

SUBURB NEWS

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EDITOR'S FILE

Inspiration

What an inspiring idea! On 8 October all over Britain at 7.30, thousands took part in simultaneous performances of *Messiah* in 150 churches, cathedrals and concert halls - all to benefit local hospices. Our North London Hospice joined with Trinity Hospice, Clapham for their *Messiah* in St Paul's.

TV Survey

In January we ran a story about TV reception in which residents who had problems were invited to write care of the Trust. If 200 such problems were notified, the BBC would take action. The Editor cannot now trace who it was who asked us to run this piece. If you are expecting a bundle of letters detailing Suburb reception difficulties, please let me know.

FHA up and up

Our last report of Family Holiday Association doings, apart from the Fete, was from the House of Lords. A couple of months ago there was an even more splendid occasion at St James' Palace, where we were graced by the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra who unveiled a new FHA logo.

On the wild side

How many foxes are there on the Suburb? I have seen them recently in Brim Hill and Hampstead Way: Barbara Bliss has sent a photograph (not quite up to reproduction, though) of a fox that is a regular night-time visitor to her garden in Kingsley Close.

Mini gardens

Here's hoping this summer's rash of planting round street trees continues. Some imaginative examples were seen this year with one growing tomatoes as well as flowers.

Sorting Office closure

The RA has been making representations to the Post Office about the rumoured closure of the St George's Road sorting office and have had denials of any such plans. However, sources say that it seems likely that it will be moved to Cricklewood.



You may have wondered what has been going on at the junction of Hampstead Way and Finchley Road. This is the first of a planned series of entry treatments at the main entrances to Hampstead Garden Suburb. The design was developed by English Heritage in conjunction with the London Borough of Barnet, the RA and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust. The treatment reflects the design of the original gates at this site. Its purpose is to emphasise to drivers that they are entering a residential area and encourage them to drive more slowly. Further designs will be developed reflecting the individual character of other junctions: Willifield Way/Finchley Road and Addison Way/Finchley Road are the next on English Heritage's list, and they have already been involved in designs for the junction of Ossulton Way and East End Road. A more detailed article will appear in a future issue of Suburb News.

Colin Gregory

RA row with Councillor over hijacked Ward funds

The Residents Association and Councillor Khamisa have, as readers may have gleaned from the local press, been at loggerheads over the installation of parking bays in Hampstead Way that the RA claims have speeded up the traffic and diverted Ward Initiative funds from previously agreed plans for Suburb-wide traffic-calming measures. The RA has the full backing of the Trust Chairman and Council. The background to the row is as follows:

A public meeting chaired by John Marshall MP in November 1991 was overwhelmingly in favour of traffic calming and the need for a 20 mph speed limit for the Suburb. It was agreed that, for such schemes to work, it was essential to deal with the whole area and not merely one or two black spots. Safeguarding one residential road by itself would

simply force traffic on to adjoining residential roads.

The RA Roads and Traffic Committee then took the lead in developing the skeleton of a comprehensive scheme for the whole Suburb - which scheme has been accepted by Barnet and by all concerned.

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TRUST FAILS TO ANSWER

The AGM of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust has, of late, become a forum for vigorous debate on the manner in which the Trust's financial affairs are managed. This year's meeting on 13 September was no exception, despite the greater degree of clarity with which they are now presented. Following introductory remarks by the Chairman, Eddie Caplin, he welcomed members and guests, in particular ex-Chairman² Gerry Mansell and John Marshall, MP.

Questions were asked on a number of points raised by the Annual Report, including the

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RA Report

There are three vital bodies concerned with the protection and interests of Hampstead Garden Suburb - the HGS Trust, London Borough of Barnet, and the HGS Residents Association (our voice). It is a matter of great regret when there is any lack of co-operation, as in the recent action taken by Councillor Khamisa in disregarding the agreed **Traffic Calming** plans previously agreed between all three of us. It is very important that residents contact the relevant **RA Standing Committee** about their problems before approaching our Councillors or the press. Our committees do need to know of your concerns.

Colin Gregory gave the RA Council an excellent report on the **Annual Civic Trust Conference** he attended at Port Sunlight, which is a garden village near Liverpool. It outlined the importance of promoting a good quality of urban environment, and how do we all stand on just two of the points - promoting a sense of community and less reliance on cars?

There has been a large promotion for the consultative process on the **City of London's Management Plans for Hampstead Heath**, and in July Paul Canneaux, Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, came to give an

informative talk to the RA Council and answer questions. Our own **Trees and Open Spaces Committee** have given very full and considered comments in response.

'Friends of Northway Gardens' held a meeting to launch a very worthwhile scheme.

We are happy to report that Tina and Bill Bailey have accepted the invitation for **Honorary Life Membership**, which we are hoping they will receive at the next AGM in March 1995.

Another date for next year will be 24-25 June, for our next **Suburb Weekend**, which was such a success last year.

Please make a note of three corrections in the **Yellow Directory**. The phone number for the Police on page 7 should be 209 1212; the number for Sarah Gregory, Allotments Committee, is 455 4902; Councillor Khamisa's address is 4 Beaufort Drive, NW11 6BU, phone 455 1996; the address we printed was the one he gave in his recent election address.

A conference organised by LB Barnet for an Environmental Forum had a shaky start, but will be strongly supported by our Environment Committee, chaired by Eileen Whelan.

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.

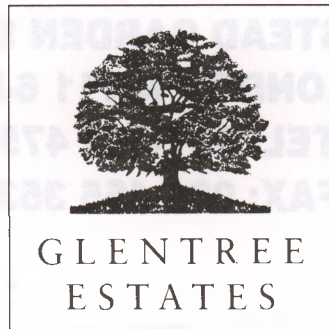
Alas, eventually even homes need to be sold or let. We feel it is incumbent on the agent handling the transaction that they not only have an intimate knowledge of the area, but recognise that a home is much more than bricks and mortar.

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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SUBURB WEEKEND '95

Plans for the second Suburb Weekend are already in hand and many Suburb organisations have agreed to take part. For example, the Institute, Henrietta Barnett School and the Fellowship will be mounting exhibitions and events; the Youth Music Centre and the Free Church have offered concerts; while the two opening concerts of St Jude's week of music will be important events for the Saturday and Sunday evenings. Some of the archives will be on display.

Children will be catered for on Central Square, where Neighbourhood Watch will collaborate with our local police in the creation of a focal point for Family Fun.

The Horticultural Society have agreed to arrange a show, and

competitions will be organised by the Bridge Club and the Scrabble Club. There will be a special presentation by the Garden Suburb Theatre.

The organisers, acting on behalf of the Residents Association and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, wish to include all facets of Suburb life on display.

If you have a special interest or hobby and would be willing to take part; or if you can type or offer other assistance, please telephone the co-ordinator of the Suburb Weekend, Mrs Joyce Morrison, on 458 1677, or the Trust Office.

Watch this space for further news of the Weekend which will be on 24 and 25 June 1995.

Joyce Morrison

SUBURB CRAFT FAIR

Since 1978 there has been a Craft Fair in the Suburb - except for 1993. During all those years it has been organised by Suburb residents, and profits have gone to charities - many local.

When Peter and Yvonne Oliver decided that after 7 years they would like to hand it over to someone else, no one came forward. So no Craft Fair in 1993.

It has always been a very popular event, for residents and for the craftspeople who enjoy the friendly atmosphere. So this year, two outsiders - from Muswell Hill and Palmers Green - both of whom have had stalls for several years, decided to run the Craft Fair.

There will be many familiar faces behind the stalls and

several new ones. All work is made by the stallholders, who are happy to talk about their craft, and we have aimed for a wide selection of products.

This year all profits will go to the charity Family Holiday Association - founded by Suburb residents Joan and Patrick Laurance, whose North London Supporters Group will be providing the refreshments and helping with arrangements.

We hope to see as many Suburb residents as possible on the day, November 12 at the Free Church Hall, Northway, open from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission charges are adults 50p, children/concessions 30p, family tickets £1.

Margaret Bark