

# SUBURB NEWS



The Newspaper of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association WINTER '87

## MASSIVE SCHEME FOR HENLY'S CORNER

The Dept of Transport's plan for a massive redevelopment of Henly's Corner including an 800 metre tunnel under the junction to take North Circular traffic, footbridges and tunnels for pedestrians has caused some dissension amongst RA Council members.

At a meeting called to discuss concerted action by the RA, Trust, JAC and Finchley Society Martin Jaskel, who objected to the assumption on the part of some groups that the scheme was necessarily going to be detrimental to the Suburb, left the meeting and later resigned as RA Traffic Committee Chairman.

At the December Council meeting RA Chairman Tony Mandelson was criticised for convening the earlier meeting before Council had considered the matter and it was pointed out by several members that Council had no information, apart from that presented by opposition groups, on which to make an informed judgement. Sir John Walley, amongst others, felt that automatic objection to any Ministry scheme was wrong and that the Ministry view should be heard.

The Council nevertheless agreed that, in view of the likely effect of the M25 on traffic volume, the scheme was out of

scale and premature.

A well attended public meeting on Jan 12 heard leading traffic consultant John Adams say that the Dept of Transport's claim that the scheme would save motorists time 'was simply fraudulent'.

RA Council members questioned Ministry officials at length during the exhibition held in Mountfields Road on the likely effect on Suburb traffic. They produced flow forecasts for various points but had no count or forecast of increased traffic likely to come through the junction from the M1, A1 to Falloeden Way or Finchley Road. The consultants did admit, how-

ever, that the scheme had been designed on the assumption that the Falloeden Way tidal flow scheme, defeated at last year's public enquiry, would be in operation.

Christopher Kellerman of the Trust told Suburb News that they had yet to obtain sufficient information to form a view but have expressed concern at the 'hideous pedestrian walkways', encroachment on open space and the detrimental effect on the Suburb of a massive building project over 3-4 years.

Terry Rand of the JAC said that 'The Ministry's own figures state that the Henly's Corner scheme will triple the projected traffic flow on Falloeden Way and double the projected increase on Finchley Road. This will clearly cause enormous traffic congestion at Golders Green and Market Place junctions and will lead to uncontrollable rat running through the Suburb particularly as the enormous extra capacity being provided at Henly's Corner will attract extra traffic to the area from other routes.' RW

## WILLIFIELD GARAGE

Residents of Lucas Crescent are once again up in arms at the possibility of the much disputed garage at 27 Willifield Way being built.

The Trust Council will make a final decision on Jan 27 and they have been urged by the RA, many concerned individuals and the residents of Lucas Crescent that a garage in this position with detriment effect particularly on the house next door and to this specially architecturally important crescent should never have received consent in the first place and should not be allowed now.

Residents and the RA are still very concerned that, in their view, the Trusts procedures were not followed and that the agreement between the Trust and the applicants to go to arbitration by an RIBA appointed architect could have been so easily overturned by the applicants. RW

## Children's Prize

Suburb children can test their wits and win a prize in our Wordsearch Competition on Page 5.

## NEW VICAR

The new vicar of St Jude will be instituted in June. He is the Reverend Jeremy J Bunting who has been Rector of Stock Harvard in Essex since 1968.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association will take place on 30th March 1987, at 8.00pm in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road, NW11.**

Any motions submitted for inclusion on the Agenda must be received first post on 13th March 1987.

Nominations for the posts of Officers and members of Council must be submitted in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, and have the Nominee's consent. These must be received by 20th March 1987.

Notice of Motions and Nominations should be sent to the Assistant Secretary, Mrs R. Goldstein, 1a Church Mount, N2.



St Jude's Christmas Eve nativity play — see p.4.

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## THE MISSION

The Family Holiday Association has arranged a local preview of the much acclaimed film *The Mission* in aid of the FHA.

February 5 is the date at the ABC in Golders Green Road.

Tickets, from FHA, Hertford Lodge, East End Road, N3 3QE, are £3.50.

## PUBLICATIONS

Suburb History, Maps, & Barnet Suburb Trails can be purchased from:

A. Lawson, 68 Oakwood Road, NW11, The HGS Institute, Central Square, The New HGS Trust Ltd, 862 Finchley Road.

Also available from the same venues Suburb Notelets, these are packs of drawings by John Malton: "Central Square" (75th Anniversary pack), "The Suburb from Heath Extension", "North Square", "Lucas Square", each pack contains 10 notelets and envelopes, price 80p.

## ALLOTMENT EXERCISE

Made a New Year Resolution to take more exercise in 1987? There is no more rewarding way of taking exercise than gardening, so how about growing your own fresh fruit and vegetables on an allotment plot on the Suburb?

There are currently several whole plots (or they could be half-plots) on the allotment sites administered by the Residents' Association; if you are interested, phone David Meyler, Allotments Committee Secretary on 455-0691. There are also, we understand, some vacant plots at Finchley Manor allotments, adjacent to Brookland School, Brookland Hill, NW11. Call Mrs. M. Pope, telephone number 455-2437.

## BEM FOR FHA CO-CHAIRMAN

Congratulations to Joan Laurance who received the British Empire Medal for her work for the Family Holiday Association.

With her husband Pat she started what has now become a national charity from the spare bedroom of the Laurance home in Hill Close. RW

## ANY BUDDING REPORTERS?

The Residents Association works well because there are willing volunteers for all sorts of jobs.

This newspaper however needs more assistance if it is to serve the community.

Lots of you attend clubs, societies, functions, churches and synagogues and take photographs of local events.

Please let us have news and pictures of anything of interest, it doesn't have to be earth shattering headline news, it doesn't have to be beautifully written or brilliantly photographed, as is abundantly evident from the columns of the Suburb News as it is!

So next time you are at any sort of gathering let us know what happened and send a picture or two, negatives or colour prints will do.

Don't worry about presentation, a scribbled note so that the Editor can ring you to elicit more information is better than nothing. Please don't assume that someone else will do it or that it is up to the Suburb News to cover, we can't be everywhere, but collectively we can all be there. RW