



(Above) Suburb Area Character Appraisal volunteers Michael Eleftherides, Judith Chaney, Valerie Wilmott and Tina and Ray Jannerling.

(Below) Trust architect David Davidson, manager Jane Blackburn with Cllr John Marshall.



Suburb Area Character Appraisal

During the autumn a group of volunteers has been working under the guidance of the Trust's Architectural Advisor, David Davidson, to produce the first two area character appraisals in the Suburb conservation area. An exhibition of work in progress was held in Fellowship House on 11 December. The conservation area has been divided into 16 sub areas; the two pilot areas covered in the exhibition were Brim Hill and Ingram Avenue.

The exhibition, which was well attended, attracted very favourable comments. "It is good that residents can see for themselves that the focus of the character appraisals is very positive. We are not snooping on individual properties. The approach is to ask what is good about an area and what are the things that contribute to this quality," said Judith Chaney, a

volunteer who is co-ordinating the project.

An area character appraisal is a description of the features that give an area its special character. The maps, photographs and draft appraisals in the exhibition show how the landscape, buildings, architectural styles, views, trees and hedging contribute to the distinctiveness of the Ingram Avenue and Brim Hill areas.

The area appraisals will eventually provide the context within which individual planning proposals can be considered by Barnet Council and by the Trust. It is hoped to complete all 16 areas by mid 2008. Anyone interested in assisting is invited to contact the Trust Office. The next sub areas to be looked at will be Oakwood Road, Brookland Rise and the Holmes and Winnington Road.

JUDITH CHANEY

Music College for the Suburb Centenary

At a Reception held before the annual Winter Concert on 5th December 2006, in the presence of the Mayor of Barnet, I was able to launch The Henrietta Barnett School's bid for Specialist Status as a Music College, which was met with great enthusiasm.

Music is a great strength of the School and of Hampstead Garden Suburb. I believe that this initiative will be of great benefit to all our pupils as well as other local schools and the local cultural environment. Music and the arts help to develop confidence and self-esteem and enrich pupils' experience of school as a whole.

The young benefit enormously from engagement with the arts and a successful application will offer our pupils improved facilities within the School and enhanced opportunities in music and across other subjects. It will also enable us to work closely with other local schools and organisations, music and performance groups, broadening the girls' experience and horizons.

The consultation process and feedback has been extremely positive and encouraging. We are now actively pursuing ways in which we can work with other local schools and community groups and, in particular with Canon Barnett School, based at

Toynbee Hall, which is where the plans for Hampstead Garden Suburb germinated. We recognise our roots with pride and want to give something back.

We are very excited at the possibility of carrying on Dame Henrietta's work, in this Suburb Centenary Year, by doing all we can to ensure that the children and young people who live in the East End are given at least some of the opportunities and experiences available to those of us who are privileged to live and work in the Suburb. We also want to expand our work and strengthen our connection with the Proms at St Jude's, share teaching and facilities with other schools during the day and make better use of our premises in the evenings and at weekends.

We have received tremendous support from pupils, former pupils, parents, our alumnae group, our PTA and The Henrietta Barnett School Association, as well as local businesses and individuals.

If you have any questions or suggestions, do feel free to contact me on parentviews@hbschool.org.uk or write to me direct at the School. This is an exciting project that will benefit the cultural, educational and aesthetic life of the School, the local community and beyond.

OLIVER BLOND, HEAD TEACHER

Hospice Big Fun Walk

Why not take part in the Hospice's biggest fun fund-raiser on March 25. The walk starts at East Finchley, takes a route through London's

parks to finish at Westminster, 7½ miles later. For registration forms and details phone 8202 5586 or visit www.bigfunwalk.co.uk.

Wordsearch winner

It seems people are less confident of wild flowers than vegetables! Congratulations to Mr Roger Ford

who lives in Hampstead but reads a friend's Suburb News. He is a keen walker.

WORDSEARCH

In the box below are concealed 20 names of literary and dramatic heroines of FOUR or more letters; and an extra one highlighted to start you off (don't include it in your total!). Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Entries should be listed on paper or a postcard and sent to Diana Woodfield, 5 Erskine Hill, NW11 6HA with your name, address and phone number. The closing date is 1st April. The sender of the first correct (or nearly correct) entry will win a £20 voucher from Joseph's Bookstore.

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The 20 different wildflowers were: Buttercup, Chicory, Cyclamen Dandelion, Feverfew, Foxglove, Fritillary, Gorse, Groundsel, Harebell, Henbane, Hogweed, Ling, Monkshood, Mullein, Sundew, Tansy, Teasel Thrift, Violet.



From the Ukraine with Love

Steve Morris, Suburb resident in Corringway for 16 years and Chairman of the RA Membership Committee, spliced the knot with Natasha from Odessa on Sunday 17 September. After a civil wedding ceremony, the festivities combined both British and Slavic traditions and music. Faulty Towers style waiters told guests what stuff not to drink, carried out magic tricks and sang requests doing a credible impression of Elvis.

A beautiful compere from Latvia explained how Russian weddings included questioning the bride and groom on how much they loved each other. Guests also learned that Natasha's home-made borsht (beetroot soup) was much appreciated by Steve. The Slavic contingency insisted

the couple repeatedly kiss each other during the party while they chanted "Gorzka, gorzka," which means bitter. The kissing is meant to make life sweeter.

The bridesmaids included Natasha's five year old daughter Anni who will be continuing her education at the Suburb School. Natasha's brother Igor came from Moscow to give the bride away and Steve's brother-in-law Mike acted as best man and the English master of ceremonies.

Steve said, "We have notched up countless air miles during our many journeys between London and one of the furthest towns in Eastern Europe and look forward to settling down together to our new life on the Suburb."

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