

SUBURB NEWS

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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

Could it have been one of the results of a warm early spring that the Annual General Meeting of the HGS Residents Association, the 78th, was so well attended?

Well over one hundred members were welcomed by the Chairman Eileen Whelan as she opened the proceedings on 26th March in Bigwood Hall. Her welcome was coupled with an invitation to those present to join the RA council in a glass or two at the end of the meeting.

This invitation made the full 25 minute reading of the minutes of last year's meeting seem somewhat protracted. Later a number of members suggested that next year the minutes may be taken as read!

The Chairman then went on to update her remarks published in the Annual Report by saying: "If I stressed the conservation of the Suburb this is because it is my firm belief that - even if we are freeholders of our houses - we are only the 'temporary guardians' of this lovely Suburb. We owe it to posterity and to Dame Henrietta, at the very least, not to leave it worse than we found it.

I have been taken to task - and rightly so - for not referring in my Annual Report to the purchase by the Trust a year ago of the bulk of Ashdale's remaining interest in the Suburb. It was a stupendous achievement, and of course I should have referred to it.

One of the things we are proud of having done during the year is the setting up of our own office in the Free Church Hall. We have our records there and an Ansaphone, and our own photocopying machine. It makes serving the Suburb so much easier for all the officers and for Rosemary.

I cannot, however, leave this without saying how much we appreciated the help given us by the Trust Manager and his staff before we had our own office and equipment. It illustrates the close and friendly co-operation between the RA and the Trust which exists on so many issues: planning matters, Henly's Corner and, of course, wheeled bins! On that issue I think we are convinced LBB that the combined efforts of the RA, the Trust, and CAAC are a force to be reckoned with!

I should just mention here

that a week today Chris Kellerman, Malcolm Davis, Veronica Soskin, Patrick Gaskell-Taylor and I are meeting the Borough's Chief Executive and Officers to discuss a number of operational problems which have arisen in the first three months of the scheme.

We hope to have a full review later in the year, so please go on sending your comments and complaints to me and/or the Trust.

One more thing on wheeled bins: please do NOT put them on the pavement, even on collection days. The correct collection point for each property is within the curtilage of that property, not on the public footpath, where they are a dreadful hazard to the blind and partially-sighted.

I did not, in my report, mention all the people who assist the RA who are not necessarily members of Council. I should have done so; they are too numerous to mention individually, and I should be bound to leave someone out! So - to everyone who has assisted, in any way at all, during the year - my heartfelt thanks. And to new residents: there is no better way to gain entree to a community than to serve it - we do need help in so many ways."

Before the reports of Committee Chairmen, Gerry Mansell, Trust Chairman, and one of the members of the Tony Continued on pages 4 and 10

SECURITY FAIR

Saturday 16th June, 1990, Central Square, NW11, 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Bigger and better than last year.

Free etching of registration numbers on car windows with two marking units marking continuously. Numerous stands showing burglar alarms, security systems, security lighting, car alarms, locks of all sorts, door entry phones, smoke detectors, observation monitors, property-marking equipment, electronic Guard Dog alarms, "Walk-easy" personal emergency alarms, safe deposit facilities, security bars and reinforced windows, special buildings and house contents insurance, die-punch marking, advice on personal safety, road safety. The latest police videos. Special children's corner with "Beat the Burglar" stall, puppet show, etc. Refreshments. PL

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

In early issues of "Suburb News" the initials CS were to be seen under reports of Suburb happenings.

They were written by Christopher Stephen who, at the time, was just starting his career as a reporter on the "Hampstead Advertiser".

In recent weeks his name has been appearing more prominently over reports in the "Guardian" for whom Christopher has been reporting events in Romania.

Clearly he is following parental example, having grown up in Willifield Way from where his mother Leonie has been filing fearless reports on Suburb drama since our first issue, now seven years ago! RW



Nobby Clark chats to Mrs Rappaport in Howard Way. Mrs Rappaport incidentally is the RA Representative here.

Mr Charles (Nobby) Clark retires this month from the Post Office having pounded the pavements of Finchley for nearly thirty years.

During recent years Nobby has clearly become a very good friend of all who live in Brim Hill, Gurney Drive and Howard Walk when his cheery smile and effortless conversation have

made him a very popular figure with residents.

So much so that, when Lady Atkinson in Brim Hill organised a collection to give their favourite postman something to remember them by, residents stumped up over £500.

Lady Atkinson says "I had no idea that we would raise so much - but then he is a lovely

man."

Nobby Clark was presented with a cheque and glasses engraved with Brim Hill, Gurney Drive and Howard Walk at a small ceremony on 31st March before he hung up his postbag and headed for a well earned retirement, and his beloved hill walking, in mid Wales. RJW

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FESTIVITIES

One of the most popular aspects of the RA's Environment Week programme has been the opportunity it presents for residents to use the Tea House in the way originally intended. This year again teas will be served on Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th April and 5th and 6th May.

The week starts however with a Litter Free Zones Campaign reception in Institute Hall on the 28th April at 12.30.

It continues with a programme of interesting walks and talks and for four evenings a production of Franz Lehar's "The Count of Luxembourg" by the Manor House Hospital Operatic Society in the Institute Hall.

If you've ever fancied gardening on the grand scale then join Operation Bigwood for a mass clean-up on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May, 10.00 - 1.00.

Just time for a shower then rush your 4 - 9-year-olds up to the Tea House for the Madhatters' Children's Tea Party. Lots of fun and prizes for the most original hats.

Last year it was standing room only for Molly Cattle's popular Patchwork group. This year there will be room for all as they are putting on "Times Remembered", a programme of song and verse, in the Free Church Hall to round off the week on 7th May.

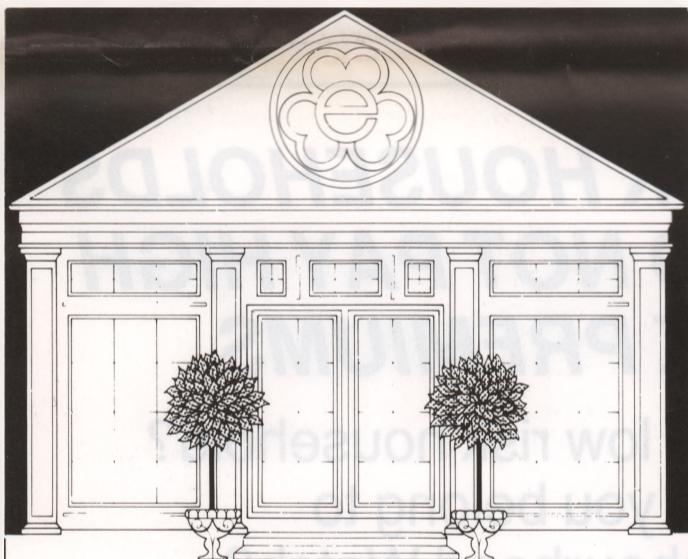
Volunteers are needed for the Bigwood clean-up and for help with the teas so come along and join the fun. RW

Announcement of Third Chess Open Day, Saturday 12th May 2.30 to 5.00 p.m., Fellowship House, Willifield Way. Bring your own chess set.

PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT WEEK

28th APRIL - 7th MAY, 1990

Saturday 28th April	12.30 pm	Litter Free Zones campaign Reception in the presence of The Worshipful The Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet in the Institute Hall, Central Square.
	2.30 pm	"The Old Suburb from the Ice-Age to the Present Day", walk led by Michael Holton, starting from Henly's Corner, Finchley Road.
Sunday 29th April	2.30-5.30 pm	Photographic Display of HGS in the Tea House, Northway. Teas available.
	2.00 pm	HGS Town Trail Walk led by Stuart Gray, starting from Arcade House, Hampstead Way/Finchley Road.
Monday 30th April	2.30-5.30 pm	Photographic Display of HGS in the Tea House, Northway. Teas available.
	8.00 pm	'Use or Lose - Waste or What?' Talk on recycling by Bernard King of London Borough of Barnet and Friends of the Earth in St Jude's Church Rooms, Central Square.
Tuesday 1st May	7.30 pm	Franz Lehar's "The Count of Luxembourg" performed by Manor House Hospital Operatic Society in the Institute Hall, Central Square. Tickets: Elizabeth Album, 431 2942.
Wednesday 2nd May	7.30 pm	Franz Lehar's "The Count of Luxembourg".
Thursday 3rd May	7.30 pm	Franz Lehar's "The Count of Luxembourg".
	8.00 pm	"HGS Architecture and History." Talk by Stuart Gray, Kit Ikin and Mervyn Miller in St Jude's Church Rooms, Central Square.
Friday 4th May	7.30 pm	Franz Lehar's "The Count of Luxembourg".
Saturday 5th May	2.30-5.30 pm	Photographic Display of HGS in the Tea House, Northway. Teas available.
	7.30 pm	Franz Lehar's "The Count of Luxembourg".
Sunday 6th May	2.00 pm	HGS Town Trail Walk led by Christopher Kellerman, starting from Wyldes Farm, Hampstead Way/Wildwood Road.
	2.30-5.30 pm	Photographic Display of HGS in the Tea House, Northway. Teas available.
Monday 7th May	10.00 am-1.00 pm	"Operation Bigwood". Mass clean-up of litter and fly-tipped objects in Bigwood. Volunteers to meet at either Temple Fortune Hill or Oakwood Road entrances.
	2.30-5.30 pm	"Madhatters" Children's Tea Party in the Tea House, Northway. Prizes will be awarded for the most original hats by P. C. Payphone. An Inflatable Castle 'Fun Phone' will also be in use.
	8.00 pm	Molly Cattle presents 'Patchwork' in "Times Remembered", a programme of song and verse, in the Free Church Hall, Northway.



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