



Every year Fellowship strengthens the ties with Toynbee Hall, the charity also founded by the Barnetts in London's East End, by entertaining a group of pensioners to tea and entertainments at Fellowship House. Croquet on the croquet lawn was popular as was a singalong with Brian Stonhold. Some of the Toynbee Hall party are seen leaving at the end of the afternoon with bunches of flowers from Suburb gardens

News from Fellowship

Those who remember the fascinating BBC2 TV series "The 90's" will recall the programme in which the subject was Miss Mary Butler who has lived on the Suburb for 40 years. Mary was 98 in June, and Fellowship made her their "guest of honour" at the June Birthday Tea.

These birthday teas are held on the first Monday of every month - a sort of collective birthday party for all Fellowship members who have a birthday during the month. It is a salutary fact that,

for some lonely people, this may be the only celebration of their birthday.

At this month's tea we said "Goodbye" to Barbara Brookes, who has gone to live in Lincolnshire; a stalwart Fellowship supporter, Barbara was noted for her wonderful cakes.

And a word of appreciation for Daisy Stonhold, who has organised the birthday teas, month on month, for thirty years!

Eileen Whelan

TIMES PAST

I also came to live on the Suburb in the early 1920s. My father bought one of the Lutyens houses at the top of Erskine Hill for a thousand pounds. It had no garage then, but that did not matter, for the roads were no lined with residents' cars, as many are today.

We attended the Free Church twice every Sunday. Each service was crowded, and as the Free Church Halls were not built, the various departments of the very large Sunday school were obliged to meet in the Institute, and in what was known as "the Church parlour", on the premises.

I seem to have a memory of Queen Mary driving through the Suburb, with a very young Princess Margaret at her side.

Dame Henrietta Barnett organised a reading society, and we would meet at her home in Central Square.

There was no bus service on the Suburb in those days, but we never minded walking in the dark across the Heath Extension, on our evening journeys home from Golders Green station - we were then living in a newly built house in Constable Close - and I believe that cost fifteen hundred pounds! But it did have four bedrooms and a garage.

Muriel Grainger

the trucks and little steam locomotive which was not unlike Thomas the tank engine.

Most of the Suburb roads in those days were surfaced with a grey flint and were full of shallow pot-holes and consequently a deterrent to motorists. Traffic was sparse and almost entirely horse-drawn.

I certainly remember the baker's van; it was something like a large sedan chair with two big wheels and shafts with legs attached so that it could be parked while the baker called on his customers. It is hard to imagine how anyone could control this monster on the Suburb hills. I also remember tobogganing down Hogarth Hill. Most of us had to make do with home-made sledges, step-ladders or metal tea trays. Another good sledge run was down the steep slope of Bunkers Hill.

Does anyone remember the Acorn Cricket Club located at the top of a green hill that is now Brookland Rise? One member of the team whose name, I think, was Rainbow almost invariably slogged the bowling in all directions and gave us much pleasure.

There was a fair each year on Willifield Green. On the other side of the road was the Club House, the centre for a variety of social activities, one of which was a "toy" parliament which, I understand was strongly supported. The old Club House was, of course, destroyed in the last war.

I am surprised that I never had the pleasure of meeting Ms Pinnell on her climbing expeditions because in those days my friends and I spent many happy hours climbing trees along the Mutton Brook and in Big and Little Wood. In the summer holidays we had camp fires, sing-songs and baked potatoes on the south bank of the brook between Addison Way and Oakwood Road. Happy days.

George Clark

I was very interested to read Joyce Pinnell's recollections of Times Past.

I hope she will not mind my mentioning that in the early 20s there was no Falloden Way; the section of Addison Way south of the junction with Oakwood Road was re-named about 1925-6 when Addison Way was bisected by the new road. Before then it was a quiet enough place with grass verges and gorse bushes on either side.

Nor did Market Place exist in the early 20s. Addison Way stopped at the last house, and beyond, as Ms Pinnell stated, were fields and a wide footpath made of some hard, red material presumably to take the weight of



Mollie and Teddy Cattle on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding

EDWARD CATTLE

Teddy was born in Crouch End and came to live in Ossulton Way in 1935 with his wife Mollie. Their three children were brought up on the Suburb and educated in North London, Jenny at Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet and Tim and Charles at Highgate, Teddy's own school.

His job was in the Metropolitan Police (Civil Staff), where he was Head of the Recruiting Branch. In the war, he was seconded to the Home Office, and spent a year and a half with the Allied Commission in Austria. After his retirement, Mollie wondered what he could do apart from their continued involvement with the Dramatic Society, where Teddy produced or stage managed many productions. She suggested that he might take up tapestry work, at which she herself excelled. Teddy took to it with enthusiasm and skill, and the walls of their flat carry several framed examples of his work.

He had many interests, one being in vintage cars; at one time he owned a 1926 Lancia, an open-topped tourer. He was so

pleased that he could continue driving his BMW to the end of his life.

Teddy was always part of the life of the Suburb, and was particularly involved with the Dramatic Society. In later years, he took an active part in the group "Patchwork", in which his readings, in a variety of moods and accents, were much appreciated.

More important than all this was Teddy himself. He was always courteous, full of humour, and interested in other people - and very kind. Married to Mollie for sixty-five years, they seemed to grow closer as time went by, and they were the very centre (as Mollie continues to be, of course) of a large and devoted family. To their joy, a great-grandson was born last year.

Our sympathy goes out to Mollie and to the whole family - there will be such a gap in their lives.

Teddy's friends will miss him greatly, but we are so glad that we had the privilege of knowing him.

Nora Packer

LET US TAKE THE STRAIN!

Yes, that is what the HGS Theatre Club have been doing since 1989.

Once a month we book tickets and a coach and transport you to and from the theatre!

This year has been particularly successful with such hits as "School for Scandal" (Chichester - an all-day outing including lunch) - "Wild Oats" (National) - "Communicating Doors" (Gielgud) - the musical "Mack & Mabel" (Piccadilly) - "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead" (National) - "The Shakespeare Revue" (Vandeville) - "Skylight" with Michael Gambon (Wyndhams) - "Twelve Angry Men" (Comedy) - "Simply Disconnected" (Richmond) and our July outing to Chichester once more (with lunch!) to see "Beethoven's Tenth", written by and starring Peter Ustinov. So you see we have a good 'mix' and try and accommodate all tastes.

We are a very friendly group and are always ready to welcome new members, whether you are on your own or are a couple.

If you would like to join us please telephone our Membership Secretary Ruth Gumb on 455 6490. (Subscription is a modest £6 a year.)

ANTHEA DAVIDSON - who for many years made dresses for the young girls of Hampstead at her shop ANTHEA PROUD - has more recently turned her skills to covering walls and windows as a soft furnisher.

You can learn to make curtains, cushions, blinds, pelmets etc now that she is teaching at the St Augustine's Workshop near Highgate. The workshop also offers tuition in upholstery, caning, tailoring and clothes-making. Soft furnishing is on Monday and Wednesday mornings. More information can be had from Anthea on 455 8993. She also teaches on Tuesday evenings at the Institute.



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