

SUBURB NEWS

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INSTITUTE PARKING OUTCRY

Residents living close to the Institute are up in arms about the latest proposal to extend the use of the Institute buildings by the introduction of weekend courses. Chairman Michael Max says that the Institute needs to increase its income and sees these weekend courses as a way of keeping up to date the provision of mainstream adult education activities.

However nearby residents, already suffering from the large number of parked cars generated by 6000 students enrolled in the weekday activities, have made their views known in no uncertain terms. In the many letters received by the Residents Association, the message is very clear - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

These views were conveyed to the Institute Council at a recent meeting called by Michael Max to explain his proposals. Neville Silver, representing the Residents Association, put a forceful case for not increasing the misery already being experienced by the residents and these views were supported by Mr Raymond Lowe representing St Jude's Church. However others including the Trust, the Free Church and

Henrietta Barnett School were not opposed to the Institute's proposals.

The RA, suspecting that the Institute had already decided to go ahead with its plan, regardless of the views expressed at this meeting, lobbied the 14 individual Institute Council Members immediately prior to their subsequent council meeting when the proposals were due to be rubber-stamped; copies of the many letters received by the RA were also sent to each of these members. It is now believed that the Institute has watered down its original proposals, but more important it now appears to be recognising the unacceptability of the parking problem that its growth has caused in recent years and has requested a special

meeting with residents and the RA to discuss the whole question of the traffic problems around Central Square.

The problem is far from solved but there does, at last, appear to be some willingness for the issues to be considered and discussed with the residents. NS

Hampstead Garden

Suburb Library

A "Goodbye and Hello" session was held at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Library on 20th January, 1992.

As part of the re-structuring of the Library Service, Anthony Randall, formerly of Golders Green Library, has taken over as Branch Administrator.

Audrey Marsh, previously in charge, has moved to a post based at the North Finchley Library.

The session was attended by nearly a hundred library users, who were delighted to learn that the Suburb's popular little branch was assured continuity of its highly prized service.

YHA LOSES APPEAL

The YHA has lost its appeal against the refusal by Barnet and the Trust to allow a two storey extension to the youth hostel building in Welgarth Road.

However there is still much local concern over the parking of coaches or cars caused by increased use of the hostel. Noise, litter and the practice of drivers of coaches leaving their engines running are amongst causes of complaint by residents.

RA Chairman Eileen Whelan has written to YHA President David Bellamy with no result but a meeting has been arranged at the Youth Hostel on June 24 for RA Council members, local residents and hostel representatives to discuss the situation. RJW

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

At the Residents Association AGM in March long standing Suburb residents Jean and Jimmy Dyson and Gerry Mansell were awarded life membership of the RA. More next issue. RW

WELCOME TO SYNAGOGUE CORRESPONDENT

We are pleased to welcome a new regular correspondent Richard Glyn reporting from Norrice Lea (see p3). We have said before that Suburb News can only work as a community newspaper if it represents and reports all Suburb bodies, societies and interests. However we have to rely on reports, pictures, news and views from residents.

The Residents Association represents us all, please let others know what you are doing. RJW



Big Wood

In April a representative of the London Wildlife Trust spoke to the Horticultural Society about wildlife in the Borough. He was asked about the Council's work in the N.E. corner of Big Wood, which has upset some residents. To him it sounded like traditional management of an oak wood by coppicing the hazel undercroft. Neglect and overgrown coppice, as in the rest of the wood, loses of habitats; maybe why we hear less of the nightingale in the Suburb. Also coppicing is sustainable. The crop is valuable but when cut will grow up again. For its part, Barnet appears to know what they are about but could perhaps warn residents unfamiliar with this method of conservation. MH

Hospice Appeal

The North London Hospice is now built and will be open soon.

The Suburb has raised a great deal of money already and residents wishing to see where their contributions have gone will be welcome at the Open Day on July 15.

Meanwhile the RA Council hopes to raise a further £2061 more. This is the cost of furnishing one room.

Please send your donation now to:

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RA REPORT

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One of the most important responsibilities of the HGS Residents Association is to attend regular meetings with the London Borough of Barnet. This gives us the opportunity of discussing current problems and possible solutions. At the meeting in January, a wide range of subjects were covered - arboricultural policy, refuse collection, Environmental Protection Act, re-cycling, traffic matters, road surfaces and management of open spaces. The next meeting will take place in May. Dealing directly with the LBB does help to produce a more positive approach to solving problems.

Residents' views and interests are also covered at meetings held twice a year with the HGS Trust. The opportunity for membership of the Trust is open to all residents, and it is hoped more applicants will apply to the Trust office to join.

These meetings with LBB and the Trust take a great deal of careful preparation and informed knowledge, and the HGS Residents Association is fortunate in having such a well-liked Chairman who has the ability to present our case, and achieve positive successful results.

Following the talk given to the RA Council by Mrs Naylor on the HGS Institute, an equally important subject, Henrietta Barnett School, was introduced by the Headmistress, Mrs EJ de Swiet. The school is voluntary-aided and admissions criteria are set by the governing body. Nearly one third of the pupils come from outside the Borough, and this applies to all Barnet secondary schools. The high standards achieved by the school are greatly valued by the Suburb.

The work of the HGS Fellowship was covered by a helpful and interesting talk to the RA Council by Rev. Ralph Baldry. Fellowship looks after the general welfare of all Suburb residents in need, and Fellowship House provides a venue for varied activities, not only for our elderly residents, so making it a vital part of the Suburb.

A very successful Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 30th March, ending with an informal gathering and glass of wine. Perhaps this will persuade even more members to join us next year for a pleasant and informative evening. Mr & Mrs J Dyson and Mr G Mansell were warmly welcomed as Honorary Life Members for their long service and support for the Suburb.

Comments on the Red Route Scheme were invited by the Department of Transport, and once again our valued member of Council and secretary of Traffic Committee, SF Bailey, prepared a paper on our behalf. Amongst points raised were the inadequate information received on the effects on traffic in side roads (very important for the Suburb) and costs of installation and monitoring.

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