

FLOWER SHOW

There was a very happy atmosphere at the 212th Flower Show held by HGS Horticultural Society at the Free Church Hall on 2 August. Not only were entries to all the flower, produce and cookery classes up in numbers over the same time last year, but visitors flocked to the show all afternoon. Messrs Lang, Prevett and Murrell walked away with most of the vegetable prizes as usual, and Mrs Hilda Squires won all three of the flower arranging classes. Cookery prizes were shared by Mrs Margaret Glaser and Mrs Rosemary Gaskell-Taylor, while

Mrs W Smith led the field in the preserving classes. The cut flowers made a beautiful sight, with Mr P Wilson's cluster roses causing amazement at the size of their stems. Miss Wardley, who said she had never won in a raffle, then proceeded to win twice!

The Society is always looking for new members. Fees are very low and entitle members to free entry to the three summer shows, winter lectures, etc., and good company in a thoroughly 'Suburb' activity. To join, contact Mr Wheatley — 455 2820. MH

STUDENTS PROJECT

In the next few months some residents will be asked by students from the Middlesex Polytechnic if they can measure up typical examples of Suburb doors and windows. The students were supposed to have started this project at the end of last year as part of their interior design course.

The Trust will get copies of the finished drawings which will then be made available to local joinery firms. Many residents have complained that it is impossible to get original style doors and windows, and have been forced to use inappropriate off-the-shelf items. The Trust hopes that residents will offer these students their full cooperation.

SATELLITE AERIALS

During the last year the Trust has received a number of applications for satellite dish aerials from residents in streets as far apart as Winnington and Rotherwick Roads. These aerials tend to be visually intrusive and out of keeping in a conservation area. It is hoped that with improving technology they will become smaller and that it will be possible to install them in attics and lofts, so that they cannot be seen. The Trust would be interested to have the views of residents on the issue of satellite dish aerials and suggestions as to what policies should be adopted.

SUBURB PHOTO SURVEY

Residents of the Suburb will remember reading in the Autumn 1985 issue of the Newsletter about the photographic survey of Hampstead Garden Suburb, which has been sponsored by the Council's Planning Group under the Community Programme and supported by the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Archives Trust. Many will have seen Jane Whitton, the Community Programme photographer carrying out the street by street survey.

The survey is now drawing near completion. An exhibition showing photographs from it, together with archive photographs and general information about the project will be held at The Tea House, Northway between Monday 27 October and Friday 31 October from 2.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. On Monday 27 October and Friday 31 October the exhibition will be open until 7.00 p.m.

Tree Surgeons or Butchers

Tree surgeons or tree butchers: Judging by the state of some trees in the Suburb, it would appear that butchers have been having a field day.

If you really care about your tree/s and cannot prune them yourself call in a proper professional tree surgeon to do it, it will probably be cheaper in the long run than using one of these casual callers who appear out of the blue, wreck your tree, leave you with piles of cuttings and an exorbitant bill.

If you don't know a tree surgeon, Barnet's Tree Officer will provide you with a list of approved workmen who are used by Barnet. Select, say any three and ask them for a quote to do the work, choose the one who falls into your way of thinking, and relax, they are professionals, they will always be covered by insurance, they will always take away all the prunings.

One final point — under the Town & Country Planning Act 1971 there are substantial measures of control over trees in conservation areas — "with certain exceptions it is an offence to cut down, top, lop or uproot or wilfully damage any tree without the Council's consent". If you have any doubt contact Barnet's Tree Officer or the New HGS Trust for advice. AL

NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE

The Autumn term began on a high note with the publication of the Italian 'O' level results. The candidates who sat the examination in June had been participating in an experimental course which contained girls from the Henrietta Barnett School with adult students from The Institute, and the outcome was a resounding success. There can be no doubt that the very high pass rate was a testimony to the knowledge and enthusiasm of the tutor, Clara Green, who will now be aiming to emulate her achievement with a new group.

Public response to The Institute's programme for 1986-87 has also been very encouraging. Many courses are full, including a number that are being offered for the first time, such as Marbling, Executive French, Computer Appreciation and Gardening. In at least one case, the waiting list was so long that it has been possible to fill an additional class. The demand for places in the English Department has kept the staff working at fever pitch, but at least they are operating in a far more pleasant environment now that much of the Tea House has been refurbished under the watchful eye of the Institute's present architects, Rock Townsend.

The other Institute buildings are, of course, undergoing a sequence of much-needed major improvements, the next phase of which will probably start soon after Christmas. In the meantime, the fund raising continues: a forthcoming highlight will be the concert at the Barbican Centre on October 25th, featuring Peter Frankl and the London Symphony Orchestra in a Beethoven programme. Tickets, at £20, are available from the Appeal Office on 209 1104.

May 1987 is the proposed date for the next Institute Travel Club holiday — destination Florence. The Principal will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining the Travel

Club and/or going to Italy. Between holidays members can meet to enjoy occasional lectures, the next one being Olive Duncan's account of a journey on the "fabulous Silk Road", through the Karakoram from Pakistan to Kashgar in Central Asia. The venue for her talk will be the Tea House on 22nd October. Non-members may attend on payment of a small admission fee, provided they contact the Principal in advance.

Finally, a note of apology. Hard as we try, we unfortunately make some mistakes, and, among the many positive developments which have happened this term, we have encountered one or two problems which we did not foresee, especially with regard to the use of certain classrooms. We have done our best to remedy the situation to the satisfaction of all those concerned, and we shall try to do better in future. It is not only the students who are learning at the Institute! RB

YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

When four local musicians started to give their children communal music lessons on a Saturday morning back in 1968, none of them expected that those lessons would still be taking place in 1986!

The children have, of course, grown up, and many of them have become professional musicians. However, the Saturday morning music groups in which they quite literally began their careers are still going strong.

Saturday September 27th sees the start of a new term at the Youth Music Centre, which is based at Henrietta Barnett School, Bigwood Road, in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Although the venue remains the same, the new term sees a number of changes at YMC.

Two wholly new classes are being offered, one of which will be an off-shoot of the already thriving Senior Orchestra. A String Ensemble is to be formed for string players of Grade 4 standard and above, and much of its membership will come from children already playing in the Senior Orchestra.

The other class is a major departure for YMC, away from classical music and right into the heart of the jazz world. A group of teachers, including the Professor of Jazz at the Guildhall, will be organising a jazz group for experienced and inexperienced players alike.

As well as these new classes, the old favourites will remain.

IN NEED OF FELLOWSHIP

The Suburb, as a whole, has always been noted for its community spirit and this is particularly expressed in the Fellowship which was instituted in the first instance as a Welfare organisation.

Social changes have altered many of the material needs of residents. Nevertheless, the Fellowship is still in existence to help whenever needs are not being met.

If any residents know of any who need help in sickness, or sadness, for support or sympathy, or in a practical way for daily living, please let us know. Fellowship House, of course, provides a wide range of activities for senior citizens. For welfare matters please contact:

The Rev. Ralph Baldry 455 6926
or Mrs. Sue White 455 8804
For Fellowship House
Mrs. Jean Dyson 455 8193
or Mrs. Mary Walker 455 1096

some of today's leading classical musicians, such as Robert Cohen, Joanna Gruenberg and Rafael Wallfisch.

The String Orchestra will continue to be conducted by one of Britain's best-known cellists, Christopher Bunting. Local conductor Roy Budden will share duties for the Symphony Orchestra with a new group of conductors specially brought together for YMC. Included in this group will be Mike Hurwitz and Roddy Skeeping.

As well as offering the chance for young people to gain useful orchestral experience, individual lessons are also offered in instruments as diverse as the French horn and the clarinet. For young violinists, Kay Hurwitz and Cecily Mendelssohn will continue to teach their classes as usual.

Back in 1969, the Aldeburgh Festival programme noted that YMC's aim was "for children to have a chance to make music together at the earliest stage of accomplishment". The Youth Music Centre will continue to fulfil that aim every Saturday from September 27th onwards. For more information, contact YMC's secretary Mrs. Elizabeth Kingsley, on (01) 907 8018. SM



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