

OAP died after fall

ST Pancras Coroner's Court recorded a verdict of accidental death on an 88-year-old woman who died days after a fall in Friern Hospital.

Catherine Wilson died on August 21 after the fall at the hospital in Friern Barnet on August 16.

Mrs Wilson's daughter, Catherine Rowland, of Kent, said her mother had often fallen.

Staff nurse William Stenhouse said: "Before going to bed Mrs Wilson was helped on to a commode and the curtains were drawn. "She either tried to get into bed or fell off the commode."

The coroner said: "In no way would I criticise the nursing care at Friern Barnet because this is the type of case that can happen when caring for the elderly."

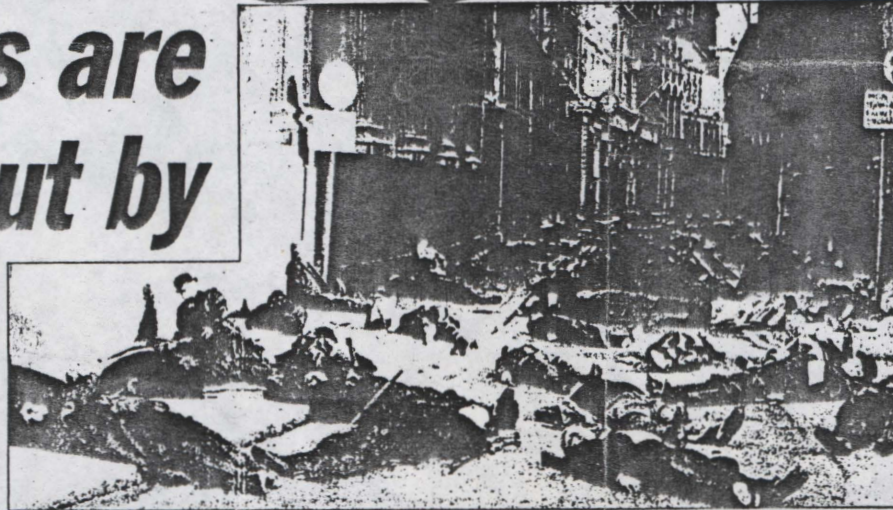
It's news Jim, but not as we know it

Thousands are knocked out by UFO gas!

HORDES OF curious gawkers were flattened when a UFO suddenly landed on a crowded city street and emitted greenish clouds of potent knockout gas that put thousands of them to sleep!

Traffic snarled as the sprawled mass of humanized for almost 30

by ARTHUR DALE



A SPRAWLED MASS of dozing businessmen covers the pavement after green mist was released from the UFO

INVASION — The story in the American Sun newspaper

THOUSANDS of people were knocked out when a UFO landed in Barnet, leaking potent green gas — according to the North American Sun newspaper.

The newspaper claims the bodies of drugged bowler-hatted businessmen littered the pavements of "the city of Barnet, England, a suburb of London" when a large metallic disc landed.

The cutting was sent to the **Barnet Borough Times** by Mr K Norman of Billy Lows Lane, Potters Bar.

The American paper said a command centre was set up in an abandoned warehouse where victims and eyewitnesses were interrogated.

A witness, described by the paper as businessman Reginald Upjohn, claimed to have seen green mist shooting from small portholes in a spacecraft which measured 50 feet across.

Council denies alien invasion

by KATYA JEZZARD

He is quoted as saying: "Me and the boys were on our way to lunch when suddenly there was this high-pitched whine and this large ship just plopped right down in the intersection.

"My pipe fell to the sidewalk — I was flabbergasted," he added.

Other witnesses said they saw a small man with a bulbous head and pointy ears

A Barnet Council spokesman said: "If a UFO has landed, nobody told us about it.

"If anyone asks us to take them to our leader we will introduce them to Councillor Leslie Pym or chief executive Max Caller."

Club walkers raise funds

BOYS and girls from Barnet went to Twickenham on Sunday to get blown about and showered with rain — all in aid of club funds.

The 12-mile walk, part of National Clubs Week, was joined by 54 members of groups within the Middlesex Association of Boys' Clubs.

East Barnet's Monkfrith Boys' Club raised £220. But the highest sponsorship came from Major General Bertie Parsons of Finchley Amateur Boxing Club who raised £300, including something from patron Margaret Thatcher.

Cinema's ghost blights new plan

TALLY Ho's big screen past has come back to dog plans for an office block on the site of the Gaumont Cinema.

Councillors last week voted to reject plans for five floors of parking and three floors of offices for the North Finchley site where the 1,500-seat cinema stood till its demolition in 1986.

Planning officers hoped the Markheath Securities plan would be accepted.

But it was opposed by

planning sub-committee because it would mean an end to hopes of a new cinema.

The application now goes before the town planning and research committee with a recommendation to refuse.

Markheath considered including a cinema, but said the price of the council-owned land was too high to make it viable.

No complaints over the loss of the cinema have been received, but councillors attribute this to the time

News extra

Gang attack man

A GANG of youths, one wielding a knife, attacked a man in Manor Road, Barnet, last week, stealing £95 cash.

The 41-year-old victim was approached by a group of seven — two coloured and five white.

Witnesses should contact Barnet Crime Desk on 200-2771.

locked out

NEW Barnet firemen say they are getting more calls from people who have locked themselves out of their homes.

In the last week they have assisted residents in West End Lane, Wood Street, Leicester Road and Vernon Road.

Bricks stolen

A DAF truck with a crane and a load of 2,000 bricks was stolen from building suppliers Jewson in Oakleigh Road South, Whetstone, during the weekend.

Over the limit

A MOTORIST pulled over for speeding was found to be over the drink-drive limit, Barnet Court heard on Monday.

John James Fitzsimons, 42, of Honeywood Close, Potters Bar, admitted the offence in Barnet Road, Potters Bar, on August 29, and was fined £300.

His licence was endorsed and he was banned for three years.

Arboretum visit

DESPITE the blustery weather at the weekend, 290 people turned up to The Beale Arboretum in Hadley Wood for guided tours around the gardens.

The arboretum in West Lodge Park, Cockfosters Road, has about 450 species of trees.

The open day raised over £300 for the National Gardens Scheme which arranges for private gardens to go on public show to raise funds for charity.

Wipers bent

VANDALS caused £2 worth of damage when they bent the windscreen wipers of a car parked in Church Hill Road, East Barnet, on Friday night.