

BARNET TURN DOWN TRUST APPLICATION

Barnet rejected the Trust's application to convert an upstairs maisonette in the Trust building into offices. The plan was to let the existing offices and move the Trust offices upstairs. On its leasehold account, the Trust has a deficit approaching £20,000 and the company is looking at ways of generating additional cash. The upstairs maisonette has been empty for nearly two years and would require expenditure of nearly £20,000 to make it suitable for letting.

By approving the plans the Borough would not have lost

any residential units since Wilfred Court, the new Trust Architect, would have lived on the top floor of the maisonette on the days he works for the Trust. Wilfred's home is in Peterborough. Commenting on the refusal Christopher Kellerman, the Trust Manager, said it was a major blow "the building is one of the few assets owned by the Trust and it must be used economically if the Trust is to be financially viable." As a result of the refusal, the flat will remain empty and nobody will benefit. CK

HGS CHILDRENS CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Clothing Exchanges, where children's clothing may be bought and/or sold, are held twice a year on the Suburb. The Exchanges are limited to residents of the Suburb, and entrance to them is by letter of invitation only.

For details, please contact Jo Morris 455 5441 or Kathy Johnson 440 7605.

BIRD LOVERS AND GARDENERS

Suburb gardens are wonderful vantage points for bird watching. We are fortunate in being able to observe some of the less common British birds, such as Nuthatches, Blackcaps, Woodpeckers etc. A bird bath and table can provide hours of great enjoyment, but like many rewarding pastimes there are some golden rules:

(1) Do not imagine that by covering your garden with great lumps of stale food you are going to attract all the birds in the Suburb, don't be selfish, share your enjoyment with your neighbours, be modest with the amount of food you put out. Remember that large

lumps of food attract scavengers, most of which are the natural enemies of birds. Dampen any bread or cake and it will crumble quickly and easily.

(2) Be careful with the food that you leave out when the young fledglings are foraging for their own food (don't put out peanuts at this time).

Finally, if you are a gardener and are composting your kitchen waste, once again don't put great lumps of food on your heap, crumble it, mash it, or shred it, not only will it discourage vermin it will help to decompose more easily into the beautiful loam we all wish we had. AL

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NOT THE LONDON MARATHON

May 20 was a soggy day, but the wet didn't dampen the spirits of dedicated Hampstead Garden Suburb JWB aid committee members and friends, running to raise money for the Jewish Welfare Board.

More than 200 amateur athletes strained at the starting line in Lyttleton Playing Fields that Sunday afternoon, to compete in the three- or six-mile courses around the Suburb. Joining in, and wearing JWB T-shirts, were runners from 10 to 60 years of age. Many came with umbrellas, cameras, and pet dogs, and the canine contingent was also clad in JWB T-shirts.

Several competitors — including 1983 and 1984 Fun Run winner Alan Gold — had earlier participated in the real London Marathon. They included blind runner David Musgrove, accompanied in the Fun Run by Peter Felix, whose wife Helena accompanied another blind runner, Frieda Horrocks.

HGS resident Vicky Joseph

Edmunds Walk won the women's 3-mile race. Male and female winners of the Junior and Senior races received silver cups, as did the winner of the Fun Runs unique "non-race".

Those opting not to run, but nevertheless wishing to contribute to the JWB, were offered a special non-runner sponsorship form. This allowed them not to run in the 3-mile race for £5, in the 6-mile event for £10, and not to run even further for even more.

Each non-runner received a certificate, and participated in a draw to determine the "fastest non-competitor". The "winner", Colin Berman, got a cup designed to fool even astute athletes into thinking it was for real.

The second annual 'Not the London Marathon' Fun Run,

organised by HGS resident Malcolm Davis, chairman of the JWB's HGS aid committee, is always one of the Jewish Welfare Board's annual fundraising highlights. This year's event proved especially meaningful, as it took place in the Board's 125th anniversary year.

Many HGS residents had earlier attended the JWB's 125th anniversary dinner at Guildhall in March. This gala occasion was organised by JWB Dinner Committee Chairman Mrs. Gerald Ronson of HGS, and was attended by Guests of Honour, Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Jewish Welfare Board is the largest Jewish social service agency in Britain. It maintains 12 residential homes and four day centres for the elderly, four group homes and a hostel for the mentally ill, plus one hostel and a group home for the young mentally handicapped, and three London-area social work teams. DG



Vicky Joseph wins the womens 3 mile race in style.

Fears for Post Offices

News that the Post Office is considering closing the Temple Fortune branch was quickly acted upon by the RA. A letter of strong protest from the Chairman at the rumour was answered by the Post Office with the promise that they had no plans to close Temple Fortune in the near future!

The RA is enlisting the help of Temple Fortune shops, many of whom could be seriously affected if residents are forced to travel to Golders Green or Finchley whose Post Offices are very near Sainsburys and Tescos respectively! RJW

MORE WARDENS NEEDED

The Wardens are the mainstay of the Residents Association, this year happily, we have new people joining in with old friends, BUT, we still need more Wardens so that the work is better shared, giving each Warden less work. Our aim is to have each Warden looking after not more than 30 houses.

The Wards most in need of help are, Gurney, Norrice, Ossulton, Vivian, Wildwood and Winnington, but we welcome any help anywhere. If you like meeting and talking to people, we have a rewarding job for you.

The work done by Wardens is briefly: the distribution of membership cards, to follow-up and collect late subscriptions, to provide some feed back to the RA Council of the thoughts, worries and problems of residents, and to report back any matter which they feel requires examination. There is also some distribution of certain RA publications, eg The Suburb Directory. The work usually starts at the end of March and continues on sporadically from late spring to early summer. It is not arduous, it's enjoyable and it's vital to the continued success of the RA. Interested? Well, please contact me, Alan Lawson (Chairman: Wardens & Membership Committee) 458 3827 or any Chief Warden (you'll find us all in the Suburb Directory) AL

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