

## A PIECE OF FRANCE ON THE SUBURB

At last and for the first time we have a French speaking club called Les Poussins (The Chicks).

Les Poussins offers the opportunity for anglo-french children (2 to 11 years) to develop their French in a totally French atmosphere. The Club was conceived and is run by Sophie Bascou who left the shores of France in 1976 for the best possible reason 'True Love'. She now lives with her husband and totally bilingual children in Hampstead

Garden Suburb. Sophie was determined that her children should have the benefits of not only rural Hampstead Garden Suburb but also a thorough knowledge of French and French Culture from a very early age. She found that several anglo-french families were in a similar situation and more surprisingly, considerable interest has been shown by English francophiles who are of course very welcome. Sophie Bascou can be contacted on TEL. 455 3129.



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## SCHOOL CHESS TRIUMPH

Chess at Garden Suburb School has become a growth activity. It has always had a reputation as a Chess School among those who know, but the club collapsed in 1981 after Frances Slowe's two children, John and Elizabeth, left and she then ceased running it. It was reactivated in 1985 and since then there has been no holding the children!

This year they became champions of South Barnet League, and then at the end of March, the champions of all Barnet which qualified them to play for the Elephant Trophy, which is a competition for the winners in all the London areas. This was not so successful as two of the high boards were missing, with a catastrophic domino effect down the boards, with children on low boards being catapulted several leagues out of their ability range! However, they came a very creditable 5th.

The final triumph for the school came this weekend when, as semi-finalists in the English National Primary Schools Chess Association, they went for a weekend with the 3 other schools (from Cornwall, Liverpool and Kenton) to the Henry VIII hotel in Bayswater to play the end matches. They spent a lovely day at the zoo being photographed playing chess with the monkeys and getting to know the opposition. On Saturday they played King Charles School, Falmouth in the semi-finals and, after quite a struggle, won this round to go on to play Booker Avenue Primary School, Liverpool in the finals. This game was nailbiting, as it was not clear until the fourth child had won his game that we had won the tournament and become National Champions for 1987. It was at that moment that we finally learnt that Garden Suburb had, in fact, always been tipped as favourite to win!

We now have 5 children playing in the London teams, Daniel Rosenberg who captains London, Michael Gladstone, Netta Hadari, Matthew Ainscow and Richard Hoile; Daniel and Michael also play in the England U11 squad, and will be playing in an international on June 27th.

Individually the children seem to crown themselves with glory at the various tournaments throughout London: Daniel came first in the London Under 11s, with Michael, Matthew and Richard coming equal 5th. In the Under 8s Philip Goldstein came 3rd. In the Barnet Trophy, Michael came 1st in the Under 12, with Richard and Matthew coming 2nd, and James Waller and Amir Nooriala came 2nd in the Under 10.

No less than 11 children have been playing for the Barnet Under 11 and Under 9 chess teams: Daniel, Michael, Netta, Matthew, and Richard in the Under 11s; James Waller, Philip Goldstein, Amir, Sam Phillips, Daniel Norsa-Scott and David Sparksma in the Under 9s.

5 girls also played in the Barnet Girls Under 11 team: Hilary Jackson, Isabel Graham-Youll, Lydia Manson, Judith and Patricia King.

The chess club is enormous, with over 60 members, although this drops slightly when the weather is nice in the summer! The standard generally throughout the club is very high, and many more children than actually do, would be eligible, from their standard of chess to play in the chess teams. They should get their chances next year, as several children are leaving.

There is an excellent chess club run for children in Barnet at Canada Villa, Devonshire Road, N.W.4, and this occurs every Tuesday evening from 5pm-7.30 for younger children and 7-9 for older stronger children. Tony Corfe is the organiser. A great many of the better players go there for more chess and it is open to all, and greatly to be recommended. There is no waiting list, you just turn up on a Tuesday evening during term time. JH

### GARDEN SUBURB CHESS TEAM 1986-1987

1. Daniel Rosenberg - Captains
2. Michael Gladstone
3. Netta Hadari
4. Matthew Ainscow
5. Richard Hoile
6. Alex Gubbay
7. Daryl Spelman
8. Alex Dillon
9. Shogo Takahashi
10. Nishank Shah
11. James Waller
12. Peter Sobadjur
13. Rei Wada
14. Philip Goldstein
15. Sam Phillips
16. Amir Nooriala
17. Daniel Norsa-Scott

Team that played in the English Primary Schools Chess Association

1. Daniel Rosenberg
2. Michael Gladstone
3. Netta Hadari
4. Matthew Ainscow
5. Richard Hoile



Veronica Bird, Brooklands School also plays for London.



"Lightening Chess Tournament" the night before.



The winning team.



Daniel Norsa Scott and Richard Hoile and behind, Philip Goldstein and Neil Smith.



Richard Adinolfi and Patricia King.

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