

PRIZE WINNERS

Members of the HGS Horticultural Society have had a good season despite the poor summer.

Magnificent displays of prize-winning blooms, fruit, vegetables, flower arrangements and children's classes were seen at their two summer shows in the Free Church Hall.

Highlight of the 209th show on August 3 was a retirement presentation to the President and Secretary Jean Man and Jean Robertson who are leaving the Suburb after years of hard work for the Society in various capacities.

It was a good moment also for Jean and Jimmy Dyson, lifelong Suburb residents, as their granddaughters Kelsey and Philippa Krausen, here on a visit from their home in California, won prizes in the 5-8 and 9-11 children's classes. They were probably proud of grandpa too as he carried off ten prizes in the same show.

Editor's note: Apologies for those who patiently posed for pictures that have unaccountably gone missing.

FALLODEN WAY PUBLIC ENQUIRY

The Department of Transport is expected to announce the date of the threatened Public Inquiry at any time though, in view of the six weeks notice customarily given, their expressed preference for 19 November now seems out of the question.

Whatever date they do decide on, representative bodies are insisting that the inquiry be held in the Suburb to avoid a repetition of the difficulties experienced in July 84 when the Ministry held its exhibition of Fallodden Way schemes in East Finchley.

The Public Inquiry, when it comes, promises to be comprehensively fought, with the Suburb's massive opposition being reinforced by high-powered objections from the Greater London Council and the London Borough of Barnet, Haringey and Islington whose areas and policies on through traffic are all at risk from the DTp's proposals. Together with the many amenity groups in London who identify with the Suburb's long battle against Ministry plans, the opposition facing the DTp will be considerable.

But we believe the key to a

successful outcome is bound to lie in the degree of opposition the Suburb itself can mount. And the high attendance of residents it can sustain.

The cost will be high. We shall need to raise a large fighting fund to meet the cost of experts. But where we are lucky in the Suburb is in having much experience among residents themselves. Not only in the conduct of public inquiries, but in legal matters and all the ancillary activities which go towards achieving a sustained and convincing opposition.

When the inquiry is announced we shall be holding public meetings and launching the official fighting fund, but before then the RA Chairman Tony Mandelson (458 2763) would be glad to hear from residents with fund-raising and legal experience they could offer.

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inflated tyres of the bikes provided could not disguise an effect which was much more disturbing than normal "cats-eyes". In any case, the demonstration, driving a single vehicle carefully over a short line of lights in a quiet Berkshire wood, bears no relation to the effect they could have on riders and drivers caught up in the cut and thrust of Fallodden Way traffic.

All in all the groups felt that the demonstration was unconvincing and left many important questions unanswered. Like:

1. Why is a system, tried only in sunny California for an entirely different purpose, being proposed for a busy Trunk Road subject to ice and snow?
2. Why is such an untried and potentially dangerous system, with new and confusing warning signs, being given its very first trial on a road carrying the most dangerous mix of vehicles, from bicycles and buses to juggernauts and toxic tankers, many of them in the charge of continental drivers?

These and many other unanswered questions assume their true significance and underline the insensitivity and callousness of the Department's thinking when viewed alongside two statements made by Department representatives last Thursday:

"One of the aims of the scheme is to transfer the storage area for traffic from Henly's Corner to Fallodden Way"

and

"If there's a disaster, then we'll withdraw the scheme"

All in all, those residents who went to the considerable trouble of attending were left with the clear impression that they had been invited to Crowthorne less as an exercise in informing and consulting the public than in trying to head off criticism for changing a scheme without public consultation.

Residents were unanimous in feeling that the visit was a waste of their time.

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RUBBISH

Residents are reminded that NO rubbish (neither garden nor household) should be dumped in open spaces and/or woods in the Suburb. Complaints have been received that large quantities of garden refuse are being left on the banks of Mutton Brook in the open space alongside Northway Gardens — this is NOT an official site for collection and notices will shortly be erected by the London Borough of Barnet.

There are official rubbish dumps at Summers Lane and Brent Cross where residents can

take all household and/or garden rubbish. And the dustmen will take one bag of garden refuse if it is properly tied up.

TRUST AGM

Terry Rand made the point that objectors are more likely to be in accord with the aims of the Trust. Ill feeling was intensified by lack of reasons given to objectors and that such ill feeling was transferred to the Trust.

JUDGEMENT

Chris Kellerman answered a question on arrears of management fees by saying that 30 summonses had been issued and all but four had now paid. The Trust had received judgement in those four cases.

INFRINGEMENTS

In answer to a question from the floor Mr Kellerman said that the Trust welcomed calls from residents who were concerned about possible unapproved alterations being carried out by their neighbours.

Tony Mandelson asked whether new owners can be aware of infringements in a property they were thinking of buying.

The answer was that the Trust was keeping records of infringements and that sales have been held up as a result of these when solicitors make their searches.

PAT TYLER

The Chairman paid tribute to Pat Tyler on his retirement from the Trust Council and said the Trust was losing a Council member of 'very great value'.

WELLGARTH ROAD COACHES

Many tourists using the Youth Hostel in Wellgarth Road arrive by coach. These coaches are supposed to stop in Wellgarth Road only to pick up and discharge passengers, and overnight parking spaces have been made available at the top of Wildwood Road. However, some coach drivers have disregarded these rules and

parked in Wellgarth Road for long periods. For example some coaches arrived at 6 in the morning and left their engines running for an hour while waiting for the tourists to arrive.

Following pressure from the Trust and local residents a meeting was held in August which was attended by Mr Gear, a Wellgarth Road resident, Mr

Kellerman Trust Manager and Mr Stevens, the YHA Area Director. The YHA agreed that they would enforce their rules more strictly and would try and persuade Barnet to put up clear NO COACH PARKING signs.

If residents have any further complaints please contact Chris Kellerman at the Trust.

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