

THEATRE CLUB SUCCESS WITH 100 UP

The HGS Theatre Club, re-launched in May this year, has already notched up over 100 members (at the time of writing) with new applications continuing steadily.

A warm July evening marked the Club's first theatre visit with forty members taking the coach from Pullens in Temple Fortune to see a sparkling performance of "As You Like It" at the Regents Park Open Air Theatre.

A very varied programme extending to January 1993 is already planned, and details are listed in the WHAT'S ON column. One of the highlights, scheduled for 24 November, must be Harold Pinter's "No Man's Land" with the author and Paul Eddington in leading roles. RA members are invited to join the Theatre Club by phoning Ruth Gumb (455 6490) for an application form. **PO**

The Religious Society Of Friends (Quakers)

A Friends Meeting for Worship is held every Sunday at 11.00am until 12.00 noon in the Friends Meeting House in North Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Visitors are warmly welcomed, especially those who may feel in need of quietness or rest of mind or body. Literature about the Society's beliefs and

practices can be obtained from Jean Dyson, 2 Hutchings Walk, NW11 6LT - 081 455 8193 or Kitty Slack, 17 Asmunds Hill, NW11 6ES - 081 455 6914, either or whom would be glad to talk personally with anyone who may wish to have more detailed information or knowledge about the ways and work of Quakers.

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HGS FELLOWSHIP

Despite our Annual Report going out with the RA one, a Membership Representative reported that he found a dire ignorance of the Fellowship in his road. It seems therefore that another contribution to Suburb News is due.

It is appropriate that this should be written early in August when there is a lull in our activities with a chance to look back on events.

The last two weeks at Fellowship House in Willfield Way, which is the centre for the Over 60s, present a fair sample of our work there.

On July 14th our links with the Suburb were represented by a visit to the Suburb Infant School to be entertained by the children. On July 21st Brian Stonhold and friends gave us a musical afternoon. Our Tuesday afternoon sessions, which are our best attended meetings, were rounded off on July 28th by Eileen Whelan leading some light-hearted "Fun and Games".

Meanwhile, the regular programme of Keep Fit, Old Time Dancing, Handwork, Music presented by our own Disc Jockey, Croquet, Bridge, mornings for coffee and chat, Choir Practice, and weekly lunch club went on. Two weekly sessions conducted by a chiropodist meant that twelve pairs of feet were more comfortable.

Our links with our founders were maintained with a visit of twenty-five people from the senior leisure centre at Toynbee Hall joining us for tea, croquet and mutual entertainment.

To show that fund-raising for our work is not confined to the generosity of contributors through the RA, a Bring and Buy Sale for our own funds raised £127. This is in addition to other

sales throughout the year for outside causes.

This work within Fellowship House is often believed to be the only activity of the Fellowship, but important though it is, it must be remembered that the Fellowship was started early in the life of the Suburb as a welfare organisation.

Our stand at the Institute Open Evening sought to express both sides of our work.

Needless to say, much of our welfare work cannot be made public. In general terms we can report that visiting and shopping is done by our part-time worker and volunteers, gardening is done by our "jobbing gardener" or volunteers, or financial help is given to the elderly who financially live in the past and remember that five bob an hour rather than five pounds was the going rate! We can also subsidise transport for hospital and other visits and give small grants for other special needs.

The Fellowship Committee that oversees our activities is made up of representatives of the Suburb churches and synagogues, the Institute, Henrietta Barnett School, the RA and co-opted members. It is a group of people able to speak for the whole life of the Suburb.

So as to be better informed, we plan in the Autumn to have a detailed discussion with someone from the Social Services Department about the new plans for welfare in the Borough. We have one special need: that is someone with welfare experience to be our secretary and co-ordinate our work. We have a minutes secretary, but any suggestions for a general secretary would be welcomed by our Committee, and especially by the Chairman. **RYB**

Tidy Party

Following a most interesting and informative talk given by the Tidy Britain Group to the RA Council in July, the Residents Association has arranged a social evening for Suburb residents at Bigwood Hall on Saturday 28th November at 8pm, at which the Tidy Britain Group will give a slide presentation on the practicalities of the Environmental Protection Act and its implications for the cleanliness of the Suburb - following which, refreshments will be served, and we hope everyone will enjoy the evening!

The last issue of **Suburb News**

included an article about the Act and LB Barnet's cleansing policy. Since then, Barnet has been taken to court by a Hendon Way resident and found guilty for its failure to meet its responsibilities. Now another borough resident is taking legal action against Barnet.

Details will be given at the meeting, and it should be of particular interest to everyone involved with the Litter Free Zones Campaign. However, all Suburb residents will be most welcome, and the RA Council looks forward to meeting as many residents as possible. **PL**

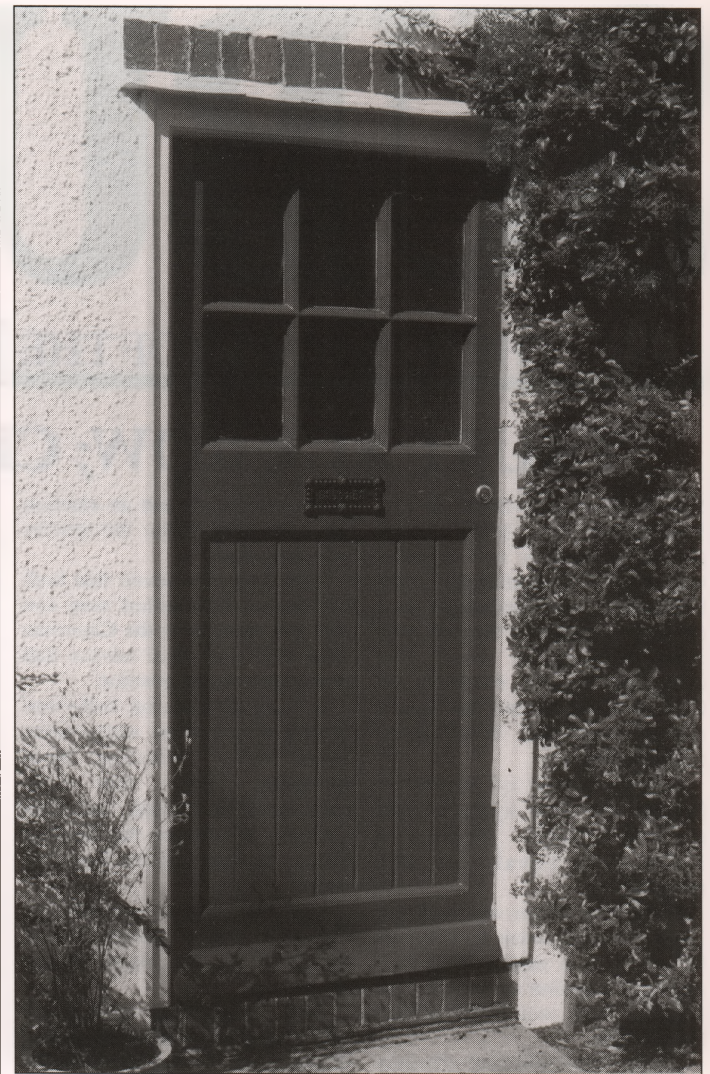
S.C. WILSON

Stanley Wilson, who died on May 20th, a few days after his 90th birthday, had lived on the Suburb since 1920 - first with his parents in Hampstead Way and later in Spencer Drive, where he had a house built, designed by the architect Stuart Gray. Like his father Edward Wilson, who held office in numerous Suburb societies, Stanley interested himself in local affairs until the time of his death.

In the 1920s he was Scoutmaster of the 1st Golders Green Troop - a member of the Operatic Society and Touchstone Players and Free Church Tennis and Badminton clubs. After serving on its committee, he was Chairman of the Residents Association for four years, during the threatened "takeover" period. He was closely connected with the rebuilding of the Orchard and the Club House - now Fellowship House - and

also on the committees of the Fellowship and Horticultural Societies, until increasing deafness made it impossible. An enthusiastic and successful competitor in the Horticultural Society's shows, he was made a life Vice Chairman of the society, and gave up his allotment only shortly before he died.

A member of the Free Church since 1923, and a Deacon for twenty years, Stanley was later appointed a life Deacon, and his cheerful and friendly presence are much missed. He was a solicitor by profession and incidentally a grandson of the famous archaeologist George Smith, who was sent by the British Museum to excavate in Nineveh - where he discovered the "pre-bible" account of the story of the Flood and translated it from the cuneiform tablets that he had located.



ARE YOU HAVING YOUR HOUSE REDECORATED?
If you own a house which has architectural detail such as red tiled edges over doors and windows, brick "diamonds" inserted into window arches, brick arches etc., it is important to remember that when redecorating they should *not* be overpainted in white. Builders and decorators may need to be reminded of this.

THE SUBURB BRIDGE CLUB 20TH

The Suburb Bridge Club is a thriving community group of about seventy local residents (though not all live within the Suburb boundaries, and we are not a 'Residents Association club', but 'independent'). Many of us are in our third age, and there are rather more women than men. The Club was founded in 1972, based on a nucleus of enthusiastic students who had graduated at the Institute. From the outset it has met weekly in the Tea House on a Tuesday evening (in 1972 the hire charge for the evening was ten shillings!)

The purpose of the Club is to enable local bridge-players to have fun together - and of course that sometimes also plays a part in lessening loneliness and anomie. Our weekly event is partnership rubber bridge; once a month we have a well-attended duplicate session, and we are also going to experiment with a monthly Chicago evening. Most members play a simple Acol system with a weak no-trump. As a membership club, our emphasis is always first on courtesy and good manners and congeniality, and then on the ability to play a reasonable game of bridge. The subscription and table money charges are modest (£10 and £1 respectively). There is an annual summer wine and cheese party and a festive

Christmas party; we play matches against Highgate Bridge Club, and have an occasional charity event.

Applicants for membership are invited to come to the Club on three occasions (preferably with a partner) as a visitor, so that they can see if they like us and we can get to know them; after that they are "played in" by a member of the committee, and if successful are then invited to join. At the moment there is a waiting list, but enquiries may be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Claude Gough, at 25 Deansway N2 0NF (444 8774). As we celebrate our 20th anniversary may we wish all Suburb bridge-players a plethora of points, perspicacious pre-empt and propitious psychics! **SH**

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