



More than 300 see Autumn Flower Show

The Horticultural Society is celebrating another successful season, which concluded on 15 October with 'Decorations for Celebrations', a slide presentation on flower-arranging by US Ambassador's gardener/designer Stephen Crisp at Fellowship House.

At the Autumn Flower, Produce and Cookery Show on 14 September, the Free Church Hall was again awash with the colours and scents of flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables displayed in friendly rivalry by Suburb gardeners and allotment holders. The Society was delighted to welcome joint presidents Jonathan Ross and Jane Goldman, who took time to open the show, chat to many of the 300+

visitors and eat some of the delicious cakes prepared by Joan Rees Phillips and her helpers.

Once again there was a display of the many silver cups awarded each year to winners of the various classes in the shows. This year's prize-giving will take place at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm at Fellowship House.

The only disappointment in a very successful year of interesting lectures, open Suburb gardens and outings, was that there were so few entries for the children's classes in the shows. Parents and grandparents – why not come along to the AGM on 26 November and give us your ideas for next year! And why not

put the provisional dates for next year's shows into your 2003 diary now – Saturday 21 June and Saturday 6 September.

MARJORIE HARRIS



Wordsworth Walk Jubilee celebrations

Neighbours in Wordsworth Walk gathered in a resident's garden to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Everyone in the street was invited and all contributed food

and drinks – a marvellous and colourful spread.

Anna Higgins, aged 11, and Sophie Brodbeck, aged 12, organised a raffle for Great

Ormond Street Children's Hospital and raised an amazing £75. It was a marvellous opportunity for the whole street to come together.

KATHY BRODBECK

Local residents fight hospital site development

Residents in Edmunds Walk are complaining that the initial plans presented to Barnet for the development, which includes the new home for the Institute, indicate buildings that are out of scale, will overlook their houses and will be noisy.

The Neurological Hospital site, although almost surrounded by the Suburb, is not included in it although it is within the conservation area which extends beyond the Suburb.

Residents Association Council member Michael Rowley, an architect, has prepared a report for the RA on these initial plans. They allow for two blocks of flats and an Institute building.

He says, "it would seem that the architectural style of the proposed buildings might be, what is commonly referred to by architects, as 'Neo-Vernacular'. The style usually involves quite complex articulation of forms and facades, which is often helpful in breaking down the visual bulk of a large building. As it is proposed that there will

be three large buildings on the site; this type of architectural composition may well be useful in breaking down the apparent bulk of the proposed buildings."

However he is concerned that the plans show the three buildings in rigid parallel alignment with one another and does suggest, and the RA will be asking Barnet to consider this, that the Institute building be realigned parallel to East Finchley station and the third building be roughly parallel with the rear of houses in Deansway. "It would make the three buildings," says Michael Rowley, "much more

relaxed in their layout." The HGS Trust is believed to be going to write to Barnet saying that the present plans do represent overdevelopment. A spokesperson for the Institute said, "this plan is showing a building rather larger than envisaged for the Institute," and RA chairman Georgina Malcolm told Suburb News, "We will of course do what we can to protect RA members interests but we are sure that these will be best served by making sure the Institute has a new home so conveniently situated."

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

Suburb rain

During July and August rainfall was again fairly copious, though by the beginning of October a September shortfall is beginning to make itself felt in the garden.

July had over 3.5 ins compared with an average for the month of 2.2 ins. However, the latter part of the month gave us a lovely warm dry time. In August there was nearly 4ins but 1.2 ins of that fell in a

thunderstorm on the 7th. This built on the 1.1 ins which fell over 24 hours in the last two days of July. By the last week of August another eleven rainless days stretched into September. After four days of light showers, on the 9th, over an inch fell in four hours, but still rather tame compared to the torrents falling in wetter parts of Britain. In the last three weeks of September there was virtually no rainfall, so the monthly total was 1.5 ins.

Overall, for July, August and September, rainfall has been above average, as it has for the year so far. The first nine months of the year have already seen nearly 25 ins. This exceeds the annual total of four out of the past 23 years. It is considerably less than the annual average, however, so it is possible that the mean could start to fall again after four years of very high amounts.

DIANA IWI

Farmers Market for the Suburb?

Now that a London Farmers Market has been successfully piloted on the wide pavements of the High Road in Whetstone (Fridays from 11am-4pm), the Garden Suburb LA21 is renewing efforts to obtain Barnet Council approval in order to bring a Farmers Market to Temple Fortune. The proposed site in Temple Fortune would be the wide pavements between Willifield Way and Childs Way. It would probably be held once a week between 8.30am and 12pm.

What are the advantages of Farmers Markets?

For residents: They offer increased choice of fresh produce; They strengthen the community; food travels less far and has less packaging; they are a vital outlet for farmers selling organic and less intensively produced food.

For Temple Fortune: There is high knock on spending in other shops on market days; they reinforce local job and business networks, maintaining local employment; they increase the profile of the shopping centre.

What do you think?

Barnet and the LA21 Partnership would like know your views. Please return the questionnaire below.

Do you support the trial of a Farmers Market in Temple Fortune? yes no
Is the suggested location, Willifield Way to Childs Way acceptable? yes no

If no please tell us why: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Please return to LA21 c/o HGSRA, Garden Suburb Gallery, 16 Arcade House, NW11 7JL or phone London Farmers Market on 020 7704 9659 or email info@lfn.org.uk

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