

# SUBURB NEWS

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## Suburb's Jubilee summer

The media pessimists who thought the country wouldn't celebrate the Queen's golden jubilee were wrong if the Suburb is anything to go by.

Hundreds turned up despite doubtful looking weather for the Residents Association's picnic on the Square; St Jude's was almost full for the Garden Suburb Theatre's performance of the Hollow Crown and more poured in for the champagne reception before the fireworks. Elsewhere there were several

street parties, some of them, as Martin Bell said of the one at Denman Drive, "echoed similar parties 25 and 50 years ago."

Perhaps fewer decorated their houses but those who did festooned them with flags and bunting to which elsewhere were added the flags that had more to do with football.

The community feeling continued through the Proms at St Jude's, also this year a jubilee event, which gave us an enormously enjoyable series of

concerts twice a day for a week and raised over £20,000 for The Henrietta Barnett Fund and the North London Hospice.

There were more fireworks at the end of a day of celebrations for the Queen's and Brookland School's golden jubilee when all 650 junior and infant pupils entertained in the afternoon and an evening picnic was enjoyed by residents and old boys and girls reminiscing about their schooldays.

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Red, white and blue carnations! An inspired fancy dress at the Residents Association's Jubilee picnic on the Square.



At the Denman Drive jubilee party Georgina Malcolm RA Chairman, Martin Bell, Barnet's mayor Cllr Joan Scannell, Cllr Brian Coleman, Lord Winston, Colin Gregory, Samantha Ambrose and Helena Nash.

## New home for the Institute

A purpose built 33,000 square feet building is, it is hoped, to be the new home for the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute. It will be on the site of the old neurological hospital which, although the site itself is not included in the Suburb, is bounded by Edmunds Walk, Deansway and Bishop's Avenue.

"There is a long way to go," says Institute principal Fay Naylor, "but agreement has been reached with the developers and planning permission is being sought. The new building will give us the space and up to date facilities we need to run what is, even in our cramped conditions here, a very successful operation."

Talks are still proceeding with Henrietta Barnett school over any continued use by the Institute of space on the school site but "Our intention is," said Mrs Naylor, "that many of the courses used by Suburb residents will continue here and in the other premises we use round Central Square."

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## Private security patrols to combat robberies

More than 250 residents crowded into the HGS Synagogue in May for a meeting called by Neighbourhood Watch to discuss a resident's plan for private security patrols in roads affected by aggravated burglary and robbery. "I've experienced being ambushed in my own drive and know what it is like," said Steven Sharpe of Norrice Lea who is promoting the idea of patrols in a number of roads to protect residents from this sort of attack.

Barnet's police Commander said there this was a very specific type of crime; there had been 23 in the borough over the past year, six of them on the Suburb. The victims had all been at

theatres or restaurants in town on the evening of the event and drove expensive cars but it was not thought that they had been followed home. Irene Moccatta from Hampstead Way echoed the feelings of a number of speakers when she said, "This is irresponsible scaremongering, I expect the police to provide the solution"

The meeting ended with a call from Neighbourhood Watch Chairman David Fulton for everyone to make the principle of Neighbourhood Watch work by supporting their co-ordinators.

Since then a company has been formed, Protecting HGS Ltd, and letter has gone to 400 homes from Winnington Road to

Wildwood Road asking for an annual £1000 subscription. Steven Sharpe envisages a £200,000 a year scheme involving two uniformed patrols maintaining a watch during the hours of darkness. A feature of the scheme Mr Sharpe hopes will persuade people to join, is "meet and greet" with which residents can call ahead when they are on their way home to be met by the patrol. He hopes the scheme could be in operation by September. The eventual cost per household will depend on how many take part.

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## New build for Henrietta Barnett School

The Henrietta Barnett School and van Heyningen and Haward Architects are currently developing the design in order to meet parameters set out by the HGS Trust. A working party has been set up with members from both groups as well as a representative from the School's Building Committee. The aim is to have regular working meetings with the professional Trustees until a solution for the site is found that satisfies both the needs of the School and the interests of the Suburb. The group met for the first time on 6 June and again on 28 June.

The School have reduced the brief for the new building considerably in order to meet the Trust's request for buildings that fit in with the more domestic scale of Bigwood

House. Discussions with the Trust are particularly concerned with the massing of the buildings on the site.

Current proposals envisage a single-phase development, including the demolition of the temporary huts. As part of the reduction of the brief, the area that can be offered to the Institute has to be significantly reduced as well.

The School aims to publish revised plans once they have been developed in more detail after an agreement with the Trust has been reached, followed by further meetings and agreement with English Heritage and the Town Planners. Further consultation will be needed with all stakeholders once there are clearer options.

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Grace Davidson was Britannia at the last night of the Proms.

