

SUBURB NEWS



The Newspaper of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association WINTER '89

HENLY'S CORNER AND HYDE PARK AIRPORT

Dr John Adams of University College London, speaking for the Residents Association at the Inquiry, challenged the Department of Transport to admit that the time saving evaluations used to justify 80 to 90% of the benefits claimed for their scheme were nonsense and an insult to the intelligence of everyone they assume believed them. London's third airport might just as well be built in Hyde Park if time saving, for passengers was the main consideration.

In a long and detailed submission for the RA Dr Adams exposed the failings of this and other schemes which ignore the problems of London as a whole, do not save time overall but instead generate more traffic, a view which is now widely accepted as correct.

We urgently need a strategic plan which must provide for an efficient public transport system, and Dr Adams reminded the Inspector that recently, Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for transport had said that "we must not allow the solutions of traffic problems to ruin our cities".

The RA case is due to be summed up by our barrister, Mr R. Jaffa of Rotherwick Road, at the end of January and we will publicise the date when it is

known, this will be an important event which should not be missed by anyone interested in the Suburb. DR

TV NEWS

In November Eileen Whelan, Chairman of the Residents Association, experienced both the fame and frustration of office when she was interviewed and filmed for an hour and a half in her home in Willifield Way only to appear on the news on ITV for a few seconds!

Fortunately, she was able to explain, at greater length in a letter to all the local newspapers the RA's position on wheeled bins, the subject of the interview. RW



Ken Murrell, Sue Phillips, Stefan Buzacki, Clay Jones, Jacqueline Murrell, Fred Downham and Susie Gregson

GARDENERS QUESTION TIME

The popular Radio 4 programme was recorded from the Free Church Hall at the invitation of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society, for the second time, on 5 January in the Society's 80th birthday year.

As Clay Jones, the chairman of the panel, reminded the audience the first occasion was in 1958, several members were in the audience for the second time.

The panel, Dr Stefan Buzacki, Fred Downham and Sue Phillips answered questions that will be close to the hearts of many Suburb gardeners from Walter

Matthews, on behalf of Jimmy Dyson who was away visiting his family in the States.

Jacqueline Murrell (8) asked how to avoid disturbing a bumble bee nest in the family allotment.

Other questions were asked by Marie Aldred, Margaret Glazer, Eileen Whelan, who was con-

cerned with lead pollution, Anne Lowe, Sally Murrell, Norman Wheatley, the Society Chairman, Edith Brown, Susie Gregson, Sidney Croker, Ken Murrell and Betty Arkell.

Society members were given an entertaining evening and an instructive one in how much time and professionalism goes in to the making of a half-hour programme.

It can be heard on 29th January and will be repeated on 1st February.

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Lois Genoni, a 13 year old boy from Le Vesinet would like to correspond with a Suburb boy of his age with a view to an exchange in the summer. Lois is in the Scouts and is keen on sports, including tennis, sailing and basketball. 11, ave Georges Clemenceau, 78110 Le Vesinet, France.

HENLY'S CORNER MARATHON MAN

Ken Murrell of Hampstead Way has spent nine months preparing for his six day appearance at the Public Inquiry and he has not finished yet!

Ken has studied the scheme in depth and his thorough cross examination of the Department of Transport has forced them to admit they were wrong on several occasions. He has exposed weaknesses in their claim that rat running will be reduced and has produced detailed calculations to show that the proposed 28' high footbridges and subways are unacceptable, a view that is supported by the Royal Fine Art Commission who told the Department last March that they did not like their proposals and could not understand why the existing pedestrian crossings with traffic lights could not be retained.

It is thanks to the efforts of people like Ken, who although not directly affected by the scheme is concerned for others who are, that make the Suburb the special place it is. DR

WHEELED BIN MEETING

The public meeting arranged by the Residents Association, the Trust and Barnet Council turned out, as have previous meetings on the subject, to be a predictably heated affair.

Once again standing room only to hear Councillor Usher and Mr Max Caller explain what Barnet is trying to do.

Mr Caller went in some detail into exactly how the scheme is hoped to work and attempted to answer questions from many residents and allay fears over the difficulties many will have in manhandling bins through terraced houses and up and down steps and steep garden paths.

Questioned closely by Eileen Whelan he said that he had been misinterpreted by the suggestions that assistance would be limited to 5% of households. He said that no limits had been laid down, but experience in the trial areas indicated that 5-6% was the norm, although it may well be higher in the Suburb.

The annual report of the Residents Association will be delivered between 10th February and 4th March 1989. Anyone not receiving it by 4th March please contact A. Lawson 01-458 3827.

Residents Association wardens have carried out a survey into types of property and likely problems amongst houses on the Suburb which is reported on Page 7.

With this issue you will find a survey form and the arguments for wheeled bins from Mr Caller and against from the RA and the Trust.

All residents are urged to fill in the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. RW

CORRINGHAM DEVELOPMENT AT THE R.A.

Relevant Committees of the HGSRA objected to the plans for Corringway now passed by Barnet Council. CONSAM worked very hard to get the proposed development scaled down; and the Roads and Traffic Committee expressed to London Borough of Barnet their concern about the additional traffic and parking the scheme would generate. Warm thanks are due to the RA for visiting the site and making these efforts, which probably helped to win a few amendments and conditions from Barnet Council, including a ruling on the provision of screened facilities for the storage of refuse, which was omitted from the plan. But the basic problem of over-density has not so far been addressed; it is concealed behind the facade sketched in the last issue of Suburb News, which hides the massive development proposed to the rear, and shows a courtyard completely clear of cars. BW

HBS OLD GIRLS

It doesn't matter how 'old' you are — you may have left Henrietta Barnett School in 1988, 1948 or even 1928! Whatever the case, here's your opportunity to catch up with other 'old' fellow students and teachers over drinks and a buffet dinner.

The 1989 HBS Old Girls Association Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday 13th April (at the school) Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road NW11. The evening will start with a reception at 7.30pm.

Over the last few years, the buffet dinner has become the major focus of the HBSOGA's diary. The event grows in popularity and attendance, providing an informal and relaxed atmosphere in which to meet up, reminisce and very often strike up new friendships with old classmates. The 1988 dinner was attended by well over 100 girls and teachers, and 1989 is looking even bigger.

The 1989 dinner will be particularly special for Miss Leslia Marjoribanks as it will be the last in her official capacity as headmistress. After 16 years of leading the school, she will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term.

Miss Marjoribanks and the Old Girls Association is looking forward to seeing many new 'old' faces on April 13th.

If you would like to obtain tickets or further information, please contact Sue Fox at the school — telephone 458-8999. SG

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association will take place on 21st March 1989, at 8.00pm in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road, NW11.

Any motions submitted for inclusion on the Agenda must be received first post on 13 February 1989.

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 10th March 1989.

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