

Old Lamps for New

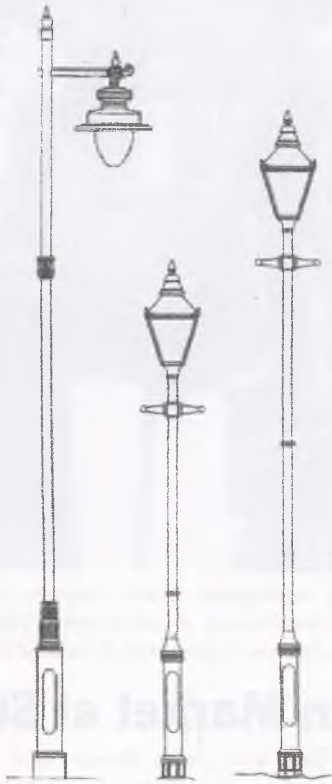
Old lamps for new is the unequivocal message from Suburb residents following a two-part consultation exercise carried out this summer by *Consam, the Conservation and Amenities Committee of HGS Residents Association*.

At the 90th Anniversary Celebrations in June we presented a photographic exhibit showing proposals by Barnet Council to replace the current street lamps. We asked for your comments and 36 people gave them.

Then in the last issue of *Suburb News*, we asked again for further comments with a coupon and another 63 people replied.

The results are very clear: you are overwhelmingly against standard modern street lamps and strongly prefer one of the two 'older style' designs being considered by Barnet. When Barnet officials were informed about this, they seemed pleasantly surprised that their initial ideas were welcome to the public.

The alternatives are called *Abbey* (also known as *Windsor*) and *Albany*. The first replies in May seemed to favour the tear-shaped Albany design, but the



larger response from *Suburb News* shows that *Abbey* is just as popular. However, *Abbey* doesn't look good except on relatively short posts, preferably 3 metres high. Such low posts are rarely used nowadays but there is a precedent in the 3 metre high lamp posts in the outer circle of Regents Park.

Barnet is likely to insist that in many streets a 5 metre post

(the height of most existing posts) is required. So main roads are likely to get one of the Albany designs whereas the *Abbey* would be less controversial on a lower lamp post in closes, foot-paths and narrow streets.

The detailed response to the survey in *Suburb News* is as follows: when the choice of *quite like* and *like a lot* are added together, the results are *Abbey* 46%; *Albany* 46%; modern 3%; no change 4%. *Abbey* takes the lead in the *like a lot* category (51% like a lot) against *Albany* (38% like a lot).

When it comes to *dislike a lot* the figures were modern replacements (48% dislike a lot); no change (42% dislike a lot); *Abbey* (7% dislike a lot); *Albany* (3% dislike a lot).

As well as looking better, you asked that the replacement street lamps should give white light and make the streets better lit than the gloomy yellow we have now.

However don't expect better street lamps in a hurry. Details of the exact version of lamp, the type of bulb, height of posts and how these could vary, and whether any of the original lamps dating back to the 1950s should remain, have to be agreed.

Also, someone has to be found to pay for the extra cost of the 'old style' lamps which are more expensive than modern lamps.

The replacements will probably be phased in street by street starting with roads which most require better street lighting.

DAVID LEWIS

Keith Dixon of Estate Agents *Hotblack Dixon* presents a past Mayor of Barnet, Roy Schutz, with one of several bottles of champagne for winning *Hotblack's Hampstead Garden Suburb Quiz* which co-incided with the Suburb's 90th Anniversary. Whilst the response was amazing the questions were extremely difficult and Roy proudly proved his extensive local knowledge.



The 1997 'Proms at St Jude's' music festival held in June raised almost £14,000 for charity. The Rev. Alan Walker, Vicar of St Jude's and Chairman of the Proms 1997 Organising Committee, thanks and congratulates Jocelyn Selson, Administrator of MUSIC AID which arranged the highly successful series of six concerts marking the Suburb's 90th anniversary.

The festival was made possible by sponsorship from Safeway Ltd, Godfrey and Barr, Midland Bank, Glentree Estates and other local firms; a grant from the Arts Council's 'Arts for Everyone' scheme; and support from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association, the HGS Trust and the Friends of the Proms at St Jude's. Of the total sum raised £8,500 will go to Save the Children, and the rest to restoring the Father Willis Organ in St Jude's Church.

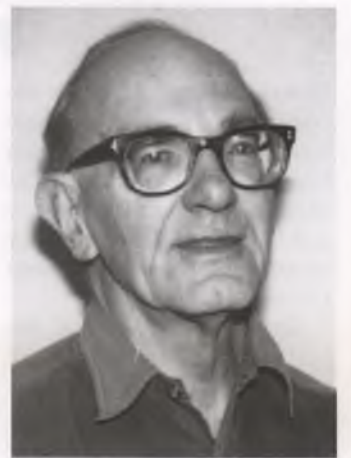


Wordsearch winner

Congratulations to Trevor Broomhall of Denman Drive, winner of the summer wordsearch competition on Wimbledon.

Trevor, a retired civil servant, has lived in the Suburb for thirteen years. He moved to North London from Bath. Born in Wolverhampton, Trevor went up to Durham to read classics. He now reads in eight languages.

He loves travelling, having spent time recently in Uganda, Yugoslavia, Belgium, the Ukraine, Switzerland and Israel. Part of his life was spent working as a civil servant in Sierra Leone. Shortly he will be going to Katmandu to trek both in the Annapurna and the Everest ranges of the Himalayas. During his working life in London, he cycled each day to the City. Trevor is a very keen gardener



and regularly enters the Suburb horticultural society shows. He is also an avid reader of poetry, especially John Donne. He also enjoys competitions and quizzes and listening to Bach. With his £20 book token, Trevor will buy a book of poetry.

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WORDSEARCH

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF MOTOR RACING

Find and ring the names of fifteen formula one world championship drivers. The names are hidden in the box of letters and may read forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally.

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Q	T	R	D	C	F	T	H	S	M	R	T	K

If you are a senior citizen, you may list the answers on a post card with your name, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, December 5th 1997 will receive a £20 book token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.

WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

Summer 1997 competition on post-war Wimbledon champions

The names of the fifteen players hidden in the box were:

Agassi, Ashe, Becker, Borg, Connors, Emerson, Fraser, Hoad, Kramer, Laver, McEnroe, Newcombe, Sampras, Sedgman, Smith

This was a fairly popular wordsearch with no comments to make as all entries were correct. Thanks to everyone.

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