5 4HZ
TELEPHONE: 0181 441 4131 FAX: 0181 440 0195



ARBITER
GROUP PLC

distributors of world-class musical instruments,
in association with

• FENDER • REMO • VIC FIRTH •
• SABIAN • HENDON F.C. • JOHN HENRY •

are pleased to be the main sponsor of the
outside event for

BARNET 2000

YOUTH FESTIVAL

investing in all our futures

Young people are our future - and the Barnet 2000 Youth Festival acknowledges and celebrates that.

Youth is one of the main themes of the Barnet 2000 Conference - and both within the conference centre and the festival grounds alongside it, young people will be making their contribution to tackling the problems of today as we prepare for the new millennium.

While many young people will be directly involved in workshops and conference sessions, their main arena will be the Youth Festival throughout Saturday 13 July and Sunday 14 July.

Young people of all ages will come in their hundreds from schools and youth centres throughout the borough.

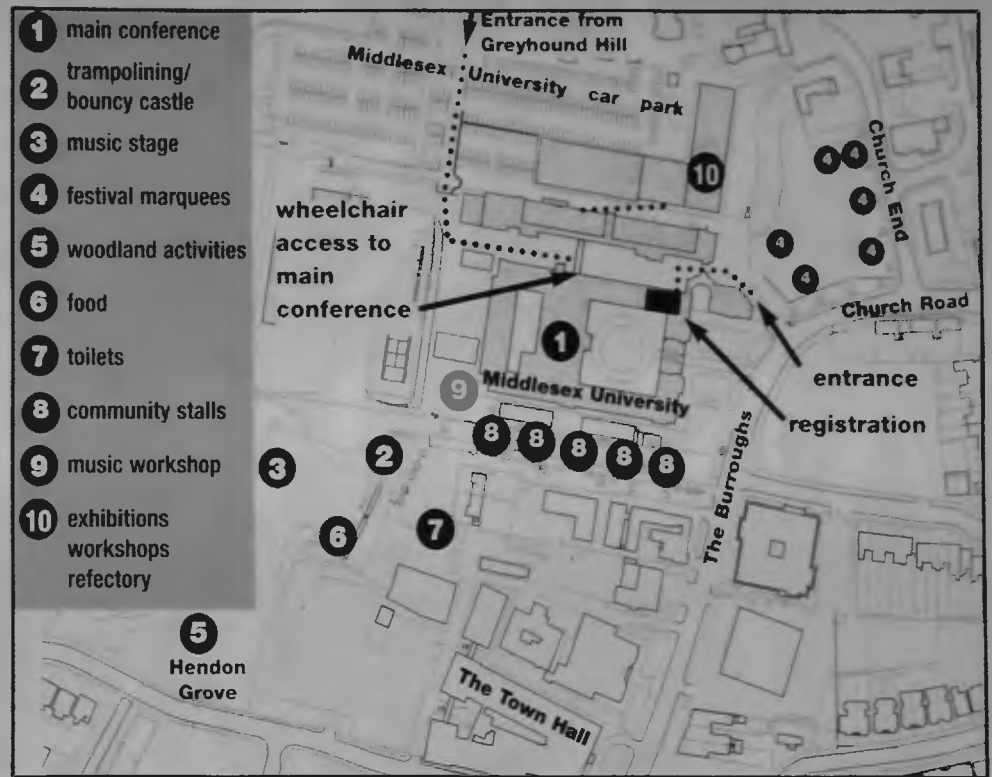
The Barnet 2000 Youth Festival has been designed by young people for young people.

The free festival and live entertainment, provided by well-known professional performers and young people from the borough's schools and youth centres, adds a lighter note to the major issues being debated in the marquee village.

The event is open to the whole family - and all the attractions and shows are free.

Barnet 2000

conference and festival site



Barnet 2000 Youth Festival

live on stage

SATURDAY 13 JULY

- 12.00 Childs Hill School - Dance, song and mask
- 12.15 Barnet Youth Express - street dance and song from Susi Earnshaw Theatre School
- 1.00 Marrakesh Express - country rock band
- 2.00 Sweet A.D. - 70s rock legends
- 3.00 The Mini Jams - Jazz from 4 young people
- 3.15 Saraswati Academy of Indian Dance - beautifully choreographed Indian Folk Dance
- 3.45 Holly Park School - Songs
- 4.15 Hyde Junior School - Dance and song
- 4.30 Finchley Youth Theatre - "Arabian Nights"
- 5.00 Street Beat Salsa - Salsa Dance Demo
- 5.15 Cein Oir Riverdance - energetic Irish dance
- 6.00 Fuse - a mellow fusion of soul, funk, jazz and reggae
- 7.00 Martin Joseph - singer songwriter
- 8.00 Soutax - North London's big Motown band
- 9.00 Close

SUNDAY 14 JULY

- 12.00 Tudor School - Traditional Indian stick dance
 - 12.30 Ravenscroft School - Jazz band
 - 12.45 Cophthall School - Dance piece
 - 1.00 Streetz Ahead - Street dancing
 - 1.15 East Barnet Secondary School - Junior wind band
 - 1.45 Hyde Infants School - Dance
 - 2.00 Henrietta Barnett School - Dance
 - 2.15 Hendon Youth Sports Centre - Champion display of gymnastics, karate and wushu
 - 2.15 Youth Music Project - 'The Childs Hills', music makers
 - 3.00 World in Acton - Rock / Pop band
 - 4.00 The Illeagles - exciting group plays the best of the world famous Eagles
 - 5.00 Close
- Plus DJs and MCs and special guest appearances throughout the programme

Times may vary and the order of appearance may change.

IT'S TIME EVERY HOME AND BUSINESS IN BARNET MOVED

Videotron is bringing cable to Barnet. Communications can now move at the speed of light. So don't get left behind.

Cable means cheaper phone calls.* Easier access to satellite TV, multi-channel TV and the Internet. It will be your link to a new interactive world of entertainment and information. For business it's the gateway to a new generation of communication systems - from Off-site extensions to ATM, from ISDN to Intranet.

Don't watch it pass you by. Come and see the benefits for yourself.

**FOR BUSINESS ENQUIRIES FIND US AT THE INDOOR EXHIBITION VILLAGE OR
CALL 0181 244 1934**

**FOR HOME-USER ENQUIRIES VISIT OUR MOBILE UNIT IN THE GROVE OR
CALL 0500 727 727**



Videotron



*Average savings of 10% against the equivalent BT bill. The percentage is calculated by applying both the BT tariff (excluding discounts) and the Videotron tariff (excluding discounts) to the average call pattern of Videotron's residential telephone customers and comparing the two.