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MR J. SHINE

There is a bright, young accountancy practice in the Borough of Barnet; Kasmir Taub & Co., which has fashioned itself as a firm for the 80's. The senior partners, Jonathan Shine, Alan Kasmir and Leonard Taub are enthusiastic about the very important part that an accountancy practice can play in the successful development of new and small businesses.

As specialists in small and new business, Kasmir Taub & Co. like to become involved at the earliest stages in a company's development. They even provide initial consultations to prospective clients at no charge. Kasmir Taub & Co. prepare cash flow projections for their clients and indeed, will accompany them to meetings with their bankers. Anyone who has passed through that trial by fire can appreciate what it would mean to have a professional along!

"We firmly believe that one of the most important factors in running a

CAN YOU ACCOUNT FOR THE 80's?

business today is up to date financial and management information," asserts Jon Shine. There appears to be a common misconception that modern management techniques are reserved for large, established companies. "No business is too small to be well managed and it is never too early to implement good business practices."

In any business and particularly a new or small one, time really is of the essence. As any small businessman will attest, a year is a lifetime in a small company and the need for timely advice and monitoring is critical. "We would consider preparing year end accounts, several months after the company's year end both a disservice to our client and a waste of our talents," Jon Shine explained. "We like to get involved on a much closer and more regular basis with our clients." For companies who need financial management and advice, but aren't of a size to justify or afford a full time financial director, Kasmir Taub & Co. will act on their behalf.

And what about the mystique of computers? Jon Shine is adamant, "Businesses should never assume that they are too small or too new to benefit from the tremendous advantages of high technology." Until a

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Front page cover

We in Barnet are proud of our swimming complex at Copthall, the scene of this month's international short course event. Swimming is for everyone. Top club swimmers train for international events and some of Barnet's Babes learn to swim before they can walk in the Mums and Toddlers class. And as this water baby's expression proves, they love it. Come on in.

Local businessman sponsors Copthall's international event

COPTHALL SWIMMING CLUB is all set to host international teams and Britain's own top ranking swimmers for the Barnet Short Course Swimming Meeting, taking place at Copthall Pools on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 15, 16 and 17.

Sarah Hardcastle and Adrian Moorhouse are taking part and enquiries have been received from Olympic medallists and internationals from home and abroad.

Here's how the line-up stands as Barnet Borough News went to press:

- Eighteen members of the Canadian international team plus 10 swimmers from the world-famous Dolphin Club of Vancouver.

- Two teams from Zurich and Geneva in Switzerland.

- Fifty from the Scottish National squad.

- The Welsh National Youth Squad.

- The elite of Copthall's own club.

Barnet Short Course Meet has earned a reputation as one of the major dates on the annual swimming calendar and this year



Mr David Godwin

sponsorship by David Godwin of Godwin Plumbing Supplies has assured the continued high quality of the three-day event.

'I already sponsor international diving at Crystal Palace and I felt I wanted to encourage top level competitive swimming locally which is why I am supporting the Copthall Short Course Meet,' he said.

Paul Remmonds, meet manager, says: 'The event promises some of the most exciting swimming seen in this country. Anyone interested in top class competition, world class performances and an electrifying atmosphere should make sure of their seats.' And it costs just £1.

Sessions start 2 pm and 7 pm on Friday; 9.30 am and 6 pm Saturday; and 9.30 am and 2 pm Sunday. The second session of each day sees the finals.

HONOURED FOR SERVICE

TWO PEOPLE who have played a distinguished role in the civic and community life of the borough were recognised in the New Year's Honours List.

Councillor Vic Usher, twice Mayor of Barnet and a councillor from the inception of the borough in 1964, was awarded the OBE. He is currently chairman of the Public Works Committee and is very actively involved in education, serving on the Education Committee. He is chairman of the board of management at Middlesex Polytechnic and a governor of several local schools. He is also one of the few Protestants to be made a Knight of St George of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs Jill Hewett, whose service with the WRVS dates back to the war years, was awarded the BEM.

Mrs Hewett was one of the first group of women to join the then Women's Voluntary Service and during the 1939/45 war she helped feed and find shelter for many bomb victims in the Finchley area.

After the war she and her husband, the late Col. Douglas Hewett, left the area but returned in the late 1960s when she rejoined the Finchley WRVS and became borough organiser for the Meals-on-Wheels Service.

She retired last year having made an outstanding contribution to the quality of life for local residents.



Cllr Vic Usher



Mrs Jill Hewett

Evening with a sparkle

JOIN IN an evening with a sparkle! Cllr Mrs Mary Phillips and her family are organising an evening of light musical entertainment with a three-course supper inclusive of wine, at Bishop Douglass School, Hamilton Road, East Finchley. Tickets are £10 each and the event is

being held in aid of the Mayor of Barnet's Appeal for an activity centre for the disabled at John Grooms in Edgware.

Book now to reserve a ticket. Write to Cllr Mrs Phillips at 15 Chiddingfold, Woodside Park, N12. Tel: 445 9426.

DABB lend a helping hand

'THERE'S no such thing as an average working day here,' says Janice Berman, organiser in charge at the DABB advice centre in Whetstone. 'Our day is very varied.'

DABB (Disablement Association in the Borough of Barnet) exists to help solve problems for handicapped people.

They see themselves as an advice bureau for people with disabilities and can offer practical help with benefits, welfare rights, transport, leisure activities, clubs, holidays and educational courses.

The team can help with employment difficulties, access to buildings and advice on how to get disablement aids, where to buy them or how to obtain them from social services.

Janice, who works part-time, like the rest of the team, is in charge of the office. She has two assistants and a new volunteer service fieldworker.

Funding

This voluntary organisation is funded by Barnet Council and its executive committee consists of representatives from social services, councillors and officers, Barnet Health Authority and all volunteer groups concerned with handicaps.

Because of the nature of the work, the centre's day follows no particular pattern.

One day Janice could be dealing with clients' problems. That might take some time, especially when chasing up the initial query, perhaps liaising with the DHSS or council departments.

Another day might be spent solely on the other side of the work, setting up new projects to improve services.

One of the most important ways in which DABB can help is by providing a sympathetic ear as well as practical help through their new volunteer service, as Mr Smith, who is retired, found out for himself.

He looks after his wife, a stroke victim. Their problems include her incontinence and his being tied to the house.

A DABB worker was able to help purely by listening to his worries and frustrations and the



From left: Monarch Sports Club organiser John Butler, Victor Healey (committee member) and Tony Greenwood, of Nissan, Colindale, who donated an ambulance for trips to other parts of London and the UK for club matches.

centre suggested incontinence aids, arranged for an occupational therapist from social services to visit and for adaptations to be made to the home.

They informed him of the Crossroads care attendant scheme, so that he could have a few hours a week away from the house, and they told him that his wife was entitled to an attendance allowance, which he didn't know.

The voluntary visiting service also helped Mr Brown, who is housebound, blind and was totally isolated. He had a home help once a week, but saw no-one else for the rest of the time.

He wanted another man to talk to and DABB were able to find someone to go in once a week for a chat. They also got him into a day centre once a week for further companionship.

On a lighter note, they helped Mr Green, an elderly man who had the use of only one arm. He liked cooking and was looking for a device to help him separate the white from the yolk of eggs with one hand without dropping shell into the bowl.

There was nothing suitable on the market, but DABB were able to find a leaflet explaining the chef's technique for separating the white from the yolk.

The voluntary visiting service is the advice centre's latest project. Ruth Schneider is the new, part-time fieldworker and part of her job is to recruit volunteers for a small team who visit disabled, housebound people, take them out, do odd jobs or simply listen.

Always on the lookout for volun-

teers, Ruth vets them carefully and puts them in touch with the right clients. 'We offer training and backup, so they are not left out on a limb,' said Janice.

'We are always looking for volunteers.'

Out of DABB's project work arose the Stroke Club, which offers speech therapy in groups for victims of the disability.

Sports Club

They also got the Monarch Sports Club for the handicapped off the ground at King Alfred's School, North End Road, Golders Green, and set up Crossroads, which provides practical help for people caring for disabled relatives.

There is also the Quinta Club, in Mays Lane, Barnet, a meeting place for the housebound physically handicapped aged between 30 and 60 on Monday afternoons.

'Now I would like to start another club on the other side of the borough,' said Janice. 'We are looking for someone with the get-up-and-go to run it.'

DABB have just set up Dial-a-Ride too, a door-to-door transport service for people who can't use public transport. Two vehicles have been adapted to take up to three wheelchairs plus other passengers and the charges are the same as those of London Transport.

The centre also administers with the Volunteer Bureau the Mobile 75 leisure coaches — three adapted ambulances which organisations can use.

'Basically, what we do is set up

projects and then we tend to back out gradually and leave the workers to the running of it,' said Janice.

'We get the project going, find the right person to run it and leave them to it.'

'What we are trying to do all the time is to improve facilities for the disabled in Barnet. In line with this, we have been liaising with the borough engineer's department to provide more public toilets for the disabled.'

'They built the new one in Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, and fitted a RADAR key lock so only the disabled with keys can use it.'

Integration

DABB places great emphasis on the integration of the able-bodied and physically handicapped; the Quinta and Monarch Sports Clubs and Dial-a-Ride all comprise a mixture of the two.

'Integration is an important thing, really,' said Janice. 'We would also like to help more younger people — we don't get many enquiries from the younger disabled or from schools, but we would like to encourage that.'

The DABB Advice Centre is based at 4 Oakleigh Gardens, Whetstone, N20 9AB, telephone: 01-446 6935, and is open from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

*The names of some of the people in this feature have been changed to preserve confidentiality.

Letters

EXPERIENCE COURSES

YOUR readers may be interested to know that the Middlesex Divorce Court Welfare Service runs Divorce Experience Courses regularly for separating or separated couples, or individuals, who are contemplating, or coming to terms with, the end of a marriage or long cohabitation. This course is designed for men or women and is always well attended by both sexes.

The next course will take place on three consecutive Thursdays, March 7, 14 and 21, in the centre of Enfield at the Old Court House between 6.45 pm and 9 pm.

The evenings consist of a short talk followed by coffee and then the membership breaks into a series of small groups for discussion.

These evenings provide an opportunity for discussion and the sharing of experiences for the course members, who are learning to cope with and adjust to a difficult and challenging new life. The course often leads to the formation of a self help group. Membership of each course is limited to 24 and is by application form only.

If readers wish to obtain further information or book a place on this course they should contact the Barnet Office of the Middlesex Divorce Court Welfare Service at 7c High

Street, Barnet, Herts. Telephone: 441 7859 for an application form.

Angela Ratcliffe (Mrs)
Divorce Court Welfare Officer
Barnet Divorce Court Unit,
7c High Street,
Barnet, Herts.

La Delivrance

MY cousin sent me the December issue of The Barnet Borough News because I was keen to have a picture of La Delivrance.

I was 12 years old when the statue was erected and often stayed at my grandfather's house in Regents Park Road, and one of my aunts used to walk me down to look at it. Once someone climbed up and tried to dress it!

What a beautiful thing it is and how nice it would be if replica miniatures were made and sold to help a charity or the council.

And I did enjoy the contents as well as the picture.

Muriel Snape (nee Sharp)
211 Ipswich Road,
Colchester.

A difficulty

I HAVE read with interest your remarks concerning the dangers of cars parking half on the pavement and I realise that you care about the safety of the handicapped, and mothers with young children.

I should like to point out another difficulty I encounter in my Baticar. The footpath from Ridgeview Road to Swan Lane (generally known as Dirty Dog Alley for obvious reasons) is now barricaded at both ends. This makes it awkward for mothers with prams and impossible for me. I am forced to go by either Woodside Lane or Totteridge Lane to reach the High Road. This is difficult because of all the crossings and kerbs which have to be negotiated. I particularly want to go the shortest way to St John's.

Ridgeview Road itself is made very dangerous by cars by-passing the main road and driving at speeds well in excess of the limit.

Can anything be done?

Nancy O'Connell,
59 Ridgeview Road, N20

The bollards at either end of the footpath were installed to prevent cyclists using the path. They can be a danger to pedestrians. Prams can be pushed between the bar-

riers but if the gap were wide enough to allow a Baticar it would also be wide enough for cyclists. It is always a problem to reconcile the needs of all road users. We are aware of disabled people's needs and try to meet their requirements where possible but in this case the barrier is felt to be necessary.

Anniversary

THE Mill Hill East Playgroup are celebrating their 20th anniversary in March. It is certainly the longest-running playgroup in the Borough of Barnet.

The group operate on a self-help principle which means full parent participation. All running costs, with the exception of a grant from the local education authority, are met by the parents.

We are having a week full of special activities for the children in March. The week will finish on Saturday, March 16, with a grand 20th anniversary bazaar in the Free Church, Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill (on the 221 bus route), from 11 am to 2 pm and it will be opened by a celebrity. All are welcome.

Mrs K. Kane,
13 Broadfield Avenue,
Mill Hill, NW7 2DB



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NEWS

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The Brigade urges members of the public to be vigilant at all times but even more so at this time of year. Here are some of the risks that can lead to potentially serious incidents and how to avoid them:

- Don't leave children alone – especially where heaters or cookers are in use. And keep matches out of reach.
- Watch chip pans! Make sure that they are not more than half full and don't leave them without turning off the heat. If a pan catches fire do not throw water on it. Turn off the heat, smother the flames with a lid or damp cloth and leave for half an hour.
- Check heaters, especially portable ones. Make sure they cannot be knocked over

and are away from furniture and furnishings. See that nothing is left where it can fall on a heater.

- Check the house at bedtime – switch off TV sets, radios and portable electric heaters, and pull out plugs. Check ashtrays for smouldering cigarettes. Close all doors.
- Don't smoke in bed. It is a major cause of fires in the home. Always finish your last cigarette or pipe before going to bed and make sure it is extinguished.
- Check electric blankets. Keep your electric blanket dry and flat and have it serviced regularly by the manufacturer or authorised agent. Always follow the manufacturers instructions.

A fire Brigade spokesman said, 'People think that fires are things that happen to someone else – until it happens to them. By following the guidelines the public can reduce the risks that lead to potentially disastrous situations.

Ecology and heritage

A **DRIVE** to boost public interest in ecology and local heritage has been given a lift with the production of two bright, simple leaflets from Barnet Council's Planning Department.

'Ecology in Barnet' concentrates on the species of mammals and birds to be found in the area and looks in detail at two sites of special scientific interest, Darlands Lake and Brent Reservoir (Welsh Harp).

Published in association with Hertfordshire and Middlesex Trust for Nature Conservation and the Welsh Harp Conservation Group, the leaflet is illustrated and has a map of sites and places of ecological interest.

Playing a part

Ways in which we can all play a part in nature conservation are suggested, and for those wishing to become more involved, lists of groups to contact and further reading are given.

The second pamphlet, 'Heritage of Barnet', gives a selection of some of the more important events and personalities that have shaped the history of the Borough.

Again with illustrations, it spans

the Romans and Saxons, the Battle of Barnet, the Reformation and the importance of the coaching trade.

It continues on through the transport revolution to pioneers in aviation, changing sources of employment and modern planned housing developments.

Readers are encouraged to find out more and it is hoped that they will take a greater interest in the history and development of the Borough.

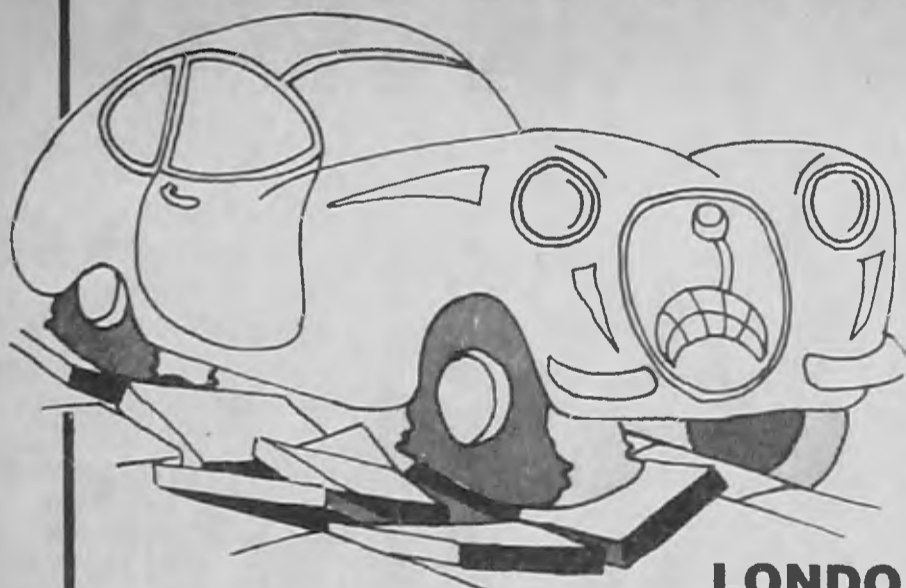
Funding

Funded by the Edward Harvist Charity, a local fund administered by the Council to aid social and environmental projects, both publications are part of a conscious policy set out in the Environment Topic Study, part of the Borough Development Plan.

The leaflets are available from local libraries.

You can also get them from the Director of Technical Services and borough planning officer at Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3, and at the Divisional Planning Offices, East Barnet Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway and at 23-35 Hendon Lane, N3.

PARKING ON THE FOOTWAY



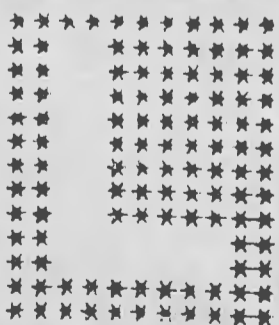
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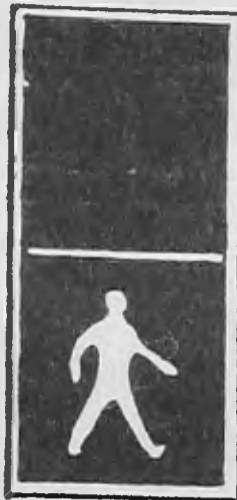
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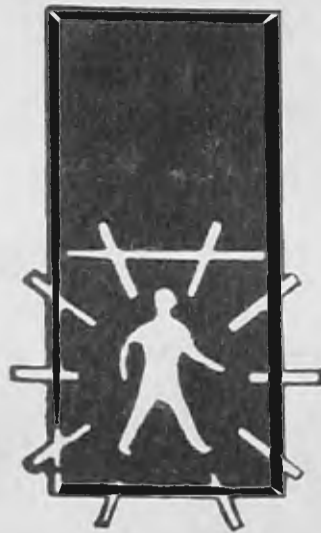
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Press button
and wait for
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Drivers have
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Pedestrians
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are about to
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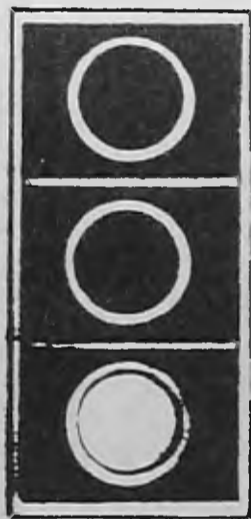
For the pedestrian

THE BUTTON on the control box must be pressed before the traffic will stop. As soon as you see the steady green man and are sure the traffic has stopped you can start to cross. When you see the flashing green man carry on if you are already on the crossing — BUT DON'T START TO CROSS.

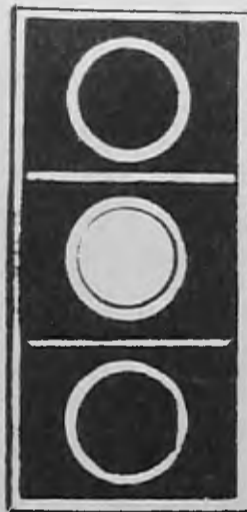
For the driver

THE GREEN, amber and red signals have the same meaning as at normal traffic signals. When you see the flashing amber signal you may move off — IF THERE ARE NO PEDESTRIANS ON THE CROSSING

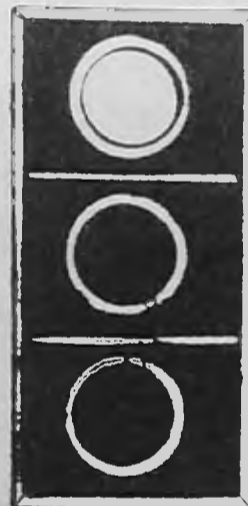
What the driver sees



GREEN
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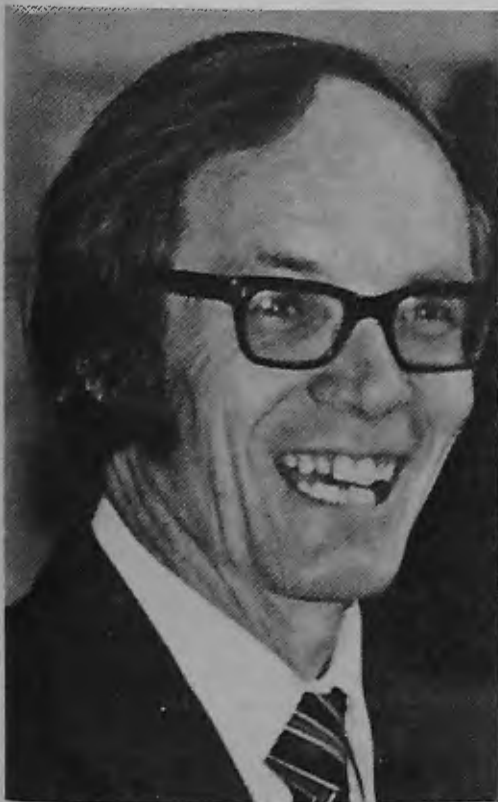
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MR Michael Leonard, principal careers education and training officer with Barnet Council.

In charge of careers

A MAN who has combined a career in engineering design with that of educationalist is Barnet's new careers education and training officer. Mr Michael Leonard has joined Barnet Council's Education Service from Milton Keynes where he was head of sixth form at Stantonbury Campus, but he is also a Member of the Institution of Engineering Design having spent the first 13 years of his career in engineering and technical sales.

Since 1967 he has been in education and is President of the National Association of Careers and Guidance Teachers.

Mr Leonard is based at the main Education Department at Friern Barnet Town Hall, but he will have responsibility for the three careers

offices — 140 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, which serves the western half of the borough; 321 Colney Hatch Lane, Friern Barnet, and Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet, which together serve the eastern side of the borough.

His job will be to liaise with employers, careers teachers and further education colleges to draw together all aspects of career guidance and prospects, training opportunities and employment. He will also work closely with the Borough's Youth Training Scheme and the Manpower Services Commission.

Mike Leonard, whose home is in Newport Pagnell, is married with two adult daughters.

BOROUGH NEWS WORD COMPETITION

THERE WAS a good response to the word competition which appeared in the December issue of Barnet Borough News.

Readers were asked to make as many four-letter words or more out of the letters in our name 'Barnet Borough News'.

The number of words submitted varied enormously but the outright winner was Mr J F Smyth of 24 Manor Road, Barnet, with a total of more than 1,000.

A gift token for £5 is being sent to Mr Smyth.

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 Borough News, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG, tel. 202 8282, ext. 479.

Entries for the March issue must be received by Tuesday, February 12 and before that date if possible.

*Asterisk denotes regular weekly meeting.

Sunday, February 10

*Sailing and sailboarding, Wembley Sailing Club, Birchen Grove, NW9. 455 5073

Monday, February 11

*Bridge. Beginners' classes, St Michael's School, Nether St., North Finchley. 7.45 pm. 349 4707

*New Barnet Literary and Debating Society, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd., New Barnet. 8 pm. 440 3859

Tuesday, February 12

'Prams and Pushchairs', club for mothers and young children, Union Church, Northiam, Totteridge. 2 pm. 445 7287

*Friern Barnet and Totteridge Camera Club, Totteridge Library, Totteridge Lane, N20, beginners to advanced. 8 pm. 445 2617

*Animation Workshop, animation and trick photography, Studio 10, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 4 pm. 75p a session. 449 0048

Wednesday, February 13

Library Lecture, Burnt Oak Library, Watling Ave., Edgware. John Neal takes you 'In the Shadow of the Tower'. 8.15 pm

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Rd., N3. Interior decoration in the 18th century. 7.50 pm. 203 3735

Badminton Club, three courts, require experienced players. Enquiries 883 4437. Also Thursdays.

*National Council for the Divorced Separated, North West London Branch, invite all divorced and separated to friendly club evening near Brent St., Hendon. Details: 226 3752, 203 5739/3269

*Hendon and Edgware Eighteen Plus Group, Games Room, Royal Oak Pub, Finchley Rd., Temple Fortune. 8.15 pm. 205 1455

Thursday, February 14

Hendon & District Aquatic Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8 pm. 368 8430

Pensioners' Voice, East Finchley Branch, East Finchley Library,

226 High Road. 2 pm. 883 2155

Hendon South Labour Party Women's Section, 6 Prospect Rd., NW2. 8 pm. 455 8112.

*Bridge. Intermediate Classes, St Michael's School, Nether St., North Finchley. 7.45 pm. 349 4707.

*Moving Picture Set, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 7.30 pm. 449 0048

*Rollerskating, Ashmole Sports Centre, Burleigh Gdns, Southgate. Under 11s 6 pm. 368 4984

*Brookside Methodist Church Boys' Brigade, East Barnet. Pre-Juniors 6-8, 6.15 pm; Juniors 8-11, 6.30 pm; Company 11+ 8 pm. 441 2042

Friday, February 15

*Barnet and Finchley photographic Society, rear of 37a Salisbury Rd, Barnet. 8 pm. 368 3917

*Barnet Blind Bowls Club, Drill Hall, St Albans Rd., Barnet. 2-5 pm. 449 7058

*Finchley Cine Society, Avenue House, East End Rd., N3. 8 pm. 346 4265

Monday, February 18

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, The Community Room, Bigwood House, Bigwood Road, NW11. Your antiques and collectables. 8 pm 202 0269

Tuesday, February 19

Solo Club for divorced, separated, widowed, single (25-65) in Finchley area. 889 0513

North Middlesex Family History Society Barnet Group, Church House, Wood St., Barnet. 7.45 pm. Historical headlines — Victoria to the Space Age. 449 5080

Totteridge Floral Art Club, Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft, N20. Demonstration 'As winter fades'. 2 pm. 883 6130

Wednesday, February 20

Library Lecture, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. John Huntley presents an authentic archive film of Aircraft of the Second World War. 8.15 pm

Woodside Park Afternoon TWG, The Old Finchleians Club House, Southover, N12. 2 pm. 445 6735

Wednesday, February 27

Library Lecture, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. An exciting account of the treasures of the Middle East by Malcolm Keir. 8.15 pm

Finchley Antiques Appreciation Group, Avenue House, East End Rd., N3. The collection of Worcester, Meissen and English Tin-Glaze at the George Gardiner Museum, Toronto. 7.50 pm. 203 3735

The Finchley Society, Ballards

Lane Methodist Church Hall, Finchley. Fortis Green and Muswell Hill. 8 pm

Thursday, February 28

Hendon & District Aquatic Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. 8 pm. 368 8430

Saturday, March 2

Jumble Sale, St John's Church, Algernon Rd., Hendon. 2 pm.

Tuesday, March 5

Motorway driving lecture, Road Safety Centre, Church Farm, Church Hill Rd., East Barnet. 7.30-9.30 pm. £2.25 for two lectures (second lecture Metropolitan Police traffic garage, 931 High Rd., North Finchley on March 12).

Solo Club for divorced, separated, widowed, single (25-65) in Finchley area. 889 0513

Wednesday, March 6

Barnet Animal Rights Group, Christchurch, High Rd., North Finchley (small hall). 8 pm. 440 1715

Council meetings

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

Monday, February 11: Housing; Development and Estates

Tuesday, February 12: Public Works; Social Services

Wednesday, February 13: Town Planning and Research

Monday, February 18: General Purposes

Tuesday, February 19: Education

Wednesday, February 20: Libraries and Arts

Monday, February 25: Finance

Wednesday, February 27: Planning Sub-Committees

Tuesday, March 5: Education Sub-Committees

Councillors' and MPs' surgeries

Consult your local elected representatives at their surgeries as follows:

Chipping Barnet

John Major, GLC councillor, and a borough councillor available Saturday February 16, 10.30 am to 12 noon, 163 High St., Barnet.

Sydney Chapman MP, and a borough councillor available Saturday March 2, 10.30 am to 12 noon, 163 High St., Barnet.

Arkley Ward — Councillor available Friday, February 12 and

Friday, March 1, 7.30 pm, Dollis Valley Community Centre.

Finchley and Friern Barnet

Conservative councillors available Saturday March 2, 10.30 am to 12 noon, 212 Ballards Lane, N3.

East Finchley Ward — Labour Councillors available Saturdays February 9, 16, 23 and March 2 and 9, 10 am to 11.30 am, East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre, Church Lane, N2.

St Paul's Ward — Labour councillor available Wednesdays, February 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 7 pm to 8 pm, Northside School, Percy Rd., N12, and Saturday March 2, 11 am to 12 noon, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N2.

Hendon North

John Gorst MP available Friday February 15 by appointment (959 1446) 2 Apex Parade, Selvage Lane, Mill Hill. Conservative councillors available by appointment at above number and address, Wednesdays February 13, 20 and 27.

Colindale Ward — Labour councillors available Saturday February 23, 11 am to 12 noon, St Augustine's Church, Grahame Park.

Hendon South

Peter Thomas, MP, available by appointment with secretary Mary Lucas (219 4079). Conservative councillors available for consultation (202 7484).

West Hendon — Phone Cllr Tim Sims (734 8080, office hours) for appointment at West Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club, The Broadway, NW9.

London North Euro MP

John Marshall, Euro MP, may be contacted at 2 Birkdale Rd., London, W5, for appointments.

Horticulture and floral art

Wednesday, February 13

Hendon Horticultural Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. African violets and assorted houseplants. 8 pm. 346 7392

Thursday, February 14

Barnet and District Fuchsia Society, Council Chambers, 29 Wood St., Barnet. Starting all over again! 8 pm. 0727 59989

Wednesday, February 20

Hendon Floral Art Group AGM, West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9. 7.30 pm. 346 8916/202 8756

What's On

Keep fit

Monday, February 11

- *Aerobics, Centre Point, Meadway, Grahame Park. 8 pm. 205 7113
- *Stretch and shape class, Christchurch Hall, High Rd., North Finchley. 11 am. 349 1449

Tuesday, February 12

- *Popmobility/aerobics, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7 pm and 8 pm. 441 2933
- *Keep Fit. Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 8 pm. 205 7113
- *Aerobics, Manorside School, Squires Lane, N3. 8 pm. 349 1449

Wednesday, February 13

- *Popmobility, Centre Point, Grahame Park. 7.30-9.30 pm. 205 7113
- *Yoga for people with handicaps. Special class, St Mary's Hall, East Barnet. Gentle movement, breathing, relaxation. 4-6 pm. Qualified teacher. Other classes available. 440 1828
- *Aerobics, Copthall Swimming Pool, Page St., Mill Hill. 9.45 am. 349 1449
- *Aerobics, Christchurch Hall, High Road, North Finchley. 12.45 pm. 349 1449

Thursday, February 14

- *Mixed exercise class for people with problem backs, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Meadway, Barnet. 8 pm. 445 6986

Friday, February 15

- *Stretch and shape, Christchurch Hall, High Rd., North Finchley. 11 am; Aerobics, 12.45 pm. 349 1449

Martial Arts

Monday, February 11

- *North London Karate Club, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 8-9 pm, 9-10 pm. 440 7733/8633
- *Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre. Recreation Hall, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. 6-7 pm children; 7-8.30 pm adults. 449 3150

Tuesday, February 12

- *Karate, Centre Point, Corner Mead, Grahame Park. 7-13 yr. olds 6 pm; 13 plus 7 pm. 205 7113

Wednesday, February 13

- *Barnet Shotokan Karate Centre. Children's Karate, Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Rd., New Barnet. 4.15-5.15 pm. Minimum age 8 yrs. 449 3150.

Thursday, February 14

- *Karate, Centre Point, Corner

- Mead, Grahame Park. 7-13 yrs 7 pm; 13 plus 8 pm. 205 7113
- *North London Karate Club, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill. 8-9 pm, 9-10 pm. 440 7733/8633

Women's clubs

Friday, February 15

- Broadfields Evening TWG Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 7.30 pm. 958 5718

Monday, February 18

- Highwood Townswomen's Guild, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill, 2 pm. Talk, Helicopter Rescue Service (958 3803)

Monday, March 4

- New Barnet (Evening) Townswomen's Guild, Brookside Methodist Church Hall, East Barnet. The Textile Trade. 7.30 pm. 441 1864

Tuesday, March 5

- Finchley Redbourne TWG, Etchingam Park Day Centre, 1 Etchingam Park Rd., N12. Also meets 3rd and 4th Tuesdays.

- Friern Barnet Friary TWG, Christ Church URC Hall, Bellevue Rd., Friern Barnet. 2 pm. 445 8011

Wednesday, March 6

- Edgware Afternoon TWG, Small

- Hall, Parish Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware. 'Curiosities of London'. 2 pm. 959 5097

Late entries

Thursday February 14

- Finchley Granville (Afternoon) TWG, Finchley Methodist Hall, Ballards Lane. 'Old Highgate'. 2 pm. 455 2227
- Mind in Barnet Thursday Club, 154 Station Road, Hendon. 7.30 pm 202 5845

Monday February 18

- Mill Hill Highwood TWG, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane. Helicopter Rescue Service. 2 pm. 959 1994

Wednesday March 6

- Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Rd. Finchley. 7.30 pm. 883 8724

CONGRATULATIONS

To our winner of the January Quiz:

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What's On in the Arts

Music

Sunday, February 10

Jenako Arts present a Brazilian Percussion and Dance Workshop. Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 8 pm. Tickets £2.50 (concessionary tickets £1.50). 449 0048

Hendon Music Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Talk on music of Rossini. 8 pm. 203 0929

*Top Rock and Blues Bands, Torrington Arms Public House, Lodge Lane, High Rd., North Finchley. 8.30 pm. 445 4710

Tuesday, February 12

Hendon Library Gramophone Society, Library, The Burroughs. 7.45 pm. A look at some of music's dedicatees. 202 5625

Thursday, February 14

*London Pro Arte Choir, Mill Hill East Free Church, Salcombe Gdns., Mill Hill. 9.59 1659

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Library, Friern Barnet Rd., 8.10 pm. 368 2680/4024

Saturday, February 16

Trent Park Music Centre (Recital Room), Trent Park, Cockfosters Rd., Barnet. Recital by Barbara Hargraves mezzo-soprano and Kevin Stannard, piano. 8 pm
Finchley Chamber Choir and Orchestra, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane. Works by Haydn. 7.45 pm. 346 0502

Sunday, February 17

Room 64, a blues and rock band, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St Barnet. 8 pm.

Tuesday, February 19

East Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Library, 65 Brookhill Rd. Opera composers — their other side. 8 pm. 440 4376

Wednesday, February 20

Mill Hill Gramophone Society, Small Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway. 'International Song and Dance.' 8 pm. 959 5097

Saturday, February 23

Hendon Recital Series, Hendon Methodist Church, The Burroughs. English Guitar Quartet. 7.45 pm. 203 0929
Earthmovers Club live bands, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 8 pm. 449 0048

Tuesday, February 26

Hendon Library Gramophone

Society, Library, The Burroughs. John Ireland. 7.45 pm. 202 5625

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Library, Friern Barnet Rd. Doubles and trebles. 8.10 pm. 368 2680/4024

Friday, March 1

Barnet Folk Club, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. Cliff Aunglar. 449 0048

Sunday, March 3

Varsovia String Quartet, Lynne Austin Hall, at Michael Sobell House, Limes Avenue, NW11. 8 pm. Last of Barnet Council's International Chamber Concert Series. 202 5625 ext 56. 10.30 am to 1 pm Monday to Friday for tickets.

Monday, March 4

Hendon Music Society, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Andrew Keener talks on 'Composers on record'. 8 pm. 203 0929

Tuesday, March 5

East Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Library, 85 Brookhill Rd., Golden oldies. 8 pm. 440 4376

Tuesday, March 5-9

Borehamwood Operatic Society presents 'The Mikado' by Gilbert and Sullivan, Civic Centre, Borehamwood. 7.45 pm. Enquiries 445 6142/5256

Wednesday, March 6

Mill Hill Gramophone Society, Small Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway. 25th Anniversary. 8 pm. 959 5097

Saturday, March 9

Barnet Parish Church Recitals — Parish Church Choir perform Faure's Requiem. 7.30 pm. Programme £2, OAPs/children £1.

Drama

Monday, February 11

*Drama Workshops for people with learning difficulties with SHAPE, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 4-6 pm. 449 5189

Wednesday, February 13

*Incognito Theatre Group, Theatre, Friern Barnet. 8 pm., 886 5791.

Thursday, February 14

*Drama Workshop for people with mobility difficulties with SHAPE, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. 449 5189

Friday February, 15/16 & 20/23

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society present a pantomime: 'There was an old woman who lived in a shoe'. The Institute, Central Square, NW11. Enquiries 455 6558

Saturday, February 16

Soapbox Children's Theatre present 'There's No Smoke Without Walter', Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 2.30 pm. 449 0048

Wednesday, February 20-23

The Harlequin Players present a pantomime 'Cinderella', Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. Enquiries 360 1104

Thursday, February 21-23

Good Companions Amateur Dramatic Society present Agatha Christie's 'Murder at the Vicarage', John Keble Church Hall, Church Close, Deans Lane, Edgware. 8 pm. 959 7617

Monday, February 25

Barnet College Drama Group present 'Jabberwocky', a half-term show for children, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. 3 pm. 449 0048

Thursday, February 28 & March 1/2

Chicken Shed Youth Theatre Workshop present a rock musical 'Stepney Do-Wap', All Saints' Centre for the Living Arts, Oakleigh Rd. Nth. N20. 8 pm. 445 6831

Dance

Monday, February 11

*Tap dancing, Centrepoint, Grahame Park. Under 12s 6.30 pm; Teens and adults 7 pm. 205 7133

Tuesday, February 12

*Break Dancing, Centrepoint, Grahame Park. 6 pm. 205 7113

*Scottish Dancing, Hampstead and District Scots' Association, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Dr., NW11. 8 pm. 515 7056

*Sequence dancing, 20th Century Sequence Dancing Club, All Saints Hall, Oakleigh Rd. North, Whetstone. 7.45 pm. 440 6506

Wednesday, February 13

*Contemporary Dance Classes for Adults, Queen Elizabeth's Sports Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.45-8.45 pm. £1.25 per class or £5 per half-term. 441 5984

Thursday, February 14

Circassian Circle Folk Dance

Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway. 7.45 pm. 950 5756

Thursday, February 28

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

Saturday, March 2

20th Century Sequence Dancing Club — Dance, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. 7.30 pm. 440 6506

Patricia Pentecost performs solo show working in the contemporary technique of Limon, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St., Barnet. Tickets £2.50 (concessions £1.50). 449 0048.

Exhibitions

Saturday, February 16 to Saturday, March 23

Finchley Art Society selection of work by members, Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Normal library hours.

Until Saturday February 23

Photographs by Avril Kay, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St. Barnet. Open: 10 am-6 pm.

Saturday February 23 to Saturday March 30

Studio North Three — members' exhibition, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave. Normal library opening hours.

Monday February 25 to Saturday March 2

Children's art exhibition, Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High St. Barnet. Open: 10 am to 6 pm.

Saturday, March 2 to Friday, March 8

CRABMEET: an exhibition of the work of Community and Recreational Arts in Barnet (CRAB). Hendon Library, The Burroughs. Library opening hours. Activities to join in. 1 pm to 7 pm in Children's Library.

Arts workshops

Barnet Arts Workshop runs regular activities throughout the term. Youth workshops (ages 4-16) in drama, arts and crafts, photography, beginners guitar and video; 50p per session 10p membership.

Adult workshops: Dance/keep fit and screen printing with creche facilities for pre-school children. Sessions are free to unemployed people as are sessions in drama, photography and video. Further details, Barnet Arts Workshop, Avenue House, East End Rd, N3. 346 7120.

Artscene

VARSOVIA STRING QUARTET

THE highly-acclaimed Varsovia String Quartet are back in London for the last of Barnet Council's International Chamber Concert Series recitals.

This Polish ensemble will be appearing at the Lynne Austin Hall, at Michael Sobell House, Limes Avenue, London NW11, on Sunday March 3.

The Quartet was formed in 1976 when two of Poland's top violinists, Boguslaw and Krzysztof Bruczkowski, joined the viola player, Artur Paciorekiewicz, and cellist, Wojciech Walasek, of the already-internationally-renowned Wilanow Quartet.

The Varsovia quickly became established as Poland's leading quartet and have given countless recitals there, as well as performing to great acclaim throughout Europe and America.

In 1977 the Quartet won first prize at the Polish Radio String Quartets Competition in Warsaw, in which all top Polish quartets competed.

Soon after, they made their



Wojciech Walasek (cello), Krzysztof Bruczkowski (violin), Boguslaw Bruczkowski (violin) and Artur Paciorekiewicz (viola) — Poland's premier chamber ensemble.

first foreign tours — visiting Italy to perform in the Aterforum Festival and giving three concerts in the Flanders Festival, to which they returned in 1980 and 1982.

In 1979 they won the Polyhymnia Award at the Poznan Spring Festival and the second and special prizes of the International Jury of Critics in Evian, following which they signed a major recording contract with RCA (Germany).

Since then they have toured

all over Europe, making their highly successful debut tour of Britain in 1983, and appeared at London's Wigmore Hall in March 1984.

The Varsovia have a special relationship with Polish composers and their works, especially Witold Lutoslawski and Krzysztof Penderecki. Another, Tadeusz Baird, who died recently, dedicated a work to them in token of his admiration for the four men.

In this latest concert, spon-

sored by STC Telecommunications Ltd, their programme includes Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert.

This is the fourth and last in Barnet Council's inaugural series of recitals with internally-known musicians.

Telephone bookings, Monday to Friday, 10.30 am to 1 pm, on 01-202 5625, ext 56.

Tickets £4.50 and £2.50 with concessions for students, pensioners and the unemployed (£2.50 and £1.75).

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER CONCERT SERIES

CLARINETS IN HARMONY

THEY COME from all walks of life, all social strata, all age groups, united by a common passion. There is a policeman and an insurance broker, a social security officer and an architect, a civil servant and a window dresser. Their passion? The clarinet.

All are members of the Ionian Clarinet Choir, Britain's first and foremost clarinet band, based in Whetstone.

And they are currently riding the crest of a wave, popularising a new-found sound that has brought them fame (they have made two sell-out records and a recent cassette) without fortune.

For, like the thousands of other committed amateur musicians in Britain, they are not making music for money, but for fun. They are not even paid expenses.

The Ionians, under the

musical directorship of their founder, professional clarinet teacher Roy Upton-Holder, are the leading figures behind today's clarinet craze.

Today there are 20 members of the Ionian, aged between 16 and 66. They meet to rehearse every Friday evening in Christ Church, Whetstone.

Anyone interested in joining the choir should contact Roy Upton-Holder, at 37 Totteridge Lane, Whetstone, telephone: 01-445 7095.

Picture lending service

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Playwriting workshops

PLAYWRITING workshops will be held in the children's section of North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, every Wednesday until March 27 from 6.15 pm to 8 pm.

The tutor, playwright and novelist, Mr Abulafia has worked both as a theatre director and drama teacher. He has just finished a TV play titled 'Amy Wilson' and has been writer in residence in Barnet since September last year working in schools and with community groups.

He founded the theatre companies Incubus and Theatremobile and has worked with Pool Theatre, Anna Scher Theatre, Open Space Touring, Royal Court, Oxford Playhouse and Playwrights Co-operative.

PARLIAMO ITALIANO

THE Anglo-Italian Circle of Barnet is a cultural and social organisation for residents of the borough who share a common interest in things Italian.

Meetings are at members' homes. There are no membership fees but an admission fee of 50p.

New members are welcome and the contact is Mr D. Iby, chairman/secretary, 59 Golders Gardens, NW11 8BS, tel. 458 6245.

Library, in Ravensdale Avenue, N12, and East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, N2.

For a fee of just £2 you can borrow from a wide selection of works by local artists and a limited collection of reproductions for up to three months.

Help Lines

The people who mind

ISOLATED, anxious or depressed? MIND in Barnet can help. They are a voluntary organisation who help people who have suffered from mental health problems and advise their families and friends.

Based in Barnet Council's social services mental health day centre, at 154 Station Road, Hendon, MIND in Barnet run a drop-in advice centre at which trained voluntary counsellors will see anyone who needs to discuss their problems.

The service is totally free, confidential and no appointment is necessary.

The times are: Tuesday 1-3 pm; Wednesday 2-4 pm; Thursday 8-10 pm.

MIND also run two good social clubs where the atmosphere is warm and relaxing. Activities include table tennis, snooker, scrabble, card games and music, or members can simply have a chat over a cup of tea and refreshments.

Friendly volunteers are there for anyone wanting to talk about their troubles and various outings are arranged.

The Thursday Club, 154 Station Road, is open between 7.30 and 10 pm; the Sunday Libra Club, Etchingham Park Day Centre, Etchingham Park Road, Finchley, between 3.30 and 6.30 pm.

For further details telephone 01-445 2850 or 01-202 5845.

In the near future, MIND in Barnet will be extending their services to other parts of the borough, including providing day care facilities, establishing a resource and information centre on mental health issues, helping with the formation of self-help groups, initiating more social clubs and, of course, extending the drop-in advice centre counselling.

To help run these services, caring volunteers interested in mental health with at least two hours a week to give will be needed.

Anyone interested can contact Sue Towns, MIND in Barnet development officer, on 202 5845 for further details.



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BOOK the kids in for February Funtime in the school half term holiday, February 18 to 22.

Manorhill Centre at Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, offers a five-day programme for £10 inclusive.

It runs from 9 am to 4 pm daily. The week will include a visit to a local cinema, an afternoon at a heated indoor swimming pool, and games, arts and crafts and use of the gymnasium and a large inflatable play structure.

Once again the centre will team up with the Oshwal Association of the Asian Community in Finchley.

Book early. Tel. 368 6316 and ask for a booking form.

Other centres are also planning half term activities on the pay-as-you-play system.

Contact numbers:

Ashmole Centre, Burleigh Gardens, Southgate. Tel: 368 4984
 Centrepoint, Cornermead, Grahame Park. Tel. 205 7113
 Queen Elizabeth Centre, Meadway, Barnet. Tel. 441 2933.

ed with the Asian community scheme.

Holidays for disabled

JOHN GROOMS Association has a wonderful range of holidays available for disabled people and their families and friends.

There are hotels which cater specially for people with serious handicaps. There are self-catering holiday in bungalows, chalets and mobile homes, and there are holidays with care which offer accommodation for disabled people so that families too can have their own holiday break.

The colourful brochure describes the facilities at Minehead and Llandudno, the mobile homes with their access ramps and specially designed bathrooms, at 11 attractive sites, and the self-catering bungalows and chalets in Norfolk, Essex and Lincolnshire. There's even a London flat.

Copies of the brochure are available from John Grooms Holidays, 10 Gloucester Drive, Finsbury Park, London N4 2LP.

Looking for families

BARNET Social Services need long-term foster families for 12-year-olds. These are children in the care of the council whose own families cannot offer them a home.

The youngsters need permanent places but many keep up some sort of contact with their own families, who have all kinds of reasons for not being able to look after them.

These young people need love and care in the security of family life, an experience many of them have missed.

If you feel you could provide such a home, contact social services at Ivy House, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, telephone: 446 1488, asking for Daphne Batty.

Or you can get in touch with area team workers. Mary Rice is at Barnard House, 158 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, telephone: 952 7722; Jennifer Emanuel at Park House, 16 High Road, East Finchley, telephone: 444 4411; Catherine Bunch at 28 Station Road, New Barnet, telephone 449 5511.



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HOUSE price figures from the Halifax show that between December 1983 and December 1984 prices rose by 9.1% over the country as a whole.

There were strong regional variations — Greater London prices increased by 14.1% and the North West by only 5.1%. But the Halifax uses advanced statistical methods to take account of these variations, and of the changing 'mix' of mortgaged properties. The 1984 statistics are also based on a very large sample — no less than 223,000 property transactions in the year. These factors give the Society the confidence to state that its 9.1% figure is now the most accurate indication of price movements in 1984.

The Halifax forecast of price increases of 8% in the year, although close to the final figure, was exceeded. Prices did not flatten in the second half of the year as much as had been expected. The market remained confident and active, and prices rose by 3.3% between June and December. This confidence is expected to be maintained, with price rises of around 10% in 1985.

Personal Loans

There are basically two types of personal loans: secured, where the finance company take a second charge (or second mortgage) against your property or, unsecured, which is where monies are lent to you on the strength of your past performances and references. In the main it is only suppliers, such as replacement window and kitchen companies who can obtain unsecured loans for their clients. Other than your bank that is.

There are a number of Companies who will act on your behalf in obtaining a loan; before dealing with them ask to see their Consumer Trading Licence, make a note of the number and the expiry date. Never ever agree to pay a fee to them before they start working on your behalf. A fee, if agreed, must only be paid on the successful completion of the loan.

There are certain basic requirements to be satisfied before a finance company will agree to lend you money: is there sufficient equity in your property i.e. the amount left after a property has been sold and the mortgage repaid; do you, as prospective borrowers, earn enough to pay your existing commitments plus the new one, (a rule of thumb is to take thirty-five percent of your

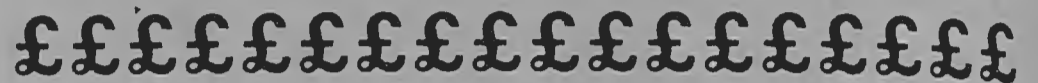
joint gross income, deduct your mortgage and any Hire-Purchase agreements, what is left is the monthly amount available for a personal loan) and finally have all previous or current transactions been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Unlike Building Societies who, usually, require the loan money to be used on home improvements, finance companies are very flexi-

ble in what they will finance for you.

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Money Matters

Holiday insurance makes sound sense

AS AN ANTIDOTE to the winter blues we turn our thoughts to summer holidays. The 1985 holiday brochures are out, and TV and newspaper advertisements exhort us to 'book early' many families will already be thinking seriously about whether to head for Bognor, Benidorm or Bangkok.

If you are thinking of going abroad this year, you should also be thinking about holiday insurance — and the time to take out insurance is when you make your booking, in case you have to cancel at a later stage. Insurance, which can be purchased for around £10 or £12 for 18 days in Europe depending on your requirements, protects you against, among other things, not being able to travel for any valid reason. This includes ill health, bereavement, pregnancy and redundancy.

If you are going to the United

States you must take into account the very strong dollar when making your insurance arrangements as medical treatment particularly can be very expensive.

The easy option is obviously to take the insurance offered on the booking form by the tour operator, if you are going on a package holiday. But, not all operators offer attractive schemes and, as with all competing products, it pays to shop around.

Not everyone requires cover to the same extent; if you are a member of BUPA, for example, you are covered for medical expenses abroad up to the same level as you are at home. BUPA also offers optional extra cover including cancellation, loss of baggage and personal money.

Form filling

If you are travelling to an EEC country, you can obtain medical treatment on the same conditions as citizens of member states. This is obviously not

synonymous with free medical attention — it depends on the conditions prevailing in the particular country. There is a catch — you need form E111, which is free, but in order to obtain this, you must apply to your local DHSS. Try to do so at least six weeks before your departure date.

Banks, such as Lloyds, also offer holiday insurance at competitive rates and the schemes are comparable with those offered by tour operators and insurance companies; you can normally just go along to a branch, complete the proposal form, and cover can be confirmed there and then.

Taking the car

If you are taking your car abroad, you will need to tell your insurance company who will issue you with a 'green card'. Holiday makers driving in Spain should obtain a bail bond which will be required in the event of an accident. For your own peace of mind it is

advisable to take out one of the car recovery schemes offered by some insurance companies and motoring associations like the AA and the RAC. These schemes are not particularly cheap but can make all the difference between saving your holiday and complete disaster should you break down abroad.

Some companies will not take you under their recovery schemes if your car is over ten years old, so read the small print carefully.

Holidays are supposed to be fun — usually there are no mishaps and they do live up to expectations. Most holiday makers happily never have to make a claim on their insurance — but, the fact that they have it gives them confidence that, if anything should go wrong, the worst effects can be minimised. Bon Voyage!

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Housing

Buy-as-you-rent in Barnet's shared ownership housing scheme

SHARED OWNERSHIP is Barnet Council's Rent-as-you-buy scheme to help first time home buyers to become owner occupiers without having to face the heavy burden of a full mortgage.

For many years Barnet has had a policy of helping council tenants and people on the housing waiting list to become home owners by building starter homes for sale.

But while most young couples would like to buy their own homes the high cost of London housing and the high income needed to raise a mortgage on a new house or flat, makes house purchase a distant prospect.

This is why Barnet have introduced shared ownership. It allows would-be buyers to own their homes step by step.

The principle is simple. You buy a share of your home and pay rent for the rest. If it's a house you might take a quarter or half share. On a flat the minimum share acceptable to most building societies is 40 per cent.

So instead of having to raise a £30,000 or £40,000 mortgage you only have to raise around £12,000. When personal finances improve you can go on to buy a further share of your home until, if you wish, you can complete the full purchase.

From the day you take up your purchase you are to all intents and purposes the

owner-occupier, able to decorate or even carry out home improvements within planning restraints, and able to sell and move to a new home as and when you will.

The scheme can help:

- Young couples whose joint income is too low to obtain a full mortgage at this stage in their careers.
- Married couples where the wife is at home with the children so that only one income is available for mortgage assessment but who will have two incomes once the children are of school age.
- Single people who want to take house purchase a step at a time.
- Would-be house owners whose present income is low but who have good prospects.

Full details can be obtained by calling on the sales team at Stag House. They are a friendly bunch and can tell you all about mortgages, how to get legal advice, and expert surveys.

But remember, to buy one of Barnet's starter homes you do need to be a council tenant or on the housing waiting list.

Anyone with a housing need can join the waiting list provided they have the necessary



Not quite what we meant by home improvements

residential qualification — that is they live in the borough now and have lived in Barnet or Greater London for the past three years and have not been a house owner within the previous two years.

The Council has been sponsoring starter homes for sale since the early 1970s, sometimes working in partnership with private house builders as with Wimpey on Grahame Park and now Barratts at Broadfields Estate, Edgware. Here the Council laid down the guidelines for low cost homes and had nomination rights for buyers.

Sometimes the Council develops its own schemes. The most recent project was Somercoates Close, New Barnet, a particularly attractive setting near Hadley Woods.

This scheme, offering 24 one and two-bedroom flats to first time buyers, was quickly taken up. But although it is now fully allocated and most buyers have moved in, it can serve as an illustration of how the costs work out when buying under

shared ownership.

But remember before you purchase there are other costs to be considered. You will need a solicitor or legal adviser and it may be a wise move to have your own professional survey.

The building society's basic survey is only to assess the market value.

Furniture, carpets and curtains will be needed and even though you are bringing them from your old home there are always some things which won't fit or have to be altered.

That is why, if you haven't started already, this is the time to start saving through a building society towards the day you buy your own home.

For a guide to monthly costs take a look at the figures in the panel. But remember mortgage rates fluctuate and may differ from society to society.

As a rough guide on shared ownership the building societies will grant a mortgage of 2 to 2½ times the salary of the higher earner plus a year's salary of the lower wage earner.

So a married couple earning £6,000 a year (£115 a week) and £5,500 a year (£105 a week) respectively might qualify for a mortgage of between £17,500 and £20,500. A single person earning £7,500 (£144.23 a week) might qualify for a mortgage in the region of £15,000 to £18,750.

For details of the right-to-buy scheme for tenants, reported in the December issue of Borough News, and for the shared ownership and nomination schemes contact John Nice or Tim Madden in the sales office at Stag House, 94 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex. Tel: 952 8911.

HOW COSTS CAN WORK OUT

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Water Rates	5.45	Water Rates	5.80
Service Charges (40%)	8.21	Service Charges (40%)	6.30
MONTHLY TOTAL	£195.42	MONTHLY TOTAL	£209.93
<u>75% share (£22,650) bought</u>		<u>75% share (£24,750) bought</u>	
Building Society mortgage at 12.125%		Building Society mortgage at 12.125%	
Mortgage	£184.24 Nett.	Mortgage	£201.32 Nett.
Rent (25%)	22.68	Rent (25%)	24.78
Rates (Over 12 months)	29.54	Rates	32.56
Water Rates	5.45	Water Rates	5.80
Service Charges (75%)	15.39	Service Charges (75%)	11.81
MONTHLY TOTAL	£257.30	MONTHLY TOTAL	£276.27

Recreation and Sport

YOUTH JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

BARNET Borough Youth Judo Championships will be held at East Barnet Lower School on Sunday, 17 March with 21 events for boys and girls aged eight to 20.

Trophies will be presented for every category and extra trophies awarded to the school and youth centre with the highest total medal value.

All competitors must live in the borough or attend a local school or youth centre. And they must all be members of the British Judo Association.

Events start for boys and girls under 30kg in weight running through to 60kg for the 17-year-olds and under with older competitors competing in classes of under 60kg and over

60kg for boys and under 58kg and over 58kg for girls.

Closing date for entries is March 13 and entry forms are available from the organiser, Mrs Anne Fereday, 20 Somersset Road, New Barnet, Herts, or from the convenor, Mr Alan Beesley, Youth and Community Services, The Town Hall, Friern Barnet. Tel: 368 1255



Table Tennis Tournament



BARNET has high standing in the table tennis world having taken gold and silver medals in the London Youth Games of 1983 and '84.

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The tournament takes place at Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane, on Sunday, March 10. Entries have to be in by February 22 so now is the time to book in.

There are events for ladies' and men's singles and doubles

in three age groups: under 14s; under 17s and under 21s. The key date for age grouping is August 1, 1985.

Competitors must live in the borough or be members of a local club. The entry fee is £1 per competitor for each event and the correct entry form must be filled in.

Details from the organiser, Eric Finestone, district youth officer, Youth and Community Services office, 11 The Crest, Hendon NW4. Tel: 202 2757. Entry forms are also available from Audrey Hutchins at the Education Department, The Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N11.

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But what happens when the police catch a thief and find a haul of possibly stolen property in his or her house? Unless it is a warehouse haul or jewellery and ornaments of unique design how can they prove that the telly in the corner, the tranny in the bedroom, or the expensive watch on the villain's wrist were stolen from your home?

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Mark it to keep it

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The property marking scheme has been running for just over a year and is proving a winner. It is so simple.

All you do is mark your valuables, and the things which have special sentimental value, with your post code and the number or first two letters of the name of your house.

Then, if the police find your property, even if they are following up an entirely different cast, they will know just who it belongs to and can return it. This is because your post code is unique to you and your neighbours' houses.

The code **HA8 OHG50** would find the house of the writer of this article from anywhere in the world.

How should such valuables be marked?

The easiest way is to use an ultra-violet pen. These are available from most DIY and good stationers' shops.

You simply write the post

code and number on the item. It is completely invisible but when exposed to an ultra-violet scan it shows up in fluorescent outline. And the police today automatically scan all recovered property.

It is an excellent method for marking valuable antiques and porcelain and even delicate fabrics and furs. It does not damage them or detract from their value.

But a word of warning. After a period it does fade. So you must repeat the exercise regularly. And it is no use on surfaces which are regularly rubbed or polished so find a spot on your TV or video which can't get rubbed — possibly underneath but not touching the stand it is on.

A safer method is engraving. Don't be put off because it sounds complicated. It is usually possible to find a simple engraving tool or kit and mark the television or radio in a place which can't be seen by scratching in the code.

It is sensible to have good modern jewellery marked by a jeweller and to take advice on marking fine antiques by any method other than ultra-violet pen.

You can take cycles to your local police station to have the code punched into the frame — and with the cost of cycles and BMX bikes this is really worthwhile.

So what happens when you move, change your address, and all your valuables are marked with the old post code.

Nothing easier. All you do is put an 'X' against the old code and mark in the new. Don't try to eliminate the old number as a thief could add a new post code but if the police are at all suspicious they can always check back to the previous address.

Further advice can be given by your crime prevention officer based at local police stations, and if your house comes within one of the local Neighbourhood Watch schemes there is a property marking kit which can be borrowed.

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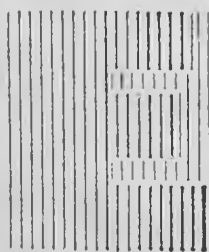


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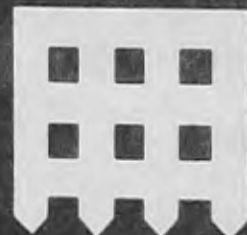
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1984 318i Automatic. Sunroof, bronze, 14,000 miles, radio £9,250

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Turbo Boost for Ford Escort

The Ford Escort, the world's best selling car gets a further 'boost' today with the announcement of the Escort RS Turbo.

Developed from the very successful Escort XR3i, this new version will be the first turbocharged car to be produced by Ford in Europe. Aimed at a highly competitive sector of the market, the RS Turbo will offer the following:

- 125 mph maximum speed and a 0.60 mph acceleration time of 8.2 seconds.
- Power output of 132PS at 6000 rpm from the 1600cc fuel injected CVH engine, almost 26% more than that of the standard

XR3i.

- A torque figure of 180 Nm (18.4 mkp) at 3000 rpm, an improvement of 30%.
- Garrett AiResearch T3 Turbocharger fitted with an integral wastegate.

A minimum of 5000 vehicles will be built, sufficient to gain international motorsport homologation in Group A. This vehicle marks the re-entry of Ford into international motorsport. The Escort RS Turbo is a sophisticated sports saloon with tomorrow's technology.

Perry Edware dealer principal Bob Kempton said, "It's great to see Ford Motor Company getting back into Motorsport at this level, and I am certain the RS Turbo will be an international success".

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

BOROUGH TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Clerical Assistant

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Scale 1/2 — £3,288 — £6,120 per annum inclusive.
(Starting salary dependent upon age and qualifications).

Duties include clerical/terminal work concerned with a direct debit instalment scheme, dealing with telephone enquiries and filing.

Assistance with study for a recognised qualification is available.

We offer flexible hours, a subsidised canteen and schemes to assist with temporary separation and relocation, interest free loans for annual season tickets and extra leave at Bank Holidays.

Application forms from the Personnel Officer, Room 35, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4BE or telephone 01 202 8282 Ext. 481 (01 202 6602 outside working hours) quoting the reference given.

Closing date: February 20 1985

Ref: 216

expenses payable on re-location). We offer a 36 hour flexible working week. Applications from disabled people welcome.

Application forms are available from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department, Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP, or by telephone on 01-349 9121 ext. 220 or 29.

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Ref: 140

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Full time qualified Nursery Assistant

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Required at Oak Lodge Special School, Heath View, off East End Road, East Finchley, N.2. The vacancy is in the Autistic Centre and further details can be obtained by telephoning the school on 444-6711.

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Application form from Director of Educational Services, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11. Telephone 368 1255, ext. 221.

Closing date: February 20, 1985

Ref: ADM/5/206

BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Salary: Scale 4 £6,891 — £7,632 per annum inclusive. National pay award pending.

Have you experience in budgetary control, cost and accountancy procedures and obtained an intermediate examination of a recognised accountancy qualification? We require an Administrative Assistant with these skills to work in the Directorate of Technical Services. Previous experience in a Technical department would be an advantage, but is not essential.

The job would initially be based at Gateway House, but the Directorate is moving to Venture House, High Road, Whetstone in the near future. (There will be no additional travelling

HOUSING DEPARTMENT Craftsmen

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Further enquiries about the above jobs should be referred to the Personnel Section. Telephone No 202 8282 Ext 550.

Application forms from Director of Housing Services, 65 Watford Way, Hendon NW4 3AY.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Word Processor Operators

Secretarial Typists

Temporary Printing Typist

Temporary Word Processing Operator

Temporary Secretarial Typist

Salary Ranges (subject to review) —

Scale 2/3 £5,586 — £6,762 per annum (inclusive)

Scale 3/4 £6,267 — £7,632 per annum (inclusive)

Two major Departments at Hendon Town Hall are centralising their typing, word processing and photo-typesetting facilities. In addition, they will be installing a new word processing system based on a CompuCorp 8-screen local area network, with links to an ICL main-frame for electronic mail. This is a new installation and training will be provided to all new and existing staff required to operate the equipment.

The following staff are required:-

Word Processor Operators (2) Scale 3/4 Ref. 420 £6,267 — £7,632 per annum (inclusive) (under review)

Experience of any system preferred but, as full training will be given, competent Audio Typists who wish to learn word processing will be considered.

Secretarial Typists (3) Scale 2/3 Ref. 418 £5,586 — £6,762 per annum (inclusive) (under review)

In addition to the word processing section, a team of typists work to produce text, based on a centralised dictation bank together with copy typing.

Temporary Printing Typist (1) Scale 3/4 Ref. 257 £6,267 — £7,632 per annum (inclusive) (under review)

One of our three photo-typesetting typists will be on maternity leave from early March. During her absence an operator is required for work on an Editwriter 7500 machine.

Temporary Word Processing Operator (1) (Scale 3/4) Ref. 419 £6,267 — £7,632 per annum (inclusive) (under review)

Temporary Secretarial Typist (1) Scale 2/3 Ref. 417 £5,586 — £6,762 per annum (inclusive) (under review)

Although the duties will be equivalent to those outlined above, these posts will be for a two-year contract period only.

20 days' annual leave with additional leave at Bank Holidays; 36-hour week — flexible working hours in operation; interest-free loans for season tickets; subsidised restaurant.

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Closing date: February 20 1985.

PERSONNEL SECTION

Clerical Assistant

Scale 1 — £3,288 — £5,586 per annum inclusive (pay award pending)

We are looking for Part-time or Full-time staff to work in our busy general office. Applicants should have experience in a wide range of clerical duties including record keeping, filing and answering telephone enquiries. The ability to type or to use a computer terminal would be an advantage.

We work a flexible 36 hour week, Part-time hours are negotiable. We have a subsidised canteen, interest free loans for season ticket holders and extra leave at Bank Holidays.

Application forms from the Personnel Officer, Room 35, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4BE, or telephone 01-202 8282, Ext. 481 (01-202 6602 outside office hours), quoting the Reference given below.

Closing date February 20 1985

Ref: 407

Social Services Department

SECRETARY

Salary: Scale 4 £6,891 to £7,632 per annum inclusive (pay award pending).

We are seeking a calm, well-organised person to provide personal assistance and support to the Head of Support Services and the Principal Administrative Officer. While you must be a good shorthand typist, it is more important that you can handle competing demands in a busy environment and use your initiative and organising skills to enable these managers to operate effectively.

A good education and relevant office experience will be essential to help you relate tactfully and sensitively to staff at all levels, Trade Union officials and Councillors.

Ref: 618

SECRETARIAL TYPIST

Salary: Scale 2/3 £5,586 to £6,762 per annum inclusive (pay award pending).

An experienced, accurate shorthand/typist required in busy Secretariat. The person appointed, who will be part of a friendly team, should have the ability to work at good speed and transcribe from longhand, shorthand or audio and be able to co-ordinate work with others. Some knowledge in word processing an advantage as this post provides an opportunity to train on a word processor. Informal enquiries to Mala Pawar, Typing Supervisor, Tel. 446 1488, Ext. 211.

Ref: 612

Flexible working hours are available for both posts which are based at Whetstone, N.20.

Application forms (quoting reference) from Director of Social Services, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, N.20 9HZ. Tel. 446 6857 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date: February 20, 1985



Views of the past



Above: New Barnet Station, Great Northern Railway, circa 1900 when steam trains ran and horses and carts waited outside the station where buses park today.

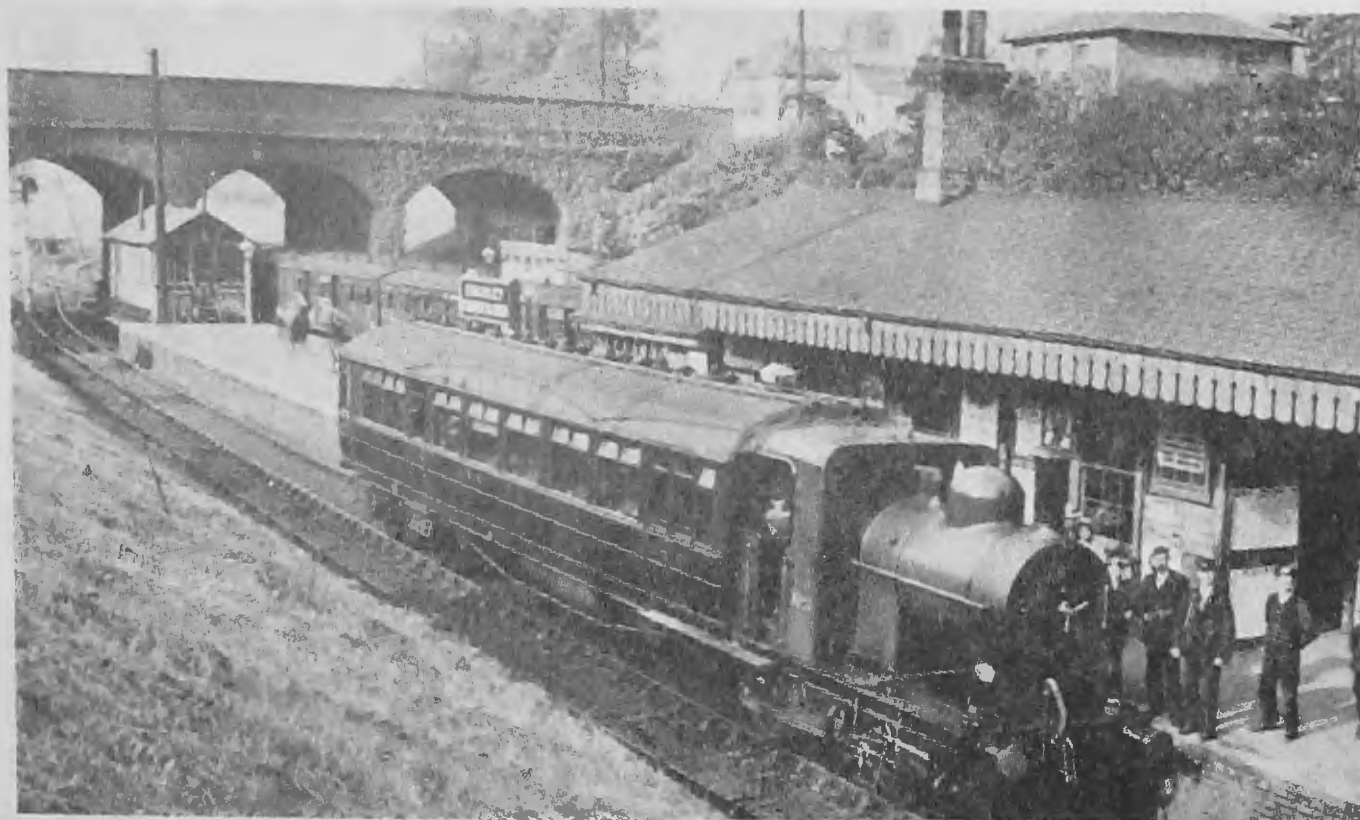


Left: East Finchley LNER Station circa 1925 when a return fare to King's Cross via Finsbury Park was 9d (less than 4p).

Right: Edgware Station circa 1900, then the Edgware terminus of the line from King's Cross. Today Green Shield House stands on part of the site.



Below: Finchley Church End Station circa 1906 and a steam rail car stands ready to set off for Edgware. Much of the line was single track. It's busiest day of the year was Hendon Air Pageant.



THE STEAM AGE

A touch of nostalgia for the steam age is found in this set of postcards featuring railway stations in the early years of this Century. The four cards here plus one of Finchley Station in 1906 can be purchased at local libraries price 40p the set. Single copies are available at Church Farm House Museum price 8p each.

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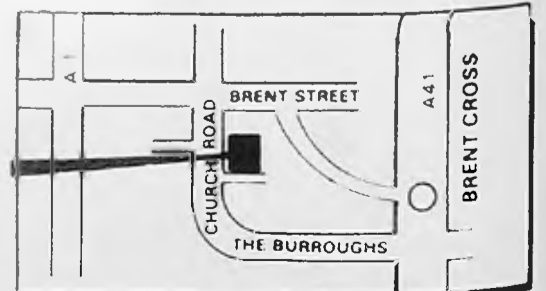
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