

INSTITUTE LEGACY

It is impossible to place a value on loyalty and service. They often seem to be regarded as old fashioned and irrelevant concepts in contemporary society; yet those of us who have been associated with people who personify them surely cannot dismiss them lightly.

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute has, over the years, inspired a number of individuals to great heights of loyalty and service, not least in the form of two devoted Principals; but there have been others, who have gone quietly and efficiently about their business, who are worthy of equal commendation. Since several of them are retiring shortly now is a fitting time to express the Institute's gratitude to them.

Two members of the office staff, Sally Lyndon and Heather Foden, have, between them, spent the equivalent of a lifetime working for the Institute, and their intimate knowledge of the establishment, and of the Suburb itself, has proved priceless to new staff and students alike. The departure of Charlie Dix, the head caretaker, will be a blow, not only because of his willingness to work long hours and undertake a wide range of tasks, but also because of his repertoire of jokes and anecdotes which hardly flags, even in adversity. Finally, a familiar figure will be absent from the Art and Craft department in September: Francis Gower, regarded with respect and affection by many art students and colleagues, who is handing over his classes to his assistant, Robert Jones, after teaching at the Institute since 1959.

All will be missed, and in every case the replacement will have a hard act to follow. Changes are bound to result — everybody has their own style,

but the aim of those left behind must be to maintain the standards achieved by their predecessors. One important way in which we are seeking to do this is by providing new courses to enhance the existing range of popular favourites. The 1986/87 session, beginning in September, will include subjects like 'Beyond the Stereotypes', a joint Christian-Jewish study group; Business English; Executive French; Computer Appreciation — Mastering the Micro; First Aid; Gardening; Home Maintenance; Letter Carving; Japanese Art; Tai Chi; and Tracing Local and Family History. A course likely to be of particular interest to many Suburb residents will be 'The Town in the Country — the origins and development of Hampstead Garden Suburb'. The tutor is Dr Michael Harris of London University, who is already actively involved with the Institute as a member of the Institute Council and Chairman of the Adult Education Centre Committee. He intends to examine the aims and the reality of the community that was Henrietta Barnett's dream, by studying a variety of original materials and visiting certain relevant sites.

What better way could there be of concluding a piece about loyalty and service than with Dame Henrietta, whose brought those qualities to her cause in abundance, thus setting perhaps the most formidable example of all to those who live and work in the Suburb?
R.B.



ST JUDE'S FRESCOES

Even those who attend St Judes services may not be aware of the extent of the murals painted in tempera direct on to the plaster in the old Italian manner, by W P Starmer between 1920 and 1930. For full description, see 'A brief guide to St Judes on the Hill' by Barbara Britton.



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THE TRUST INVITES RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE COMPANY

In many respects the constitution of the Trust company is unique, and both new residents and those of long standing might like to know how the Trust differs from a normal company.

1. Non-Profit Making

The sole objective of the company is to maintain and preserve the present character and amenities of the Suburb. The Trust does not produce profits or pay dividends to its members.

2. Unpaid Directors

The eight directors of the company are known as Trust Council Members. Four of the directors are appointed by outside organisations (Law Society, Royal Institute of British Architects, Royal Town Planning Institute and Victorian Society), and four are elected by the members. None of the directors receive any financial remuneration for all the work they do is voluntary.

3. Role of members

The Trust does not have shareholders in the conventional sense but members. As mentioned previously, they receive no dividends and if the company went into liquidation, their liability is limited to one pound. Membership is free. It is important to remember that the Trust was set up as a result of pressure from local residents, and was not

created by outside interests. Many of the founding members of the Trust company were also members of the Residents' Association and of the HGS Protection Society. Under the Trust's Articles of Association there can be 1250 registered members, which is less than 10% of the total number of people who live on the Suburb. This number has never been achieved and at the present time membership stands at around 50% of the permitted number. We are anxious to boost this total and we hope that residents will fill out the attached coupon. The sole requirement to become a member of the company is to have lived on the Suburb for an uninterrupted period of at least 3 years, and there are no restrictions on the number of people who can become members from the same household. There are 3 main advantages to membership:

a) Receipt of the annual report and accounts of the company and participation in the election of the Trust Council.

b) Attendance at the annual general meeting. This year the meeting has been fixed for 8 O'clock on 17 September in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road. For the first time there will be a short reception before the formal business of the evening, which will give residents the opportunity of meeting members of the Trust Council informally over a drink.

c) The opportunity to take part in the management of the Suburb. Most people come to live on the Suburb because in terms of Architecture and Town Planning it is a unique environment, and they support the aims of the Trust in trying to help preserve this Outstanding Conservation Area. The Trust belongs to the Suburb and therefore all residents who feel that the job we are trying to do is worthwhile should become members.

Membership of the company is valid for 3 years, after which time members receive an automatic renewal notice.

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Please send me application form(s) for membership of the Trust Company.

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