

WATCH

The local Home Beat Officers chatted to residents over coffee and although one of the officers is shortly to be replaced, WPC Barbara Drake (picture below) will continue to cover the area as she has done for the past few years.

If any other residents within the Suburb are interested in setting up their own local Neighbourhood Watches, then Sgt. Peter Sturman would be pleased to hear from them on 200 2907 when he will be able to give full details of how this can be achieved.

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WORK FOR THE INSTITUTE

We need a competent typist to work two afternoons per week initially, but with the possibility of more work in the future. A friendly manner and a desire to help the public are essential.

We are also looking for a handyman/carpenter to undertake odd-jobs and small repairs in the Institute, and to help with the upkeep of the Institute and School grounds.

The pay may not be wonderful, but the company is. Please contact the Principal for further details.

NO MID TERM MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust has been fixed for Wednesday, 18 September, which is more than two months earlier than in previous years, and therefore there will be no mid-year meeting. At the AGM the Trust will review its performance in 1984/85 as well as presenting its budget for 1985/86. For the coming financial year the Trust will be sending out only one management charge bill which will include the estimated amount for 1985/86 and the adjustments, if any, for 1984/85. The bill will be sent out in the beginning of September to coincide with the AGM.

FREE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

1985 sees the celebration of the Free Church 75th anniversary which started on February 16 when some 200 members and friends gathered together for a Supper Party. After the supper, organised by Jean Barraclough and helpers, there was a tape slide presentation of a typical year of church activities, written and narrated by Evelyn Down, the church secretary, assisted by Valerie Smith and featuring photographs by George Griffiths, that was rapturously received.

Later the choir was led by Free Church organist John Winter in singing, most engagingly, 'Little Jack Horner' in the style of Handel!

Finally, Brian Stonhold's Free Church Orchestra, with players from eleven to over eighty, gave a sparkling performance of Haydn's 'Toy Symphony'. One of the violinists, Fred Bronkowski, had delayed his departure until the Sunday morning so that he could take part — such was the enthusiasm for the evening!

JOINT SERVICE

On the following day the St Judes congregation joined in a service led by the Rev Peter Barraclough that included a 'sermon' for young people, much appreciated by the many children present, from the Rev Edgar Wright, a former Free Church Assistant Minister. The evening service was taken by the Rev Martin Down whose father is the Church Secretary.

TREE PLANTING

In March the anniversary was marked by the planting of an oak tree in the Fletcher Memorial Gardens. The planting was carried out by the Rev Barraclough, Evelyn Down and Kirstie Hackett, one of the youngest Junior Church Leaders.

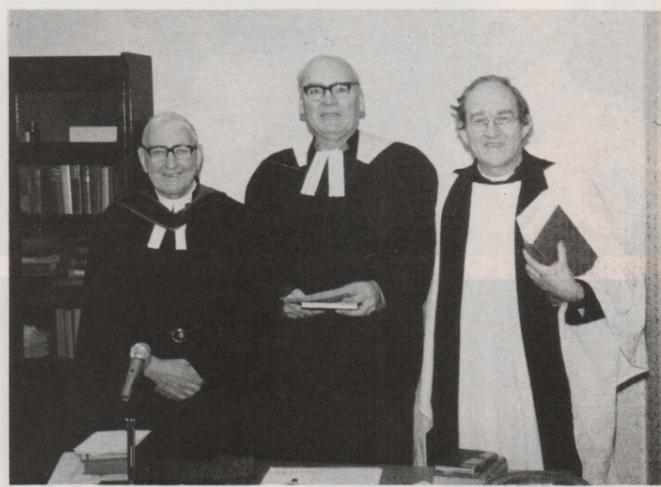
JUNE 16 AND 17

The celebrations will continue in June when the tape slide presentation will be shown at regular intervals during the weekend. Pam Jamieson, with many helpers, is organising a 'Floral Display' in the church. During the afternoon of the 16th John Winter will give an organ recital and Peggy Turner, Eric Gudridge and Brian Hackett have been delving into the archives to prepare an exhibition to be mounted in the Elders Vestry. There will also be a stage presentation of the story of the church, prepared by Jean Barraclough and Jenny Stonhold.

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Jean Barraclough prepares.



Revs. Edgar Wright, Peter Barraclough and Michael Porteus.



Brian Stonhold and the Free Church Orchestra.

WERE YOU IN THE GUIDES?

The 3rd Hampstead Garden Suburb Guide Company would very much like former guides to come to a special service at St Judes, on July 7, which will be entitled 'A Celebration of Guiding'. The guides will be taking over part of the service which is in celebration of 75 years of Guiding. The Guide Company will also be holding a games evening, 7 to 8.30 in the St Judes rooms and again they would like former guiders and guides to be present.

INTERESTED IN WILDLIFE?

The London Wildlife Trust, which was founded in November, 1981, is London's nature conservation organisation, the metropolitan equivalent of the county trusts. It has a tremendous range of activities, including the setting up of nature reserves, carrying out wildlife surveys, promoting nature education and advising borough councils and the GLC on conservation matters. It has already advised on the management of over 80 separate sites across Greater London. On joining the LWT one automatically becomes a member of a local group: there are 23 of these — it is hoped that eventually there will be one in each of the London boroughs — and they carry out a great deal of the work.

The Barnet Group is active in many ways. Guided visits have been made to Hampstead Heath, the Welsh Harp and the Dollis Brook for birds and plants, to the RSPB reserve at Rye House, to Broxbourne Wood for nightjars and to Cassiobury Park near Watford where, among other things, the kingfisher and the shy water rail were seen; talks have been arranged on various subjects such as dragonflies, London's wildlife sites and conservation problems; and some of the members have put in many hours of hard labour at Grahame Park Lake and the Welsh Harp.

There have also been social events, including a New Year party — probably an annual

event — in the Garden Suburb; and a Fair in aid of LWT, with many other conservation groups participating, was held last summer in East Barnet.

One of the major tasks undertaken by local groups is a survey of, it is hoped, every open space in the capital. The Barnet Group has, as well as its general committee, a sites committee, which keeps an eye on all the open spaces in the borough and also co-ordinates the survey work. Each committee member, as well as some other group members, is responsible for a large area. This is valuable work, as it will enable the Trust to produce evidence immediately a site is threatened — especially important in the Green Belt areas. A good working knowledge of trees and plants is essential, and anyone with such knowledge prepared to help would be ecstatically welcomed by the Group. Tim and Jean Neal, who are attempting to cope with the Suburb and surrounding areas, and who are more into birds than botany, would be particularly grateful for some help.

Membership of the LWT costs £8 a year (Family £10, OAPs, students and unemployed £5). In addition to the numerous enjoyable activities available to them members receive an excellent quarterly magazine, *Wild London*.

Anyone interested in joining, or helping with the survey can get full details from the Neals: 10 Meadway, 455 1876. T&JN

CHILDREN'S DRAMA

Mrs. Ross of Brookland Rise tells us that she is running a children's drama workshop at the Institute once a week. "The aim is to increase children's use of self expression, articulation, imagination and self confidence.

Mime, movement, improvisation, characterisation, music and games are used by the group" she says.

Two sessions 7-9 and 9-11. Phone: 455 3540 or 458 5158.

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