

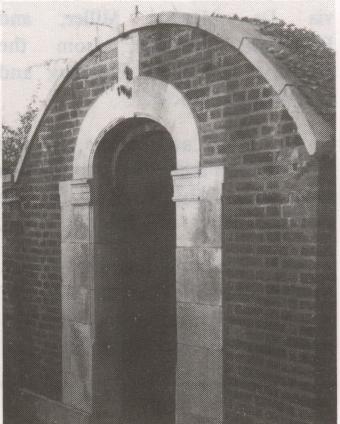
SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER

"She Stoops to Conquer", with its farrago of pleasant nonsense arising from young Marlowe's delusion that he is stopping at an inn when he is actually in his fiancée's house, is only a mild farce. It strains the bounds of plausibility and wears thinly. The production by Fred Griessen, though excellent in many ways, did not make enough of Oliver Goldsmith's comments on the morals and manners of the day and the relationship of one character with another was not very well stressed; for example more could have been made of the fact that Tony Lumpkin is the son of Mrs. Hardcastle's first marriage and that Constance Neville, although forced to live in the Hardcastle household, still had a fortune and position good enough to make her a suitable match.

Colin Gregory, in the difficult role of Marlowe, managed the contrast between the shy, stammering young wooer and the arrogant man-about-town nicely, though

without much charm and one did wonder at times why Kate found him so attractive. The acting laurels of the evening went to the old folks; Michael Sabine-Bacon and Diana Bromley, as Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle, sustained their characters beautifully, especially Mr. Sabine-Bacon, whose portrayal of Mr. Hardcastle's growing bewilderment and outrage was very amusingly done. His daughter, Kate, was prettily played by Caroline Wright, who was happiest in her part when 'stooping to conquer'. Javaid Punwar and Miriam Clarke made a very handsome pair as Hastings and Constance, while Richard Kinder thankfully underplayed the horrible Tony Lumpkin making it at least possible to believe that he was the son of his mother.

The elegant grey setting was designed by Jo Hann, assisted by Audrey Wesch and Antonia Sharpe. The wonderful costumes, made and designed by Diana Darrer, assisted by Kate Atkinson and Paula Morris, were a constant delight and must have helped to give the actors a sense of period. LS



SUBURB CELEBRITIES

Home for Donald Sinden and his family is very much the Suburb. His Sussex background instilled in him a love of space, greenery and fresh air - and these are qualities he found and cherishes here. Indeed, looking out onto an oak tree in the front garden and a willow at the back, the Sinden family do not feel that the country is far away.

The Sindens moved to their house in Temple Fortune Lane almost 30 years ago, when their son Jeremy - whose face also is by now familiar on stage and screen - was 4 years old. Son, Marc, born on the Suburb, and

another actor, still lives nearby in Hogarth Hill.

Both Sinden boys went to playschool in the Church Hall, Central Square, and then the Henrietta Barnett kindergarten, before attending the Hall, Hampstead.

Donald Sinden is himself enormously interested in the Suburb as a community, and his wife regrets that time and his theatrical commitments have prohibited their involvement in various, especially horticultural, activities.

With success after success his time is certainly at a premium. He has recently published 'A Touch of the Memoirs', and is appearing as Sir Peter Teazle in 'School for Scandal' at the Duke of York's. EE

COFFEE AT THE TEA HOUSE!

During the School Term, the Tea House kitchen acts as a coffee-bar in the day-time from Monday to Friday for overseas students who are studying English as a foreign language at Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute.

This year the Institute is extending these facilities so that the main room of the Tea House is open during the lunch hour, and Suburb residents are invited to drop in for coffee and an opportunity to chat to each other and to the foreign students who are longing to meet 'real' English people and learn something about our customs

and traditions. Please call in and you will be sure of a warm welcome. Lunch hours vary according to the times of classes held in the Tea House and are as follows:-

Monday 12.30 to 1.30
Tuesday 1.00 onwards
Wednesday 12.00 to 2.00
Thursday 1.00 to 2.00
Friday 12.30 onwards

On Tuesdays and Fridays we intend to keep the main room available all the afternoon and to organise social activities such as slide-shows or leisure pursuits. If you would like to help, please contact Jean Barraclough.

IMPROVING YOUR TENNIS

Farm Walk Tennis Club offers a unique membership category for 'improvers'. If your tennis is not good enough to join as a full member - or even a weekday member - you no longer have to resign yourself to never being able to join a club and improve your game. The Improvers'

sessions at Farm Walk will allow you to get in and get on - and have a chance to play with some of the seasoned members. Many past improvers have indeed improved their game so much that they have moved up into the full membership category.

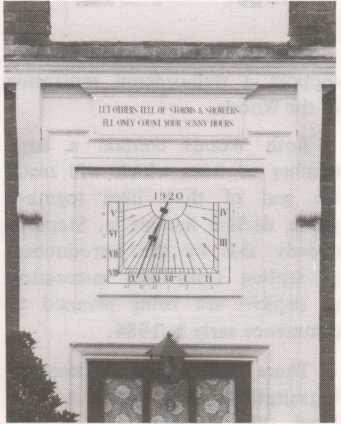
The club, one of the oldest in the area, moved to its site off Farm Walk in 1932. Some of its members joined 30 years ago - and are still active. It boasts a very local membership and its

three shale and two hard courts are put to good use throughout the year. As from this year it will enter five teams, two ladies' and three men's, in the Middlesex league, N.E. area.

Apart from full and week-day memberships, students are given a concessionary rate and juniors can receive free group coaching from the club coach, Sally Freeman. Further information from the Chairman, Eric Holme, 458 3903. EE

SORRY WRONG NUMBER

Would-be allotment holders who rang the number given in our last issue were in for a disappointment. Our fault - it was misprinted. David Meyler, the Allotments Committee Secretary, can be contacted on 455 0691.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE SUBURB?

One of the delights of walking on the Suburb is the number of interesting small architectural features to be seen.

But how observant are we? The Suburb News offers a £5 book token to the reader who first identifies the six features shown above. R.J. Wakefield, 26 Hampstead Way, NW11.

LETTERS

To The Editor, Suburb News. Dear Sir,

We are told on page 3 of your October issue that the R.A. aims to preserve, amongst other things, the "quiet charm" of our neighbourhood. That charm is being eroded by the rising tide of litter which is progressively engulfing us. Yet there are no visible signs of the R.A. doing anything to stem that tide. There is a lot that the Borough Council could do towards improving this situation and we presume that the R.A. is pressing them to do so.

However, only action by residents themselves can really put matters right and it is up to the R.A. to cajole them into this action. The first step is for all residents to keep their own frontages clean. (Standards in this respect have slipped in recent years). Next, all residents should be prepared to pick up casual litter as they come upon it and drop it into the nearest litter bin or, as is often necessary until the Borough can be persuaded to install more litter bins, take it home to their own dustbins. Finally, some public-spirited residents are needed to keep a

special eye on paths, open spaces etc. close to their homes, as a very few gallant souls already do.

Once started a "Keep Your Suburb Tidy" movement on these lines could gather momentum by the force of good example. At the moment example sadly seems to be working in the wrong direction: the majority of residents, when faced with litter, appear to look the other way.

Yours faithfully, Neville Chesshyre & Alison Chesshyre

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your most excellent report in the last issue of Suburb News on St Jude's Autumn Market. I must, however, make one thing clear. The proceeds of the Market will not go towards repairing the roof, or indeed into Church funds at all. The entire sum will be devoted to charities which St Jude's has long supported.

Yours faithfully, Barbara Britton (Chairman, Autumn Market Committee)

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