

FROM THE DESK OF PANDORA

Hi there! I'm a fairly average teenager, living on the Suburb. I like most things that teenage girls in the 1990s like - but I particularly like pop music. Ask me any details about the top charts and I can probably give you the answer straight away - no problem.

But I have a problem with my Mum... she keeps wanting to take me to a Kenwood Open-Air Concert... yuk, too much like school! Apparently my Mum used to enjoy pop music in the old days - when the Beatles and the Yardbirds and Procol Harum were around - what weird names... and she still knows one or two things about the pop scene these days (I make sure she's not totally ignorant), but she tells me to widen my horizons as much as possible, and listen to good and bad so as to be able to distinguish one from the other eventually - what a cheek.

Anyway, back to Kenwood. To keep my Mum quiet, and because I knew one of my school friends was going to be there with her French exchange friend, I was persuaded to go. The evening was mild though cloudy - I couldn't understand why we had to take rugs and woolies - such a fuss. I saw my Mum packing food in a basket, so that cheered me up a bit. We strolled over to the lake opposite Kenwood House and I was amazed to see thousands of people already installed on the grass with rugs, hampers, bottles of wine, etc. etc. There were people of all ages, not just people over forty (I had expected that). We sat down and I nearly freaked out to see another school friend there with her Mum and two sisters nearby together with another French girl of 15 or so - I felt better with all these teenagers around me. We settled down and munched food, and watched all the thousands of people some of them really way-out looking - all having a good time and relaxing in the summer atmosphere. There didn't seem to be many stuffy people.

The music started suddenly - I had been talking so much I hadn't noticed the orchestra assembling under the canopy-like structure over on the other side of the lake. My Mum

informed me the first work was The Planets by Holst, and the programme indicated that each movement was named after a planet... clever really. Do you know - Venus the bringer of Peace is a quiet, gentle movement, and someone had brought a bottle of soap suds and was blowing beautiful bubbles over the heads of the crowd - just the perfect time we all thought. Then I lay down on my rug and stared at the clouds and tried to imagine the planets beyond those clouds spinning and twirling through space.

The next two works I didn't really like much, and my friends and I strolled around seeing if we could spot anyone else we knew. I spotted some... but they ignored me and I ignored them.

The final work was by someone called Sir Arthur Bliss. There were to be fireworks accompanying the work called Suite: Things to Come. I thought it was daft, where was the man lighting everything up? I couldn't see anyone. Suddenly there was a major explosion of red, gold and green lights filling the sky overhead, and we all gasped at the intensity of it. Perhaps it was done electronically someone said. The orchestra was still there, it hadn't been blasted away! The conductor was still waving his arms round. On and on the fireworks went, each movement being interpreted in different ways according to the mood of the music. When the work came to a close, we all clapped and cheered and demanded more... we got more, an encore with more fireworks. How did they do that? How did they rehearse I wondered, they can't have used fireworks at rehearsal times. All very clever.

Then it was all over. Everyone got up and stretched their arms and legs, and packed up the hampers and trooped home. "Who clears up all the litter? I hope it gets recycled" said my Mum (typical of her!).

Actually I think I quite enjoyed the concert, even though I heard no pop music - but I wouldn't admit it to my Mum of course! I wonder if she'll ask me to go with her again?

SUMMER IN BLANDFORD CLOSE

Summer in Blandford Close
What a pretty and colourful sight.

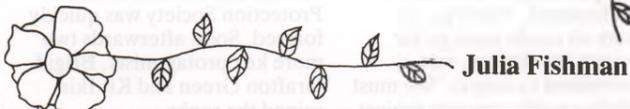
Until the summer came
All we had was wind and rain.

May has gone and now it is June
All the birds are singing in tune.

Multitudes of pretty flowers blossoming everywhere
All the trees are no longer bare.

Everybody is out and enjoying the sun
Cooking barbeques and having fun.

Reaping the benefits of the lovely weather
So we can all share the beautiful summer together.



Julia Fishman

WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Tanya Tricot of Neville Drive who won the spring Wordsearch competition on languages of the world. Tanya was born in London and has lived in Hampstead Garden Suburb for only two years. She goes to school at The Mount in Mill Hill and is in the second year of the senior school. Her great loves are drama and poetry. She likes to go to the theatre, watch films and reads and composes her own poetry. Her favourite sports are swimming and tennis, especially in the Wimbledon season. In her spare time, she likes to listen to the radio, read mystery books and talk to friends on the telephone. In the holidays, Tanya enjoys the family visits to Canada and the States where she stays with relatives and travels widely.



Tanya hopes to go to Drama School and perhaps eventually work in the media of television or film. With her £10 Book Token, Tanya plans to buy a poetry work by Edgar Allan Poe. EGN

WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BRITAIN'S IMPORTANT RIVERS

Find and ring the names of fourteen of the main rivers of Britain hidden in the box of letters. They may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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If you are under fifteen on the 5th of September, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, age, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date 5th September 1990, will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.
Happy Hunting!

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YOUTH CLUB RE-OPENS

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Youth Club (9-15 year-olds) reopened in May with a new Leader, new equipment bought with a donation from the HGS Charitable Trust and an excellent turnout of members, old and new.

Robert Kelly, an experienced youth Leader with two children of his own, supervises the sessions assisted by teenage volunteers from the community. The club now has a great range of activities. Tennis (we have our own court), Soccer, Badminton, Volleyball, Snooker and Table Tennis are a few of the sports available. We have a music centre, games and crafts. During the summer months most activities tend to be outdoors but as Autumn approaches the

club programme will move indoors with quizzes, discussions, indoor sports and games.

The club, which has no religious affiliations and is supported by a grant from Barnet Council meets at St. Jude's Hall on Central Square on Mondays from 6 till 8 during term time.

New members and their parents are welcome to visit at any time - we think it's a great way to meet and make friends. Call 458 6100 for any further information you may need.



Anyone for Tennis!

FARM WALK TENNIS CLUB invites tennis-playing residents to apply for membership this season.

Five all-weather courts provide a fine opportunity for competitive or family tennis, either as a full member (reductions for husband & wife), week-day member or as

an improver. Coaching is available by appointment.

Application forms are obtainable from either:

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Mrs. Hilde Davis 081-458 2277.

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