

# LETTERS

4 November Dear Sir,

**Dear Sir,**  
Re: Wheelie Bins. On the morrow of the Grand Protest may it now be accepted, with as good grace as we can muster, that the bins are coming. They have been bought.

Clearly none of us likes the idea of wheeling the bins to the 'edge of our curtilage' — doing the Council's work for them — as well as paying 15% increase in rates. But the fact is that it is within its rights in requiring us to do so.

Perhaps we should now set our minds to making the best of them by co-operating with the Council and with each other. Especially each other.

If, of course, the Council does not keep its promises to give all necessary support to the elderly and disabled — or does not, in some other way, maintain a viable and efficient rubbish-collection service — then we can, once again, start to hurl abuse.

Perhaps the best point made at last night's meeting was the question by one resident whether we would be required, perhaps next year, to wheel our bins up to the square, for example — in order to save yet more money? Did Mr Caller answer this?

They may indeed reduce the litter round the Suburb — even encouraging residents not to deposit their rubbish in Big Wood or other open spaces.

That we should pay an extra rate to maintain the collection from the back garden is a futile suggestion. How could this possibly be administered? That most residents are not against the new scheme is evidenced by their absence from the meeting.

By this time in 1990 the bins will be accepted (perhaps gratefully) as part of the landscape.

Yours  
Desborough Brooks  
21 Northway

P.S. The council could certainly do with advice on how to conduct their PR.

8th November 1988

Dear Sir,

The pious hope of our Councillors that the wheeled bin project will pay off in the long run seems unrealistic. Rubbish is already a national problem, and piling it all into one bin per household is not the answer. There must come a time — and it can't be far off — when recycling becomes essential. Already other countries are ahead of us in this respect, and the Government is now committed to cleaning up our environment. Barnet Council would have been far more forward-looking if it had opted for segregating waste into paper, glass, tins, etc. When this has to be done, what will happen to the wheeled bins, shall we need several per household? Or will they all be scrapped in favour of something more ecologically acceptable? In any event, the ratepayers as always will foot the bill.

Yours faithfully  
Joanne Bower  
4 Willifield Way London NW11 7XT

## Litter on the Suburb

In October, fifteen of us met to decide on our first steps to rid the Suburb of litter and several of us have already started on a regular basis to clean up the litter in the road and on the pavements outside our homes.

Our intention is to form Litter Free Zones on the Suburb, but a key factor will be to have environmentally acceptable signs to publicise which parts of the Suburb are so designated. Originally we had hoped to put the signs on trees, but we found that there is a national regulation prohibiting any notice being permanently attached to a public tree because of the possible damage that could result. Apparently a blind eye is turned to temporary notices about local events or lost pussy cats!

We now hope to get Barnet's permission to put the signs on lamp posts. But it all takes time and the matter is due to be considered at a meeting of the 'Keep Barnet Tidy' group at the Town Hall at the end of January — after which, if we are given the go-ahead, my hope is that we shall be able to produce the signs and get the campaign underway.  
Yours faithfully  
Peter Loyd  
12 Meadway London NW11 7JS

Dear Sir,

## Litter Free Zone

For over 30 years we have as a family looked after the Southway-Bigwood Road corner, with Henrietta Barnett's school on one side of Southway where most unfortunately students (Institute) or parents, happily discard sweet papers, tissues or worse still empty their car ashtrays. On Saturday mornings it is the North London Music Centre which takes over... 'as habits die hard we shall go on tidying up' — but oh! for some care and thoughtfulness from visitors to the Suburb!!!

Yours,  
G. Flicker  
22 Southway

29th December 1988

Dear Sir,

I wonder whether anyone who, like me, objects to the dumping of the Hendon Times on our doorsteps each week has found a way of stopping what I regard as both impertinent and a security risk.

I buy what papers I want; and twice my house has been burgled when a free newspaper has been hanging out of my letterbox.

If anyone has been successful I should be very grateful for an indication of how best to stop this nuisance. A five week barrage of telephone calls to their office has had absolutely no effect.

I should also be happy to hear from others who feel as I do. It would encourage me not to give in.

Yours sincerely  
Penry Cooper  
28 Hampstead Way London NW11



Standing from the left: Elizabeth Ponniah, Hugh Watkins, Dominic Ponniah, Rugh Jacobs, Laura Watkins. Kneeling from the left: Peter Michaels, Oliver Newton, Rupert Watkins, Vanessa Newton, Alexander Jacobs.

## CONSTABLE CLOGGIES

The Cloggies team, fast expanding and led by Ruth Jacobs entered the Sunday Times National Fun Run for the fourth year. Results were better than ever. Notably, Vanessa Newton, (age 9) came 8th out of 488 runners in the girls 8-10 years category. Oliver Newton came 32nd out of 557 runners in the

boys 11-12 category. Oliver and Vanessa's brother Shane Snow finished 11th out of 600 in his men's category! Team members not shown in the photo are: Lucy Michaels, Michael and Ben Jacobs, Mark Watkins, Neil Aitken, Shane Snow and Paul De Keyser.

## WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Charlotte Harrison of Reynolds Close who won the Autumn wordsearch competition on outdoor sports. Charlotte, age 12, has always lived in Hampstead Garden Suburb, having previously lived in Corringham Road. She is a pupil of the City of London School for Girls where she moved two years ago from Sarum Hall School. She loves sport especially tennis and swimming and she is a member of the school fencing team. Charlotte has been a guide with the Third H.G.S., St. Jude's, Troop for three years. Her other interests are piano, collecting foreign dolls, antique and new timbles and Beatrix Potter china



figures. She loves reading and is a librarian at school. With her £10 book token, she will buy books by her two favourite authoresses, Philippa Pearce and Michelle Magorian.  
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## WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SHIRES AND COUNTIES OF ENGLAND

Find and ring the names of 15 shires and counties hidden in the box of letters. They may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

A S B N C O D P E Q F R G S H L I J  
K O L M E R I H S K R E B W V E U T  
X M Y A I B J C K D L E M F N I G O  
A E S S E X B D C A I R B M U C P H  
E R F Z G A B E C D I E O F U E G T  
L S U F F O L K K C W J E V I S H N  
M E A O H Q A R T O S X R U Y T A E  
P T N G F E N D K R C B I A E E Z K  
H M I N J O C K L N I O H P Q R R S  
D C B A V E A O Z W Y X S W T S U V  
Q P O A N M S L K A J H E I G H F D  
C A B D F U H G H L J K H L M I O P  
Y A E B X W I V U L T S C R O R Q N  
D C G Y E R R U S L Y O C P S E R S  
J I E Z F H E A B M N W Q E D E A T  
K E R I H S T L I W G H T V U C D B  
Q K R L S M T N P O Z J Y F X E W V  
R S T E R I H S E G D I R B M A C U

If you are under 15 on the 5th March 1989, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, age and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date 5.03.89, will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.  
Happy Hunting!

## DESIGN A T-SHIRT

If any resident (of any age!) would like to present an original design suitable to be printed on a white T-shirt then you may win a first prize of £35 or a second prize of £15. The theme of your design is to be "Summer in the Garden Suburb". You may use up to four colours on a design size of 10" (height) x 8" (width). The winning entry may be used as the artwork for HGSRA

T-shirts to be sold in the summer.\* The judges decision is final. Post your entry before 1st March 1989 to: Design a T-shirt Competition, 35 Wildwood Road, London NW11.

The words Hampstead Garden Suburb must be included.

Please state your age if you are under 16. Please enclose your address and telephone number.

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\* Subject to RA Council decision.

## FAMILY CENTRE

Early in 1989 it is hoped to open the doors of the Golders Green Family Centre.

This will provide crèche facilities for children in hostel/hotel accommodation in the Golders Green area, and respite for their parents.

You can help to support this important new project by clearing your cupboards of unwanted toys, and by helping us to find a storage container.

The toys we need should be in good condition, suitable for table-

top use, eg wooden jigsaws, construction toys, etc. At this stage we do not have storage for large toys.

We need a school trunk, or something in which to keep the equipment.

If you think you can help, please telephone us.

We will be holding a coffee morning in the New Year, and hope to have lots of local support.

Elinor Edwards 455 0506

Anthea Davidson 455 8983

## INSTITUTE NEWS

### Hon. Treasurer retires

With the move of Charles Swindall from the Suburb, the Institute sadly has lost one of its most loyal and hardworking supporters.

Charles has served as Honorary Treasurer for the last 18 years and throughout that period he has helped to steer the Institute's finances through very troubled waters to the relatively stable position they are in at present.

It was unlikely that a week would go by without Charles being 'on duty' at the Institute. He advised on investments, kept a careful eye on expenditure — even became one of the management team which annually negotiated the Adult Education Centre's grant with the local authority. He also tried on numerous occasions to explain the intricacies of the Institute accounts to the uninitiated — always with great enthusiasm, if not always with total success! Although a shrewd businessman he was exceedingly kind and supportive. He cared about the Institute and about the many staff it employed. As one might have expected, he has offered to continue as Honorary Treasurer from his new home in South London until his successor can be found.

The Institute urgently needs a replacement. If you can help or know of someone who would be willing to take on this challenging (unpaid) job, please contact the Principal or Vice-Principal at the Institute (01-455 9951).

### Foreign Languages

The last few years of Charles Swindall's service have seen the expansion of the Institute's adult education provision in a number of subject areas. In the forefront of the expansion has been the foreign language programme, under the guiding hand of its Co-ordinator, Graham Spowart. From a modest programme of courses in the four main European languages, the department has grown to include well over 30 courses, day and evening, in a wide range of languages — Arabic, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian are recent innovations which have proved popular. There are lunchtime courses in Spanish and Italian, and one-year GCSE courses in the same two languages which cater for mixed groups of adults and school pupils. Excellent examination results were obtained in Summer 1988. For students of French there is a one-year course leading to Stage 1 of the Institute of Linguists examination. Intensive one-week courses in many languages are planned for the Spring of 1990. In the light of international developments in 1992, the Institute can help you to change your linguistic habits!

The new term began on 9 January and people who are interested in joining courses of any kind between now and July are invited to call in or ring for further information.

## Having truly established ourselves in Hampstead Garden Suburb . . .

. . . we feel that we can say we know how you like to be treated. That is why our Hampstead Garden Suburb Staff are patient and prepared to spend as much time and effort as is necessary to find your exact requirements — whether it takes one week or one year.

If you are looking for a home — come in and let us prove that we are the Property Professionals.



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