

SUBURB NEWS

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TRUST PLANS NORTH SQUARE SITE HOUSE

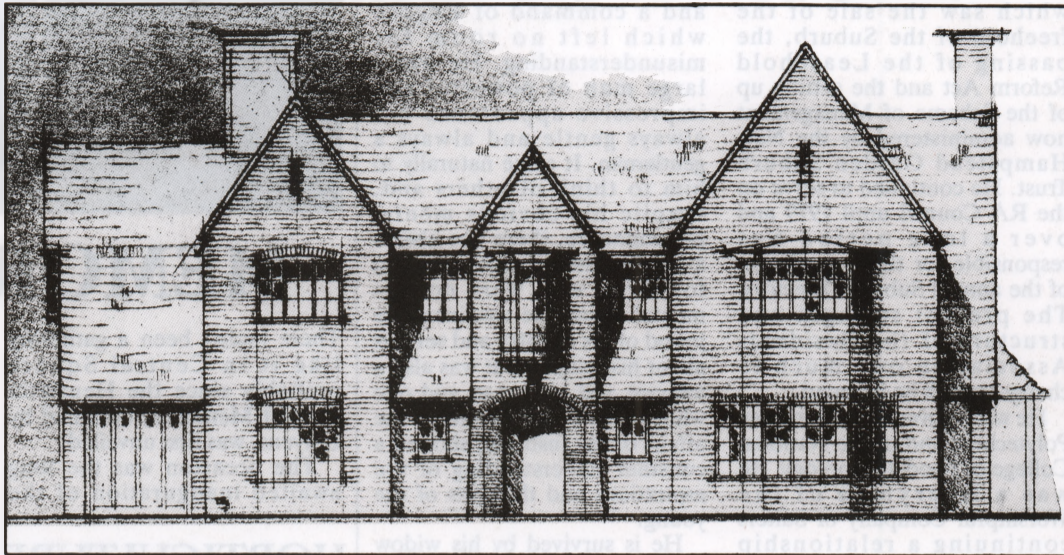
Plans by David Baker for a new house on the corner of Northway and North Square have been passed by Barnet and the Trust Council. The site is now occupied by an electricity sub station which will be moved to replace a Trust owned garage on the edge of the site.

so as to retain five of the seven oak trees on the site.

The Trust plans to discuss the project with interested parties following which it will probably sell the site with permission for the house as designed once the housing market has recovered.

RW

The plan has been drawn up



RA REPORT

Since September the Residents Association Council and Executive Committee have been involved in a wide variety of issues affecting the Suburb. Consultations have begun with representatives of British Gas plc about the extensive work to be undertaken later this year, and what steps can be taken to lessen the resulting inconvenience and disturbance to the Suburb residents.

Following representation by Peter Loyd, the London Borough of Barnet's Technical Services Department inspected and repaired window installations in Addison Way maisonettes that were insecure and ill fitting. We have also been concerned with, among other things: replacing and repair of seats and street name boards; curtailing the erection of satellite dishes and estate agent's boards ('Sold' boards should be displayed for two weeks only); devising ways in which to persuade residents to number their houses clearly for the sake of the emergency services.

Serious consideration was given to residents' views concerning the possible installation of a bottle bank at Brookland Rise, and we have now recommended to the LBB that banks not be sited in residential roads, and that a long term re-cycling policy be planned.

The RA Council had an informed and helpful talk by Mr Charles Fox, District Officer, and this is proving to be a useful and productive link with the LBB.

The publication of Kit Ikin's splendid book, *Hampstead Garden Suburb: Dreams and Realities*, is the successful outcome of a joint RA and Trust project.

Finally, the Post Office Head of Network has told us, regarding the future of the Temple Fortune Crown Post Office:

'I can now advise you that the office will change to agency status on Monday 11 February... it will offer the full range of services... and will open half an hour earlier in the morning... It will be run by a member of the current Temple Fortune staff?'

RED ROUTES

Following our meeting with the previous Minister for Roads and Traffic, Robert Atkins in May of last year we have written to the new Minister Christopher Chope reiterating our request that the effects of the pilot scheme, which started the 6th of January this year, should be carefully monitored. We have received assurance via John Marshall MP that traffic surveys had been taken before the start of the scheme and that these would continue. We will be watching developments!

TUBE ENTRANCE CLOSURE

Some readers may have spotted an item in the *Ham and High* recently with news that London Transport is considering permanent closure of the Garden Suburb entrance to the

station, making it much less convenient for Suburb residents and those using the bus services along Finchley Road. It would take longer to get to and from the buses, increasing the

likelihood of just missing one (the bus service is sporadic at the best of times), and as those who use it regularly will already know, the Bus Station exit gets very congested in the evening rush hour, with the press of passengers trying to leave the station. Disabled people would have further to walk and those being dropped or met by car would also find it more inconvenient, as private cars are not now allowed in the bus forecourt. The gate is already sometimes locked during the off-peak hours, and the reason given is the perennial excuse of shortage of staff, or funds to pay sufficient staff.

Passengers are fortunate that our MP, John Marshall, a stalwart campaigner on behalf of Northern Line users, is taking up the issue. LT has said that consultations are taking place and it will take on board public opinion. So let that opinion be known; if you feel strongly about it, write to Wilfred Newton, Chairman of London Transport, and let him know your views. PRGT.

CHESS

A reminder for chess enthusiasts or beginners.

The Chess Club now meets on the third Saturday of every other month. 2.30, Fellowship House, Willisfield Way. Next meeting Feb 16. Information from Rosemary Goldstein. 458.1123.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association will take place on 25th March 1991 at 8 p.m. in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road, NW11.

Any motions for inclusion on the agenda must be received by first post on 8th February 1991.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of Council must be submitted, in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, and have the Nominee's consent. These must be received by 15th March 1991.

Notice of motions and nominations should be sent to the Assistant Secretary, Mrs R. Goldstein, 1a Church Mount, N2.

RA Membership Representatives

Vacancies exist for individuals with community spirit, in the age range 18-100 years, to become Membership Representatives of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association. The work entails collecting subscriptions for the RA from about twenty-five homes, and should take no more than three hours of your time each year.

This job is essential in ensuring the preservation and enhancement of the character of our suburb. It is also an ideal way of making new friends. Excellent promotion prospects! For further information, please telephone Rupert Terry on 455 9243 or Sally Murrell on 458 1401.

Success in the Suburb

At a time when the prophets were talking gloom and doom, we have been quietly selling homes. A lot of homes. Quite an achievement when set against current market conditions.

It says much for our approach to property sales. Even more for our dedicated professionalism. So if you are contemplating a move, talk to Glentree. The people that keep sales up even when the market is down.



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James Lock of Hogarth Hill should have been in Philadelphia to prepare for another recording of Pavarotti but instead stayed to accept the Phyllis Young Memorial Trophy for the best kept Suburb allotment.

A recording engineer, he was responsible for the best selling 'three tenors' recording last year. Mr Lock says he finds the allotment a peaceful relaxation between his frequent travels. The presentation took place

at the Allotment Committee's Harvest Home party at Fellowship House in November.

Jimmy Dyson (right) made the presentation supported by Colin Cawood the Committee's new chairman. RW

SUBURB CONMAN

The confidence trickster who goes round the Suburb - and many other parts of London as well - is still at large. Every three or four weeks he calls on houses in the Suburb, saying he is from the Residents Association or the Trust, to collect subscriptions or money owed. He is extremely plausible, often quoting the names and other details of neighbours who, he alleges, have co-operated with him in giving him money. He does not take cheques - in the interest of keeping administration costs to a minimum - only cash.

In fact, the Trust never collects money by calling on people and, at this time of year, neither does the R.A. In the spring, the R.A. will again be asking residents to send membership subscriptions by CHEQUE in a freepost envelope which is provided. It is only in mid summer that R.A. membership representatives actually call on residents, and then only on those who have not responded by using the freepost envelope. At that time, some residents do give cash, but the

R.A. membership representatives much prefer to be given cheques even then, and there is no need for residents ever to part with cash to the R.A.

So, if this rather effeminate, 5'8" glib talker of slim build and with short blond hair, calls on you: -

- do NOT let him in the house;
- if possible, ask him to wait while you get your money;
- if there are two or more of you, one of you should keep him talking at the front door (on the chain) while the other goes to the phone - out of earshot;
- then dial 999 or - in this particular case - better still, ring the Radio Room, at Golders Green Police Station which is the local operations centre, by dialling 200 2501, where you will get an even quicker response.

News Flash! Jan 21

The Conman was caught last week in Kensington