

Increased demand on Suburb Charities



Katy John comforts an angel



Daniel Connaway and David Gregson



Luke Gregson



Wilhelmina Georgetown

Winter in Hampstead Way

Fallen snow drops cover the road, spread out like a thick fluffy blanket

Trees have no leaves and seem to be shivering in the cold, windy weather.

Children play on the Heath, building snowmen and sledging down steep hills. Or throwing snow balls at their friends

Even though the birds have flown away and the animals gone into hibernation, they will come back in the spring and the wind will blow no more for the joyfulness of spring will have come again

Naomi Russell aged 10

WORDSEARCH WINNERS

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Frank of Wildwood Road who won the autumn wordsearch competition on 20th Century British Prime Ministers.

Both born in London, Mr & Mrs Frank moved from Central London in 1969 and enjoy most of all the heath and woods of the Suburb.

Mrs Frank was a teacher specialising in English and History. Her love is politics and government and a previous interest of hers was attending debates in the House of Commons. She now keeps abreast of parliament through television. Her hobbies are nature and gardening.

Mr Frank retired a few years ago having been a chartered accountant specialising in pensions. His former interest was train spotting in the days of steam. He now enjoys walking in the Suburb and with his wife, being a member of the HGS Fellowship and the Society of Friends in Hampstead. The Franks celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently with their children, grandchild and family. With their £10 Book Token, they plan to buy "Peace is a Process" by Suburb author Sydney Bailey.

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Following two successful appeals in 1989 and 1990, Suburb Charities established a fund which was sufficient to meet requests received out of interest and from subsequent generous donations or bequests. However falling interest rates and increasing demands on our funds mean that the Council now feels that we will be unable to respond to unexpected needs without further boost to our capital. You will find in this edition an appeal coupon for your donation.

However before you make up your mind about how much you may wish to give please read on for details of some of the projects and individuals we have recently supported.

We gave money to the Pavilion Children's Centre, in the Lyttleton Playing Fields, for much-needed Playgroup equipment. The Playgroup movement provides an important introduction to education and is usually run on a non-profit basis with parents doing a lot of fundraising themselves.

There is an interesting proposal to improve the facilities of the Little Wood Theatre and we have offered support for this project which is due to be completed next year.

An unusual request came from a student who wanted to go to Brazil for a year between leaving school and going on to Higher Education. She had already earned some money by working at the weekends in local shops and needed help to meet the financial target set by The Project Trust, an organisation which arranges for students to go to different parts of the world. We received a number of letters from her during the year keeping us up to date with her progress at the Cultura Inglesa, Franca-Sao Paulo. She gave English conversation lessons to students whose ages ranged from 13 to 40. In addition she did some social work in a creche located in one of the poorest areas of the city. Further voluntary work involved assisting at a centre run by the church which provided activities for

children of working mothers, who would otherwise have been hanging about on the streets with nowhere to go.

We supported St. Jude's Organ Appeal as it forms part of the fabric of one of Barnet's two Grade I listed buildings. The other, is the Free Church.

It is no accident that the highest part of the Suburb was reserved for the churches and for education. Dame Henrietta Barnett, founder of the Suburb, was the wife of Canon Barnett of St. Jude's Church in Whitechapel, which is still a poor East End District. We have always had a link with Toynbee Hall at Whitechapel. Two years ago we reactivated those links by encouraging the Garden Suburb School and the Canon Barnett School to make reciprocal visits. Following on the success of this, we decided we should provide financial support for a project organised by Children & Families with Special Needs, based at Toynbee Hall. We gave a substantial donation for a project which enabled many children from Canon Barnett School to go on a day or 5 day trips to Gilwell Park. For many this was the only holiday they had and I received many letters of appreciation from the children. This extract from one of them will give you the flavour of the trip.

"Dear Friends,

How are you? I'm fine thank you. Thank you for the money. We had a lovely time at Gilwell Park. On Wednesday we went for a walk in Gilwell after supper. We went on a muddy walk. Ken, a teacher who came with us, was showing off when suddenly he got stuck in the mud. He was embarrassed we came out so muddy. We walked and walked. The mud was on our shoes. We walked until we were somewhere in Essex but still found our way back.

The bedroom was beautiful. There were really beautiful bunk beds. Bedtime was fun because every night we put on a torch and see through the window. We did archery, swimming, canoeing and played rounders.

I like swimming. If only the water was a bit warmer. The water was freezing. I like canoeing as well but the water kept SPLASHING ON US! It was a bomb hole. It was really fun."

Suburb Charities has already promised to support a similar group of needy children next year.

I hope that you feel able to make a generous donation to Suburb Charities, either by cheque or, better, by means of a Covenant. If you know someone who is in need or an organisation on the Suburb that needs help, please write to me. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence.

JF



Canon Barnett School pupils at Gilwell Park

Suburb Charities 1994 Appeal

YOU CAN HELP

Whether you have lived on the Suburb for many years, whether you have come to live here recently, or whether you are a visitor staying here for a few months - you can help. All communities need local groups and people working for charitable purposes, be it play group for the very young, or transport or visiting for the very old. Thriving communities make good use of a 'community chest', making donations of money that go towards supporting a wide spread of charitable work. With your help Suburb Charities will support worthwhile and needy organisations and individuals on the Suburb.

YOUR DONATION WILL SUPPORT

a local group or association, Toynbee Hall, the Canon Barnett School, Whitechapel or a needy individual. Recent support has gone to help needy children from the Garden Suburb School to go on an Educational Trip, to help the Pavilion Children's group with equipment and significant funding for educational trips to Gilwell Park for children from the Canon Barnett School, Whitechapel. Total grants approved in the last 12 months exceeded £2,000.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR DONATIONS?

Suburb Charities (whose full name is Hampstead Garden Suburb Charitable Trust) is a Registered Charity, No. 255705, wholly independent of any other organisation. (It is not, for example, part of either the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust or the Residents' Association.) Grants will be awarded by a Council made up of members elected by the membership, or nominated by bodies listed in the constitution. All of the money given for this appeal will be used for charitable support - none will be used for administrative costs.

COVENANTS

If you pay tax, you can increase the value of your gift at no additional cost by covenanting to give an amount for four years. Please tick the box below and I will send you further details.

Please tear off and send with your donation to:
John Freeborn, Chairman,
Suburb Charities, 862 Finchley Road,
LONDON NW11 6AB.

Yes, I/we would like to help charitable work on the Suburb and I/we enclose a donation of £.....
(Please make cheques payable to Suburb Charities)

Yes, I/we would also like information about making a Covenant.

Name(s)

Address

WORDSEARCH

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH CASTLES

Find and ring the names of fifteen Castles in England. The names are hidden in the box of letters and may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

E F H T R O W L I N E K O E A R
H W G M I J L K D U C A I A B E
B A R N A R D N O P R U Q S R V
M L N K V H F U A U X V H T W O
L M P O J I G B N Y C E O I O S
R E V O D R H D Z A E E W W D L
U R T Q X S E G F K D Y A A Z O
W X V K W L V H O E C R R B H B
A I W V J I E O U L W M D N T O
Z Y N B E C R G F I T S Q P U R
S U V D D B O H C M I J K L O N
C I H R S P W K X B O D I A M Y
T O J I Q O W G V F U E A B T Z
P K R N Y X R L G M F N E D R C
Q A O F Z J T H K C I W N L A D
C L R M E K S I C R B O A P D Q

If you are a senior citizen, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, 15th March 1994 will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.

Happy Hunting!

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