



## Another chance to win a sumptuous dinner for two at the restaurant used by Suburb celebrities THE CAPRICCIO IN TEMPLE FORTUNE

The last issue contained a questionnaire from the RA Events Committee asking for your views on events that might be included in the programme for 2002.

### WRONG FREEPOST

Unfortunately the freepost address was incomplete and the Post Office can't find the replies, so if you sent yours via the freepost PLEASE take the time to complete this questionnaire again. If you posted yours in to the Gallery there is no need to do so again. If you meant to, but didn't get around to it now's your chance! Your opinions will be taken into account and your name included in the draw for dinner at Capriccio.

- |   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Are you happy with the present range and frequency of events organised by the RA?                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Have you, or anyone in your household attended any of these events during the past year or so?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Please indicate if in the future you would be interested in any of the following events:               |                          |                          |
| • Illustrated talks on the history of the Suburb .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Talks on Suburb architecture .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Guided tours of Bigwood & the Suburb's other woodlands ...  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Coach Outings .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Summer Fair .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Political forums, meeting the candidates .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Concerts .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Street Parties.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • New Year's Eve firework display .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Please use the space below to indicate any other events which you and/or your household would support. | <hr/>                    |                          |

5) Are there young people in your household who would be interested in any activities exclusive to them and held in the Suburb? If YES, please indicate what type of activity/event.

Age: 10-12  13-14  15-16

- |  | YES                      | NO                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6) Do you generally look at the list of Suburb activities which appears in <i>Suburb News</i> , under the heading 'What's On'? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) Have you ever attended an event in the Suburb as a result of noticing such a listing?                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) Do you generally look at the 'What's On' leaflets that are distributed separately?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) How long have you lived on the Suburb? _____ YEARS  |                          |                          |
| 10) Would you like to help the Residents Association? If so, in what capacity:   |                          |                          |

- Collecting RA subscriptions and delivering membership cards etc. ....
- Distributing Suburb News .....
- Joining the litter picking team.....
- Helping with events like fireworks and fetes .....
- Helping in the Gallery four hours a week.....
- Using any special expertise or enthusiasms on an RA committee .....
- Standing for the RA Council .....

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## New Suburb society launched

The astronomy courses at The Institute have led to the formation of a new society on the Suburb.

An inaugural meeting was held on November 28. It started with a welcome from Dianne Fishman, who works at the Institute and is a keen amateur astronomer.

There was a round of introductions during which we learnt some of the reasons those present had for welcoming the idea of a new society. These were mostly that they had started on a fascinating subject under the tuition of Francisco Diego and wanted to continue their interest. "There was a real feeling of anti climax on the last day. What happens now?" said one.

What happens now was soon apparent as, in quick succession, it was decided to hold 10 meetings a year at which speakers would provide topical talks and members would be able to use the Institute's 20cm Meade telescope. That the subscription, to cover expenses and cost of speakers, would be £15 and that membership would be open to anyone interested.

It was agreed that Dianne Fishman would be the Treasurer and Katherine Reidtmann would look after PR. Andrew Glendinning volunteered to be Programme Secretary and Richard Edwards said he would create a web site.

Almost as an afterthought someone said "what shall we call it?" Much discussion ensued

and the feeling was that Astronomical Society sounded better than Astronomy Club and so the Hampstead Garden Suburb Astronomical Society was born.

Anyone interested in joining should call Dianne Fishman on 8455 9951. At the February meeting (7.30 on the 27th at the Institute) Nik Szymanek will talk on Astro Photography.

## First novel from local author



Suburb News featured in an earlier edition a prize-winning story by Suburb resident Michael Mail entitled 'The Neighbour's Return'. The success of the story spurred Michael on to pursue a writing career and this recently bore fruit when he signed a three book publishing deal with Simon and Schuster.

His first novel, due out in early March, is entitled 'Coralena'.

The story is set against the turmoil of Germany in the early 1970's and tells of a young woman, Sophia, who leaves the stifling security of her parents

home to move into the town's oldest neighbourhood. She chooses to live in a striking building, the Coralena, that contains a somewhat unnerving collection of eccentric, yet seemingly kind residents whose lives are orchestrated by a formidable landlady.

The very building itself seems to engage with Sophia and she soon finds herself embarking on a remarkable journey of discovery bringing past and present to a terrifying collision.

The book is being published under the Scribner imprint and will be available locally.

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