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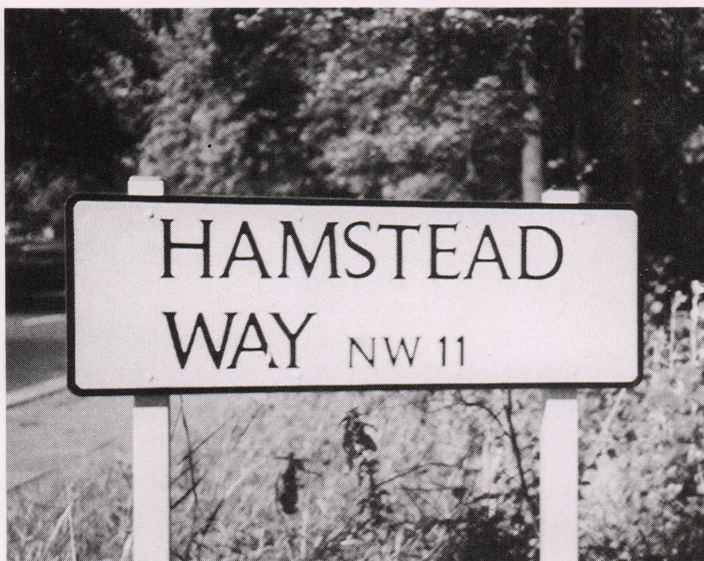
Sign Language

'Communicating With Deaf People Using Sign Language' is the rather unwieldy title of a course which appeared in the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute prospectus for the first time in June 1989. The Institute has been operating very successful Lip Reading courses for some years and the new course is seen as complementary to those. Whereas Lip Reading appeals mainly to people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Sign Language, as the course title implies, allows hearing people to communicate more effectively with the deaf, and offers valuable insights into the problems that the latter encounter in their everyday lives. It can be extremely useful to parents of deaf children and people with deaf friends or relatives, but it can also be the first step for those who are interested in working more widely with the deaf. Students who wish to do so can be assessed for the award of the Stage 1 Certificate in Sign Language on completion of the course. The number of students in the class will be

restricted to ensure that all who attend can derive maximum benefit from it and the tutor, Jesse Jessel, who qualified at the City Literary Institute in Sign Language teaching, and has experience both as a teacher and interpreter, is intending to include visits to clubs for the deaf and conversations with hearing-impaired guests at the class as part of the year-long programme.

Some new adult courses require greater efforts than others from the organisers to raise public awareness and enthusiasm, and Sign Language is a case in point. Although the initial response has been quiet, with the result that it did not prove possible to start the course on schedule, the Institute is optimistic that it will take off in the near future, with the help of articles in the local press and on BBC 2's 'CEEFA' service, which has a special section for the deaf called 'No Need to Shout'. Anyone who is interested should contact Richard Bradbury, Institute Vice-Principal, on 455 9951.

R.B.



Mr Philips sends us another example of Barnet's spelling.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

The Friends' Meeting House in North Square is tucked away in the woods, and some local residents don't realise it is there — or think it looks rather exclusive. This note is to assure you that all are welcome at the Meeting for Worship on Sunday mornings, at 11 a.m.

If you have never attended a Friends' Meeting you may like to

sample one. It is based on silent worship, though usually there is some vocal ministry. It can be a peaceful contrast to the hassle of life today, as well as a source of spiritual enrichment. There are leaflets at the entrance which can be taken, and read in the silence, if wished, as an introduction to the worship.

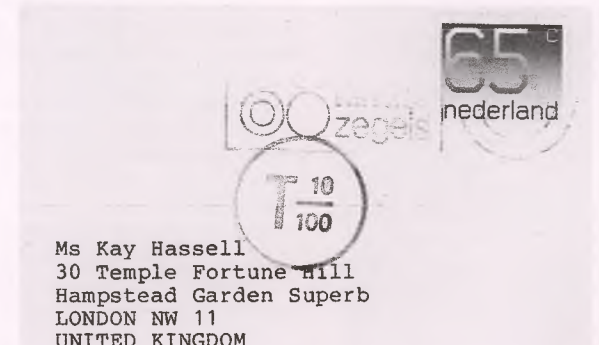
M.E.S.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

As a result of the splendid turnout for the Friends of the Earth Lecture given in the Free Church Hall during Environment week, it was decided to form a local branch of Friends of the Earth. The launch meeting was held on September 20th and attracted nearly eighty people, many of them being Suburb residents. Chris Church, FOE National Groups Officer, spoke about environmental issues ranging from the over-consumption of fossil fuels which release harmful compounds into the atmosphere, to the problems of waste and the need for recycling initiatives and then went on to explain how FOE

works. He told how local action can be mastered on global issues as well as local ones, illustrated by the world-wide attention given to FOE's warning about the ozone layer and global warming.

At the next meeting on Tuesday 24th October Steven Leftwich will give a talk on the Rio Mazan Rainforest Project and inform us how tropical forests affect our lives and how our lives affect forests, and tell us why the forests are of such vital national and international importance. (See "What's On" for details of time and place.) For further information phone Peter Kyte 458 5415 or Irene Dutton 458 8821.



And so it is.

LETTERS

I Grey Close
London NW11
24th July 1989

Dear Sir,

Whilst delivering Suburb News in the hot weather this summer I was disturbed to find that some front doors had been left open and that none of the owners were to be seen.

I placed the newspaper on the hall carpet.

Had I been a burglar I could have walked in and helped myself to anything in sight within a matter of seconds. Had I been armed I could have hidden behind any door awaiting an unsuspecting owner.

Please, please do not leave your front doors open, even for a minute. You are inviting crime.

Yours
Rosalind Josephs

J. A. & Mrs. M. Ditchfield
37 Hogarth Hill
26th July 1989

Dear Sir,

I live at 37 Hogarth Hill. Some issues ago the Suburb News printed a picture of our front door as an example which was inappropriate to Suburb style. Being staunch supporters of the Suburb and its aims, we have no objections to such "examples" being made. However, it would have been nice (and only polite) to have received notice of this beforehand, particularly in view of the fact that the door was not "ours" but

had been inherited from the previous resident some 20 years ago.

Would you, to make amends, now print a picture of our new approved Suburb-style garden gates, recently installed at great expense.

Yours faithfully,
Marion and John Ditchfield.

Phone: Paris (?) 34 80 08 20
43 Avenue de Lorraine
78110 Le Vesinet
FRANCE
7th July

Dear Sir,

I believe that my suburb of Paris is "twinned" with Hampstead Garden Suburb and I am writing to enquire if you know of anyone who would be interested in an occasional exchange of hospitality in the future. I would be interested in Bed and Breakfast and perhaps an evening meal for two or three days a couple of times a year and in exchange I would accept a lady alone or a couple for a longer visit to Paris. If wished, for a non-French speaker, I could help the person to see the town. Alternatively I would not mind a student to improve the language. We are a France/British family of widowed lady and 25 year old son. The flat is small but in very pleasant surroundings 15 minutes on the metro from the Champs Elysées. BUT I would wish for a non-smoker.

Yours truly
(Hazel Montouroy)
Madame

A BETTER DEAL ON HOME CONTENTS INSURANCE

Living in the Suburb has its advantages

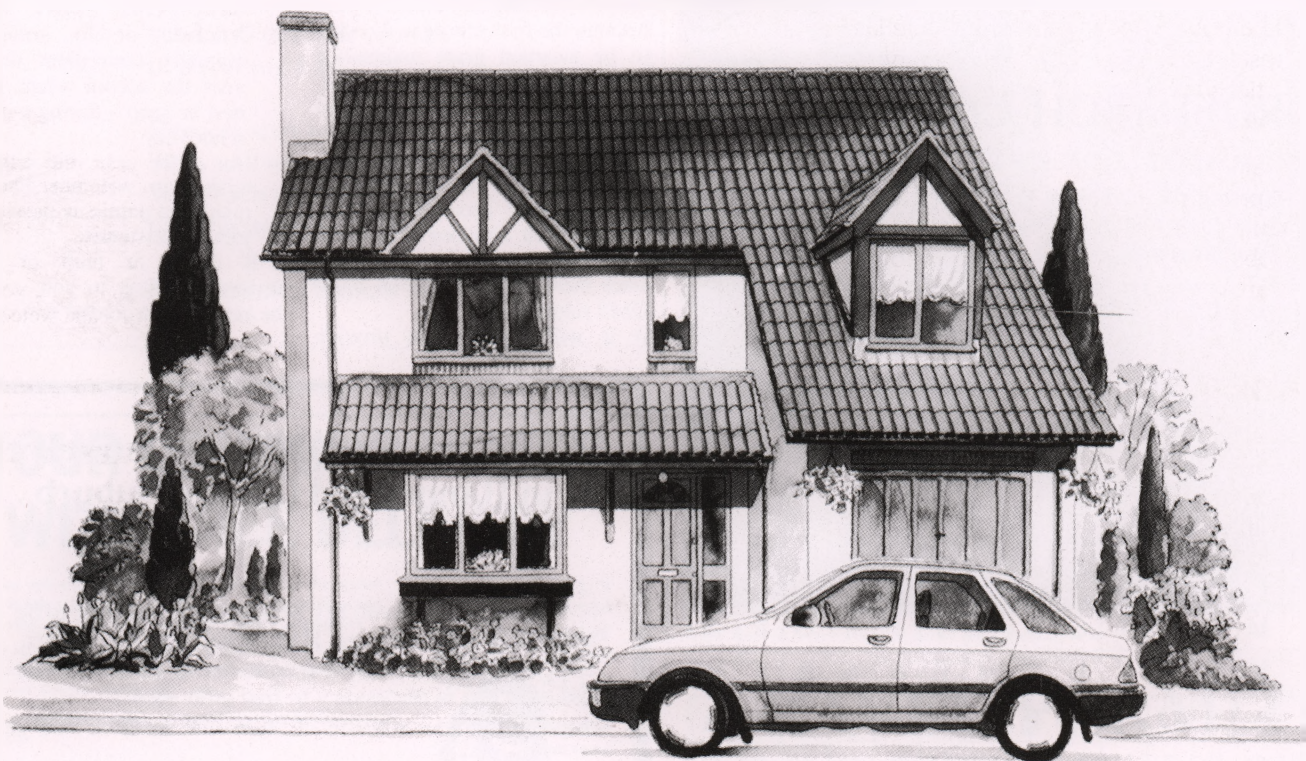
You can now claim a special reduction on normal home contents insurance rates. That's because the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust Ltd has negotiated a special deal with Sun Alliance, one of Britain's largest insurance companies.

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