

SUBURB NEWS

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Editors File

Trust Crackdown on Windows

Double glazing salesmen and residents changing windows without planning permission could be in for an expensive shock as Barnet and the Trust get tough on unauthorised installations. See page 7.

Recycling Enterprise

When Kate Radford, 24, had difficulty in finding a regular collector of recyclable material from her then home in Alyth Gardens she decided to start her own business. Having tried an unenthusiastic bank Kate eventually obtained an Enterprise Allowance grant enabling her to set up a much needed service for the Suburb where she now has some 130 households from whom she makes weekly collections of any recyclable rubbish and takes it to the Camden Town Recycling Centre. An initiative to win the plaudits of the RA's new Environment Committee.

Meadway Blue Plaque Party

The Suburb has been graced by an English Heritage Blue Plaque on 8 Meadway, now the home of Bernard and Helen Lott, but in the '30s of Robert Donat the film actor who was so pestered by his fans that he had a garage built on to his house so that he could reach his car without being seen.

Donat not only lived in a Baillie Scott house but had his garage and fireplaces designed by another famous architect of the time, Voysey, who was his brother-in-law.

At a party thrown by Bernard and Helen Lott a gathering of Suburb residents, the Donat family and English Heritage representatives enjoyed a sumptuous buffet lunch and tea and were able to learn about Robert Donat from his diaries, scrapbooks, photographs of the family in the house and the Oscar he won for *Goodbye Mr Chips* in the year when *Gone with the Wind* scooped all the other awards.

The plaque was unveiled by John Donat and his sister in memory of their famous father's time on the Suburb.



City Plans Sheep for Heath

"The landscape and ecology would benefit if grazing returned to the Heath Extension" is just one of the ideas floated by the Corporation of London in its Draft Management Plan public

consultation document distributed last month to Suburb residents. Other ideas for the Heath Extension include coppicing to the east of the ponds and hedges or a narrow woodland belt to be planted

along the roadside to screen the road and houses and enhance the rural character of the area. A public meeting will be held on July 14 in the Institute Hall at 8 pm. See page 4.

Richard Wakefield



Helen and Bernard Lott

Free Church Jumelage

In June the Rev Tony Spring took an early opportunity to make his first visit to the congregation of the Free Church's twin, the French Protestant Reform Church in Montrouge, south of Paris. A party of eight flew over to join in the celebration following the appointment of their new pasteur, Zoltan de

Zanay, at a Sunday of "sharing and meeting" in Montrouge. Pasteur de Zanay was previously chaplain at Charles de Gaulle airport. Over the week-end the visitors enjoyed the warm hospitality and weather with their French friends during this fourth visit since the "jumelage" began in 1988.

Michael Holton



Free Church party in Paris. Sitting next to Tony Spring (right) Zoltan de Zany

Get fit for Hospice

Following on from the delightful Summer Suburb Proms Week at St Jude's Church, the North London Hospice, North West Support Group which meets at Fellowship House, invites you to get fit for autumn while raising vital funds for the Hospice.

Sponsor forms for a swim at

the beautiful Highgate School pool on 15th October and also the annual walk on the Heath extension which will be led by John Marshall MP, Chairman, Dr Chris Donovan and a group of doctors and supporters are available on 458 4526 (see 'What's On'). Gillian Newman

RA Report

The new **Yellow Directory** is now being delivered to each household on the Suburb, which is one of the examples of the hard work of so many volunteers.

In May, **Chief Superintendent John Whitham QPM** came to talk to the RA Council about the aims of the **Citizen's Charter**, which are to raise the standards of public service and make them more representative to the needs and wishes of their users. Thanks to Peter Loyd and the success of our Neighbourhood Watch, we have an excellent record of co-operation with our local police. There is a police **Consultative Committee** where residents and representatives from various bodies meet. These meetings at the Hendon Town Hall are open to the public, and the police welcome a wider response in the consultative process.

Eileen Whelan represented the RA at the unveiling of the English Heritage plaque to the late **Robert Donat** at 8 Meadway on 9th April.

The recent **joint meeting with the LB Barnet and the RA**

covered the continuing promotion of our Traffic Committee's plans for **traffic calming**; the **entrance to Rotherwick Road** from the Finchley Road - LB Barnet, in reinstating the agreed design, will replace the silver birch trees with the more suitable whitebeam during the winter; restoring the light on the **Henrietta Barnett Memorial** in Central Square; the problems of the **Free Church hedge**, and the re-location of the **Asmunds Hill roundabout**.

The visit to **Letchworth** on 30th April was a great success, and we hope that the many unsuccessful applicants will have an opportunity later.

The **Membership Committee** held their annual May gathering at Fellowship House on 17th May for **membership representatives**. These are vital for the RA's success in promoting our aims for the community who live in this beautiful conservation area.

Becoming a membership representative is also an excellent way of making friends and meeting other residents - please, if you are interested, telephone Peter Phillips on 455 3660. Sylvia de Peyer

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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