



Fay Naylor, the Institute's principal, introduced Dr Mervyn Miller when he gave the annual Henrietta Barnett Lecture on March 28.



## 'My Father's Dream'

Harriett Goodman, a Meadway resident for more than fifty years has, in her eighties produced a most remarkable book about the social and political life of pre-war Palestine seen from the point of view of a teenage immigrant from the States. 'My Father's Dream' is available from the Gallery, price £14.99 and will be reviewed in our next issue.

## 'Gangsters and their Molls'

Gangsters and their Molls came to the Suburb in February. They appeared in the Garden Suburb Theatre's joyous production of 'Bugsy Malone'. Mark Overall's idea of using Alan Parker's theatrical version paid off brilliantly and his production was inventive and well paced. The set by Andy Farrer was stunning; one of the best seen on this stage. The costumes, by Joyce Jayes, Frances Musker and Jeanne Solomons, set the period

and the dresses of the dancers at the grand slam were really glamorous. The girls certainly looked as if they enjoyed wearing them.

Nick Hastings as Bugsy and Camilla Collins as his girlfriend, Blousey, made a nice pair and handled their songs well. Alex Stewart as Fat Sam may have shouted too much, but his body language was spot-on. He obviously knew his gangsters. Also excellent was Christy Radnedge as Dandy Dan and Omri Gottesman as Cagney Joe. Laura Allen sang Fizzy's song 'Tomorrow' with nice pathos. 'My name is Tallulah' was sung with great panache by Sophie Cooper as Fat Sam's girlfriend. She also looked glamorous; in fact all the dancers sang and moved effectively under the direction of Emma Solomons and Miranda Colmans, the choreographers.

Paul William's music was well performed by the band though at times the young voices could not compete with them.

The evening was a great success and thanks are due to all those who worked so hard back stage ensuring that all ran smoothly.

LEONIE STEPHEN

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## Local Abbeyfield volunteers at St James's Palace reception

As one of the events celebrating the United Nations International Year of Volunteers, HRH The Prince of Wales hosted a Reception in St James's Palace in February for 300 volunteers involved in the international Abbeyfield movement. Prince Charles has been Abbeyfield's very active Royal Patron for 22 years. Among those invited were Michael Milner and Wendy Hewson from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Society. Michael is the Chairman of the HGS Society but was also attending in his capacity as UK Treasurer. Wendy is a member of the House Committee and her mother, Dorothy Middleton, was a resident in Abbeyfield House until her death in 1997.

Abbeyfield, founded in Bermondsey in 1955, provides housing and care for older people through nearly 600 local

Societies throughout the UK. It is the largest organisation of its kind in the voluntary sector providing a home for 8,500 residents. Its successful formula of non-institutional houses, firmly rooted in their local communities and led by volunteers, has spread to Australasia, North America, Continental Europe, South Africa and Japan, all of which were represented at the Palace.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the opening of Abbeyfield House in Homesfield, Erskine Hill and this will be celebrated at an Open House on Thursday morning, June 21 from 10.30am to noon. Anyone interested in what Abbeyfield can offer for older people is cordially invited. Other Coffee Mornings are also open to all on Saturday mornings, 5th May and 8th September at the same time.



## Suburb sings at St Pauls

Ten choristers from St Jude's and two from the Free Church were part of a choir of 380 for evensong at St Pauls in February, part of the Royal School of Church Music London Area Festival.

## Suburb Bike Festival

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participate on the big day itself. The programme of events for July 15 is varied so that everyone can join in even if they don't cycle. Starting at 3pm a Tour de Suburb Treasure Hunt will take place. Families and friends can cycle together (walk or scoot if you like) along a Treasure Trail and spot clues to our Suburb Puzzle. Find the answers and you could win a prize.

Go along to Little Wood Theatre for the prize-giving and a performance from our Poetry in Motion Group. Bring a picnic or buy food and drink from the snack bar. Then settle down for the Suburb's first ever outdoor Film Screening (title to be announced). The film, which will be suitable for every age group, will start at 7.45pm and everyone should be able to get home by 9.30pm.

### BIKE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

#### MAY12

BIKE MOTS • POST-CODING  
SKILLS AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN  
SALE OF CYCLE SAFETY ACCESSORIES  
BIKE DECORATING CONTEST • PRIZE RAFFLE  
SCREENING OF LA21'S WALK TO SCHOOL VIDEO  
(See if you can find familiar faces in this video about the LA21 Walk to School Day 1999 in which so many Suburb school children participated.)

#### DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE TALK BY  
CHARLES HARVEY OF BARNET CYCLIST'S ASSOCIATION

#### WEEK COMMENCING JULY 2

POETRY IN MOTION WORKSHOP FOR GARDEN SUBURB  
AND BROOKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOLS GROUP  
PERFORMANCES BY POETRY IN MOTION GROUP  
AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

#### SUNDAY JULY 15 - TOUR DE SUBURB FESTIVAL

3-5PM - TOUR DE SUBURB TREASURE HUNT  
5.30-6PM - POETRY IN MOTION GROUP PERFORMANCE  
IN LITTLE WOOD THEATRE  
6-6.30PM - PRIZES AWARDED TO TREASURE HUNT WINNERS  
6.30-7.30PM - PICNIC SUPPER  
(Bring your own or buy from the snack bar)  
7.45PM - OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING IN LITTLE WOOD THEATRE  
(In case of rain, film will be cancelled due to risk of damage to equipment)



Mike Milner chairman of the HGS Abbeyfield meets HRH Prince Charles.

## Trees planted for Ann and Evelyn Down

Many people who had fond memories of Ann and Evelyn Down gathered for a tree planting ceremony in their memory at noon on Monday 26 February. The actor Angela Down, their daughter, planted two red May trees in North Square opposite the Friends' Meeting House. Planting the trees, Angela said that she and her brother Martin chose to plant street trees because they would provide a long lasting memory, they would give pleasure to people passing by, and, being in North Square, would be near the Free Church which played such an important part in the lives of both her parents.

Dedicating the trees, the Revd Roger Orme reminded those present that Ann had been a

member of the Free Church for 72 years and Evelyn for 68 years. Both had given many years' devoted service to the Church and the Suburb community. Evelyn had been an assiduous Church Secretary for 20 years, and Ann had run the nursery school in the Free Church Hall for a good many years. The family had lived in Oakwood Road and later in Northway.

Andy Hills, the Trees Officer for the London Borough of Barnet, had made the arrangements to get the right trees in the right place. Red May was the original species chosen by Dame Henrietta Barnett for this road. Planting memorial trees by the roadside was another early Suburb practice.

JOAN HOLTON

## Suburb-based charity in Royal Free Hospital Summer Fair

11am - 4pm Saturday June 9 - Entry free

The Children's Leukaemia Trust, which is based in Hampstead Garden Suburb and run by two of the trustees - Suburb residents, Diane Michaels and Ruth Jacobs - is to be one of several charities taking part in the Royal Free Hospital Summer Fair. This charity was founded in 1990 by David Michaels, a Suburb resident and, himself a leukaemia patient at the Royal Free. It has funded the installation of a specially equipped ward at the Royal Free where children undergoing bone marrow transplants and chemotherapy can be treated in an isolated sterile environment. The charity continues to fund equipment and research at the Royal Free, which is a major UK research centre for leukaemia.

The Royal Free Fair is organised by hospital staff and several charities associated with the hospital, such as the Friends

of the Royal Free Hospital, the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, Cancerkin, the Katharine Dormandy Trust, the Kidney Patients' Association and the Scleroderma Society, as well as the Children's Leukaemia Trust.

This will be a fun day out for all the family at the Royal Free with entertainment and games for children including a bouncy castle, a roundabout and a Fancy Dress Competition at 2pm (theme 'anything goes'). There will be a palmist and a white elephant stall, a tombola, a barbecue and a Bargain Basement (all items £1 or less!). Other stalls will be selling home made cakes, books, plants, bric-a-brac, ice cream, and many other items. The day will also include stands promoting health education and recruitment to the hospital trust.

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