



Wildlife havens

Big Wood and Little Wood are wildlife havens in the Suburb. Their value is recognised in their declaration as a Local Nature Reserve this spring. Both these woodland sites are owned by the London Borough of Barnet. They are managed in partnership with local residents and conservation organisations.

The Local Nature Reserve launch ceremony takes place in the Little Wood open-air theatre at 2pm on Sunday 16 May 1999 with the Mayor of Barnet. Everyone is welcome to attend. Following the brief ceremony there will be walks and activities in the wood, including wood-land crafts and bird-box building.

A woodland nature trail has been researched by local resident Susan Osborn, RA Trees and Open Spaces committee member. The new leaflet describes the cultural and ecological heritage of both Big Wood and Little Wood. Susan Osborn will lead a guided walk around the woods after the launch ceremony together with

Barnet's Countryside Officer. Anyone can enjoy the trail by following the numbered posts with a copy of the leaflet. Leaflets will be available from libraries or by telephoning 0181 359 3052.

The Friends of the Suburb Woods have been formed by local residents with the help and guidance of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. They will be undertaking some of the practical work in the woods including coppicing and dead-hedging, planting oak seedlings and wild flowers. During May the Friends will be reseeding the banks along the recently re-dug ditches using seed mixes of native woodland flower species. This mix will be carefully selected to include species that would occur naturally in this area. These ditches and banks will provide a valuable wetland habitat for invertebrates and plants in the wood.

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Proms at St Jude's, June 17-21

This year marks the seventh Proms at St Jude's, the summer celebration of fine music centred upon the Suburb's famous Lutyens' church.

A highlight of the opening concert will be the European premiere of 'Invocation & Celebration' by Jack Gottlieb, performed by the combined choirs of St Jude's, the Suburb Free Church and Alyth Choral Society, and conducted by the

Proms' Artistic Director David Honeyball. The work forms part of Gottlieb's 1976 work 'Four Affirmations' for choir and brass.

Gottlieb was concertmaster to the late Leonard Bernstein, who greatly admired his talents as a composer and editor of Bernstein's own works.

The transatlantic theme continues on June 18 when the exciting young international soprano Leslie-Jane Rogers

accompanied by Christopher Ross sings music by Britten, Howells, Ives, Gershwin and others.

Perhaps the 'jewel in the crown' of the 1999 Proms is a concert on June 19 by Sir Andrew Davis, chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Davis conducts The Haydn Chamber Orchestra in a programme of works by Weill and Beethoven, and the brilliant young virtuoso Krzysztof Smietana is the soloist in Bruch's famous second violin concerto.

Proceeds of the concert will go to the North London Hospice.

The Dame Henrietta Barnett Fund will be the principal beneficiary of the other Proms concerts.

On June 20, by public demand, Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band make a welcome return to the Proms.

Finally, on June 21, there will be an International Celebrity Recital at Alyth Synagogue, featuring the vibrant young London Archduke Trio performing works by Brahms and Dvorak. This will be the first time the



Haydn Chamber Orchestra

Proms have extended beyond St Jude's church, and the concert marks a milestone in the history of the event and in community relations within the Suburb.

As always, the Proms Lunchtime Series will provide a platform to some of the country's finest young musicians, including the Guildhall's prize-winning RASA String Quartet, The London College of Music Brass Soloists, students from the Royal Academy of Music's faculty of singing and the Cusido Trio.

Programmes and unreserved seat tickets from the Garden Suburb Gallery.

Advance bookings, reserved seats and credit card sales from the Institute, phone 455 9951.

Free seats for kids

Hendon Music Society, the North West London concert-promoting organisation, now offers young people up to eighteen free entry to their concerts when accompanied by an adult with a full-price ticket. Names, addresses, ages and school details should be given on the application form.

This major advance comes with support from the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust, a registered charity, which aims to attract young people to chamber music.

Hendon Music Society is sponsored by Jemca plc, the West Hendon-based Lexus car dealer, and recently received pairing funding from the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts (ABSA).



Humphrey Lyttelton



(Above) Lesley-Jane Rogers



(Above right) Andrew Davis



(Right) Krzysztof Smietana

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