

BARNET ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

New Community Film

A Tale of Two Barnets

The People of Barnet talk about their lives.

American film-director Charles Honderick has been working with people from the Barnet community to make a film about their lives and concerns.

The title is borrowed from Charles Dickens, who described Barnet at a time before there was such a thing as public services, when orphans, the old, the sick and the poor were at the mercy of ruthless exploiters and interfering do-gooders. Now public services are being destroyed. Two hundred years of rising hopes have come and gone. Whole populations are being handed over daily to money-men; ancient civilisations destroyed, continents raided and privatised.

In a world like this there can be no escape for the people of Barnet. Much of what they have gained over the centuries is being taken away from them. The council's policy seems to consist of little but cuts, charges and privatisation. Just what this means for pensioners, library users, the disabled and their carers, for people on poverty pay, people looking for a home, people thrown out of their jobs....all of this is a story waiting to be told. Meanwhile in this film a few of the victims are allowed to speak - together with a few of the many people who are trying to do something to improve things.

It is a film of good humour and hope, but it is not a political film. It does not aim to offer solutions. All the same, solutions have to be found!!! The place to suggest and discuss solutions is Barnet Alliance for Public Services. We meet every Wednesday at 6pm – 8pm at the Greek-Cypriot Centre, Britannia Road, N12

A TALE OF TWO BARNETS is being shown in various parts of the borough at different times. The première is at the PHOENIX CINEMA
52 High Road,
East Finchley,
London N2 9PJ on Monday 19th March at 6pm

and again as the theme for our OUR BARNET RESIDENT' FORUM at the GREEK CYPRIOT CENTRE Britannia Road North Finchley Wednesday 28 March 7 pm;

and at LARCHES HOUSE, 1 Rectory Lane, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 7LF Tuesday 3rd April 7:30 pm,