

# SUBURB BIRD SEARCH

As a result of Margaret Glaser's list of birds seen, Published in Suburb News, a number of birdwatchers have sent additions to the Suburb tally of visitors seen in gardens or perching on aerials.

Margaret's neighbours in Erskine Hill added Tawny Owl, tree-creeper, Sparrow Hawk, Green Woodpecker, Spotted Flycatcher and Blackcap.

Jane Rosen reports a family of Green Woodpeckers in Linnel Close and Anne Donohue from Oakwood Road has Goldcrest and Lesser Spotted Woodpecker.

Mary Usherwood, Litchfield Way, adds Fieldfare, Redwing, Grey Wagtail and a Golden Pheasant in Wildwood Road!

Tim Neal, in Meadway, has, in addition to most of those above, seen Mallard, Woodcock, Black Headed Gull, Red legged Partridge (got a photo of this one), Willow

Warbler, Redpoll and Linet and makes the point that "surely Margaret's Swift must have been overhead and if we're counting these then I can add Cormorant, Mute Swan, Canada Goose, Kestrel, Lapwing, Swallow, House Martin and Pied Wagtail"

Not to be outdone Roger Wilkinson, Lytton Close, says he's seen all the garden birds but would like to claim sightings on Lyttelton Playing Fields of Little Owl, Common Gull and Lesser Black Backed Gull.

We will publish a full list next time but the Suburb list so far comes to some 54 species. I wonder how many of them nest in our gardens? **Elizabeth Watkins**

(If anyone knows how to stop Herons landing in the garden we could try keeping goldfish again, for now they will have to make do with frogs and newts). **Ed**



Church Warden Raymond Lowe; WPC Linda Bailey with Rev Alan Walker and Ellis Hillman

## REV ALAN WALKER'S INDUCTION AT ST JUDE'S

In an impressive service at St Jude's in December Rev Alan Walker was welcomed to the parish by the Bishop of Edmonton, the Rt Rev Brian Masters and Hampstead's Archdeacon Rev Peter Wheatley. The service, which includes a ceremo-

nial handing over of the church to the new vicar who signified his taking possession by tolling the bell, was attended by ministers of other local churches, Barnet's Mayor, Cllr Ellis Hillman; Cllr Roy Schutz and a large congregation who all went on to a welcome

supper in the Church Rooms organised by Elinor Edwards.

Rev Alan Walker comes to St Jude's, having been Chaplain to the University of Westminster, with his wife Lucrezia, daughters Anastasia and Olivia and son Henry. **Richard Wakefield**



The Vicar and Lucrezia Walker



The Bishop's secretary chats to some of the younger members of St Jude's: Louise Edwards; Alys and Tomos Edwards; Miriam Honeyball and Olivia Wakefield

## LETTERS

38 Erskine Hill  
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9 November 1994

Sir,

In response to the question on page 1, Suburb News, "On the Wild Side". Yes, I have seen a fox with a magnificent brush, twice; once some weeks ago walking purposefully through the hedge at the bottom of my garden, through into my neighbour's garden and then through his neighbour's garden, obviously knowing his route.

Three days ago he chased a squirrel up my apple tree but did not catch it.

The next morning I was awoken at about 1 am by cubs making a tremendous noise under my bedroom window, squealing, yapping and scratching at plastic bags full of leaves for compost. I didn't want them broken open so I clapped my hands twice. Instant silence and withdrawal!

I wonder if it is known where the holes are. In Bigwood?

Yours,

Pamela J Armstrong (Mrs)

7 Hurst Close  
London  
NW11 7BE

6 December 1994

Sir,

We have had a fox in our garden and round the back, where there are tennis courts, for about two years. Once, I heard a "foxfight" in the middle of the night, right below my bedroom window.

Also of interest: last week I was pleased to see four grey wagtails flying below the bridge in Northway Gardens - the one by the Oakwood Road entrance. I hadn't seen wagtails in the Suburb for many years.

Yours,

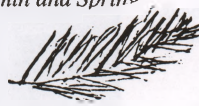
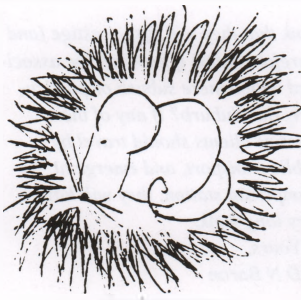
Ruth Gumb

## Bigwood in Winter

Cars on wet roads  
Hiss outside our wood.  
Inside, just deadened footfalls  
and scattered birdcalls.

Hard pavements outside.  
On soft beech leaves we slide.  
Over black, wet soil we go,  
Or through a sprinkling of snow.

The low sun's rays  
Just reach us most days  
And to the animals they bring  
The promise of warmth and Spring



by Lucy Norman  
aged 11

## Trust's Christmas Luncheon

The Trust's Christmas luncheon was, yet again, a splendid Suburb occasion held as Chairman Eddie Caplin said "to welcome and thank all the people who have helped or have been closely associated with the Trust's activities over the past year."

Eddie Caplin went on to tell us that Jonathan Jacob was retiring after 9 years on the Council. "We are going to miss Jonathan at our meetings" and welcome Teddy Bourne. Appointed by the Law Society, Teddy Bourne is a partner in a large City firm and specialises in property matters. "With his experience in law and of other trusts, we are already seeing an effective new member of the Council."

Mervyn Miller made a presentation to Jonathan Jacob who in thanking him said that after 9 years he knew the district better than on first visit when, finding himself on Finchley Road outside Golders Green tube station, he walked and walked all the way to the Trust office.

**Richard Wakefield**

## WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

### Autumn 1994 - Nineteenth Century European Composers

The names of fifteen composers were hidden in the box. Although a very difficult Wordsearch, I received many entries.

The list is as follows:

Puccini (outlined)	Chopin	Berlioz
Grieg	Bartok	Debussy
Schumann	Mahler	Wagner
Sibelius	Bruckner	Strauss
Ravel	Brahms	Elgar

**Elizabeth Watkins**

## WORDSEARCH

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF FAMOUS ARCHITECTS

Find and ring the names of 15 architects. The names are hidden in the box of letters and may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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J S L P O P D C A K I B U C I D R E  
W R K U N Q R B G N C A I O G O E H  
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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, 5th March 1995, will receive a £20 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.

Happy Hunting!

**Elizabeth Watkins**

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