

WHEELIE MEETING

Following on from last April's meeting with Barnet (see SN 29, Summer 1990), an RA/Trust delegation led by RA Chairman Eileen Whelan and Trust Manager Chris Kellerman met Barnet's Controller of Engineering, Graham Beattie, who heads up the Council's refuse collection service, and several of his colleagues; the residents' team was supported by Roy Schutz, Suburb ward councillor and this year's Mayor. The tenor of the meeting was friendly and several points were discussed. Barnet agreed to visit again the seven outstanding houses for which no satisfactory collection method had been agreed. To try to resolve the problem of obstruction by parked cars encountered by the bin lorries collecting from Eastholm, Westholm and Midholm, the Council agreed to carry out a survey and consider other methods. The problem of bins left on pavements was not believed to be significant. Barnet agreed to repair bins damaged in normal use and those eaten by squirrels (!). The Council had been let down by its distribution contractor when it tried to deliver leaflets to every household announcing the Christmas/New Year collection arrangements, hence the patchy information to residents on what was supposed to happen.

Bottle and paper banks were discussed and the Council agreed to send its "scav" team daily to clear up the mess around the Hampstead Way bottle bank, which is supposed to be emptied weekly, but Barnet admitted that the contractor failed to do so "relatively frequently". Finally, Bernard King, the council

officer responsible for recycling, explained the effects of the Environmental Protection Act, which comes into force this April. It lays down standards of cleanliness, which local authorities have to achieve in their areas, otherwise they can be sued by members of the public for not providing a proper service. It also provides for on-the-spot fines for dropping litter, making nationwide a scheme pioneered by Westminster City Council.

PRGT

CHESS CLUB COACHING

The HGS Chess Club meets every 8 weeks and now has a good mix of adults and children. The youngest member is 6 and oldest 76. The chess club could meet more often, perhaps during the week, but for this to happen we need more helpers. Knowledge of chess would be helpful, but not essential!

We have arranged for coaching. If you would like to learn to play chess, improve your chess or hone up on your forks and skewers, please ring Rosemary Goldstein on 081-458 1183 in order that you can be fitted in with an appropriate group. The coaching will take place on weekday evenings on an irregular basis. There will be a nominal charge for members.

Membership for RA members to the chess club is £5 annually with a session charge of £1. The next meeting is at Fellowship House on Saturday, 18th May at 2.30 pm. New members are always welcome.

JH

SPRING IN WINNINGTON ROAD

*Spring strides across the gloomy Winter stage,
Proscribing its grey and icy grasp.
A new scene is set, and like a magician,
Everything he touches is metamorphosed:
Bulbs burst with fragrance and colour,
Trees are freshly dressed in pointilliste green.
From my window, I see a sea of Suburb roofs
That stretch as far as Central Square
Subsiding into a foam of green foliage.
In our garden the bare branches of beech and pear
Are wreathed in a mist of pink and white blossom.
Like an orchestra coming to life,
Birdsong sweetens the air,
Punctuated by the milkman's whistle and clatter of bottles.
In a rush of sap the grass begins to grow -
And verges become shaggy and unkempt,
Laced with a rising riot of weeds.
The cast is assembled, the sleeping street awakes,
Filled with new life, Spring's act is ready to play.*

by Victoria Selman aged 14
South Hampstead High School.



WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Rufus Johnstone of Hampstead Way, who won the Winter Wordsearch competition on British Prime Ministers. Rufus, age 10, is currently at the Garden Suburb Junior School and moves in September to join his brother Patrick at Christ's College. Although very fond of maths and computers, Rufus's main interests are in the area of sport. He plays cricket for Hampstead Cricket Club Colts and is undergoing trials for Middlesex. In winter, he plays football for the school. He's a Liverpool supporter who admires Gary Lineker. He also enjoys skateboarding on his Powell and Peralta with his brother. In his spare time, Rufus watches 'Neighbours', 'Home and Away', listens to pop music and plays the

clarinet. Rufus is a seasoned traveller having been to New Zealand several times. His long-term goal is to play cricket for that country.

Rufus loves to read and his favourite author is Judy Blume. However, with his £10 Book Token, he plans to buy some mystery novels.

EGW



WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Find and ring the names of twelve British Newspapers 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 June, 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, 6th June, 1991, will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.

Happy Hunting!

EGW

From the Desk of Pandora

Wait until you hear this... my Mum has found herself a job! What a revolution! She says it's because we need the money. Well, that can't be bad... especially if she hands me over the contents of her pay packet... but this suggestion has been immediately scorned and contemptuously vetoed. Apparently this job is local and part-time, so that is a relief to me. With luck I'll still get a lift to school and a nice hot breakfast. Also as Mum finishes at 3.30 pm there will be time enough for her to pick me up from school as usual, give me tea, then I can sink back and watch 'Neighbours' on TV after a long hard day at school. Mum will then be free to cook my supper, wash my blouses, clean my hockey boots and so on - situation absolutely normal.

This job start next week. Mum keeps trying on her clothes... she says she's got to smarten up her image. She looks O.K. to me in that red track suit she usually wears. She is muttering about having a new hairstyle too!

ONE WEEK LATER

Well... we have just survived the first week of Mum's new job. I'm not sure that it's going to work out quite so well for me after all. I mean, apparently I'm supposed to get my own breakfast now, and clear away the dishes I've used and put them in the dishwasher - well I'm not going to do my brothers's or my Dad's, that's for sure. Mum seems to be washing her hair, and putting on her make-up in the bathroom just when I want to be there... she keeps going on about having to adapt to changes now... well I want

some changes put into reverse, that's what I say.

Dad has been waving some bus timetables around at me, saying it would be a good thing for me to be more independent now. What a cheek. I don't observe him making any adjustments amongst all these changes in the family.

The evenings aren't so bad though... Mum still meets me at school, and she seems very cheerful. She chatters on about meeting lots of new people, doing lots of new things, learning new skills etc. Apparently she is learning how to use computers... bet I could teach her a thing or two about computers though - I think I'll try and impress her with a few technical words at supper.

I was miffed yesterday however. I went into our living room to watch 'Neighbours', only to find Mum was there first, with her feet up, watching a specially extended news bulletin on the Gulf War. I was informed that if I wanted to watch 'that silly soap opera' I would have to go next door and ask my mate if I could watch it on his set. What a nerve!

I've just had a brilliant idea. Perhaps with all this earning power Mum will need some good advice about how to spend her money. I'll suggest a new TV... yes, in my bedroom... with remote controls so I can lie in bed and watch movies late at night. Why stop there - what about a computer? Yes, I think I'll just have to put up with these small adjustments now Mum is working, it will be worth while if I can have a TV in my room. I wonder what Mum will think about the idea?!

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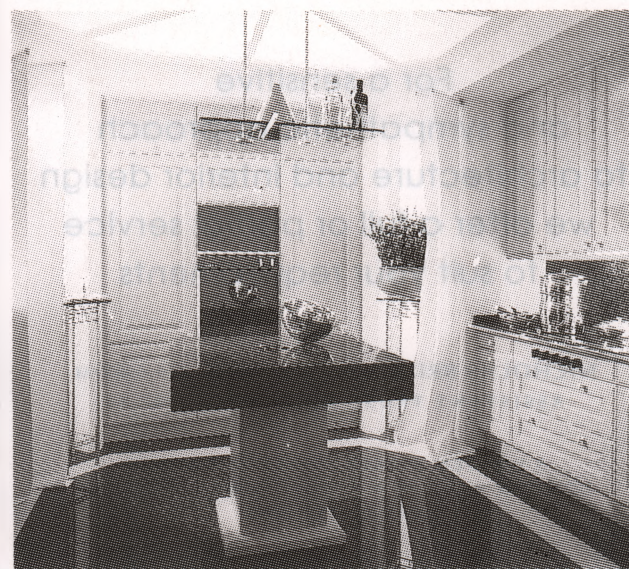
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