

# SUBURB NEWS

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## Suburb's young jazz band wins at Youth Music Festival

A surprise treat for St Jude's Proms goers was an impromptu performance from a jazz quartet led by George Fogel (left) David O'Brien, Andrew Woolfe and Alex Norman on drums. All live on the Suburb and are at Highgate School.

Later they were triumphant in the Music for Youth Schools Proms at the Queen Elizabeth Hall where they carried off the award for Outstanding Small Band; George Fogel won an award for Outstanding Composition, bafflingly entitled 'The second

fastest oxen in the world', a piece we had enjoyed at the Proms, and each member of the band was given an award for Outstanding Improvisation. George is now in Berkeley, California, having won a music scholarship there.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD



## Trust and Residents Association in bid to keep Institute here

News that the Institute Council was again considering using up to half its nine million pound fund to move to an office block in Muswell Hill prompted the Residents Association and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust to write to Institute Council members, a number of whom are known to be opposed to the scheme, urging them not to act in haste and to first exhaust all possibilities of space which might become available on or near the Suburb.

It is believed that the Institute Council had agreed not to take any steps to find accommodation much beyond the Suburb for a year after receipt of the funds and to spend that time finding the answer locally. However, a chance of a new deal

on the Muswell Hill property, which has been for sale for four years, has accelerated the process.

Somewhat confusing the issue is the welcome news that quite separate arrangements had been made with the North London Performing Arts Centre in Muswell Hill for Institute courses to be run there in addition to those on the Suburb.

Under the settlement of the long-running dispute which resulted in Barnet and the DfEE paying the Institute 9 million for the site, the Institute has five years' rent-free accommodation and Barnet and the school have reiterated that they are anxious for the Institute to continue after that. The Institute claim though that they have insufficient space now and that, what with the

school owning the site, the situation is likely to get even more difficult although they have always maintained that they will continue on the Suburb.

Earlier the Institute had been thwarted in an attempt to acquire space in the Manor House Hospital development; Ivy House is apparently an expensive option. However, it is believed that Barnet's planning brief for both these developments includes space for educational purposes.

The Trust has been exploring a number of avenues which could provide extra space for courses on the Suburb for Suburb residents and is confident that a solution can be found that would result in courses for residents staying on the Suburb.

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## Neighbourhood Watch's Peter Loyd to retire

The news that Peter Loyd has decided that the time has come for him to retire as Suburb Neighbourhood Watch area co-ordinator must be of some concern to all, and it certainly is to the Residents Association which has always been fully supportive of Neighbourhood Watch and appreciative of the results obtained.

Like any voluntary organisation, Neighbourhood Watch is only as good as the people making it work. There can be no doubt that the success of the Suburb Neighbourhood Watch is entirely due to Peter Loyd's untiring dedication.

He would say of course that it is a team effort on the part of

co-ordinators and wardens, but it has been his leadership since 1987 that has created the team and held it together.

A working party to find a replacement has been set up on which RA Council Member Derek Chandler is representing the RA. Any suggestions would be welcome.

## RA plans Millennium celebrations

As promised in the chairman's address at the AGM in March, the RA is mindful of the likelihood that there will be many residents who will be spending this rather special New Year's Eve on the Suburb. Subsequent research has shown that a high proportion of those polled, including Jewish residents, would take part in a Suburb celebration. Plans by the Events Committee of the RA for a night of celebrations on the last night of the century so far include time and space for meditation by those of all faiths or none, church services, followed by a party for all residents with refreshments and live music for all ages in St Jude's, a candlelight procession round the Square and a magnificent firework display after midnight.

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Two Garden Suburb School winners of the RA painting competition received their birdbox prizes at the opening of the Suburb woods as a nature reserve, see p 4

Oak posts replacing metal or concrete are the first sign of the English Heritage, Trust and RA funded scheme to green the Suburb.



## RA votes for more trees

Last year the Residents Association paid for 30 street trees and the Trust Grants Committee gave £1,000 for another 11. As Barnet plants 30 trees each year, we were able to plant 71 trees in Suburb roads in the 1998/99 planting season. This year we are going to do the same again.

As in the last two years, the RA Trees Committee has been encouraged to choose planting spots and request the exact trees we want to see in the Suburb. The Tree Section at Barnet Council has supported our plan

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## Home Sweet Home

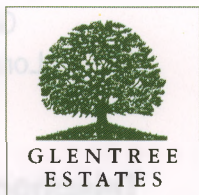
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