



Joan C Holton OBE

Congratulations to Joan Holton who was awarded the OBE in the Birthday Honours List for her work with the Department of Health, where she is a Social Services Inspector, leading on child matters in the Southern England Region.

Mrs Holton joined the Social Work Service of the DHSS in 1974, coming to live on the Suburb at the same time, since when she has sung with the Free Church choir, and is a committee member of the Orchard Housing Society.

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LETTERS

2 Hutchings Walk
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6th June 1994

Sir,

As mentioned in your article in the last "Suburb News" headed "Institute/Henrietta Barnett row makes headlines", I have very long memories of and associations with both institutions - nearly eighty years. I was therefore very pleased to read the letter to all Suburb residents, signed by the present Chairman of the Henrietta Barnett School Governors, which at last broke the dignified silence the School has maintained since the Institute began its attack on the School, the Borough of Barnet and the Government.

I fully endorse all the statements made in that letter; local residents have been entirely in ignorance over the School/Institute position. Sometimes I feel the present Institute Council is equally ignorant. Having been a member of that Council for about twenty years it makes me very sad that Dame Henrietta's ideals are being shattered; were it not for her none of us would be living in the beautiful surroundings she made possible.

Yours,
Jean Dyson

90 Falloden Way
NW11 6JD

26th May 1994

Sir,

As one whose car was expensively damaged by one of the many Marks and Spenser's shopping trolleys one sees regularly abandoned in Temple Fortune and surrounding streets, I am moved to wonder why this particular supermarket poses such a problem locally, compared with its competitor Waitrose.

Is it because its management does not care sufficiently to employ escort assistance for customers who need it, or does its merchandise and style of marketing attract customers whose self-interest so easily outweighs any sense of social responsibility?

Yours,
Terry Rand

The History of the Garden City Movement

A course on the history of the Garden City Movement will be held at the Institute in the autumn. It will run for two terms, beginning on Wednesday, 28th September, from 7.15 to 9.15 pm, and will be illustrated by slides. There will be one visit each term to a place of relevant interest.

The strength of the Garden City Movement at the turn of the century was largely inspired by the ideas of men such as Ruskin and William Morris, with their hatred of industrialisation. Yet, paradoxically, some of the most successful schemes were developed by industrialists for their workforces, including Lever at Port Sunlight, and Cadbury at Bournville. One of the most radical pioneers was the strangely unassuming Ebenezer Howard, who, at Letchworth, planned to include both industry and agriculture in his Garden City. British ideology inspired Utopian communities abroad, leading to such diverse movements as the Wiener Werkstätte and the Bauhaus. Against this background we shall assess the way in which Henrietta Barnett saved a piece of London from speculators, by creating a suburban Utopia.

Eunice Kossoff

57 Erskine Hill
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24th June 1994

Sir,

I was concerned to read about the project to encourage the installation of CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) on the Suburb "to improve" security.

Though this can be effective in deterring some crime in car parks and shopping and town centres, it is quite inappropriate for a residential area, let alone a conservation area like the Suburb.

Instead of wasting money on technological "fixes", it would be more productive to encourage the spirit of community and people on the streets that leads to "natural surveillance". Security really depends on activity and people walking to and from destinations.

On a slightly different, but related, note: a good place to start generating activity within the Suburb might be Central Square where more uses could keep alive the heart of Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Yours,
Esther Caplin

3 Maurice Walk
NW11

16th May 1994

Sir,

I remember writing to you 3 years ago saying it would be better to have full names instead of initials at the end of articles appearing in the "Suburb News"; so, imagine my surprise and delight when I saw the Spring '94 edition, complete with names... much more 'user friendly' than 'anonymous' type initials!!

Yours,
Mrs Edna S Weiss

7 Childs Way
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11th June 1994

Sir,

You will be reporting elsewhere on the success of our fete despite one of the wettest Saturdays of the year, however I'd be grateful if you would publish this letter of thanks from all of us involved in the afternoon for the wonderful support we had despite the conditions.

We and the 20 odd families who will be off on their first holiday ever have good cause to be grateful to Suburb residents.

Yours,
Patrick Laurance

Open Day at Farm Walk

On Sunday 24th April Farm Walk Tennis Club hosted its annual Open Day. The sunshine encouraged lots of people to turn up to play and to enjoy not only the tennis but also the attractive grounds and a good tea. Members and visitors had a very happy afternoon which resulted in at least six new members.

The Club is happy to welcome new members at any time during the year; even if you don't feel ready to join as a full member you could take out Midweek or Improver Membership and join one of the coaching sessions with the Club Coach, Sally Freeman.

Sally also organises coaching for the very flourishing Junior Section which has lessons each week during summer and autumn term times and also barbecues and tournaments throughout the season.

The Membership Secretary, Esmé Kingsley, will be very happy to answer any adult queries on 081 203 1731 and please ring Gitte Johansen on 081 455 1800 for information on the Junior Section. They hope to hear from you.

Gill Read

H2 Bus

The H2 Bus now runs on Sundays at half hour intervals, from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm, except at 1.30 pm.

It's Wilde at the Institute

The Garden Suburb Theatre is starting next season in style with "A Woman of No Importance" by Oscar Wilde.

The play was written in 1893 and was first produced by Herbert Beerbohm Tree, two years prior to his productions of "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "An Ideal Husband". Wilde actually wrote it while on holiday in Norfolk and certain references to the area are made in the names he has chosen.

"A Woman of No Importance" has all the wit and charm which we associate with Wilde, yet he adds changes of mood by introducing pathos and drama in beautifully constructed language. His themes are relationships

between parents and children and the dubious moral standards of society, as well as a family secret which is central to the plot.

Director Val Gregory is most enthusiastic about the brilliance of Wilde - his intellect, his humour, his verbal style, but, above all, his deep sense of theatre, so totally individual to him.

The Garden Suburb Theatre is lucky to have Frances Musker as Wardrobe Mistress, to provide her usual genuine and gorgeous period costumes.

"A Woman of No Importance" will be performed at the Institute at the end of October (see 'What's On' for details). Do come along.
Debbie Lane



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