

HENRIETTA BARNETT FETE

The fete at Henrietta Barnett School raised over £3,000 despite the intense heat of the day. Organised by Dick Selby and the PTA the fete was a great day out for girls, parents and many staff.

Understandably the most popular attraction was the cold drinks stall where Jenny Moore and Annabel Edinburgh sold staggering quantities.

The Editor would like to thank all those who responded to the appeal for books in our last issue that helped to raise the amount going to school funds.



Mrs. Roberts radiant in the heat.



Jean Sutton guessed the weight of the cake.



Raeburn Close in Autumn

Summer is ended, autumn is now here.
Leaves gently falling,
and no one can hear.

Mornings are misty,
evening are dark,
but I still hear the sounds
of a passing Lark.

Flowers start to fade and
birds will not sing.
With each passing day,
till Christmas bells ring.

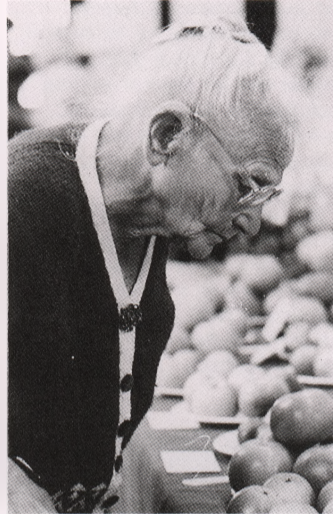
By Dominic Ponniah

GREAT APPLE HUNT

Belle de Boskoop, Gascoyne Scarlet, Crawley Beauty, Peasgood Monarch Red Sport the names were as much of delight as the sight of the apples themselves.

The Horticultural Society's great apple hunt to name the varieties given to households by Dame Henrietta Barnett resulted in 41 different varieties being shown at the Society's 211th show, the culmination of its 80th year celebrations.

The idea originated after the visit to the Suburb of Gardeners Question Time in January when Mrs Anne Howe asked the team to identify an apple from her garden which turned out to be a Bismarck.



41 varieties.

The idea is a topical one, since the government have placed the National Apple Collection in Kent under threat by withdrawing its support. The Society wrote to John Marshall MP to protest at this action.

John Marshall opened the show and told how, in his maiden speech in the House, he had referred to the Suburb, part of his new constituency, as the most beautiful conservation area. So it was no surprise that Suburb gardeners had produced such a magnificent display.

Rev. Peter Barraclough planted a tree in front of the Free Church Hall to mark 80 years of its association with the Horticultural Society. **R.W.**



Peter Barraclough plants. John Marshall assists.

TRAVEL PERMITS

As rumours were going around suggesting that next year Travel Permits would be withdrawn, uncertainty was breeding unease. The Fellowship therefore wrote to the Borough, our Member for Parliament and our local Councillors for clarification of the matter.

The replies have been very encouraging and we are glad to report that there is no possibility of Travel Permits being discontinued.

The present scheme finishes at the end of March 1990 and if the

London Boroughs corporately cannot agree on the pattern of the new scheme London Regional Transport have a statutory duty to introduce one and to charge the Boroughs for the cost of running it.

We are told that the delay in publishing a new scheme is the desire to find ways of improving rather than scrapping the present system.

As our M.P. John Marshall says "To quote Mark Twain 'the rumours of its death are much exaggerated'". **R.B.**

GARDENING TIPS

Bulbs, Corms and Brown Lawns

Generally speaking, the best time to plant spring flowering bulbs and corms is in the autumn while they are dormant. (Snowdrops are an exception, they become established more readily and give better results if transplanted while in flower). The majority of summer flowering bulbs are planted in spring (lilies, being the exception, are planted in October); while autumn flowering bulbs and corms, such as Crocus, Nerines and Amaryllis Belladonna, should be planted in the summer.

Garden centres offer such a wide range of bulbs and corms that it is possible to have them in flower throughout the year. Bulbs are normally planted at about twice their own depth. On our Suburb's heavy, clay soil, it is wisdom to plant them nearer the surface, where the soil dries out faster than the soil lower down. Ground used for bulbs must be well drained as soggy wet soil would tend to rot the bulbs.

After the semi-drought of this summer, it would be advisable to water the area to be planted the previous day. Dig the holes, preferably with a trowel rather than a dibbler, whose sharp point tends to cause air-pockets under the bulbs, and fill each hole with water. After the water has soaked away, fork in some growmore and

some bonemeal (the latter, being slow release fertiliser, will feed the emerging flowers in the spring). Put a layer of sharp sand at the bottom of each hole to improve drainage and then bed the bulbs down firmly onto the sand.

The following bulbs should be planted during September and the first half of October: Narcissus (Daffodils), Crocus, Chionodoxa, Eranthis (Winter Acconite), Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Scilla. The smaller bulbs are all excellent for naturalising in grass, in the rockery or in the front of borders. Towards the end of October when the summer bedding plants have all been cleared away, then is the time to plant Tulips and Hyacinths.

By choosing varieties very carefully, the discerning gardener will have Daffodils from early March until May, followed by Tulips and Hyacinths until June. It can be done!

Don't despair over those brown lawns. With a little help they will recover. As soon as we have rain, and before the ground becomes either muddy or frozen by frost, rake out the matted growth that accumulates during the growing season. Then spike the lawn with a garden fork or a proper spiking tool to aerate the soil and improve the drainage. Next, feed the lawn with a dressing of a proprietary grass fertilizer - and just sit back and watch the greening process take over!! GREENFINGERS.

Floral Club



Unusually, for its July meeting the HGS Floral Arrangement Club had a demonstrator from across the water. Mrs. Dora Cairns flew in from Belfast to give her demonstration of 'Summer's Bounty' and at the same time took the opportunity of paying a family visit to the Jaffa's in Rotherwick Road. The Club turned out in force for this most enjoyable last meeting of the summer. The new session starts with a demonstration 'Rhymes & Reasons' on Thursday 19th October at Fellowship House at 7.30 pm. Suburb residents will have seen the work of Club

July floral demonstrator, Dora Cairns, surrounded by the HGS Floral Arrangement Club Committee: Joan Rees-Phillips, Christiana Duckworth, Rosemary Gaskell-Taylor, Mary Begg, Gwilami Adams and Hilda Squires.

members at the HGS Horticultural Society's shows, but many members come along to the meetings simply to relax and enjoy the beauty of the floral demonstration. The Club, established over thirty years ago, is always ready to welcome new members or visitors.

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