

Local Agenda 21 'Calming'

As part of the A1 red route proposals, the Director of Traffic for London announced his intention to install speed humps in Brim Hill and Deansway. After representations from the RA the Director has agreed to review the type of traffic calming measures to be used.

Using this Government expenditure as an opportunity, the Garden Suburb LA 21 group has asked Barnet Council to provide complementary traffic calming in Hill Top and

Ossulton Way. Width restrictions at the junctions of East End Road with Ossulton Way and Deansway would free the northern area of the Suburb from rat running heavy vehicles.

The proposal is at an early stage; Barnet Council has been asked for an agreement in principle. This would be followed by a detailed design of traffic calming measures and full consultation with the residents of the area.

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A new poet on the Suburb

William Hammond says, "Most of my life is in my poems." And so it is, from his early years in Greenwich; his going to work at Libraco at the age of fourteen; his wartime service as an Auxillary Fireman to P.T. teacher. The 'Dedication' to Dorothy, his wife, whom he married in 1937 is charming. She appears again as the swimmer in 'The Watch' which has a nice twist.

'Craftsman' is about the visit of the Duke of York to Libraco. 'The Beginners' is a long narrative poem about being a firefighter at the Arsenal during the last war and brings that time vividly alive. The section entitled 'Some Small Beer' are shorter pieces about the same period.

'Halls of Learning' contains pieces about his time as a teacher at the De Aston School, Market Rasen, where he was for seven years. Especially interesting is 'Romans next Door' and in a lighter vein 'Geography Down

the Drain' brings back memories of school days. The author then moved to Alder School where he was a P.T. and Wood Craft teacher for twenty-five years.

In a lighter mood are a nice piece about neighbours 'Through the Walls' and a very apt 'Minor Road Rage'.

This interesting book 'The Watch' which is on sale in the Suburb Gallery is also available at the library.

William Hammond has lived in the Suburb for about 35 years. He was born in Dulwich and lived with his grandmother when his father was killed in 1916. He says he started writing in 1960 and has a suitcase full of poems. Inspired by Dorothy, he got some poems printed and seeing his work published he decided to do so himself.

They are good enough to hope that he raids his suitcase for more.

LÉONIE STEPHEN

Witches' Broom discovered on Suburb!



Rare Witches' Broom. Photo: Susan Osborn

Believe or not this is a fungus! This fascinating growth on a very old hazel branch somewhere on the Suburb, baffled British Plant Gall Society experts recently. Photographs had been sent in for identification by Susan Osborn

and Georgina Malcolm, RA Trees Committee Secretary, "We thought it was rather unusual" said Susan. Eventually someone at the Society recalled a picture in a 1909 book which could be the only recorded example. The

Retirement for many people is one sure way of shortening life. Not so for Peter Loyd since early retirement 16 years ago. Deciding to put his experience to use, he set about transforming the Suburb from burglars paradise to safe haven.

His success in this and other local activities was recently acknowledged when he was honoured with life membership of the RA. "I am delighted. It was very kind", he commented.

He moved to a flat in Waterlow Court in 1958. Three years later, he married Rosie, who looked after his children from a previous marriage. They moved into Meadway and later extended their family with two children.

Sadly, Rosie died 18 months ago. She was very active on the Suburb and was there for those who needed her.

Peter always liked to be in the thick of the action. In 1941 he joined the Royal Marines and a year later was on Arctic Patrol with the Royal Navy. He also served in HMS Nigeria - the first British warship to show the flag in the South Atlantic after the war.

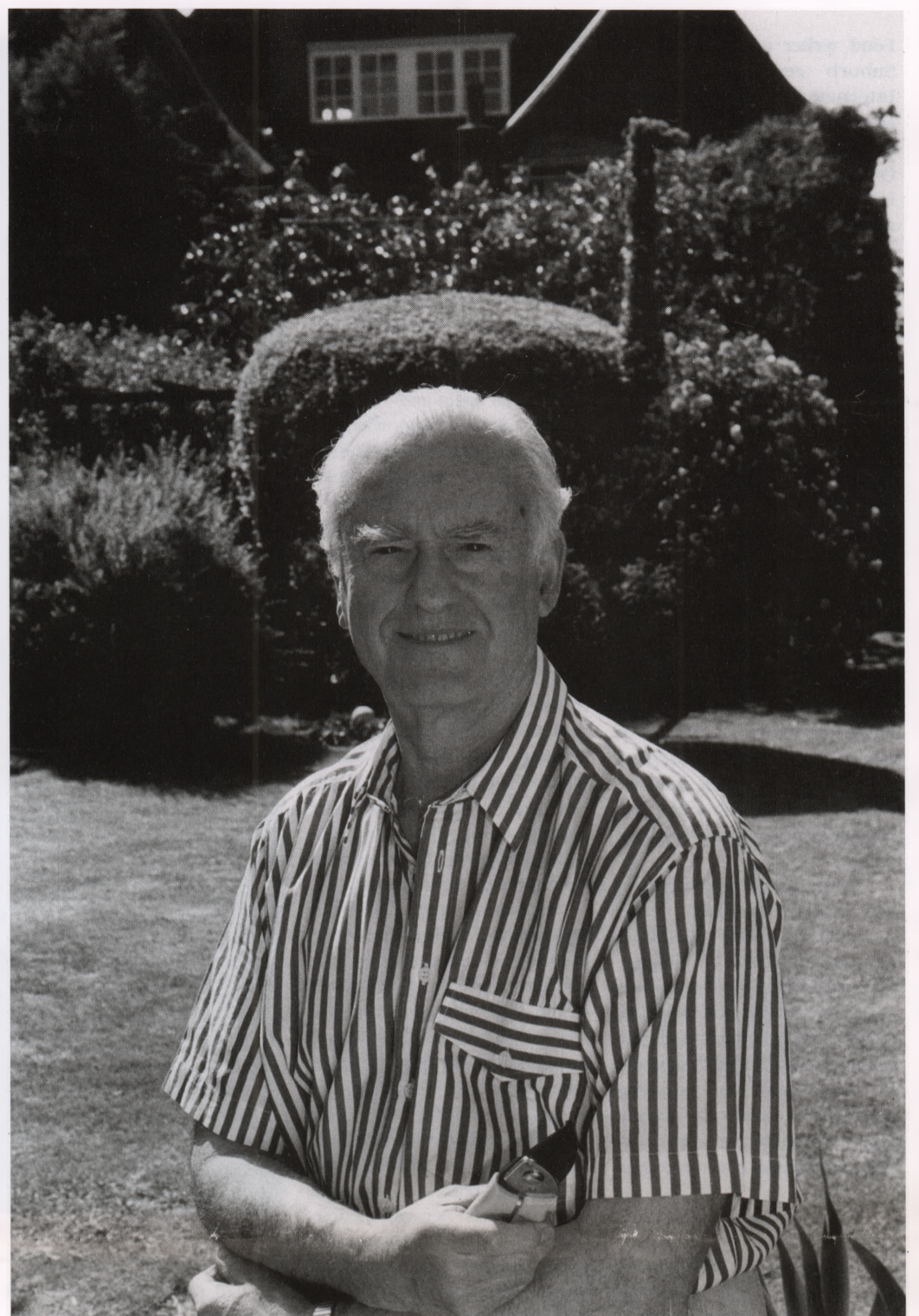
Captain Peter Loyd enjoyed momentous moments on land too, literally in the thick of the Malayan jungle, fighting terrorists. "This was the most exciting thing I have ever done." He was also seconded to the Malayan Regiment.

On leaving the Marines, he put his organisational skills to work with ICI. "It was so different from the services and I enjoyed the challenges," he said.

Other roles were Head of Works Study at BTR, wage systems, job evaluation and marketing with the Industrial Society and then with the British Institute of Management lasting

10½ years until his move from London to Corby. This man who enjoyed home comforts and leafy suburbia found the industrial town daunting. Now an Executive Director, he opted for early retirement. Their loss was the Suburb's gain. Recently retired from the RA Council after many years of service, Peter Loyd, affectionately known as 'Mr Neighbourhood Watch', continues his work for the Suburb. "In the beginning, burglary on the Suburb was high and I was attracted by the idea of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Understanding how to protect ourselves against crime was necessary," he said.

GEORGINA MALCOLM



book describes the growth as being caused by a fungus now generally included in Taphrina. It is too rare to have a common name but can be called Witches' Broom. Rex Hancy of the British Tree Gall Society said "The management of hazel would not normally allow time for such a growth to develop. There can be no doubt that such a growth is extremely rare. I now have colleagues looking for them all over the country but do not expect many to be found."

Continuously promoting NHW, Peter brought the community together. Burglary is now at an all-time low; 1 and 2 per cent compared to an average 16% figure elsewhere.

"I am happy with how NHW has progressed. We have a team of dedicated co-ordinators and wardens who do wonderful work for the community; reducing crime, in particular, burglary."

The Litter Free Zone made its debut at the same time. "I was fed up with cigarette ends and litter strewn across our roads. I sent a letter to Suburb

News asking for like-minded people to contact me".

A meeting at Fellowship House recruited 165 volunteers for litter patrol. Peter's efforts were recognised by the Tidy Britain Group and he received the Queen Mother's Award for Environmental Improvement.

Peter continues in his endeavours to maintain clean streets in a safe haven.

KAYE MORGAN

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