

## Suburb welcomes new School Head



The Henrietta Barnett School Head, Oliver Blond with Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Eva Greenspan.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to say a few words about The Henrietta Barnett School and my hopes for the future, writes Oliver Blond. As you may know, I was appointed Head of the School in April 2006 and am new both to the school and to the Suburb.

As you might imagine, there is a great deal for me to learn about this remarkable area and I am delighted to have this chance to make further contact with Suburb residents.

I have already met with some residents at our Summer Reception and Concert, attended by the Mayor of Barnet, which we held in July as a way of opening our doors to the local community and local organisations. I have been made to feel very welcome by everyone within the School and by the local residents and I hope to meet with many more in the coming months and to try to make more links between the School and the community.

As a School, we are very proud to carry Dame Henrietta

Barnett's name and to share in her legacy. Although educational trends and preoccupations have changed in the last hundred years, our founder's commitment to providing a first class education to girls regardless of social, economic, cultural or ethnic background remains as strong today as ever.

I know that the staff and girls at the School are keen to work on developing relationships and partnerships, in particular, with local organisations and schools and with organisations that share Dame Henrietta Barnett's legacy. We believe that the achievements and enthusiasms of our pupils should be something that we are all proud of. As a selective school in a wonderful location, we want our girls to be aware of their privileged position and to make use of this for the benefit of others.

I also hope that the residents of the Suburb come to know the School more fully in future years and there are many events and activities already ongoing which are helping to establish links. We

already have close contacts with local organisations – such as the Nick Maines Organ Scholarship which we set up with St Jude's Church and our girls always enjoy contributing to the St Jude's Proms.

We are also delighted to be involved with and supporting the Suburb Centenary for which we will be hosting the town planning, architectural and environmental conference and assisting with various other events.

Two years ago we formed The Henrietta Barnett Choral Society, which has been an outstanding success. We will continue to build on this and are planning something special for the Suburb Centenary. We hope that more local residents will become involved, and we are inviting the other Suburb schools to join in. Our pupils, staff and "old girls" already participate.

Good relationships are the key to success in all spheres of life and I hope that the School continues to build on the good relationships it has within the Suburb and continues to do all it can to contribute to maintaining and enhancing the area and the community. Both the staff and the pupils greatly appreciate working in the beautiful surrounding of the Suburb, so I do hope that we already help in a small way by hosting both the Residents Association AGM and the HGS Trust AGM in our Hall.

I hope that I have given you a flavour of the School as I see it. I hope that you will feel welcome to visit us and to come to some of the events which we will be hosting in the future.

More than anything, I hope that we can all continue to work together to build on our founder's astonishing vision and foresight.

OLIVER BLOND, HEAD TEACHER  
THE HENRIETTA BARNETT SCHOOL

## Alyth appoints new Principal Rabbi

Mark Goldsmith has been appointed Principal Rabbi of the North Western Reform Synagogue (Alyth Gardens). He succeeds Rabbi Dr. Charles Emanuel who will continue to be involved in synagogue affairs as Rabbi Emeritus.

Prior to assuming his new position, Rabbi Goldsmith was Rabbi at Finchley Progressive Synagogue. He achieved his

rabbinate in 1996 from the Leo Baeck College, the training seminary for rabbis in both the Reform and Liberal Jewish movements. Rabbi Goldsmith began his rabbinic career at Woodford Progressive Synagogue. "I am very excited about my new role," Rabbi Goldsmith said. "Alyth is one of the most dynamic Jewish congregations in this country and its social, cultural and education

programmes are really outstanding." A graduate of Manchester University, where he pursued a degree in management sciences, Rabbi Goldsmith has been active in many cross-communal activities, and has served as the Chairman of the Liberal Judaism Rabbinic Conference from 2003-2005.

He has been particularly active in the study of Jewish business ethics.

## Fellowship Club

For more years than most can remember, there has been an annual summer visit to the Suburb by around 30 Toynbee folk; an event which continues the close historic link between the Suburb and Toynbee Hall.

Founded in Whitechapel in 1884 by the social reformers and philanthropists, Dame Henrietta Barnett and her husband, Canon

Samuel Barnett and named after their friend and fellow reformer Arnold Toynbee, Toynbee Hall continues to provide aid to the less-privileged in the East End of London. In 1907 they founded Hampstead Garden Suburb and the school which bears her name.

The Fellowship Club (launched in 1910) is run for Suburb residents over 60 and offers a wide range

of weekly activities, whether physical (keep fit, Tai Chi, croquet) or mental (talks, film shows, scrabble, quizzes, classical music) or for those who just enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with like-minded, friendly Suburb people (both male and female). For more information, please ring Dorothea Brandes on 8455 7910.

PETER WARLAND

## Hospice pedals for success

Around 40 cyclists took part in the North London Hospice's first ever bike ride to help raise much needed funds.

The ride, which started at the market place in St. Albans at 10.30am, took in the sights of Radlett, Shenley, Barnet and North Finchley, before finishing in leafy Hampstead Garden Suburb, approximately 20 miles later.

Those individuals taking part were of differing age groups and cycling abilities, all keen to take on the challenge and help raise money for the hospice which needs over £4 million a year to operate.

Chris Kellerman, a resident of the suburb and a regular cyclist, arrived at the finish first. He commented, "This is a great way for people to support the

hospice and get fit at the same time. I have thoroughly enjoyed the ride and look forward to taking part next year."

At the finish refreshments were provided and each cyclist received a medal and a certificate.

The Hospice expects to raise around £5,000 from the event but hopes to build on this year on year.

## Suburb hedges

There has always been something of a problem with Suburb hedges that grow out in the summer and obstruct the pavement but this year there seem to be more cases than usual being reported to the Roads & Traffic Committee.

An overgrown hedge can restrict pavement width forcing pedestrians into the road and an untrimmed hedge adjacent to the narrowest Suburb pavements or

where kerb parking is tolerated can cause the usable part of the walkway to disappear altogether. Those most at risk include parents with double-buggies or who are walking with a pram and an additional child.

Uncut foliage can also cause street signs to disappear or to become difficult to read. Where signs setting out parking rules are concealed by a hedge,

residents can easily end up being fined for contravening restrictions that they did not know existed.

It would be helpful if residents could regularly cut their hedges to the boundaries of their property so as to minimise these problems. When owners consistently decline to cut a problem hedge, Barnet Council has powers to do the work itself and to pass on the charge to the hedge owner.

## Alyth Choral Society

The Alyth Choral Society's next concert on Sunday December 17 2006 features a large-scale choral work by composer Ronald Corp. Corp's wide experience working with orchestras and both adult and children's choirs has stood him in good stead with this composition. The choir will combine with the Alyth Youth Chamber Choir, the Alyth Chamber Orchestra and soloist Mark Wilde for this work, previously only performed (in 2001) by the Highgate Choral Society which commissioned it.

The work is a setting of texts, psalms and poems in both Hebrew and English woven around Corp's original inspiration, the mediaeval poetry of Solomon Ibn Gabirol. It includes 'Hear O Israel', one of the most important prayers in the Hebrew liturgy. Corp was seeking texts which were significant for both Christian and Jewish performers and audiences. He says, "I hope that 'Adonai Echad' can be enjoyed by all – because the texts (the psalms particularly) are part of our shared heritage."

The evening will start with a performance of the song cycle Les Nuits d'Été (Summer Nights) by Hector Berlioz. Vivienne Bellos will be the soloist for these beautiful songs, performed here with orchestra.

The choir always welcomes new members. Find out more at [www.alythchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.alythchoralsociety.org.uk).

7.30pm Sunday 17 December, North West Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gardens, Tickets £15, £12 (conc), £5 (children). From 020 8958 7641 or 020 8457 8795.

## Fellowship Literature Group

Are you a book lover? If you are and would like to brush up on your winter reading, then join our small circle of fellow bookworms

### Bridge for improvers

Supervised rubber-bridge for improvers. All are welcome at Norrice Lea Synagogue, Landy Gallery N2 every Monday 2pm to 4.30 £5 including tea.

and literature gourmets every Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm!

From classic to modernist, from tragedy to comedy, the programme aims to suit a variety of tastes and backgrounds. For lively discussion and the

widening of horizons, it is sure to beguile and entertain!

Our first meeting will be held at Fellowship House, 136a Willifield Way NW11 on Thursday 5 October.

SYLVIA BURCH, TUTOR

## Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

The new Neighbourhood Watch is Malcolm Goldstein, 12 Edmunds Walk N2 0HU, 8444 5869.

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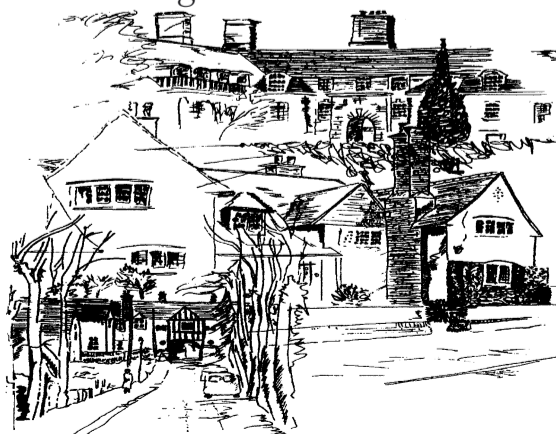
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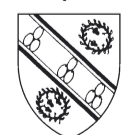
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