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The Mayoress, Miss Helen James, visited the Trigger stables to see for herself how the volunteers helped disabled people to ride. Trigger is the subject of this year's Mayor of Barnet's Appeal — see pages 22 and 23.

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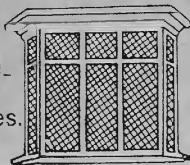


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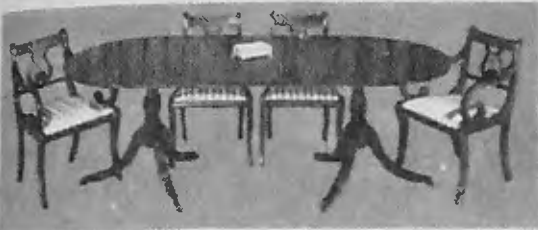
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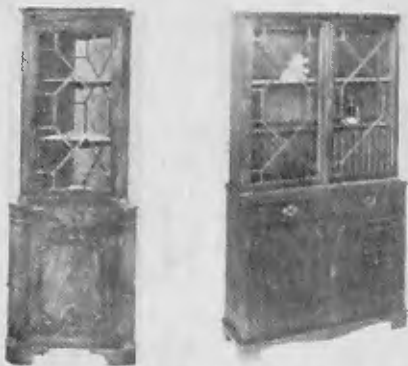
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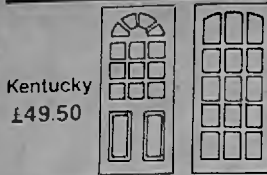
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I AM VERY PLEASED to have this opportunity of sending my greetings to all who live and work in this borough at this time of family celebrations and goodwill.

As a councillor I have always been very proud of the spirit of people who live in this borough — people who go out and get things done, who campaign to improve the environment and who work for the benefit of others. As Mayor of Barnet I have been able to see this volunteer spirit in action in all sections of the community and I think this involvement will be one of the richest memories I shall retain of my year of office. As you may know I have always taken a great interest in youth movements and we are very lucky in Barnet in the contribution that young people are making to the community life of the borough.

This is not an easy time in local government as we face a period of stringent financial restraint and battle to keep the essential services running well and maintain the quality of life for all our residents, but I know we shall continue to encourage and support that independent spirit which is so strong in our borough, and which in turn supports and encourages those of us who serve as councillors.

To all Civic News readers, may I wish you a Happy Christmas and, in spite of all the problems, a prosperous, peaceful and challenging New Year.

Edna James
MAYOR OF BARNET

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Royal test for Howard's design



The Duke of Gloucester tries out the portable gymnasium designed by Howard Calvert (centre) at the awards presentation.

A PORTABLE GYMNASIUM, designed and made by 18-year-old Howard Calvert, of Edgware, as an aid in physiotherapy, has gained a top prize in the national Schools Design Prize Competition. The awards were presented by HRH The Duke of Gloucester at the Royal Institution on November 12.

The project began when Howard visited the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, and saw the work of physiotherapists on post-operative patients. After discussions with surgeons and physiotherapists he established the need for an exercising device which was light, simple, compact and which could be adjusted to allow patients to vary the amount of effort required.

His portable gymnasium works on a lever and fulcrum principle, and is fully adjustable. It looks deceptively simple but bending the bars together can require considerable effort. The steel spring was supplied by Rolls-Royce, sponsors of the competition.

Now Howard's device has attracted commercial companies who are vying for the manufacturing and marketing rights.

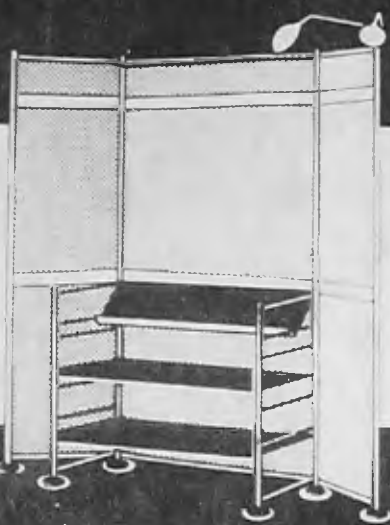
Howard, a former pupil at Orange Hill School, made the gymnasium for his Design A level, gaining an A standard pass. His teacher was Mr. Peter Chambers. He has been engaged in the family software business for the past 18 months and is now taking a degree course in business studies at Middlesex Polytechnic.

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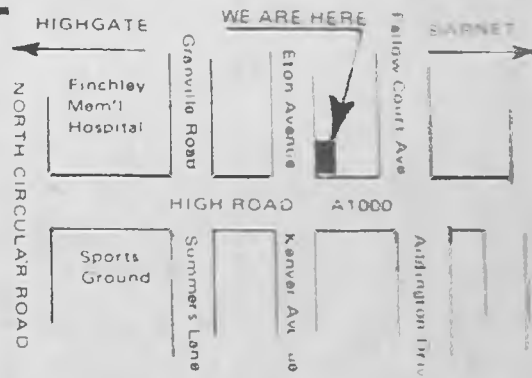
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OAK LODGE SCHOOL in East Finchley is the first special school in England to have a purpose-built work preparation department where senior pupils can gain work experience in a commercial environment.

The new unit was opened by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP for Finchley, on October 24, who unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion. She told parents, local councillors, governors and staff of the school: 'For any pupil, the transfer from school to a job is one of the greatest and most difficult moves in life. They go from the protected world of school where they are frequently under discipline as to what they do and when they do it to a world of work which is very different. It is a difficult change to make, more so in a school like Oak Lodge where the children have to move from the very caring atmosphere to the harsher world of work.'

Accompanied by the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Mrs. Edna James, the chairman of the school governors,

Councillor John Tiplady, and the headmaster, Mr. Peter Carney, she toured the main workrooms, storerooms and offices of the new department, meeting some of the pupils who were at work on packaging and sorting contracts.

Oak Lodge has served the children at Barnet and neighbouring areas for 65 years. It caters for children aged three to 19, who have learning problems. Classes are small, tuition is on an individual basis and welfare assistants help in classes.

At the senior end of the school the curriculum is outward looking to prepare young people for the adult world and help them achieve social maturity. Local employers have helped by opening their businesses to pupils for one day a week work experience and there is a close working relationship with the borough's careers advice service.

But the school felt the need for more work preparation and The Oak Lodge School Association (TOLSA), a very active group of parents, staff and friends of the school, began to raise money to provide a special unit.

Mrs. Thatcher finds that Oak Lodge pupils have a taste for real work

Pictures by Maria Bartha

However, in 1977, the Education Committee of Barnet Council decided to fund the unit and so the money raised by TOLSA, backed by a council loan, is to be used to build an indoor learner swimming pool.

Meanwhile, while contractors start the work on the pool, the pupils of Oak Lodge are gaining their first taste of 'real' work. The headmaster and Mr. David Charlesworth, head of the Work Preparation Department, are arranging for the school to carry out large and small contracts meeting delivery dates and having to pass quality control inspections. There is a time clock at which pupils clock on and off work.

It is hoped that the work of the school will establish a reputation for reliability which will enable the Work Preparation Department to forge valuable links with local employers recruiting young workers.

The unit has been designed in the Department of the Borough Architect, Mr. Derek Buckman, and was built in 11 months for a total building cost of £129,953.



A much involved group, left to right: Councillor Mrs. Rosa Freedman, chairman of the Education Committee; Councillor Mrs. Barbara Langstone, ward councillor; Mr. Derek Buckman, borough architect; Councillor John Tiplady, chairman of the governors; The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Edna James; Mrs. Stan Sorrell, school governor; Councillor Mrs. Mary Phillips, ward councillor; Councillor Stan Sorrell, ward councillor; Mrs Kay Reynolds, school governor; and Councillor Mrs. Dot Benson, chairman of the Schools and Special Services Sub-committee.



Oak Lodge students Jacuvus and Laurence, enjoying their work.



The headmaster, Mr. Peter Carney, and Mrs Thatcher on a tour of the workshops, meet Mr. Reg Fowler, technician.

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This year the blessing will be on December 22 following a united service of nine lessons and carols in the church at 8 pm. The choir will be drawn from churches affiliated to the Hendon Council of Churches and will be led by Georgina Morsley, choir mistress at Hendon Methodist.

For the blessing a colourful procession will be led by the choristers of three churches and the crib will be blessed by the Rev. J. M. Warner, vicar of St. John the Evangelist, West Hendon.

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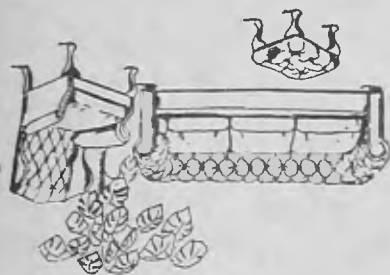
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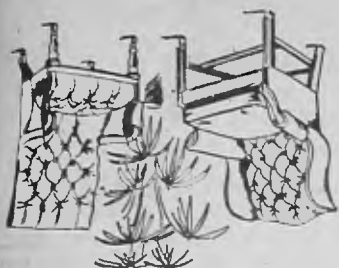
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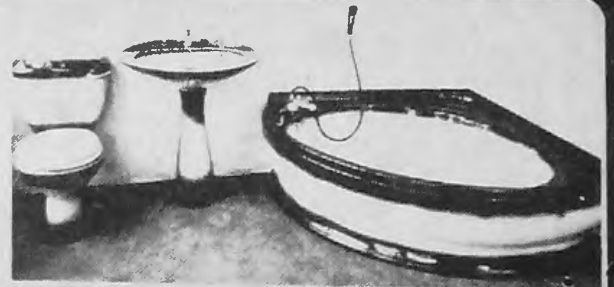
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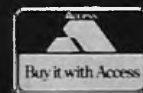
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Barnet (covering, High, New and East Barnet, Arkley, Totteridge and Southgate, N14).

Christmas week: Normal working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. No service Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Week beginning December 29: Monday, collect Thursday's round; Tuesday, collect Friday's round; Wednesday, collect Monday's round. Thursday, January 1, and Friday, January 2: no collections.

Week beginning, January 5: Monday, collect Tuesday's round; Tuesday, collect Tuesday's and part Wednesday's; Wednesday, collect Wednesday's and part Thursday's; Thursday and Friday, normal service.

Finchley (covering Central, East and North Finchley, Muswell Hill, Friern Barnet, Whetstone, Hampstead Garden Suburb and New Southgate).

Christmas week: Monday and Tuesday, normal service. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, no collections.

Week beginning, December 29: Monday collect Wednesday's round; Tuesday, collect Thursday's round; Wednesday, collect Friday's round. Thursday, no collection. Friday, collect part Monday's round.

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FORTY FIRST-YEAR pupils from Ravenscroft School, Barnet, and their teachers spent a week at Penshurst village in Kent, staying at Swaylands, the Borough's Study Centre.

The programme was planned to give the youngsters, many of whom were away from home for the first time, an opportunity to learn something of country life.

The group studied the school farm watching the animals being fed and handled. They looked at the vineyard and the hop-fields and went on a nature ramble along the River Medway.

Pupils took turns at map-reading on an eight-mile walk through Penshurst estate and the villages of Chiddingtone and Leigh.

Mr. Andrew Fleet, head of Lower School and leader of the party, said: 'The children were able to stop, look and listen in a way for which there is little opportunity in the normal course of events in Barnet.'

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AT THE RISK of being labelled a prophet of doom and gloom, a Scrooge, with the spirit of Christmas past, let me at once remind all my readers that another festive season and also a season of crime is upon us. As the Crime Prevention posters shout 'Watch out, there's a thief about', hopefully we shall be able to lift our glasses, toast our families and friends, enjoy the Christmas festivities and herald a Happy New Year. BUT will it be so for all of us?

Who will have their Christmas club savings stolen from their homes? It is usually quite well known when and where pubs and clubs pay out and who the savers are, so take special care to see your homes are secure at this time of the year. Make it difficult for a thief to get in and make it difficult also for the money to be found if he does get in.

I urge all elderly people NOT to admit strangers to their homes. There are some very unpleasant individuals about now, hoping to get their hands on the Christmas bonus and the extra pension money drawn in advance. These people often pose as gas and electricity men; social workers and use many other ruses to gain entry. Unless you are absolutely satisfied and an appointment has been

made, be extremely wary. Tell a neighbour or the Police about any suspicious callers.

Purse snatchers and pickpockets will be out in force. These anonymous and unidentifiable crooks prey upon the ordinary people who are shopping. Ladies should not leave purses exposed on the top of shopping bags and trollies and should keep a tight hold of handbags. Men should keep their folding money tightly buttoned up in an inaccessible pocket.

Most of all be aware and alert even though your thoughts are likely to be engaged in buying all the goodies for the happy season. If your money has been stolen when you get to the checkout it will not be a very happy season for you.

Please be careful of going alone in dark areas in your district, especially underpasses where the dangers often lurk. They used to call them highwaymen and footpads. They still exist! Another word of warning or advice: resistance to a violent threat of personal injury could result in just that. Better to be safe and poor than poorly and poor.

Ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye to your home if you go away over the

holiday. Do not forget to stop the milk and the papers or perhaps ask someone to take them in for you. A favourite moment for thieves to strike is while people are at church, at parties down the road or at a restaurant. Leave a light on at home. Take the telephone off the hook. Close the curtains. Shut and lock the garage doors.

A note for publicans, off-licences, social and working men's and sports clubs; and all those places where beer, wines and spirits are stored. Beware the cellar-trap thief. Check the toilets before locking up. Set the burglar alarm if you have one and turn off all the services not needed.

Finally I feel I have to remind everyone about the drinking and driving syndrome at this time of the year. Despite what anyone thinks, one's judgement and driving skill is not so good after a drink. A driver can recover his licence after 12 months but an injured child or adult may never recover.

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Council debate school closure plan

BECAUSE OF FALLING school rolls, Barnet Council decided at their November meeting to start procedures which may lead to the closure of two secondary schools in the borough — Southaw Girls' School, Whetstone, and Grahame Park.

The public gallery in the Council Chamber and two committee rooms were full to overflowing with parents, pupils and friends of Grahame Park School, opposed to its closure.

Long debate

After three hours of debate the Council, by a majority decision, agreed:

- That the Director of Education be instructed to start procedures for closing Southaw and Grahame Park as soon as possible and to report back following preliminary consultation with parents, teachers, staff and the governors of schools and the teacher association, in accordance with the guidelines issued under the 1980 Education Act.

- To rescind their former decision to reduce all six-form entry secondary schools to five-form entry so that from September next year all existing six-form entry schools will be able to take in a full complement of 180 pupils.

- To approve in principle the closing of such schools as may be considered necessary — subject to further reports.

- To safeguard the salaries and status of teachers involved in any closures.

- To instruct the Director of Education to keep the whole question of declining school rolls under careful scrutiny.

- The Director was also instructed to have regard to parents' choice of school and, if indicated, preference for single sex education when the transfer of children between schools is under consideration.

Consultation

Towards the end of 1978 Barnet Council started a full scale consultative exercise to obtain the views of teachers, parents and school governors to help them decide whether or not certain secondary schools in the borough should be amalgamated.

TABLE 1
ALLOCATION TO BARNET SECONDARY SCHOOLS 1980
Position at 3.9.80

| Forms of entry | County Schools | Places taken up | Places unfilled |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | Ashmole | 145 | 35 |
| 5 | Christ's College | 150 | — |
| 6 | Copthall | 178 | 2 |
| 6 | East Barnet | 180 | — |
| 6 | Edgware | 147 | 33 |
| 6 | Finchley Manorhill | 156 | 24 |
| 4 | Friern Barnet | 92 | 28 |
| 6 | Grahame Park | 90 | 90 |
| 6 | Hendon | 180 | — |
| 6 | Moat Mount | 102 | 78 |
| 5 | Orange Hill | 180 | — |
| 6 | Q.E. Boys | 180 | — |
| 5 | Q.E. Girls | 150 | — |
| 6 | Ravenscroft | 115 | 65 |
| 5 | Southaw | 85 | 65 |
| 6 | Whitefield | 145 | 35 |
| — | | — | — |
| 91 f.e. | | 2,275 (76 f.e.) | 455 |
| — | | — | — |
| | Voluntary Aided Schools | | |
| 6 | Bishop Douglass | 175 | 5 |
| 4 | Christ Church | 122 | — |
| 6 | Finchley Catholic | 157 | 23 |
| 3 | Hasmonean | 80 | 10 |
| 3 | Henrietta Barnett | 90 | — |
| 6 | St. James | 180 | — |
| 6 | St. Mary's | 119 | 61 |
| 6 | St. Michael's | 93 | — |
| — | | — | — |
| 37 f.e. | | 1,016 | 99 |
| — | | — | — |
| | | Total (110 f.e.) | |

TABLE 2

| Year | Estimated admissions to secondary schools | Form entry at 30 per cent form | Original forecast |
|------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1980 | 3,298 | 110 | 114 |
| 1981 | 3,212 | 107 | 112 |
| 1982 | 3,178 | 106 | 112 |
| 1983 | 3,077 | 103 | 106 |
| 1984 | 3,010 | 101 | 102 |
| 1985 | 2,806 | 94 | 96 |
| 1986 | 2,720 | 91 | 94 |
| 1987 | 2,612 | 87 | 92 |
| 1988 | 2,595 | 87 | |
| 1989 | 2,686 | 90 | |
| 1990 | 2,844 | 95 | |

The point at issue was the falling birth rate since the early 1970s. This meant the number of children entering our secondary schools would fall quite considerably in the 1980s.

A consultative document, 'School Population Trends — Future School Provision,' was prepared by Mr. Jack Dawkins,

Director of Educational Services.

This proposed that over a period of three to five years, Orange High School should be merged with Grahame Park; Southaw with Queen Elizabeth's Girls; and Friern Barnet County with Finchley Manorhill.

However, in February 1980,

as a result of the consultation, the Education Committee decided that the mergers should not go ahead.

As instructed by the Committee, the Director of Education then produced a second consultative document on 'School Population Trends — Future School Provision'.

Forecast

This second document showed that the original forecast that in September 1980 there would be 114 forms of entry for the whole borough (3,420 pupils) had not been fulfilled. In fact there had only been sufficient intake for 110 forms (3,291 pupils). (See Table 1.)

The forecast there would be a further fall in September 1981 to 107 forms and in September 1982 to 106 forms, and that based on the most recent trends the number of children in the upper classes of primary schools and intake into secondary schools would continue to fall until 1989/90. (See Table 2.)

More up-to-date information on current birth rates suggested an upturn in the numbers entering secondary schools in 1989/90 but even so the projection for 1991 would only be a 99-form entry — still based on 30 pupils to a class.

This might be taken as a trend for the 1990s but it would still take increasing entries for several years to return to the situation in 1980; even longer to reach the numbers required to restore the mainly 6 f.e. 11-18 pattern.

Implications

The implications of an 11-18 comprehensive school running at four-form entry were studied and a working group of secondary school heads thought that very small comprehensive schools were not satisfactory from the educational or economic point of view.

Barnet Teachers' Council were opposed to unplanned closures of schools. Representatives accepted that closures were inevitable but considered that they should be kept to an absolute minimum and carefully planned.

After all the necessary procedures have taken place, the final decision as to whether or not the two schools should be closed will rest with the Secretary of State for Education.

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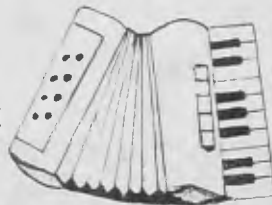
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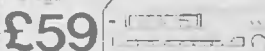
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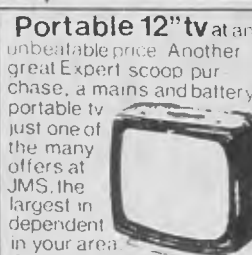


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I am one of the statistically rated minor class of person. I suppose it could be said I have more in common with people under the age of 30 than over the age of 60, sorry, that is with special reference to Barnet.

Note last month's highlights — congratulations to Barnet

Council — a slap on the back — good budgeting! Are we really interested? 'A home of their own', yes I agree, and would only like to point out that of course without such overt concern for the aged, a Barnet paper would not be a Barnet paper. Please excuse the seemingly logical inconsistency here.

Well, more adverts, sorry I forgot to mention the introduction (1st page) — of course — adverts. Now we progress (limited form) 'Comforts in a motorised caravan' — great! Readership rating (1 per cent? Less?). Adverts. (not a bad piece). 'Plant a tree for posterity', aren't you seven years

too late? (No?). How about this: 'Office Equipment of the 80s', phew! (Advertising? No? Well telephone Mr. Lemon). Really, where's the spark of enthusiasm?

We are not all office bound and even for such numerous unfortunates, when they get their 'Civic News' they want to relax and read about — Rating? We move on, interspersed with adverts. 'Letters to the Editor', not bad. I like the one about Jigsaw 'swops', especially the first sequence.

I don't expect publication, sorry I haven't quite enough time to present my objection less

objectionably (that would only soften the blow).

Adverts — Ah, 'What's on in Barnet' — for young people? I mean Finchley Central. The piece de resistance, what we all want to know 'Your Councillors'. Is this episode one or have I missed a few? I do glance through your paper you know.

I would love to see many more young people on Barnet Council, please don't frighten us away. Surely life is not so grim. Look outside your double-glazed office windows at the world outside. Please reply, even in between publication, when the adverts are thick and fast.

A. Thompson
20 Holly Park
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We reply

Mr. Thompson's letter presents many points to answer. First of all, Barnet Civic News is not in any way a rival or substitute for local newspapers. It is a monthly publication enabling the Council to keep in touch with the ratepayers and residents of the borough, giving news of major plans and new services within the scope of the local authority. At the same time Civic News provides a means to publicise the activities of local voluntary

and community organisations.

In order that no cost should fall upon ratepayers the publication, management, delivery and printing costs are covered by advertisements so that a third of the pages carry editorial matter and two-thirds advertisements.

To deal with individual points.

1. 'Money Well Spent' — not a pat on the back for the Council — more a bouquet for local voluntary organisations with some helpful advice on how they can obtain grant aid.

2. The Mayor's appeal for 1979/80 raised a record-breaking total with a tremendous number of people within the borough taking part in fund-raising events. There will be a great interest in the outcome of the appeal.

3. 'What's On In Barnet' — at least half of the events seem to be directed at young people, with youth clubs, drama workshops, sports, and meetings of political youth organisations.

4. 'Plant a Tree for Posterity'. It may not be National Tree Year but it is the

season for planting trees and after the depredation of Dutch Elm Disease this is a very appropriate time.

This year's National Tree Week also marks the beginning of a three-year tree-planting campaign.

5. 'Your Councillors' feature is a monthly write-up in alphabetical sequence of the 20 wards in the borough. This month is No. 11. There are quite a number of Councillors in their 20s and 30s as can be seen from the earlier write-ups.

Editor

Courtesy the answer

In response to your 'speeding bicycles' letters in the September issue I would like to make the following points.

I have just returned from a cycle tour of Holland, Belgium and Germany and it is common in all these countries for pedestrians and cyclists to be mixed on the same path. Nowhere did I come across the mutual aggression which seems to be seething out of your previous correspondents. Instead both parties treat each other with respect and courtesy.

As an experienced cyclist I am happy to use most non-major roads but there are many young cyclists who are not ready to cope with modern high density traffic and are better off on the pavement. Or would you like to see a youngster, having hit one of the numerous pot-holes, wobble in front of a car.

Of course the elderly and handicapped need particular help and consideration. I recently dismounted and helped

a partially-sighted lady across the road, much to her pleasure and surprise as she said numerous people had walked past her.

So let's have consideration and respect from ALL travellers — whether on foot, cycle or motorised — for ALL other road users. Although one cannot legislate for it, courtesy makes life more pleasant for everyone.

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The Chartered Accountants Group has called upon the government and the accounting bodies to take such steps, including integration or registration, as are necessary to protect the business community from this abuse. They considered that such bad advice, usually cheaply obtained, was positively damaging to business and commerce. They advised the public to ensure that, whenever they need financial or taxation advice, they should go to a chartered accountant or one with a recognised qualification.

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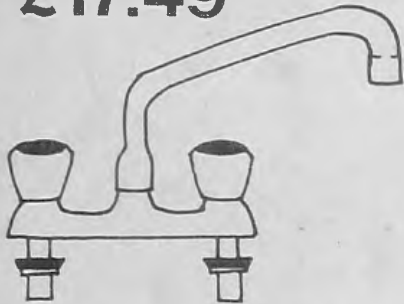
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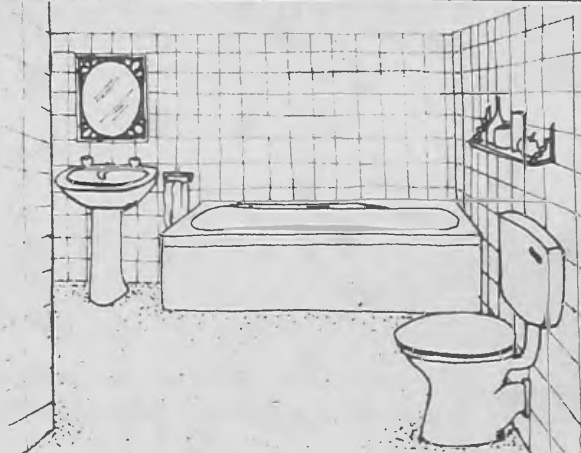


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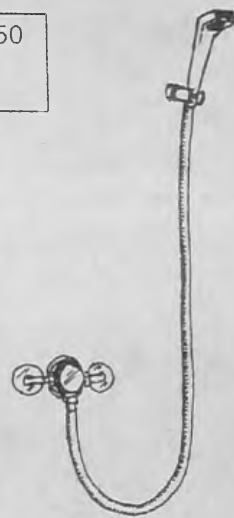
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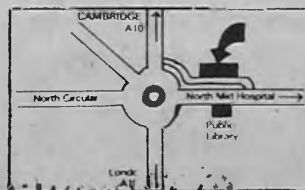
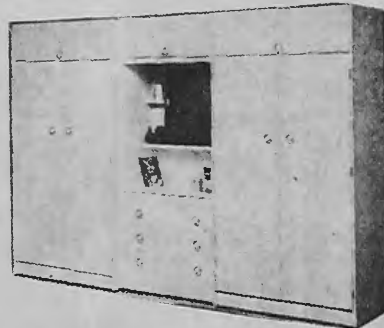
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Welcoming them to their new home she told them: 'We on the

council have been pushing for a long time to help young people buy homes in the borough so that they don't have to move away to towns where houses are cheaper. We have lost a lot of young people who would like to live in our borough because this is where their family and friends are. But London housing is too expensive for them. We have even lost youth leaders because they can't find a place to live at the right price.'

Barnet Council's Build-for-Sale policy dates back to the mid-1970s and was set up to meet the demand for 'starter homes' — small houses and flats at a price young people can afford. The first schemes were carried out in partnership with a building contractor who was responsible for arranging the sale and mortgage facilities to purchasers who were council nominees from the waiting list or were existing council tenants.

Under these partnership schemes the council sold the land

to the contractor and were then able to secure nomination rights and to control the type of development making sure that small 'starter' homes were built and prices kept as low as possible.

The first such scheme was at College Park, Colindale, where in partnership with George Wimpey, 80 homes were built ranging from one-bedroom flats to two and three-bedroom houses. In 1978 the prices ranged from £13,095 for a one-bedroom flat to £19,695 for a three-bedroom house.

Another partnership scheme, on slightly different terms, took place in Dollis Valley Way, Barnet, where 35 units ranged in price from £12,250 to £19,200; and a third at Sheaveshill Avenue, Colindale with 39 dwellings in a price range of £14,250 to £21,250.

The largest partnership development is still to be built — at Bells Hill, Barnet, where there will be 112 new homes for sale.



On the threshold of marriage and their first home, a traditional entry for the bride-to-be, Caroline in the arms of fiancé Richard.

The Nether Street flats and a further block of six flats in Oakleigh Road South, Friern Barnet, are the first built by the Council for direct sale and there are other schemes in the pipeline.

The Nether Street flats, which sell in the region of £20,000, have been designed in the department of the Borough Architect, Mr. Derek Buckman, and are simple, with few frills but in a pleasing architectural style that fits in with the residential neighbourhood. Built in brick with a pitched, tiled roof, the flats are three storeys high with four flats on each floor opening off the central stair well.

Each flat has one double and one single bedroom, a fitted kitchen, combined bathroom and lavatory, and a living room 17ft by 10ft 6in. Central heating is an optional extra.

The new householders were selected by ballot from all applicants who had expressed interest in purchasing the flats. The basis of this ballot was that just over half the flats should go to existing tenants and one or two of the rest should go to newly-wed or engaged couples.

As new schemes come to market stage they will be advertised in Civic News and elsewhere and would-be purchasers from the housing waiting list or among the council's tenants will be able to apply.

These Build-for-Sale schemes should not be confused with the Council's policy of selling council homes to sitting tenants — a policy which will be fully described in a future Civic News feature.

The new built-for-sale council flats in Nether Street, Finchley.



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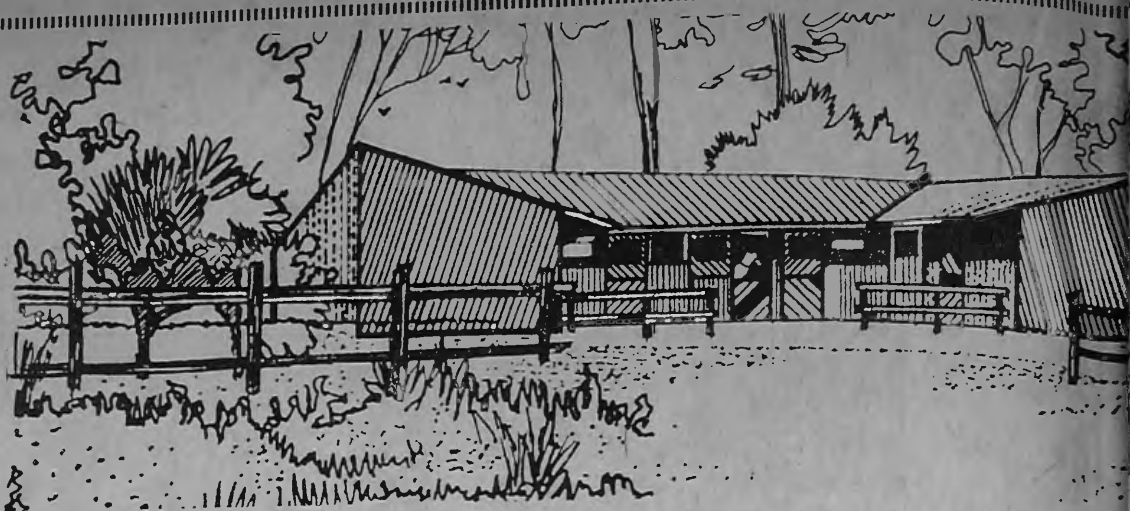
THE MAYORESS OF BARNET swapped the mayoral car for a horse when she visited Trigger Riding Group for the Disabled at their stables in Burtonhole Lane, Mill Hill, on Saturday, November 22.

Dressed for the occasion in jeans, wellingtons, anorak and riding cap, she met both the volunteers who help with the riding and clean out the stables, and the disabled children who find adventure and challenge as they learn to ride. She also rode the first 100 yards with Mr. Dennis Ashcroft, a member of the Appeal Committee, who was setting out on a sponsored walk to Southend — a walk he completed successfully.

Trigger is a small voluntary organisation which offers riding to disabled adults and children every day of the week including Sundays. Groups come from Barnet Council's day centres at Flightways and Broadfields. Some children come privately. Altogether nearly 100 disabled people take to horseback every week.

The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Mrs. Edna James, was so impressed with what Trigger were doing that she chose them for the subject of the 1980/81 Mayor Barnet's Appeal.

Trigger desperately need new premises. The stables at Burtonhole Lane have no grazing for the ponies which means expensive feeding all year



Drawing of the proposed stables which will be built in Elstree.

The Mayoress meets th

round. The tackroom is too small for use as a tuition room and there is no suitable disabled toilet facility. At the same time the stables are very old and subject to leaking roofs.


But somehow everyone seems to enjoy themselves in spite of rain and the heavy work of mucking out, grooming and exercising the three ponies and coping with vet's bills and the rising cost of feed.

There are people like Roger who does shift work every day and gives up Wednesday afternoons to help the young people from Broadfields Centre go

riding. Or Chris, who is an instructor in pottery at Flightways, and who not only brings a group of youngsters for a ride every Friday but also turns out at weekends.


Chris explained why she spends so much of her own time on this voluntary work: 'I have seen what riding does for these kids. Their life is completely changed when they can take part in riding and swimming groups. They get out into the open air, they meet people, they feel involved. Their whole perspective is changed.'

Kevin, who comes as often as he can,



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The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Victor Lyon and his wife, Sheila, meet Julie, one of the young riders.

Trigger Volunteers

... exactly what she means. Kevin is a member of Broadfields, and he enjoys riding the horses and so not only has learnt to ride with the group but he is very helpful.

... but there is still the problem of funds the officers know that they depend on voluntary help and donations for the scheme to continue. Charlotte Boden, the group's chairman, is away on a course at present, which leaves Ken Leaman, acting chairman, Jim Starkins, treasurer, and Maggie Brown, secretary, to cope with the organisation and finance.

The purpose of the Mayor's Appeal is to raise money to build premises for Trigger in Elstree.

The new stable building has been designed by the Borough Architect's Department and will have five stables, a lavatory and an office-cum-tack-cum-classroom grouped round a saddling enclosure. It is a sectional building for speed of erection. The site off Edgwarebury Lane, on the North West corner of the borough allows for car parking next to the stables. There is also a small paddock where the ponies can graze.

Can you help?

IF YOU OR YOUR organisation can help raise money for the appeal please contact either the appeal chairman, Mrs. Joan Partridge, 75 Vivian Avenue, Hendon, telephone 202 7441; or the appeal secretary, Mrs. T. Phillips, 4 Sandringham Gardens, North Finchley. Cheques should be made out to: The Mayor of Barnet's Appeal, and sent to The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4.

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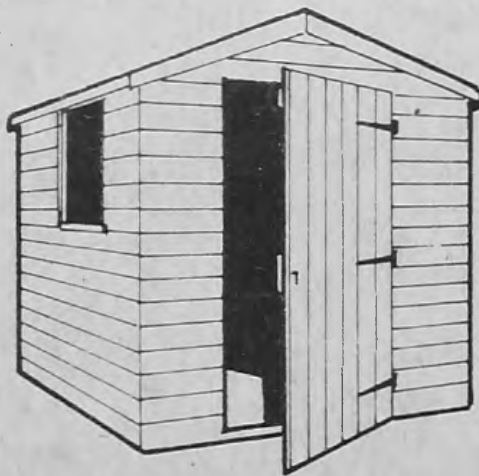


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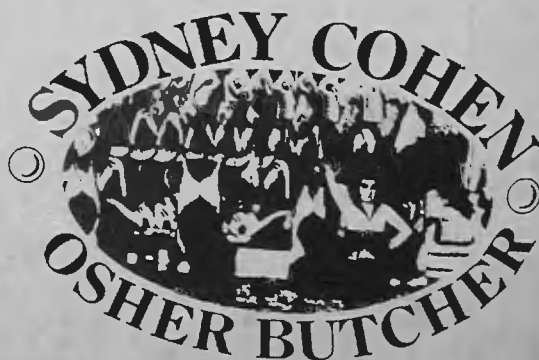
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WHAT'S ON

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 January, 1981 issue, published mid-month, entries must arrive by December 10, 1980.

Please check with your contact to see if regular weekly meetings are being held over the holiday period.

*Asterisk denotes regular weekly meeting.

Saturday December 13

*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.

*Art/craft and drama workshop for children at Elizabeth Allen Teachers' Centre, Wood Street, Barnet. 9.30 am in term time. (368 2772).

Barnet National Trust Association. Mediaeval Christmas Fayre. Ewen Hall, Wood Street, Barnet. All day. (449 5896).

East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road. 'Come Carolling' — for musicians and audience. 7 pm. (444 6120).

Barnet Orchestra at Hendon. Concert, John Keble Church, Deans Lane, Edgware, followed by wine and cheese party. Tickets £2. 7.45 pm. (205 2418).

Barnet Schools Music Centre, East Barnet Upper School, Chestnut Grove, East Barnet. Wind Orchestra. 7.30 pm. (368 1255).

Barnet Parish Church Recitals. Barnet Cantata Choir. Music by Schubert and Pergolesi. Tickets £1. (70p OAPs and students). (449 7760).

Sunday December 14

*Table Tennis training for youngsters. Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane. 3-5 pm (440 1721).

*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).

*Zen Meditation meetings, 91 Nether Street, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 1819).

*Bible Talk, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Road, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (441 0060 or 449 2055).

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Hall, Borehamwood. The Oxford Pro Musica with Margaret Fingerhut. 7.30 pm (959 1173).

Monday December 15

*Barnet Chess Club, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 7.45 pm (445 0635).

*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 (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).

*Badminton for young people 14-21, Sports Hall, Christ's College Lower School, Manor Cottage Roundabout, Finchley N3. 8 pm (883 4437; 368 1255).

*Bridge at Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm (346 5125).

*Edgware Sea Cadet Corps Boys

and Girls 12-18 years. Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30-9.30 pm (959 0711).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Community Room, Bigwood House, Bigwood Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb. 8 pm. Members' evening. (202 0269).

*WEA class, 103 Hampstead Way, NW11. Shakespeare Study Class. 1.30 pm. (455 7688).

Whist Drive, Old People's Day Centre, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. 2.15 pm. (368 4278).

Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society, Hendon Central Library, The Burroughs. Julian Budden on 'Operas of Haydn'. 8 pm. (202 6908).

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

Tuesday December 16

*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).

*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, Whitefield 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).

*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).

Local Theatre Guide

December 17 to 20 and December 30 to January 3

Hendon Arts Theatre present 'Pinocchio', Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 7.30 pm. Tickets £1. (202 6242).

December 17 to 20

Original Theatre Studio (formerly Barnet Theatre Company) present 'The Iron Nightingale', a new play by Watt Nicoll (an insight into nursing). Barnet College Theatre, Fitzjohn Avenue. 8 pm. (449 6298).

December 24, 27, 30 & 31 and January 1 to 3

Original Theatre Studio present 'A Christmas Carol', Barnet College Theatre, Fitzjohn Avenue. 8 pm. (449 6298).

January 2 and 3

Chicken Shed Theatre Workshop present 'Alice in Wonderland', St. Peter's Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. 8 pm. Tickets £1. (50p

OAPs/children). (445 2746).

January 4 and 5

Chicken Shed Theatre Workshop present 'Alice through the Looking Glass', St. Peter's Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. 8 pm. Tickets £1 (50p OAPs/children). (445 2746).

January 7 to 10

Concorde Players present 'Sleeping Beauty', Barnet College Theatre, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet. All profits to charity. Tickets from The Old Bull Centre, Barnet. (449 5941).

January 10, 15, 16 and 17

Hampstead Garden Suburb Amateur Dramatic Society present a pantomime, 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock', The Institute, Central Square, NW11. 8 pm. (3 pm Jan. 10 & 17). (455 8204).

January 14 to 17

Incognito Theatre Group present 'Spinoff' by Jack Sharky, Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road, N11. (368 0202). No tickets at door.

IN BARNET

*Drama workshops for 12-16 year-olds, The Old Bull Community and Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. 6.30-8.30 pm (449 0048).

*Barnet Hockey Club training session, Grahame Park all-weather floodlit pitch. 8 pm (445 8968 or 61 22668).

*East Finchley Sisterhood, Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. 2.30 pm. (444 5756).

*Umpires Training Course (Barnet area), Cockfosters Cricket Club Pavilion, 8-10 pm. No fees. (368 5771 or 449 5496). Course finishes March 24, 1981. No meeting on December 23 or 30.

*Old Bull Morris Dancers. Mixed sex Clog Morris Team, Assembly Hall, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. Practice sessions 7.45-9.45 pm. (440 1861).

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

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road. 'Christmas'. 8 pm. (440 4376).

Wednesday December 17

*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/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; Inter-

mediate 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).

*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).

*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. 2.15 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. 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).

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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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16: COUNCIL MEETING.

Monday, January 5: Housing; Development and Estates.

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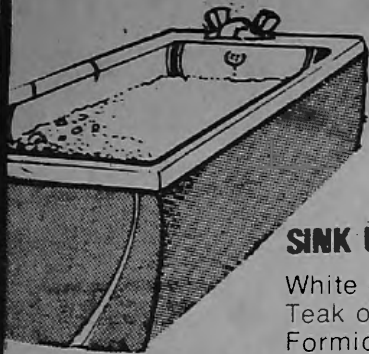
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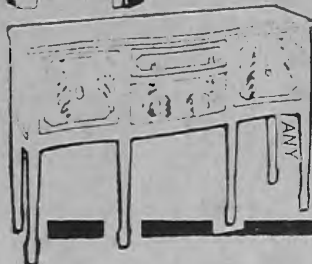
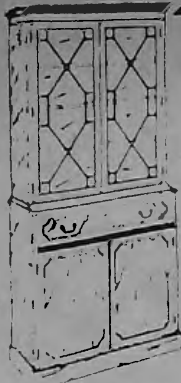
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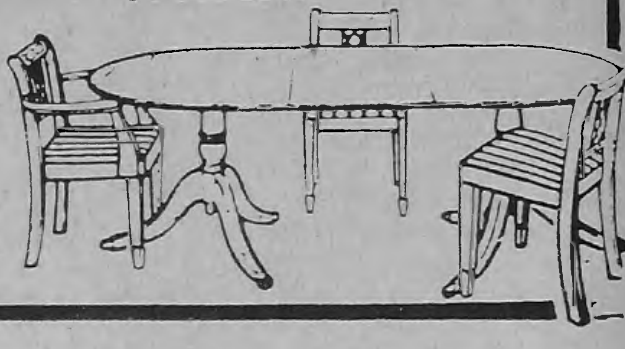
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- *Daniel Court Social Club, North Acre, Grahame Park. 2—5 pm (200 1759 after 6 pm).
- *Dog Training, Christ Church Hall, The Crest, Brent Street, Hendon. Beginners 6.45 pm and 7.15 pm; intermediate and competition until 10 pm (202 2888).
- *WEA class 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).
- *East Finchley Theatre Group, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley N2. 7.30 pm.
- *Mothers and Toddlers Group, Christadelphian Meeting House, 51 Station Road, New Barnet. 1.30—3 pm (440 7058).
- Small Landlords Association. Surgery and meeting, Conservative Rooms, 166 Station Road, Hendon. Speaker: a member of the Legal Profession. 8 pm (202 9269).
- Edgware Symphony Orchestra. Christmas concert in aid of John Groom's. Brent Cross Shopping Centre. 7.30 pm.
- Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley N3. Members' evening and Bourse. 8 pm. (883 8724).
- Metropolitan Police 'Clearway' Competition, Borough Final, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Friern Barnet. 7.30 pm.
- Mind in Barnet Fund Raising Committee. Concert by Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers, Aldershot, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill. 7.30 pm. Tickets £1.50. (202 8781).
- Public House, High Road, Whetstone. 8 pm (77 58631).
- *Finchley Chess Club, Etchingham Park Centre, Etchingham 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).
- *Young Jazz' Club, Orange Tree Public House, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Barnet. 9 pm—midnight. Admission £1 (368 0062).
- *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).
- *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.O., 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).
- *Boys Club, Salvation Army Citadel, Salisbury Road, High Barnet. 6 pm.
- *Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, girls 12-18 years, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30—9.30 pm (959 0711).
- Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road. Christmas social. 8.10 pm. (368 2680).

Thursday December 18

- *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.
- *Mind Social Club, Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 8—10 pm (440 5847 between 6 and 7 pm).
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Barnet Friends of the Earth, 72 Cranbrook Road, East Barnet. 8 pm. (440 2580).

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

Friday December 19

*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).

*Hendon Arts Theatre Workshop, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 7.30 pm. £1 per session. (202 6242).

Barnet Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. Christmas choir. 2.30 pm. (449 6826).

*Edgware Sea Cadet Corps, boys 12-18 years, Daws Lane, Mill Hill. 7.30—9.30 pm (959 0711).

Saturday December 20

Finchley Choral and Barnet & District Choral Societies Carol

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Until Saturday December 20

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6th Barnet Artists' Exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley. Normal library opening hours.

Saturday January 3 to Saturday January 31

Silkscreen prints and watercolours by Julia Wilson, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal library opening hours.

Concert, Queen Elizabeth Girls' School, Barnet. 7.30 pm. (368 0502).

Annual Concert of Barnet Band, Ewen Hall, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm. Admission £1 (OAPs and children 50p). (446 1687 or 77 59314).

Barnet & District Athletic Club. Club Championships, The Glade, Hadley Wood. 2 pm. (883 8376 day. 441 1589 eve.).

Sunday December 21

Childs Hill Baptist Church.

Until Saturday January 3

Graphics by Jill Farrow, The Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet. Open Mon.—Sat. 10 am—6 pm.

January 5 to 24

Theatre design, paintings and drawings from English National Opera productions, by Peter Whiteman, Old Bull Centre, Barnet.

Until Sunday February 15

Lacemaking, Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. Open weekdays (except Tuesdays) 10 am—12.30 pm, 1.30—5.30 pm. Tues. 10 am—1 pm. Sun. 2.30—6 pm. (203 0130).

Mortimer Close, Cricklewood NW2. Carol services at 11 am and 6.30 pm.

Carols by Candlelight, St. Luke's Church, Mountfield Road, Finchley NW3. 6.30 pm.

St. Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley N3. Congregational Carols. 4.30 pm.

Carols and readings by Candlelight, Church End Baptist Church, Stanhope Avenue, Finchley N3. 5 pm.

Monday December 22

'Blessing the Crib', Hendon Methodist Church, The Burroughs. 8 pm.

Wednesday December 24

Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Barnet Parish Church.

St. Philip the Apostle R.C. Church, Gravel Hill, Finchley N3. Festival of Carols. 11.20 pm.

Friday December 26

Barnet & District Athletic Club. Boxing Day Handicaps, Tudor Playing Fields, Hadley. 11 am—1 pm. (883 8376 day, 441 1589 eve.).

Sunday December 28

St. Mary's Church, Hendon Lane, Finchley N3. Christmas Carol Service. 6.30 pm.

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Friday January 2

Hendon South Constituency Labour Party Women's Section George Richardson House, 7 Sunningfields Road, Hendon. 8 pm.

Sunday January 4

Centre Point Tae Kwon Do Club, Grahame Park, NW9. 2—4 pm. (200 7112).

Music in Central Square. Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio' (complete), St. Jude's Church, Central Square, NW11. 3 pm. Tickets £2, £1.25 (students/OAPs 75p). (935 5461, day). Tea available.

Tuesday January 6

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road. 8 pm. 'En Francais'. (440 4376).

Wednesday January 7

Finchley and District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, Committee Room 1, East End Road, Finchley N3. 'G.B. Edward VII and George V'. 7.30 pm. (883 8724).

Finchley Rotaract Club, Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, Finchley. 8.30 pm. (349 2709).

Milldon Art Society. An evening with Rowland Hilder. Harwood Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway. 7.30 pm.

Thursday January 8

Friern Barnet Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road. 'One man's meat'. 8.10 pm. (368 2680).

Hampstead & District Philatelic Society, Trinity Church Hall, Finchley Road (opposite Finchley Road L.T. Station), NW3. The President's Night. 7.30 pm. (435 4651).

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

Friday January 9

Hendon & District Cage Birds Association, Carey Hall, Wilberforce Road, West Hendon. 7.30 pm.

Monday January 12

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

Tuesday January 13

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

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

National Schizophrenia Fellowship (N.W. London Group), Temple Fortune Health Centre,

Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. 8 pm. Mr. P. McGinley on the Confederation of Health Service Employees involvement with mentally sick hospital patients. (455 5113).

Wednesday January 14

Hendon Horticultural Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 8 pm. (203 3467).

British Computer Society (North London), West Lodge Park Hotel, Cockfosters. 'Micros and mainframes get together'. 7.45 pm. (446 1313).

Barnet Ceramic and Glass Society, Church Hill Primary School, Burlington Rise, East Barnet. 'Glass and the Imbiber in the Georgian Era'. 8 pm. (883 3961).

Thursday January 15

Stephenson Locomotive Society, St. John's United Reformed Church, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. 7.30 pm. 'Railways and the Cinema'.

Barnet Friends of the Earth, 72 Cranbrook Road, East Barnet. 8 pm. (440 2580).

Friday January 16

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

Barnet Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, Church House, Wood Street. 2.30 pm. (449 6826).

Late Entries

Monday, January 12

Finchley Chrysanthemum Society, Tudor School, Queens Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm. Talk on New Varieties. (346 2974).

Thursday January 15

Circassian Circle Folk Dance Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 7.45 pm. (950 5756).

Tuesday December 30

Jewish Association and Cultural Society, Oxford and St. Georges Club, Oakleigh Road North, N11. Dr. Aubrey Evans speaks on his experiences in China. Admission 20p. 1.30 pm. (440 8041).

Friday January 9

The Old Bull Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet — Talk on back stage at the English National Opera by Rodney Stephen Newton. 8 pm. (449 0048).

National Federation of Old Age Pensioners Association (Mill Hill branch) — Owing to the possibility of inclement weather during January and February, it has been decided not to meet during those two months. Next meeting March 9.

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COUNCILLOR LESLIE FOSTER was born in Chester but has lived in the borough for over 40 years. He started work in the printing industry, spent some time teaching at a technical college before going into selling print and becoming sales manager of a large printing group. He is now in Public Relations with a nationalised industry.

He has been an active member of the Conservative Party for over 20 years and has held various posts at Ward and Constituency level.

From 1975 to 1979 he was a vice-chairman of the Greater London Area Conservative Association and during this time served on the National Executive Committee of the Party. He is interested in industrial relations and was Chairman of the Conservative Greater London Area Trade Union Advisory Committee from 1975 to 1978. He was a member of the right wing Monday Club and vice-chairman of their Industrial Affairs Committee.

In 1978 he became a member of the Council and serves on the Town Planning and Establishment Committees and Western Area Road Safety Committee. He represents the borough on the London Accident Prevention Council.

He is a governor of Whitefield School and vice-chairman of a group of primary schools which include Wessex Gardens, Clitterhouse and Childs Hill schools. He is chairman of Whitefield Youth Club.

He was appointed by Barnet Council to serve on the Islington and Camden Community Health Council. He also serves on the DHSS Appeals Tribunal.

His hobbies are gardening and golf. He has an allotment, is vice-president of the Golders Green Allotment Association and a member of Hendon Golf Club.

His wife Joyce, who is a magistrate, is also active in politics and community affairs. She was chairman of the Greater London Area Conservative Women's Advisory Committee and serves on Edgware and Hendon Community Health Council. They have one married son who lives in Cirencester.



COUNCILLOR MRS. ROSA FREEDMAN, as chairman of the Education Committee, is at the centre of the current borough-wide debate on the complex problem of falling school rolls.

'Final decisions will have to be made without delay on the future of some of our schools,' she told Civic News. 'There must be reorganisation but we cannot hope to please everyone. Our main concern must be to ensure our children's future, maintain Barnet's high reputation in the field of education and make the best of our resources.'

She and her husband, Mr. Joe Freedman, have a long record of dedicated public service. He was Mayor and she was Mayoress of Hendon in 1950-51 and of Barnet in 1972-73.

She has represented Golders Green Ward since 1964 and served on Middlesex County Council from 1955 to 1964.

As well as being chairman of the Education Committee, she also serves on the Establishment, Social Services and Joint Consultative Safety Committees. She represents the Council on the London Boroughs Association Education Committee, on the governing body of Middlesex Polytechnic and is chairman of the governors of Hendon and Whitefield Schools. Keen on international relationships, she was for 10 years chairman of the Hendon Overseas Friendship Association and is now its life vice-president.

Her other interests include the Save the Children Fund (life vice-president), the British Empire Campaign for Cancer Research and Hendon Archaeological Society of which she is a founder member and is now its life vice-president.

Her concern for others is shown in the active part she played in the rehabilitation of refugees from the Nazis in the turbulent years after 1937.

Her husband was elected to Hendon Borough Council in 1946 and appointed an alderman in 1949. He was also an alderman on Barnet Council and became a Freeman of the Borough when aldermen were abolished in 1978.

They have two sons and four grandchildren. Most of the family's interests lie in fund raising, various sports and travel.



COUNCILLOR MRS. ENA SUMMERS has a bubbling, irrepressible energy which, when channelled into fund raising or campaigning, becomes a force few can withstand.

Last year she took on the chairmanship of the Mayor's Appeal Fund which broke all records and netted more than £27,000 towards holiday schemes for multiple sclerosis victims and their families. This year she is chairing a fund-raising committee for Mind in Barnet — a voluntary organisation for the mentally ill and handicapped.

Her Council duties reflect her commitment to social and community work. She is a member of the Social Services Committee, the Family Care Sub-Committee and Housing Committee. She is vice-chairman of the Carnival and Shows Committee.

Behind this social involvement is a skilled businesswoman. She came to live in Temple Fortune with her parents just before the Second World War. She took a year's secretarial course at Pitman's College and joined the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation engaged on Pre-emption in Food Buying. This latter came under the Ministry of Economic Warfare and young as she was Ena Summers was seconded to run the department.

She married in 1943 and from 1944 to 1946 she worked for the Canadian Government and helped to organise the Beaver Club, a social club for Canadian Servicemen.

In 1949 she became Company Secretary in her husband's handbag manufacturing business and today, as managing director, she travels regularly to Hong Kong and the Far East on buying and marketing expeditions.

She is a governor for a group of schools in Cricklewood — Whitefield, Clitterhouse and Childs Hill — and a member of the management committee of Whitefield Youth Club.

With all this she enjoys running her own home, often works in dual harness with her daughter-in-law, Vivien, also an active-participant in charity work, and is the proud grandmother of 12-year-old Louisa and Anthony (six).

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SAYING IT WITH TREES

Barnet's birthday tribute to the Queen Mother

THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 80th Birthday has been commemorated in the borough by the planting of 80 trees in her honour — 40 in Sydney Road, Muswell Hill, and 40 in Milesplit Hill, Mill Hill.

The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Mrs. Edna James, assisted by children from local schools, undertook the ceremonial planting of a small group of trees on each site on November 18, chosen because the date fell within National Tree Week which marked the first planting season of the National Tree Campaign 1980 to 1983. Barnet is one of more than 100 local authorities who have chosen to honour the Queen Mother in this way.

The two schemes form a strong contrast, showing the scope of tree landscaping in an urban and a rural setting.

In Sydney Road the trees chosen are those best suited to a townscape — flowering cherries, small maples, alder, birch and mountain ash. This selection provides a changing canopy of leaves with blossom in spring, red berries in autumn, and rich foliage colours which change to gold and red in autumn.

Here the Mayor, who was welcomed by Councillor Bill Hart, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, planted an evergreen oak while Deborah Kitson and Pradeep Nayar of Coppetts Wood School, dug in an Indian Bean Tree and Derek Gentle and David Day of Hollickwood School, who both live in the flats in Sydney Road, planted a golden ash.

In Milesplit Hill, an area which has been ravaged by Dutch Elm disease, the rural setting is ideal for the planting of large forest trees such as oaks, beech, large maples and cedar.

Three schools joined the Mayor on this site. Councillor Mrs. James planted a golden manna ash, while Deborah Sewell and Michael Jayatilaka of St. Vincents, Darren Khan and Clare Pratchett of Dollis School and Joanna Fear and Alison Walter of The Mount School planted a giant redwood, a maple and a cone elm. Among those watching was Councillor Mrs. Rita Levy, a ward councillor who was Mayor of Barnet last year when the project was inaugurated.



Sydney Road: David Day and Derek Gentle of Hollickwood School plant a golden ash while the Mayor and Councillor Hart (right) and their fellow pupils and children from Coppetts Wood School look on.



Milesplit Hill: The Mayor finishes off the planting of a tree watched by children from The Mount, Dollis and St. Vincent's Schools.

Afterwards Mr. Geoff Eveleigh, director of technical services, presented the Mayor with a framed certificate from the Tree Council marking Barnet's contribution to the National Tree Campaign.

Most of the trees have been grown in the Council's own nurseries, and in both

cases a variety of trees has been selected so that if tree disease or pests attack one species the others will not suffer and the overall landscape will be unspoiled. Among those present at the ceremony were Mr. Gerry Fedrick, parks and recreational services manager and Mr. Chris Mountford, tree officer.

Where to buy salt for that wintry weather

THE PUBLIC can buy bags of salt suitable for use on garden paths, drives and footpaths, from local retailers who have agreed to provide this service at the request of Barnet Council.

Last year supplies of salt were on sale at three council locations. Unfortunately the income from the service fell short of the expenditure incurred by the Council and even during last year's relatively mild winter there were times when it was difficult to meet

public demand. So this year the Council have decided not to offer the service themselves but instead have ascertained that stocks will be available from the following retail outlets:

Duke O'York Nursery Garden Centre, Bentley Heath, Barnet.

E. T. Gibbs, 170 High Road, East Finchley.

Shirley Hall of Barnet, 16 High Street, Barnet.

A. J. Harris & Sons, 46 Totteridge Lane, Whetstone.

T. Simmons & Sons, 166 Nether Street, Finchley, N3.

Southwood Landscape (Gardencare), 88 The Broadway, Mill Hill.

There may also be other hardware, DIY shops and builders merchants who will sell salt in portable quantities for use by the public.

Students on the 'Milk run'



Students of Moat Mount School, Mill Hill, and Orange Hill School, Edgware, took part in the Lord Mayor's Show, London, on Saturday, November 8. The students represented school athletes on the float. English and Welsh Schools Athletics are both sponsored by the National Dairy Council and their float (one of 149 floats in the show) showed the young athletes performing training activities under the banners 'Pinta Power' and 'Milk in the section of the show with the theme 'Accent on Youth'.

Search for a lorry park

BARNET COUNCIL are to seek planning permission to develop a lorry park on land between the M11 and Watford Way (A41) just north of the K Garage.

The land is owned by the Department of Transport and the Borough Estates Officer has been instructed to enter into informal discussions with the Ministry on terms for acquiring or leasing the land.

The Council's decision to approve in principle the development of this site for a lorry park was taken at the November Council Meeting when councillors from Mill Hill and Hale Wards opposed the plan but the majority of councillors voted in favour.

A major problem experienced throughout the borough is the parking of large lorries and tankers in residential roads. At present there is no lorry park within the borough and the police are not able to direct the lorries to any official parking zone. Neighbouring boroughs have lorry parks, but Barnet, with its network of motorways and trunk routes, is often a more convenient place for the drivers to park.

The Public Works Committee have been searching for a suitable site for a lorry park for several years, and 14 sites have been examined and rejected for various reasons. The K Garage site, as it is known, is 100 yards from the nearest residential

dwelling and the plan drawn up by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor uses the slope of the land and tree and shrub planting to conceal the park from nearby residential developments.

Before the scheme came to Council the chairman of public works committee, Councillor Bill Hart, consulted with Mill Hill Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Grahame Park Residents' Association and Fiveways (Motorway) Residents' Association.

As a result of this meeting and the concern expressed by Councillors, Public Works Committee are to look into the problems of Fiveways Corner from a traffic management aspect.

LACE-MAKING IN BARNET

While Barnet may not be in the same league as Brussels, nevertheless there is a strong tradition of lace-making here within the borough. So it is appropriate that Lace-making in Barnet is the theme of the new exhibition at Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon. The display runs from December 13 to February 15.

In the borough we have a lace bobbin maker and a bead and spangle maker and many expert lacemakers. There are classes at Barnet College and Hampstead

Garden Institute and during the exhibition live demonstrations of the art will be given.

The exhibition presents a short history of lace-making which came to Britain with the Huguenot and Flemish refugees at the end of the 16th century. They founded the lace-making communities which still exist today in Bedford, Northampton, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Devonshire and Buckinghamshire. Honiton Lace, Tambour Lace, and Bedfordshire Maltese lace stem from these days.

A resident of Barnet, Mrs.

Susan Hurst, is descended from Huguenot stock, and learnt the skill as a child from her grandmother and aunt.

Lace-making is a growing occupation. In 1976 a Lace Guild was formed with 400 members. Today it has 4,000 members in Britain, New Zealand, Australia and Africa.

The exhibition is open Monday to Saturday (except Tuesdays) from 10 am to 5.30 pm, closing for lunch from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. Tuesdays, 10 am to 1 pm. Sundays 2.30 to 6 pm. Admission free.

Learn-to-swim courses

The first adult learn-to-swim course at Squires Lane Pool, Finchley, was so successful that two new 10-week courses are to start on Monday, January 12 and Thursday January 15.

These courses give an opportunity to learn in company with other adults, in pleasant conditions and under qualified instructors.

At the same time Barnet's Swimming Training Scheme, based mainly at the Copthall Swimming Pools, Great North Way, Hendon, offers a wide range of courses for all the family, catering for the recreational swimmer, the keep fit enthusiast and the serious competitor. A series of courses all start in January: life-saving, personal survival and water safety for all ages; synchronised swimming with coaching to international standards; teaching classes for mums and babies, children and adults; teacher training with a full range of ASA courses; coaching for all levels of competitive swimming; land conditioning sessions for the competitive swimmer; diving classes and advanced coaching; swim 'n' trim sessions; and snorkelling.

Bookings for all these courses are now being taken and can be made by calling at Copthall pools. Telephone bookings will only be accepted for courses at Squires Lane pool.

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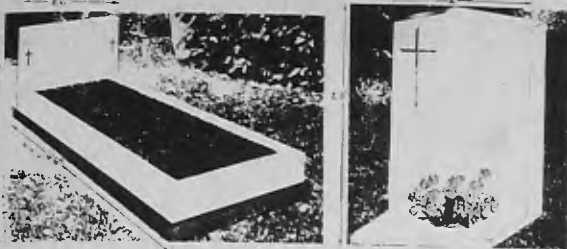
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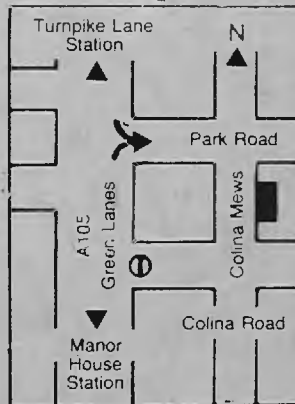
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We apologise for the fact that the period covered by the rota is shorter than usual. At the time of going to press details for 1981 were not available. It is a good idea to check with your local chemist for details, especially over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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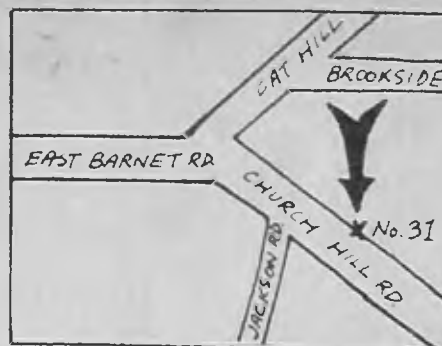
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Sue has two children of her own, and since moving to East Barnet has found it difficult to buy clothes for them that are sensible, inexpensive and good-looking. The big stores are too far away and, even with a car, getting there, parking and milling with hundreds of others with two young children is exhausting. With a coffee and a sandwich, it is also an expensive outing.

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MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending the cyclist

There has been considerable airing of comment in the Civic News and local press of late concerning the riding of cycles on pavements. The comment has been largely critical of the practice on the grounds that it endangers the safety of pedestrians and is, of course, unlawful. While not wishing to countenance the practice may I offer a word or two in defence of the cyclist and attempt to redress the balance a little.

In the first place we all agree I'm sure that our roadways are now monopolised to a choking degree by vehicles. And, I might add, monopolised aggressively, too. Motor cyclists, cyclists and pedestrians are invariably treated as impudent dare-devils who are simply accidents looking for a place to happen. They are consigned to the gutters and can seldom, if ever, enjoy the due care and consideration of motorists.

Much as we may realise that many more will have to opt for either two wheels or two legs if we are to effectively combat the crippling thrombosis that afflicts our urban arteries it is still, strangely, a very low priority of councils to accommodate, or indeed encourage, cyclists.

Few will deny that the construction of cycle lanes in our towns and cities is an urgent requirement but, with the present fiscal strictures, hardly feasible; the cost would undoubt-

edly add thousands to our rate bills and be most unpopular. Nevertheless, there are many areas where pavements are wider than need be and a yard wide strip of tarmac could be laid and suitably marked as a cycle way.

My own observations are that there are quite definitely a number of youngsters who ride recklessly and furiously along pavements and park footpaths. They are the few who have given the bikers their unfair reputation.

Is it not to the parents that we must appeal? It is they who should instruct their children that pedestrians take priority at all times and that they must exercise care and consideration for the elderly, the blind and the disabled. If cyclists always proceed with caution and slow down, even stop, whenever they approach, either from the front or rear, any pedestrian on pavements or park footways then there should be no serious cause for complaint.

I can only repeat that we must learn to accommodate the cyclist. There is no other acceptable option open to the community in this age of vehicular saturation. The cyclist is an environmental asset. Let us not discourage him.

P. R. Hewitt,
2 Belmont Avenue,
Cockfosters, Barnet.

Pedestrians at risk

Your report of the prosecution of motorists for pavement parking (November Civic News), makes one wonder if this is the start of a campaign to make pavements safer to walk on. Surely a far greater hazard to walkers than a car on the pavement is overhanging branches, uneven paving stones or slippery leaves. Will these risks to pedestrians be dealt with too?

Also, one wonders, if it is not time to re-think the place of pavements in relation to modern traffic. Are pavements not unnecessarily wide for the number of pedestrians who use them? Should lower kerbstones or more recesses in pavements be provided for milk-drays, dustcarts, ambulances and other priority vehicles?

Two examples of the disparity between road and pavement width are at the corner of Bittacy Hill and Frith Lane where an exceptionally wide pavement

prevents the 221 bus from turning left into Frith Lane. It has to go several hundred metres to a roundabout, come back and turn right. Also, outside the new Barclays Bank at Church End an expanse of bleak concrete slabs has been put where, surely, parking bays would have been more useful.

The Civic News is a welcome addition to our reading with its information on local activities.

James Wilson,
27 Linkside,
Finchley, N12.

Overhanging trees and shrubs are a road safety hazard. They are a real danger to blind people and the elderly. They often force pedestrians to walk in the road instead of on the footpath and obscure the view of drivers.

So please, if your garden is showing signs of run-away growth, do make sure that all trees, shrubs and hedgerows are kept in order so that they don't overhang the footpaths.

Abbeyfield Society

May I say how much my family and I appreciate BCN. It is nicely produced, informative, well written and really essential reading (and keeping) for everyone living in the Borough.

We in the Abbeyfield Society are very interested in voluntary work for old people. We in the Edgware House have two problems your magazine might be able to help us with. First, we have difficulty getting to know people who really need help and might be suitable for our home. We have a full house again but had a room empty until a lady joined us from St. John's Wood.

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At this time we need help with a dish washer, a garden shed and now tables and chairs for the dining-room. Unfortunately last year we only just balanced our books due to the ever present problem of costs and our desire to keep charges as low as possible.

Is there any way in which your readers could help us? I am sure that people do care about the elderly if only we could tell them our need.

If you can help, please contact the Edgware Society.

Angus R. M. Hudson,
Abbeyfield Edgware
Society Ltd.,
35 Station Road,
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A community venture

Following the success of this year's 'Edgware Week' we are already starting to plan for next year.

'Edgware Week' is truly a community venture. It is organised by caring people whose efforts help to enliven the area and generate community spirit. Much has to be done to prepare for a festival and money is always fairly desperately needed. Many charities raise funds during the festival but the high cost of staging events always causes a deficit. This has to be made up by fund raising events which are arranged during the year by the organising committee.

We welcome offers of sponsorship from shops and companies. This year the Abbey National Building Society sponsored our carnival queen contest and the Midland Bank provided sufficient finance to enable pensioners to attend our variety show and classical concert with free tickets. There must be other

businesses in the Borough who would like to become involved in the 1981 festival.

We urgently need more people to help us plan 'Edgware Week' 1981 (August 31-September 5). The more help we get, the better.

Michael Desmond
Chairman of the Organising
Committee,
5 The Rise,
Edgware, Middlesex
(958 7172)

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous help to us by publishing our coming events every month in the 'Barnet Civic News'. You will be pleased to know that we have received many requests for information as a direct result of your paper.

Jamie King,
Press Officer,
New Barnet Corps,
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