



More ways to recycle

By Sheila Armstrong

One baby can get through 6,000 nappies during infancy, so using real nappies cuts down on the rubbish in our soon-to-be-full landfill sites. And it is cheaper.

Parents are being offered an incentive by Barnet to try real nappies. There is a £51 subsidy for using the local nappy laundering service *Number 1 for Nappies* or a refund against the purchase of real nappies. Nappies today have a new modern look, fasten with velcro, and come in different colours and designs. To find out more call Barnet Council on 020 8359 7400 or e-mail recycling@barnet.gov.uk.

Blocks join scheme

Barnet's successful recycling scheme now offers many flats the chance to recycle at the kerbside. Beech Lawns in North Finchley recently became the 250th block to have facilities for collection of paper, glass and cans. The service, run in partnership with ECT Recycling Ltd, can be adapted to meet the differing

needs of blocks whether council, housing association or private. To take up this service contact ECT on 020 8371 3670 or e-mail barnet@recycling.co.uk.

Well done, Barnet

Along with Devon and Stockport, Barnet was short-listed for an award in the 2005 Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management - the Best Local Authority Initiative.

Barnet's particular claim to fame is for being the first local authority to make recycling compulsory. As a consequence recycling via Barnet's black boxes has increased by 29.6 per cent.

Nicky Buck, Barnet's Environmental Services Manager for Waste Strategy, was also short-listed for the Recycling Officer of the Year in the National Recycling Awards.

Bring out your food waste

By Paul Chapman

Haringey Council is starting to collect kitchen food waste under a new recycling scheme for some residents. Alongside the conventional dustbin and a recycling bin for glass, paper and plastic there is now a food waste bin as well as a reusable garden refuse sack.

Haringey councillor Ray Dodds said in a letter to householders: "The Council has invested heavily in recycling to make it easy for residents to recycle. We're extending what can be collected, and starting to have same day collections for recycling and general waste."

Kitchen scraps account for around one third of total waste, according to the council, so food waste needs to be included in a full recycling strategy.

However, some householders are likely to have concerns. For example, Haringey will need to ensure that refuse collections are reliable, especially in hot weather. People may be happy to recycle paper and glass but may need convincing that collecting food waste is practi-

cal. Some may feel that this new 'bin city' look will do the local environment no favours.

Penalties as waste doubles

On present trends, municipal waste, which includes household waste, is set to double by 2020 compared with 1995 while an EU directive hopes to reduce waste to 35% of 1995 levels. Many councils are seeking to recycle more household waste rather than send it to landfill.

In the future, councils may face financial penalties of higher costs of landfill or possibly fines for failing to recycle enough biodegradable waste.

For more information about the new waste recycling service, contact Haringey Accord on 020 8885 7700.



Lorenz at LA fitness

Italian turns the beat around

By Viviana Lotti

Handsome pop singer Lorenz brought the Latin touch to East Finchley on 19 October when he visited LA Fitness Health Club in East End Road to sign copies of his new single, *Turn the Beat Around*.

Lorenz, originally from Bari, Italy, is currently living in Hampstead Garden Suburb. He was discovered in the UK by Kerry Katona at a charity gala, and has since appeared on many TV programmes, including *This Morning*.

He is famous in Italy, having been a member of the Chippendales there, and more recently a model for top fashion houses before turning to show-business. His amazing physique has been shown naked on billboard posters all over London; these pictures had to be toned down, however, because they were literally stopping traffic!

Lorenz is a member of LA Fitness and keeps himself in peak physical condition by exercising six times a week.

Joe Domantay, manager of LA Fitness in Finchley, said: "We are delighted to welcome Lorenz to our club. LA Fitness wishes him the best of luck with his first single."

Turn the Beat Around was released on 17 October and is available at HMV and Virgin stores.

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New shop to watch out for

By Daphne Chamberlain
Look out for Lazooli, a shop with a difference, due to open at 46 High Road this month. THE ARCHER has heard that this will be a women's fashion shop with a mixed stock - new, vintage, "quality gently used". Owner Gaynor Spry has told us she will include designer lines and items bought from customers.

Lazooli will also stock hand-made jewellery, vintage bags, shoes, pottery and handmade cards. Her target market is broad, ranging from time- and cash-strapped mums to the 40 pluses. Mums will no doubt be glad to see a relaxation corner with toys, books and cushions.

Gaynor hopes to host event evenings in the shop, like "Dress a Friend" and "Beauty Nights". She sees Lazooli as the right shop for East Finchley.

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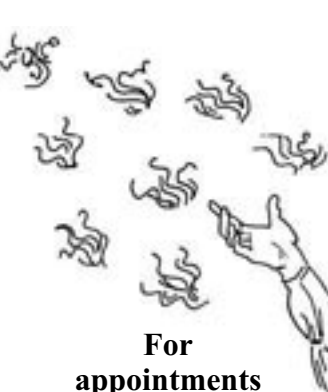
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