

# SUBURB NEWS

Issue 43 THE NEWSPAPER OF THE HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Spring '94

## NEW RA CHAIRMAN TAKES OVER AT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

There was a high attendance on 28 March for the Residents Association AGM in Bigwood Hall, which was the last to be presided over by Eileen Whelan as chairman.

In welcoming residents, she said she was particularly pleased to see so many life members gracing the front row.

Before moving to the agenda, Eileen Whelan referred to the Suburb Weekend last summer and congratulated Joyce Morrison, who oversaw the organisation of a very successful event. Turning to the annual report, she expressed thanks to Peter Ayers for his delightful sketches and called on each committee chairman in turn to update members on what had happened since their reports were written.

### Allotments

Colin Cawood reminded members that over 100 plot-holders grow their own produce and made a particular appeal to householders with hedges lining the twittens leading to allotment sites to keep them trimmed.

continued on page 7



Eileen Whelan retiring chairman received a presentation rhododendron from Léonie Stephen at the Residents Association AGM on March 28

## RA Report

Now is the time to renew or join the membership of the HGS Residents Association. Apart from the obvious benefits of having a successful pressure group for residents, one of them being this newspaper, work is always being undertaken towards the preservation of our beautiful suburb, from future traffic calming to the siting of wheeled bins - hopefully out of sight!

The London Borough of Barnet has agreed to use Ward Initiative money to treat three suburb entrances with calming measures, beginning with Ossulton Way/East End Road and Hampstead Way/Finchley Road. The HGS Trust and the RA will be closely involved in the planning, and English Heritage is also involved concerning appropriate designs and use of good quality materials. These entry treatments are intended to make traffic aware of entering a conservation area and to reduce speed.

In February a talk was given to the RA Council by Mary Hidalgo from the Civic Trust. It is influential in helping to regenerate towns and cities, and arouse awareness of our living environment. You can now give much needed support by becoming a Friend of the Civic Trust - contact our Hon. Sec., Sylvia de Peyer, for details.

Emissions from the Golders Green Crematorium are now

being monitored by some residents, as queries have been raised about possible air pollution.

The HGS Trust now have a list indicating which streets have cable TV available.

The International Society continues to illustrate the wide variety of talents that reside on the Suburb! In March, the internationally famous violinist, Erich Gruenberg, gave a talk to the society. He not only spoke about his artistic life and music, but played excerpts from international composers, confirming that music has no boundaries.

Sadly for the Residents Association, Bill Bailey and his wife are leaving the Suburb. We all wish to thank him for giving so much of his valuable time and knowledge over a range of issues of concern to HGS, and wish them well for the future.

The Annual General Meeting, which took place on March 28th, is an opportunity for the RA to present an account of the year's activity, but it cannot fully cover the time and effort that is given voluntarily by its members. A wonderful example of this is Eileen Whelan, who has been our Chairman for the last six years, inspiring us all. We will not be losing her expertise and enthusiasm, and she joins us in giving an especially warm welcome to our new Chairman, Léonie Stephen. Sylvia de Peyer

## Six long years?

Eileen Whelan's six years in office have been eventful ones for the RA. Starting with the Henly's Corner enquiry, she then spearheaded the battle with LB Barnet over wheeled bins and front gate rubbish collections. Alan Coren, in *The Times*, thought her use of Chairman said a lot and was scornful of our intention to 'mitigate' the effect of wheeled bins. 'Hang the bastards now' would have been rejected by Cricklewood as a weak-kneed compromise! But mitigate it we did with surveys of households, making Barnet use sacks in some places and collect from the rear of houses unsuit-

able for wheeled bins.

Eileen was in the news again not only in London but in the *New York Times* and *San Francisco Chronicle* with the softball on the Heath story.

The Suburb Weekend was probably the highlight of her years of office, which she felt was very necessary in the light of the furore over the eruv and the Institute/ school controversy which have not made her chairmanship a sinecure. The Suburb owes a great deal to Eileen and we wish her a less stressful tenure of the new environment committee.

Richard J. Wakefield

## 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.



GLENTREE  
ESTATES

698 Finchley Road, London NW11 7NE  
Sales: 081-458 7311 Lettings: 081-209 1144

## Fifty Years Together

Our congratulations to John Anthony and Pegaret (née Keeling) who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Easter Monday. They were married on 4-4-44 and have lived at 15 Meadway for the past 44 years.

Prior to her wedding, Pegaret had lived in Ruskin Close since 1919.



A model of the new development now under way on the site of the old Mendel's Garage in Corringway. It is expected that the 48 flats will be ready for occupation by October 1995. Full story page 9.