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on 020 8733 5562
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Be warned

People hoping to win a big prize are just as likely to end up with a huge phone bill.

Barnet Council's Trading Standards are warning residents who get a mail shot headed "Important Official Notification" to read the small print. Recipients are asked to call a premium rate telephone number to claim a prize. However, the small print reveals it will cost at least £9.50 to find out the prize you have won.

Trading Standards officers have received many complaints from people duped by this type of mail shot. Many operate from outside the UK and are very difficult to regulate.

Residents with concerns can contact Trading Standards on 020 8359 2606.

War on waste

Barnet Council is set to join forces with ECT Recycling to launch a new weekly doorstep recycling service on October 1 this year.

The not-for-profit, community based organisation will also provide recycling facilities at the improved civic amenities site at Summers Lane which, when it re-opens its doors on the same day, will be the major recycling centre for the borough.

ECT Recycling Ltd is a recognised leader in waste management. It already operates successful recycling schemes in partnership with eight other London boroughs, one of which has been awarded beacon status for its recycling service.

Households will get a recycling box for the collection of paper, cans, glass, tin foil, textiles and shoes when this initiative starts in the autumn. It is expected that the enhanced recycling service will be available to all houses by April 2002 and flats wanting to participate by December 2002.

In the meantime, residents are encouraged to do their bit for the environment by continuing to use the existing fortnightly paper recycling scheme and the bring banks.

A calendar reminding residents of collection dates is available from the council on 020 8359 4296.

Kumon Maths in N2

Enrol between Aug 21st - Oct 20th in the most successful after-school maths programme and save the assessment fee of £15. For more information call your local instructor on 8361 9705. Classes held at East Finchley Library.

This summer the clocks go back 50 years...

After 50 years Kenwood's summer lake concerts are still North London's most successful and best-kept open secret. Every Saturday night about 3000 people come with self-brought feasts, in a scene similar to HM George V's first public opening in 1925. However, nothing is perfect, and some have started to question the notion of 'public land', and are unhappy with some regulations. THE ARCHER spoke to Gennie Halsall, media consultant for 'Music on a Summer Evening'.

Visitors chill-out on deckchairs near the Thousand Lake with a glass of wine, or enjoy the music drifting on surrounding banks.

Most criticism has risen around the fencing of certain banks, as it makes it difficult to hear the music. On this Gennie commented,

"Unfortunately, Kenwood has a natural restriction on how many people can attend. It is still the same area with the same fencing, but some Health and Safety rules have changed over time to cope with increasing demands.

The light security fencing area is guarded by safety people, and it is not a restriction to keep non-ticket holders out, but to let payers in who want to sit in a more peaceful area. Aren't non-payers lucky anyway - what other concert in the world gives access to free concerts like that?

Prices are very affordable, they start at £12." To avoid

disappointment, Gennie added that about 500 tickets are saved for sale on the day.

Music has charms

On the rising number of visitors she said, "We don't actually encourage people to come - it puts a huge strain on our own accessibility limits and also on public transport. There are already free buses running to aid in this."

Other complaints have risen from ticket holders about limited seating space. Ms Avni from Brackbury Road was struck by how busy the area was and said, "It was very difficult to find

a space, even half an hour before starting time. It was so packed, we had to move people's baskets to find a place to sit."

Gennie commented, "People will have to understand that these are picnic concerts and they work on a first-come, first-served basis. The rule is simple: get there as early as you can, especially when driving."

Kenwood Lakeside Concerts ran every Saturday until 1 September. Highlights of this summer have been Leslie Garrett, the Opera Gala, and the Royal Opera.



Kenwood concert in full swing. Photo by Sue Holliday