



STRIKE UP THE BAND

When our friend Michael Gray suggested that the group he directs, "Showtime", put on a concert for the UK Rett Syndrome Association we agreed very quickly. They were singing a galaxy of Gershwin songs on five nights in aid of different charities. "Showtime" was founded by Helena Guest to aid charities including Multiple Sclerosis, a disease from which she suffers.

We were allocated Friday night which is not the easiest time to fill a theatre. However, our friends responded magnificently and the Institute Theatre with its 235 seats and real box office was (almost) full of expectant punters. Many thought that Gershwin was a rap artist from Brixton but most enjoyed the nonstop songs in any event.

Many of the titles of the forty-two songs seemed so appropriate for a disease which, so cruelly, leaves girls so profoundly

handicapped. Songs like, "But not for me", "Embraceable you", "Clap your hands", "Someone to watch over me", "Who cares", "They can't take that away from me", "Biding my time", "Somebody loves me", "You've got what gets me", all brought a smile to the lips and lightened the heart.

The person who enjoyed it the most was our daughter Jessica who, although she cannot speak, shouted and cheered at the music and shimmering scenery. She went on stage to thank the audience and received a warm ovation.

We must thank the Showtime Company for their musicality and hard work. Also a special word for our son Michael, the Chandlers, Rapsons, Olivers and Fattals, all of whom gave us such practical support. In the end we raised £762 and left the auditorium singing "Aren't you glad we did?" and "S'Wonderful". **LJ & RJ**



The Harvest Home Supper of the allotments committee saw the presentation of the Phyllis Young Memorial Trophy for best kept allotment, not for the first time, to Bob Holme who lives in Asmunds Place.

Seen here L to R David Meylor (Hon Sec), Bob Holme, Norman Wheatley (Chairman of the HGS Horticultural Soc), and Colin Cawood (Chairman Allotments Cttee).

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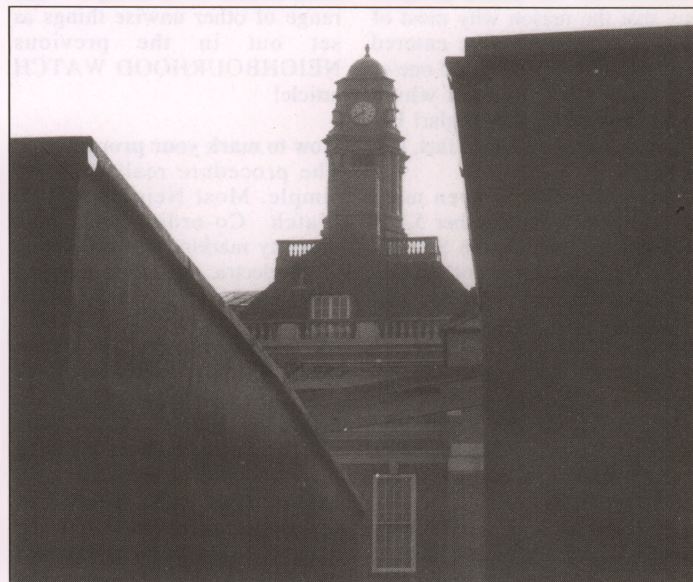
1992 is the ninth year of publication of Suburb News. One of the earliest stories we published, in an attempt to draw attention to this blot on the Suburb landscape, was about the length of time the 'temporary' buildings had stood in the Institute grounds.

Nine years on and not only are they still there, they have proliferated.

"Time was", as one resident said recently, "when I walked up Northway and could see the Square and the churches across open ground; now all I can see are these ugly buildings."

It is rumoured that the Institute Council has plans for a

permanent building - they now have an annex in East End Road which one might have hoped would reduce the need for these buildings. However the Institute, as ever, keeps its plans very close to its chest despite the fact that Suburb residents, one would have thought, have every reason to be informed, involved and concerned. **RW**



WHAT'S ON

The Pavilion Children's Centre - Lyttelton Playing Fields N2, 0-3 yrs, Mon-Fri, 9.30 - 10.45am & 11 - 12.15pm. Mother and toddler playgroup. Arts & Crafts afternoons for 2 years plus. Further details from Alison Rebuck - 081 458 9121.

JANUARY

- 28 National Council of Women, Hampstead & HGS Branch. "Visit to Pakistan", talk with slides, followed by tea. Mrs G Webb, St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, Golders Green NW11. 2.00 - 4.00pm.
- 30 - 9 February Burgh House, New End Square, NW3. Exhibition "Mainly Hampstead" by Rusty Ashman.

FEBRUARY

- 3 HGS Townswomen's Guild, Talk "New River" by Mr & Mrs J Alcock. St. Jude's Church Rooms, 2.00pm.
- 4 Hendon & District Archeological Society. Lecture - "Palaeolithic Cave Painting and Underground Artwork in the Netherlands and France" by Sylvia Beamon. Hendon Library. 8.30pm.
- 8 Jumble Sale. 2.00pm at St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. In aid of the Family Holiday Association. Jumble gratefully received between 10.30-12 noon.
- 11 HGS Horticultural Society. Illustrated Talk by Prof. & Mrs J Webb - "Travels in Northern Pakistan". Fellowship House, 8.30pm.
- 11 League of Jewish Women. Mr Kauffer, 'Shoplifting and its ramifications'.
- 13 Historical Association, Hampstead & N.W. London Branch. Kenneth Clark: The Battle of Britain (illustrated by slides and sound recordings). Westfield College. Kidderpore Avenue NW3. 8.30pm.
- 15-22 Garden Suburb Theatre - "Touchstone". Institute, Central Square, NW11. Box Office, 455 6669.
- 16 Free Church. 82nd Anniversary. 11.00am and 6.30pm.
- 25 National Council of Women, Hampstead & HGS Branch. Talk - "Small Claims in the County Court", by Mrs P Swingle, followed by tea. St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive NW11. 2.00 - 4.00pm.

MARCH

- League of Jewish Women. Annual Function, date to be notified.
- 2 HGS Townswomen's Guild, Talk - "I didn't get where I am today ..." by Miss Eileen Whelan. Also questions on the Residents Association. St. Jude's Church Rooms, 2.00pm.
- 3 Hendon & District Archeological Society. "Ancient

- Monuments - Their Care and Preservation" by Helen Paterson. Hendon Library. 8.30pm.
- 5 Historical Association, Hampstead & N.W. London Branch. "Mosaics of the Church of Ravenna" by Dr. Laurence Snell. Westfield College. Kidderpore Avenue NW3. 8.30pm.
- 10 HGS Horticultural Society. "Cooking for one or two" - demonstration & welcome return visit by Nichola Brooks of British Gas. Fellowship House, 8.30pm.
- 14 HGS Children's Clothing Group. Sale. Free Church Hall. Northway NW11. 9.30 - 11.00am.
- 24 National Council of Women. HGS Branch. Talk with slides "Coffee - Production & Use", Miss Higgins. St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 2.00pm.
- 26 HGS Floral Arrangement Club, demonstration "Plants & People", Fellowship House. 7.30pm. Non-members welcome.
- 28 HGS Institute - TERM ENDS (Adult & Junior Courses)
- 29 HGS Institute - Arts & Crafts Day
- 29 St. Jude's Church. Mothering Sunday Eucharist Service. 10.00am.
- 31 HGS Institute. Easter intensive course programme begins.

APRIL

- 3 HGS Institute - TERM ENDS (EFL)
- 6 HGS Townswomen's Guild - Talk "Curiosities of London", Mr L J Robinson. St. Jude's Church Rooms. 2.00pm.
- 7 League of Jewish Women, AGM.
- 11 Hampstead and District Scots Association. Spring Dance with Caber Feidh Band. Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 7.30 - 11.00pm.
- 12-19 St. Jude's Church, Holy Week Services Preacher, Fr. Richard McLaren.
- 14 HGS Horticultural Society. Talk, "Wildlife in Barnet", by Clive Herbert. Fellowship House. 8.30pm.
- 28 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Meeting. Fellowship House, Willifield Way. 7.30pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 9 St. Jude's Dedication Festival. Supper Concert. St. Jude's Church Rooms. 7.30pm.
- 16 The Family Holiday Association - Fete on the Square.
- 19 Royal National Lifeboat Institution. "Roadshow", an Antiques evening given by David Battie of BBC's "Antique Roadshow". Bring your antiques to be valued - £6.50 approx.
- Every Suburb Bridge Club, Partnership Rubber,
- Tues. The Tea House, 7.30 pm - Enquiries to Hon. Sec., Mrs Claude Glough, 444-8774.

REFUSE COLLECTION

If your bin is normally emptied on Friday, the Good Friday April 17 collection will be on April 24; Easter Monday April 20 on April 27; the May 4 collection will be on May 2. All other days will have collection as normal.

DEADLINE for Spring issue March 20th for publication April. Items for What's On Column to Liz Tarn, 40 Meadway, NW11 6PJ. Contributions and letters to the editor R.J. Wakefield, 26 Hampstead Way, NW11 7JL.