

## THE GOURMETS GET OFF TO A GALLOPING START

The venue was 12 Hutchings Walk; John and Mary Whiting were the perfect host and hostess; the menu was:-

### Menu for Buffet Party, December 10th

#### Pates:

French terrine de campagne, with pork, veal, ham & bacon.  
Chicken liver pate with butter, brandy, herbs and garlic.  
Cod's roe pate, with unsalted roe, lemon and sour cream.  
A simple fish pate, using sardines and cream cheese.

#### Lincolnshire Sausage and herb pie: sausage meat specially made to a traditional Lincolnshire recipe.

#### Cheese:

A selection of English cheeses from small, independent producers, including an excellent Cheddar, a 'real' Red Leicester and one or two unpasteurized cheeses.

#### Bread:

A selection of locally bought breads, including a sour-dough rye, a rye with walnuts, and multi-grain. Plus a home made wholewheat bread with molasses.

#### Home-made Victorian Mince-meat

Lattice-tart, apple and mince-meat pie; orange-mince pres.

#### Fresh Fruit

#### Chocolate Brandy Cake

#### Coffee

#### A Glass of Mulled Wine

Recipe sheets will be available.

The cost was £3 per head! All the fare was deliciously home made by Mary. No, I am not bringing you an extract from the Suburb News December 1969. The event took place on Sunday, 10th December 1989 and was the launch of the HGS Gourmet Society, at which approximately twenty-five residents attended for a convivial pre-Christmas celebration.

Mary Whiting, who is a gourmet/wholefood cookery tutor, outlined how the Society would progress. It was hoped that the Society would ultimately be able to arrange twenty-four "at homes", when a resident would host a party of their choice and charge about £5.00 per head, excluding alcohol. Members were invited to say in which month they would find it convenient to host such a party and already a number of exciting events are being arranged.

Eating out is also an important ingredient of the Society, and it is hoped to arrange twelve restaurant visits a year. These will be to specially selected restaurants, which offer good value and a high standard of cuisine up to about £20.00 per head fully inclusive.

The first restaurant outing is taking place on Thursday, 18th January and is to a well-reputed

Swedish restaurant.

The second "at home" is being hosted by Rosie Loyd, who is providing an unusual traditional English dinner for eight people in January. However, this event is already fully booked.

The Society hopes to publish four newsletters a year which will include seasonal recipes, submitted by members. Also, it is hoped to produce a list of selected restaurants found by members to be of high standard and good value. Consideration is also being given to the possibility of arranging wine appreciation events.

Any resident of Hampstead Garden Suburb may join the Gourmet Society which costs £5.00 per household. However, it is first necessary to be a member of the HGS Residents Association, but you can join at the same time at a cost of £3.00.



For further details together with application forms, please apply to Mary and John Whiting, 12 Hutchings Walk, NW11 6LT, who are Secretary and Treasurer of the Society. Please ensure you send a stamped addressed envelope with your application.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

We had nearly 1,000 visitors to the Craft Fair on 11th November in the Free Church Hall and raised a total of £1,823.50 for charity! Of this £1,556.50 was for the NL Hospice and £267.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. One of the new stalls this year was Upholstery & Chair Caning (Hilary Donaldson and Tessa Hauxwell) which attracted much attention (during the course of the day they re-upholstered a chair from start to finish!). Other stalls included: patchwork (Mollie Cattle); silverwork (Veronica Shaw); knitwear (Beryl Moulden); watercolours (Peter Sutton); soft toys (Kay Saint & Margaret Smith); weaving (Hilary Shrimpton); pokerwork (Carol Wright); floral arrangements (Mari Aldred); pottery (Helen Cohen); beeswax candles & ethnic jewellery (Nik Wolf); stained glass (Val Harmes); quilling (Angela Thonger); enamels (Diana Redhouse); peg dolls (Diana Darrer); cakes & preserves (Yvonne Oliver); toys (Carol Honeywell); Liberty print clothes (Lizzie Houghton); cards & nursery pictures (Christine Barrow). A team of willing helpers, led by Lesley Michaelides, were kept busy all day serving lunches & teas in aid of the NL Hospice.

I think everyone agreed that the day was a great success, not only because of the variety and standard of crafts on offer and the money raised for charity, but also as an occasion which is looked forward to as an annual Suburb event where friends can meet while browsing around the stalls.

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27th November 1989

Dear Sir,

I understand that at the meeting recently held, attended by Councillors Malcolm Davies and Veronica Soskin, Councillor Davies made some statement which could have implied that the Liberal Democrats Councillors, namely myself, Councillor Jack Cohen and the Councillor Brian Stone, were in favour of wheelie bins. The clear position, undisputed by Councillor Malcolm Davis to whom I have spoken, is that throughout the period leading up to the introduction of wheelie bins the Liberal Democrat Councillors consistently waged a war against their wholesale imposition around the Borough. We maintained that some people might find them suitable but certainly there were large areas of the London Borough of Barnet where they were both unsuitable by nature of the territory as well as by the people who would have to use them. There are certainly areas like this in my ward of Childs Hill and there are certainly areas like this in Garden Suburb. We are particularly against the idea of front gate collection and particularly against the idea that they should be imposed on terraced housing or on people whose physical abilities are not of the best. I say again that Councillor Davis readily accepts that this is our view.

The view adopted by the Garden Suburb Councillors appears to be that they are against the imposition of wheelie bins in Hampstead Garden Suburb (and I mean the Trust area as distinct from the whole Garden Suburb ward) but they believe everyone else in the Borough of Barnet can have them. I trust that our attitude commends itself to the people of Garden Suburb who I have always found to be a fair minded group of people, who would readily accept that the situation that applies to them could also apply elsewhere in the London Borough of Barnet.

Not surprisingly, this rather selfish parochial attitude, without seeing the problems of people elsewhere in the Borough of Barnet, received no support whatsoever from other members of the Conservative Party nor from the Labour group. Our view was as expressed above. It may interest your members to know that on 15th November 1988 the Liberal Democrat Councillors put the following motion down at the full Council meeting on that date:-

"This Council notes that the Conservative candidate in Hampstead Garden Suburb by election has said no to Wheelie

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Bins and no to Henlys Corner. Council supports this view and therefore (1) calls for the immediate withdrawal of Wheelie Bins, and (2) calls on the Department of Transport to withdraw its proposals for the redevelopment of Henlys Corner."

At that meeting not one single Conservative, and that includes the Conservative Councillors for Hampstead Garden Suburb voted in favour of our motion. I am writing this letter to you in the hope that you will seek to rectify the position by printing a copy of this letter in your next newsletter.

Yours faithfully  
Councillor Monroe Palmer  
London Borough of Barnet  
Members Room  
Town Hall, Hendon  
London NW4 4BG

23rd October 1989

Dear Sir,

We have lived in the Suburb for nearly thirty years and have also the interest of our daughter and her family who also live here. Many things have changed in that time but the litter problem is now the worst feature.

When visiting the suburbs of New York we found that a bye law made each householder responsible for upkeep and tidiness of the house frontage right up to the kerb. In cases of elderly or infirm the neighbour on either side took turns to keep up the appearance. The result was that the whole area was really clean and well kept and a joy for people to take their walks.

May I recommend that in addition to the Litter Free Zone that we campaign for a bye law in the terms I have suggested. This will give every householder in the Suburb an interest in the maintenance of this unique area in pristine condition.

Yours sincerely  
Jack Shapiro  
100 Brim Hill  
Hampstead Garden Suburb  
London NW2 0EY

28th November 1989

Dear Editor,

The HGS branch of the RNLI wish to thank all the helpers and those who attended and so sincerely gave to our Bring and Buy held on 25th November 1989 at Fellowship House.

The £680 was raised for this wonderful cause.

Yours,  
Caroline Smith  
Hon. Secretary HGS  
Royal National Lifeboat Institution  
52 Southway  
Hampstead Garden Suburb  
London NW11 6SA

24th November 1989

Dear Sir,

May I bring our organisation to your readers' notice? The National Council of Women of Great Britain is a totally non-political body,

working for the removal of discrimination against women, and to improve the quality of life for all.

We are concerned with current affairs, and resolutions passed at our annual conference called for a halt to cuts in the NHS Family Planning Services, for provision of trained conciliators to help divorcing couples to co-operate over arrangements for their children, for the retention of the funding of the BBC by licence fees, for an increase in Child Benefit and compensation for War Widows, for the co-ordination of health and social services and for the re-cycling of waste.

The National Council of Women has branches nationwide and 85 other societies are affiliated to it, including the women's sections of the Conservative and Labour parties, and of all the churches, the League of Jewish Women, the Salvation Army, YWCA, 300 Group, Royal College of Nursing, and the British Federation of University Women. We represent all the affiliates on the important Women's National Commission.

NCW is itself affiliated to the International Council of Women, which convenes a conference every 3 years.

Sadly, in common with other organisations, our membership is falling, but there is still a need for our work. The circumstances of our daily lives are too important to be left entirely to politicians.

We do need younger members, but would most warmly welcome any woman who is interested. NCW has a particular appeal to business and professional women who are newly retired, or about to retire.

Yours faithfully,  
Gwen C. Webb  
Chairman, Hampstead and Hampstead Garden Suburb Branch  
43 Hill Top  
London NW11 6EA

13th November 1989

Dear Editor,

Kitty Slack and I are founder members of Peter Loyd's splendid Anti-Litter Scheme for the Suburb. Our modest beat is Asmunds Hill, between Hampstead Way and Willifield Way, but we pick up as we go along walking the dog, especially in Central Square. Early in the Summer, in the square, we found two large un-opened cans of Skona lager, and in the Autumn the square yielded up an un-opened bottle of white wine. So all is not hard work and frustration.

Those who do not belong to the Anti-Litter Scheme should carefully consider joining-up. I am sure the Suburb has more to offer than cans of lager and Vin de Table.

Congratulations and thanks to Peter Loyd for all his hard and inspiring work.

Yours,  
Kate Blagdon  
17 Asmunds Hill  
London NW11 6ES

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