

featuring Frances Beere & Sophie Mansell

Frances Beere and Sophie Mansell are both Year 12 students at The Henrietta Barnett School

At Henrietta Barnett, we regard our passionate social consciences as one of the most crucial legacies passed down from our founder, Dame Henrietta Barnett. Therefore it seems appropriate that we have recently founded a flourishing Amnesty International Student Group at school. Henrietta Barnett was a leading light in issues of social justice and campaigned staunchly for equality within different social sections through her work in founding the school, Toynbee Hall and Hampstead Garden Suburb. In a way, we feel that we are following her example in a modern context by working with Amnesty International to campaign for global human rights, even if it is just writing letters at a weekly meeting.

It all started in September 2004, when we were inspired by a teacher who organised a session to educate us about the indispensable work that Amnesty and its members carry out. An emotive recording of a former Tibetan monk discussing how Amnesty helped to free him from an unjust imprisonment provoked a massive response from the Sixth Form students present and resulted in the creation of our Amnesty group. We reasoned that, if we saw an injustice going on in front of us, we would do something about it. Amnesty's work is just that, but on a wider scale.

Amnesty International allows the students at Henrietta Barnett to get involved as much as they can in making a difference, whilst still being able to fulfil their other commitments. They have given us the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities which, we hope, will benefit those being tortured, discriminated against or detained unfairly. In the short time we have been holding meetings, we have organised an assembly to educate the younger years, collected hundreds of pounds in Hampstead and the surrounding areas and planned charity events to raise more. We

have also participated in letter-writing campaigns to stop the mass killing in Darfur, prevent violence against women and push for gender equality in Iraq.

Being part of Amnesty International helps to make us more aware of the troubles and suffering in the world and gives us a chance to try and alleviate these hardships, even if we only play a small part in Amnesty's work.

Amnesty International is made up of nearly 20,000 members in the UK, of whom the majority are volunteers who take time out of their lives to endeavour to make the world more just. We are proud to be a part of such an organisation and think that it has a fitting place at Henrietta Barnett.



featuring
Kristina
Kasinska



Kristina is a beauty therapist at Hampstead Garden Beauty Salon in the Marketplace. She arrived in London from Poland six years ago after graduating with a degree in Russian language from the University of Silesia.

Traditional Polish Potato Pancakes – Placki Ziemniaczane

Ingredients:

2 or 3 large potatoes
1 egg
2 cloves of garlic
3 shallots (alternatively 1 onion)
3 tablespoons of flour
100 grams of finely chopped Polish sausage (you can use chorizo or any other spicy sausage)
Salt and pepper to your taste
Olive oil

Preparation:

Peel the potatoes and grate on the smallest side of the grater. Add the flour and whisked egg and beat in. Finely chop the shallots, garlic and sausage and add to the mixture with the seasoning.

Heat the olive oil to a high temperature then fry all the ingredients, forming them into pancakes, until golden and crispy before turning over. Fantastic with goulash or on their own.

Cook's Tip: Leave out the sausage and spices for a sweet alternative. Just sprinkle sugar on top when ready. Your children will love them!

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Letters to the Editor

Garden Suburb Theatre

Sir,
Garden Suburb Theatre treasures its links with the Suburb, but as you would expect from a large award-winning drama group, our members now come from many districts as well as NW11.

Sadly and ironically, as we have become more successful, our local membership and local audience has diminished. As with other organisations, we do seem to be competing with many other pursuits, especially as far as young men and boys are concerned, even though there is much they could do to help a drama group, in relation to performance, sound/lighting and construction. We can find things for everyone to do, regardless of age or sex.

The splendid portrait of Dame Henrietta Barnett has been restored to the school hall, and perhaps it is appropriate to remind local people that the original vision for the Suburb, almost a century ago, included robust local play and pageant activity, to involve people of all ages in the community.

With new residents from all kinds of backgrounds, perhaps we have not got our message across that we would love more local people to be involved in our five annual plays, only one of which is not staged on the Suburb. We like

to put on plays that people want to see, and would be glad to hear from potential members and audiences about their ideal choices. Also would like hear from anyone with an interest in drama and will be delighted to offer encouragement and learning.

Yours
Tony Newton

Church Street, Dorset, SP7 0NY

Sir,
I was most interested to read Betty Law's article regarding the Barnett's Grave at Hangleton churchyard, Sussex in the last edition of Suburb News.

In the late 1950's, I was visiting Hove and by chance came across the grave in Hangleton's then overgrown churchyard, the headstone being barely visible. Some of the lettering was missing and the rest in poor condition. For years after that I returned to scrub down and re-letter the headstone and to cut away brambles and ivy on the grave itself. During one of my early visits I took photographs and gave them to Brigid Grafton Green who was Chairwoman of the HGS Archives. Indeed, I believe one of the photos shown was one which I took!

Would it not be possible for the Dame Henrietta Barnett Fund or perhaps the RA to

arrange, through the Vicar of Hangleton, for the grave and headstone to be kept in good condition?

Surely this is the least that can be done to perpetuate the memory of Dame Henrietta and Canon Barnett without whose inspiration and dedication the unique community of Hampstead Garden Suburb would never have come into being.

Yours,
John Enderby,
Institute Principal 1953-84

Since Betty Law's visit and article, see last issue of Suburb News, Henrietta Barnett School has volunteered to help by contributing their mufti day collection and establishing a regular sum for maintenance of the grave.

Institute Principal Fay Naylor has said the Institute will be pleased to help to honour the memory of its founder.

Georgina Malcolm, RA chairman, said she was sure the RA would welcome an opportunity to contribute.

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