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rhythms and cadences of Czech speech. Then came a set of seven short pieces, *Music for the Piano*, by the Israeli composer Paul Ben-Haim (1897-1984), written in 1967. Designed to be played as a complete cycle, they came across convincingly in Goldstein's hands. The recital ended with a fine performance of Chopin's F minor Fantasia, followed by Schubert's E flat major Impromptu as a generous encore.

Last Night of the Proms at St Jude's

The last night opened with a rousing fanfare, specially composed for the occasion by suburb resident Jennifer Glass (a.k.a. Jennifer Hillman, the Friday lunchtime piano recitalist) and played by the brass and woodwind sections of the Finchley Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of David Lardi. The rest of the programme followed the pattern of its rivals in 'another place', with a mainly serious first half and the usual pot-pourri in the second. After Britten's suite *Soirées Musicales* – arrangements of some of the pieces which Rossini called 'the sins of my old age' – we heard a heartfelt performance of Elgar's cello concerto by rising star Alice Neary.

The second half began with Eric Coates's evergreen favourite the *Knightsbridge March*. Too

often dismissed as mere light stuff, Coates's music repays careful listening, for (like Johann Strauss the younger) he was a master of orchestration—a skill which he is thought to have developed as an orchestral viola player, strategically seated in the heart of the orchestra. After Vaughan Williams's 'Greensleeves' Fantasia, the orchestra was joined by Mezzo-soprano Meryn Nance (extravagantly dressed in the manner of one of Toulouse-Lautrec's models) for a performance of two of Elgar's *Sea Pictures*, works which particularly call to mind the singing of Dame Janet Baker. (An added pleasure for me was hearing the prominent harp part in 'Where corals lie',

played by my niece Helen Radice, a diploma student at the RCM.) Then followed the usual high jinks: Elgar's first *Pomp and Circumstance* March ('Land of Hope and Glory'), Henry Wood's Fantasia on sea songs (for the final number of which Meryn Nance reappeared dressed as Britannia, complete with trident) and Parry's *Jerusalem*. On this occasion David Lardi added to the fun by leaving the rostrum during the clarinet's showpiece cadenza (admirably played), which intentionally goes on and on, in order to offer the player a beer. The early parishioners of Lutyens's great church must have turned in their graves.

THOMAS RADICE



Suburb characters Bonnie and Clyde enjoy a lunchtime concert.

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Eventually the whole of the Suburb will have its street lamps replaced. The streets which have or will have lighting replaced this summer are: Addison Way, Asmunds Hill, Asmunds Place, Childs Way, Creswick Walk, Chatham Close, Coleridge Walk, Denman Drive, Denman Drive North, Denman Drive South, Erskine Hill, Hampstead Way (from Temple Fortune to Meadway only), Hill Close, Hogarth Hill, Homefield, Maurice Walk, Neale Close, Oakwood Road, Ossulton Way, Temple Fortune Hill, Willifield Way, Woodside, Wordsworth Walk.

DAVID LEWIS



New and old in Ossulton Way.

HGS Horticultural Society update

Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society is delighted with the results of this year's early-season activities, held on three weekends in May, and all of which were blessed with blue skies and sunshine.

On 12 May our coach outing to Goodnestone Park in Kent was enjoyed by over 40 people and the Plant Sale on 19 May, which funds Society activities for the rest of the year, raised over £700. The guided Suburb Walk on 26 May included visits to four open gardens in Willifield Way and Denman Drive, and was held in conjunction with the Hampstead and Highgate Festival. It was an enormous success, which we hope to repeat next year. The Society has donated £500 from this charity event to be shared equally between the North London Hospice and the Dame Henrietta Barnett Fund.

Exciting news is that gardening expert Bob Flowerdew has agreed to give a talk on 9 October at 7.30pm in the Free Church Hall, and we are already taking bookings. Some seats will be reserved for members at £5 (non-members £6.50) – for booking details see the separate display ad in this issue of Suburb News.

By the time you read this, the Flower, Cookery and Produce Show on 23 June will be over, but we have a few places left for our coach outing to Wisley Flower Show on Wednesday 22 August (details from Diane Berger, 8455 0455) and you can still come to the second Flower Show at the Free Church Hall on 15 September, 3-5.30pm. As in the June Show, there will be classes for people who have never exhibited before, lots of fun things for children to show, a flower-arranging competition to be judged by visitors, plus the traditional classes for regular entrants. Entry night is Tuesday 11 September, 7-8pm at Fellowship House (details from Anne Crawley, 8455 8618).

We now have over 300 members – why not swell our numbers even more? Membership costs £3 and not only entitles you to free entry to the shows and most of our talks, but also to a regular newsletter and 10% discount on plants and flowers at Capital Gardens and several other local north London garden centres (joining details from Ruta Teteris, 8455 9944).

MARJORIE HARRIS - CHAIRMAN

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 4 AUGUST

10.30am - 12 noon Coffee Morning and Traidcraft Sale of food from Third World producers, at HGS Free Church Hall. Info Jean Barraclough, 43 Ludlow Way, N2 OJ2, tel 8883 1863. All welcome
7.30pm Opera Gala at Kenwood. Music from favourite popular operas with the rare chance of hearing the Royal Opera House away from Covent Garden. To book, tel Ticketmaster 7413 1443 or first call 7420 0220 or log on to www.picnicconcerts.com
12.30 - 2pm Charity Lunch in aid of Shelter, in garden (or hall if wet) at Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane. £3

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

7.45pm Poetry and Prose Sharing with Philip & Richenda Barbour at 46 Golders Gardens, NW11, for Golders Green Unitarians. There will be readings of own or other chosen items of poetry and prose. Refreshments. Info Betty Scharf, 97 Willifield Way, NW11 6YJ, tel 8458 3532. Admission is free. To book, tel 8458 2847. Non-members welcome

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST

Waltham Abbey and Gunpowder Mills A historical/architectural visit organised by HADAS. Venue and time to be announced. Refreshments. To book tel 8203 0950. Info Tim Wilkins, 86 Longland Drive, London, N20 8HL, tel 8445 2401
12.30 - 2pm Charity Lunch in aid of Cypriot Animal Welfare, in garden (or hall if wet) at Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane. £3
7.30pm Classic FM Live – in the Park at Kenwood. An evening of orchestral favourites played by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. To book, tel Ticketmaster 7413 1443 or first call 7420 0220 or log on to www.picnicconcerts.com

SATURDAY 18 AUGUST

12.30 - 2pm Charity Lunch in aid of Workers' Educational Association, in garden (or hall if wet) at Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane. £3
7.30pm Oscar Winners at Kenwood. Carl Davis conducts the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra in a programme of classic film music. To book, tel Ticketmaster 7413 1443 or first call 7420 0220 or log on to www.picnicconcerts.com
7.45pm Circle Dancing at Golders Green Unitarians, Hoop Lane, NW11. An opportunity to participate in simple dances from many countries. Refreshments. Info Betty Scharf, 97 Willifield Way, NW11 6YJ, tel 8458 3532. Admission is free. To book, tel 8455 5000. Non-members welcome

MONDAY 20 AUGUST

2 - 3pm Make a Mask & Step into the Story at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Library, 15 Market Place, NW11. Stories & activities for children aged 3-9, organised by the London Borough of Barnet. Admission free, no booking required. Info Fiona Doggart, tel 8455 1235

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

9.30am Wisley Flower Show at Free Church Car Park for Coach Trip. Organised by HGS Horticultural Society. Coach tickets £10. To book tel Marjorie Harris at 8455 6507

THURSDAY 23 AUGUST

Last copy date for What's On for October leaflet. Details to David Littaur, 84 Wildwood Road, NW11 6UJ. Tel/Fax 8731 6755 or email david@wildwood00.demon.co.uk

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST

7.30pm Flamenco & Fireworks at Kenwood. The programme includes the famous flamenco guitarist, Paco Peña, accompanied by a selection of his dancers. To book, tel Ticketmaster 7413 1443 or first call 7420 0220 or log on to www.picnicconcerts.com
12.30 - 2pm Charity Lunch in garden (or hall if wet) at Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane. £3. Charity to be confirmed

SUNDAY 26 AUGUST

7.30pm Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music at Kenwood. Watch the original 1965 film in full screen technicolour and join in with the sing-a-long when those unforgettable tunes arrive! Firework display. To book, tel Ticketmaster 7413 1443 or first call 7420 0220 or log on to www.picnicconcerts.com

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The Origins of Hendon: The Ted Sammes Project A practical course, prepared by HADAS in joint venture with Birkbeck College, on writing up an archaeological excavation. Venue and times to be announced. Info Tim Wilkins tel 8455 2401

SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

10.30am - 12 noon Coffee Morning and Traidcraft Sale of food from Third World producers, at HGS Free Church Hall. Info Jean Barraclough, 43 Ludlow Way, N2 OJ2, tel 8883 1863. All welcome
7.30pm Last Night of the Kenwood Proms Fun, fireworks and flag-waving! To book, tel Ticketmaster 7413 1443 or first call 7420 0220 or log on to www.picnicconcerts.com

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

7.45pm Poetry and Prose Sharing with Roohi Majid at 7 Woodfield Road, NW11, for Golders Green Unitarians. There will be readings of own or other chosen items of poetry and prose. Refreshments. Info Betty Scharf, 97 Willifield Way, NW11 6YJ, tel 8458 3532. Admission is free. To book, tel 8453 6281. Non-members welcome
8pm Residents Association Council Hear Suburb issues debated and raise your concerns at Question Time (8.30pm). Fellowship House, 136a Willifield Way

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

10.30 - 12 noon Coffee Morning and Open House at Abbeyfield House, Homesfield, Erskine Hill, NW11. Info Norma Milner, 8 North Square, NW11, tel 8458 1110

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

12 noon - 2pm Garden Suburb Ward Liberal Democrats Pimms Party. Members and non-members alike are welcome to a Garden Party (indoors if wet) at 48 Erskine Hill, NW11. Prior booking is essential and the charge for admission is £7. Refreshments. Info Marjorie Harris, 48 Erskine Hill, NW11 6HG, tel 8455 6507 or fax 8201 9864

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

7 - 8pm Entry Night for HGS Horticultural Society Flower Show at Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11. Tel 8455 7618
8.15pm Choral Singing leading to performances. First rehearsal of the season. Alyth Choral Society info 8958 9726

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

8pm HGS Trust AGM at the Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. Info Chris Kellerman, tel 8455 1066

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

3 - 5.30pm HGS Horticultural Society Flower, Cookery & Produce Show at Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. Admission £1 non-members, free for members and children. Teas. To book tel 8455 7618

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

2.30 - 4pm Thursday Fellowship Social Afternoon at HGS Free Church Hall. Info Jean Barraclough, 43 Ludlow Way, N2 OJ2, tel 8883 1863. Everyone welcome. Refreshments

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

7.45pm Circle Dancing at Golders Green Unitarians, Hoop Lane, NW11. An opportunity to participate in simple dances from many countries. Refreshments. Info Betty Scharf, see August 18

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

2 - 5pm Family Holiday Association Autumn Fair at Fellowship House. Chance to win 'Dinner for Two'. Grand Raffle with 1st Prize of £2,500, to be drawn on 8 October. Variety of products for sale. Admission 50p, 30p. Info Patrick or Joan Laurance tel 8455 1777

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

1 - 5pm HGS Open House See Lutyens churches, display stands by national and local organisations, take a guided walk around the Suburb and hear a talk by Colin Gregory. Home-made teas in St Jude's. In aid of Dame Henrietta Barnett and St Jude's Organ Funds. Information from Ruth Smith 8455 7833

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

11.15 for 11.30am Visit to Toynbee Hall by coach, including guided tour, buffet lunch and talk by guest of honour, the Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath. Cost about £20. To book, contact Mrs Gillian van Gelder, tel 8455 6664 or email vangelder@talk21.com

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

11am Harvest Festival Service in HGS Free Church. The speaker will be Dr Mukarjee, Director of Christian Aid. Lunch afterwards in the Free Church Hall. Info Jean Barraclough, 43 Ludlow Way, N2 OJ2, tel 8883 1863. Non-members welcome
7pm Concert of Music for Piano & Wind including works by Mozart and Geoffrey Bush, at Golders Green Parish Church, North End Road. Organised by the NW Support Group, North London Hospice. £5 (conc £4) from tel 8455 2535 or 8458 4526 or at the door. Info Jan White, 215 Hampstead Way, NW11 7YB, tel 8455 2535

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