

# Hiawatha

The thought of an evening with 'Hiawatha' was not exactly enticing. Unhappy memories of school days spent learning great chunks of Longfellow's epic poem filled the mind. Still, this was to be Michael Bogdanov's adaptation for the National Theatre and that was cheering. The sight of the stage setting by Andy Farrer as one entered the theatre lifted the spirits even further.

The play was performed by twelve actors, most of them taking several parts of humans and animals. The story-teller,

Nawadaha, was Colin Gregory, who, with his clear diction and dramatic inflection, skillfully carried the audience through the many adventures. Mark Overall made a handsome and dignified Hiawatha. The delightful Minnehaha was Miranda Colmans who also was a Rabbit and a Sturgeon. Iagoo, the Great Boaster, was amusingly handled by Malcolm Stern. Christie Radnedge was a spirited Hiawatha as a child and also a Hedgehog.

The greatest pleasure, however, lay in the harmony of the whole production. Imaginative direction,

interesting movement, singing and clarity of speech. For that one must thank Diana Bromley and Val Gregory. Andy Farrer's lovely set, the costumes by Diana Farrer and Jeanne Solomons and the animal masks by Jo Eggleton and Rick Yang and the U.C.S. Junior School Art Club, all added to this pleasing harmony.

Atmosphere was also helped by the drum and flute playing by Alex Hall and Noel Radnedge.

A most successful venture and a brave one.

LEONIE STEPHEN

## Art day fever

Following their previous successful art day (summer issue) the Garden Suburb Infant School spent a wonderful day of creativity.

Using the established *focus on food* theme, children painted and printed on fabric. Art co-ordinator Hilary Barry commented on the valuable support from parents who donated fabric, food and time to work in class supporting the children.

Mrs Kathy Mansell, a local resident and parent, brought along her own printing on silk which really inspired the children.

The art display is a sight to behold and is currently on display in the school.

## Homechoice expanding

*Homechoice*, the unique on-demand interactive television service which was launched in Hampstead Garden Suburb last year, is gearing up for a London-wide launch, starting from April this year. *Homechoice* is the only service in the UK that allows viewers to watch films, TV programmes and music videos whenever they want.

Local man Simon Hochhauser, the founder of Video Networks Limited, the company behind *Homechoice* said, "Our experience in Hampstead Garden Suburb has been very encouraging and the learning we have gained from launching in Hampstead

Garden Suburb has been invaluable in helping us plan our London-wide launch."

The *Homechoice* TV content has been built up considerably. As well as offering a wide range of films available on line from blockbuster Hollywood studios such as Disney and Warner Brothers, *Homechoice* recently launched the BBC's 'Walking With Dinosaurs', available to view on-demand.

Over the coming months, *Homechoice* is planning to launch a range of new services including a fast internet service that will also revolutionise internet usage.

## Wordsearch winner

The winner of the last Wordsearch on Football Teams was Mrs Mavis Hyman of Holyoake Walk.

She confesses that she does not know a lot about football; but her husband is an enthusiast, and she is inevitably exposed to the matches on TV.

Mrs Hyman has lived on the Suburb for thirty years and she emphasised what a wonderful area it was in which to live and to bring up a family. Both her daughters went to Brookland and then to Cophall and they attended the holiday courses in art for children run by the Institute.

As a self-taught artist, Mrs Hyman has for many years painted in oils and has had many

exhibitions of her work. About three years ago she took up silk painting, taking classes at the Institute and now concentrates on this. Examples of her painted silk scarves may be seen in the HGS Gallery in Hampstead Way and she also makes prayer shawls and other ritual religious items. Her daughters appear to have inherited the artistic genes; one is a picture researcher for the BBC. She says her sternest critic is her husband!

Born in Bengal, Mrs Hyman is closely involved with the Jewish charity TZEDEK, which supports third world countries in teaching and imparting technical skills. The local group has special links

with an orphanage in Bangladesh.

Mrs Hyman proposes to spend her prize book token on a book on ethnic textile design.

SHEILA McMICHAEL

## Theatre exhibition

Burgh House is mounting *Theatrical Hampstead*, Feb 4 - April 30 which tells the story of the small theatres that developed in Hampstead from 1920. It highlights Hampstead's famous thespians and the "fascinating amateur activity in Hampstead Garden Suburb".



Sara Toumadj, Allegra and Saskia Kurer, Amy Taylor, Camilla Bliss Williams, Julian Hogan and Daniel Zelouf, all from Winnington Road and Neville Drive, raised funds from passers by in Winnington Road for the Blue Peter Appeal with a Design a Cake stall.

## Do you really need your fuel allowance?

Many local households will have received an unsolicited £100 pensioners' fuel allowance which, because they don't strictly need the money, they may wish to pass on to those who do. To this end, may I recommend the little-known Universal Beneficent Society which provides help to very old people living alone in poverty.

There are, in our supposedly affluent country, some three million pensioners with no more than £70 a week for all their needs; many are undernourished, suffering ill-health or disability, feeling anxious and stressed. They often go short of warm clothes or adequate food, and may not be able to afford such necessities as a cooker repair. Out of sight, they are largely out of mind.

The address of the Universal Beneficent Society is 6 Avonmore Road, W14 8RL.

ELIZABETH GUNDREY



## Disco Fun

In November both the Infant and Junior Garden Suburb Schools, on two separate days, enjoyed a disco. This was a parent-teacher initiative to raise funds for both schools.

Parents produced mountains of delicious food. Starmakers provided the music and both demonstrated and led some stunning dance routines for the Juniors.

Laura Menezes, deputy head teacher, proved to be a fantastic DJ for the Infant disco.



## WORDSEARCH

HUMAN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

In the box below are concealed the names of eighteen human infectious diseases. The words may read forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonally. INFLUENZA has been ringed to start you off.

Can you find 17 more or even 16 (just in case there is no complete entry)? Don't be put off by the subject: you will have heard or read about all these infections, even if you haven't had them!

Entries may be listed on a card or sheet of paper, or merely ringed on the box. They should be sent to 'Wordsearch', 2 North Square NW11 7AA, and should give the name, address and telephone number of the sender. The closing date for entries is March 11. The sender of the first correct entry (or nearest correct entry) drawn after the closing date will receive a £20 book token.

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SHEILA McMICHAEL

## WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

The football teams hidden in the box in the last Wordsearch were originally listed as: Aston Villa, Chelsea, Arsenal, Everton, Watford, Wimbledon, Barnsley, Fulham, Port Vale, Wrexham, Millwall, Reading, Bury, Cardiff, Burnley, Grimsby, Preston, Crewe, Swindon and Brentford. However a number of entries included QPR, and although this is not strictly a 'word', it was decided to include these in the entries in the draw for the winner.

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