

# SUBURB NEWS

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## EDITOR'S FILE

### School v Institute

Could there be just a chance that the Henrietta Barnett School/Institute dispute won't get to court? All parties, lead by John Marshall MP, should have had a third meeting at the Dept for Education by the time of Suburb News' publication.

A third meeting could indicate that the DfE has changed its position somewhat. Another factor is that by now, with a court date very close, each party will know what evidence is being presented by the other and be aware of the relative strengths and weaknesses of their case.

We can only hope, for the sake of the Suburb, that the situation will be resolved in a way that provides a permanent solution.

### Entry gates

Some residents are not too happy about the entry gates into Hampstead Way from Temple Fortune. English Heritage, who designed the entry treatment as a first stage of the agreed RA plan for Suburb wide traffic calming, point out that Barnet have not followed the drawings which called for the chains between posts to be higher and the cobbles set closer together.

### Pavilion plan dropped

It was with some sorrow that the RA Council last month decided not to progress plans to buy a lease on the Northway Gardens pavilion for use as a community centre.

Thanks are due to Peter Loyd and his team for putting so much effort into trying to acquire the building for the Suburb.

Originally envisaged also as a control centre for CCTV, the need for this has receded; the building itself would have been too costly to renovate and for the RA to run.

### VE Day 50 years on

There's talk of the RA organising a celebratory party and fireworks display on Central Square on May 7.

### Christmas tree

A big thankyou for a generous gesture to Mr and Mrs White, at 2 Meadway, who have brightened our Christmas, for 20 years now, with a huge brightly lit tree in their two storey bay window.

### Suburb Weekend

Arrangements for the festivities on June 24 & 25 are going "full steam ahead", says Joyce Morrison, who would welcome further suggestions, or offers of help for the family events on Central Square on the Saturday June 24 on 458 1677 or the Trust Office.

### Wildlife appeal

It seems that foxes and birds are the way to get the letters flooding in. Anyone seen any badgers?

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Falldon Way, rush hour, mid January

Photo: Terry Rand

## TRAFFIC CHAOS

It is difficult not to echo Victor Meldrew and say "I don't believe it" as the combination of works around us causing a huge increase in running and traffic jams.

The North Circular at Manor House, closed roads and tailbacks in all directions was bad enough. Now, for two Sundays, Falldon Way is to be closed completely for tree works and

drivers are advised to brave the North Circular road works instead!

Culverts under Lyttelton Road and Falldon Way are being rebuilt resulting in single lane operation from January to May! Norrice Lea, Vivian Way Widecombe Way junctions will be closed!

Coinciding nicely with all that Henly's Corner works commence

in August. The RA Roads and Traffic Committee has pressed, and John Marshall is urging, that the arrangements with contractors try to avoid the situation that has arisen east of Falldon Way where residents had to suffer pile drivers working round the clock to such an extent that some have had to be moved to bed and breakfast accommodation for the duration. **Richard Wakefield**

## RA Report

Looking back over the past year, it is interesting to see how wide a range the Residents Association's activities cover. Many of them are on-going problems, with solutions out of our hands, but we use our expertise and experience to mediate whenever possible.

These are some of the topics we have covered. **Environment** - recycling, crematorium emissions, Mutton Brook pollution, siting of bottle banks; future management plans for **Hampstead Heath** and **Kenwood**; establishment of **'Friends of Northway Gardens'**; the future of **St George's Sorting Office**; **Traffic** - Ward Initiatives, Red Routes, traffic calming,

Asmunds Hill roundabout, Hampstead Way and entry treatment; **Wheeled bins** - including a leaflet asking residents not to leave their bins on the pavement; **Rotherwick Road** tree-planting scheme; representatives of the RA met the **Leader of LB Barnet Council**, Alan Williams; all this, plus the issues of **Suburb News!**

This summer we visited **Letchworth Garden City**, which proved to be not only enjoyable, but very informative.

The RA was asked, at very short notice, to respond to the Secretary of State for the Environment's discussion document **'Quality in Town and Country'**.

This was essential, as we represent such an important conservation area, and we are indebted to Colin Gregory for undertaking the task on our behalf.

Have any of your problems been listed above? If not, why not contact your Residents Association? All information is in the Yellow Directory.

There is a permanent change of venue for **RA Council Meetings** - the first Tuesday of every month, excluding August, at Fellowship House, 8 pm. Why not come along?

Best of wishes from the RA to you all for the New Year.

Sylvia de Peyer

## Proms progress

The Proms at St Jude's promises to be an even more attractive event. Already lined up are; Humphrey Lyttelton and his band; one of the world's leading trumpet soloists, Crispian Steele-Perkins, will be giving a concert with Andrew McCrea at the organ.

Richard Baker and Lady Walton will be performing Walton's *Façade*; Erich Gruenberg OBE, the international violinist and Suburb resident, will be giving us the complete *Four Seasons* by Vivaldi.

Hampstead Garden Suburb

Theatre will have the best of all backdrops for a performance of *Murder in the Cathedral* which will then transfer to Little Wood.

Another steel band will be booked following one of last year's most successful evenings and a popular concert by the Trinity Big Band will round off the Proms Week.

Sponsors are sought for the Proms which are held in aid of North London Hospice and the St Jude's Organ Appeal. If you or your company can be a sponsor please ring Peter Oliver 455 8741.

Richard Wakefield

## RA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association will take place on 27th March 1995 at 8 pm in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road, NW11.

Any motions for inclusion on the agenda must be received by first post on 10th February 1995.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of Council must be submitted, in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, and have the Nominee's consent. These must be received by 13th March 1995.

Notice of motions and nominations should be sent to the Assistant Secretary, Mrs R Goldstein, 1a Church Mount N2 0RW.

## Guidelines breach?

Have the Trust and Barnet already breached their own new Guidelines? It would appear that they could have done in the case of a planning application by residents of a house in Norrice Lea where consent has been given for extensions and dormer windows, parts of which were completed ten years ago and at the time registered by the Trust as an 'infringement'.

The application has now been passed by all four planning bodies, the hoops through which all applications have to go, despite objections from neighbours and a plea to the Trust by the RA's Consam Committee.

Mervyn Mandell, Consam's acting chairman, said, "I am concerned that after so much time and effort has been expended by all involved in the preparation of the new Guidelines, it is a shame that questions are already being raised over their effectiveness." However the Trust's Chris Kellerman said "There is no question of breaching the guidelines. The original dormers would have been approved but, at the same time, the owners replaced french windows and this was the infringement that has now been corrected". **Richard Wakefield**

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