

## Rev. Peter Barraclough

The ministry of the late Rev. Peter Barraclough, M.A., was so wide that even before 500 friends and family gathered for a Thanksgiving Service for his life, already a Roman Catholic friend had had a mass said, and a Jewish friend had trees planted. Both family and church wanted to recall their experiences of Peter, his joys and sorrows, and they were aided in this by the presence of visitors from the twinned church in Montrouge, Paris, by clergy of several denominations, and by people who had known Peter in his work outside the Garden Suburb, including a large group from his previous pastorate in Ipswich.

Led by the Moderator of the Thames North Province of the URC, the Rev. Janet Sowerbutts, the service consisted of some of Peter's favourite hymns and bible readings, interspersed with addresses from Church officials, ministers, the French guests, youth leaders, and the family. Although written separately, all the addresses were remarkably consistent in their tributes to a man of great personal warmth, integrity and scholarship, who had been a "pillar of strength to

those in need', (a skill he enhanced through intensive training in psychology). Above all, they praised his preaching skills, his ability to grasp complex issues and present them clearly yet not simplistically, with apt illustration and quotations.

The lessons were read by his wife Jean and his son Paul. His daughter, Jenny Stonhold, spoke on behalf of his family. Although everyone present must have been deeply conscious of the church's loss, there was also recognition of the aptness of the introit with which the service began, "O give thanks unto the Lord . . .". There was cause for deep gratitude for the ministry of Peter Barraclough.

But, as Peter would have wished, the Thanksgiving did not end with the service, for the Free Church which he served for 31 years, has set up a Memorial Fund which is intended to enable students training for the URC ministry at Westminster College, Cambridge, to travel during their studies. Contributions can be sent to the Church Treasurer, Mr. John Bryce, 19 Brim Hill, N2 0HD.

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The 10th birthday of the HGS Abbeyfield was celebrated in December. Here Barbara Britton shows the birthday cake at a party attended by Barbara Anderson, founder Chairman, committee members, helpers and residents. Ralph Baldry with the cake which was cut by Mrs Paget, Abbeyfield's first resident.

## Camera Club Member's success

Hendon and Hampstead Garden Suburb Camera Club enjoyed a rare distinction recently when one of its members won the Cup for the "Slide of the Year" at the annual competition of the Federation of North-West London Photographic Societies, held this year at St Luke's Church Hall, Watford, on Saturday, 13 March. A Suburb resident, Andrew Rix, carried off the coveted award against competition from photographers from

more than 15 other clubs in the area. His winning slide was a landscape taken in the picturesque setting of the Austrian hamlet of Berwang during the annual musical holiday course that is held there each year.

Andrew says that he owes much to the local club for fostering his interest in his hobby and for developing the necessary skills and 'seeing eye'. The club meets most weeks each Friday at Fellowship House at 7.45 pm and

offers a wide and stimulating programme, including lectures from visiting experts, slide and print competitions, as well as practical evenings focusing on the necessary techniques and skills for successful photography. "It is just this broad and educational type of programme that has been so beneficial to me," says Andrew. There is a pool of experienced members who are always on hand to give advice and help. A friendly, informal

club, meeting in the welcoming atmosphere of Fellowship House, it is eager for new and interested members. Photographers of different levels are catered for, so if you have aspirations to improve your ability or participate in regional competitions or just enjoy looking at good pictures, why not come along?

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## Leslia Marjoribanks

All who knew her will have been saddened to hear of the death of Leslia Marjoribanks who, since her retirement as Headmistress of the Henrietta Barnett School, fought courageously an illness which had latterly prevented her from pursuing in full the interests and activities to which she had so looked forward.

Miss Marjoribanks came to the Henrietta Barnett School in 1973; she was educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College and Girton and was a fine historian. Almost all her time and energy was devoted to the school and she built on the existing foundations of excellent academic records and tradition of teaching the value of caring for and relationships with other people, old or young. A greater proportion of girls entered Oxbridge in her time and many more became interested in law, medicine, engineering and pure sciences. On the lighter side she gave active support to the two musicals, "Share and Share

Alike" and "Jingle Jangle", which were written for the school by a parent and performed by the girls.

Like her predecessors, Miss Marjoribanks was very concerned about the state of the school buildings and worked tirelessly on fundraising with the parents; her efforts far outmatched those of the professional fundraisers.

Beyond her school life she served as a magistrate, and this experience enriched her understanding of problems outside the usual range of educational matters. Whatever the reason, the concern and understanding which she showed to individual pupils and their families was recognised and greatly appreciated. She also served on the Hampstead Garden Fellowship and encouraged the girls to help older residents in any way they could such as visiting, shopping or gardening. Parents, girls and friends will remember her with affection.

JO and BA.

## Edward Jones

We are saddened to have to report the death of Edward Jones (Flat 41), who died on February 5th in the Royal Free Hospital after a long illness.

Ted was the first man to live in Waterlow Court, coming with his wife, Marjorie, in 1960. He was also the first Chair of the Residents Association, and could be counted on in more recent years to give his active support to the struggles of the Association to acquire ownership of the block. It was Ted who took the first steps that led to Waterlow Court achieving a Listed Building status.

Residents who had the privilege of knowing Ted will all have their private memories of his uncountable acts of kindness - caring for a sick neighbour, redecorating the flat of a crippled neighbour, finding just the right gesture to

comfort a grieving neighbour ... The list could go on for many pages. In his modest way, he provided a model of all that is best in the Garden Suburb.

After the death of his wife, Ted spent most of his time looking after a family friend in Hampstead who needed care and frequent hospital visits. Waterlow Court residents saw less of him, although he faithfully attended meetings and called in at frequent intervals to check on his flat and have a chat with friends.

A white terrier was always part of the Jones family, and we can see Ted now, coming through the gate of Waterlow Court, irrevocably attached to the end of Daisy's lead. It was a sight that always made us glad. We will miss him.

SB and BW



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## RNLI FLAG WEEK

A memorial service for Miss Marjoribanks will be held on May 11 at 12 noon in the Free Church. All who knew her are welcome

The RNLI Flag Week and Flag Day raised £1334.22p which in these recessionary times is very good. Thanks are due to all those who gave so generously to our helpers, who also deserve a great "thank you" for their time and effort.

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