

# Community news

JULY 1996

Barnet 2000 Special Edition

Published by Barnet Council. Design and production: Barnet Council. Press & Public Relations Unit. Photography: David Tothill / Graham Mullett. Pre-press: Agency Graphics. Printed by: Sheffield Newspapers Ltd.

**BARNET**  
LONDON BOROUGH



# YOU ASKED - WE SAID YES

*We must protect our environment for our children, Sir Chris Bonington, the famous climber, warned delegates at Barnet 2000 before abseiling down the side of the conference centre*

**D**emocracy at work has given the people of the borough a new voice in planning for the year 2000 and beyond. Over 600 delegates at Barnet 2000, the biggest conference, youth and community event in the history of the borough and the first of its kind in London, tackled every aspect of local life - and produced firm action for the future.

Throughout the three days, delegates had their say in over 40 workshops on every aspect of local life, with leading specialists from throughout the country taking centre stage on everything from social services to housing, transport and the environment being followed by local people tackling real problems in workshop sessions which told councillors - told your council - what you want to happen.

The council is now looking at long-term plans to meet the demands of the community in the biggest consultation exercise ever undertaken in Barnet.

But after three days of debate at the Middlesex University conference centre, delegates heard the council had taken immediate action to meet 21 demands which would be in place by the year 2001 - many long before this historic turning point.

Summing up the work of the conference and the workshops, Leader of the Council Alan Williams unveiled 21 new initiatives to meet the demands of the community.

"This weekend we have changed for ever the nature of local government in Barnet.

"The work you have done will be reflected in the work the council has yet to do.

"This conference has lived up to and exceeded all our expectations.

"You are determined to have a voice in local decision-making and this council is determined to give it to you," he said.

Hour after hour during the conference, the people of the borough, individuals, those representing the business community, special interest groups, environmental campaigners and those who work in the voluntary sector, put forward plans for building a better Barnet.

The Leader of the Council committed the council to looking again at every single idea that had been put forward and promised that the work being done at Barnet 2000 would form the bedrock of the borough's corporate plan - a blueprint for all our futures as we tackle the challenge of change.

Stressing the need for part-

nership between the council and businesses large and small, Councillor Williams was able to meet many of the immediate demands of delegates.

The need for more recreation and arts facilities and even more emphasis on providing tailor-made opportunities for out-of-school fun and learning centres for young people had already been high on the council's agenda.

Delegates were delighted and amazed to hear their demands for a new arts centre in Barnet

*continued on page 3*



## ACTION

- ▲ New Arts Centre at Tally Ho Corner plans
- ▲ Quality Service Guarantee Quick Response Teams
- ▲ Action Point goes Borough-wide
- ▲ Barnet Care 2000 community care partnership
- ▲ Shopmobility scheme for disabled people
- ▲ Recycling Bins for every home
- ▲ Million bulbs to be planted
- ▲ Two thousand new trees every year until 2000
- ▲ Local Agenda 21 given extra zone
- ▲ Improved Air Quality
- ▲ Environmental Action Week every year
- ▲ Benefit take-up campaigns across Barnet
- ▲ Credit Unions to create economic independence
- ▲ Strategy to combat deprivation
- ▲ Increase in vocational training for teenagers
- ▲ More rent-free space for new businesses
- ▲ New Youth Centre for Hendon
- ▲ Major development plans for Cricklewood area
- ▲ Bi-annual arts festival for the borough
- ▲ Major Sports and Recreation Centre in South Friern
- ▲ Sporting facilities for whole community with Passport to Leisure card



# HENDON F.C.

THE STADIUM, CLAREMONT ROAD, LONDON, NW2 1AE  
TEL : FOOTBALL OFFICE 0181-201-9494 SOCIAL CLUB 0181-455-9185



## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

One of our major priorities at Hendon is to make the club more accessible for young people. Last season we introduced three new youth teams and this season a fourth has been formed. Our mini - soccer school catering for boys and girls from the ages of 5 to 11 is a resounding success. All our youth members are made to feel part of the club and receive a free pass to all games as well as playing some of their matches on the main stadium pitch.

This is just the start.

We are now building on last year's youth success and are planning a bright and exciting future.

Building work is underway on the youth and community centre at the ground thanks to a partnership with the London Borough of Barnet and we hope that the newly built centre will be ready for use in January.

I also aim to make Hendon the youth centre for the borough's junior football network. We would like to hear from any school within our borough who would like to be linked into the system.

There are exciting times ahead, come and join us now.

Ivor Arbiter  
Chairman.

## MINI-SOCCER SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 TO 11

Our Mini - Soccer School is licensed by the Football Association and operates on Saturday mornings (10.30 - 12.00) from October to May.

\* More touches on ball \* More fun \* More opportunities to improve play \* More movement

\* Better opportunities of understanding the game  
\* Approved F.A. qualified coaches. \* Prizes and certificates

CALL 0181-201-9494

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

It's not only football on offer at Claremont Road, we also provide entertainment in our Social Club.

- \* 46" GIANT TV \* KARAOKE
- \* LINE DANCING \* DARTS
- \* POOL \* BEER GARDEN
- \* BINGO \* WHIST DRIVES
- \* OVER 60'S CLUB \* REAL ALES \* SETANTA & SKY SPORTS & LIVE MUSIC
- \* SUMMER OUTINGS
- \* THEME NIGHTS
- \* AEROBICS

TERRY NEILL'S SPORTS BAR

Sunday roast from £3.50

Large hall available for hire

**FREE MEMBERSHIP**

0181 - 455 - 9185

## YOUTH & COMMUNITY A BRIGHT NEW FUTURE

A new youth and community centre is now being built within the grounds of Hendon Football Club. The project is a partnership between the London Borough of Barnet and Hendon F.C.

The new centre will offer:

- \* A youth club on four nights a week
- \* Daytime community use
- \* Excellent facilities for functions and receptions
- \* More parking for users of the playing fields
- \* Development which will not harm mature trees
- \* Improved security without loss of access to the park.

## COACHING WITH SCHOOLS

If your school is in the London Borough of Barnet and you would like to link your school into Hendon's coaching programme you are invited to call the club for details on 0181 201 9494

## SOCCER FUNWEEK

Throughout August Hendon is organising weekly coaching daily from 10.00am to 3.30pm. The coaching is open to boys and girls aged 9 to 14. Starting date is Monday 5th August but you must be registered in advance.

Call 0181 - 201 - 9494 for more details.

## ALL SCHOOLS IN BARNET

Hendon will supply free league\* match tickets to all the schools within the Borough of Barnet and each month the school that uses the most tickets to gain free entry to Claremont Road will receive a **KARAOKE MUSIC CENTRE.**

To obtain tickets call  
**0181 201 9494**

\* Because of F.A. regulations free tickets cannot be issued for cup ties.

## HENDON F.C. FIXTURES 1996/97

17 Aug	H	SUTTON UTD
20 Aug	A	Enfield
24 Aug	A	Yeading
27 Aug	H	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS
31 Aug	H	BOREHAM WOOD
07 Sep	A	Yeovil Town
21 Sep	H	BISHOPS STFD
23 Sep	A	Purfleet
28 Sep	H	OXFORD CITY
05 Oct	A	Chertsey Town
12 Oct	H	KINGSTONIAN
15 Oct	A	Dulwich Hamlet
26 Oct	H	ST. ALBANS
02 Nov	A	Harrow Borough
09 Nov	H	GRAYS ATHLETIC
16 Nov	A	Dagenham & Red
23 Nov	H	HITCHIN TOWN
30 Nov	A	Boreham Wood
07 Dec	H	STAINES TOWN
14 Dec	A	Bromley
21 Dec	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC
26 Dec	A	Aylesbury Utd
01 Jan	H	YEOVIL TOWN
04 Jan	A	Grays Athletic
11 Jan	H	YEADING
18 Jan	A	Sutton Utd
25 Jan	H	ENFIELD
01 Feb	A	Heybridge Swifts
08 Feb	H	PURFLEET
15 Feb	A	Bishops Stfd
22 Feb	H	DULWICH HAMLET
01 Mar	A	Kingstonian
08 Mar	H	CHERTSEY TOWN
15 Mar	A	Oxford City
22 Mar	H	HARROW BOROUGH
29 Mar	A	St. Albans
31 Mar	H	AYLESBURY UTD
05 Apr	A	Carshalton Athl
12 Apr	H	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE
19 Apr	A	Hitchin Town
26 Apr	H	BROMLEY
03 May	A	Staines Town
01 Mar	A	Kingstonian
08 Mar	H	CHERTSEY TOWN
15 Mar	A	Oxford City
22 Mar	H	HARROW BOROUGH
29 Mar	A	St. Albans
31 Mar	H	AYLESBURY UTD
05 Apr	A	Carshalton Athl
12 Apr	H	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE
19 Apr	A	Hitchin Town
26 Apr	H	BROMLEY
03 May	A	Staines Town

## BRING IN THE FAMILY **FREE**

TO SEE TWO GAMES

Any adult who brings one or more children to Claremont Road during August will, along with the children, gain free admission to the games. The coupon can be used for all three matches.

## ADMIT ADULT AND CHILDREN **FREE**

WITH THIS VOUCHER

VALID ONLY FOR THE TWO GAMES BELOW

HENDON V SUTTON UTD    HENDON V HEYBRIDGE SW

SAT 17 AUGUST 1996 3.00PM

TUES 27 AUGUST 1996 7.45PM

ADULT    CHILD   **1**

ADULT    CHILD   **2**

# Meeting demand for action

*continued from page 1*

could soon become a reality.

Although just one of the 21 for 2001 announcements made at the conference, it brought to life a dream for thousands of people, young and old throughout the borough who had been unable to enjoy the arts and entertainment because it was only provided outside.

"Your council plans to set up this arts centre at the Gaumont site at Tally Ho Corner in time for the millennium. It will be a centrepiece for Finchley - a centrepiece for the whole of North London and a major commitment to the arts in Barnet because of what you have demanded in Barnet," he told delegates on the final day of the conference on Sunday 14 July.

These workshop ses-

sions demanded action - and the council will now look again at every suggestion made.

As specialists and members of the community tackled problems inside the conference, the young people of the borough flocked to the youth festival in the adjoining park grounds where they were able to discuss and act on the issues facing them.

Throughout the three-day event there was a round of non-stop entertainment.

"Democracy at work can be fun. We were determined to make sure it was," said Councillor Williams.

"Every sector of the community was given a voice at Barnet 2000 - and the work started there will continue," said Council Leader Alan Williams.



## Don't believe everything you read - Pauline Green

In a keynote speech to delegates to Barnet 2000, Pauline Green MEP and Leader of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, said Europe was alive and kicking in Barnet and warned against believing the tabloid press version of what Europe was all about.

"I am a Londoner and proud of it, I'm British and proud of it, and I'm European and proud of it," she told delegates.

"Eurosceptics are doing irreparable damage to Britain's image in Europe with their attempts to claim that Europe is trying to destroy our way of life, invented Mad Cow Disease and want to create a super state. Nothing could be further from the truth," she said.

Barnet Council was praised for the way it embraced the idea of

Europe and recognised that the borough's young people must have access to the opportunities and understand the challenges offered by Europe.

Because of the initiatives already underway in Barnet, young people here are "not only well prepared for Europe but among the best prepared in London".

**Have your say on Cricklewood: the whole community is urged to attend a planning weekend at the Sixth Form Centre at Whitefield School, Claremont Road, on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 July to identify the way forward for Cricklewood and West Hendon. Refreshments will be provided. Telephone Jonathan Davis or Sue Hargreaves on 0171-251 5135 for more details.**

# Massive boost to Mayor's charity

Barnet 2000 saw a milestone for the Mayor's Charity - Homeless Action in Barnet - with a massive £10,000 boost from Notting Hill Housing Trust.

The Trust handed over a cheque to the Mayor, Councillor Pam Coleman, which will go towards helping the homeless in the borough.

The cash will go towards building and managing the Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) centre in North Finchley. The centre is yet to be built but it is hoped to have it up and running by early next year.



## Making you find human touch



Marios meets the Mayor... The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Pam Coleman paid a visit to the Cyprus Popular Bank Ltd stand during Barnet 2000 Conference and Youth Festival. It was announced at the Conference that the Cyprus Popular Bank had decided to move their headquarters to Barnet creating 60 new jobs.

Our picture shows (from left to right), the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Usha Chopra, the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Pam Coleman, Pauline Green MEP and Marios Voskopoulios, Head of Marketing.

# ROCKING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY

An exciting array of top pop talent led Barnet singing and dancing into the next century on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 July at the conference.

Two days of non-stop live entertainment for the whole family was the fun side of Barnet 2000.

While the serious business of drawing up a blueprint for future services to Barnet people went on indoors, a thrilling musical festival was enjoyed outside.

Launching the musical festival were Marrakesh Express playing a range of pop and rock hits from the 50s to the 90s.

Memories of glitter jackets, platform shoes and outrageous flares were stirred by another act, glam rock legends Sweet A.D.

Sweet A.D. have 15 years of experience playing before audiences throughout the world and music-lovers enjoyed them playing a selection of Sweet's 16 major hits.

Martyn Joseph, an

internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, then took over with the festival in full swing.

Martyn has reached the Top 40 with his recent song Dolphins Make Me Cry and he is releasing a new album called Full Colour Black and White this month. He has toured with top artists like Joan Armatrading, Chris De Burgh, Celine Dion and Art Garfunkel.

North London favourites Souldax, a popular 22 piece Motown band, ended Saturday night with

a bang.

Then the music started again on Sunday at noon, including Life in the Fast Lane, playing the best songs of world-famous rock group The Eagles, famous for such hits as Hotel California, just like the real thing.

The festival was being sponsored by Ivor Arbiter, local businessman and chairman of the Arbiter Group, the largest independent musical instrument distributors in the country.

## £56,000 Business Backing for Conference

Your council mobilised the whole community to support Barnet 2000.

The event, with 42 conference and workshop sessions, a voluntary sector exhibition, displays by local businesses and the council's own services as well as the Youth Festival and non-stop live entertainment with top name performers and young people from the borough's schools and youth centres, was supported with

£56,000 sponsorship from North London businesses large and small.

Banks, publications and newspapers, the utilities, retailers and many others helped your council stage the first event of its kind in London.

As one of London's largest boroughs, Barnet has nearly 75,000 local businesses.

During the conference and the workshop sessions, the business com-

munity worked alongside residents and community groups on tackling issues like low pay and anti-poverty, business growth, urban regeneration and partnerships in town centre regeneration.

The Exhibition Village gave organisations including Videotron, Nuttalls and Brent Cross, the chance to meet the public face-to-face.

The council's Economic Development Strat-

egy was launched on Saturday (13 July) with the support of Cyprus Popular Bank Ltd which is moving its headquarters to North Finchley from January 1997 with the creation of more than 60 jobs.

Barnet Council's Employees' Credit Union was launched with the support of the Co-operative Bank plc.

# VISION & SONG GREETES 2001

**B**arnet has welcomed in the new millennium with a vision and a song - and a call to the whole community to unite to build a better future for us all.

The message from Barnet 2000 was that the millennium was heralding a new era in community action.

As hundreds of delegates at this historic Middlesex University conference prepared to tackle the challenges facing Barnet in the year 2000 and beyond, a choir from QE Girls School sang a song for Barnet written by Eveline Tipping.

With delegates visibly moved by musical messages urging them not to let world disaster spread, love the world and demand we should all 'protect the world for you and I', Councillor Joan Ryan, Deputy Leader of Barnet Council,

praised the young people of the borough for the part they had played in facing up to the challenges ahead.

"I was thrilled at the response we got from the children of this borough when we asked them to set out their priorities in words, music and poems.

"They made it clear their concerns should be our concerns. They said they were depending on us to tackle today's challenges to protect their futures.

"I am delighted the all too often unsung heroes of our community in the voluntary sector had such a strong presence at Barnet 2000, both in the conference and workshops and with over 60 exhibits," she said.

She reminded delegates that the people of Barnet had set the agenda.

Every sector of the com-



munity, the young, the old, families with young children, users of social services, their

carers, those with special interests in transport, education, health and the environment had

their say in the three days of debate and made a valued and positive contribution.

# COMMUNITY MAKES HISTORY

**F**ollowing the successful launch of quality services guarantees setting out what residents could expect from services, Council Leader Alan Williams announced the introduction of quality service guarantee quick response teams.

Dedicated teams of officers will now respond immediately to make sure any problem is put right.

He told delegates the message from workshops at the conference had been "how do we access services that the council provides."

The council has responded by extending the first-stop shop information and Action Point trial at Chipping Barnet Library across the whole borough.

People needed even better community care and social services. To meet calls from the conference the council was launching Barnet Care 2000 - a partnership between all the agencies including the council, the health agency, health practitioners and services, the voluntary sector providers and the users of services and their carers.

"Barnet 2000 will be the basis for a new, fully-integrated community care package" he told delegates.

Delegates had identified in many of the 40-plus workshops at the conference a whole new range of ideas concerning the need to support those people in the community who live independently.

The council is going to introduce its own shopmobility

scheme providing personal help, a range of pavement vehicles along with more accessible public transport and parking for people with disabilities.

In response to demands from the community, the council is introducing a doorstep collection of recycled waste from every home in the borough.

Councillor Williams announced the council is committed to planting a million bulbs for the millennium across the borough and at least 2000 trees every year until the year 2000.

"The Local Agenda 21 Pilot programme in North Finchley is now being extended. We are introducing a new zone covering the Victoria Park area of Finchley," he announced.

As a direct result of demands from the conference, the council would now be increasing and improving air quality monitoring.

He also announced the council is launching an Environmental Action Strategy with a role for schools, businesses, local groups and individual residents.

Part of this environmental strategy will be an annual Environmental Action Week, a focus and showpiece for the work being carried out across the borough.

"To help us respond to the high levels of deprivation in some parts of the borough we have introduced an Economic Development Strategy," said Councillor Williams.



Barnet Council Leader, Councillor Alan Williams, got into the spirit of the occasion when he paid a visit to the Hendon Football Club stand during the Barnet 2000 Conference and Festival.

"We have launched benefit take-up campaigns across the borough as part of an anti-poverty strategy," he added.

The council will now provide employment rights advice to complement benefit rights advice.

"We have already begun work on establishing Credit Unions and I was proud to launch the Barnet Council Employees' Credit Union at the Barnet 2000 Conference," said Councillor Williams.

During the conference the Cyprus Popular Bank announced it intends to relocate its head office into Barnet and open a new banking hall creating 60 new jobs and bringing millions of pounds of investment into the borough.

Councillor Williams also announced:

- extending the role of

vocational training for 14 to 16-years olds.

- extending the council's sheltered workshop space and to investigate supportive lease and rental policies on the workshops and shops the council owns to give rent free periods and start-up periods for businesses.
- investigating co-operatives and other mutual business initiatives.
- working in partnership with Hendon Football Club, the John Lyons Charity, the Millie Apthorp Trust and the borough's youth service to finance a new youth centre in Clitterhouse.
- the setting up of the Cricklewood Social

Housing Company in partnership with Notting Hill Housing Trust, New Age Homes and possibly the Nationwide building society to develop the former Express Dairy site creating 130 affordable homes for rent.

- the launch of a regular biannual borough-wide arts festival.
- a borough-wide sports strategy with the council working with sports clubs, sports forums and private sector organisations to make sure it is comprehensive.
- land at Trott Road, South Friern, only three years ago expected to become a rubbish dump, will through a new partnership deal become a major recreation and sports centre.
- a discounted pre-paid passport to leisure card providing access to all sports facilities in the borough - both public and private.

Praising the work of all those who took part in main conference sessions and the workshops, Councillor Williams assured delegates of the council's determination to deliver on all the commitments he had set out.

"This weekend we have changed for ever the nature of local government in Barnet.

"We will make sure the work you have done is reflected in the work the council has yet to do," he said.


# SNAPSHOTS FROM BARNET 2000 WEEKEND



**PERRY'S NORTH LONDON**


**Ford**

**USED CAR CENTRE WITH OVER 100 QUALITY USED CARS IN STOCK!**



**TEST DRIVES AVAILABLE AT HOME OR PLACE OF WORK**

**PERRY'S COLNEY HATCH**  
 COPPETS CENTRE, COLNEY HATCH LANE  
**0181-361 0181**  
*We put people first!*



We understand local businesses.

We are one.

We may be a large international bank, but we run our branch just like any other local business. Indeed you'll find we're just as competitive and ambitious as you are. Why not come and see what we mean. Telephone Dora Karaolis or Chris Byers on 0181 446 1377, or call in at any of our branches in Barnet, East Barnet, Finchley Central, North Finchley or Cockfosters.



**ARE YOU PUZZLED BY SELF-ASSESSMENT?**

**STARTING A BUSINESS AND NEED ADVICE?**

As leading specialists in both these areas, we can help. Call our tax partner Russell Black on 0181 458 7427 and ask for our free information pack. Our lines are open 9a.m. to 5.30p.m. Monday to Friday.

**GLAZERS**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

*Supporters of Barnet 2000*

# at the cutting edge of banking you'll find the human touch

0171 | 580 6091

Excellence in customer service has always been the key to the outstanding success of the **Popular Bank**.

Associated with the HSBC group, one of the leading financial institutions in the world, Popular Bank is interested in building long term relationships with its customers by offering **competitive and flexible banking** with a range of services for everyone from families to high corporations.

This is the spirit which will steer the Popular Bank successfully through the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.



**THE PROFESSIONAL CHOICE**

Member HSBC  Citicorp

# HANDS UP FOR BARNET

**T**he future of Barnet Youth and the long-term needs of the young people of North London went under the spotlight at Barnet 2000.

Alongside Middlesex University on Saturday and Sunday there was a forest of marquees with a non-stop round of activities specifically designed to interest young people.

"Young people made their contribution to tackling the problems of today as we prepare for the new millennium.

"They discussed wide-ranging issues of concern to them, from healthy living, leisure and the arts, to personal relationships, substance abuse, employment, jobs training and the environment," said Councillor Joan Ryan, Deputy Leader of the Council.

Young people urged Barnet Council in voice and song to listen to what they were saying and take action now to give them a future.

Pupils from Whiting Hill School performed songs about

protecting the environment and building a better world for children to inherit plus a rap about whales.

They also sang a moving version of Julian Lennon's "Salt Water".

Sachin Duggal, a 13-year-old pupil from Queen Elizabeth Boys' School, who spoke at the first International Children's Conference in Eastbourne, refused to pull his punches with the adults in the main conference hall.

"How many of you want your kids going to school in gas masks? Then stop air pollution," he said.

At the close of the conference, Council Leader Alan Williams announced a crackdown on air pollution and promised all the ideas put forward by young people would be considered with those from all the other workshops.

In addition to the confer-

ence sessions and workshops, there was live entertainment for the whole family when the young people from the borough's schools and youth centres joined professional performers on stage.

As our photographs show, there was also special entertainment for younger members of the family.



AT BRENT CROSS WE DON'T JUST  
SERVE CUSTOMERS,  
WE SERVE A WHOLE COMMUNITY.



BRENT CROSS  
SHOPPING CENTRE

20 YEARS OF SUCCESS AND WORKING WITH BARNET TOWARDS 2000 AND BEYOND