

Letters to the editor

TRAFFIC CALMING

100 Brim Hill, N2 0EY

Sir
At long last you are able to publish plans for traffic calming in Brim Hill, Deansway and Addison Way. For the last ten or more years since McDonald's took part of the East Finchley Station car park and London Transport fixed high charges for the rest of it, commuters have parked their cars in our road, Brim Hill, adjacent to Deansway. From about 8am to 6pm our road is choked by these cars often parked without any consideration for homeowners who must negotiate exists from their own garages at their peril.

Late evening and Sundays, the road is clear and one had hoped that the 'traffic calming' would produce a similar result. However, the RA recommendation of Speed Tables at each end of Brim Hill is similar to prescribing an aspirin as a cure for cancer. The only way we will find that commuters have been controlled is if they have to pay to park in our road at the same rate as they would do if they parked at East Finchley Station. In this way the parsimonious commuters would have to decide that their imposition on us is exactly similar to their feelings if we parked outside their homes.

Yours
Jack Shapiro

LITTER WHIRLWIND STRIKES SUBURB

3 Ruskin Close, NW11 7AU

Sir
On Friday evening, 28 January, many Suburb residents placed their Waste Paper plastic boxes outside, ready for routine collection the following morning.

When they emerged on Saturday, the boxes had been emptied by the Council Team, but there was a sea of paper all over the place. A gale wind

during the night had lifted many lids and scattered much of the contents.

Community conscious residents found their lids, collected the scattered paper and took everything in again. Sensible action for the future is:- ensure lids are firmly fixed and place a brick on top.

Whilst we read our Winter Issue of Suburb News, telling us there was no litter news, paper was blowing around, reminding us that we always need to keep our eyes open and hands ready.

Yours
John M Davis

OVERGROWN HEDGES

10 Edmunds Walk, N2 0HU

Sir
My husband and I walk in the Suburb quite a lot, and we find that we have to walk single file more and more now because the garden hedges are overgrowing onto the pavements.

Therefore, I would be most grateful if you could insert a notice in the Suburb News for residents to cut back their hedges.

Yours
June Randall

WHERE I AM NOW!

15 Chemin du Chêne
1052 Le Mont, Suisse

Sir
Concerning the photo of Annemount School, I am writing to tell you "where I am now."

In the photo, I am fourth from the left in the back row, my name was Beverly Caring, and my brother Richard is the smart little boy with a tie, sixth from the right in the front row.

I have made my life in Switzerland. I am married with three children and have a fashion boutique in Morges.
My brother lived many years in

New Steinway collection

The venerable piano maker, Steinway and Sons recently announced the introduction of its new 'Crown Jewel Collection'. These pianos, finished in some of the world's most beautiful woods, are hand-crafted using techniques that date back over a century. "All Steinway pianos are unique and individual due to their handcrafted nature. But the Crown Jewels pianos takes this individuality one step further. They make a statement before they ever make a sound" says Ron Losby, managing director of Steinway UK. The extraordinary woods used in the collection include East Indian Rosewood, Macassar Ebony, Kewazinga Bubinga, and Santos Rosewood,

to name just a few. "These pianos are designed for a discriminating customer who wants a piano that is completely unique," says Mr Losby. "There are not two pianos that are exactly alike due to the individual character of the natural woods."

It is certainly worth a visit to Steinway Hall to see these magnificent pianos. Steinway has always been known for making a piano that is sought after by both the professional pianist and discriminating music lover. These pianos, however, are works of art on the outside as well as the inside. A must-see for all who appreciate beauty. For more information you can ring Steinway Hall at 020 7487 3391.

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trees on the Suburb. It was Spenser who laid the groundwork for our relations with Barnet's tree people.

He it was who bullied them into starting the Tree Warden scheme, Spenser was its very first tree warden, and Barnet's tree warden scheme is now the most successful in London.

He represented us on the London Tree forum where he was the only representative of a residents association.

He was a valued member of the Residents Association Council and of the Executive Committee.

As Chairman and long time member of the Trees and Open Spaces committee he has been an inspiration to us all."

"Our other nomination this year is Wilfred Court, a man whose name during a long stint as Trust architect, struck fear into the hearts of those who wished to make undesirable alterations to their houses.

Wilfred joined the Trust as architect at the same time as Chris Kellerman became manager and Gerry Mansell took over the chair. This, you will remember was in 1984 following the recommendations of the Joint RA/Trust Working Party report into the organisation of the Trust.

Wilfred was responsible for the totally new and much improved procedures and systems for planning applications to the Trust."

The role of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust's Grants Committee

Until recently, a separate charitable trust complemented the main HGS Trust. Its role was to deal with requests for help from organisations and individuals on the Suburb. It was also allowed to give money to support the splendid work being done with young children in the East End, by Toynbee Hall.

It became clear that the main Trust could acquire charitable status and that instead of running two separate companies, it would be possible to merge them. The closure of the Charitable Trust was approved by the members on the understanding that a Grants Committee of the main Trust Council would be set up. It would have the same aims and objectives as the Charitable Trust and would continue the Charitable

Trust's work and develop new projects. The Grants Committee would be independent of, but accountable to, the main Council and was given authority to spend up to £5,000 each year.

The Trust's Secretary would also serve the Grants Committee. Naturally, members of the Trust Council wanted their interest represented in the meetings of the Grants Committee, so it was agreed that one member of the Council and a Trust Council nominee should be on the committee. In addition to this there are representatives of the Residents Association, Toynbee Hall and the London Voluntary Service Council.

Some of the grants awarded had been given by the main Council in earlier years, such as

the support for the Proms at St Jude's. In its first three year's the Grants Committee has also taken the initiative in supporting long-term projects. Thus it has given money to help the Residents Association plans to replant trees on the Suburb. It has also given money to the Child's Way School to support needy children to go on the the senior year Field Trip to Northumberland.

If you have any proposals for projects to benefit residents on the Suburb, we would be delighted to hear from you. You can write either to the Trust Secretary, Chris Kellerman, or direct to the Chairman, Mrs Léonie Stephen. Individual requests can be considered and will be dealt with in strict confidence.

JOHN FREEBORN

Hong Kong and is now living in London, and moving back to the "Suburb" very shortly.

This photo was not taken on Coronation Day, as we had the day off and I remember watching the Coronation from the window of my grandparents' shop in Oxford Street. My brother was dressed as a soldier and saluted the Queen, who noticed him in the upstairs window and waved to him.

My most vivid memory of Annemount is that I had terrible trouble tying my shoe laces and the teacher said one morning that that afternoon everybody had to learn to tie their laces. When I came back to school after lunch I was very proud of myself as I had changed to bright red button-up shoes! The teacher was not happy with me. (By the way I have learned since then!!)

Having recently lost my mother and had to clear out her house in London, I found the original photo.

Yours
Beverly Grahame

Flying the Flag for the RNLI

Hampstead Garden Suburb branch of the RNLI raised £2,050.39p during the March Flag Week. The Committee would like to thank all who gave so generously during this time to this wonderful charity. Their kindness is much appreciated and it is a wonderful amount of money that has been collected for the Lifeboats.

CAROLINE SMITH

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