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BARNET CIVIC NEWS

CONSERVING YOUR LOCAL HERITAGE

SIX Conservation Areas have been designated by Barnet Council since the introduction of the Civic Amenities Act in 1967. Conservation areas were defined in this Act as "... areas of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". The six areas are Monken Hadley; Wood Street, Chipping Barnet; Totteridge; Mill Hill; Hampstead Garden Suburb; and Moss Hall Crescent, Finchley.

Until recently the protection of buildings of architectural interest from demolition and trees of amenity value from wilful destruction depended upon the making of Directions and Orders, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State. This was often a lengthy procedure involving a number of Council departments and perhaps the Greater London Council. Bearing in mind that a tree may be felled or a building demolished in a matter of hours, the effectiveness of this arrangement was limited.

The inclusion of a building on the Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by the Secretary of State or the Environment controls the demolition, extension or alteration of the listed buildings until 'listed building consent' has been granted by the council.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

This applies to listed buildings both within and outside a conservation area. Since the introduction of the Civic Amenities



A conservation area in Mill Hill

Act and with the designation of about 3,400 conservation areas throughout the country it has become increasingly clear that the physical character of an area depends not only upon the special architectural interest of individual buildings but also the relationship of these to buildings of lesser quality and to the landscape.

Under the Town and Country Amenities Act, 1974, permission has now to be sought from a local authority for the demolition of any building in a conservation area. It is also necessary to notify the local authority of the felling,

topping, lopping or destruction of any tree exceeding 75 mm. (3 ins.) in trunk diameter or 100 mm. (4 ins.) where the removal of a tree is carried out to improve the growth of other trees. Measurements are taken over the bark at a point 1.5 metres (5 feet) above ground level.

It is the council's policy to protect the character of conservation areas within the borough principally through the exercise of its development control powers. The fact that a building is within a conservation area does not imply that it is to be preserved for

all time. There may be cases where the replacement of a building of little architectural merit by a new building of good design built in materials sympathetic to the character of the locality could improve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

TEST

The test of acceptability will be whether, in the opinion of the council, the new building is an adequate replacement in terms of architectural quality for an existing building and whether the new

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Changing face of Barnet

Don't take a risk

BARNET'S Environmental Health Department draw attention to the risks that exist when bottles, previously containing liquid food, are filled with other fluids.

In one instance, a soft drink bottle was used to contain a dry cleaning fluid. In another case a vinegar bottle was used for a solvent solution similar in colour to vinegar.

In both cases the original food label had been left attached to the bottles. To reduce the possibility of accidents, never put any other fluid into a bottle without first removing the original label. Then clearly re-label the bottle and describe the new contents.

The misuse of milk bottles is a great problem. It creates great difficulty in the cleaning and re-use of the bottles at the dairies.

Any returnable bottle which is to be re-used to contain a liquid for human consumption should never be used for poisonous or corrosive material and certainly not as a rocket launching pad for fireworks.

Preferably, bottles should always be rinsed out before return.



THIS photograph was taken in 1935. Do you know where it is in the borough? If not, please turn to page 7 for the answer.

A service for the housebound

ONE of the most rewarding services provided by Barnet's Libraries Department is that for housebound readers. It provides a personal delivery to readers who are housebound due to age or infirmity.

Visits are made to each reader once a fortnight with a supply of books specially selected to suit each individual.

The service is restricted to those living alone and whose relatives or friends are unable to change books on their behalf. Special requests are also met and books may be reserved.

Requests for this service can be made to the Special Services Section, Libraries Administration Offices, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE. If anyone finds it difficult to make an application, a request for the service may be given to a doctor, health visitor or Social Services visitor who will pass on the message.

CONSERVATION AREAS

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building makes a positive and at the same time sympathetic contribution to the character of a conservation area. Only then is consent likely to be granted for demolition of the existing building. A separate planning permission will be needed for the new building.

All proposals for demolition and new development within each of the five conservation areas originally designated, Monken Hadley, Wood Street, Totteridge, Mill Hill and Hampstead Garden Suburb are referred to an advisory committee for each area. These committees comprise representatives of local societies, residents and representatives of the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Royal Institute of British Architects. The committee comments on the merit of the proposed development before the planning application is submitted to the appropriate council committee for a decision. In this way local knowledge and opinion can be taken into account before arriving at a decision.

TREES

If a person wishes to carry out cultural treatment or fell a tree within a conservation area he should inform the Borough Planning Officer in writing, giving details of the tree and the proposed treatment. A six-week period from the date of the letter must elapse

before the treatment is carried out so that the council can make a tree preservation order if the situation warrants.

Particulars of these "Notices of Intent" are recorded and available for public inspection at the appropriate Divisional Planning Offices: for Monken Hadley, Wood Street, Chipping Barnet and Totteridge at Northern Divisional Planning Office, New Barnet Town Hall, New Barnet; Mill Hill at Western Divisional Planning Office, Green Shield House, Edgware; Hampstead Garden Suburb and Moss Hall Crescent at Central Divisional Office, Gateway House, Finchley.

The trees involved will be inspected by the council's officers and applicants whose trees cannot be readily seen from a public road are requested to help by arranging for inspection.

The requirement to notify the council is to ensure that indiscriminate treatment is not carried out on trees which are important as an integral part of an area of special character and interest. If a tree is of high amenity value, a tree preservation order may be made. This would not prevent treatment being carried out on the tree but would allow the council to advise on the best way of achieving the required result with the minimal adverse effect.

Certain trees including fruit trees, hedges, tree-like shrubs, such as hazel, lilac, laurel and black-

thorn and trees that are in poor condition, dying or dangerous cannot be included in a tree preservation order.

EXEMPT

Trees which are dead, dying, or have become dangerous are exempt and can be removed without reference to the council but it may be necessary for the person responsible to prove his case. If there is any doubt it is advisable to consult the council to check whether an exemption applies. The co-operation of the public is particularly invited so that in appropriate cases treatment might be guided along good cultural lines to the satisfaction of the applicant and the council.

If anyone wishes to carry out cultural treatment or fell a tree which is already protected by a tree preservation order he should apply in writing to the Borough Planning Officer for permission and the tree will be inspected. The application will then be submitted to the appropriate council committee and the applicant will be informed of the decision by letter.

General enquiries concerning the demolition of buildings in conservation areas or the removal of trees may be made to the Borough Planning Officer, Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP.

Mayor's appeal

FROM the Mayor of Barnet Councillor Norman E. Hirshfield.

I AM grateful to have the opportunity to say a few words about MOBILE '75 through the medium of the Civic News so as to focus attention upon my Charity Appeal for the Physically Handicapped.

The Mayor's Appeal Committee, under the chairmanship of Councillor D. E. Dell, which comprises several well-known personalities in the borough as well as members of the Council, is now active.

A programme of several exciting fund-raising events has already been organised and I appeal to everyone to give their support as each is announced. Events already arranged include a sponsored swim, golf and tennis tournaments, a concert by the Hendon Band and a New Year's Eve Ball. In addition to the money raised by these functions, we look forward to receiving contributions from other events organised by our many civic minded local organisations.

The aim of MOBILE '75 is to provide a fully equipped wheel-

chair leisure coach for the welfare of all the handicapped in the Borough of Barnet. This specially equipped coach will make our handicapped fellow beings mobile by enabling them to spend a few leisure hours in the countryside or by the sea, a pleasure they are often denied.

It will provide a means of bringing disabled people out of the isolation of their daily surroundings into a closer relationship and involvement with society. In short, we aim to give some happiness and relief to our less fortunate citizens.

We have volunteer drivers and crews ready and willing to accept full responsibility for the leisure ambulance. Now we need the funds to buy a vehicle.

MOBILE '75 has set itself a target of £10,000 to be raised by or before May, 1976. I do not have any doubt that we shall succeed because I have the greatest confidence and faith in the humanitarian ideals and generosity of Barnet's citizens.

May I appeal to each and every reader to rally round me to achieve our target?

Norman Hirshfield,
Mayor.

Wanted — offers of furniture

IF you have any good quality furniture you no longer need and want to get rid of, then Barnet Council's Social Services Directorate would like to hear from you.

When families are rehoused from temporary accommodation or when elderly people are in need of furniture, the directorate is sometimes able to provide from a store, the basic essentials such as beds, sideboards, chests of drawers, tables, chairs and other useful items.

Recently there has been a considerable call on this furniture held by Social Services and further gifts of good quality furniture, which can be passed on to these people, are needed.

An officer from Social Services calls to see all furniture before collection is arranged by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. Donors can be assured that all the furniture offered is given to these people at no charge and that the families are always grateful for this help.

It is stressed that this furniture must be of good quality. If you can help, please telephone Mr. Sudbury of Mr. Ely on 349 9121.

Dancing display

GERMAN and French delegates of the Woodcraft Folk were guests of the flourishing Barnet branch this summer. During their stay they visited Hendon Town Hall where they were shown the Civic regalia and listened to a talk by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. R. W. Middleton, who conversed freely with them in French and German.

Our picture shows the visitors returning the hospitality by entertaining the Deputy Mayor, seated on the left in the front row, to a display of country dancing.

Fishing permits

If you are a Barnet resident and over the age of 14, then you can obtain a permit to fish in the lake at Moat Mount Open Space, Mill Hill.

Only a limited number of permits are available. They can be obtained at a charge of £1.50 from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department, 349 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP.



Holcombe House

A HOUSE did exist on the site in 1754, for it is shown on *Crows Map of the Manor and Parish of Hendon* of that date, but was demolished before 1775 when a house was built on the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, hard by the Old Mill Field. It was commissioned by John William Anderson, a glove merchant from Dantzic. He had risen to wealth and civic distinction in the City of London as Alderman, and in 1790-1791 was M.P. for Okehampton. From 1793 to 1806 he was M.P. for the City of London and in 1798 was made Lord Mayor of London, and created a baronet on 14th May, 1798.

John Johnson, a leading architect of the day, and later surveyor to the County of Essex, was chosen to build this house on London's undulating green belt where Anderson owned some land at Mill Hill. As an admirer of the popular creative style of Robert Adam, Johnson reproduced his ideas in the structure of the house.

Points of particular interest in Holcombe House are the main hall with the oval ceiling and handsome oak staircase, with an iron balustrade of great beauty, and the large dining room looking out on to the garden with stucco Grecian figures, raised on delicately coloured backgrounds, on the walls.

Anderson died in 1813, and the property was bought by the

Shuter family, with whom it remained until bought by Cardinal Vaughan in 1865 who was looking for a property on which to establish his Missionary College.

On 1st March, 1866, Holcombe House became a Foreign Missionary College under the Patronage of St. Joseph, and opened with one professor (Dr. Vaughn) and one student. The community grew until a new building was required, and Holcombe House was taken over in 1871 by The Franciscan Sisters from Ash Grove, Hackney, who moved there finally after closing the convent at Hackney in 1876.

SPECIAL CAR DEPOTS

IF you want to dispose of an unwanted car, please don't dump it. To do so is illegal and the offender is liable to a heavy fine.

Unwanted cars and other vehicles can be taken to special depots in most areas where they will be accepted for disposal free of charge.

In the Borough of Barnet the depot is at Summers Lane, North Finchley, and the times when vehicles may be accepted are as follows:

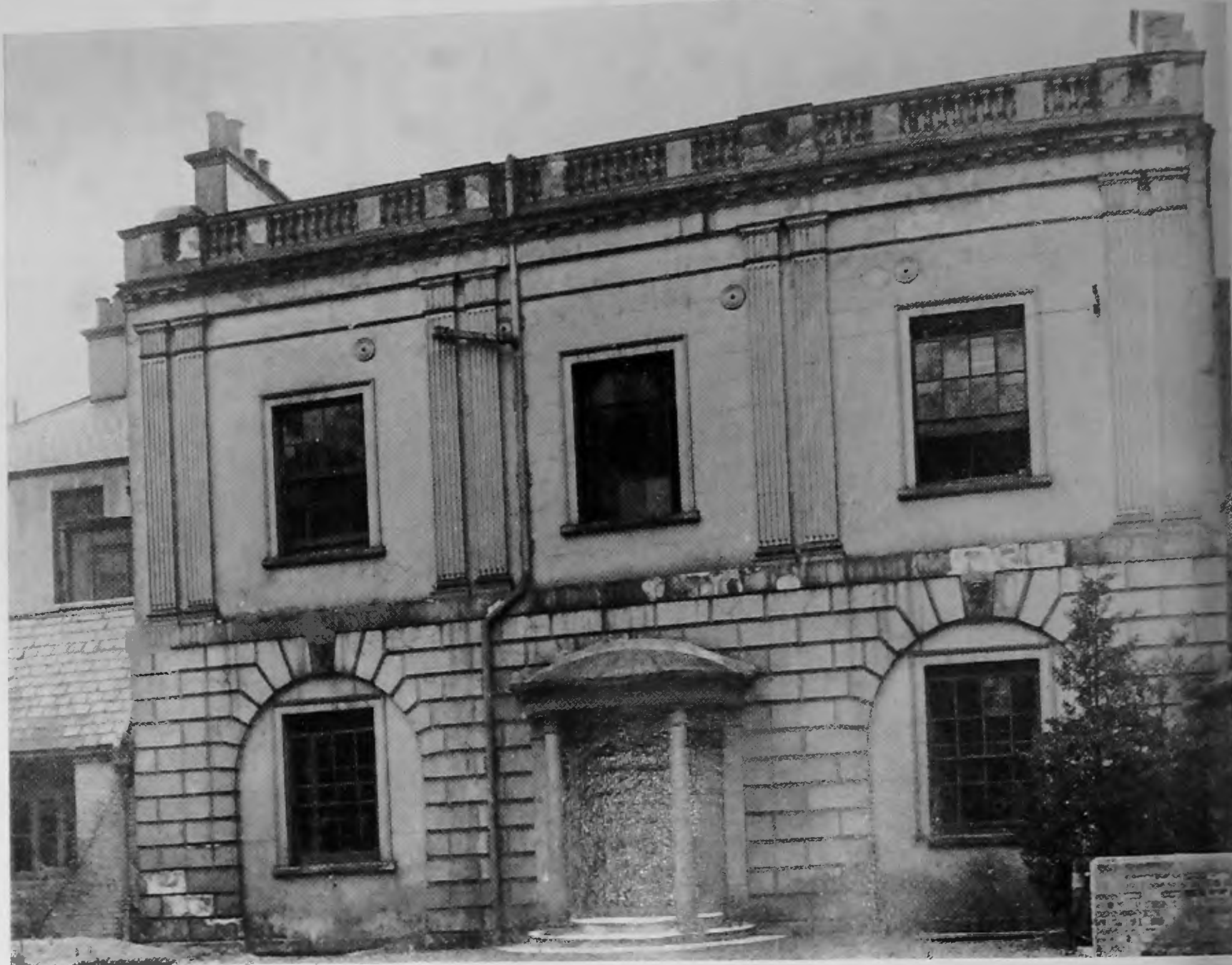
Mondays to Thursdays, 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Fridays—7.30

a.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Saturdays—7.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The registration book must be handed over at the same time or a notice of disclaimer signed.

If you are unable to drive the car or have it towed to the depot, the council will, on receipt of the remittance for the appropriate amount and the registration book or a signed notice of disclaimer, remove the vehicle for you at a cost of £7.

Don't dump unwanted vehicles outside the depot. If they are left outside they can be regarded as abandoned and the owner liable to a fine.



Above, Holcombe House, and below, an interior picture showing the main hall with the handsome oak staircase and iron balustrade.



Q.E. School extensions

AFTER more than four years of almost continual construction work to enlarge Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School, High Barnet, from a three-form entry grammar school to a six-form entry comprehensive school, the builders have now moved off the site.

Work started in the spring of 1971, following Barnet Council's decision to adopt a comprehensive education policy and to implement it where possible by extending existing school buildings. During these four years the number of pupils at Queen Elizabeth's has increased from approximately 600 to 1,200 with a proportionate increase in staff.

During the first phase of the work, from April, 1971, to August, 1972, a first year centre, a projects room and general purpose areas were provided.

SECOND PHASE

The second phase lasted from June, 1972, to January, 1974. During this period the kitchen was enlarged and the first part of the Fern building was constructed, including the art and craft department, metalwork, engineering and woodwork shops, technical drawing room and sixth form centre. General purposes areas and an external play area were also provided.

During the third phase from February, 1974, to September, 1975, the school swimming pool was enclosed. The Fern building was also completed and this included the science department, mathematics department, general purpose and external play areas and courtyards.

PLANNING BASIS

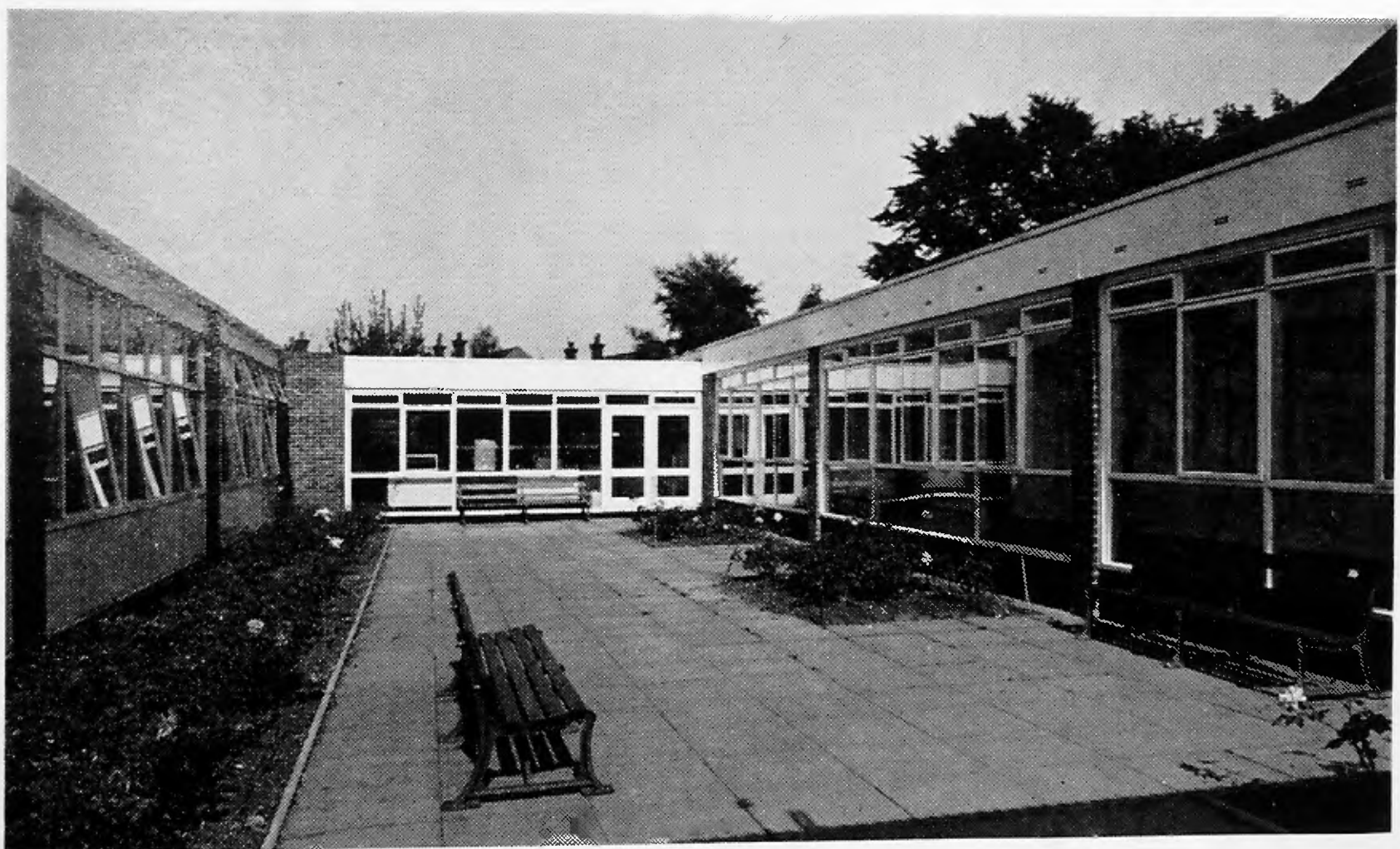
The planning, including the old and the new buildings, has been on the basis of separate teaching departments for history and geography, languages, English, music, drama, art, science, mathematics, workshops and technical drawing, together with physical education, staff and administrative accommodation. This ensures that facilities and equipment are concentrated in specialised areas, enabling maximum use to be made of them.

The new Fern building is a two-storey steel framed construction with the steel frame expressed on the elevations. Infill panels are of glass and compressed asbestos cement sheets finished with pewter "hammerglaze." Because of its proximity and the need for a material more sympathetic to the original building, brick has been used for the infill panels to the swimming pool enclosure.

The work has cost approximately £500,000.



The main elevation of the Fern building



The first year centre, projects room and general purposes area

ADVICE ON RENT PROBLEMS

AS a result of the 1975 Housing Rents and Subsidies Act, the rent freeze has now ended. How this might affect your rent depends on whether you are a controlled or regulated tenant.

To help you overcome any

problems you might have, Barnet Council has produced a leaflet describing the different types of tenants and their rights now that the rent freeze is over.

The leaflet, which is available at all libraries and council offices

in the borough, deals with controlled tenants, regulated tenants and tenants with a resident landlord. It also tells you what to do if you cannot afford your rent and where to obtain advice on rent problems.

HOW TO FIND US

EACH day the Council's Press and Information Section deal with numerous telephone and personal inquiries about the many services provided by the borough.

High on the list are those about refuse, blocked drains, pavements, street lighting, pest control, home nursing, family planning, bus permits and child minders. In most cases, the caller has to be referred to another telephone number or department in another part of the borough.

Most are the responsibility of Barnet Council but others, such as home nursing and family planning, are now dealt with by Barnet Area Health Authority.

To help you find us, listed below are the locations of the 11 departments of the council. This will provide you with a handy reference as to which department you require. By referring to it before you telephone or visit a council department on any matter, it could save you and the council time and money by eliminating unnecessary telephone calls and bus or car journeys.

If, after studying it, you are still not certain who to telephone or where to call, do not hesitate to ring the Press and Information Section on 202 8282 or call at room 8, Ravensfield House, Hendon, where the staff will always be willing to help you with your inquiries.

LOCATION OF THE ELEVEN DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNCIL

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK

Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG. Tel.: 202 8282.

Contact should be made direct to sections listed below:—

Hendon Crematorium and Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, NW7 1NB. Tel.: 346 0657/0629.

Information Section and Registration of Electors Section, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE. Tel.: 202 8282.

Trading Standards Section, "Hatchcroft", The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BN. Tel.: 202 8282.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The Registrars attend at certain hours at the following district offices:—

182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0AU. Tel.: 952 0876/0024.

Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE. Tel.: 202 9082.

1 Friern Park, North Finchley, N12 9DE. Tel.: 445 4768.

29 Wood Street, Barnet, Herts. Tel.: 449 2098, 449 0900, 440 3305.

2. DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AND BOROUGH TREASURER

Town Hall, The Burroughs Hendon, NW4 4BG. Tel.: 202 8282.

Specific inquiries as follows:—

Applications for rebate of rent and/or rates to:—

King Edward Hall, 331 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 1DS. Tel.: 349 9121.

Other rating inquiries to:—

Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE. Tel.: 202 8282.

Payment of rates and other accounts may also be made at the following district offices:—

Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet, Herts.

King Edward Hall, 331 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N.3.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

3. BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel.: 349 9121.

4. BOROUGH ARCHITECT

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel.: 349 9121.

5. BOROUGH PLANNING OFFICER

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel.: 349 9121.

Inquiries relating to applications for planning permission should be made direct to the appropriate divisional planning offices listed below.

Central Division (Finchley, Golders Green, Cricklewood), 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 3HN. Tel.: 349 9121.

Northern Division (Barnet, East Barnet, Friern Barnet), Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts. Tel.: 449 9181.

Western Division (Hendon, Mill Hill, Edgware), Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware, HA8 7AQ. Tel.: 952 7722.

6. BOROUGH ESTATES OFFICER

Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP. Tel.: 349 9121.

7. DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N11 3DL. Tel.: 368 1255.

Careers Service Area Offices:—

Friern Barnet Town Hall Annex, 321 Colney Hatch Lane, N11 3DF. Tel.: 368 1255.

Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet, EN5 4AY. Tel.: 449 2648.

Hendon Area Office, Sentinel Square, Brent Street, NW4 2EL. Tel.: 202 8282.

8. BOROUGH LIBRARIAN

Administrative Centre, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE. Tel.: 202 5625.

9. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

General inquiries to:—
Winston House, Dollis Park, Finchley, N3 1HB. Tel.: 349 9121.

Area Offices:—

Western Area: Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware, HA8 7AQ. Tel.: 952 7722.

South Western Area: Sentinel Square, Brent Street, Hendon, NW4. Tel.: 202 8282.

Northern Area: Ravenscroft, Wood Street, Barnet. Tel.: 449 5511.

North Eastern Area: 42 Lytton Road, New Barnet. Tel.: 440 8511.

Eastern Area: 1 Friern Park, Finchley, N12 9DE. Tel.: 446 3291.

South-Eastern Area: 308 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2JX. Tel.: 349 2651.

10. DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES

65 Watford Way, Hendon, NW4 3AY. Tel.: 202 8282.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(Headquarters), Grove Lodge, 287 Regent's Park Road, N3 3JY. Tel.: 349 9121.

Area Offices:—

Church Farm, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. Tel.: 368 1116/7, and Green Shield House, Station Road, Edgware, HA8 7AQ. Tel.: 952 7722.

Here are some useful telephone numbers:—

Refuse: 361 0013.

Blocked drains: 346 0039.

Uneven pavements and road subsidences: 346 0039.

Rats, mice, wasps and other pests: Finchley, Golders Green, Cricklewood: 349 9121. Barnet, East Barnet, Friern Barnet: 368 1116. Hendon, Mill Hill, Edgware: 952 7722.

Street cleansing: 361 0013.

Evening classes: Finchley, Barnet: 445 6068. Hendon: 959 3425.

Trees on footpaths, grass verges and parks: 349 9121.

Consumer protection: 202 8282.

Abandoned cars: 349 9121.

Street lighting: 349 9121.

Gramophone society meetings

GRAMOPHONE Society meetings are held fortnightly in East Barnet, Friern Barnet and Hendon Libraries.

The East Barnet society meets in East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, East Barnet, at 8 p.m. for 8.05 p.m. Its programme until the end of the year is as follows:

October 14th, The L.S.O.; October 28th, Oktoberfest; November 11th, Django to Ringo; November 25th, Particularly English; December 9th, Christmas programme.

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society meets in Friern Barnet Library in Friern Barnet Road on Thursday evenings from

8.10 p.m. until 10 p.m. Its 1975 programme is as follows:

October 2nd, Mozart; October 16th, Hidden Treasure; October 30th, Pianists Through the Ages; November 13th, Ravel; November 27th, Schumann; December 11th, Social.

Hendon Gramophone Society meets in the Library in The Burroughs, Hendon, on Tuesdays (except where stated) at 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m.

The programme arranged so far until the end of the year is:

Wednesday, October 8th, Schubert—a Chronological Survey; October 21st, Brahms and Rachmaninov; Wednesday, November 5th, Spanish Style; November

18th, Exploring Music with Wind Instruments; December 2nd, Music for the Hunt; December 16th, Christmas Concert.

Leaflets giving full details about each society and the programmes can be obtained from all libraries in the borough.

Equal rights

IN all new lettings of Barnet Council property, husbands and wives are to have a joint tenancy. This move to give women more equality was approved at the last meeting of the Council's Housing Committee.

LIPREADING CLASSES

THREE lipreading classes are held in the borough each week at the following addresses and times:

10 The Downage, Hendon, on Wednesdays from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; at 27 High Street, Barnet Hill, Barnet, on Wednesdays from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; and in the Stanhope Institute, Stanhope Road, Tally Ho, North Finchley, on Thursdays from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Anyone may attend. Just go along to the above addresses at the times the classes are held. There is a fee of 75p for the whole year but this can be waived in certain cases.



THE picture on page 2 was that of Brent Cross Circus at the junction of Hendon Way with the North Circular Road. The up-to-date photograph was taken from as near the same position as possible and shows the Brent Cross flyover on one of those rare occasions when it was clear of traffic.

Watch those bonfires

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

Under the Clean Air Act of 1956, it is an offence to burn material so as to cause a nuisance to people in the neighbourhood.

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

If there is enough space, it is always better to compost the garden refuse. But remember, that a poorly designed and positioned compost heap can, in itself, cause a nuisance.

Children's programmes

A leaflet giving details of the winter programme of library clubs, story times, films and talks for children, is available from all libraries in the borough.

Road safety for the elderly

A YEAR-LONG campaign for the safety of our elderly people on the roads was launched by the London Accident Prevention Council at the beginning of July.

Called the "60 Sense" Campaign, it is an attempt to draw attention to the plight of the elderly road user and to the fact that each year, nearly 5,000 people over the age of 65 are killed or injured in the Metropolitan Police area.

It is aimed at increasing the awareness of drivers and other road users to the safety problems of elderly people and to alert the elderly to road hazards.

The London Accident Prevention Council, London's road safety body, has asked its constituent members, the Greater London Council, the London Boroughs, including Barnet, and the City, to join in this important campaign. One million leaflets have been printed, for that is estimated to be the number of elderly road users in the capital.

SIX SECTIONS

The campaign has been divided into six two-monthly sections. In July and August the theme was the Green Cross Code.

The September and October section of the campaign is being supported by the Greater London Safety Unit. They are directing their efforts towards the driver,

highlighting the need for them to pay more attention in the many places where elderly people might be expected to cross the road—at or near parks or open spaces, bus stops, and of course, in busy shopping areas.

Drivers are reminded to look well ahead. They should look out for the recognised safe places where people cross the road, such as pelican and zebra crossings and traffic islands. These are the places most elderly people are likely to use.

DRESS TO SHOW

"DRESS TO SHOW" is the theme for the November and December section of the campaign. The message to elderly people is "DRESS TO SHOW UP" or "WEARING WHITE AT NIGHT MAKES YOU BRIGHT."

When it is dark, the message is to carry something white. A white handbag, carrier bag, or a white scarf will help attract motorists' attention.

Car drivers are asked to deter people from taking a chance by crossing the road in front of moving vehicles. And when it is dark or the weather is bad, drivers should use dipped headlights to make people more aware of their presence.

Remember, too, that old people's reactions are likely to be slower than that of an alert driver or motor-cyclist. So make allowances.

Exhibitions of local interest

A NUMBER of exhibitions are to be held in Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, during the next few months.

The first, which continues until October 12th, is "Law and Order in Barnet." It shows how law was upheld and order maintained in the area now covered by the Borough of Barnet, up to the end of the 19th century.

From October 18th until November 23rd, the exhibition will be "The Changing Times 1875-1975: Hendon Times pictures."

The Hendon Times, first published at the end of January, 1875, was founded to service Hendon and its surrounding hamlets. More than 100 photographs which have appeared in the paper will be on display. These include topical events, Royal visits, and views and buildings no longer to be seen.

"The Local Scene in Water Colour: Dorothy Copsey Memorial Exhibition," can be seen from November 29th until January 4th, 1976.

Dorothy Copsey, who died in 1974, was a water colour artist and teacher at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute over a period of 50 years. The exhibition comprises a selection of her local scenes and flower paintings.

Opening hours for each exhibition are as follows:

Weekdays (except Tuesdays), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sundays, 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is free.

The nearest Tube station is Hendon Central, and the nearest bus routes are Nos. 83 and 143.

Prints and paintings

AN exhibition of prints and paintings by Dennis Higgins will be held in East Finchley Library until October 25th.

Dennis Higgins studied etching at Hornsey College of Art evening classes and has exhibited at the Royal Academy, the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and the Lord Mayor's Art Award exhibitions. He has also shown work at international level in Europe where he was awarded a bronze medal (Madrid) and silver medal (Paris).

Winter season of library lectures

THE annual winter season of Library Lectures begins in late October and will continue until the end of February, with a break during the Christmas period.

Attendances at lectures in previous years have proved their popularity and a wide range of interests have been catered for in this year's programme. Many of the lectures are expert photographers and their talks are illustrated with excellent colour slides. There is no charge for admission and all the lectures start at 8.15 p.m. It is advisable to arrive at about 8 p.m. to ensure a good seat.

Dates and details of the lectures are as follows:

Thursday, October 30th, 1975, at HENDON LIBRARY, The Burroughs, Hendon.

Nancy Armstrong: **Jewellery.**

An authority in the field of fine and decorative arts, Nancy Armstrong presents a survey of the styles and craftsmanship of jewellery making.

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Wednesday, November 5th at NORTH FINCHLEY LIBRARY, Ravensdale Avenue.

Mary Stoye: **French Chateaux.**

It is estimated that there are well over 5,000 chateaux in France and among the most beautiful and best known are those of the Loire Valley and the Ile de France.

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Wednesday, November 12th, at BURNT OAK LIBRARY, Watling Avenue, Edgware.

Colin Garratt: **Last Steam Locomotives of the World.**

Colin Garratt has visited over 25 countries in Europe, Asia and Africa to capture the last days of the steam locomotive era in a series of magnificent photographs.

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Wednesday, November 19th, at EAST FINCHLEY LIBRARY, 226 High Road.

Elisabeth Parry: **Olé Andorra!**

A personal view of this colourful, independent Pyrenean principality which still retains a feudal administration, ancient traditions and mediaeval customs.

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Thursday, November 27th, at HENDON LIBRARY, The Burroughs, Hendon.

Tom Sage: **Over the Alps by Balloon.**

The record of a spectacular flight over the Swiss Alps from

the Bernese Oberland to Italy, illustrated with colour slides, many of which were taken from an altitude of 18,000.

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Wednesday, December 3rd, at NORTH FINCHLEY LIBRARY, Ravensdale Avenue, N12

Leslie Harris: **Three Italian Cities.**

Aided by his superb colour slides, Leslie Harris will describe the flowering of baroque architectural in southern Italy.

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Wednesday, January 21st, 1976, at BURNT OAK LIBRARY, Watling Avenue, Edgware.

Victor Clark: **48,000 Miles Under Sail.**

Commander Clark recounts his adventures sailing round the world in his yacht, Solace, during which he was shipwrecked on a Pacific atoll.

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Wednesday, January 28th, at EAST FINCHLEY LIBRARY, 226 High Road, N2

Betty Hellings-Jackson: **Three Towns: Another World.**

For the past 15 years, Mrs. Hellings-Jackson and her husband have visited the Middle East, travelling to remote parts of the Arab world. In this lecture they will present their impressions of three desert cities.

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Thursday, February 5th, at HENDON LIBRARY, The Burroughs, Hendon.

James Hall: **The Mogul Empire.**

Under the leadership of Genghis Kahn and his successors, the Mogal Empire grew from a federation of tribes on the banks of the Onon river to a well-organised, state power dominating the lands and peoples from the Caspian to the China seas.

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Wednesday, February 11th, at NORTH FINCHLEY LIBRARY, Ravensdale Avenue.

Bryan Sage: **The Natural History of Hertfordshire.**

An introduction to the animals, birds and flowers of the county by a local naturalist who has a particular interest in conservation.

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Wednesday, February 18th, at EAST FINCHLEY LIBRARY, 226 High Road.

The British Cinema.

A leaflet giving details of the lectures, including lists of books to read, is now available from all libraries in the borough.

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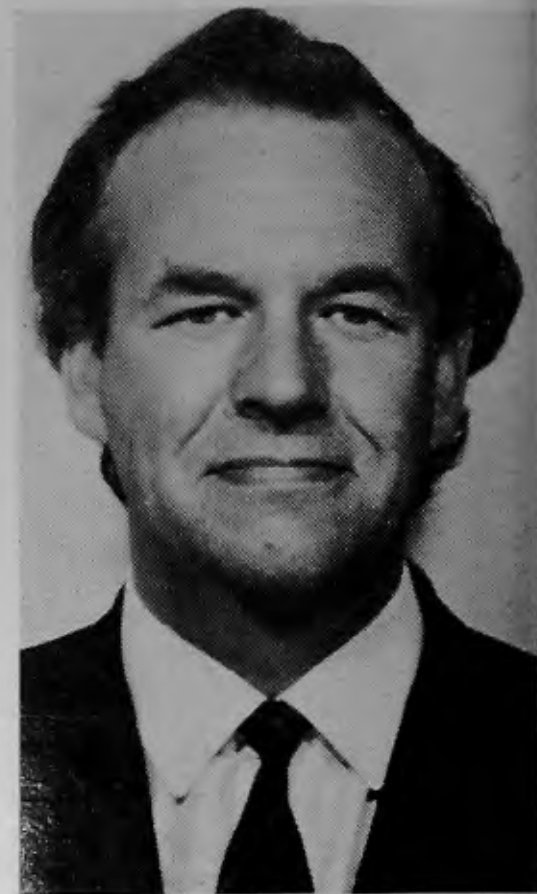


COUNCILLOR DENIS DIPPEL represents the Mill Hill Ward, having been elected to the Council in 1974. He is vice-chairman of the Public Works and Western Area Road Safety Committees and a member of the Town Planning and Allotments committees. He is also on the managing body of St. Paul's Church of England School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill.

He helped set up the Fiveways Flyover Action Committee to fight for justice for claims as a result of motorway blight. Another of his great interests is the local environment, especially the area around Mill Hill circus and the effect on people's lives through the increased volume of traffic. Councillor Dippel has actively and successfully campaigned for a reduction in the speed limit on the A41 and would like to see traffic signals installed at Mill Hill circus.

Orphaned in the Blitz in 1940, he was educated at Anne's School, Soho, and Westminster City School. On leaving school, he was apprenticed to the Colne Valley Electric Supply Company. After National Service with the R.A.F., he joined the London Electricity Board, working in North London. Later he founded his own electrical engineering firm.

Married with a seven-year-old daughter, he lives in Mill Hill. His hobbies are fishing and rambling.



A FOUNDER member of the Hadley Ward Residents' Association, **Councillor Anthony John Freake** was elected in May, 1974 to represent Hadley Ward as an Independent.

Interested in many aspects of community life from balanced town planning to better representation of residential affairs, he is a member of the Town Planning and Research, Development and Estates, Libraries and Arts and Grahame Park committees. He is vice-chairman of the Northern Area Road Safety Committee.

Councillor Freake is also a governor of Southaw Girls' School and a manager of Monken Hadley Church of England School.

An apprenticed scientific instrument maker, he is University Chief Technician, Physics Research, Queen Elizabeth College University of London. He completed his National Service with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (R.E.M.E.).

Born in Banbury, Oxon., he moved to New Barnet following his marriage in 1962. His wife Mrs. Sheila Freake, is a mathematics teacher. They have two children, Andrew aged 12, and Julie who is 10.

Outside his family commitments and community work Councillor Freake is keenly interested in mountaineering, tennis, cricket and golf. Area organiser for Christian Aid and a former treasurer of the Barnet Council of Christian Churches, he was also a Church steward at Brookside Methodist Church, East Barnet, until this year.