



Members of the St Jude's Sunday School with some of the Harvest Festival gifts destined for Homeless in Barnet

Hampstead Rugby Football Club

The Club started the season well with a good win over Fullerians of 46-19. To date, the total points scored are 77 for and 53 against.

The remaining league games to be played this year on the Heath Extension on Saturday afternoons are:
29 October v Enfield Ignatians
19 November v Harringey
10 December v Woodford

This season, the women's team, which was formed only last year, will be playing league rugby and the competition will be intense. They have played one league match so far and lost 21-24 to Ealing, a well established team.

The home league games on Sunday afternoons up to the end of the year are:

16 October v Hertford
6 November v Barnes
27 November v Ealing

Both teams deserve much more support. It is a pity that the visitor's supporters can often outnumber those of the home team. So, please make a note to turn up and enjoy some fast and skillful play. The women's team particularly deserves your support. For information on both teams, please phone the secretary, Mark Spilsbury on 8347 7178.

TOM SALES

An appeal for someone special in advertising

RA Publications are seeking someone to look after all aspects of advertising in *Suburb News* and the *Yellow Directory*. At the moment the production costs of both publications are covered by their advertising revenue, while the distribution is undertaken by a band of volunteers. So you are not starting from scratch, but will inherit a portfolio of paying clients. This need arises because the commitment can no longer be sustained by the person now doing the job.

We are also looking for the right kind of person to help promote an RA membership discount scheme among Suburb shops and businesses. The idea comes from a similar scheme running in Hampstead, but requires

a suitably talented resident to come forward and persuade our shopkeepers, tradesmen and businessmen to participate.

The two needs could be met by one person and you will know if you have the experience and personality for what is involved; whether for one or both of them. We hope to find in you another resident prepared to give up a little time to keep our Suburb a good place in which to live. The RA's work is done by volunteer residents who believe in the importance of community in life. It does many things for those who live in the Suburb and by joining us as a result of this appeal, you will be playing a vital role in a part of Suburb life.

TERRY BROOKS

Cheers from South Africa

An occasional column from our wine correspondent

The Cape Winelands are amongst the most beautiful in the world and one of my favourite places. From the majestic Table Mountain to the clouds of purple Jacaranda trees and spectacular Cape Dutch architecture, this really is a wonderful region to visit. And that's before you start tasting their wine!

The Dutch East India Company settled the Cape of Good Hope in 1652 as a halfway station for their fleet. The man in charge was Jay Van Riebeck, a former ship's surgeon who believed wine prevented scurvy among sailor's and who sent to Europe for vine cuttings. The knowledgeable Simon Van der Stel took over as governor in 1679 and encouraged the growth of vineyards including his own at Constantia.

The most important regions for premium wines are Stellenbosch and Paarl. Within Paarl is Franschhoek (French Corner) established by the Huguenots who fled

France in 1688, bringing with them winemaking expertise. After many turbulent years South African wine is re-establishing itself on the world stage and developing a number of black workers' co-operatives such as Fairvalley and Tukuluni wineries.

Although white grapes are the most widely grown many prestigious wines are red. Here is a selection to try:

Chenin Blanc – a versatile white grape with flavours of apple and honey. Some wines have been in new oak giving a touch of spice.
Fairvalley Bush Vine – Oddbins – £5.00
Ken Forrester – Waitrose – £6.99.

Sauvignon Blanc – dry, peppery or grassy character. Some fine examples of this white wine are produced in the cooler coastal region of Overberg.

Porcupine Ridge – Oddbins – £5.69
Flagstone Free Run – Oddbins – £7.99

Pinotage – South Africa's indigenous red grape with rich, spicy flavours often with smoky, bonfire aromas. From £4.49 but go for a pricier one.

Houdamond – M&S – £7.99
Tukuluni – Oddbins – £7.99
Kanonkop – Majestic – £14.99

Also grown are Chardonnay, Cabernet, Shiraz, Sauvignon and Pinot Noir.

Flagstone Music Room – Oddbins – £12.99 (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Goat Roti – Majestic – £8.99 (Shiraz/Viognier)
Vergelegen Chardonnay – Majestic – £7.99

You can learn about these and many other wines on the Institute's Wine Appreciation courses which started September 27 or at the Institute Wine Club monthly meetings. Call Valerie Cowan for details, 8458 4508.

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Chris Donovan, Chairman of the North West London Support Group hands a cheque for £130,000 to North London Hospice chairman Peter Krausbar at the Group's AGM in Fellowship House. It was the result of a year's campaigning, collecting and fun-walking by local members during the year.

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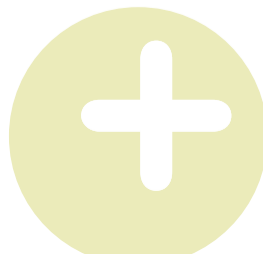
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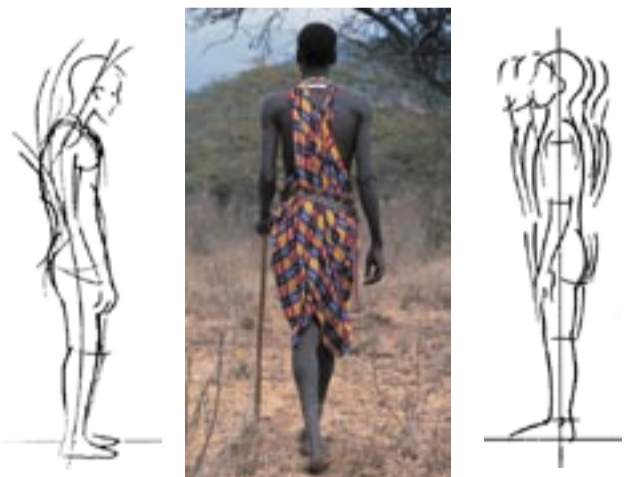
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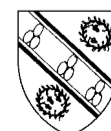
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