

## Trust Review Procedure

Recently the Trust Council introduced a new review procedure to reconsider applications for alterations which have been refused consent. Under the Scheme of Management and under the terms of many Suburb leases the Trust must not unreasonably withhold consent. A resident who feels aggrieved about a Trust Council decision must therefore seek redress through the Courts. This process is both expensive and time consuming, and the Trust Council has decided that an alternative system should be introduced to assess applications which have been turned down.

When an application is refused the reasons are given in a letter. If the applicant believes that not all the relevant facts were taken

into account they or their architects should write a letter to the Trust Architect. This letter will form the basis of the review. It will be circulated to all members of the Trust Council and many of them will then visit the site to see for themselves the issues involved. The review is then considered as a separate item on the Trust Council agenda, and all the factors involved with the application can be discussed in detail. The applicant will then be informed of the outcome.

It is hoped that this procedure will reassure residents that their applications are being properly considered, and will reduce the number of cases going to litigation. **CK**

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### Mary Broad 1897 - 1993

It is with an acute sense of loss that the residents of Waterlow Court report the death of its oldest and most deeply loved resident, Mary Broad, on 26 September 1993 at the age of 96.

Mary came to live in Waterlow Court in the 1930s, when it was still a semi-cloistered residence for professional women, containing its own dining room and library. She was then a teacher and, after her retirement, a librarian at the New End Hospital, Hampstead. All her life she pursued her passionate interests in music (she had a lovely singing voice), literature, and gardening.

In later years Mary devoted her time to the gardens, only relinquishing her charge of them within the past two years when her failing strength prevented her from digging the heavy soil and controlling the overloaded wheelbarrow. The present beauty of these gardens is still a living monument to her love and vision.

We grew used to seeing Mary out in all weathers in her woolly hat and old brown coat, pruning her beloved roses, clearing the weeds around her triumphant mallow, staking untidy Michaelmas daisies, forking the soil to prepare for a new occupant, or resting on her bench at the day's end. It was comforting, and for many of us necessary, to catch sight of Mary sitting there in the late afternoon, seeming to hold in her roughened hands and quiet gaze the order and harmony and creative life of our home.

Mary was in many ways an intensely private person, content in her aloneness. Yet people of all ages were drawn to her. She was deeply interested in life and she went right to the heart of it. You could never fool her. She read people with a penetration that would have been alarming were it not blended with appreciation and compassion. Conversation was never dull. Whether the talk was of books or early music or the front page of *The Times* or, of course, the gardens, one always came away feeling in some indefinable way enlarged, warmed, thankful that she was there.

In the end her body let her down, but her mind never failed her; it remained alert, penetrating, crystal clear, and as sharp as her tongue could be when she was displeased. In recent months she did indeed become increasingly displeased with her own deteriorating physical condition, and she often declared that it was time for her to "peg out". It may be significant that she died on the day when many churches were celebrating the harvest festival. She was a woman of strong faith, and we like to think that she chose this time to keep company with her autumn garden, content to be at last "safely gathered in".

Mary was the heart of Waterlow Court and the spirit of the gardens. What we have lost was precious and irreplaceable. Our lives will be different now.

## The Future of Conservation in London: a Symposium

As a member of CONSAM, I recently attended a symposium on the Future of Conservation in London organised by Vision for London. This is a broad-based and lively network whose aim is to link individuals and organisations committed to positive change in London and to act as a focus for debate. It was launched in November 1990 largely through the hard work and effort of its present general secretary, Ester Caplin, a Suburb resident.

A key issue is the "proper husbandry of London" - its infrastructure, buildings, open spaces - the interactions between parts, including the activities that

give areas their vitality and character. Conservation was discussed in the context of the sustainability of London and its quality of life, and attitudes to conservation were explored.

All in all, it was very well organised, informative, interesting and thought-provoking, intended to be the first step in an ongoing discussion. A biannual newsletter provides information for the discussion on London's future: on what events have been organised, what publications produced, what organisations are active and what initiatives and projects have been launched. **CB**

### Suggested one-way system in Central Square

The Roads and Traffic Committee has for some time been concerned about parking and traffic conditions round the Henrietta Barnett School and Institute, which have become crowded and sometimes very difficult for emergency vehicles and buses. One suggestion that came out of discussions with people affected was that we should consider having a one-way system round the School/Institute, with angled parking. This has been put to the police and Barnet Borough Council for more expert examination, simply as an idea

that might be considered. Their comments have not yet been received. Any such system would probably need to have the traffic coming down Northway from the Square, along Bigwood Road, and then along Southway back to the Square. This would mean re-routing the H2 bus, but would be essential because angled parking on Northway with traffic going the other way would be dangerous.

If the scheme proves to be possible there will of course be further consultations before a decision is taken. **SFB**

### Miss E.J. Jamaiker 1900 - 1993

Elsie Jamaiker with her mother and brother Stanley, founded Annemount School in Holne Chase, Hampstead Garden Suburb, in 1936. "Miss Jamaiker", as she was always known, was Principal of this nursery school from 1936 until the time of her death on 8th October, 1993. Her whole life was dedicated to providing the first steps of their education to whole generations of Suburb children.

She always loved children and after acting as governess she started coaching individual children. It wasn't long before her talents became known and she started her first nursery school in Brookland Rise. As numbers began to rise she and her family decided it would be a good idea to start a proper kindergarten in the area and applied to the HGS Trust for permission to do so. A licence was granted and work soon started on the building of Annemount on a favorite site next to a large tree in Holne Chase. It was under this tree that she used to read to some of her earliest pupils on warm summer days. Even now a stranger walking along Holne Chase would never know that Annemount was anything other than just another house and not a proper school with all its class

rooms facing the sunny garden with its long lawn left suitably uncluttered for races at the annual "sports day"!

Miss Jamaiker's small, trim figure, alert demeanour and her radiant smile will always be remembered by all those fortunate enough to have known her. She never forgot the name of any of her past pupils even if they had left over forty years ago and was once heard to remark to an ageing father "Oh Peter, how you've grown". She was, indeed a remarkable person who dedicated her entire life to Annemount and her pupils. She always found something encouraging to say to each and every one of her children and at prize giving there would invariably be a special award for "trying your hardest" as well as being "the first to learn your tables".

On the fiftieth anniversary of Annemount, she was justifiably proud of the special letter she received from Her Majesty the Queen Mother. Equally she was eternally grateful to her loyal staff, many of whom worked at Annemount for more than twenty years and were as devoted to her as were her pupils.

To all those who were lucky enough to attend her little school, she was both a guiding light and an inspiration. **AMN**

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