

# SUBURB NEWS

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## EDITOR'S FILE

### Question time

The new resident's slot at RA Council meetings has produced only two questioners so far but they both promoted lively discussion. Tom Sales took the Editor to task for misattributing a comment about traffic, in our report of the RA AGM, to Alison Chesshyre. Mary Ambrose wanted an update on the eruv.

Residents are welcome to put questions to the Council at 8.30 first Tuesday every month except August at Fellowship House.

### Calling old pupils

Annemount School was founded by Miss Jamaiker nearly 60 years ago. The school is preparing a Jubilee book of reminiscences and would like to hear from past pupils, of which there must be many on the Suburb, who have letters or photographs to lend along with memories of their time at Annemount and of Miss Jamaiker.

Please contact Geraldine Tausig 455 2132.

### Excuse for a quick one?

The recycling bins for bottles and glass have, at last, been removed from Hampstead Way and are now to be found across the road in the car park behind the Royal Oak. The landlord has agreed that the bottle banks can still be used by local residents.

### Membership reps

There was quite an encouraging response to the appeal in the Spring issue for residents to become involved in the work of the RA. However I mislaid the first of the coupons to come in. It was from someone offering to be a membership representative, so if you have not heard from us, apologies, please ring Janette Harris 455 7267.

### Help for the elderly

HGS Fellowship points out that getting help from Social Services for the elderly and disabled can be easier and quicker than one might suppose.

You don't have to go via a doctor or a health worker but just contact Barnet Social Services on 0181 359 2000.

### Suburb Noise

Hogarth Hill was subjected to a car alarm for 36 hours during a recent weekend. The police are not empowered to act and residents found that Barnet has discontinued weekend emergency services by EHO's without telling anyone they were doing so.

### Trust members

Don't forget to come to the HGS Trust AGM on September 13 at the Free Church Hall, Northway at 8.00 pm.

### VE Day

At least there was one celebratory street party for VE Day, but not on the anniversary day, it was the residents of North Square and the top end, in more than one sense, of Erskine Hill, Organised by Diana Woodfield and Norma Milner there was lots of very tempting food and drink, plus games on the Square.

## An all Suburb event

The second Suburb weekend, organised by the indefatigable Joyce Morrison, was judged a great success despite the dull Saturday in an otherwise unbroken spell of sunny days.

Opening the Weekend Cllr Suzette Palmer, Mayor of Barnet, said "Hampstead Garden Suburb is something special both culturally and architecturally, it is not a coincidence that in this part of the world it is referred to as the Suburb. Suburbia may be dull, the Suburb never. The Suburb is special because, in a large city, it has remained a close village community".

36 Suburb organisations and societies, plus too many individuals to mention, took part and thanks are due to all of them for helping to make the Weekend an all Suburb event.

Musical events provided some of the highlights from Youth Music on Willifield Green to the Ebony Steel Band that had people dancing on the Square until late on Saturday; we were inspired by visits to some amazing gardens; the girls of Henrietta Barnett and Institute students put on fascinating displays; the Suburb and Brookland schools, with song, dance and races kept the youngsters busy as did the family fete on Saturday afternoon where Neighbourhood Watch and the police provided excitement and prizes. There was tennis at Farm Walk and Mercury and scrabble and bridge for the less agile. There was talk and tea at Norrice Lea and the Hoop Lane Players entertained at Friends Meeting House while the Free Church Hall was home to the Horticultural Societies Summer Show, plus, as they say, much much more. Pictures on page 5.

Richard Wakefield



Joyce Morrison chats to Piano Circle members in Dr and Mrs Cockburn's Southway garden after the Suburb Weekend recital by Suzanne Daggart, Paula Rainsborough, Ann Holmes, Maria Donisotti and Andrew Cockburn

## Appeal for membership reps

The Membership Committee is not a glamorous committee: it doesn't have high-profile meetings with the Trust or the Borough; nor does it have the cache of CONSAM or Roads & Traffic. But it is the rock on which all the work of the RA is founded. If residents are not recruited into membership of the RA and their subscriptions collected, then every other bit of work of the Association falls to the ground.

That is the importance of the work of **Membership Representatives**. The appeal in the last Suburb News produced some but there are still 10 vacancies for Membership Representatives across the Suburb. If you can offer just a few hours each year to help with this important work, please contact Janette Harris 455 7269.

Eileen Whelan

## Suburb Gallery

The Residents Association has taken over the gallery in Hampstead Way from Hamilton Fine Arts.

Noticing that Vince Hamilton was giving up his lease, RA Vice Chairman Richard Wakefield saw an opportunity for the Suburb organisations to provide an attractive facility for Suburb residents and for professional artists working on the Suburb.

With encouragement and very practical help from the Trust, who have taken the lease, the RA will run the Gallery, with voluntary assistance, to sell pictures and other Suburb-related artefacts by local artists.

The Gallery will be open somewhat spasmodically through the summer and will be properly launched in September. If you would like to commission a picture of your house or favourite view, call in or ring 455 7410.

Richard Wakefield

## YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE SUCCESSES



For the second year running, the YMC entered a small group of string players for an annual competition, Concorso Primavera, in Castiglione del Lago, Italy, and we are delighted to announce that the trio, made up of Lisa and Judy Barnett, aged 9 and 10 and Alexander Hurwitz, aged 11, followed in the footsteps of last year's quartet and were awarded gold medals as winners of their category.

Furthermore, in early July,

YMC strings director, Kay Hurwitz, is entering her ensemble players for the (ESTA) European String Teachers Association's 'Nutshell' event in the Purcell Room. In addition, one of her quartets has been selected from the first round of the National Festival of Music for Youth to play in a further round, again at the Purcell Room. The quartet are Crystal Aron, Judy Barnett, Max Douglas and Laura Rosen. We wish them luck. Jane Barnett

## INSTITUTE PEACE MOVES

The Residents Association has been making moves to reopen a dialogue with the Institute with which it has had a somewhat thorny relationship since long before the dispute with the School and Barnet.

The Institute's articles include provision for two RA representatives on its Council. These positions have been vacant since 1993 when the RA nominees resigned.

The RA Council, last December, tried again to nominate two members but Malcolm Davis, in June, wrote to say that the Institute was thinking again about the composition of its Council. It had previously altered its articles to reduce the number of Barnet representatives.

Subsequently the RA has proposed that a "non controversial" panel of three, Hugh Hamilton, David Bogush and Simon Brenner should have talks with three

Institute members to find a way forward.

Meanwhile, since the judgement in April, the Institute has given notice to Henrietta Barnett School but talks between them are understood to have resumed recently.

### Freedom of information

One of the bones of contention with the RA has been the Institute's insistence on the confidentiality of its Council meetings. This has meant that representatives of the RA or other bodies, whilst they can represent the views of their nominators, can not report back.

What are the Institute's plans for future growth? What ideas do they have for development of the site? The answers to these and other questions will, to quote Douglas Blausten, "have considerable consequences". Should Suburb residents not be party to the decision making process?

Richard Wakefield

## Relieving congestion

The RA's Roads and Traffic Committee's plan for a one way scheme round the Institute and School is now well into the consultation phase. We understand that

the education bodies and affected residents are in favour. "All that is needed now" says David Rapson "is funding from Barnet".

Richard Wakefield

## 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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