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your recycling goes?
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Guest column



As Barnet First is being prepared in the gap between the departure of Mike Freer and the election of a new council leader, I have been asked to write a few words of introduction to this magazine.

It is roughly six months since I arrived in Barnet as Borough Commander of Barnet Police and this is clearly a borough in which it has been and will continue to be a pleasure to serve. Barnet continues to have crime levels much lower than the London average. In part, I believe this is down to neighbours looking after each other, keeping an eye on property and checking up on anything suspicious.

Barnet's police and Barnet Council are working more and more closely together. We co-operate on a range of issues such as anti-social behaviour, binge drinking and noise pollution where joint initiatives can achieve far more than either party can working alone.

This way of working has given us the sixth highest ranking in the Met Police area in public surveys of whether police are dealing with issues that really matter to the community.

But more important than just the police and the council working together is that the whole community pulls together to beat crime.

The one area where we are seeing a worrying rise in crime is in the burglary of homes, although this is from a relatively low starting point. Ever improving forensics means that we are now bringing offenders to justice at the earliest opportunity, but there is plenty of advice available on how you can reduce the risks of your home being burgled on the Barnet Police website (www.met.police.uk/barnet) or indeed in your local library. Please follow this advice and continue to look out for your neighbours.

Wishing you a prosperous, safe and crime-free New Year.

Neil Basu
Borough Commander of Barnet Police

News in brief



Barnet's can recyclers help plant more trees in Africa

The number of trees planted in Malawi as part of an innovative arrangement between Barnet Council and Alupro has now passed 400.

The scheme sees not-for-profit company Alupro plant one tree for every tonne of cans collected by residents of the borough. The latest figures suggest that between July 2008 and June 2009 the council collected 258 tonnes of aluminium from residents, equating to 258 trees.

That follows the previous year's tally of 154 – bringing the total number now planted in the African state to 412. Barnet's contribution is part of a UK-wide project that has seen 250,000 trees planted by Alupro in two years.

The trees are a mixture of guava, paw paw, mango and orange, which will be used to help encourage new small businesses in the region.

More information about the scheme can be found at www.alupro.org.uk



Rate your NHS

Have you recently visited a local health service such as a GP, dentist or optician?

If so, you can now give your opinion on the service by visiting www.barnet.nhs.uk/localservices where you will also find details on your nearest NHS centre.

Helping you to ride the recession

The council has recently re-launched its webpage which provides Barnet residents with guidance on making the best of recessionary times.

"Riding the Recession" is a one-stop webpage, pointing residents to information on topics including boosting income, saving money through saving energy, free leisure opportunities, and new jobs and skills. The webpage also highlights support that is available to businesses and community groups.

To view the webpage, please visit www.barnet.gov.uk/riding-recession



Snowdrop planting remembers child victims of the Holocaust

Children from Whitings Hill Primary School took part in the council's Snowdrop Project, which aims to plant a snowdrop in memory of every one of the 1.5 million children who died during the Holocaust.

This year's planting of 2,000 bulbs will take the total number of snowdrops planted throughout the borough to more than 29,000.

In previous years bulbs have been planted at the RAF Museum in Hendon, Friary Park, the Old Court House Recreation Ground and Brookfield Junior School.

For information on this year's Holocaust Memorial Service see page 13. For more information on civic events visit www.barnet.gov.uk/community-events

'Cash for gold' warning to Barnet residents

The current economic climate, combined with a high price for gold, has sparked an increase in people selling their gold items to raise money.

However the council's Trading Standards department is urging local residents to shop around before selling their gold after receiving a sharp rise in the number of complaints, ranging from inaccurate estimates to unreasonable contract agreements.

Residents who would like further advice should visit www.barnet.gov.uk/advice-consumers



Planning authority approves £4.5bn regeneration scheme

Councillors have approved plans for one of London's biggest ever regeneration schemes, which will provide 27,000 jobs and 7,500 new homes at Brent Cross Cricklewood.

The regeneration scheme was drawn up following extensive community consultation, and the decision to approve it follows two evenings of debate at a special Planning and Environment Committee.

For more information on Brent Cross Cricklewood or any of our other regeneration schemes visit www.barnet.gov.uk/regeneration-projects



Taking care of carers

People who look after relatives or friends who suffer from a disability are being invited to take part in a new training course.

Aimed at making life easier for carers, the course focuses on the essentials of looking after someone 24/7 as well as looking after yourself and maximising your income.

The course, which is free of charge and will take place at centres across the borough, is brought to Barnet by 'Caring with Confidence', a national scheme working with the council to promote independence and provide support to carers.

To find out how you can get involved, or for more information on support for carers, call 020 8359 7863 or visit www.barnet.gov.uk/caringwithconfidence

Barnet's budget

Barnet Council's online budget simulator will continue to run until mid February.

The council intends to publish a proposed budget for 2010/11 at a special Cabinet meeting on 12 January.

This will include the proposals for Council Tax for the coming year. The budget will then be finalised at the Council meeting on 2 March 2010.

Residents will still be able to comment on the details of the budget up until mid-February.

Go to www.barnet.gov.uk/budget or visit your local library for more details.



Don't forget to renew your Freedom Pass!

If you are disabled, or aged 60 or over, you can apply for a Freedom Pass to help you get around London.

All current Freedom Passes will expire on 31 March 2010. If you have a pass you can renew it from 4 January 2010.

If you hold a disabled person Freedom Pass the council will contact you with information about renewing your pass shortly. For more information, please call London Councils on 0845 275 7054, or visit www.freedompass.org



Picture posed by a model

“I’m glad I can now stand on my own two feet again and look after myself”

PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE

Faster routes to independence

Barnet resident Betty King lived an active life until she fell over and fractured her arm and a fairly simple operation led to her developing an infection. This took her close to death during a six-week stay in hospital and left her highly dependent and unable to carry out simple day to day activities such as cooking and cleaning.

In years gone by, such a case would have seen care workers paying visits for months to cook, clean and generally ‘look after’ her. But now thanks to the popular council-run enablement service, people such as Mrs King are being helped to regain their independence faster.

Mrs King benefited from the service in April. The service enables users to relearn old skills, develop new skills, and receive treatments, such as physiotherapy, to start living independently again.

“I was so independent before my fall”, said Mrs King, “So to suddenly have this disability was very frustrating. Support workers came in to help me for about six weeks and I had physiotherapy for eight weeks, but I’m glad I can now stand on my own two feet again and look after myself.”

Mrs King is one of many Barnet residents that are helped through the enablement service.

To find out more call 020 8359 5000
or email socialcaredirect@barnet.gov.uk

For more information on services visit
www.barnet.gov.uk/home-care

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**A BRIGHT FUTURE
FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE**

Mill Hill County boy leads the way

Orhan Deniz, 16, has been blind since birth. He chose, along with two other boys with a visual impairment in his year, to remain in mainstream schooling when entering secondary education.

Last summer Orhan gained nine GCSEs and is now studying four A levels at Mill Hill County sixth form. The other boys, James Sindole and Bilal Ansari also gained nine GCSEs each. Orhan's Head Teacher Geoffrey Thompson said: "The enrolment of three boys with a visual impairment was a greater undertaking than it might sound: every teacher had to develop methods to include students who couldn't see illustrations on the board. Although Mill Hill doesn't have a Visual Impairment Unit, resource officers from the council were able to operate specialist braille and text enlarging equipment on site to help with lessons and homework.

"The change from the nervous 11 year olds who clung on to staff, to the confident 16 year olds who moved about our site on their own, has been astonishing. The benefits of having Orhan and the other two boys in our school have been immense."

Orhan said: "When I first started, I was heavily reliant on staff, but over time I've become increasingly independent. It's been a real learning curve and I'm very proud of what I've achieved. I'm looking forward to being the first totally blind student to go into mainstream further education in Barnet."



For more information visit

www.barnet.gov.uk/special-educational-needs



Orhan (lower left)

Celebrating



Dollis Valley Green Walk

Over one third of Barnet is green space and Green Belt, giving residents the opportunity to enjoy the countryside on their doorstep.

There are plenty of green walks in the borough and the Dollis Valley Green Walk, shown here, is one of the most diverse. It is suitable for a wide range of people, from families with children to the more energetic.

Put on your walking boots and give it a go.

Totteridge Fields is managed by the London Wildlife Trust as a nature reserve, and is a rare example of a traditional lowland pastoral landscape. Look out for the rich mix of unusual grass, wildflowers and associated insects. The meadows attract thousands of butterflies, ensuring a colourful display throughout the summer.

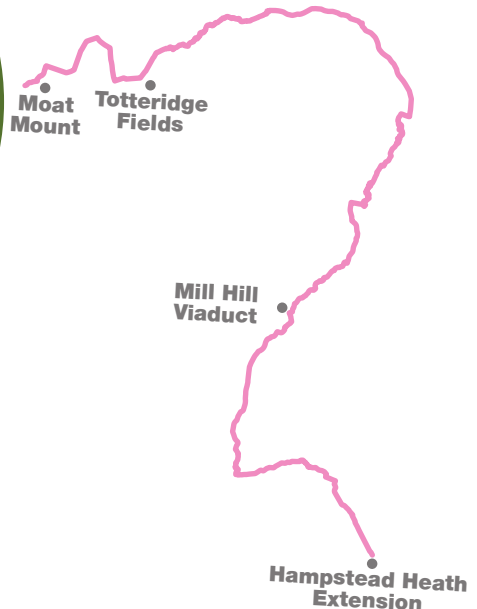


Moat Mount was originally parkland adjoining Moat Mount House. In 1923 the land was acquired by the old Hendon Borough Council to be used as a public open space. There are opportunities to walk and picnic here, as well as an orienteering course well worth a try.





Mill Hill Viaduct's striking high arched brick structure soars high above the Dollis Brook. It was built in the early 1860s for the Great Northern Railway branch to Edgware and has a total of 13 arches. It now carries Tube trains on the Northern Line to Mill Hill East station.



Hampstead Heath was once a classic heath land habitat, containing plants such as heather and gorse, which has seen great changes over the years. Threatened by development in the early 19th century, an Act of Parliament in 1871 brought it into public ownership - one of the first purchased spaces for the use of everyone. Today it remains a popular and unique walk.

Instructor-led walks

If you don't fancy walking on your own and would like to take part with a group of people, why not try one of our instructor-led walks.

In partnership with Age Concern in Barnet, the borough offers a full programme for people of all ages meeting at various starting points around Barnet. For more information, please call 020 8432 1417 or visit www.barnet.gov.uk/walks



**CLEAN, GREEN
AND SAFE**

Council tackles housing eyesores

For years, number 73 was a blot on the landscape in Sunny Gardens Road. Left empty, it had fallen into a sorry state.

"I remember when I first saw the house. It smelt old and rotten, and I don't think it had been painted or decorated for the best part of 30 years," Prakash Tanna, the property's new owner explains. "The wiring was dating back 70 years, there was no central heating, the floors creaked and it was the kind of house that sends shivers down your spine."

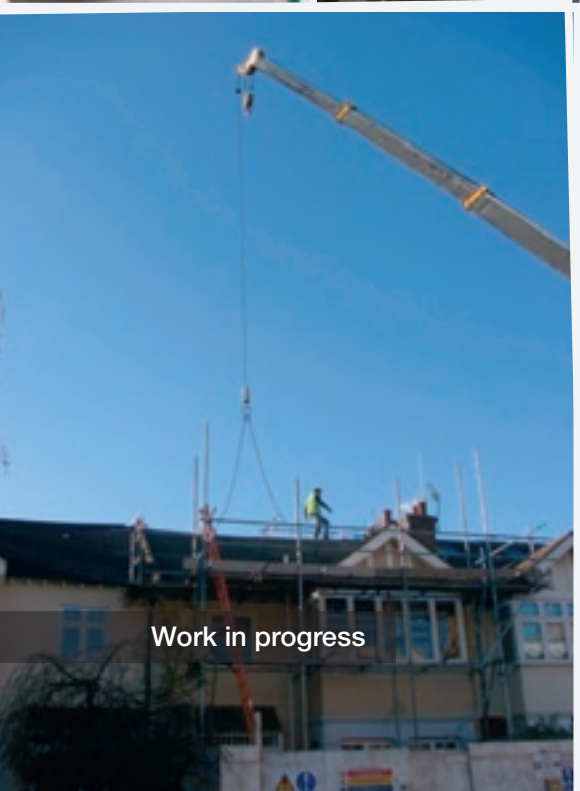
Prakash spotted the derelict property while living locally, and decided it would make an interesting refurbishment project. But with the recession taking hold it was difficult to make the numbers add up.

He was delighted to learn he qualified for an empty homes grant from Barnet Council, providing financial support to landlords who are bringing long-term empty properties back into residential use.

"It was like a lifeline," Prakash says. "It was a golden opportunity for me to bring the property back into use and to make a difference to the area."

Since the start of the scheme's launch in 2008, Barnet Council has helped to bring 37 previously disused properties like Sunny Gardens Road back into residential use across the borough through a combination of advice, grants and enforcement action where necessary.

As the fencing came down around the once derelict property to reveal its new identity, Prakash noticed his neighbours had started to spruce their houses up on the street.



Work in progress

www

For more information on empty property grants
visit www.barnet.gov.uk/empty-properties

"It was a bit of a knock-on effect really. Before you knew it three or four houses had been painted along the stretch and the whole road had been improved," he says with a sense of pride.

The scheme targets properties which have remained unoccupied for a considerable period of time, making them possible magnets for anti-social behaviour or other crime-related activities.

By removing these properties, the scheme has had the double benefit of reducing this kind of behaviour and improving the overall attractiveness of the street.

Once the work was complete, Prakash offered the two newly-created flats to tenants on the council's housing waiting list.

Mark Brown and his family were one of the lucky ones who moved in.

"It's very well decorated, everything is brand new and the rooms are a good size," Mark says standing in his newly fitted kitchen. "It's much better than the other properties we looked at."

Prakash concludes, "For me it's taking an old derelict, dilapidated property and making a real difference to not only the street scene but the local neighbourhood."



Mark Brown and his family



Prakash Tanna outside the completed project


**CLEAN, GREEN
AND SAFE**

Not just a load of old rubbish

Ever wondered where your recycling ends up? Below you can find out exactly where all Barnet's collected materials are sent, how far they travel and what they are turned into...

Paper is taken to Aylesford in Kent, the largest paper recycling plant in the UK which produces 500,000 miles of newsprint every year. National newspapers such as The Sun and The Times along with Barnet's local papers are sometimes produced using Aylesford's paper.

Cardboard is taken to Smurfit Kappa in Kent. Here it is made into 'Kraft' - the thick, brown packing paper which normally lines the inside of cardboard boxes.

Glass goes to O-I Manufacturing (UK) Ltd in Harlow, where it is turned back into glass bottles and jars. These are then sold to companies who bottle major drink brands such as Gordon's Gin and Stella Artois.

Plastic bottles are taken to JayPlas on Merseyside where they are sorted into the different types of plastics. These are then granulated and turned in to new plastic products such as water pipes.

Tin cans, foil and aerosols are transported to the AMG steel plant in Llanelli, South Wales.

Steel cans are melted down to make new products such as car parts, steel girders or other building material.

Aluminium is transported to Novelis in Warrington where they are shredded, melted and re-cast as cans.

To find out more visit:

www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling-recyclables


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What's on
in **Barnet**

*January
February*

Commemoration to mark the Holocaust

Every year the council marks Holocaust Memorial Day by inviting all residents to attend a special service to mourn those who lost their lives through genocide.

For almost a decade, Barnet's Mayor has led a civic procession to Hendon where a range of special guests have spoken about their experiences to an audience of over 500.

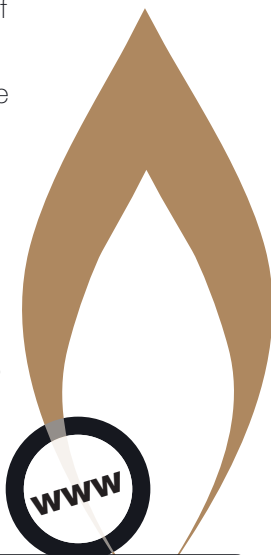
Past speakers have included Major Dick Williams, who helped to liberate Belsen concentration camp; Jack Kagan, a Belorussian Jew who suffered at the hands of the Nazis, and the Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda, Mr Claver Gatetehe.

In 2007, as well as holding a service, the council arranged for the critically acclaimed 6 Million + art installation to be displayed at Brent Cross Shopping Centre. Made up of more than six million buttons to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, it evoked strong emotions in visitors – some of whom had lost friends and family during the horrors of World War II – and attracted thousands of people from across London.

At this year's service, Denise Affonco, author of *The End Of Hell** will talk about her sufferings under the Khmer Rouge. Henry Grunwald, Vice Chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Trust, will also be talking about creating tolerance and understanding between different religions.

The service is being held on 24 January from 1pm at the Ricketts Quadrangle in The Burroughs, Hendon. All residents are invited to attend and pay homage to all those that have suffered and are still suffering from crimes against humanity.

*Denise Affonco's book is available in Barnet libraries.



For more information please visit
www.barnet.gov.uk/holocaust

Jack and the Beanstalk

Dates: 14 – 16 January 2010

Cost: £10 adults,
£8 children under 13

Location: The Bull Theatre

Visit www.thewarren.info

or call 07982 462668

Viennese New Year Celebration

Date: 17 Jan 2010

Location: London Jewish Cultural Centre

Visit www.ljcc.org.uk

or call 020 8457 5000.

Oliver Cromwell and the readmission of the Jews to England, 1656

Date: 8 October – 14 February 2010

Location: Church Farmhouse Museum

Visit www.churchfarmhousemuseum.co.uk

175 Years of Brent Reservoir – 'the Welsh Harp'

Date: 6 December –
14 February 2010

Location: Church Farmhouse Museum

Visit www.churchfarmhousemuseum.co.uk

Hip Hop Rapsical

Date: 11 – 12 February 2010

Location: Canada Villa and

Finchley Youth Theatre

Call 020 8359 3540

or email fyinfo@barnet.gov.uk

Half term activities

Date: 15 – 19 February 2010

For information on free activities held throughout the school holidays call 020 8359 7842

or visit www.summerunilondon.org



For further details on what's on visit
www.barnet.gov.uk/whats_on

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Note: All codes are 020 unless otherwise indicated

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Neva Ward, 60, is the kitchen manager at Friern Barnet Primary School and has worked as a school dinner lady for 32 years. She lives in Cockfosters, Barnet.

Q Describe your main responsibilities?

A Making sure we're working to the menus provided for us by the Head of Catering and ensuring the children are fed and happy.

Q What's the best and worst part of your job?

A The best is hearing the children describe our roast dinners as 'wicked'. The worst is telling my staff off for going too slow. We only have 40 minutes to feed 500 children and 50 staff.

Q What has changed in school dinners over the last 10 years?

A 10 years ago it was chips, chips and more chips. Now chips are a dirty word, our menus are nutritionally balanced and all our food is made from scratch. My clothes no longer smell of cooking oil and the deep fat fryer has been relegated to the bin.

Q Have you seen a big change in children's tastes?

A Most children were horrified when we first banned chips.

They threw their arms in the air, stamped their feet and said 'oh my god I'm going to starve'. When they realised it was healthy food or nothing they gave in and started to eat their greens.

Q What's your most popular dish?

A The children love our spaghetti bolognaise, home made pot noodles, chocolate muffins and sponge and custard.

Q What gives you your greatest job satisfaction?

A Seeing a gleaming counter filled with piping hot food at the start of service, and a pile of empty plates at the end.

Q Who would you invite to a dinner party?

A Jamie Oliver – he's my hero.

Q What's the funniest thing that's happened to you during work?

A Lifting the lid off a liquidiser too soon and getting covered from head to toe in tomato sauce.

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