

# MUSICAL BROOKLAND INFANTS PANTO EXTRAVAGANZA

A musical extravaganza is being performed by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society to coincide with the school half-term.

The Prince and the Pauper is based on the story of the same name by Mark Twain, and follows the adventures of the young heir to the throne of Henry VIII and a poor boy who swap places.

Writer and director Terry Rogers says that it has been upgraded from a musical play to a full scale musical, and that the show features extensive historical research into the costume design.

As well as being entertaining, the show performed at the Institute, Central Square is relevant to today's world, and, in the words of Terry "has all the ingredients of good family entertainment so lacking nowadays".

Performances are from Friday, February 14 until Saturday, February 22, with tickets at £2.00.

Friday February 14 — 8pm  
Saturday February 15 — 3pm and 8pm  
Wednesday February 19 — 8pm  
Thursday February 20 — 8pm  
Friday February 21 — 6pm and 8.30pm  
Saturday February 22 — 3pm and 8pm



The good fairy, Anna Howick casts a spell over the Prince, Gregory Posner. In the background the "forest", reception class children, guards the Sleeping Beauty, Joanna Dunkley.

The Sleeping Beauty was the Brookland Infants School pantomime in which every child in the school took part. The action was accompanied by the school choir and band.



## "IT'S MY OPINION..."

Who, these days, remembers the lines (by, I think, Benjamin Franklin):

"For want of a nail, the shoe was lost,  
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost,  
For want of a horse, the rider was lost,  
For want of a rider, the message was lost,  
For want of a message, the battle was lost,  
— And all for the want of a horseshoe nail."

It's my opinion that many of the problems associated with our everyday living (and possibly some of the major disasters as well) are due to the "horseshoe nail" syndrome. We do not put the same value, as we used to do, on accuracy, and getting the details right.

When I was young, to be wrong — even in the smallest respect — was a matter for shame. Now people shrug it off with "Oh, I must have pressed the wrong button on the calculator" or "There was a malfunction on the computer", with no appreciation that, even so, it is *their fault* if something is wrong. There seems to be no checking and double-checking of answers: no innate instinct that the answer being submitted is clearly preposterous.

My staff laugh at me for being pernickety about details: I admit that I *am* pernickety, but this is because I believe that sloppy work is not just irritating but — transmitted "up the line" as with the horseshoe nail — downright dangerous.

Eileen Whelan

Do you have a pet hate that you would like to air in the Suburb News? We will make this a regular column if we get some more.

## WHAT'S ON

RA Monthly Council Meetings: 4 Feb, 4 Mar, 1 Apr 1986.  
8pm: The Community Room, Bigwood House. VISITORS WELCOME.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**17-20** Junior Courses & Workshops for half term for different age groups between 7 & 16 yrs.  
**14** Wine evening "French Wine & English Cheese" with Food & Wine writer Penny Drinkwater. 7.30pm  
**14-18** Adult Short Courses & Workshops — including Sculpture, Assertiveness Training, Picture Framing, Writers' Workshop.

### The Pavilion Children's Centre

The Term ends Thurs. 27 March — reopens Mon. 14 April.

Welcomes Mother & Toddlers (0-3 yrs) 10-12 every Mon, Thurs. 50p per session

3-5s Fun with Dance every Wed 2.15-3.00

3-5s Fun with Music every Thurs 2.15-3.00

(Advance termly bookings only: Liz 458 6100)

Easter Workshop for 5-12s enquiries: Lira 455 7475.

### HGS Residents Association Annual General Meeting.

24 March. 8pm. Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road, NW11, all residents welcome.

### FEBRUARY

- 11** HGS Horticultural Soc: Fellowship House. 8.30pm. "African Violets and Indoor Plants in a Town House". Illustrated talk by Mrs F. M. Vivian, The Saintpaulia & Houseplant Society.
- 12** St Judes. 8pm. Sung Eucharist with Ash Wednesday Ceremonies.
- 18** Falloeden Way Public Meeting. Free Church Hall 8 pm.
- 20** Ministry of Transport. Falloeden Way pre inquiry meeting 10.00 am Methodist Church, East Finchley.
- 22** Family Holiday Association: Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 7.30pm. Horse Race Meeting, tickets inc. supper £4 from FHA, 387 City Road, EC1V 1NA. Tel 837 2111 or 455 1777.
- 25** Hampstead & HGS National Council of Women. St Albans Small Hall. 2.15pm. Speaker: Mrs Davis Poynter, Community Liaison Chichester Theatre, "Seen Behind the Scenes".
- 27** HGS Floral Arrangement Club. Fellowship House. 7.45pm. Demonstration, "New Beginnings", Mr G. Harmer.

### MARCH

- 1** Free Church. Free Church Hall. 2.15pm. Jumble Sale
- 3** HGS Townswomen's Guild. St Judes Church Rooms. 2pm. Speaker: Mrs G. Webb, "National Trust Houses & Gardens".
- 7** Women's World Day of Prayer service at St Edwards Church, Finchley Road, NW11. 2.30pm. Speaker: Dr Pauline Webb (Overseas Religious Broadcasting Organisation).
- 8** Brookland Infants School Cabaret Evening. 7.45pm.
- 9** St Judes Mothering Sunday. 10am. Family Service. Posies provided for children to give to Mothers.
- 11** HGS Horticultural Society: Fellowship House. 8.30pm. "Cake Decoration, frills, flounces & flowers" demonstration by Mrs D. Walters.
- 11** Falloeden Way Public Inquiry. 10.11 am Methodist Church East Finchley.
- 12** HGS United Nations Association. 8pm. The Community Room, Bigwood House Address by Lord Soper, and film "Escape from Hunger".
- 20** HGS Floral Arrangement Club. Fellowship House. 7.45 pm. Demonstration by Members.
- 23** St Judes. Palm Sunday. 10am. Parish Eucharist.
- 24** HGS Residents Association Annual General Meeting. 8.00pm. Bigwood Hall, Bigwood House.
- 25** Hampstead & HGS National Council of Women. St Albans Small Hall. 2.15pm. Speaker: Mr Fitch of NSPCC, "Dealing with Child Abuse".
- 27** St Judes. Maundy Thursday. Eucharist 8pm
- 28** St Judes. Good Friday. Three Hours Service. 12-3pm.
- 29** St. Judes. Easter Eve. Easter Vigil. 6pm.
- 30** St Judes. Easter Day. 7.45am Holy Communion. 10am. Sung Eucharist.

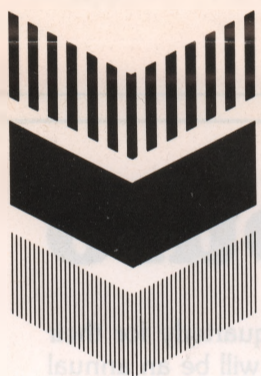
### APRIL

- 7** HGS Townswomen's Guild. St Judes Church Rooms. 2pm. Speaker: Mrs M. Whitehead. "Flower Arrangements".
- 8** HGS Horticultural Society. Fellowship House. 8.30pm. "London's Wild Flowers". Illustrated talk by Mr D. Bevan, Herts. & Middlesex Wildlife Trust.
- 15** Hampstead & HGS National Council of Women. St Albans Small Hall. 2.15pm. Speaker: Mr G. Alhadeff, "Drug Abuse Related to Unborn Children".
- 24** HGS Floral Arrangement Club. Fellowship House. 7.45pm. Demonstration "Harmony and Flowers" — Mrs Mavis Jennings.
- 27** St Judes. 3pm. St George's Day Service for Finchley, Friern Barnet & Golders Green Scouts & Cub Scouts.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**12** May. HGS Townswomen's Guild. St Judes Church Rooms. 2pm. Miss J. Evans: "Character Dialogues".  
**29** May. HGS Floral Arrangement Club. Fellowship House. 7.45pm. "Feasts of Colour" — Demonstration by Mrs Pam Taylor.

**DEADLINE** for WHAT'S ON column Spring '86 issue, out in April, March 22 to Alan Lawson, 68 Oakwood Road. Contributions and letters to The Editor will be welcomed by R.J. Wakefield at 26 Hampstead Way, N.W.11.



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