

ST JUDE'S NATIVITY PLAY



Katie Plant, Jessica Honeyball



Christine Cunnold as Mary; Wilhelmina Georghstone, Joseph



Katie Armstrong; Jennifer Armstrong; Imogen Plant and an unknown cow!



Henry Walker; William Armstrong; Daniel Conaway; Sephanie Conaway and Hannah Davidson



Other parts were played by members of the cast

First Floor Flat
9 Upper Belgrave Road
Clifton, Bristol

18 November 1995

Sir,

A friend showed me a copy of your Autumn Suburb News, knowing I would be interested. I lived in the Suburb in 1936-44 and went to Henrietta Barnett School until the Blitz.

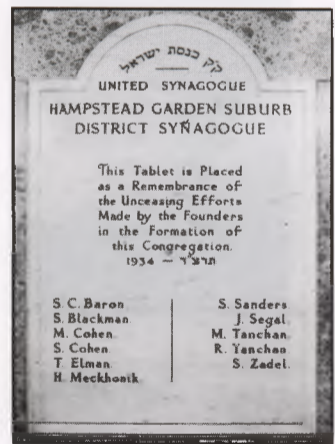
I found the article by Shirley Kleinman of particular interest - but feel that she put a very narrow viewpoint.

I agree of course that the Rabbi is an integral part of any congregation and I knew Isaac Levy well - but who appoints the Rabbi?

Who were the Founder members of the Jewish community who started a congregation and raised the money to build the Norrice Lea Synagogue? Surely they deserve a mention?

I am particularly upset by this omission as my father, Sydney Blackman, was the first President and devoted much time and energy to establishing and maintaining the congregation for the first 10 years and more.

Yours,
Rita Mason



LETTERS

30 Wellington Park
Clifton, Bristol

5 November 1994

Sir,

After living in the Suburb for over 40 years, 1942-1986, and been a member of both Trust and RA Councils I regularly read the "Suburb News" with great interest and some nostalgia. Sometimes I pass on your ideas to the local amenity society I belong to here.

This time I was particularly interested in your new organisation "Suburb Salvage". It sounds a brilliant idea and I have asked for more details.

Clifton is both Georgian and Victorian and the houses contain (or did contain before conversions or modifications) many beautiful features which should be saved.

I live in a small Victorian house, about 1850, with an elegant tiled fireplace upstairs, but a hideous new mantelpiece and gas fire below. A kind neighbour has offered me her original Victorian fireplace, with 9 tiles, so she can put in an Aga cooker. So I am in luck, but only because we are a neighbourly street. We need a "Clifton Salvage" too. Thanks for the idea.

Yours,
Elizabeth Layton

47 Holne Chase
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7 November 1994

Sir,

H R Owen, the well-known dealer in "prestige" cars (their adjective) at the corner of Lyttelton Road and Kingsley Way, announce themselves on their letter-heading, in advertise-

ments, and in the Yellow Pages as being in Hampstead. Is this a mere geographical error as they give an N2 postcode, a contravention of the Trade Description Act, or do they

46 Willifield Way
London NW11 7XT

9 November 1994

Sir,

The article about Traffic Calming and the letters from Chris Kellerman and Sylvia de Peyer are real eye openers as to how Local Government works.

The idea that the pretty gates at the junction of Hampstead Way and Finchley Road will slow down traffic in Hampstead Way, Willifield Way and Ossulton Way is simply ludicrous. Do the people who thought up this idea (at what cost I wonder) really believe that the drivers who speed through the Suburb do not know that they are in the Suburb, or now that they do know, that they will therefore slow down? So far all that has happened is that every now and again some driver parks in the bottleneck that the council has created, causing even more hold-ups in Finchley Road.

As for the complaints about laybys in Hampstead Way, at least something has actually been done, although in neighbouring Haringay they achieved exactly the same effect

1 Hurst Close
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9 January 1995

Sir,

I write to acknowledge the Design Guidance booklet for buildings in Hampstead Garden Suburb. In general I am in agreement with the conditions being laid down to maintain and improve the properties in our area and praise everyone concerned for the effort being put in on our collective behalf.

However there are a number of other significant practical matters to which neither the Trust nor Barnet appear to pay appropriate attention and which would enhance this unique conservation area. These relate to the minor roads, pavements and verges in the Suburb. Minor roads are nearly always surfaced in black tarmac which very quickly show wear and which is followed by an ugly patchwork quilt effect immediately after any work on the road is done. These then become permanent scars which do nothing to enhance our living environment. Could we not have minor roads done in paved stones as are found in Hill Close which are attractive and prevent the above? Incidentally such an environmentally positive approach has been widely adopted for years in many Western European suburbs.

All pavements are done in concrete

think that they will lose prestige (and therefore sales) if known to be associated with a mere suburb or particularly this Suburb? If any of their prestige clients should travel by public transport, and emerge at Hampstead station, they will have a very long walk.

Yours,
D N Baron

by just painting white lines on the pavement, denoting the parking bays, at a fraction of the cost. As for the problem of the pedestrians, does anyone realise how few people actually walk on pavements these days?

I have lived in the Suburb for 35 years, and in that time there have been at least three schemes for controlling traffic, but none of them was ever carried out because of lack of money. Waiting until there is enough money to do something throughout the Suburb means that the time is never ripe, so the only way to do it is piecemeal, however much it upsets people in neighbouring areas who have to wait their turn.

At the public meeting last year, the one suggestion that everyone agreed with and which would cost very little to implement, was to reverse the priority at the junction of Willifield Way and Temple Fortune Hill. Why has this not been done?

Yours,
Victor Garston

P.S. Who is Councillor Khamisa? Is he one of the local Councillors, or does he by any chance live in Hampstead Way?

slabs which again have no aesthetic appeal whatever and are often broken. Some have jagged edges and stand proud which are a serious danger particularly to the elderly and young children. The verges on many of the pavements are also tarmaced and often have broken up which makes them an insult to the eye and a disgrace. Some of the worst examples are in Heathgate and Bigwood Road. And why was it necessary to put a rim of black tarmac around the edge of the pavement when the round-about at the junction of Hoop Lane and Meadway was recently renovated? The more attractive stones should have been used as they were on Finchley Road.

Why do we have to remind the people who make such decisions that the specialness of the Suburb is not only dependent on the houses but also the context in which they stand? The houses and hedges are only half of our unique environment! Who is really responsible for such neglect and lack of vision, Barnet, the Trust, or both? It would be very much appreciated if those directly responsible would now develop a further design guide focusing on minor roads, pavements and verges and establish principles of action AND TAKE ACTION to improve the present sorry state of affairs.

Yours,
R Baker

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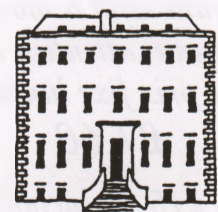
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