



Jonathan Ross and Jane Goldman visit the June Flower Show

In the days before the June Flower Show, many trees around the Suburb and beyond into East Finchley sprouted the welcome news that the Horticultural Society's new joint presidents, Jonathan Ross and Jane Goldman, were to visit the show. At around 3pm on 23 June an orderly queue formed in the sunshine at the Free Church Hall and the local press arrived. As the doors opened, the crowd entered, looked around, and since there seemed to be no sign of the honoured guests, concentrated on admiring the very attractive exhibits. As always, the hall was a riot of colour and scent, though cool and shady compared with outside.

Ten minutes later there was a buzz and Jonathan and Jane arrived with their younger daughter, Honey. Responding to a welcome from Chairman Marjorie Harris, Jonathan stressed how pleased he and Jane were, as presidents, to be able to contribute to the Suburb community in which they lived and what a marvellous place this was to bring up children. He said they were making a vegetable patch at home for their children and were constantly finding new and exciting fruit and flowers growing in their garden, which had been neglected for some time before they moved in.

In order to encourage them to develop their gardening skills, Marjorie presented Jonathan and Jane with a pair of gardening gloves each with L-plates attached.

After submitting to photographers and local journalists, including *Suburb News'* Richard Wakefield, and touring the exhibits, the Ross family stopped for tea and cake in the small hall. Apart from finding Gill Read's chocolate almond cake especially delicious, 4-year-old Honey particularly liked the garden gnome made by Olivia Cemah, aged 8, and thought she might grow some mustard and cress in a container in time for the next Show. We hope her big brother and sister will also find something they would like to enter in the show on 15 September and are very grateful to this very busy family for giving up their precious free time for the society.

This year the display of flowers was beautiful, with a very large entry in the rose classes. Twelve-year old Bonnie Robinson must be one of the youngest-ever winners of the sweet pea class. Visitors judged the flower arranging class, which was a tribute to Dame Henrietta Barnett on the 150th anniversary of her birth and was won by Samantha Ambrose. 'Best Exhibit' certificates were awarded to Diane Berger (cut flowers), Ben Bartle (pot plant), Gill Read (fruit), Ken Murrell (vegetables) and Marjorie Harris (cooking).

Entry night for the next show takes place on Tuesday 11 September at Fellowship House, from 7-8pm, or you can send entry forms by 11 September to the Show Secretary (116 Willifield Way, NW11 6YG, 8455 7618).

Institute Open Day

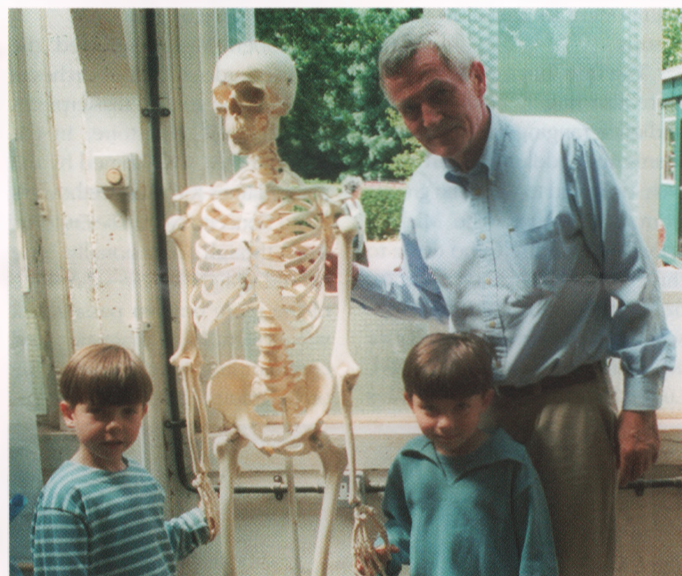
There were queues as record numbers registered for the new season's courses at Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute on its Open Day at the end of June. It was also a day to see several classes at work and to meet teachers of some of the many

subjects which are taken up by residents wishing to learn a new one or brush up on old skills.

Principal Fay Naylor welcomed the deputy Mayor of Barnet, Rudi Vis MP and Cllr John Marshall among many guests who enjoyed tea in the main hall.



A number of other local organisations were invited to take part. At the Residents Association's Garden Suburb Gallery stall Chloe Hilary Gear noted Suburb artist was helping to sell cards and books to the strains of the resident jazz band.



Dr Rudi Vis MP introduced his sons to the sculpture studio's skeleton.

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WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

The Rivers of Continental Europe, having four or more letters, proved difficult so the answers are given systematically. *Horizontal:* Rance, Somme, Rhine, Elbe, Schelde. *Vertical:* Dordogne, Tagus Arno, Weser, Guadalquivir. *Forward slope:* Moselle, Loire, Oder, Seine, Tiber. *Back slope:* Main, Meuse, Douro, Rhone, Danube.

'New Look' Market Place

Those of us who watched, intrigued, as the Market Place was extensively remodelled as part of the Red Route measures, were suddenly appalled in mid-April to discover the contractors erecting a galvanised steel centre barrier *two metres high*.

Ken Murrell and Terry Rand immediately shot down, took all the necessary measurements at Market Place and Norrice Lea for comparison, and then contacted Ken Livingstone's Transport for London to register the Suburb's objection. It was suggested that the structure was more appropriate for confining convicted felons, excluding illegal asylum seekers or providing a practice area for the Harlem Globetrotters and – happily – the protest led to the dismantling first thing next morning of the offending barrier.

Not only that, but the red tiling was replaced, leaving the central dividing strip between the carriageway open as it had not been since the infamous 'improvements' of 1971.

It is widely agreed that Market Place has not looked so attractive for years with only the 'cattle-pens' by the traffic signals still disfiguring its new uncluttered look. This transformation is further enhanced by the repainting of all the street furniture in an agreed 'Suburb' green.

There are, however, those with reservations about the safety aspects of this open treatment. Fears that residents will not take the proper precautions crossing the road now they are free to do so other than at the 'cattle-pens' are countered by those who feel that, in the balance to be struck between pedestrian safety and



environmental considerations, residents' intelligence and sense of self-preservation are not being given adequate weight.

Transport for London is currently considering the issue and will shortly decide whether to leave it as it is or erect a one metre barriers linking the 'cattle-pens' which will ensure people are able to cross only at those two points. If you have a view, the Roads and Traffic Committee would be glad to hear it.

TERRY RAND

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