

BATTLE

Whilst one battle has been temporarily won in the Market Place, another has just begun. This time it is at the premises of No 45 – the previous Grodzinski bakers' shop. Barnet had turned down a planning application for the premises' usage to be changed from "shop" to "food and drink". But on appeal, the Inspector allowed this change subject to there being no use after 7 pm and on Sundays. A Chinese Take-Away has now taken over the lease and is serving food till 11 every night including Sundays.

This blatant contravention of the planning laws, with its potential disturbance to the nearby flats and houses, is causing much consternation in the area. Hopefully Barnet will use its powers to put a stop to what is going on, but unfortunately their speed of operation leaves much to be desired. Hence it is to be hoped that, in the meantime, residents will firmly boycott these premises during their illegal hours of opening. **NS**

Childrens centre

The Pavilion Children's Centre, the mothers run Playgroup for the 0-5 year olds, elected a new committee in October 1991.

Situated in Lyttelton Playing Fields, the group intends to increase its facilities with the purchase of new toys and equipment, to be bought from the proceeds of their annual summer fete. The Committee also proposes a 'Toy Drop' in January, collecting any unwanted toys from households in the area. There will also be an appeal for any unwanted nursery equipment, especially baby toys and changing tables, etc.

A new Arts & Craft afternoon class for the 2+ year olds will herald in the new year with a fun mixture of singing, painting, creating and special 'theme days'.

Further details can be obtained from the Chairperson: Alison Rebeck 081 458 9121.

COUNCIL TAX, BEWARE

The estate agent authorised by the Inland Revenue Valuation Service to assess houses on the Suburb for the new Council Tax that is due to come into operation in 1993 is Ellis & Co. Although not permitted to enter any house, they will be looking at the outside of houses starting in January 1992.

The only people who may actually enter a house for assessment purposes are Inland Revenue Valuation Offices on production of an identity card and provided they have given not less than 3 days' notice of their intention to do so.

If anyone else calls saying they wish to enter a house to assess it for Council Tax, they should not be admitted and the police should be called immediately. **PL**



Swedish students sing Santa Lucia.

STUDENT CAROL SERVICE

In 1977 Veronica Whitty, one of the teachers of English as a Foreign Language at the Institute, suggested holding an International Students' Service at the Free Church on the last Sunday of the Autumn Term. The idea was to have music, carols and readings in many languages, and representing several faiths. The first service was long and a little confusing at times, but it expressed a joy in living and learning together that inspired the worshippers.

Wenceslas', a carol about a King of Bohemia. Students told of Christmas customs in their own countries.

The most moving contribution was by a group of Swedish students who processed through the darkened church carrying candles and singing their traditional carol, Santa Lucia. The service ended with a class singing 'Christmas is coming', and asking us to 'spare a penny'. This encouraged us to give to the collection for Oxfam (about £70 was collected). It had been a varied evening of good fellowship and great warmth. **JRB**

Free food for gourmets!

It wasn't intended to be like that – I mean the HGS Gourmet Society wasn't set up so that members could eat out for free: the idea was that we should go to restaurants, and cook little dinner parties for each other in our own homes – and we've been doing that for a couple of years, very enjoyably.

And then! We were offered a free bridge! A local shop, 'Interior Futures', in the Market Place, which sells all kinds of exotic kitchens, gave us an invitation: would we like to come to an evening's demonstration of some of their innovative appliances and eat the food produced? You bet we would!

So we gathered in the large demonstration kitchen at the rear of this enormous shop and saw how to use an indoor barbecue and a pizza oven and a deep fat

fryer that's also a boiler and various other state-of-the-art ovens and gadgets.

And then we ate – and what a feast it was! Marinated lamb chops, chicken and vegetable kebabs, ratatouille, fruit and feta-cheese fritters, garlicky roast potatoes, lots of salads, orchard pie, Greek yogurt ... and Bucks Fizz ad lib! Plus, of course, a chance to have a leisurely look around this interesting shop, and to chat to our demonstrator and to the owners, Jenny and Colin, who organised it all.

Feeling hungry? Well, our small but expanding society is still eager for more members. Just ring the Secretary on 458-1238 – though we cannot guarantee you free food every time! **MW**

WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Katja Fenton of Brim Hill who won the autumn wordsearch competition on airlines. Katja who is 12 in March, loves travelling and has already flown with several of the world's major airlines. She has even flown to the USA and France unaccompanied!

Katja has lived for ten years in the Suburb and goes to North London Collegiate. She was previously at Brooklands with her nine year old brother, Mark. Her hobbies are collecting stamps and looking after her animals, two rabbits and two hamsters.

Katja loves music and plays the piano, flute and violin. She also sings with the Finchley children's choir. Her main sports are Kung Fu and Trampolining. In her spare time she likes to shop with her Mother or friends, listen to pop and classical music, and watch 'Neighbours', 'Home and Away' and the News on



television.

Katja does not yet know what she wants to be when she's older but she would prefer a creative field. Her burning ambition is to take off in a camper, with her American friend Elizabeth, and travel around the world.

With her £10 Book Token, Katja plans to buy some modern children's fiction. **EGW**

WORDSEARCH

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF COMPOSERS

Find and ring the names of fifteen well-known composers hidden in the box of letters. They may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

V A R S S O Y T R E B U H C S R A
B I C P I N K Y P X Q J K V U B S
T D V Q B M S O N M I L A W C T I
F D E A E L V B E E T H O V E N B
U V Z V L Y O D H C Z D A E A H O
G O W A I D K G F G E I R G U O R
E R X K U F I E L E Y K E L M S P
H A J I S U A H E J I B X T S S O
H K I O G E H I V A H A N D E L Q
T G B A L U C O A Z N C W N U E V
I R E G F L T M R P O H U X R D Q
J C A E K A P J O D E A V Y T N S
S R D Z I G E O U I C W A G N E R
R B Q H O F N I A Z W B W G F M K
T R S E M M V N O U C M A E C B H
V S M A I L L I W N A H G U A V A
T M L U W E M K A S B S R D I J T

If you are under fifteen on the March 10th 1992, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, age, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, 10th March 1992 will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer. Happy Hunting! **EGW**

LETTERS

16.10.91

Sir,

Having learnt to live with the wheelie bins in the Suburb, I nevertheless worry, especially for those who do not see well and the elderly, about the bins left actually on the pavements, both before and after being emptied. Could the RA on our behalf contact Barnet to ask their contractors to try and put them just inside the perimeter/boundaries of houses? Yours faithfully, Joan Edwards

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