

OUTSIDE EDGE

The Garden Suburb Theatre chose Richard Harris's comedy about the fraught relationships in the cricket pavilion for their entry for the 1992 Barnet Drama Festival. They made a good shot at it but comedy is not as easy as it looks and this play, revealing that all is not as harmonious as it seems between the various couples met together yet again on a Saturday afternoon, needed sharper timing and pace.

Roger, the captain, is very keen to win this match but has difficulty in getting his team to feel the same enthusiasm. Bob is being bullied by his girlfriend to spend the day with her and makes his wife's illness the excuse for not playing. His plans are ruined when his wife, Ginnie, arrives looking extremely well and ready for a nice spell of sun bathing. Poor Kevin hurts his bowling finger, Dennis is willing but hopeless and the team's one good bat Alex has brought along the silliest girl you ever saw who gets locked in the lavatory.

Just as Roger feels he has to do everything himself so his wife, Miriam, renowned for her marvellous teas, feels herself unappreciated and put-upon. The only woman who appears to enjoy herself is Maggie, Kevin's wife, as tall and thin as a beanpole and adoringly protective of her cuddly little husband. This lovely couple were beautifully portrayed by Terry Rogers and Judith Gubbay; there was a real feeling of intimacy

between them and Ms Gubbay knew exactly how to get her laughs and was a joy to watch.

Also good was Caroline Wright as Miriam, the long-suffering wife. Not only has she to provide an endless line of teas but she also suspects a rival in Dorking. There was real pain there at times. When you think about it "Outside Edge" is a very anti-feminist play. All the men, including Kevin, behave badly to their women folk. Bob (Jay Punwar) makes two women unhappy; Dennis (Mike Ash) has a spouse whom we never see who finds solace in trying to buy houses and Alex (Andrew Riley), the public school type, is so awful to poor Sharon (Anna Martin) and she hides all afternoon in his car until her incarceration in the loo. So the humour comes out of discomfort and humiliation and there is not much laughter in that. The only character who produces real mirth is Maggie because she has the upper hand. The play was produced by Marion Greenwood. **LS**

Suburb Clubs And Societies

As a result of circulating a questionnaire with the RA subscription envelopes residents have expressed interest in joining the Theatre Club, Gourmet Society and Chess/Scrabble Club. It is hoped that the Theatre Club will soon re-launch and when residents are contacted, please respond positively, since without your membership and continued support of events, the club may not be viable. Ruth Gumb 455 6490 and Peter Phillips 455 3660 will take enquiries for membership of the club.

Mary and John Whiting who lead the Gourmet Society are contacting residents who have expressed interest in the Society and have already set up some mouthwatering events. Contact John or Mary on 458 1238.

The Chess/Scrabble Club will soon arrange its first event. Peter Phillips is the acting Membership Secretary. Enquiries are welcomed.

Please remember that membership of the clubs and societies is open to members of HGS Residents Association, but you may join at the same time.



"I'd like to teach the world to sing" was the finale of Harrietta Barnett Schools International evening organised by the PTA in aid of school funds.

A supper of food from around the world was followed by an entertainment by girls from years 7-12 that ranged from exotic dancers from India and China to a very well acted excerpt from The Barmitzvah Boy.

SUBURB JAPANESE SOCIETY

The Residents Association is pleased to announce the formation of a Japanese Society.

The object of the society is to introduce the Japanese community to each other, and to the various clubs and activities operated by the Residents Association, ie the Theatre Club, the Gourmet Society and the Chess/Scrabble Club.

It is hoped that both communities will benefit from the exchange of cultural association with each other.

Mr Yashuhito Hirota of 23

Cornwood Close, N2 (081 455 7973) is the founding committee member and all Japanese households in the Suburb are invited to contact him for further information. It is necessary for members of the Japanese Society to be members of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association, but you may join at the same time.

It is hoped to eventually form an International Society and any resident willing to assist with founding such a society should contact Peter Phillips on 455 3660.

WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Liz Boulter of Corringham Road who won the Winter Wordsearch competition on Composers. Liz is fourteen years old, has lived all her life in Hampstead Garden Suburb and is in year 9 at Henrietta Barnett School. Liz is particularly interested in certain composers, as being musical, she has reached an advanced grade in her piano studies. However, she does not plan to make her career in music and plays only for pleasure. Liz has wanted to be a doctor since she started studying biology three years ago. Her favourite subjects at school are sciences and modern history. She is looking forward to studying ancient Greek too in the Autumn.

Liz has several interests including drama and sketching. She also likes to watch television, listen to 'Queen' and go to the cinema.

Liz takes part in a lot of sport. This includes hockey and netball at school, and tennis, ice skating and bike riding out of school. But she's resting from sport at present, as she has a fractured jaw from a bike-riding accident. Liz is an accomplished forward planner! Instead of another bicycle, she intends to save for a car. She is also planning to travel widely in the future and spend more time in her two favourite countries, Scotland and Switzerland. With her £10 Book Token, she will buy a book on Russian history. **EGW**

Hospice Concert

An evening in the best tradition of cultural events at the Suburb Institute combined recently a Mozart Bicentenary Commemoration with a record support effort for the North London Hospice.

The programme given on 1st February by the Affini Quartet (with Emanuel Hurwitz as guest viola) included the exhilarating C major quintet (K.515). No one present could have wished for a more alert, or dynamically controlled, performance of this gracious, and spacious, piece. As throughout the programme, the leader (Maxi Toszeghi) combined consistently fine tone with great felicity in passage work and impressive command. The ensemble were fortunate in their cellist (Sylvia Southcombe) whose contribution in ensuring a firm foundation and unerring pick-up of pulse at every turn of the music would have been a n object-lesson for many of those who go to the Institute to learn how to play chamber music.

The viola has usually to be content with an occasional

chance to rise to the surface, but the C major offers a whole series of openings and Emanuel and Kay Hurwitz made the most of them all.

The G minor quintet (K.516) in the first half suffered from a too heavy-handed approach in the earlier movements, making the overall effect perhaps more sombre at times than Mozart intended. But this feeling was instantly dispelled with the opening notes of the tripping rondo at the end, its momentum deftly maintained through to the final chords.

Not only the attendance of artists of such high calibre but the remarkable audience turn-out on an icy evening represented a distinguished success for the organisers. The capacity audience of over 200 was skilfully accommodated on floor and stage, along with tables for the buffet supper included in the ticket.

The proceeds of the splendid evening amounted to £2,230. Locally, we have raised a total of £65,000. **PAT**

COME TO THE THEATRE

HGS Theatre Club is re-launching with an exciting programme of visits starting in July with a proposed trip to the Regents Park Open Air Theatre.

Attractions of the Club include:

- * Coach transport laid on to the door of the theatre and back to the Suburb. No transport or parking problems!

- * Advance block bookings with the best seats at good prices.

- * The National, Royal Shakespeare Company, West End, Fringe, Local and Out-of-Town theatres will be visited.

- * Six to eight visits a year will include matinees as well as evening performances.

All members of the HGS Residents Association are welcome to join the HGS Theatre Club for an annual fee of £6.00.

Please phone 455 6490 or 458 9997 for an application.

Classifieds

BOOKS WANTED for Garden Suburb School PTA Summer Fair on 20th June. Please deliver to 31 Wordsworth Walk or telephone 458 9777.

SUBURB FIRE SURROUND for sale: one 1911 panelled and moulded; one 1930s fumed oak; also two panelled doors, stripped. Telephone 458 9777.

THANKS

I must thank all those people who came to me with their electrical problems.

If you are happy with results, tell others and if you are not, come back to me!

There are some things with which I cannot cope such as 'fridges and washing machines.

So far I have only had one "steam radio" (with valves), for repair. Please dig in your lofts, there must be some about still. David St. George, 8 Asmunds Hill, NW11 6ET. 081 455 0540.

WORDSEARCH

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OLD MASTERS

Find and ring the names of fourteen well-known painters hidden in the box of letters. They may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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Q R O **H A L S** H U Q O T A U I T H
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V L I D Z E U Q Z A L E V T Y U V
K Z B R C S B Y X C P X P A R W S

If you are under fifteen on 5th August 1992, 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 August 1992 will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer. Happy Hunting! **EGW**

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