

# SUBURB NEWS



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## TRUST MEMBERS APPROVE CONSTITUTION CHANGE

By 69 votes to 3 members of the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust voted to amend the Trust constitution enabling it to build up reserves against a possible future buy out of Ashdales interest in Suburb leaseholders.

Under the present constitution 80% of any annual surplus has to be paid to the HGS Charitable Trust.

In fact, in recent years there has been no surplus thanks in large measure to the heavy legal costs incurred over the changes to the scheme of management and the attendant low level of income.

In what was an interesting and lively debate Kit Ikin gave an illuminating address on the background to the Trust's present position and Miss Jean Henderson made a plea for adequate safeguards to be built in to the memorandum and articles against the future possibility of the Trust Council members being less concerned with the welfare of the Suburb

than were the present incumbents.

Trust chairman Gerard Mansell promised that expert advice would be taken to ensure that there were no loopholes.

At the AGM which followed on September 27 at Bigwood Hall the Chairman, in presenting his Annual Report, said that the Trusts legal costs were increasing because of the need to take action against residents who altered their homes without planning permission.

He stressed the need for more residents to take an interest in the work of the Trust. "The Trust cannot operate effectively and in the interest of residents as a whole without their understanding and support."

## MENDELS GARAGE SITE

Hopes for the redevelopment of the Mendels Garage site at the end of Corringway have receded following the breakdown of talks between Freshwater and Berkley House, the developers. When Mendels Garage went into liquidation the 999 year lease on the workshops was purchased by Berkley House. They were hoping to redevelop the site for housing, and the Hexon scheme was approved in principle by both Barnet and the Trust. A second scheme for 9 town houses with front garages has been approved by Barnet. However, in the meantime Mr Mendel himself became bankrupt and the lease on the chauffeurs' flats and forecourt reverted back to Freshwater. Access to the proposed new housing development is over the forecourt and therefore the scheme can go ahead only with the full co-operation of Freshwater.

Since no agreement has been reached, the workshops are back on the market and Berkley House are hoping to let the building on a short lease. Prospective tenants have included a recording studio and another garage. "The prospects of the site reverting back to commercial use are absolutely appalling, says Chris Kellerman of the Trust, "and it would be tragic, not only for the local residents, but for the Suburb as a whole if this opportunity for redevelopment was missed."

## Opera singers?

Manor House Hospital Operatic Society is looking for tenors and basses to take part in the Pirates of Penzance, Gilbert and Sullivan's famous operetta being performed at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute from Tuesday May 12 to Saturday May 16.

If you can sing in tune and can rehearse on Monday evenings please phone 455 6352 or 346 2106. Rehearsals are from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in the Board Room of Manor House Hospital at the corner of Hampstead Way and North End Road.

The first rehearsal for 'Pirates' is on Monday November 10. If you are interested, ring for more details or come along to the first rehearsal.

## SUBURB TWINNING

Would your child like an exchange with a French family in Le Vésinet next year? For further details please complete the coupon below or telephone Micaela Graham-Yooll on 455 3907.

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The Oranim Israeli Dance Troupe gave a spirited performance at the Residents Association Family Fete.

## BROWNIES SEARCH FOR TAWNY OWL

St Judes brownie pack, now 24 in number and with a waiting list, has need of a new Tawny Owl to assist Brown Owl with the activities of the pack.

They meet on Wednesdays 5.30-7.30 as well as playing an active role in church, and other local events, see above, such as singing carols to Abbeyfield residents, and going to Brownie camps.

Kathy Cunnold, Brown Owl, is delighted with the success of the pack since she took over following a similar appeal in Suburb News July 1984 issue. Despite the enthusiastic assistance of parents the pack does need the continuity of a Tawny Owl who knows all the children.

So if you enjoy working with children and can spare one evening a week in term time, no other qualifications are needed for this rewarding work, Ring Kathy Cunnold on 455 9741. RW



## FIRE DAMAGE

At the end of 1984, 38 Ingram Avenue was destroyed by fire and the only part of the building which remains standing is the front wall. The Nigerian owner and his family were watching television, when the fire started in an upstairs bathroom as a result of an electrical fault in the sauna. Originally the owner hoped to build a larger house on the same site, but the plans were turned down by both the Trust and Barnet. Following Barnet's refusal the owner appealed to the Department of the Environment but the inspector upheld Barnet's decision.

Now after nearly 2 years the owner has applied to rebuild the original house. During the last few years there have been a number of fires in the Suburb and besides Ingram Avenue, houses have been badly damaged in Lyttelton and Wildwood Road, as well as several flats in South Square.



Brownies at St Judes 75th anniversary celebrations.

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