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A Christmas Message to All Residents



The Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman W. G. Hart.

AS THE great Family Festival of Christmas draws near, the Mayoress and I send our warmest greetings to you all, with the hope that it will be a day of happiness and joy.

Christmas is a time when we remember especially the children, but let us not forget the aged, the infirm and the disabled many of whom are in need of friendship and help.

During the year we have had the pleasure of meeting many who in countless ways contribute to the community life of our great London Borough. To them we would express our grateful thanks, and wish them continued success and support in all they undertake during 1975.

We also take this opportunity of wishing you good health, happiness and prosperity during the new year.



THE SAMARITANS

THE WORSHIPFUL the Mayor Alderman W. G. Hart was pleased, together with the Mayors of Haringey and Enfield, to attend the opening of the new office of the Samaritans, at 25 Queens Road, Bounds Green, N.11 recently.

This new office is intended to serve the area covered by the Boroughs of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey and offers a 24 hours a day service of help by telephone on 01-889 6888.

AVENUE HOUSE

AVENUE HOUSE is built on land which formerly belonged to the Manor of Finchley, owned by the Bishop of London. In the eighteenth century it came into the Allen family (who built the Manor House in East End Road). In 1830 the last Allen died, and the manor passed to another branch of the family, who had intermarried with the Allens in the seventeenth century, the Cooper family. The first Cooper to hold the Manor was the Reverend Edward Cooper of Hamstall, Ridware in Stafford, and after his death in 1833 the property passed to his son the Reverend Edward Philip Cooper of Little Dalby in Leicestershire. It was this Cooper who began the building of what became Avenue House in 1859, when he leased both land and house to Charlotte Frances Brownley, widow. In 1862 she assigned the property to a Mr. Francis Walker of Highgate, and in 1865 he re-assigned it to the Reverend Thomas Clarke Whitehead of Hendon. It is in this deed that the house is first called Avenue House. On his death in 1873 his executors assigned the lease to Henry Charles Stephens of Aldersgate Street, in the City of London, described as a colour manufacturer. At the same time Stephens obtained the freehold from the Reverend Philip Arden Cooper, son of the Reverend Edward Philip Cooper who had been responsible for building Avenue House. Henry Charles Stephens was the son of Dr. Henry Stephens, who invented ink fluid originally for his own use and that of his friends, and who probably had no idea that by so doing he was ensuring his own fame. It was Henry Charles Stephens who gave Avenue House to the Finchley Urban District Council; and his executors assigned it to the Council in accordance with his wishes as stated in his will.



REPRESENTING YOU



COUNCILLOR
M. J. O'CONNOR, F.C.I.I.

MARTIN O'CONNOR was born in Finchley and now lives in Whetstone with his wife Carmel and his children Catherine, aged 14, John 10, Philip 7 and Christine 2. Like his children today, Councillor O'Connor was educated at local schools where he achieved some reputation as an athlete, representing both Barnet and Middlesex. His interest in sport continued long into adult life and under pressure he can still sometimes be persuaded to play either Rugby or Soccer.

After National Service with the Middlesex Regiment and an apprenticeship in Insurance with Lloyd's, he spent some four years together with his brother working his way around the world from deep in the Canadian Arctic to Australia. Having met his future wife in Canada, Cllr. O'Connor returned home and almost at once became active in local politics.

Elected to the Council in 1971, he has made education his prime interest, being the Labour Group's spokesman on that subject since the year of his election. He is a governor and manager of many local schools, including both the secondary and primary schools which he attended as a boy. Councillor O'Connor also serves on the Town Planning and Research Committee, the Appeals Committee and the Office Development Committee.

Cllr. O'Connor called the first meeting of the East Finchley Neighbourhood Association at which he was the only platform speaker. He has twice contested the Finchley constituency in General elections. Employed as a London Claims Manager by one of the country's leading Insurance groups, Cllr. O'Connor is also a well-known lecturer in insurance matters. Always interested in Church affairs, he sits as an elected member of the Parish Council of St. Mary's (R.C.) Whetstone, and is a member of both the Barnet Deanery Council and the Westminster Diocesan Pastoral Council.



COUNCILLOR
MRS. P. M. NEVARD

COUNCILLOR Mrs Nevard who represents the Garden Suburb Ward of the Council, was born in London and has lived in the Garden Suburb area since 1945. Apart from her strenuous duties, not only as a Councillor, and not less a housewife, she also runs with her husband their own business, dealing with business equipment and stationery.

On the Council, she serves on the Housing Committee, Town Planning and Research Committee, Central Division Planning Sub-Committee and the Appeals Committee when required. She also serves on Group 8, Primary Schools, e.g. Henrietta Barnet and St. Mary's C. of E.

Councillor Mrs. Nevard is keenly interested in housing, and when the opportunity permits, takes an interest in gardening, history and languages.

ADVICE CENTRE

An Advice Centre arranged by the Disablement Association in the Borough of Barnet is to be officially opened on Wednesday, 4th December, 1974, at 11.00 a.m. by the Lady Mayoress. The Advice Centre is in the Annexe at the rear of the Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet.

This Advice Centre will be open from 4th December, 1974 from Monday to Thursday, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. to all disabled people and those connected with them throughout the Borough. The Organiser is Mrs. Kathleen Rawlins, and her telephone number for enquiries is 01-449 9181.



COUNCILLOR
A. M. WILLIAMS, A.M.B.I.M.

COUNCILLOR Anthony Williams represents Colindale, the ward in which he lives, and was first elected to Barnet Council in 1971. He is married with three children, who all attend Colindale J.M.I. School.

Councillor Williams is Leader of the Labour Group on Barnet Council and Chairman of the Party's Local Government Committee. He serves on the Education, General Purposes and Finance Committees and is a governor of Edgware and Grahame Park comprehensive schools, and Barnet College of Further Education.

His local activities have included the secretaryship of a Colindale residents' association and he is a sometime member and treasurer of Round Table, as well as one of the founder members of the Welsh Harp Conservation Group.

He is the management accountant of a retailing chain and his interests include music—the piano in particular—and gardening, as well as model making and oil painting.

He is a member of the British Institute of Management and a Fabian. An ardent advocate of comprehensive education, he serves on the Schools and Special Services and Joint Consultative Sub-Committees of the Education Committee and he is particularly concerned with the extension of the comprehensive system in Barnet.

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—and protect your car from bad weather and vandalism

Garages now available:

Anyone may apply

For further details, please contact:

Borough Housing Dept.,
65 Watford Way, Hendon, N.W.4

Tel: 01-202 8282

HOW TO DISPOSE OF THAT OLD CAR

UNDER THE Civic Amenities Act, 1967, it became an offence to dump old vehicles, or other junk, anywhere "in the open air". For a first offence the fine can be up to £100 with a maximum penalty rising to three months imprisonment and/or a fine of £200 for a second offence.

Unwanted cars and other motor vehicles can be taken to certain depots in most areas where they will be accepted for disposal, free of charge. The registration books must also be handed over at the same time and owners must sign an indemnity certificate transferring ownership to the Greater London Council.

For the Barnet London Borough area, the depot is:
Summers Lane Depot, Finchley, N.12. Tel. 01-368 2629.

Times when vehicles may be accepted:

Mon. to Thur. — 7.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m. Friday—7.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. Saturday—7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

The Council will, upon request and the receipt of the remittance of the appropriate amount, and the registration book, remove the vehicle at a charge of £2 if towable, or £3 if trailer has to be used.

Drivers should beware, however, not to dump the unwanted vehicle outside the council refuse depot as vehicles so left could be regarded as abandoned, and in this event the owner would then be liable to the above-mentioned penalties.

TODAY AND EVERY DAY BLOOD

IS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Every day in hospitals, in accident wards, maternity wards, operating theatres and children's wards, patients are being spared to their families by treatment in which blood transfusion is vital. . . . But hospitals can't give blood unless you've given it first.

Help save a life, it doesn't hurt and only takes a few minutes. After a short rest, followed by a cup of tea and a biscuit, you are ready to go back to your work.

Anyone who is between 18-65 and is fit and well can help in this life-saving service.

PLEASE HELP NOW!

by giving your name to:
NORTH LONDON BLOOD
TRANSFUSION CENTRE
DEANSBROOK ROAD
EDGWARE

Tel: 952 5511

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are urgently required to assist with the Meals on wheels Service, organised by the W.R.V.S. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. C. Davies (telephone 01-346 7714), where she can be telephoned each morning during the week.

The W.R.V.S. are anxious to extend and improve the Meals on Wheels Service, and look forward to hearing from residents who may be able to assist.

PROPOSED VOLUNTEERS' BUREAU

WEDNESDAY, 4th December, 1974, at 7 p.m. Meeting to discuss the establishment of a Volunteers Bureau in the Borough.

Alderman J. L. Freedman, J.P., M.A., LL.B., Chairman of the Social Services Committee will preside. Main Hall, Christs College, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N.3.

PLEASE MAKE SURE OF YOUR VOTE

EVERY YEAR the Council prepare and publish the Register of Electors on the 15th February. This comes into force on the 16th February, and remains in force for one year. During this period, residents whose names are on the Register are entitled to vote at any Parliamentary or Local Elections.

To compile the Register, a Form 'A' is delivered to every property in the Borough in September/October, and this form should be returned setting out the names of the eligible persons who were resident on the 10th October (which is the qualifying date each year).

From the 28th November to the 16th December, draft lists of proposed additions to the Register (List B) and proposed deletions (List C) are published in all the Council's Offices, Libraries and principal Post Offices. These lists should be checked to see that your name is included as an addition if you are a new resident, and if you are already a resident and on the current Register, a check should be made to confirm your name is not on as a deletion (List C) because a Form 'A' has not been received, duly completed. The Council will be pleased to assist with any enquiries and if your name appears not likely to be included in the 1975 Register from your inspection of the lists, there is still time to claim and put matters right up to the 16th December, 1974. Please telephone 01-202 8282 (ext. 175/179).

Residents who will reach the age of 18 during the period 16th February, 1975 to 15th February, 1976, should be included on Form 'A' and the date of birth stated.

These residents will be included on the 1975 Register with the day and month of their 18th birthday shown against their name, e.g. 18/2, and will be eligible to vote at any election after they attain the age of 18.

The Council seek your help in ensuring that the 1975 Register is as accurate as possible, by checking the Lists between 28th November and 16th December. Please encourage your friends to check too.

MOTOR VEHICLE AND DRIVING LICENCES

JUDGING FROM the numerous enquiries which continue to be received by the Information Service of the Town Clerk's Department there is a misunderstanding by many local residents as to where they may obtain motor vehicle and driving licences.

The guidance notes on the forms of application advise that (apart from the conditional facility to re-license a motor vehicle through Post Offices) the completed forms, together with certain necessary requirements, should be taken or sent to the Local Taxation Department of the County or County Borough Council.

In the case of applicants who reside within the area covered by the Barnet London Borough Council, it should be noted that the nearest Taxation Department, which is under the control of the Greater London Council, is situated at the following addresses:

For Motor Vehicle Licences:

84 Uxbridge Road, West Ealing, W.13.

For Driving Licences:

91 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W.5.
(Telephone Number 567 7755).

BONFIRES

AT THIS time in the year when the trees are beginning to shed their leaves, garden rubbish is often burnt.

The Clean Air Act of 1956 makes it an offence to burn material so as to cause a nuisance to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood.

If garden refuse must be burned it is best to have a small quickly burning bonfire, preferably on a calm day.

If the space is available it is much better to compost the garden refuse. Always remembering, however, that a poorly designed and positioned compost heap in itself can cause nuisance.



BARNET JUNIOR Accident Prevention Council (Central Area) were awarded the Hertfordshire County Award in this year's competition for the Metropolitan Police Road Safety Trophy.

The enclosed photograph shows Ian Bushnell receiving the award from Mr. P. B. Kavanagh, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner, Traffic Department, in the Briefing Room at New Scotland Yard on 20th July, 1974.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A REGISTER is maintained in the Town Clerk's Department of all known local organisations, to which reference is often made to satisfy the many enquiries received from residents wishing to take part in their own hobby, sport or entertainment.

There are 700 local organisations in the register, although it is felt that in a London Borough as large as Barnet there may be many more.

Reply-cards to amend details contained in the register are sent to secretaries of local organisations, and it is requested that Honorary Secretaries of organisations which are not recorded, should inform the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Hendon, London, N.W.4 (Ref. Information).

COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

THE WORK of all Councils is carried out by what are termed "Standing Committees" and which, in the case of the Barnet London Borough Council, include those shown below under their descriptive titles; the Chairman's name is shown alongside the Committee:

Committee:

Allotments
Carnival and Shows
Development and Estates
Education
Finance
General Purposes
Grahame Park
Housing
Libraries and Arts
Public Works
Social Services
Town Planning and Research

Chairman:

Cllr. Mrs. R. W. Middleton
Cllr. D. C. Burton
Ald. W. L. Pearson
Cllr. J. D. Gordon-Lee
Cllr. V. H. Usher
Cllr. L. Sussman
Ald. W. H. Tangye
Cllr. N. E. Hirshfield
Cllr. D. E. Dell
Cllr. N. J. Sapsted
Ald. J. L. Freedman
Cllr. E. A. E. Asker

THE BRITANNIA ROAD ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE

THE BOROUGH'S English Language Teaching Service operates in three main centres, which are located at Algernon Road School N.W.4, The Hyde School N.W.9 and in Britannia Road N.12. The Britannia Road Centre opened at the beginning of the Autumn Term, when it transferred from Manorside School N.3 into premises formerly occupied by St. John's Church of England Primary School.

The aim of the centres is to give children whose mother tongue is not English a good working knowledge of the language so that they can take their places in primary or secondary schools as quickly as possible. Those who arrive with no knowledge of English attend the centre full-time, apart from one half-day per week, which they spend in their parent school. As their competence in English increases their attendance at the centre is reduced, until finally they are able to participate fully in the life of their own school.

The Britannia Road Centre houses the newly-appointed head of the English Language Teaching Service, Mr. D. N. Yeates, who is responsible for the work of the three centres and of the out-stationed classes which have been established in several schools where the numbers justify this. The head of the Britannia Road Centre is Mrs. B. D. Carrigan, and she and her staff of five full-time teachers have about 150 children on roll at any one time. The pupils, aged between 7 and 16, are drawn from 25 parent schools and represent 23 different countries: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Pakistan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

Demands on the teachers are constantly changing, and international crises, such as recent events in Uganda and Cyprus lead to the influx of bewildered refugee children who need a lot of sympathetic support in school.

Of particular interest is a new class which has been formed at the Britannia Road Centre. This caters for pupils of 15 and 16 who may soon be leaving school and who need a full-time language course designed to help them to obtain employment while laying the foundations for further education.

This class typifies the spirit of the English Language Teaching Service: the teaching staff are called upon to respond with great versatility to the needs of pupils with many different mother tongues and to provide them as quickly as possible with the linguistic knowledge necessary for them if they are to integrate into the life of the community. It is greatly to their credit that they are fulfilling this task so well.



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THE LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

FOR MANY years the Library Services have been assembling material such as books, pamphlets, prints, photographs, maps, newspapers and documents which throw light on the history of the borough and its residents.

Anyone interested in the people, places and events which make up the history of the locality can find out more about them by using the Local History Collections.

The main collection is housed at the Hendon Catholic Social Centre, Egerton Gardens, Hendon, NW4 with a smaller collection at Chipping Barnet Library. To ensure that the archivist is available, a telephone call should always be made prior to a visit. (01-202 5625). Correspondence should be addressed to the Borough Librarian, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE.

A COLLECTION OF THIS KIND DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THERE MUST BE MANY ITEMS IN THE POS-

SESSION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WHICH BY THEMSELVES ARE OF LITTLE OR NO VALUE, BUT WHICH, IN RELATION TO OTHERS, WOULD HAVE THEIR HISTORICAL VALUE GREATLY INCREASED. ANYONE HAVING ANY RECORDS, MAPS, ILLUSTRATIONS OR LOCAL HISTORIES WHICH COULD BECOME PART OF THE COLLECTION IS ASKED TO CONTACT THE BOROUGH LIBRARIAN.

Some recent donations to the Local History Collection

Totteridge Poor Rate Book for June 1792

The money for poor relief was raised by a rate, and the principle of assessing a person's liability to the upkeep of the parish by means of a rate on the valuation of his property was established as early as 1601.

This book not only shows that the poor rate in Totteridge was 6d in the pound in 1792, but also gives the names of the occupiers and owners of property in the parish. An interesting entry is that of William Manning, Esq., father of the famous Cardinal Manning.

Totteridge Window Tax Assessment Book 1790-1791

"An assessment made the 18th day of June 1790. Upon the several inhabitants of the Parish of Totteridge in the County of Hertford Pursuant to several Acts of Parliament made in the reign of his present Majesty King George III. Intituled a Duty on Houses, Windows and Lights. This assessment commences the 5th of April 1790 and ends the 5th day of April 1791".

Window tax was formerly levied on houses which contained more than six windows and were worth more than £5 per annum. This led to the practice of bricking up windows to avoid the tax.

Hendon House, Brent Street

A water-colour by Louise Surrey painted about 1890. This was the house in Brent Street once inhabited by John Norden in the 17th century. Altered over the years, it was demolished about 1910.

Golders Green Station

Seven photographs of Golders Green Station and crossroads 1906-1937.

Hendon Baptist Church

From Victoria to Elizabeth: meetings for women in Hendon Baptist Church, 1873-1973, by S. M. Gravatt, 1973.

Finchley Garden Village

Twelve postcards of a sports-day and Morris dancers. These were taken about 1910 in the vicinity of what is now Village Road, Finchley.

Maps

Two plans of freehold and small part copyhold estates situated in the Praish of Finchley, 1855.

Finchley Urban District Council. Map showing areas included in Town Planning Scheme, No. 2, 1913.

Library Lectures

Library lectures are held during the winter at the following libraries:

BURNT OAK LIBRARY

Watling Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0UB. Tel: 01-959 3112
Nearest station: Burnt Oak. Nearest buses: 52, 79, 140, 251, 292.

EAST FINCHLEY LIBRARY

226 High Road, London N2 9BB. Tel: 01-883 2664.

Nearest station: East Finchley.

Nearest buses: 104, 263.

HENDON LIBRARY

The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ. Tel: 01-202 5625.

Nearest station: Hendon Central. Nearest buses: 83, 143.

NORTH FINCHLEY LIBRARY

Ravensdale Avenue, London N12 9HP. Tel: 01-445 4081.

Nearest station: Woodside Park. Nearest buses: 26, 104, 125, 221, 260, 263.

All lectures begin at 8.15 p.m. and are usually illustrated with colour slides.

Admission free.

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

THE AUTUMN/WINTER periods are of intense activity for the staff of the parks and open spaces services for it is during this time the major preparation for next spring and summer's flower beds and outdoor sports are being planned.

During the early autumn thousands of plants that have been raised in the Council's three nurseries are planted into beds in parks, wayside gardens, recreation grounds and schools.

The public will have the opportunity of seeing 24 different varieties of plants that are being used throughout the bedding displays next spring and, in addition, 60 varieties of tulips, daffodils and crocus are being planted, including types of tulip from the early flowering dwarf growing forms through the Triumph, Mendel and Darwin varieties and ending with the elegant Lily flowered types. Some old varieties are still used, but there are also newer types to be seen.

New bedding plants are being introduced and, together with the "French Giant" type of winter pansy and a selected strain of Silene, will be interesting to watch.

This winter will see the planting of a large number of trees everywhere. For the several Departments of the Council an average of about 3,000 different trees are planted each year and plans are well advanced for a similar number to be planted this year. The majority of these trees will be drawn from the stock grown in containers in the three main nurseries. The range of trees is very wide and some unusual types can be seen.

Additional interest has been created during the last few years in two centres where greenhouses at one time used for nursery growing have been converted to display areas. At Friary Park and Old Court House Recreation Ground collections of alpine plants, cacti and succulents, semi-tropical plants and others of interest have been introduced. European and decorative birds have been collected and small mammals, canaries and ornamental pheasants are exhibited to add to the general interest. It is hoped to form more of these small centres as the stock breeds and develops, but in the meantime the public have, without any form of propaganda or appeal, been very responsive in donating a range of the small animals and the plants to increase the stock. The Council appreciates this public support in making parks more attractive.

The present financial restrictions will limit progress in the creation of more interest and better facilities for recreation but it is hoped this is only a temporary phase and that in future more and more of the public using the facilities will enjoy a greater variety and better standards provided for their enjoyment.



Some of the 3,800 trees in stock at Brunswick Park Nurseries, Brunswick Park Road, New Southgate, N.11



Silkies and Golden Pheasant nestled together. Old Court House Display Centre, Wood Street, High Barnet.



Display Centre, Friary Park, Barnet Lane, N.20.

HENDON GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

The meetings of the HENDON GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY are held at: Hendon Library, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BQ (01-202 5625). Nearest station: Hendon Central. Nearest buses: 83, 143.

The Society meets fortnightly, from September to June, on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m.

The annual subscription is 50p per season.

Programmes are presented by members, and from time to time there are record reviews, guest speakers and artists.

The equipment includes a Garrard 401 deck and SME arm, an Armstrong amplifier and Leak sandwich speakers.

Refreshments are provided during the interval.

Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Hitchon, Library Administrative Offices, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE (01-202 5625).

1974: December 4 (Wednesday), **Holst**: The Planets; **Chopin**: Prelude in C sharp minor; Ballade in G minor; Scherzo in B flat minor (Michelangelo); "Something different": Yehudi Menuhin and Stephane Grappelli; December 17, **Christmas Concert**; December 31, **Record Review**.

1975: January 14, **Verdi**: Otello; January 28, **Notes from the West**.

Facilities for borrowing gramophone records are provided at East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, East Barnet, Herts., EN4 8SG; East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, N2 9BB; and at Hendon Library, The Burroughs, NW4 4BQ.

The selection available includes classical music, musical shows and films, jazz and folk music, sound effects, records for children, speech, drama, poetry and prose, and language instruction records. Records may be borrowed by anyone over the age of 14 years who lives, works or studies full-time in the London Borough of Barnet and also by schools and societies which meet within the borough.

The three gramophone record libraries also have available for loan books about music, biographies and criticisms of musicians and composers, music scores and miniature scores. There are also collections of maker's catalogues, bibliographies, discographies and other reference works available for consultation at these libraries. Members of the staff are always pleased to answer enquiries and give assistance to borrowers. Smaller collections of music literature and scores and some basic reference books are available at most other libraries in the borough.

The gramophone record libraries are open from 9.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 9.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m. on Saturday.

HELPING THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

THE MINOR Works Group of the Borough Architect's Department is not one that is normally very much in the public eye—its light being more often hidden under a bushel of numerous works of alteration, adaptation and extension.

Manned by a team of Chartered Surveyors the Group undertakes the type of work mentioned above, together with some of the smaller new construction projects for all committees of the Council, other than the Housing Committee, but perhaps the most demanding but, indeed, the most satisfying of the activities of the Group, is the work executed for the Social Services Committee in the provision of aids and adaptations for the physically handicapped in their own homes.

Every year some 300 to 400 projects in this category are dealt with ranging from the provision of a simple rail to assist the handicapped person up a step, to major extensions to provide additional accommodation, such as bedrooms, toilets, bathrooms, kitchens, etc. Between these two limits come the many projects involving perhaps the provision of a vertical home lift, bathroom hoist, stair lifts, staircase handrails, ramps, etc., and the provision of radio controlled garage doors. Prior to the reorganisation of the Health Service in April last, the Group was also responsible for the installation of Home Dialysis equipment and the structural works involved therewith.

As will be seen the variety of works is almost infinite, a few being shown in the accompanying photographs, but each job is designed specifically to suit the particular affliction and limitation of the handicapped person to enable him or her to lead as normal a life as possible and with as little aid as possible from others.

The work is carried out under the provisions of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons 1970 Act and the particular project is referred to the Borough Architect by the Director of Social Services Social Worker, who is aware of the need and the problems to be solved. A meeting is first held at the home of the handicapped person with the social worker concerned and the problem and possible practical solutions discussed.

Most projects require a drawing, some more than one, and in some cases alternative solutions are possible, and suggested. These are again discussed with the handicapped person by the social worker, together with the Borough Architect's representative, if necessary, and advice is given as to the best solution possible in the particular circumstances.

All projects which involve structural alterations, or extensions, require approval under the



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THREE

Building Regulations and some also require approval under the Town and Country Planning Acts and these approvals are also sought on behalf of the handicapped person following the completion of the necessary drawings.

The works are usually executed by private builders as the result of competitive tender, but a few are also executed by the Direct Labour staff of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

It is not within the province of this short article to deal with the financing of these works, but generally it can be said that lack of finance by the handicapped person does not normally preclude the execution of work essential to his or her needs.



FOUR



FIVE



SEVEN



EIGHT



SIX

Figs. 1, 2, & 3. Ramps and handrails.

Fig. 4. A ground floor bedroom extension also incorporating a w.c. and lavatory basin.

Figs. 5 & 6. A home dialysis unit installed in a purpose-built pre-fabricated extension.

Fig. 7. A home lift installation. Can accommodate two persons and is powered from the normal household electric supply. A switch in the floor bellows stops the lift immediately any obstruction is encountered.

Fig. 8. A typical stairlift installation.

A NEWER NEW BARNET

IN OCTOBER 1971, draft proposals for the New Barnet Centre were approved for the purpose of consultation with the public, local organisations, and other interested bodies. As a result of these consultations and discussions, several changes were made to the Plan. After further discussions and consultations, the Plan, as amended, was approved by the Town Planning and Research Committee at their October meeting this year. The main features of the Plan are to provide for:

1. The retention of the East Barnet Road on its present alignment.
2. The development of a compact new shopping area between East Barnet Road and the railway. The intention is to concentrate all shopping within this area with the exception of local shops in Lytton Road which serve as a small neighbourhood centre.
3. New car parking areas for people using the new shopping complex and the railway station.
4. A new primary school to replace the existing St. Margaret's school.
5. The relocation of industries and commercial concerns whose activities are detrimental to the home environment of nearby residents. The area provided for this is to the south of the new shopping centre and is already predominantly used for this purpose.
6. Whilst a substantial increase in office floor space is not envisaged, it is accepted that some additional offices could help to finance comprehensive development of the new shopping facilities.
7. The replacement of the maximum amount of residential accommodation which may be disturbed by the proposals.

The Town Planning and Research Committee, as well as approving the Plan as a basis for guiding both public and private developments in the area, have asked the other Committees concerned to:

- (i) Prepare a detailed Traffic Management Plan for the area.
- (ii) Examine the possibilities of establishing a Trading Estate based on the site of the Diecasting Works for the relocation of the industries and commercial concerns referred to earlier; and to
- (iii) Study the possibility of including in the new St. Margaret's School a community feature such as a teaching swimming pool for use by both the school and the public.

The Committee also instructed the Chief Officers to seek the cooperation of the owners of the site for the proposed shopping area to achieve some improvement in the present appearance of the area, and to discuss with

British Rail their future plans for the New Barnet Station. The Officers will report to the Committee on the ways in which the Council can assist the implementation of the proposals as well as the above.

Whilst consultations and consideration of the new Plan were proceeding, a development company, assuming that the proposals would eventually be approved, began acquiring properties between East Barnet Road and the railway north of Margaret Road, and now owns most of the land in this triangle. The Council has now received an application for planning permission to erect on this site a shopping precinct with a large supermarket, flats, a car park, and some offices. Arrangements have been made to consult local residents and organisations on this proposal.

Library Lectures

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Wednesday, January 8 at East Finchley Library.

African Safari—Colin Garrett

Chairman: Councillor A. E. Tomlinson.

An exciting account of Colin Garrett's adventures in Africa during a four month expedition to collect material for publication as part of the **Last Steam Locomotives of the World Series**.

Books to read:

Colin D. Garrett: *Steam Safari*. To be published October 1974.
Kenneth W. Jones: *Romantic Railways*, 1971. Oswald S. Nock: *Railways of Southern Africa*, 1971.

Thursday, January 9 at Hendon Library

The Pale Mountains—Elisabeth Parry

Chairman: Councillor Mrs. R. Wainwright, B.A.

The limestone peaks of the Dolomites rise dramatically above deep mountain lakes and provide some of the most spectacular and interesting country for climbers and walkers.

Books to read:

Vernon Bartlett: *Northern Italy*, 1973. Hugh Merrick: *Companion to the Alps*, 1974.

Wednesday, January 15 at North Finchley Library

The Moose's Tooth—Tony Smythe

Chairman: To be arranged.

The record of a journey across Canada by car, the climbing of

Barnet Artists' Exhibition

AN OPEN exhibition for local artists—amateur and professional—who live, work or study in the borough will be held during February and March 1975.

two previously unscaled peaks in Alaska and an attempt to return to civilization on foot.

Books to read:

Edward McCourt: *The Road Across Canada*, 1965. David Roberts: *The Mountain of my Fear*, 1969. Peter Varley: *Canada*; photographed by Peter Varley, 2nd ed., 1969.

George Woodcock: *Canada and the Canadians*, 2nd ed., 1973.

Thursday, January 16 at Hendon Library

Crete—the Great Island—Elizabeth Hemelryk

Chairman: To be arranged

The Minoan civilization was the source of many elements in Hellenic culture as the monuments and remains bear witness.

Books to read:

Robin Bryans: *Crete*, 1969.
Leonard Cottrell: *The Bull of Minos*. Revised ed. 1971.
Reynold A. Higgins: *The Archaeology of Minoan Crete*, 1973.
Harold E. L. Mellersh: *Minoan Crete*, 1967. Dilys Powell: *The Villa Ariadne*, 1973. R. F. Willetts: *Everyday Life in Ancient Crete*, 1969.

Wednesday, January 22 at Burnt Oak Library

China and the Chinese—Lailan Young

Chairman: Councillor R. Robinson.

Lailan Young's account of life in China today is based on a recent visit to the country.

Books to read:

John K. Galbraith: *A China Passage*, 1973. Eileen Hsu-Balzer and others: *China Day by Day*, 1974. Jan Myrdal: *Chinese Journey*, 1966. Myra Roper: *China—the Surprising Country*, 1966. Ross Terrill: *800,000,000: the Real China*, 1972. Thomas R. Tregear: *The Chinese: How they Live and Work*, 1973.

Thursday, January 23 at Hendon Library

Iberian Travels—Suzanne Hill

Chairman: Councillor D. E. Dell
The inhabitants of the hilltop villages of the Pyrenees, ancient walled towns and sun-baked sierra of Portugal have preserved ancient customs and a way of life that has long since been lost to the rest of Europe.

Books to read:

Henry Myhill: *Portugal*, 1972.
Henry Myhill: *The Spanish Pyrenees*, 1966. Georges Pillement: *Unknown Portugal*, 1967. Cedric Salter: *Portugal*, 1970. James M. Scott: *From Sea to Ocean: Walking Along the Pyrenees*, 1969.

Local artists are invited to submit work (suitable for wall-hanging) for selection for the exhibition to North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12 9HP on **January 18th, 20th and 21st, 1975**.

Full details, including conditions for exhibitors and procedure for submitting works, will be available from all libraries in the borough from **1st November 1974** or from the Borough Librarian, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE.

The Presidents of three local art societies, Mr. Arthur Angel (Finchley Art Society), Mrs. Mary Hinds (Milldon Art Society) and Mr. Edward Swann (Barnet Guild of Artists) have kindly agreed to be members of the Selection Committee for the exhibition.

It is hoped that local artists, particularly those who may not have had the occasion to show their work before, will take this opportunity to submit their work for selection.

The exhibition will be held at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12 9HP from Saturday, 1st February to Saturday, 22nd February 1975 and at East Finchley Library from Wednesday, 26th February until Friday, 21st March 1975.

OVER-HANGING TREES AND HEDGES

THE BARNET London Borough Council has been concerned recently at the frequent occurrence of accidents to blind persons through untended trees and through bushes on private property.

The Council, therefore, seeks the co-operation of householders and estate managers in reducing the risk of accidents to blind people by ensuring that bushes and trees bordering public footpaths are regularly trimmed.

Residents are asked particularly to consider the safety of blind persons when negotiating such hazards and to render assistance whenever these arise.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

YOU ARE invited to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet held at the Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17th, 1974 and Tuesday, February 4th, 1975.

Copies of Committee Reports are available in all public libraries before the Council Meeting takes place, and for members of the public attending the meetings of the Council.

CAREERS in LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST BUSINESS — LOCAL GOVERNMENT — OFFERS YOUNG PEOPLE MANY INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

A CAREER in local government can be something much more than a mere job. Being in the public service, it means working for the local community. Because of the importance of this work, the Council gives every encouragement, including generous financial assistance, day release, etc., for its employees to be trained and qualified for the jobs they are required to perform.

The range of careers open to young people in local government is very wide indeed. Barnet London Borough Council is concerned with many services requiring the specialist skills of qualified staff, including Accountants, Administrators, Architects, Careers Officers, Computer Staff, Engineers, Housing Managers, Legal Executives, Librarians, Organisation and Methods Officers, Personnel Practitioners, Planning Officers, Public Health Inspectors, Rating Officers, Social Workers, Solicitors, Surveyors, Teachers, Technicians, Valuers, Weights and Measures Inspectors, Work Study Officers, and many more. Most of these specialist officers receive their training during the early years of their service in local government and as they qualify other trainees are needed to take their place.

In addition to these administrative and professional grades there are many opportunities for trainees in the junior technical, clerical and secretarial staffs and the Council also provide approved indentured craft apprenticeship schemes for Building, Highway and Transport Maintenance sections and recruit young school leavers who have had suitable technical training, or who can show an aptitude for the work.

For those who have achieved passes in three subjects in the General Certificate of Education at "O" level, the commencing salary is £1,202 plus £261 London Weighting Allowance per annum at age 18, increasing annually (subject to satisfactory service) to £2,153 plus £261 London Weighting Allowance per annum. For young persons with additional passes in GCE subjects there are opportunities for accelerated progression. Graduates commence at £1,838 per annum, plus £261 London Weighting Allowance.

By passing the appropriate administrative, professional or technical examinations, officers can become eligible for early promotion to more senior posts with salaries of up to £4,000 and above. With further experience they can expect to achieve considerably higher salaries at an early age.

Service with the authority offers security of employment, generous holiday entitlements and sick pay schemes, and a pension at 60 or 65 years of age. A 36-hour working week normally applies throughout the Council's service, and with few exceptions the week is one of five working days.

YOUR CAREER IS YOUR FUTURE. PLANNING IT NOW IS THE WAY TO HELP YOURSELF.

Further particulars can be obtained from your local office of the Careers Service, or by calling at the Town Hall, Hendon, where the Training Officer will be pleased to answer your questions and give advice.



Plants from the desert as displayed at Old Court House, Wood Street, High Barnet.

FOR MUSIC LOVERS

LOCAL INTEREST will be to the fore when the Krein Saxophone Quartet attend a reception to be held at J.P. Records, 1367 High Road, Whetstone, on Saturday, 16th November, between 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m., to launch their first L.P. record produced by Canon Records Ltd. of New Barnet, when the members of the Quartet: Jack Brymer (Principal Clarinet, L.S.O.) soprano; Chester Smith, alto; Gordon Lewin, tenor; Norman Barker, baritone, will welcome the opportunity to meet and talk, sign records, etc.

Chester Smith has been a Barnet resident all his life and there will be many who remember him as a student at Queen Elizabeth's. The idea for the record originated when he gave a programme at the East Barnet Gramophone Society featuring the Krein Quartet and his association with it since the early 1940's.

The president of the East Barnet Gramophone Society, Jim Perry, who owns two local record shops and who is a Barnet resident of many years' standing, was so impressed by the sound of the Quartet that he mentioned the possibility of a record being produced and approached Canon Records Ltd.

Peter Self, who runs this local record producing company, and whose interest in the audio and recording field goes back to his early days at Hatfield School, took up the idea from there, and the Krein Saxophone Quartet L.P. was born.

The Quartet evolved from the London Studio Players with Michael Krein as leader. On his death in 1966, Fred Hartley, who had been responsible for the Quartet's original formation, organised its revival, and this record marks an important step forward for the Quartet and the classical saxophone.



Chester Smith, Gordon Lewin, Norman Barker, Jack Brymer—taken at Wavenden All Music Plan during the March 1974 concert. (This location was formerly an old stable at Wavenden, Bedfordshire).