

# SUBURB NEWS



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## HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB 90th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

For some of us 2007 is too long to wait for a Suburb celebration so a 90th Anniversary Festival is planned. Festivities to mark the Suburbs 90th will include a Suburb Weekend on June 21 and 22; the Proms at St Jude's June 25 - 28; a VIP opening of the newly refurbished Theatre in Little Wood with a performance by the Garden Suburb Theatre of Two Gentlemen of Verona, July 3 - 12 and a programme of walks, open gardens and exhibitions throughout the three week festival. Any other ideas are welcome. See p 4.

### Proms in the news

Devotees of Classic FM will have heard Suburb residents Jocelyn Selson and Barry Millington being interviewed last month by Margaret Howard about their plans for the programme for the fifth Proms at St Jude's.

### Raffle win for MP

Caroline Smith, who chairs the HGS branch of the RNLI, was particularly pleased when supporter John Marshall MP won a raffle prize at the RNLI Bring and Buy at Fellowship House in November, a successful social event that raised £873.

### Crossword

No gardening correspondent yet, but we do have a crossword compiler, a resident who is reluctant to reveal her name "for fear of infuriated anti-punsters or mad grammarians" a bottle of bubbly for the first correctly completed cryptic crossword. p 10.

### New correspondents

Welcome to Lucy Handley and Louise Edwards, budding journalists who were 'commissioned' to interview the best selling childrens author Jill Murphy for *Suburb News*. Having just left Henrietta Barnett, Lucy hopes to make a career in journalism and will be going to university to read media studies and English, her appetite having been whetted by work experience at the BBC and CNN. Louise, who hopes to teach, is an avid Jill Murphy fan and claims to have all her books. Their interview is on page 3.

### RA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association will take place on 24th March 1997 at 7.45 pm in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road, NW11.

Any motions for inclusion must be received by first post on 10th February 1997.

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 14th March 1997.

Notice of motions and nominations should be sent to the Secretary, Neville Silver, 13 Maurice Walk, London NW11 6JX.

## SUBURB'S HISTORIC IMPORTANCE RECOGNISED



Above: John Marshall MP., Mrs Goring, Lord Inglewood, Dr Mervyn Miller and Stuart Goring in one of the Corringham Road squares

Left: The listing isn't all arts and crafts. Houses in Lytton Close were built in 1939

Over 500 properties in Hampstead Garden Suburb have been added to the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, Heritage Minister Lord Inglewood announced in November. The listings are in recognition of the Suburb's

seminal and international importance in the history and development of model communities.

The listing decisions, based on recommendations from English Heritage, follow a detailed review of the Suburb for which

the fieldwork was financed by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust. The new listings are designed to give protection to the best of the various types of property and to provide a coherent picture of the Suburb as a whole.

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## RA Report for Winter '97

In reviewing the previous 12 months, the following are some of the more notable projects that have been initiated by the Residents Association on behalf of the Suburb. This has occurred during a time when the Association has been much preoccupied by some of its own internal problems which seems to have taken up a disproportionate amount of time which perhaps might have been better directed towards communal affairs.

As has been reported previously, the Residents Association has been very active in connection with the Institute/School dispute and

considerable effort has been made by the RA to have the issue resolved without resort to the Compulsory Purchase Order - this included a special meeting with our MP John Marshall and lengthy correspondence with him. Unfortunately no prior solution was found and the public inquiry has now taken place. However the RA attended all sessions of this 2 week long session and Hugh Hamilton ably presented the Associations views which were that it *deplored the serving of the notice to quit that was served on the School and the subsequent Compulsory Purchase Order; that the best*

*interest of the Community would be served by both bodies continuing to occupy the site.*

A study into a **Traffic Calming Scheme for the Suburb**, commissioned jointly by the Residents Association and the Trust, has now been completed and it is intended that the findings and proposals will be widely publicised and discussed at a public meeting later in the year. Although, if accepted by residents, monetary consideration may be a serious obstacle to its early implementation, outside funding may be available for it to be introduced in stages.

Neville Silver

## Romantic Gallery Show

The Garden Suburb Gallery is mounting its second Valentine Show, a special exhibition leading up to the increasingly popular Valentine's Day. Pictures, cartoons, ceramics, all ideal Valentine presents, plus cards with Valentine themes will be on display, and for sale, from January 27 to the day itself, February 14.

The Valentine Show moved to the Suburb Gallery last year after many years at the late Mel Calman's Cartoon Gallery. It is hoped that some of his work will again be included.

A number of artists are inspired by the Valentine theme including Bill Asprey, Suburb resident, who is famous for his 'Love is ...' cartoons; Sheila Supersaud Jones who has marvellous ceramics painted with heart shaped flowers; Mandy Komlosy, Sara Midder, Jane Muende and Daphne Sandham, whose risqué etchings raised an eyebrow or

two last year; Ellen Gilbert, Annie Walker and Christine Barrow regular Gallery artists have all produced Valentine offerings.

### Show for young artists

As part of Gallery's contribution to the Suburb 90th Anniversary Festival we will be mounting an exhibition of work by young Suburb Artists. Space is limited so there will be a competition for entry which is open to any artist between 16 and 22 divided into three classes. Entry forms from the Gallery.



### Who would like to play Shops?

The Gallery at the Temple Fortune end of Hampstead Way, is run entirely by volunteers. If you can spare half a day a week to tell visitors about the RA and sell pictures, books, cards and other items, please call in, we're normally open from 10-1 and 2-5 except Sunday, and talk to whoever is on duty or telephone 455 9132. Richard Wakefield

## From Cottages to Castles

We are at home in the Suburb

A home is a very special place, particularly so in the Suburb. It is filled with a lifetime of experiences.

A safe haven, a welcoming friend.

Alas, eventually even homes need to be sold or let. We feel it is incumbent on the agent handling the transaction that they not only have an intimate knowledge of the area, but recognise that a home is much more than bricks and mortar.

Glentree is such an agent. For many years we have been handling Suburb properties and we are at home with everything from "cottages to castles".

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