

Suburb celebrates the Queen's Jubilee

Those of us who give our time are always rather surprised when fellow residents seem unaware of what we do or who it is that provides amenities we all take for granted.

So when a number of people on the Suburb's email list sent thanks after the jubilee weekend to "whoever was responsible"!! The editor took the opportunity to respond:

The picnic on the Square, the play in St Jude's, the evening champagne reception and the fireworks were all organised and sponsored by the HGS Residents Association, (I hope you are all members), with financial help from Glentree Estates, balloons

and bunting on the square; Godfrey and Barr, Jubilee What's On leaflet; and the Trust for some of the fireworks. We are grateful to all the members of the RA Events Committee, to RA Chairman Georgina Malcolm, to the Brudneys and St Georges who let off the fireworks, to The Garden Suburb Theatre, to Martin Bell for opening the proceedings, the Vicar and wardens of St Jude's, Henrietta Barnett School and the Free Church and to the helpers who moved tables and hundreds of chairs and decked the square with bunting, balloons, table cloths and flowers.

As a footnote John Davis who heads the residents Association litter team wrote that, "The final activity took place on the following morning when five of the litter picking team gathered

in the Square to clear up the mess. However there was no mess. Remarkably there was nothing to collect. What wonderful Suburb residents we have."

Half A Century

*Too early the mantle fell
On youthful shoulders bowed with grief.
Sombre accession
In grey winter. Black-clad statesmen.
T.V. bereft of colour.
Scarcities rife.
War scarred country still unbealed.*

*A painful opening chapter.
But already whispers
Of a new Elizabethan age.
She had been groomed from tender childhood
For this royal road.
Earnest, shy father -
Caring, confidant mother -
Whale-boned, upright grandmother.
Teachers all, tempered well with love.*

*But the blue-blooded road of old had changed,
No longer lined with forelock-tugging awe.
Less reverent, questioning, was the presented path
To which she pledged
Her lifelong service and duty.*

*So much she has witnessed
In the years that passed:-
An Empire dwindle,
A Commonwealth grow.
Prime Ministers of various hue,
Wax and wane.
A multi-cultured Britain emerge.
Family dissent and loss and gain.
Minis, maxis, trouser-suits,
Punk, paparazzi and bodies pierced.
And through it all,
Wise and steadfast,
She navigates each twist and turn
Of this royal road,
Stepping faultlessly through history.*

JUNE ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT, 15 MAY 2002

The Council of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association, on behalf of the residents of Hampstead Garden Suburb, offer Your Majesty their heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee. We thank Your Majesty for your support for those engaged in voluntary work. We hope that the people of different backgrounds who now live in Your Kingdom will join together to celebrate this happy event and that the tolerance & stability we have enjoyed during Your Reign, values which were cherished by our founder Dame Henrietta Barnett, will continue to characterise our Nation.



Christine Hutchinson and Jocelyne Wakefield raise their glasses.



Well over 300 people enjoyed the RA's jubilee picnic.



LA21 sent a wood carver who had lots of helpers



Entertainers, also kindly provided by LA21, kept the children happy.



Prue Beard laughs off a shower...



...while Lady Woodfield makes even a bin bag elegant rainwear.

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