

SUBURB NEWS

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It was touch and go, on a cold and wet New Year's Eve, whether the Residents Association fireworks for the real millennium would happen. They did, and were much enjoyed by the several hundred who came to watch. See p3

RA gets 20mph zone for Suburb

A proposal from the Residents Association's Roads and Traffic Committee, which was put to Barnet by the Residents Association and the Garden Suburb Local Agenda 21 Partnership, for a 20mph zone in the Suburb has been unanimously accepted by Barnet Council's Environment Sub Committee.

The zone includes Oakwood Road, Addison Way, Hogarth Hill, Asmunds Hill and part of Willifield Way and takes in over 800 houses. The Garden Suburb Infant and Junior Schools, Fellowship House and the much used pedestrian route from the Orchard to Fellowship House are

within the zone so the scheme will help the most vulnerable residents, young and old.

Ken Murrell, Chairman of RA Roads & Traffic said, "I am delighted that we have managed to get this through. Ideally an immediate 20mph zone for the whole Suburb would reduce the

danger of speeding traffic for all, but the cost of the traffic calming measures required to support lower limits mean that progress has to be gradual. The RA recognises that this is going only part of the way towards solving our problems and will continue to discuss how best to deal with the situation round other schools and rat runs, with Meadway, Holne Chase, Kingsley Way, Ossulton Way a particular priority". (Cont p3)

What would you do for the Suburb's centenary?

It was in 1907 that Henrietta Barnett dug the first sod that commenced the building of a Suburb that would be the inspiration for many more around the world.

We will be celebrating the Suburb's centenary in six years time. A group has been formed by the Trust and the Residents Association to consider ways of marking this important milestone. We would welcome ideas from residents for anything from permanent memorials to things to do on the day.

Ideas under consideration include the community building/heritage centre/theatre that has

been a dream for so long; using existing buildings; landscaping and replanting Central Square; a home for the aged; traffic calming; a book of the Suburb; an international architectural conference; a pageant.

Once a number of projects have been decided on, a small working party will progress each one.

Volunteers are needed to see these ideas through. If you can help, particularly with fund raising, or have any ideas for centenary projects please write to The Centenary Committee, c/o The HGS Trust, 862 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB.

Holocaust Day Service at St Jude's

Several members of St Jude's congregation are also members of the Golders Green and Hendon branch of the Council of Christians and Jews of which the vicar, Rev Alan Walker, is chairman. St Jude's has been asked to host the first broadcast Holocaust Day service which will be broadcast live on Radio 4 on Sunday 28 January between 8.05 and 8.35am.

The service will be led by the Chairman of CCJ, the Bishop of Oxford and will include contributions by the Chief Rabbi, CCJ's director and the vicar.



Soloists Crispin Lewis, Ian Brentnall, Grace Davidson and Ann Sadan with conductor Ken Dougall and Cllr Gill Sargeant, Mayor of Barnet at the RA's Messiah by the three choirs. See p10

Death of Suburb historian

Kathleen (Kitty) Slack, who was the author of the definitive book of the history of the Suburb 'Henrietta's Dream', died on New Year's Eve not long after she left the house in Asmunds Hill she shared with Kate Blagden for many years for the Eastside Home. Kitty had also written a history of HGS Fellowship and been a Trustee of the HGS Archive and was made an Honorary Life Member of the RA in 1991. There will be an obituary in our next issue.



Eleanor and Olivia Hughes met Father Christmas at the Free Church Bazaar.

'Question Time?' for the Suburb

At the invitation of the Residents Association Radio 4's 'Question Time?', presented by Jonathan Dimpleby, will be broadcast live

from the Free Church on Friday 20 April. This popular programme, which is repeated the following day, has been running since 1948 and is much in demand by local associations. The RA's Events Committee will issue tickets to those wishing to be in the audience and will also be collecting questions on the

evening for consideration by the producers who say they rely on the quality of the questions and audience participation to achieve the success of the programme. As a topical programme they look for moral, political and social issues of the week which will get people talking. To apply for tickets, which are free, see p 11.

Home Sweet Home

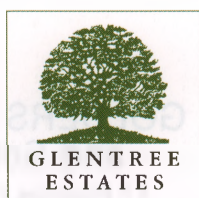
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Residents Association AGM

The 89th Annual General meeting of the Association will take place on 26 March 2001 at 8pm in The Institute Hall, Central Square, NW11.

Motions for the agenda must be received by 12 February 2001.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of council must be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees.

These must be received by 16 March 2001.

Please send notices of motions and nominations to:

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