

Warning - The Red Routes are Coming

The Director of Traffic for London, Derek Turner, has announced that by the end of 1994 the A406 (North Circular Road) within the Borough will be a Red Route, and that by the end of 1996 the Lyttelton Road-Falloden Way section of the A1 will also be a Red Route. The evidence so far is that he intends to keep to that timetable, with the Borough of Barnet acting as his agent for the area.

These affect the Suburb. Affecting the rest of Barnet are the A1 from the A41 junction at Cophall Sports Centre out to the Barnet boundary (end 1994); the A41 from the NCR to the junction with the A1 (end 1994); the A1 from the NCR to its junction with the A41 (end 1996); and the A41 from the boundary with Camden to the NCR (end 1996).

The Director of Traffic requires local consultation to be organised so that problems and priorities can be determined in advance of detailed designs; but the timetable is very tight. The Borough has set up three Working Parties, with local interests (e.g. Chambers of Commerce, Residents Associations, local societies, etc.) on them. The Suburb RA has a representative on Working Party 'B' (David Rapson) and one on Working Party 'C' (Bill Bailey).

They met on 11 August and 12 August, with a deadline for submissions of 20 August (which we met).

Red Routes are in many ways not unlike Yellow-line restrictions except that the planning is intended to be both more comprehensive and flexible; but enforcement of the rules will be much more strict. Evidence from the experimental pilot section set up in 1991 is that traffic speeds are increased somewhat but that stricter enforcement of stopping and parking rules can tempt traffic into rat-running on side roads.

The Director of Traffic recognises this rat-running problem and has agreed to support and fund traffic-calming measures in corridors roughly 1km wide on either side of a Red Route. Corridors this size on the A1 and A406 would take in almost the whole of the Suburb and we have therefore proposed that all the Suburb should be traffic calmed, preferably to a 20mph speed limit.

The next round of consultation is scheduled for November this year; and the completed and agreed Local Plan has to be submitted to the Director of Traffic for London by 24 June 1994. We'll keep you posted about progress. **SFB**

Theatre Club future plans

Joe Orton's "Entertaining Mr Sloane" at Greenwich, "The Importance of Being Ernest", at the Aldwych, a day visit to the Chichester Festival Theatre, "In The Summerhouse" at the Lyric, Hammersmith, are just some of the well-patronised outings of the HGS Theatre Club in 1993.

Seats for a dramatisation of Graham Greene's "Travels With My Aunt" and the new play at the National Theatre, "Absence of War", starring John Thaw, are on the forthcoming agenda.

The HGS Theatre Club committee wish to remind those members who have received subscription renewal reminders and have not yet renewed that booking forms for future visits will cease after November.

New members are warmly welcome and family membership is only £6 per year for RA members. Telephone Ruth Gumb on 455 6490 or Charlotte Mohr on 458 2584 for an application form. **PO**

Remember, Remember

*Guy Fawkes night is here once more.
The kids are knocking at the door.
'A penny for the Guy' they plead.
Words of danger they don't heed.
A penny's not much use these days
A pound more like - I'm just amazed.
The night arrives and out they go,
To have a really cracking show.
The Bangers bang, the Rockets whizz,
But some of them are just a swizz!
There's Catherine Wheels and Silver Rain
Old fashioned names but they are not the same.
They light the biggest and the best,
The kids don't want to see the rest.
But just remember some take fright,
They really are afraid that night.
Cats and dogs are terrified
Of noises not identified.
So keep them in - don't let them roam.
They'll be much happier at home.*

Barbara Bliss

WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Miss Solomans of Asmunds Place who won the Summer Wordsearch on the Isles of Scotland.

Born in London, Miss Solomans moved from Finchley to the Suburb only when she retired and yearned for a garden. She went to Dame Alice Owen School and then on to Royal Holloway College, following her

mother who graduated in the early part of the century. On graduation in 1941 she became an analytical chemist and worked all her life in industry. Miss Solomans is an active member of Alyth Gardens Schul and in addition loves reading and embroidery. With her £10 Book Token, she plans to buy "The History of God" by Karen Armstrong. **EGW**

WORDSEARCH

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

Find and ring the names of fifteen British prime ministers from this century. The names are hidden in the box of letters and may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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If you are a senior citizen, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, 5th December 1993 will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer. **Happy Hunting!** **EGW**

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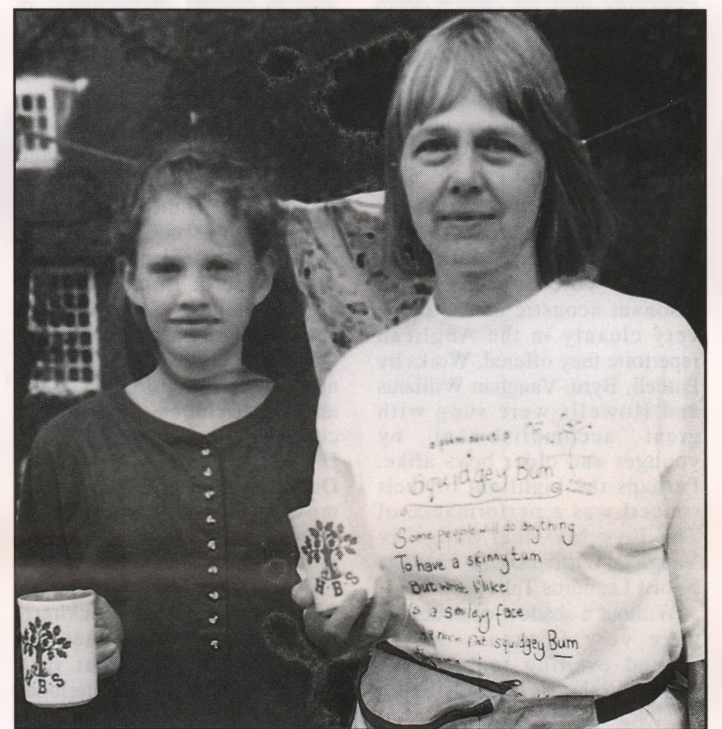
Dear Mary...

Q. Perhaps you could help with my wheelie-bin problem? I am privileged to live next door to two social workers who are 'partners' and their children. All the other residents in our road - even the elderly - store wheelie-bins at the rear of their houses and put them in the road on collection day. My neighbours leave their large black monstrosity on the front path next to my gate all week. The eyesore is clearly visible from my front windows and cannot be concealed. It also evokes unpleasant mental images as I know that it contains the partners' youngest child's disposable nappies. I feel that a direct complaint to the caring couple would be useless as, sadly, we are not on the best of terms. What action would you suggest?

Name and address withheld

A. Go out of your house in the early hours of the morning and knock over your neighbours wheelie-bin, so tipping out its contents on to the path. Most people are embarrassed by the sight of their own rubbish - especially if it includes nappies - and your neighbours will no doubt be anxious to avoid a repeat performance. They will be even more inclined to store the bin at the back when you console them about the mess, before adding, 'Yes, well, sadly, youths find wheelie-bins very hard to resist when they are going past at night. That's why the rest of us keep our bins at the back until dustbin day. It's not really fair to young people otherwise - almost tantamount to incitement to criminal damage.'

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Jenny Moss and her daughter Rosalind sold HBS mugs at the **Henrietta Barnett School Fete** in July. Organised by a PTA committee headed by Angie Reese the fete raised £2,500 despite a thunderstorm in the middle of proceedings.

The Editor would like to thank those who answered his appeal in Suburb News for books for the bookstall, in particular an unknown lady who donated a number of Folio Society volumes. She will be pleased to know that they were sold for at least £5 each! **RW**

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