

SUBURB NEWS

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SUBURB'S £10,000 FOR HOSPICE

From Cottages to Castles

We are at home in the Suburb

A home is a very special place, particularly so in the Suburb. It is filled with a lifetime of experiences.

A safe haven, a welcoming friend.

Alas, eventually even homes need to be sold or let. We feel it is incumbent on the agent handling the transaction that they not only have an intimate knowledge of the area, but recognise that a home is much more than bricks and mortar.

Glentree is such an agent. For many years we have been handling Suburb properties and we are at home with everything from "cottages to castles".

A further benefit to the Suburb's residents is our extensive contacts with potential buyers outside the immediate area.

At some time in the future, without obligation, we would be pleased to give you advice on your property.

You will be talking to us in the knowledge that we too are at home in the Suburb.



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Fund-raisers of Hampstead Garden Suburb presented the North London Hospice with a cheque for £10,000 and a van to assist in the collection and distribution of goods for their charity shops.

John Marshall MP joined the President, John Enderby, Chairman Dr Chris Donovan and members of the North West Support Group of the North London Hospice when the keys of the van were handed over to the Hospice Administrator prior to the AGM of the Group at Fellowship House.

Dr Chris Baxter, medical

director, explained that the money would be used to buy equipment for day-centre care and physiotherapy. He thanked the Committee for their work and effort and the immense generosity of the community.

Dr Donovan expressed profound regret at the resignation of the Rev. Ralph Baldry, vice chairman and a founder member, but extended all good wishes on his retirement from the support group.

Mrs Susan Gregson and Mrs Vivienne Bentley were welcomed as the new co-chairmen.

Trust Council election

In an unusually high poll for the three vacancies on the Trust Council Gerry Mansell, who was coopted last year on the resignation of Lord McGregor, easily topped the poll with 469 votes.

Eddie Caplin who overcame what in recent elections seems to have been the distinct disadvantage of being the Trust Council's

nominee came second with 382 and Maire Howie consolidated her last win, over the then Trust Council nominee Malcolm Davis, with 370.

Two other candidates Stephen Licht and Mervyn Mandell polled 272 and 292 respectively.

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Barnet and School to challenge Institute notice

With the Institute notice to Henrietta Barnett School to pay rent or find alternative premises expiring at the end of the year the London Borough of Barnet, with the school governors as co-plaintiffs, have taken legal action to challenge the right of the Institute to serve such notice.

This they are doing on the grounds that as the school's foundation body the Institute is bound to maintain and support the school by providing the buildings whilst the local authority funds its educational needs.

In this action the local authority and the school are supported by the Department for Education.

Institute can survive costs

Fay Naylor, Institute Principal, in answer to the question posed in Suburb News' last issue "how will the Institute survive with the added burden of an expensive legal battle?" says "The Institute will survive by funding legal costs from the sale of assets that are not essential to its educational aims such as other property, some antique furniture and a Ratcliffe painting of the Suburb now on loan to the Tate Gallery." Fay Naylor also points out that "Barnet Councillors have been told that the action is likely to cost in the region of £100,000 which will of course be borne by Barnet tax payers." She expects the action to be heard by the middle of next year.

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RA Report

Some of the issues that continue to be of importance to Hampstead Garden Suburb residents are traffic, security, plans for an Eruv, and recycling.

The police are in favour of proposals for a **Traffic Scheme** around the Education Block, and after consultations with representatives of residents and all interests concerned, a public meeting is proposed later on.

Peter Loyd gave a short talk to the RA Council in July, 'floating' the idea of **security cameras** being installed and operated by the police in HGS. This will involve a great deal of discussion with residents. It is estimated that Neighbourhood Watch in this area about halves the expected amount of burglary.

A motion, proposed at the September RA Council meeting, to hold a referendum on the plans for an **Eruv** was rejected by eleven votes to eight.

The newly appointed **recycling officer** for the London Borough of Barnet, J. Robson, also spoke to the RA Council in September.

LB Barnet plan to extend their recycling provisions to mini-recycling bins covering the borough. Residents are invited to suggest sites, giving consideration to the nuisance that can be caused to other residents by noise of bottle banks. Some 4,000 tons of rubbish in Barnet is recycled, including 2,000 tons of newspaper and 1,000 tons of glass. However, there is a problem in finding markets for recycled products.

At the **RA meeting with LB Barnet**, a recurring problem was discussed - placing of **Wheeled Bins** on pavements by residents or refuse collectors. This is illegal! They must be collected from and deposited back to sites within residents' curtilages. If there are difficulties with refuse collectors, telephone the **Customers Complaints Care Unit**, 081 446 8511 Ext. 4609.

International view from top communicators

Two international communicators will be the guest speakers at the 18th November meeting of the newly-formed HGS International Society.

Well-known Suburb personality, Gerry Mansell, former Deputy Director-General of the BBC, will be joined by journalist and broadcaster Chaim Bermant, also a Suburb resident, known for his humorous and astute articles in the *Jewish Chronicle* and *The Guardian*.

The meeting takes place at 8.00 pm. at Fellowship House on Willifield Green.

For membership information and further details about the International Society please contact: Mr Azim Husain 081 458 6729 or Mrs Yuki Norikoshi 081 455 7619.

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Jubilee music

The Youth Music Centre's Jubilee Concert takes place on November 27 and will feature soloist Raphael Wallfisch and students past and present. For tickets ring 907 8018

Residents who care about maintaining the appearance of our unique garden suburb must encourage them to co-operate in using agreed collection sites.

British Gas has at last provided the promised £1,000 for the refurbishment of the theatre in Little Oak Wood - this has taken a great deal of perseverance on the part of the RA!

As you will read in *Suburb News*, Civic Trust, of which the RA is a member, is launching a scheme for 'Friends of Civic Trust', which has our support and, hopefully, yours too.

Peter Phillips gave some up-to-date information about the **Suburb Clubs**. The Theatre Club is very successful; the Gourmet Club meets once a month; the Chess Club now includes Scrabble, and an International Club is being launched.

There was a highly successful visit to the **House of Commons**, and this is being followed up by John Marshall's proposal for a tour of the **Palace of Westminster**.

The RA Council approved a donation of £50 to the **St Jude's Organ Appeal**.

LB Barnet has invited comments on its **Advice on Strategic Planning Guidance for London**. With very short notice, S.F. Bailey formulated our response. Comments were also invited on **Consultation Papers on Conservation Policy** from the Department of National Heritage and Department of Environment, and Colin Gregory agreed to do this.

It is essential that HGS responds to these matters, which can greatly affect the future of conservation areas, and we are fortunate in having residents who voluntarily undertake these tasks. They involve an immense amount of time and informed knowledge, and it should be fully appreciated by residents who care for the future of our Suburb.

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Thanks to HBS

Our sincere regrets that in thanking the very many people who contributed to the success of the Suburb Weekend, some of the most important contributors among the younger generation were inadvertently omitted. Thanks - of course - to the girls and staff of HBS for their many and varied contributions. We look forward to their continued participation in the activities of the Suburb, both during their schooldays and as future citizens.

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No Craft Fair this year

In our Winter '93 issue, last January, we reported on the Suburb Craft Fair and said that Peter and Yvonne Oliver were seeking someone to take over the organisation of the Fair from them.

Sadly no one has come forward so, after 17 years there will be no Craft Fair this year.

Peter and Yvonne are disappointed but still hope that someone will come forward to revive it next year.

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