



The Free Church is appealing for funds for the repair of its magnificent organ. Please see the leaflet with this issue. One of many local initiatives was the book sale, they always go well on the Suburb, coinciding with the Flower Show and Open Day at the Institute.

Garden Suburb Theatre season 02/03

We announce with great pleasure our very varied programme for 2002/03. Once again we are putting on a Dario Fo play *Abducting Diana*, in the Institute in October, and think you will enjoy the topical references to NW11. It's about an attempt to kidnap a newspaper proprietor and that is the vehicle for a highly amusing satire on the press, politics and, well, anything almost. Dario Fo allows directors a great deal of leeway! The director is Liz Travis, the GST's secretary.

In December we foray again, to the Gatehouse in Highgate for the more intimate but fully professional setting of the theatre Upstairs, where Liz Amiel is directing *The Memory of Water*, currently on cinema release as the feature film *Before You Go* starring Julie Walters and Oscar nominee Tom Wilkinson. As a West End production it starred Alison Steadman and Stella Gonet. In this play three sisters have to deal with the aftermath of their mother's death, the rather inadequate men in their lives, and their existence as a

continuing family. Although this theatre is off-site, we do think everyone who made the trip on the previous two occasions felt it was worthwhile supporting their local group in another venue. Sadly, we simply can't afford to put on smaller plays in the Institute.

Debbie and David Lane bring you *The Rumpelstiltskin Racket* in February. This is a new and inventive take by Kjartan Poskitt, on an old Grimm brothers' story – the title might give you a clue about the approach. A show that will entertain all the family.

In May we return to the Institute with that old Rattigan favourite: *Separate Tables*. Roger Rose will be directing and seeking to bring out all the tension that erupts over two different scandals in a small residential hotel in Bournemouth.

Finally our season ends again in Little Oak Wood with Shakespeare's comedy of manners, with Sir John Falstaff and his dealings with *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, directed by Colin Gregory.

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Another Organ fund raiser was a recital given at his home in Southway by Andrew Cockburn where £300 was raised. Andrew says he is willing to give similar occasional lunch/recital events in aid of some charities. If you are interested please telephone 8731 7887.

Suburb Street Lighting

With the initial phase of the street lighting replacement now complete, stage two is due to commence in August/September. The northern part of the Suburb has now been totally re-installed almost entirely with six metre columns and the feedback received by the Roads and Traffic Committee suggests that residents are generally satisfied with the uniformity of both the equipment and the illumination it provides. Barnet has shown a sympathetic approach to solving individual problems where they have arisen.

Stage two encompasses the rest of the Suburb and agreement is now being reached between the Residents Association, the Trust and the London Borough of Barnet. Our aim is the replacement of existing columns with new six metre ones as a standard or, in some cases where the present columns remain satisfactory, replacing their heads with the new more efficient light sources. Wherever possible we will be seeking to avoid the highly intrusive eight metre columns we

were originally faced with on many of our roads.

Normally columns are to be replaced on a one-for-one basis, but some locations may require additional lighting to achieve the standards of illumination which Neighbourhood Watch consider essential to street safety. Where this is necessary, some columns may need to be repositioned to ensure an even spread of light and to avoid ill-lit areas without resorting to the undesirable eight metre columns. It has been agreed that the RA and the Trust would make a contribution to help defray this extra cost.

Barnet have not yet finalised their proposals for the rest of the Suburb, but the RA and the Trust will maintain their close liaison with the local authority to ensure that the Suburb receives the most efficient and least intrusive street lighting available. Should you have any queries, Paul Bragg of Barnet's Lighting Division on 8359 4397 will do his best to help answer them.

TERRY RAND

School wins achievement award

The staff of Garden Suburb Junior School recently received a School Achievement Award from the Department of Education and Skills.

The school has received this award because of improved results in last year's Key Stage 2 SAT compared to most schools in similar circumstances.

School Achievement Awards are intended to celebrate and reward these efforts.

Congratulations to all the teaching and support staff.

Dancing at Lughnasa

Val Gregory has a magic touch. Her production of Brian Friel's play, depicting life in a small town in Donegal, was perfect in every detail. The Mundy sisters moved around their kitchen, doing the daily chores, so naturally that one forgot that they were actors. One could really believe that they were sisters who had lived together for many years.

That kitchen was imaginatively designed by Simon Ramsey who used the small space effectively. One should congratulate the members of the Garden Suburb Theatre for the good-looking and solidly constructed set.

The play deals with the lives of the sisters seen through the eyes of Michael, the child in the play, now a grown man. Their empty lives, loss of jobs and hardship are born with stoicism and humour. Refreshed by the joy of dancing to music from their wireless set, their disappointment and worries fall away.

Apart from Michael, there are two other men in the story. Gerry (Andy Sutcliffe), the suitor, who may become a husband and Jack the brother, returned from Uganda in disgrace. Fred Griessen made a colourful character of this priest who obviously responded more to pagan rights than to his church. Michael was played quietly by Colin Gregory, gently reliving the past.

The sisters were such a wonderful unit that to single anyone out is hard, but Corinne Corre as Maggie and Manday Ribekow-Evans as the slightly simple Rose stood out.

A very rewarding evening.

LEONIE STEPHEN

Talk to Tony Benn

In *An Audience with Tony Benn*, the recently retired veteran Parliamentarian and former Cabinet Minister, will talk about his life, the future and his diaries. There will also be time for questions and discussion.

The event on 22 October, to raise money for the hospice, is being presented by North

London Hospice's N.W. Support Group. Mr. Benn is generously waiving his normal fee.

The venue for this exciting event: School Hall, Christ's College School, East End Road, London N2 0SE. Time 7.45 pm. Ticket prices £25.00 and £12.50. To book or for more information phone 8458 3663 or 8455 8687.

WORDSEARCH

FISH

In the box below are concealed twenty names, of four or more letters, of fish. The names may be read forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonally. TROUT has been ringed to start you off. Can you find 19 more? Entries should be listed on a post card or sheet of paper. They should be sent to 'Wordsearch', 117 Hampstead Way, London NW11 7JN and give the name, address and telephone number of the sender. The closing date for entries is 7 September 2002. The sender of the first correct (or nearest correct) entry drawn after the closing date will receive a book token for £20.

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ROSALYN COX

WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

The Composers in the box of the last wordsearch were: Bach, Bartok, Beethoven, Berg, Britten, Borodin, Chopin, Delius, Donizetti, Grieg, Liszt, Mozart, Puccini, Purcell, Rossini, Scarlatti, Schubert, Stravinsky, Strauss, Verdi.

Wordsearch winner

The winner of the last wordsearch is Mrs Roshan Magub. She has lived on the Suburb for twenty five years. Appropriately, she is a professional pianist and is

about to take up a post teaching in the Menhuin School. She is also reading for an M.A. in German and for this the book token will be most welcome.

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