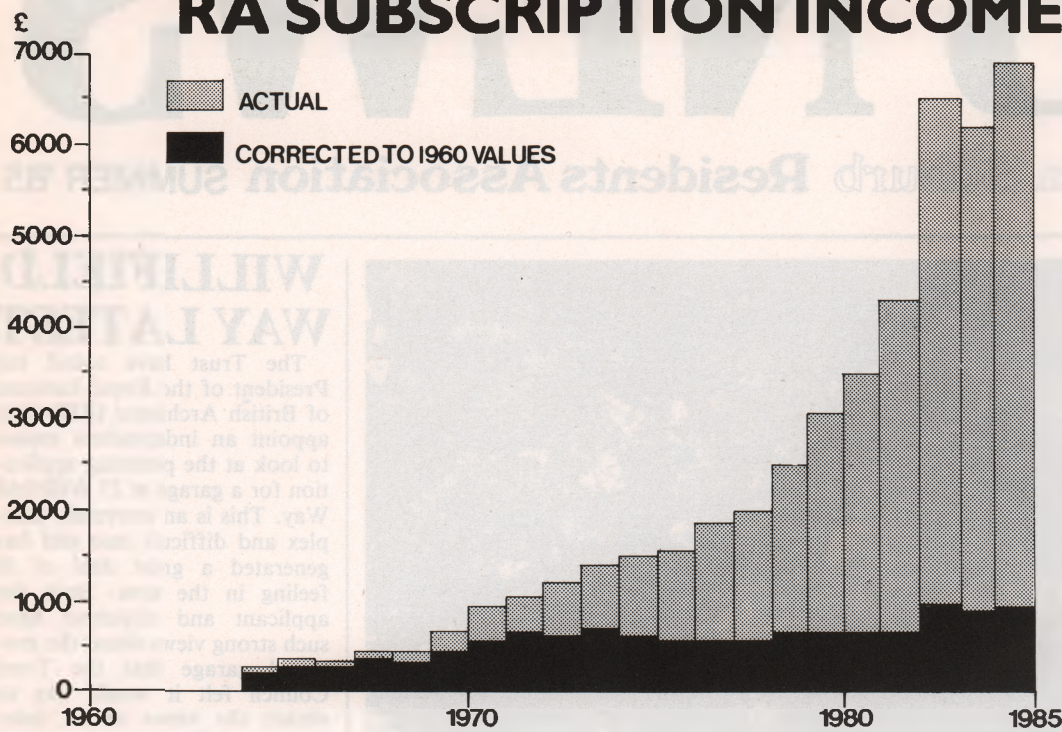


RA SUBSCRIPTION INCOME 1964-1984



Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of the wardens and to the generous support of residents the Association's income has risen markedly in recent years as shown on the accompanying graph. Lest, however, we become complacent it is worth examining the dotted line which shows income corrected to 1960 values.

Quite properly the Association, as reported at the last Annual General Meeting, is examining how some use might be made of a proportion of its reserves without seriously depleting the total sum which was £16,000 at 31 December 1984 or a little over £2,000 when corrected to 1960 values. EH

UNITED NATIONS

The former British Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Ivor Richard QC, gave a talk on "The UN 40 years on" in the Suburb recently.

Speaking at the Friends Meeting House, on May 8 at an event put on by the local branch of the United Nations Association, he said that although the UN had its problems, the world benefitted from it.

He said that there had been criticism because, after 40 years, it had not abolished war. But it serves as a good "talking shop"

in which quarrels can be sorted out without bloodshed. "It is infinitely better that countries have arguments about adverbs than about how much territory one country's tanks occupy of another's."

The UN's strength was no more than the sum of its parts. "It may not abolish sin, but it may make the sinner more accountable."

He also drew attention to the successes of the various UN agencies which have been engaged in various programmes, such as health and education aid.

The United Nations Association describes itself as "concerned to promote the principles of the UN charter and the role of the United Nations in World Affairs." The local branch is keen to attract new members, and further information and details of forthcoming meetings can be obtained by writing to Malcolm Harper, Director, Room Z, United Nations Association, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL, or to the local Branch Treasurer, Mr P. Barbour, of 44 Rotherwick Road, NW11. CS

WARDENS

In 1969 the Association had 98 wardens. To-day there are 154 and we need still more. This increase in the number of wardens is reflected in the growth of the Association's membership and thus its income and in the donations which the wardens collect for the Fellowship. Keep it up wardens. EH

INSTITUTE APPEAL

Almost £200,000 has been raised for vital repair work to the Institute.

Pledges and donations, some spread over five years, now total £196,000, which allows for the most urgent work to go ahead.

Most of that amount comes from a few large private donations and from parents of children at the Henrietta Barnett School.

A direct approach to Suburb residents has had a lukewarm response. 5,000 brochures were mailed to them, asking for money, and 125 donations, totalling £13,000, were received.

Appeal Committee member, Mr Michael Max, who is a Barnett Councillor for the Suburb, admits that "The response from the Suburb has been disappointing".

But he feels that so far the campaign has been concerned with the "First Stage" — parents of the schoolchildren and approaches to wealthy individuals.

Appeal Secretary Mrs Ines Sinclair, says "The only people

who have convened in numbers have been the parents. They have really done very well, they have performed magnificently."

She feels the appeal needs more publicity. "The Institute does not advertise which is a great pity. The Residents Association could broadcast the amenities the Suburb had to offer."

She feels that the Suburb is not as community minded as it was when it was set up by its founder Henrietta Barnett. "The Community spirit as intended is no longer there." She said they were looking for inspiration from a key benefactor "we were hoping to dig up some latter day Henrietta Barnett."

She says that the appeal committee will now take stock. "They want to sit back and decide where they go from here."

Mr Max is confident that the money will be raised. "I am confident that we will get the money in the end. We'll be getting into top gear again in the Autumn." CS

EDWARD PARRY

Edward Parry who died on June 3 aged 82 was perhaps the best known resident of the Suburb. He came here with his parents in 1912 and has had an active life serving many of our community societies. From the earliest days he had much to do with St. Jude's Church — choir boy, server, lay reader, acting sub-deacon, and vicar's warden. He also superintended the building of the Church Rooms.

For about ten years he was Chairman of the Residents Association and during his tenure of office he, with the active backing of Sir John Braithwaite, organised in 1957 the 50th celebrations of the founding of the Suburb. H.R.H. Princess Margaret attended these celebrations and cut the first sod for the building of Fellowship House.

At that time Edward was also Chairman of H.G.S. Fellowship and continued in that office until this year — a spell of 27 years. Additionally after raising the money for the building of Fellowship House

as a club for retired local residents he acted as its Chairman until his death.

Arising from these twin appointments he organised in 1964 a small committee to acquire the ORCHARD 2-acre site with the derelict old people's flats. Then with the aid of a loan from the local authority the old flats were demolished, new flats built and the existing tenants rehabilitated. He was the founder Chairman of ORCHARD HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED and continued in that office until 1983.

During the last five years Edward has nursed his dear wife Rita with devotion and dedication, learning new skills of shopping, housekeeping and even cooking — as well as the sympathetic caring and consideration so essential in such circumstances.

He will be sadly missed by his family and by the Suburb community. Men of his calibre are scarce indeed.

A FRENCH CONNECTION?

The Suburb could soon find itself twinned with a French Town.

The Trust received a twinning proposal from the council of Le Vesinet, a town close to Paris, and on June 20 the secretary of their twinning committee, Mme Cristau, visited the Suburb.

Chris Kellerman, from the Trust, pointed out that the Suburb is not a town in its own right, but is affiliated to a London Borough, which is itself twinned with a town in France. But despite this, and the relative lack of facilities the Suburb would be able to offer, the French are keen to go ahead.

The next move is in October when Gerry Mansell, Tony Mandelson, Chairman of the HGS Trust, visits Le Vesinet, which is situated 12 miles west of Paris, near St. Germain en Laye.

Chris Kellerman says it is "a place much like the Suburb, a commuter place" and is approximately the same size as the Suburb.

There are advantages in it being placed so close to Paris, and it would be an ideal way for children in the Suburb learning French to have exchange visits. Residents with ideas or suggestions on the twinning idea are asked to write to Chris Kellerman at the Trust. CS

PLOTS UNCOVERED

Relaxation, recreation and exercise with a purpose in the open air — all these can be yours for a song, with the added bonus of fresher and tastier vegetables on your table than can be bought from any greengrocer.

At the time of writing there is a short waiting list of residents wanting allotment plots on particular sites in the Suburb. Someone willing to take what is on offer could have a plot straight away. That situation might not last but the turnover in tenancies is quite rapid just now. If you would like to try your hand at running an allotment and put your name down for one quickly, there's a good chance that you won't have to wait long, if at all. The rent is only £2.50 a year, which must be one of the best bargains going! Interested? David Meyler, the Hon. Sec. of the Allotments Committee, has the details. Contact him at 34 Wordsworth Walk, NW11, or 455 0691.

SUBURB VIDEO

The Trust has made videos of the Suburb Film and is available for hire. The film was made in 1975 by Cleeve Barr to mark the European Architectural Heritage Year and is entitled "Hampstead Garden Suburb 1907-1975". It was financed by the National Building Agency, the Trust and by various other donations. The narration in the film is spoken by Donald

LUTYENS BRICKS

Opinions vary alarmingly over what constitutes conservation, but there is no argument about the importance of using exactly matching building materials in repairs and extensions.

In my experience as an architect practising in the Suburb the most difficult material to match exactly is the brick, and the worst brick is the narrow roman grey used by Lutyens and his successors in the Square and nearby.

I was recently in the process of putting the finishing touches to the renovation of an extremely fine house near South Square when my ever eager builder demolished a badly cracked garden wall which had to be rebuilt. He expected to be able to salvage and reuse the bricks, a mixture of the greys and red shaped specials. "Unfortunately" as Gerard Hoffnagel would have said, the bricks turned out to be set in granite hard mortar. Attempts to clean it off produced shapeless lumps of hardcore, quite handy for foundations or else straight into the Tate and no questions asked.

The grey roman, on inspection, was actually made from the same clay as the general purple red bricks used all over the Suburb, but faced on two of its six sides with a mixture of sand and manganese which turned an uneven colour varying from ash blue to silver. In addition the thickness of two inches was exceptionally slim. It will not surprise you to hear that no commercial brickworks makes these as a standard.

It was time to pay a visit to the Bulmer Brick and Tile Company.

This concern, near Sudbury has, in one form or other, been making special clay products for building since time immemorial, including the odd shaped bricks out of which those amazing tudor spiral chimney stacks are formed.

I showed my sample brick to Mr Minter, the director of the works, and he led me through heaps of maturing tiles, finials, copings, to a stack of bricks, purple but the perfect size. They were for Windsor Castle. He would obtain the manganese and fire a special batch of greys for my client and the next kiln for Her Majesty. At a very reasonable cost too. CG

Sinden and it lasts about 50 minutes. Both VHS and Betamax versions are available for hire at a rate of £1.50 per day plus a £10 refundable deposit. If you would like to rent the film please call at the Trust Office (862 Finchley Road) during office hours.

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