

## WHAT IS THE W.E.A.?

What is the W.E.A.? Wee Edible Animals? Women's Ecclesiastical Authority? No — it's the Workers' Educational Association — founded in 1903 by Albert Mansbridge and his wife — so housewives were recognised as "workers" all those years ago!

There is a thriving Golders Green Branch — started during the Second World War — which puts on 20 classes for the Autumn and Spring terms in and around the Suburb.

We also have socials, outings and short summer courses etc.

All the classes are run as

lecture-discussions in a friendly atmosphere. Some of the lecturers come through the University of London's Extra-Mural Dept with a travelling Book Box which is a great help for studying. The subjects are mostly complementary to ones at the Institute and are non-vocational.

The autumn term starts at the beginning of October and leaflets are available from the public libraries and on the Library Service travelling van. Our Honorary Secretary is Mrs F Michaelson, 38 Dersingham Road, NW2 1SL, Tel 452 8850.

## PRESERVING ORIGINAL STYLE DOOR AND WINDOWS

One of the biggest maintenance problems faced by Suburb residents is caused by rotten doors and windows. Many Suburb houses are over 65 years old and naturally joinery items are beginning to show their age. Unfortunately some residents instead of undertaking repairs or getting copies made of the original doors and windows go out and buy "off the shelf" items. Inevitably these are not of keeping in terms of both design and types of material. For example, most ready made front doors have a mahogany style of finish instead of painted or soft wood.

These residents argue that it is impossible to get the original style doors and windows. To help get over this problem the

Trust are going to get drawings made of typical Suburb doors, windows, gates etc. These detailed drawings will be made available to residents who can then approach carpenters to have them made up. The drawings will be done by students from the Middlesex Polytechnic. Interior design students, as part of their course, are required to learn about joinery and doing measured drawings, and their work on the Suburb will meet this requirement. Obviously the students will need the permission of residents before measuring up doors and windows and they have been asked to knock on people's doors. The Trust hopes that residents will offer these students their full cooperation.



The Residents' Association's fete in Central Square, one of the good days of the summer, attracted large crowds once again. The size of the square meant that it never seemed crowded, as there were attractions in every corner and in the Tea House.

Organised by the RA Social Committee under James Webster, things to see included Morris Dancing, a magnificent pair of dray horses, swings, donkey rides and hosts of games and side shows.

## MENDELS SITE LATEST

In July the Trust approved, subject to certain conditions, the plans submitted by Berkley House for the building of 11 houses and 1 flat on the old Mendel's Garage site. Since then Berkley House have re-evaluated the financial viability of the Scheme and have decided that it is too marginal. They have therefore submitted new proposals to the Trust for a simplified Scheme. The new plans are for a single block of

houses running along the boundary separating the site from the London Transport marshalling yard. They are closely modelled on the Parker and Unwin chauffeur's flats that occupy the other side of the garage. In front of the houses there will be parking spaces.

Once the plans have been completed the Trust will call another public meeting so that residents can see the new Scheme and express their views.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN CALLS FOR MEMBERS

The National Council of Women is making a strong bid to attract new members, and to encourage them to play an active role in public life.

"Every woman has a voice — and she should use it. After all who knows more about consumer affairs, education, health, housing, social welfare etc., than women," says Mrs. Trudi Sacker — Chairman of the Hampstead and Hampstead Garden Suburb Branch of the Council.

That statement distils the essence of the campaign by the Branch to attract new members to the organisation.

"As it is many women have strong feelings about all kinds of things — animal welfare, scientific research as well as the more domestic issues — and they just let off steam talking to friends or people at a bus stop,"

she went on.

"By joining us they comprise a well-informed pressure group that gets action — petitions parliament and other bodies to promote human rights and improve the quality of life. Not least they help to remove the discrimination that still exists against women, and encourage the active participation of women in the life of the nation."

A voluntary, democratic organisation, the National Council of Women welcomes women of every occupation, nationality, political and religious beliefs and has some 3,000 members in 82 branches across the U.K.

Anyone who is interested in joining may telephone or write to Mrs. Doreen St. John Cooper, 9 Hodford Road, NW11 8NL. Telephone 455-3502.

## DOUGLAS JOBSON

Douglas Jobson aged 80 died on the night of 28/29 August at his home in Sutcliffe Close, he will be greatly missed by the Suburb where he had lived with his wife Ruby since 1950.

He was a staunch member of the Residents Association being elected to its Council in 1964 were he remained until his retirement at the 1985 AGM. He served as the RA's Hon Treasurer from 1967 until 1977 as well as being a member of the 'Tenants Committee' for many years, bringing to it his valuable experience as a builder and latterly as an Environmental

Health Inspector for a local authority. This experience also proved of immense value to another one of his many Suburb interests, the HGS Abbeyfield Society as it set about refurbishing the old St Katherine's Children's Home in Homesfield off Erskine Hill.

Douglas Jobson served for many years on the council of the HGS Institute Society.

Although he was always a reticent man, nevertheless, his mark will be found in the many different ways of his local community.

## NEVILLE CHESSHIRE

Neville Chesshyre who died last month had been an active Suburb resident for 24 years.

He was a member of CONPOL, the forerunner of the RA's present CONSAM committee, in the seventies and according to Tony Mandelson, who chaired the committee at that time, "his advice was always sound, constructive and helpful".

He campaigned against litter,

and for the preservation and replanting of hardwood trees and battled with the Council over their lack of treatment against honey fungus.

Neville and his wife Alison became well known to many residents as, for many years, they tirelessly sold Remembrance Day Poppies for the British Legion door to door over much of the Suburb.



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