

# SUBURB NEWS

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## All Change on Central Square

Major changes are on the way as a result of the sale of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute buildings to the Henrietta Barnett School in 1999. By April 2004, the School will take control of the whole site.

The first stage of redevelopment planned by the School is the erection by mid-2004 of a building to house new science rooms and linking the main Lutyens building on the Square with Bigwood House. The current science block does not meet modern requirements. The School intends to continue to provide some accommodation for the Institute. Later building would include replacement of the temporary huts.

Meanwhile the Institute searches for new premises. This is because their accommodation is too small, lacks such essential features as a library and space for teachers to mark papers and store materials, and has been criticised by inspectors and funding agencies. One possibility is near East Finchley tube station. The Institute intends, if possible, to continue to offer a wide range of courses on the Suburb and is looking at acquiring local accommodation. At present there are about 350 different courses and workshops, with a good number in community buildings during the day but very nearly

all on the main site in the evening.

No further expansion of student numbers on the Suburb is envisaged by the two organisations.

The RA's priority is to maintain the interests of Suburb residents. This includes the continuation of adult education day and evening courses through the Institute, preferably based on the main site but otherwise accessible to residents. The redevelopment of the main site by the School is also a vital matter for Suburb residents. The RA will publicise developments as they become known. Let us know what you think.

SIMON ABBOTT



Suburb resident Jonathan Ross as joint President with his wife Jane Goldman opened the HGS Horticultural Society's June Flower Show. Marjorie Harris, the new chairman, presented the couple with learner plates and gardening gloves.

## Architects appointed for Henrietta Barnett science building

As the result of a competitive interview, local Architects van Heyningen and Haward have been selected to work with The Henrietta Barnett School on their plans for new teaching accommodation on the site. The practice was selected on the basis of the track record of designing award-winning modern buildings in sensitive historic contexts.

The new proposals will go some way to satisfying the long-

standing needs of the School for additional and more appropriate teaching spaces, particularly in the fields of Science and Technology. The Department for Education and Employment (DfEE) has provided funding for the current initial planning and design study and has indicated ongoing support for the project, which is scheduled for completion in 2004.

The design is very much in its early stages but it is intended that

the new buildings should be energy efficient and sustainable, employing construction methods to minimise disruption during the building period. They will be designed to be sympathetic with their surroundings and set within a comprehensive land-scaping scheme.

A consultation process involving interested parties has already been initiated and meetings have taken place with the Residents Association, Hampstead

## Residents Association working group

There have been many plans for new building on the Henrietta Barnett/Institute site and many have been the calls for the removal of the 'temporary' huts. The Institute put forward proposals for new buildings and the school was promised funding for a new science block before the action by the Institute which eventually resulted in the site being bought for Henrietta Barnett School.

The Residents Association was shown outline plans by the school for a new building in early July and was pleased to see that possible space for Institute use can be included in the overall plan.

The RA feels that a plan incorporating all possible rebuilding and some way of taking some parking off the streets is likely to be preferable to a piecemeal approach. We

have appointed a small sub committee to try to ensure that the interests of residents are taken into account.

Those in the know were relieved to hear that the architects chosen were van Heyningen and Haward who have been responsible for a number of sensitive sites including King Alfred's School and Lucy Cavendish College in Cambridge.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

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## New lamps come to the Suburb

By the time you read this, many streets in the Suburb will have new brighter street lighting. Most of the lamps will be on columns similar to the existing ones but about one metre higher, that is six rather than five metres.

However it is expected that the original Barnet proposals to put in eight metre columns in a few of the wider streets will be dropped in favour of six metre columns after negotiations between the Residents Association and Barnet Council. The new eight metre columns in Ossulton Way will however remain.

Some of the closes will have slightly shorter columns which will be five metres high.

The RA Council has decided not to go ahead with the proposal to put the Royal design in some of the closes. It would have been at an extra cost to residents and was not appropriate on the height of column which Barnet requires.

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## Local artists on show

The Garden Suburb Gallery's first Open Summer Exhibition runs to the end of August.

The work of fifteen artists new to the Gallery who live or work on the Suburb is on show. Most are for sale at reasonable prices. The Garden Suburb Gallery is at the Temple Fortune end of Hampstead Way.



Susie Gregson returning from a shopping trip for bats and flags for the Last Night of the Proms at St Jude's.



(Below) Cllr Gill Sargeant, in one of her last engagements as Barnet's mayor, accepts a bouquet from Olivia Lewis at the inauguration of the memorial gate into Big Wood.

## From little acorns...

The Family Holiday Association founded in the Garden Suburb and still with a strong local group were delighted to report at their recent AGM that their income for 2000 had for the first time surpassed a million pounds, some way in excess of the £1200

raised in their first year 26 years ago. 1161 family holidays were funded last year, for most their first ever. Patrick and Joan Laurance would like to thank the numerous Suburb residents who have supported them over the years.

PATRICK & JOAN LAURANCE