



Members of St Jude's choir at St Paul's on October 1 for their Dean's Chorister Awards were Anne-Marie Cunnold, not pictured, Hannah Davidson, right, and Jessica Honeyball. The choir would welcome new members. Enquiries about joining should be made to Andrew McCrea, 071 794 3457

Institute's links with Barnet twin town Chaville

There are an increasing number of links between students and tutors at the Institute and their counterparts in Chaville, which lies between Paris and Versailles. These links embrace artists, dancers and, of course, language students.

An invitation to artists from the Institute in 1993 to paint at the Académie Municipale des Beaux-Arts de Chaville was followed this May by a reciprocal visit by artists from Chaville, who attended classes at the Institute by tutors Lucie Geser and Bob Brotheroe. Lucie will renew the contact when she continues her research at the

Louvre in Paris.

At the annual Salon Josette Bossez exhibition in Chaville in 1993, the Prix du Jumelage was won by the Institute pupil Harland Hinchcliffe with a watercolour of the Thames from Waterloo Bridge.

Accompanying the artists on the visit in May were nine dancers from the Maison des Jeunes et de Culture, who gave a demonstration of contemporary dance at a social of the Friends of Chaville Society. Also on the trip were eight language students, and the visitors were all guests in the homes of Barnet residents.

Keith Martin

CCTV and the media

Residents will know from reports in previous issues of *Suburb News* that we have been looking into the idea of installing closed circuit television cameras on the Suburb to reduce crime even further.

With advances in CCTV technology taking place at an ever increasing rate, we are finding difficulty even in determining the remit for a detailed feasibility study to decide whether any configuration of this technology would be suitable for the Suburb or not, apart from the need to raise a sizeable sum of money to cover the costs of such a study. So it certainly is likely to be some time before we shall be in any position to consult residents with definitive proposals.

However, because there is nothing particularly secret about what we have been trying to do, we have discussed our thinking openly on various occasions such as at the open meetings of the RA Council with the press present. And this appears to have caused the local press to have become fascinated to the point of becoming almost besotted with the idea that within a very short time we are going to ring the Suburb with security cameras and turn the whole area into a sort of fortress.

All of this has resulted in some colourful local reporting and in its getting picked up by the national media. Even French television has tried to get interviews with us on the assertion that the whole of France is agog to hear our plans and, nearer home, the new leader of Barnet Borough Council has

apparently felt bound to register his disapproval on the grounds that it is all a deep-laid plot by affluent Suburb residents to keep the citizens of East Finchley out of the area!

With headlines in the local press such as "Suburb's spy TV plan" and "Suburb plan to flush out crime - Former lavatory block to house security centre", various residents are now fearful that there must be some truth in these stories and are questioning whether our pleasant Suburb is about to be turned into Fort Knox.

There is probably little that can be done to curb our local press. Presumably this is the way they sell their papers. But residents can be assured that:

- no CCTV of any description will be installed on the Suburb without previous full consultation with residents;
- it is highly unlikely that we will be in a position to put any CCTV proposal to residents for an appreciable time;
- there is no intention of turning the Pavilion in Northway Gardens - the lease of which we hope to acquire from Barnet into a CCTV security centre, or of setting up anything as elaborate as a manned CCTV control room within it.

If any Suburb residents want to have more details or further assurances, they have only to get in touch with me and I will give them all the information that I can - provided that they don't pass it on to Outer Mongolian television, or even TV in this country, please!

Peter Loyd

Hospice gift fair

On Thursday, 15th November, the annual Gift Fair in aid of the North London Hospice will once again take place at Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, Hendon from 10 am - 4 pm.

This event offers a great opportunity for seasonal shopping away from the crowded centre of London.

Entrance costs £2.50 (Children £1.00).



A typical 'booth' (Succah) in the Suburb where the family have all their meals for the 7 days of the Festival of Tabernacles. The partitions are stored all year and, when erected for the Festival, the walls are decorated with posters and the roof is layered with laurel leaves.

"For 7 days ye shall dwell in booths to remember when I brought you forth from the Land of Egypt" Leviticus 23:43

Synagogue news

These are busy and historic times for the membership of the HGS Synagogue. The High Holidays have passed, followed by the more relaxed atmosphere of the Tabernacle Festival celebrations. Once again the Synagogue officers would like to express thanks on behalf of the whole community to the local police for all the help and advice given over security matters, and to St John Ambulance brigades for medical support.

The autumn period will be dominated by the 60th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Synagogue. These will be fully reported in the next edition of *Suburb News* and will climax over the weekend 12-13 November. On the Saturday a special service will be held at Norrice Lea, which will be graced by the presence of the Chief Rabbi, Mr Jonathan Sachs,

local clergy of several denominations as well as other local dignitaries and guests.

Other events planned for the anniversary celebrations include a Brains Trust, a variety show and several special youth activities. In addition, Rabbi Jackson has launched a special education project with many choices to provide a learning opportunity for each member of the congregation of whatever age and interest. It is hoped that many of the participants in the highly successful Beginners Service on alternate Sabbaths will join in this communal programme of learning as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, showing another example of how much the Synagogue has grown and flourished over the last 60 years.

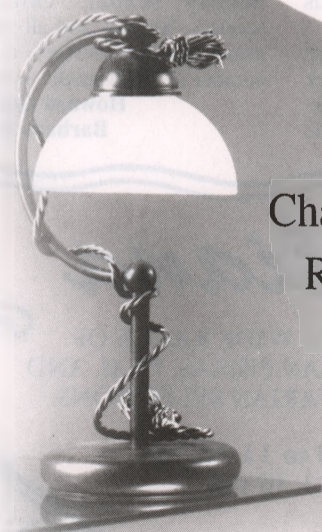
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