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Young artists at Edgware



EDGWARE WEEK was again a great success and the Junior Art Competition attracted a good entry. Assistant Librarian Pat Clarke shows the top 10 entries on display in Edgware Library to Simon Corney (left) and his brother, Clifford. Picture by Brent Studios, Hendon.



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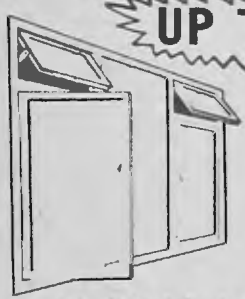
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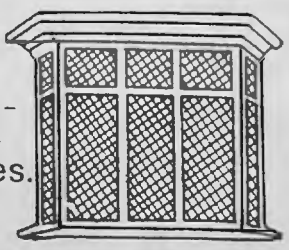
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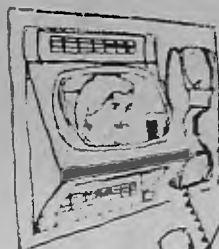
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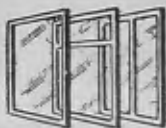
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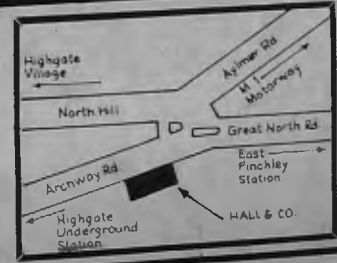
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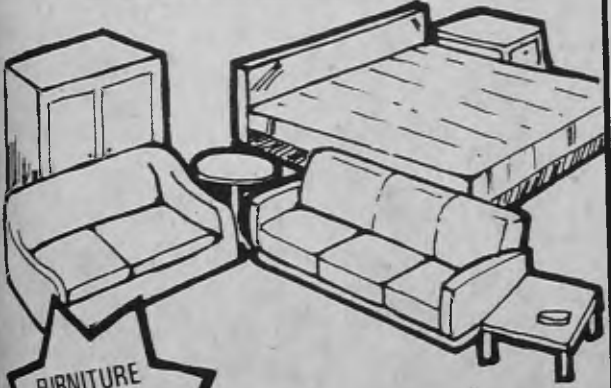


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'Money well spent'

BARNET COUNCIL spends £300,000 a year in grants to local voluntary organisations — 'money well spent', said Borough Treasurer George Hopkins at a meeting of voluntary workers in the Town Hall, Hendon, in September

He was the guest speaker at the first of a monthly series of discussion meetings with the title 'Focus' which are being organised by Barnet Borough Voluntary Services Council to spotlight various services and organisations relevant to the work of voluntary organisations.

Mr. Hopkins said the Council places a very high value on the work of volunteers. "Without some of the work you do, we as a Council might have to provide even more services. As salaries and wages are a high proportion of our budget it would cost us a lot to finance work which you are able to do through voluntary effort," he said.

He described the system followed by the Council for allocating grants. Because this was ratepayers money — £300,000 represented more than 1/2p rate and there was a limit to the amount the average ratepayer could bear — the Council had to vet carefully every application and make sure that there was no overlap in the services they were helping to finance.

At present all local authorities were going through a period of very tight restraint placed on their expenditure. In the next year there would be an element for inflation in the amount of grant Barnet was able to make but there would be little allowed for any growth.

There was no need, however, for any voluntary organisation to suffer from a cash-flow problem early in the year while their grant application was being considered. If this was a grant renewal he had authority to advance 50 per cent of their previous year's grant ahead of formal Committee approval.

Mr. Hopkins gave a series of tips to local organisations applying for a grant:

- Apply Early. For a new grant apply in November, for a renewed grant apply in January.

- Give full details of expenditure. If money has been placed in reserve for a special project say what it is going to be used for. Then the Council will not take it into consideration when allocating the grant.

- Show that you have spent the grant from last year on the work for which it was requested, and if money has been left over make sure you explain how you are going to use it.

- Be prepared for a two- or three-month delay as this is the time a grant takes to go through the vetting and committee approval cycle.

Giving a vote of thanks, Councillor Mrs. Rita Levy said the voluntary organisations worked in a way which was complementary to the work of the Council staff. All the councillors were conscious of the great service they gave to the Borough.

The meeting was chaired by Andrew Pares, Chairman of the Voluntary Services Council, who introduced a new booklet by BBVSC which gives advice and procedures on applying for a grant. The book can be obtained at a cost of 30p and a stamped addressed envelope large enough to take a booklet 6in. x 8in. from the Barnet Borough Voluntary Service Council, 275 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3.

The next Focus meeting will be held at West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, Hendon, on Monday, November 3, and the subject is Sangam, the organisation which helps Asian women and their families. A light lunch will be served for a small charge. The meeting starts at 12.30 pm and ends about 2 pm.

A 'MUSICAL' DIRECTORY

DO YOU WANT to make contact with other local musicians? If so, Hendon Music Library has started to compile a Directory of Amateur Musicians. Anyone wishing to be put in touch with other amateur musicians or groups of musicians with a view to performing any kind of music, vocal or instrumental, is invited to add their names to it.

Forms are available from all branches of Barnet's libraries, and the Directory can be consulted at the Hendon Music Library, The Burroughs, Hendon, tel: 202 5625, ext 25.

Gramophone Societies

The three gramophone societies sponsored by Barnet's library services have published their brochure for the 1980-81 season, available from all

borough libraries. The programmes cover a wide range of interests, and are presented on good hi-fi equipment in congenial surroundings. New members welcome. Venues and dates of the next meetings are:

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet. Tuesday, 21st October.

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11. Thursday, 23rd October.

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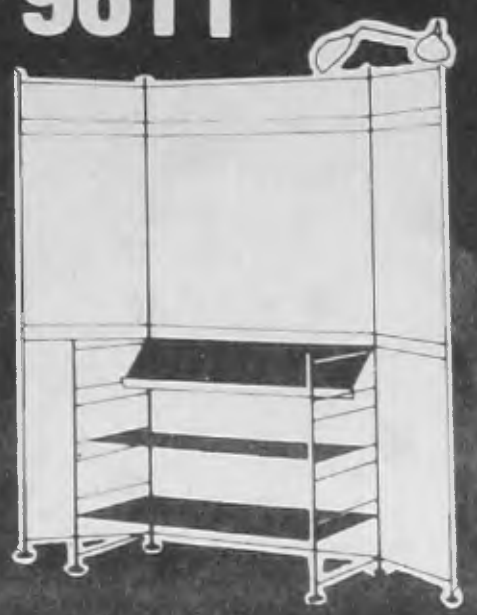
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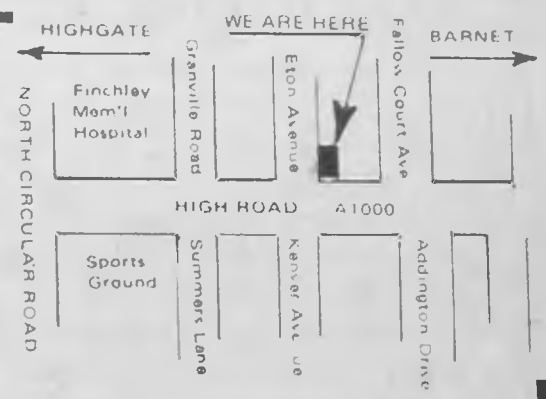
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Damiana Angel, Margaret Davies, Dorothy Butterfield, April Smith, Jennie Smithers, William Luger, Frank Stacey, Beryl Bordoy, Margaret FitzHugh (welfare officer), Colin Bristow, Gordon Bennett, William Edge-Jones; Stuart Hardcastle, Morag McRobbie, June Lewis.

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Barnet has the highest number of residents of pensionable age of any of the London Boroughs. Nearly a fifth of the population is over 60. Often these elderly people find themselves living in a house that is too big for them, and in order to keep themselves independent they need a great deal of support from the social services and area health authority workers.

A few years ago the only alternative was a residential home — and those cost a great deal of money.

Which is why in recent years the idea of sheltered housing has been so successful and even in these times of financial restraint the Government encourages local authorities and Housing Associations to build sheltered housing schemes.

The Council already has 27 sheltered housing schemes providing a home of their own with this type of support for some elderly or disabled residents. And more are planned. Drummon House at Vale Farm, East Finchley, is due for handover and will provide 32 more units. Other units now being designed include Kennard House in Friern Barnet, a scheme in East End Road, Finchley, scheduled to start in January, the conversion of a block of flats at Templewood Point, and a feasibility study for a site at West Hendon.

These homes range from single bed-sitters where there are shared bathroom facilities, to fully self-contained flatlets for single people or married couples. Some were purpose built, others have been converted from existing buildings.

A resident warden is responsible for every scheme and there are relief wardens for holiday times. This means that help is within call whenever needed.

The housing associations are usually operated through a charity and are funded either through the Council or the Government. They serve a particular section of the community. John Grooms, for instance, has flats specially designed for people in wheelchairs and there are many religious denominational schemes. In general the Council has nomination rights to up to 50 per cent of the sheltered homes provided.

Even so, demand outstrips supply. On the Council's waiting list there are 1,171 people of pensionable age who want rehousing. Some of these, of course, do not require sheltered housing. Perhaps they need a ground floor flat for medical reasons. Or their home has become too large. But for many the ideal solution would be a sheltered housing scheme.

Because of the heavy demand, however, the majority of sheltered housing tenants are people who are elderly and have a need for such accommodation on medical grounds — this latter being the most important criteria.

The tenants are usually drawn

from the housing waiting list or the transfer list. So while it is not possible to say: 'If you are elderly and alone we can offer you sheltered housing' because demand is high, we can say 'If you are not on the Council's list but wish to register your interest in this type of housing, write to the Housing Manager at 65 Watford Way, Hendon, NW4 3AY, and the Department can arrange for your application to be registered!'

The Council are also sympathetic to the needs of elderly owner occupiers living in houses too big for their needs, who do not qualify for rehousing except where serious medical factors exist but would welcome a move to something smaller for social and economic reasons.

Although there are financial limitations as to how much can be achieved, Barnet Housing Committee are considering a pilot scheme to allow elderly residents to sell their property to the Council and move into a sheltered environment or smaller and more suitable accommodation. It is hoped to release more details as soon as possible.

Round the schemes

Join us in a tour of Barnet Council's sheltered housing schemes.

Wimbush Home, Westbury Road, North Finchley. Three-storey block of 22 bedsitters with shared bathrooms and eight self-contained one bedroom flatlets. Near local shops and five minutes walk from Woodside Park Underground.

Homefield, Dollis Valley Estate, Barnet. Two-storey block of 28 bedsitters, each with own WC. Near the estate shops, but an uphill walk to nearest bus stops.

Grendon Lodge, Broadfields Estate, Edgware. Two-storey block of 20 bedsitters with shared bathrooms. Near bus stop for Edgware. Nearest shops 1 mile.

Hanshaw Drive, Burnt Oak. Three-storey block of four bedsitters and 36 flats, each with own bathroom. Near local bus stops, and close to Burnt Oak shops.

Wood Court, North Road, Edgware. Two-storey block of 30 bedsitters, each with kitchen and WC. Close to local shops and bus routes.

236-258, Summers Lane, North Finchley. Two-storey block of 12 bedsitters with shared bathrooms. Close to bus routes for Wood Green and North Finchley.

Goodwin Court, Churchill Road, East Barnet. Three-storey block of 21 bedsitters with own WC and kitchen and 10 one-bedroom flats. Close to bus routes and shops.

The Potteries, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Three-storey block of 40 bedsitters each with kitchen and WC. Close to many bus routes and local shops.

Vale Court, Bulwer Road, New Barnet. Two-storey block of 18 bedsitters with shared bathrooms. Fairly close to local shops, ten minute walk from bus routes.

Rectory Close, Hendon Lane, Finchley. Two-storey block of 23 bedsitters with shared bathrooms. Five minutes walk from Finchley Central. In addition the warden is responsible for elderly tenants in three detached houses nearby.

Christchurch Close, Summers Lane, Finchley. Two-storey block of 20 bedsitters with shared bathrooms. Five minutes walk from bus routes and half-a-mile from local shops.

Sarnes Court, Oakleigh Road South, Friern Barnet. Two-storey block of 20 bedsitters with own WC. Within walking distance of shopping centre.

Little Larkins, Mayhill Road, Barnet. Two-storey block of 23 one bedroom flats overlooking school playing fields. Bus route and supermarket five minutes walk away.

Garth House, Cricklewood Lane, Childs Hill. Two-storey block of 43 bedsitters each with own WC. Close to public transport and fairly near local shops.

Derby House, Parson Street, Hendon. Two-storey block of six bedsitters with shared bathrooms. four one bedroom flats together with

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Round the schemes (continued)

two one bedroom bungalows. Close to Brent Street shopping centre and near bus routes.

Cheshir House, Foster Street, Hendon. Two-storey block of 42 bedsitters with shared bathrooms. Close to bus routes and Brent Street shops.

Spencer House, Station Road, Hendon. Two-storey block of 21 bedsitters each with kitchen and WC. Close to bus routes and Hendon Central shops.

Hawfinch, Grahame Park. Two-storey cluster of 24 bedsitters each with own kitchen and bathroom. Close to local shops and easy walk to bus stop.

St. John's Close, Rasper Road, Whetstone. Two-storey block of 20 bedsitters with own kitchens and shared bathrooms. Near bus stops and local shops.

Market Place, East Finchley. Two-storey block with six bedsitters with shared bathrooms, and six one bedroom flats. Close to bus stops and local shops.

Adamson Court, Hertford Road, East Finchley. Three-storey block with 10 bedsitters, each with own WC, and two flatlets. Near bus routes and East Finchley Underground.

Dellfield Court, Etchingham Park Road, Finchley. Single-storey block with four one-bedroom flats and the warden also cares for elderly tenants in three nearby detached houses. Close to bus routes and half-a-mile from local shops.

Leemount Close, Bell Lane, Hendon. Three-storey block with 36 bedsitters with shared bathrooms and 12, one bedroom flats. Close to Brent Street shops and local bus routes.

Taylorsmead, Tennyson Road, Mill Hill. Two-storey block of eight bedsitters with shared bathrooms.

Moreton Close, Milespit Hill, Mill Hill. Two-storey block of 28 bedsitters each with kitchen and WC, and four one-bedroom flats. Close to bus routes and local shopping parade.

Tadbourn Court, Deansbrook Road, Burnt Oak. Two-storey block of 22 one bedroom flats and 45 other flats nearby which come under the warden's charge.

Wendover Lodge, Marsh Drive, West Hendon. Two-storey block of 30 bedsitters each with own kitchen and WC. Overlooks Welsh Harp Reservoir and is near local shops.



Most schemes have their own common room which often serves as a library, and a small laundry. All have some type of alarm system linked to the warden's flat.

Many of the schemes would welcome voluntary visitors who could teach handicrafts or perhaps entertain. The wardens would be delighted to hear from readers who can help in this way.

Honoured guests at Hammerson Home

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, Sir Peter Gadsden; Lord Goodman; Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Geoffrey Finsberg, Under Secretary of State for the Department of the Environment, converged on Hampstead Garden Suburb to be welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Barnet, Councillor Mrs. Edna James and her daughter, Helen, to the opening of the third phase of a very special project — the Lewis W. Hammerson Memorial Home.

The story goes back to 1961 when Mrs. Sue Hammerson, widow of the late Lewis Hammerson, decided that the home she and Lewis had planned for themselves in the Bishops Avenue, should be used as a memorial to her husband to provide homes for elderly people.

It began in a small way. In 1961 the foundation stone was laid and a year later the first phase of flatlets for 30 elderly people was opened. The second phase was opened by Lord

Goodman in 1970 with more flatlets. And now the third phase is open — a special care unit where 12 elderly residents can go when they need greater support and attention or nursing through a bout of ill health.

And a fourth phase for 16 more flatlets is planned. Today 86 people live within the scheme.

Mrs. Sue Hammerson was present at the opening to welcome guests and to hear Lord Goodman pay a tribute to her dedication and determination.

Patrick Jenkin emphasised the need for elderly people to be able to live their lives as independently as possible but with the knowledge that care and support was at hand.

The Hammerson project was special because it was now able to provide a continuum of care, and the residents of the flatlets were no longer faced with the fear that at times of sickness or increasing frailty they would have to move away from their homes and friends.

He stressed the need for elderly people to be treated as honoured guests and valuable members of society at all times.

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When the classes started the residents proved to be skilful and soon young housewives on the estate came along to learn. The senior citizens thus upturned tradition whereby the young help the elderly, and taught their skills to their younger neighbours.

At an open day at Homefield, some of the baskets woven by members were sold to raise money for amenities — and to finance yet another hobby for next year?

Now the idea is spreading, and Miss Jennie Smithers, warden at Homefield, who learnt the skill from the first class teacher, occupational therapist Sheila Clifford, is visiting other sheltered schemes to show their residents the secrets of basket-making.



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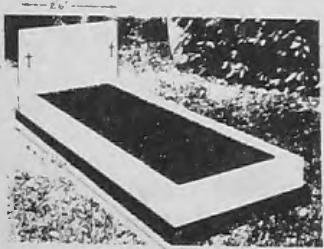
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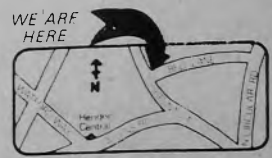
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As promised, people from the Borough of Barnet suffering from multiple sclerosis will have first priority in booking the caravan up to January 31, 1981. After that any disabled person may apply for a week or a fortnight's holiday.

Designed with an electrically operated lift which will take any wheelchair, the caravan, which will be kept in London, will sleep up to six people. A great deal of attention has been given to the shower compartment and it is hoped it will be suitable for most disabled people, particularly those suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Other facilities include clamps to secure the wheelchair during travel; central corridor more than 30 inches wide; a cooker that can be operated easily from

a wheelchair; hot water/boiler system; refrigerator; beds which are 6ft 10 in long; an effective and safe heater; table for meals/games etc. with space for the person in the wheelchair; black and white television; radio in cab and caravan; and ceiling hand holds.

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For further details contact The Holiday Department, John Grooms Association for the Disabled, 10 Gloucester Drive, Finsbury Park, London, N4 (tel. 01-802 7272).

John Grooms, who are responsible for the administration, will have the caravan on display at the Naidex '80 Exhibition, Cunard International Hotel, Shortlands, London, W6 (service road in front of main entrance). The times and dates are: Tuesday, October 28, 10 am—6.30 pm; Wednesday, October 29, 9.30 am—6.30 pm; Thursday, October 30, 9.30 am—4 pm.

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A full programme of concerts has been planned for the coming season, commencing with Christmas music and carols at the school on November 29 and, again, in a joint concert with other choirs at the Albert Hall on December 6.

On March 21, 1981, there will

be a performance of Handel's 'Messiah' at Grahame Park School with professional orchestra and first-class soloists.

Finally, on July 11, 1981, the choir goes to the Queen Elizabeth Hall for a concert which includes Mozart's Coronation Mass and Beethoven's Choral Fantasia.

The choir has vacancies for voices in all parts. Those interested are invited to contact Mrs. Margery Graves, 5 Beech Walk, Mill Hill, NW7, tel. 01-959 3079.

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NEW BRANCH TO BE FORMED

A meeting to form a new branch of the National Federation of Pensioners' Association in the northern end of the borough, is to be held in the Council Chamber, Wood Street, Barnet, from 2 pm to 3.30 pm on

Wednesday, October 15.

The organisers hope that the meeting will be well attended by pensioners in the Chipping Barnet area to get the new branch off to a good start.

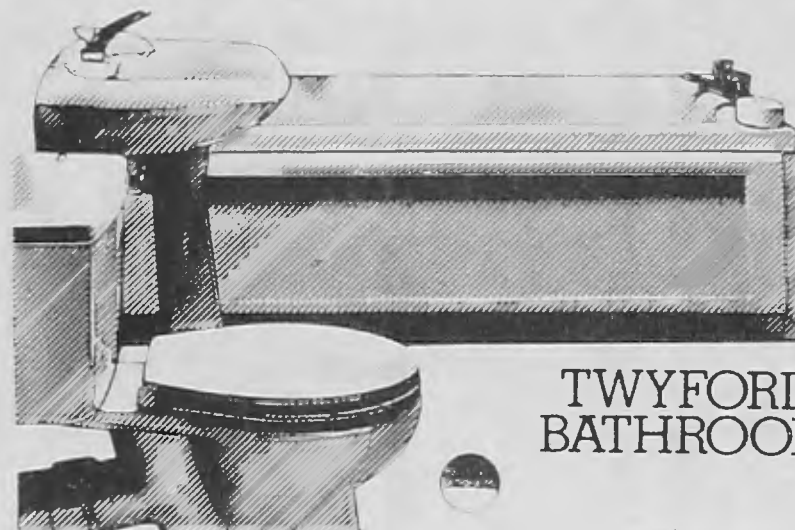
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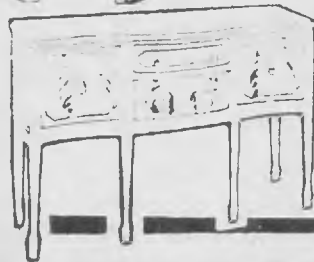
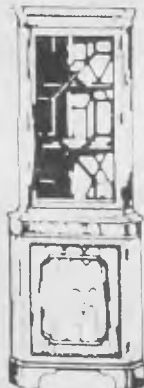
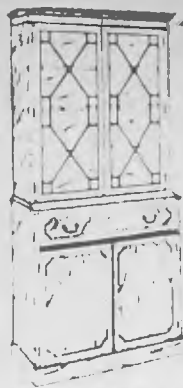
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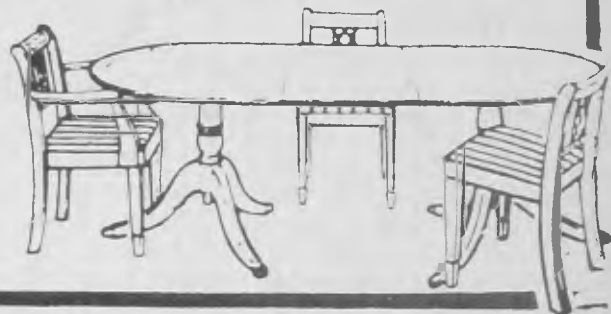
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Jane and Keith are not typical foster parents, any more than 13-year-old David is a typical foster child. There is no typical family in this work. But their experiences reflect some of the problems that have to be faced in taking on an 'instant' family.

The story really goes back five years when they bought their pleasant, semi-detached home in Finchley. Settled in their work as teachers and home tutors, they felt the time had come to expand the family unit. Jane read a leaflet on fostering at her local library, they talked it over and in 1979 made a positive move by attending a discussion evening on fostering organised by Barnet Social Services.

Impressed

They met Jennifer Emanuel, social worker in the borough's fostering service, and were impressed by her down to earth and practical approach, so they took the decision to go ahead and offer to foster. Then began a series of interviews which often touched on very personal matters. Their references were carefully checked and they were interviewed together and separately.

Keith: 'It was a daunting time. I think that many would-be foster parents drop out at this stage because the questions are very personal and very probing. You have to come to terms with yourself as a person and take a very close look at your reasons for wanting to foster a child. But the social worker was very sensitive and we were able to talk very freely with her.'

Jane: 'Sometimes we got quite depressed but when we were accepted we were really elated. Then came a set-back. We were introduced to a little girl but we had to face the fact that she could not have fitted into our home. That decision was very hard to make, but the social workers were adamant that we should not feel we had let them down. When I visited the children's

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE WEEK

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE WEEK is from October 11-18 and in Barnet the following activities have been planned —

● Tuesday, October 21. Open meeting at Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware, 7.45 pm
Everyone interested is invited to attend.

● Coffee mornings in foster parents' homes in the Chipping Barnet, East Barnet and Finchley areas and on the Grahame Park Estate, Colindale. You are welcome to come along and find out more about fostering quite informally and without any obligation.

● Tuesday, October 14. Social evening with a film and discussion for all existing foster parents.

For all information about these activities please telephone Barnet Social Services on 01-349 2651 or write to 1331 High Road, Whetstone, N20.

home I met David among all the other children, and we clicked, so when we were told that David could come to us we felt everything would go well.'

Eight months later Keith and Jane look back on a patchwork of frustration, disappointment, encouragement and happiness. They have come through, to feel that ahead is a settled family future, though problems still lie ahead.

Keith: 'It is difficult for an outsider to understand how deprived these children are. They have missed out on the things we take for granted — learning from their parents' conversation, sharing in family life.'

'When David came all he wanted to do when he came in from school was to draw the curtains, even in daylight, and watch television. When he was out he didn't want to look about him. He seemed to want to shrink into himself and keep the world away. His experience was limited to about half-a-dozen streets in Finchley.'

Gift for art

'But we have found that although he finds schoolwork difficult he has a gift for art and is way ahead of other children of his age. In fact his talent has encouraged me to take up an old hobby and I am painting again so we encourage each other.'

Jane: 'I think any foster parent has got to face the fact that they will have to spend a lot of time helping the child with schoolwork. Most of these children have never had any encouragement and have drifted behind so that they have a lot of ground to make up.'

'We have seen David change from a totally vague and helpless child to a more confident boy who is interested in the things he sees about him. He is doing much better at school. He is still behind, perhaps he always will be, but at least he now really wants to learn and enjoys it.'

The going has not always been smooth. There were times when both felt they would have to give up. It is not easy to open your home to a third person — for a child of 13 is already an individual with his character partially formed and his own ways and interests. Keith felt discipline was important and there were battles of will. Jane found her time was no longer her own.

Jane: 'You have to adapt. But you also have to remember that if it is hard for you, how much harder it is for the child.'

Honesty

'Our lives have changed but we decided early on that we had to be honest and remain the sort of people we are, not to put on an act. So David had to accept us and adapt far more than we did.'

'It is important not to expect that love comes overnight. Affection and sympathy, yes. But love takes time. You don't notice it but it does grow between you although not instinctively as in a family which has grown up in the normal way.'

Financially fostering is not intended to be a burden — although as Jane points out, a lot depends on your way of life. She and Keith like to go out and get away. Taking a child along makes a considerable difference in costs.

Jane: 'But the social services

are very helpful. At the beginning they will buy anything special that is needed — a bed for instance. I go out cycling and they bought David a bike.

Hard work

'We get a weekly allowance of £21.30 which just about covers expenses. And we get a quarterly clothing allowance and a holiday and Christmas allowance.'

'So anyone thinking about fostering need not worry about finding the money for a child. But they should be prepared to give a lot of time and understanding and to realise that fostering is work, both hard and satisfying. Their satisfaction will come in seeing the child begin to develop and expand in his new life, in encouraging a child who has suffered or been institutionalised to learn about the give and take and affection of a home and family.'

For us the satisfaction has been to see David realise that he has something to give, that he is not just a nobody, that there is a lot going on in the world of which he is a part and that he doesn't have to shut out the world. He can join in.'

If you would like to find out more about fostering a child in care please contact:

**Barnet Social Services,
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FOSTER KNOW HOW

A leaflet entitled 'Foster Know How' is now available in Council offices, libraries and Citizens' Advice Bureaux. It is a guide to anyone who has ever considered fostering.

The leaflet stresses that foster mums and dads are not alone. Behind them is the whole range of local authority support. Social workers, teachers, education authorities, doctors, clinics, other foster parents... whoever you need to help you in this taxing, demanding, invaluable work.

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Although the impact of Dutch Elm disease is now minimal — there are not many elms left to be affected — about 1,200 trees a year are still being lost. For example more than 3,000 sycamores have been affected by Sooty Bark disease in the last four years, mainly in woodland areas.

On average Barnet replant about 2,500 trees a year and up to 5,000 when a special tree planting scheme is undertaken. Even so, and if the money is available, it will still take the Council at least another 10 years to replace the 30,000 trees lost by Dutch Elm disease alone.

There are still a large number of mature oak, lime, horse chestnut and other large trees in Barnet but many are over mature and are deteriorating. If the character of the borough is to be maintained and enhanced, then substantial new planting is necessary, both in anticipation of losses and as direct replacement.

This is where you can help. Residents can plant their own trees and at the same time be less inhibited about the species to be planted than the Council who have to give careful consideration to the constraints imposed by other uses in parks and open spaces, and the limited space available in streets.

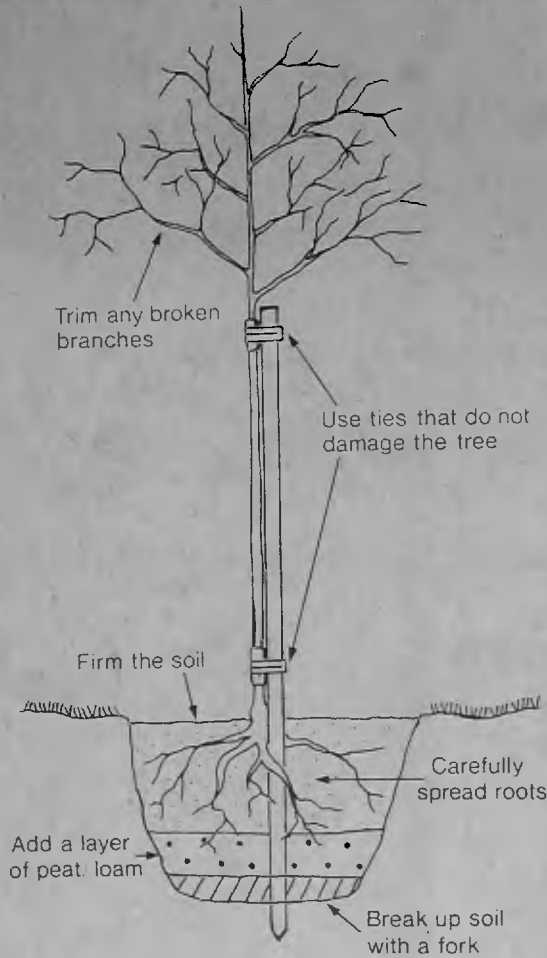
Trees in your own front or back garden can help to give you privacy, screen an eyesore or add visual interest.

The Borough Planning Department have produced a leaflet giving advice on tree planting to help members of the public. As the number of leaflets are limited, through Civic News we would like to pass this advice on to you.

1. Planting season.

Late October to late March. Evergreens are better planted during the latter part of the season.

Container grown stock can be planted outside the planting season. Do not plant during frosty weather or prolonged wet periods. Trees can be heeled into the ground until adverse conditions are over.



2. Obtaining planting stock.

A general selection of trees is usually available at most garden centres or can be obtained directly from larger nurseries. It is advisable, especially with less common species, to order the stock well in advance of the date you want to plant them.

3. Size of planting stock.

Trees are available in a wide variety of sizes from forest transplants 0.15m — 0.4m (6ins. to 16ins.) to semi-mature in excess of 6m (20ft). Although the larger ones will give a more instant effect, they are difficult to establish and experience has demonstrated that the rate of failure is high. It is recommended that the smaller sizes are used and planted in small groups to ensure that at least one tree becomes established. Most commonly available sizes are:

Conifers: 0.45m — 0.6m (18ins. — 24ins.) conifer transplants.

Broad-leaved trees: 1.2m — 2.5m (4ft. — 8ft.) feathered saplings (i.e. branched to ground level), or 1.5m (5ft.) standard 1.5m (5ft.) clear stem (up to branch level).

4. Siting and choice of species.

Before buying your tree be careful to consider its eventual size. Too small a tree may not have the desired effect while too large a tree will be overpowering and could cause problems especially if planted too close to your house. Some trees such as horse chestnut cast a heavy shadow which could restrict light to

your house or garden, but a birch casts only a light shadow.

Do not plant species which are not tolerant of shade under the branches of existing trees.

Do not plant near buildings as trees can damage structures through root action and restrict light. Even medium size trees should be more than 30ft. away from a building.

Do not plant near underground services such as drains, electricity or gas.

Do not plant beneath telephone cables.

5. Planting.

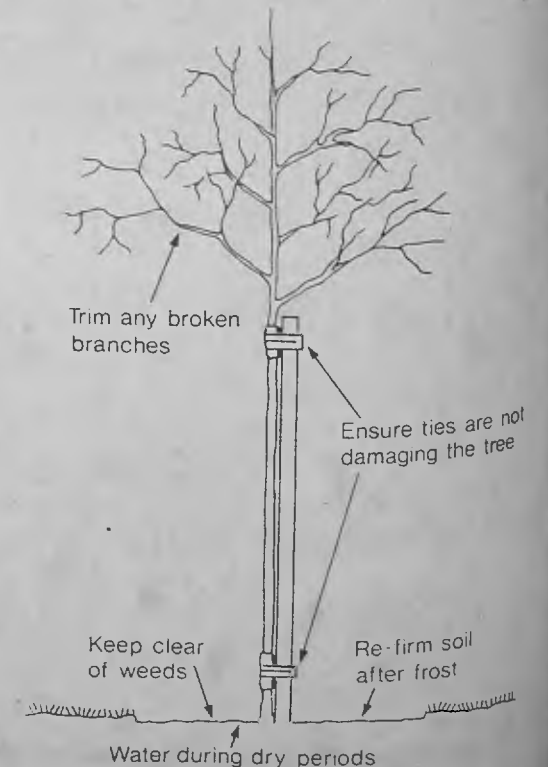
Dig a hole wide and deep enough to take the roots when spread out, and take into account the addition of a layer of peat or loam before planting. With container grown stock do NOT spread the roots. The commonly used thin plastic containers should be slit carefully with a knife and can be planted with the tree.

Break up the soil at the base of the hole with a fork and add a layer of peat or loam. A small amount — about two handfuls — of bonemeal or similar fertilizer can be added to assist root development.

If it is necessary to use a stake — generally it is with trees larger than 0.9m (3ft.), it should be driven in near the centre of the planting hole.

Place the tree in the hole, carefully spreading the roots if not container grown. Add top soil and firm the ground until the root collar, a mark at the base of the trunk indicating the previous ground level, is reached.

Fix to the stake using ties that will not damage the trunk.



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6. Aftercare and maintenance.

Water in dry weather.
Re-firm soil after frosty weather.

Keep area around tree free of weeds but do NOT use a weedkiller.

Periodically ensure ties are not damaging the tree. Loosen and remove as necessary.

Following is a guide to trees generally suitable for planting in the borough. The key to alphabetical suffixes given with each tree is as follows: S — shade tolerant; F — significant flowers; B — coloured or unusual bark; L — autumn leaf colour (can vary); E — evergreen; Fr — significant fruit.

SMALL TREES — Generally 5m — 12m (16ft. — 40ft.)

- Paper bark maple — B and L
- Pere Davids Maple — L
- Field Maple — S and L
- Red Buckeye — F
- Hawthorns — F and Fr
- Snowy Mespil — F and L
- Himalayan Birch — B
- Most Crab Apples — F and Fr
- Most Whitebeam and Rowans — F and Fr
- Arizona Cypress — E

- Yew — E and S and Fr
- Mulberry — Fr
- Holly — E and S and Fr

MEDIUM TREES — Generally 9m — 15m (30ft. — 50ft.)

- Yellow Birch — B
- Common Birch — B
- Paper Birch — B
- Hornbeam — S
- Italian Alder
- Western Red Cedar — E and S
- Serbian Spruce — E
- Nootka Cypress — E
- Sweet Gum — L
- Dawn Redwood
- Indian Bean — F
- Maidenhair — L

LARGE TREES — Generally in excess of 14m (45ft.)

- Beech — L
- Norway Maple — L
- Silver Maple — L
- Japanese Larch
- Walnut — Fr
- London Plane — B
- Tulip Tree — F
- Corsican Pine — E
- Small Leaved Lime
- Silver Lime
- Honey Locust — F

- Atlantic Cedar — E
- Turkey Oak
- Holm Oak — E
- Horse Chestnut — F

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Following are some useful publications about tree planting:

Arbicultural Association Booklets —

No. 4 — Trees — Site Preparation and planting.

No. 5 — A Tree for every site.

Obtainable from Mr. A. G. Phillips, Brokerswood House, Brokerswood, near Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4EM.

Books

Collins Guide to Tree Planting and Cultivation — M. L. Edlin (Collins).

Trees for your Garden — Roy Lancaster (FloraPrint).

Trees for Town and Country — B. Colvin and J. Tyrwhitt (Lund Humphries).

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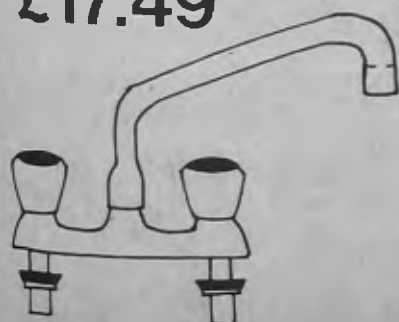
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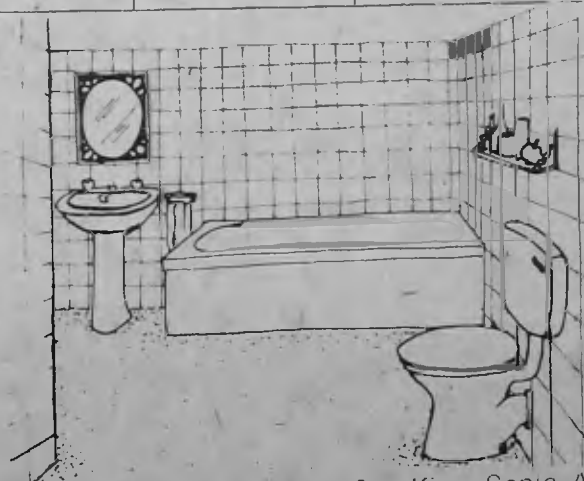
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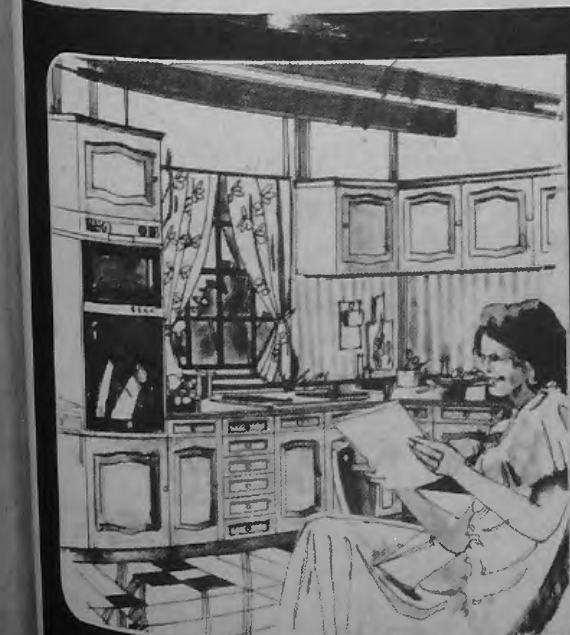
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Letters to the editor

Service of dedication

The local branch of The Royal Naval Association, an ex-service Association for men and women who have served under the White Ensign, have over the past year undertaken a number of ventures to raise funds, in order to promote an open air service of dedication plus a parade with Military Bands in September 1981.

Dances, socials and a sponsored walk by 16 members of the branch have helped to swell the fund to close to £1,000, but the largest money spinner has come from the saving of waste cardboard and newsprint. All credit must go to business houses, societies organisations and the general public who have pledged support to this campaign.

The proposed event that the Royal Naval Association of Edgware and Mill Hill are to promote, is to further the memory of a man, who during his lifespan carried out a great deal of welfare work, locally as well as nationally, within the Royal Naval Association network, CHARLES HENRY WHEELER of Horsecroft Road, Burnt Oak. Sadly he passed away January 1979, but his memory will continue to be remembered.

In the forthcoming months it is hoped to give more details in Civic News of what, when and where these events will take place.

If any ex-Royal Naval person wishes to join our 90-strong band of members, would they contact the Secretary, Mr. A. A. Walker, 71 Wolsey Grove, Edgware, tel. 906 0048 or Mr. R. W. Joy, 23 Hartley Close, Mill Hill, NW7, tel. 959 2465, or come along to the Royal British Legion Club, Edgware Way, Edgware, on the third Tuesday evening of each month.

The RNA wishes to thank the managers and officials of businesses and organisations who have pledged support to this worthy venture:

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R. W. Joy
23 Hartley Close
Mill Hill, NW7

Jigsaw 'swops'

I have read with interest your editions of Barnet Civic News. I was wondering if any of your readers know of any house-bound friends or relatives who do jigsaw puzzles and would care to do a 'swop' with an elderly parent of mine who is a jigsaw enthusiast, and really treasures her jigsaws.

Perhaps this could be dealt with at the local library as not all old people like reading books.

If anyone cares to help with this matter they can telephone 01-449 3792 or the person concerned at 01-441 2366.

Arrangements for collection can be made.

P. R. Mitchell (Mrs.)
33 Ryecroft Crescent
Barnet, Herts

Hard-working local branch

As you go about your daily life you must be surprised at the number of people, not only the elderly, who walk with the aid of a stick or have difficulty in getting on or off buses.

Few people realise that at present only one person in 50 can hope to avoid altogether some form of rheumatic disease.

Many, perhaps only slightly affected by aches and pains, do little about it, thinking 'it is just one of those things'.

Even friends and relations of those seriously handicapped and suffering great pain, do not always realise they can help the progress of research by working for or contributing to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council (ARC).

There is a hard-working local branch — the Hampstead Garden Suburb (Golders Green and East Finchley) branch. If you are interested please contact the acting chairman, Mrs. K. M. Peters, 77 Lyttelton Road, East Finchley, N2 0DD, tel: 455 1138.

Miss E. Rhodes
42 Erskine Hill
NW11
(tel: 455 6293)

Centre to reopen

Mind is the voluntary organisation for Mental Health in the Borough of Barnet which aims to assist with the needs socially, advisedly, and in any capacity where help is required. We anticipate re-opening our Advice Centre at a new venue in Hendon later this month. Details of times, etc., will be publicised as soon as possible.

We are in urgent need of volunteers, male or female, to help us one morning, afternoon or evening on a rota basis. Initial training will be given, but no special expertise is required other than sympathy and understanding towards people, or their families or friends with mental health problems.

May we remind readers that we run two social clubs each week — on Sundays from 3.30 to 7pm, at the Etchingam Park Day Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley N3, and Thursdays from 8 to 10pm at the Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. Assistance is also urgently needed with these clubs, particularly on Sundays.

For further information please ring the Barnet Volunteer Bureau, 349 2930.

Miriam Goldstein,
Publicity Officer

Dangerous practice

With reference to the letter printed in the 'Civic News' (June issue) written by Mrs. K. E. Moore.

She refers to a previous article where it was stated that pedestrians have a right to walk in safety on the pavement and attacks cyclists, citing instances where their presence on the pavement has caused an accident.

I do not condone these unfortunate occurrences but, to a cyclist, the roads within Barnet area present the usual hazardous conditions a cyclist in London has to face every day — pot-holes, broken glass and maniacal motorists.

Before considering restrictions to cyclists on pavements, consider a safe alternative — cycle paths. Remember that cyclists also have a right, to cycle in safety.

G. R. Goodwillie,
58a Hale Lane,
Mill Hill

JIGSAW target

I am pleased to tell you that JIGSAW Committee, one of the groups attached to the Hendon Cancer Research Campaign, is still planning more functions for 1980.

This year we are positive we will exceed our target of £10,000.

JIGSAW'S annual sponsored event was held in September. A group from the committee went to Shoeburyness (near Southend) where we were given a cornered-off area of the beach. Each member had been sponsored to build sandcastles — maximum 100 — and more than £500 was raised.

JIGSAW is organising (in conjunction with the Harrow Driving Centre) a 'Driving Skill Test' at the driving centre on Sunday, October 19 from 1pm. The entry fee is £3.00 for each competitor. Spectators are welcome (cost 15p).

Should anyone like to hear more about this event, they should contact Mark on 959 6184.

If anyone has access to any type of side stall we could borrow we would be grateful.

Sandra Angel,
Publicity Officer,
38 Park Grove,
Edgware,
HA8 7SJ

Safety for cyclists

I was delighted to note, from your September issue, that some pedestrians, like myself, are prepared to take individual action against pavement parkers, cyclists and (I hope) dog owners who allow pets to foul anywhere except the gutters. Much can be achieved by explaining, exhorting and telling off, as the case may be. If only other pedestrians would join in such demos — but generally they prefer not to be involved.

May I take this opportunity of drawing attention to a widespread misuse of the parks. Every year one finds adults as well as children throwing stones, heavy lumps of wood, etc., at horse-chestnut trees in order to dislodge "conkers" before the proper time.

This practice, while causing damage to the trees, is dangerous for those who engage in it and also for passers-by. I find it disgraceful and hope that park staff will be vigilant this autumn.

M. Hodgkinson,
North Finchley

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Contact: Mr. Duggan — Tel. 361 9408.

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Contact: Mr. Green — Tel. 445 9305.

Brent Cross Allotments.

Contact: Mr. Donaldson — Tel. 202 9909.

Cool Oak Lane Allotments, NW9.

Contact: Mr. Day — Tel. 202 6369.



The original photograph . . .

THE GIRLS of Canada Villa Youth Club, Mill Hill, have gone to the wall — literally. In a mix of two club activities — photography and art — they have produced a mural for the entry wall in the club's coffee bar.

With the encouragement of CRAB — Community and Recreational Arts in Barnet — they have been having photography classes from Maria Bartha, CRAB's resident photographer. And then, wanting to enliven the decor of the club, they called in Mary Sergeant, CRAB's art adviser, who helped them design the mural.

VIVA

Or how

Youth Club

the wall-

First the girls got together for a group photograph. This was rearranged slightly to give a better shape to the mural, and the wall was painted with base coat and marked out.

Mary helped them draft the outline of the girls and one or two of the boys did the painting and detail work.

Canada Villa takes its name from the old farm house in Pursley Road which was bought by Canadians, named, and later was acquired by the local council. At first the youth club was housed in the old building but later it was demolished and a purpose-built youth club built in its place.

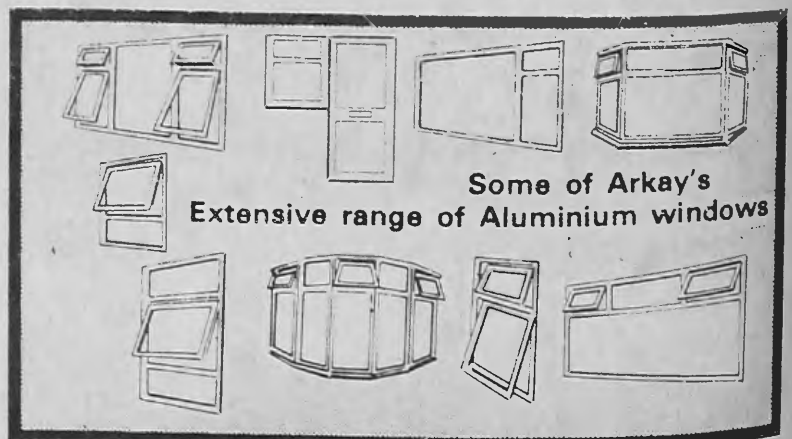
It's a club which allows its members plenty of freedom for doing their own thing, but also offers a good range of activities. There's billiards and table tennis, photography, judo, drama, chess club, swimming evenings and the occasional Saturday gig.

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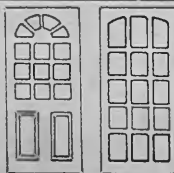
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They also take on work for charity. The latest was a Saturday car wash to raise money to take handicapped children on an outing.

Feel like joining? Ages eight to 21 should contact the leader, Malcolm McQuillan 959 2811 (evenings).

There are many youth clubs and four sports and social centres in the Borough of Barnet. These come under the direction of the Education Department and a leaflet is available giving details of the centres and their activities. Write to:

Youth and Community Services
London Borough of Barnet
The Town Hall
Friern Barnet
N11 3DL

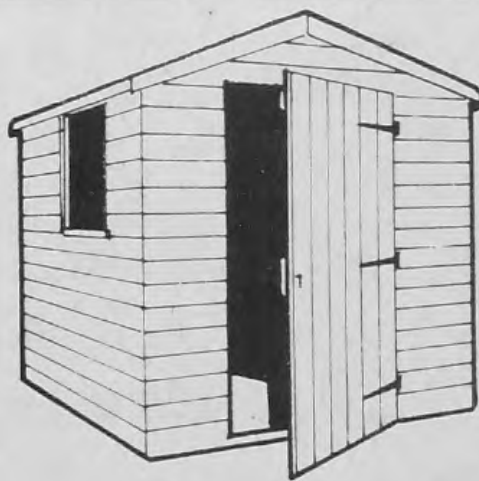


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WHAT'S ON

WHAT'S ON IN BARNET is a monthly list of activities taking place in the Borough.

Your entry, and contact telephone number, should be sent to the Civic News, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG, tel: 01-202 8282, ext. 71.

Entries for each issue must be received by the first of the preceding month. For example, for the December issue, published mid-month, entries must arrive by November 1.

*Asterisk denotes regular weekly meeting.

Saturday October 11

- *Drama Workshop for children, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Ages 6—8, 4—5 pm; 7—10, 10.30 am—12.30 pm; 8—16, 1.30—3.30 pm (449 0048).
- *Barnet & District Athletic Club — Senior team races. Afternoon. For details tel: 61 67888.
- *Divorced, Single and Separated Club, Hendon Central Beefeater Ballroom, Hendon Way. Social evening, 8 pm.
- Finchley Council of Christians and Jews. Hungarian evening in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society. St. Philip the Apostle Church, Gravel Hill, Finchley N3. Entertainment by Hungarian Dance Group. Tickets £2. 8 pm. (959 2172 or 458 4681).
- Barnet College Concerts, Barnet College Hall. Due Pianisti. Admission £1. 7.30 pm. (440 6321, 449 2916, 953 8413).
- *Art/Craft and drama workshop for children at Elizabeth Allen Teachers' Centre, Wood Street, Barnet. 9.30 am in term time. (368 2772).
- Hendon String Orchestra, Barnet General Hospital Concert Hall, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. 8 pm. Admission 75p, 50p OAPs. (445 5005).

Sunday October 12

- *Table Tennis training for youngsters, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane. 3—5 pm (440 1721).
- *Barnet Dance Workshop, St. Peter's Hall, Albion Avenue, Muswell Hill. 6—8 pm (444 0160).
- *Table Tennis, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Every evening. 7.30—11 pm (440 1721).
- *Orange Tree Folk Club, Orange Tree, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Barnet. 8 pm (863 3608).
- *Bernie Tyrrell's Salisbury Stompers and Shirley (Jazz Club). The Salisbury Hotel, High Street, Barnet. 12 noon—2 pm (449 0081).
- *Public meetings at Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 10.30 am and 6.45 pm. Adventurers 3 pm.

*Barnet & District Athletic Club. Youngsters and newcomers. Tudor Sports Ground, New Barnet. 10.45 am (882 3265).

*Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, 145 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak. Beginners 8 pm (959 5204).

*Bridge Lane Bridge Club, 71 Bridge Lane, Golders Green. Every day except Friday evening. 1.30—6 pm and 7.45—11.40 pm (455 3711 and 458 1764 after 2 pm).

*Rock & Blues, Torrington Arms, Lodge Lane, High Road, North Finchley. 8.30 pm (445 4710).

*Mind (voluntary mental health organisation) Social Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Road, N3. 3.30—7 pm (349 2930).

Monday October 13

- *Barnet Chess Club, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 7.45 pm (445 0635).
- *Barnet & District Athletic Club — Gym, keep fit, joggers, Finchley Catholic High School, Woodside Lane, North Finchley. 7—9 pm (368 6605 or 349 0409).
- *Dog obedience training, All Saints' Parish Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Friern Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm; Advanced 8.45 pm (449 4155 after 6 pm).
- *Ladies meeting, East Finchley Baptist Church, Creighton Avenue, Finchley, N2 (2.30 pm).
- *Boys' Brigade, 4th Finchley Company, Finchley Methodist Church, Essex Hall, Essex Park, Finchley, N3. Pre-junior Section 6—8 years, 5.30 pm; Junior Section 8—11 years, 6.30 pm (446 2690).
- *Silver Threads — Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 2 pm (440 8303).
- *North London Karate Club, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. Beginners and all grades welcome. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7733 or 440 8633).
- *Rushgrove Avenue Old Time and Modern Sequence Dance Club, St. Matthias Church Hall, Colindale. 8 pm (205 1239).
- *Keep Fit and Dance Workshop, East Barnet Road. Monday to Friday, evenings and day time. For all information telephone 441 0780.
- *Barnet Orchestra at Hendon, Whitefield School, Claremont

Road, Cricklewood NW2. 8 pm (205 2418).

*Finchley Choral Society, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether Street, Finchley N3. 7.45 pm (346 0502).

National Council of Women (Barnet & District Branch). Discussion morning. 'Little-croft', Leecroft Road, Barnet. 10.30 am (449 5308).

Disablement Association in the Borough of Barnet. 9th Annual General Meeting, The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. Speaker: Mrs. A. J. Simkins on "Whose Benefit". 8 pm (coffee 7.30 pm) (449 9181).

Tuesday October 14

- *20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, All Saints' Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 7.45 pm (360 2586).
- *Scottish dancing, St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8—10 pm. Children's Scottish dancing, 6.30—7.30 pm.
- *Modern ballroom and Latin American dancing, Shakespear Hall, Manor Park Crescent, Station Road, Edgware. 8.30 pm (346 5868).
- Station Road, Edgware. 8.30 pm (436 5868).
- *Judo, The Quinta Club, Mays Lane, Barnet (449 2914).
- *Hendon South Young Socialists. Discussions and social activities, 7 Sunnyfields Road, Hendon. 8 pm.
- *Hendon South Young Conservatives meeting, 166 Station Road, Hendon. 8 pm (202 7484).
- *Friern Barnet Photographic Society, St. John's Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, N20. 8 pm (445 2617).
- *Hendon String Orchestra, Whitefields School, Claremont Road, NW2. 7.45 pm (455 5005).
- *West Hendon Handicraft Group, West Hendon Community Centre, West Hendon Estate. 2—4 pm (205 0514).
- *The Light Brigade — club for those aged 6—12 years at the Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (449 6893).
- *Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. General Club (PHAB). 7.30—10 pm.
- *Prayer and Bible Study, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road,

High Barnet. 7.15 pm (440 8303).

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 'Autumn Glory'. 8 pm (952 4189).

Acorns, non-sectarian club for women. East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. 'Victorian London'. Creche available. 9.45—11.30 am. (346 1507 or 346 0232).

Hendon South Liberals, Cheshir Hall, Foster Street, Hendon. Speaker, George Bridge, European Liberal candidate for NW London. 8.15 pm.

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Haydn and Howells. 7.45 pm. (202 5625).

*57 Nursing Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Carey Hall, Claremont Road, Cricklewood. 7.30 pm. (428 4529).

*WEA class on study of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. Lecturer: Dr. J. T. Dodd. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 7.30—9.30 pm. (903 5159).

World Disarmament Campaign (Hendon and Golders Green). Public meeting in Association UNA Hendon "How to prevent Nuclear War". Speaker: Brigadier Michael Harbottle. Hendon Methodist Church Hill, The Burroughs, Hendon. 8 pm.

Wednesday October 15

- *Wednesday Bridge Club, St. Andrew's Small Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 1.30 pm (440 9682).
- *Barnet Cycling Club, United Reformed Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 8 pm (888 7143).
- *Modern dancing, Barnet South Community Association, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm (440 4424).
- *Modern/old time dancing, Manor Drive Methodist Church, Manor Drive, Whetstone. 8 pm (445 7127).
- *Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, 8 pm (959 5204).
- *Old Time and modern dancing, St. Luke's Hall, Mountfield Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm.
- *Dog training, St. Philip's Church Hall, Gravel Hill, Finchley, N3. Beginners 7—8 pm; Intermediate etc. from 8 pm (458 7399).
- *West Hendon Liberal Association, 78 Bertram Road, NW4. 8 pm (202 9013).
- *Women's League of Health and Beauty, Christ Church Hall, High Road, North Finchley. Elementary 7 pm; technique 7.45 pm; medium 8.15 pm; sequence 9 pm (455 3904).
- *Chipping Barnet YCs, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8.15 pm.
- *Finchley & Friern Barnet YCs, 212 Ballards Lane, North Finchley, 8 pm (445 9426).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and committee meetings which are held in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7 pm.

Monday, October 13: Housing; Development and Estates.

Tuesday, October 14: Public Works; Social Services.

Wednesday, October 15: Town Planning and Research.

Monday, October 20: General Purposes.

Tuesday, October 21: Education.

Wednesday, October 22: Libraries and Arts.

Monday, October 27: Finance.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11: COUNCIL MEETING.

IN BARNET

*Edgware Amateur Cine Society, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 7.45 pm (959 7783).

*Whist at Fellowship House, Willifield Green, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 8 pm.

*Yoga, Whitchurch Institute, Buckingham Road, Edgware. 2.30 pm (203 1935).

*Drama Workshop for children 12-18, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. 6 pm (449 0048).

*Edgware Photographic Society, Edgware Library, Hale Lane, 8 pm (952 4786).

*Ballroom, sequence, old tyme and party dancing, St. Mary's Hall, 54 Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 8 pm (803 9028).

*Home League ladies meeting, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2.30 pm (449 6893).

*Pymmes Judo Club for children, East Barnet School, Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (440 6473).

*Judo, Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. Beginners. 6 pm; Juniors. 7 pm; Seniors. 8 pm. 8-9 pm, Girls and ladies self defence; 8.30-10 pm, Yoga and football. (444 8422).

*Over 60s Meeting, West Hendon Community Centre. 2-4 pm (202 4847).

*North London & District Divorced and Separated Club, St. Paul's Church Hall, High Road, New Southgate. 8 pm (800 9826).

*Incognito Theatre Group, Holly Park Road, New Southgate. 8 pm. New members welcome (445 1576).

*Daniel Court Social Club, North Acre, Grahame Park. 2-5 pm (200 1759 after 6 pm).

*Dog Training, Christ Church Hall, The Crest, Brent Street, Hendon. Beginners 6.45 pm and 7.15 pm; intermediate and competition until 10 pm (202 2888).

*WEA class The Great Age of Baroque. Lecturer: Mrs. C. Ford-Wille. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 10.30 am-12.30 pm. (903 5159).

*WEA class The Ancient Near East. Lecturer: Dr. U. Leyes. Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 7.30-9.30 pm. (903 5159).

Barnet & District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. (77 54150).

Hendon Floral Art Group, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 'Floral tapestry'. 7.30 pm. (959 6111).

National Trust (Edgware & District), John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware.

The Ancient Cities of Petra and Palmyra. 8 pm. (952 2688).

Woodside Park Townswomen's Guild, The Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, North Finchley. 2.15 pm (445 8952).

Lecture by Brian Sage on rain forests of Borneo, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale

Avenue, North Finchley. 8.15 pm.

Middle C - Conservative Group for younger women - 212 Ballards Lane, N3. Coffee morning. 10.30 am. (445 4292).

Thursday October 16

*North Side Bridge Club, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, East Finchley. 7.30 pm (445 7788).

*Contemporary dancing, Manor Arrows Youth Club, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. 6.30 pm (368 9876).

*Finchley Old Time and modern sequence dance club, Martin School, East Finchley. 7.30 pm.

*Hendon & Edgware 18 Plus Group, Hendon Way Hotel, Hendon Way, Hendon. 8.15 pm (954 6929).

*National Council for the Divorced and Separated (NW London Branch), Cavalier Rooms, Prince Albert, Golders Green Road, Golders Green. 8 pm (959 2048).

*Twenty to Thirty Plus Club. 8.15 pm (445 1593).

*Mind Social Club, Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 8-10 pm (200 5138 between 6-7 pm).

*Black Bull Folk Club, Black Bull Public House, High Road, Whetstone. 8 pm (77 58631).

*Finchley Chess Club, Etchingam Park Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley, N3. 7 pm (445 4927).

*Problem Centre - Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 10 am-12.30 pm (449 6893).

*Silver Circle, Senior Citizens' Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2 pm (449 6893).

*Ridgeway Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, St. Mary's Hall, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 7.30 pm (449 2852).

*Barnet Youth Hostels Association Group, The Scout HQ, Triangle Passage, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 0226 or 440 1983).

*Pymmes Judo Club for adults, East Barnet School, Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 6473).

*Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. 7.30 pm, Football; 8 pm, Keep-fit; 7 pm, General Club (444 8422).

*Boys' Brigade, 4th Finchley Company, 11-18 years, Finchley Methodist Church, Essex Hall, Essex Park, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (446 2690).

*Home League ladies meeting, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, High Barnet. 2.30 pm (440 8303).

*North London Karate Club, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. Beginners and all grades welcome. 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm (440 7733 or 440 8633).

*Dancing, Conservative Hall, High Road, New Southgate. Children's: old time, Latin, disco. Adults: sequence and modern. 6-10.30 pm (361 9847).

*Rock and Blues, Torrington Arms, Lodge Lane, High Road, N12. 8.30 pm (445 4710).

*Barnet PHAB Group (physically handicapped and able-bodied), Alyth Youth Centre, Alyth Gardens, Temple Fortune. 8.15 pm (906 1505).

*Old Time and sequence Dance Club, Cadets H.Q., Long Lane, Finchley N3. 7.30 pm. (445 3610).

*WEA class A Hundred Years of 'Progress'? London 1880-1980. Lecturer: M. Brown. Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. (903 5159).

N/S banjo, mandolin, and guitar players meet for practice, St. Mary's Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3. Music available. (349 1669).

Finchley Co-op members' meetings, East Finchley Library Hall, 226 High Road. 7.30 pm. (346 3645).

Friday October 17

*International folk dancing, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone, 8 pm (368 5345).

*Hendon Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 7.45 pm (455 0837).

*Divorced, Single and Separated Club, Orange Tree Public House, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. Social evening. 8 pm.

*Barnet & Finchley Photographic Society, Club Room rear of 37 Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8 pm (368 3917).

*Mill Hill Over 60s Handicraft Club, Moreton Close Lounge (behind shops at Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill). 2-4 pm (906 1760 or 446 4221).

*Judo and General Club (ages 7-10), Herbert Wilmot Youth Centre, Market Place, East Finchley. 5.45 pm, Judo; 6-8 pm, General Club (444 8422).

*Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (346 4265).

Barnet Afternoon Townswomen's

EXHIBITIONS

Until Saturday October 18

Watercolours by Derek Radden, a member of Enfield Art Circle, The Old Bull Art Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 am-6 pm.

Exhibition of paintings by Finchley artist, Rose Hugh-Jones, at Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, Buckingham Palace Road, SW1. Weekdays 11 am to 5 pm; Saturdays, 11 am to 6 pm.

2-5.30 pm; Sat. 11 am-1 pm, 2-4 pm.

Tuesday October 30 to Friday November 14

Watercolours, imaginative compositions and object drawings by Heather Tweedale, Stanhope Road Centre, Stanhope Road, North Finchley. Mon.-Fri. 10 am-noon; 1-3 pm; 6-8 pm.

Until Friday October 31

Finchley Art Society, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley. Normal library opening hours.

Saturday November 1 to Saturday December 13

Paintings by Godfrey Blow, Hendon Library, The Burroughs, Hendon. Normal library opening hours.

Until Saturday November 15

Oils, watercolours and drawings by Margaret Fairington, The Old Bull Gallery, 68 High Street, Barnet, Herts. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 am-6 pm.

Until Sunday November 30

What goes on in the Borough of Barnet - activities of the Barnet Borough Arts Council. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open weekdays (except Tuesdays) 10 am-12.30 pm, 1.30-5.30 pm. Tuesdays 10 am-1 pm; Sundays 2.30-6 pm.

Until Monday October 20

Paintings, drawings and jewellery by Muriel Yates, Joyce Harvey and Lesley Harvey, Stanhope Road Adult Centre, North Finchley. Mon.-Fri. 10 am-12 noon, 1-3 pm, 6-8 pm.

Until Wednesday October 22

Paintings by Pamela Chard at The Crest Gallery, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, N20. Open Tues. & Wed. 2-5 pm; Fri. 11 am-1 pm, 2-5 pm; Sat. 11 am-1 pm, 2-4 pm.

Until Saturday October 25

Watercolours and drawings by Malcolm Green at Hendon Library, The Burroughs, Hendon. Normal library opening hours.

Tuesday October 28 to Saturday November 8

The Frost Historical Newspaper Collection presented by John Frost, The Crest, Totteridge Library, 'Dollisfield', Totteridge Lane. Tues. and Wed. 2-5.30 pm; Fri. 11 am-1 pm.

WHAT'S ON IN BARNET

Guild, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. 'National Gallery'. 2.30 pm. (449 6826).

Broadfields Evening Townswomen's Guild, Broadfields Junior School, Broadfields Avenue, Edgware. 7.30 pm. (958 4845).

Friern Barnet & Whetstone Rotaract Club (ages 18—28), British Legion, St. John's Buildings, Friern Barnet Road, Friern Barnet. 8 pm.

Barnet South Community Association Players, BSCA Hall, Mays Lane, Barnet. 'Ladies in Retirement'. Tickets £1. 8 pm. (440 6858).

Saturday October 18

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Hall, Borehamwood. English Chamber Orchestra. Works by Bach, Haydn, Gluck, Suk. 7.30 pm (959 1173).

WEA (Mill Hill, Edgware). English food and punch party, including a talk by Dr. J. T. Dodd on Language, Adult Education Centre, 43 Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm. Admission £2.50 (959 3505).

North London Society of Model Engineers, Church Farm, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 'At Home' with display of members' work. 2—5.30 pm.

Barnet Youth Drama Centre, Youth Hall, 142 High Road, East Finchley. Two One-Act plays.

Admission 60p, children 30p. 7.30 pm (959 5052). Also on October 19th, 4 pm.

Tuesday October 21

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, East Barnet. 'All creatures great and small'. 8pm (440 4326).

Middle C — Conservative Group for younger women — 212 Ballards Lane, N3. Speakers on Conservative Party Conference. 8.15 pm (445 4292).

Wednesday October 22

Lecture by Thomas Bragg on 'Steam', Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware. 8.15 pm.

Small Landlords Association (NW London Branch). Surgery and meeting, Conservative Rooms, 166 Station Road, Hendon. 8pm (202.9269).

Thursday October 23

Barnet National Trust Association, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 'The Architecture of the English Country House' by John Julius Norwich. 8 pm (449 5896).

Rotaract Club of Hampstead, Hendon and Golders Green (age group 18—28), The Horse

and Groom (upstairs), Heath Street, Hampstead. 8 pm.

Hampstead and District Philatelic Society, Trinity Church Hall, Finchley Road (opp. John Barnes), NW11. 7.30 pm. New members display (435 4651).

*New Barnet Literary and Debating Society, The Vestry Room, St. James' Church, East Barnet Road, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 3859).

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road. From the Land of the Midnight Sun. 8—10 pm (368 2680).

Friday October 24

Garth Hewitt of ITV's Pop Gospel in Concert at the Free Church Hall, Northway, Golders Green. Tickets must be purchased in advance. 8 pm (458 7072).

Saturday October 25

Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society recital series, Hendon Methodist Church, The Burroughs, Hendon. John McCabe (piano). 7.30 pm. Admission £2 (202 6908).

Old Time and Sequence Dance Club — Dance, Cadets HQ., Long Lane, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm (445 4610).

Jumble Sale, The Samuel Levy Hall, Brockenhurst Gardens, Mill Hill. 2 pm.

Oxfam Plant Fair, Moss Hall Junior School, Nether Street, North Finchley. Talk by Professor Alan Gemmell of BBC Gardeners' Question Time. Plants, seeds, bulbs and garden sundries for sale. Japanese flower arranging demonstration. Teas. Admission 10p. 2.30 pm.

Ionian Clarinet Choir, Barnet College Hall, Barnet. Tickets £1. 7.45 pm (445 7095).

Antiques and Collectors Fair, Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Village. 10.30 am—5 pm (445 2345).

Monday October 27

National Council of Women (Barnet & District), Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Street, Barnet. Open meeting — Herts/Barnet Green Belt Management Experiment. 1—3 pm (449 5308).

Tuesday October 28

Finchley Redbourne Evening Townswomen's Guild, Etchingam Park Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley N3. 7.45 pm (346 4048).

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Acorns — non-sectarian club for women — East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, East Finchley. 'Kew Gardens'. 9.45—11.30 am. Creche available (346 1507 or 346 0232).

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 'Second Best?' (not so well-known works of Beethoven, Bruch, M. Haydn, Tchaikovsky. 7.45 pm (202 6625).

Wednesday October 29

Amnesty International (Golders Green), Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, Golders Green. 7.30 pm (883 4893 or 959 3249).

Eckankar — a path to total awareness — introductory talk and discussion, Burnt Oak Library, Watling Avenue, Edgware. 8 pm (952 0932).

Hendon & District Federation of Townswomen's Guilds, St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley N3. Hallowe'en Workshop — exhibitions, entertainment. 11.30 am—4 pm. Admission 20p.

Lecture by John Huntley 'London Street Scenes 1896-1980, East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, 8.15 pm.

Thursday October 30

National Federation of Old Age Pensioners' Association, Barnet, Whetstone & Finchley Branch, St. Albans Parish Centre, Gainsborough Road, North Finchley. 1.45 pm (445 7413).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society, Institute Hall, Central Square, NW11. '40 Years On' by Alan Bennett. 8 pm. Tickets £1. Until November 1 (455 8204).

Concorde Players present 'Blithe Spirit', Barnet College Theatre, Wood Street. 7.30 pm. Tickets £1.25. (888 7100). Also on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Friday October 31

Save the Children Fund (Barnets, Totteridge & Finchley). Sale of Christmas cards, gifts etc., Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Barnet. 10.30 am—4 pm (449 6036). Also on November 1.

Saturday November 1

20th Century Old Time Dance Club — Dance, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 7.30 pm (360 2586).

Hallowe'en Fayre, St. John the Baptist, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. Stalls of all

kinds. Proceeds in aid of the work at home and overseas. 10.30 am—3.30 pm.

Hendon South Liberals. Bazaar at St. Albans Hall, Golders Green. 11 am.

Barnet & District Choral Society concert, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Barnet. Works by Beethoven and Vivaldi. 7.30 pm (449 7760).

Edgware Symphony Orchestra, Edgware Secondary School, Green Lane, Spur Road, Edgware. Works by Mozart, Ibert, Sibelius, Mendelssohn (449 7015).

British and Foreign Bible Society. Autumn sale, St. Mary's Church Hall, Finchley, N3. 2.30 pm (346 2928).

Sunday November 2

Uphill Arts and Crafts. Exhibition and sale, Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft, Totteridge Village. Sherry reception 11 am. 11 am—5 pm (906 0290).

Famous radio and TV personality Monty Modlyn will open a Grand Bazaar at the Communal Hall, Brockenhurst Gardens, NW7. 2.30 pm.

Monday November 3

Mill Hill Operatic Society, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 'La Belle Helene'. 7.45 pm (959 3079).

Finchley League of Jewish Women, Kinloss Synagogue, Kinloss Gardens, Finchley N3. Talk by Mrs. Simons on British Women's Organisation of Rehabilitation and Training. 1.15 pm (882 3064).

Tuesday November 4

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road. 'The food of love'. 8 pm (440 4376).

Hendon & District Archaeological Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Roman London: an archaeological history. 8.15 pm (455 9040).

Wednesday November 5

Ecology Party (Barnet & Finchley Branch). For details telephone 449 8297.

Lecture by Mac Wilson on 'The history of mystery', Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8.15 pm.

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Barnet Evening Townswomen's Guild, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. AGM. Talk on hairdressing. 7.45 pm (449 6667).

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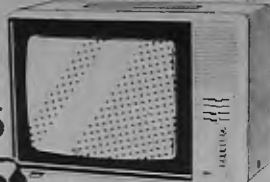
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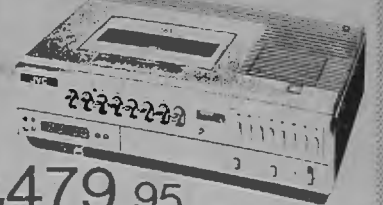
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Finchley Council of Christians and Jews, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley N3. AGM. Guest speaker Rt. Rev. Bishop Gerald Mahon. 7.45 pm (959 2172 or 458 4681).

Friern Barnet Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road. 'Lieder'. 8-10 pm (368 2680).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Society Arts Group, Bigwood House, Bigwood Road, NW11. Demonstration in watercolour. 7.30 pm (455 3244).

Solo Club (widowed, divorced and single aged 26-60), Blue Beetle Hall, St. Mary's Church, Hendon Lane, Finchley. 8 pm (346 7466).

Friday November 7

Finchley Art Society, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. Demonstration of oil paintings. 7.30 pm (445 2989).

Saturday November 8

Christmas Crafts Fair, Ewen Hall, Wood Street, Barnet. Enquiries to Old Bull Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet (449 0048).

Barnet Parish Church Recitals — Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise'. Tickets £1 (70p OAPs

and students). 7.30 pm (449 7760).

Edgware Amateur Cine Society. Movie Maker 'Ten Best' show, Salvatorian College Hall, High Road, Harrow Weald. 7 pm (959 7783).

Sunday November 9

Finchley District League of Jewish Women Annual Dinner and Musical Revue. Michael Sobell Day Centre, Golders Green (entrance in Limes Avenue). 6.30 pm. Admission by ticket only (346 0246).

Monday November 10

National Federation of Old Age Pensioners' Association (Mill Hill, London) Branch, John Keble Hall, Deans Lane, Mill Hill. Bring & Buy 12.30 pm, followed by meeting at 1.30 pm (959 4935).

National Council of Women (Barnet & District Branch). Discussion morning. 'Little Croft', Leecroft Road, Barnet. 10.30 am (449 5308).

Tuesday November 11

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway,

'Christmas is coming'. 8 pm (952 4189).

Acorns — non-sectarian club for women, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. Restoration of London's historic buildings. Creche available. 9.45-11.30 am (346 1507 and 346 0232).

Hendon South Liberals take a liberal look at the GLC. Cheshir Hall, Foster Street, Hendon. 8.15 pm.

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 7.45 pm (202 5625).

Wednesday November 12

Barnet & District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm (77 54150).

Hendon Horticultural Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 'A naturalist at home and abroad'. 8 pm (203 3467).

Finchley and Friern Barnet Operatic Society present 'The Gypsy Princess', Hornsey Town Hall. 7.45 pm (445 3391). Until Sat., Nov. 15.

Lecture by Roger Chapman 'A lost tribe', North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. 8.15 pm.

Thursday November 13

Welsh Harp Otters Angling Society, White Bear Public House, The Burroughs, Hendon (205 5670).

Hampstead and District Philatelic Society, Trinity Church Hall, Finchley Road (opp. John Barnes). 7.30 pm. 'Gibraltar and the Ionian Islands' (435 4651).

Friday November 14

Hendon & District Cage Birds Association, Carey Hall, Wilberforce Road, West Hendon. 7.30 pm (205 2647).

'Insight' Gospel Group concert, Hendon Baptist Church, Finchley Lane, Hendon. 8 pm (203 5382). Also on Nov. 15.

Saturday November 15

Barnet Youth Drama Centre, Youth Hall, 142 High Road, East Finchley. 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller. 7.30 pm. Also on Nov. 16, 4 pm (959 5052 day, 883 9957 eve).

Dinner and dance at Laings Restaurant, Page Street, Mill Hill, in aid of Mayor of Barnet's Appeal Fund. Tickets £9 available from secretary, Mrs. Tessa Phillips, 4 Sandringham Gardens, North Finchley, N12 (445 3430).

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Friern Barnet Ward lies to the East of Whetstone High Road, a pleasant area of parks and well planned residential streets. It has a strong sense of community from the days when it formed the heart of Friern Barnet Urban District Council, and the former Town Hall with its imposing architecture today houses the Education Department of Barnet Council.



COUNCILLOR DAVID BURTON, former Mayor of Barnet and one of the most senior members of the Council, still maintains he was tricked into standing for election as councillor for Friern Barnet.

'I was asked to attend when the selection panel were interviewing candidates in 1968, just to make up the numbers,' he recalls. 'I said at the time that I was not interested in local politics or local finance. But the next day I found I had been selected.'

The man who 'was not interested in local finance' is today chairman of the influential Development and Estates Committee and vice-chairman of Finance Committee. He also serves on the Establishment and Allotments Committees.

A retired stockbroker, his standing in the financial world is confirmed by his appointment as a General Commissioner for Taxes, a position he has held for many years.

For the past 18 months he has been heavily involved in the financial economies the Council has had to make under current financial restraints. 'I think we shall be facing this difficult situation for some time to come. I see no easing towards a period of growth for the next year or so,' he said.

He has many other demands upon his time. He is chairman of the Countryside Commission for the green belt land on the borders of Hertfordshire and Barnet; financial trustee to the Finchley Charity; Woodside Home and other charities; chairman of the governors of five local primary schools and a governor of Woodhouse, Friern Barnet, East Barnet, St Michael's, St. Mary's C of E and the Sacred Heart Schools.

A keen golfer and past president of North Middlesex Golf Club, he is the Barnet Delegate to the South East of England Sports Council. He also runs the London Boroughs' Golf Competition. Another interest is gardening and he is president of Friern Barnet Central Allotment Holders Association.



COUNCILLOR FRANK GIBSON, former Mayor of Finchley and Barnet and chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Council, has served as a Councillor for 28 years, having been elected to the former borough of Finchley at the age of 25. He even married a fellow councillor and Mrs Mary Gibson was his Mayoress for both terms of office.

On leaving school Frank Gibson found himself a teenage soldier with the Royal Artillery in India at the end of the Second World War. By 1952, when he stood for Council, he was in commerce and today is a director of furniture and printing companies.

As Mayor of Finchley in 1961 — the youngest in that borough's history — he founded the Finchley Council of Christians and Jews of which he is still a Vice-President. In the same year he started the Friends of Le Raincy Society to foster links between the two towns. He was an Honorary Citizen of Le Raincy and is now chairman of the society. Still on the international scene he is a founder and present chairman of the Friends of Ramat Gan, and chairman of the Anglo-Israel Friendship League of Finchley.

He serves on the administrative committee of the 393 ATC Squadron (he is a past cadet of the former 1825 East Finchley Squadron) and President of Finchley, Friern Barnet and Golders Green Scout Council.

A member of Finchley Old People's Welfare Committee; a patron of Eastwood, a home for senior citizens in Finchley; vice-president of Finchley and Whetstone Chamber of Commerce; founder and present chairman of the National League of Safe Drivers (now joining RoSPA); 28 years' service on the Finchley/Central Area Road Safety Committee; and a patron of Finchley and District Philatelic Society — his list of voluntary service is almost unending.

He and his wife have two sons and a daughter, and when he has time to relax he enjoys travel, reading, television (especially 'Dallas') and is a reluctant weeder.



COUNCILLOR JOHN TIPLADY has lived in the Borough all his life and was educated at Holy Trinity, Tollington Grammar School and Clark's College.

He took a keen interest in local affairs for many years before being elected to the Council at a by-election in 1970 for the Friern Barnet Ward. A Post Office Corporation Executive Officer in the Barnet area for many years he is now Postmaster at Hatfield.

During his Council career he has been particularly interested in education and serves on the Works and General Purposes, Appointment of Head Teachers and Joint Consultative Sub-Committees of that Committee. He also serves on the panel responsible for monitoring educational standards in Barnet. 'I think the work done at primary school level is of the utmost importance,' he says.

He is chairman of the Town Planning and Research Committee, a member and past chairman of the Carnival and Shows Committee, chairman of the Friern Barnet Summer Show Panel and a member and past chairman of the Northern Area Road Safety Committee.

Chairman of the governors of Christ's College, Finchley, as well as Friern Barnet, Oak Lodge and Haynes Special Schools, he is also vice-chairman of the governors of a number of primary schools.

Before it was disbanded he was a member of the Barnet and District Savings Committee and chairman of the Industrial Savings Committee. Chairman of Finchley and Friern Barnet Conservative Association, he is also a founder member and still on the executive committee of the Finchley Society.

From 1943 to 1947 he served in the Postal Section of the Royal Engineers in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

His wife, Margaret, is chairman of Finchley Women's Citizens' Association and she and their married daughter, Marion, are both members of the Barnet/Finchley Community Health Council.

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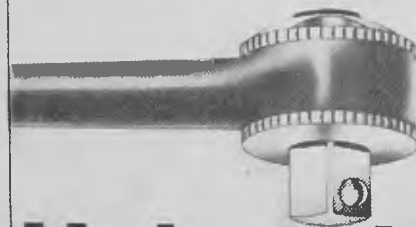
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Wednesday 15 October

IN THE RAIN FORESTS OF BORNEO

Bryan Sage

An established favourite with our audiences, local ecologist Bryan Sage portrays the remarkable fauna and rich flora he found in the evergreen forests of this equatorial island.

North Finchley Library

Wednesday 22 October

STEAM

Thomas Bragg

A feast of pictures for all railway enthusiasts - South Kensington, York and Swindon museums; static and mobile units including the Bluebell, North Yorkshire, Stour and Nene Valley Railways; miniature and mountain lines.

Burnt Oak Library

Wednesday 29 October

LONDON STREET SCENES 1896-1980

John Huntley

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East Finchley Library

Wednesday 5 November

THE HISTORY OF MYSTERY

Mac Wilson

The history of magic and the art of illusion from Biblical times to the present day followed by a masterly demonstration of magic by a Vice-President of the Magic Circle, who so captivated our audience last year.

Hendon Library

Wednesday 12 November

THE LOST TRIBE

Roger Chapman

During a two year expedition round the world, Major Chapman recently spent five months in Papua New Guinea and while exploring the remotewestern highlands discovered a nomadic tribe who had never travelled beyond their isolated valley home.

North Finchley Library

Wednesday 19 November

INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH FURNITURE

Myrtle Ellis

Following her excellent talk on silver last season, this year Mrs Ellis outlines the development of furniture, from the chests and benches of medieval times to modern inflatable chairs.

Burnt Oak Library

Wednesday 26 November

BEETHOVEN THE UNCONQUERABLE

Joan Burns

Joan Burns returns to delight her many admirers with her interpretation of Beethoven's life and work which bridged the classical and romantic traditions of composition.

East Finchley Library

Wednesday 3 December

THE ART AND CRAFT OF STAINED GLASS

Douglas Priestley

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Hendon Library

Wednesday 4 February

ARCHITECTURE OF THE GREEKS

Leslie Harris

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North Finchley Library

Wednesday 11 February

THE GREAT TUNNEL ESCAPE

Ley Kenyon

A vivid account of the ingenuity of the officers involved in the great escape from Stalag Luft III, a prison camp thought to be "escape-proof", told by one of the escapers.

Burnt Oak Library

Wednesday 18 February

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Robert Gentle

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Wednesday 25 February

PYRENEAN SUMMER

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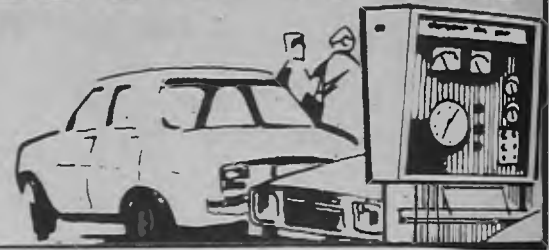
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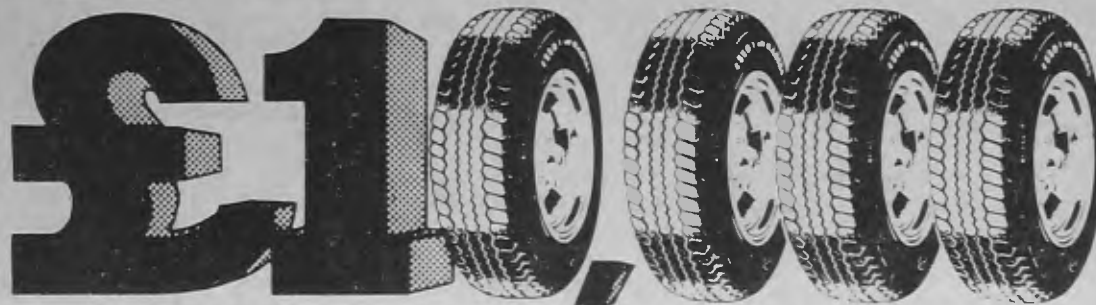
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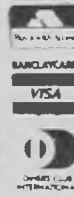


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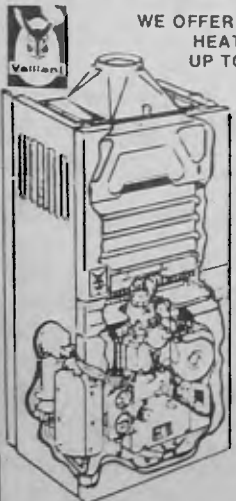
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When leaving your car unattended, be it in the street, a car-park or indeed at home, close the windows and lock all the doors, boot and bonnet and remove the keys. Some older cars do not have an internal bonnet release and consequently access to the works is simple. Batteries are expensive to replace and inconvenient to lose.

It is always advisable to fit some kind of device to make the thief's work just that much more difficult. There is the simple but effective device which hooks over the steering wheel and under the clutch pedal — not the brake pedal, I emphasise. A simple but cheap alarm system, easily self-fitted, works on the principle of electrical contact by pendulum. Movement of the vehicle completes the circuit and the horn goes off. A secret immobilising switch to connect the coil and ignition to earth is very effective: the starting mechanism is thus not operational.

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THE BASIS of this rota was supplied by the Barnet Family Practitioner Committee and lists those chemists which are open by agreement during evenings, Sundays and Bank holidays. To help residents we are hoping to print this rota on a monthly basis if space permits. Any other chemist open outside normal shopping hours on a regular basis may send details to Civic News, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4.

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