

## TfL moves Falloden Way bus stops for third time

Residents of Falloden Way were astonished earlier this week to receive letters from Transport for London (TfL) outlining plans for yet another repositioning of the bus stops in their road.

At a cost of £65,000, Falloden Way's original bus stop lay-bys were removed last year when TfL claimed that disability legislation required them to replace the bays with platforms which they said would provide easier access to the buses. Residents disputed this saying that the new scheme was unsafe because stationary buses would create a hazard on such a busy road.

Sure enough the scheme was suspended for safety reasons last October and the bus stops remained out of use until the

westbound one was relocated in March 2007 in a works programme costing £6,360. Now TfL proposes to spend another £40,000 moving the eastbound bus stop just a few yards to the west.

Falloden Way resident David Willis said, "There was no need to do anything to the bus stops in the first place. No-one had any difficulty getting on or off buses. We lost the stops altogether for five months because of TfL and this will be the third time in eighteen months that they will have dug up the road."

Gary Shaw, HGSRA's Roads & Traffic Committee Chairman added, "This is a colossal waste of public money. TfL has thrown well over £100,000 of taxpayers' money at a job that never needed doing."

GARY SHAW

## Institute special resolution fails

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute AGMs are usually placid and sparsely attended events lasting only long enough for the Chairman, Malcolm Davies, to go through the standard AGM agenda. However, this year the AGM held on 12 July at the Institute's East Finchley headquarters, was to be followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on a Special Resolution to alter the Memorandum of Association so that the Residents Association, and other bodies, would no longer have the right to nominate a representative to the council.

On this occasion the atmosphere was quite different. In addition to the usual stalwarts, a staff meeting had been called just before the AGM so that fifty or so staff members of the Institute Society could give support to this Special Resolution that would, if passed, leave the Institute Council with no RA nominee.

The Special Resolution, for which many staff members clearly showed support, was put and Colin Gregory, Terry Brooks and I spoke against it on the basis that as 30% of students are local residents it seemed unreasonable to do away with the HGSRA's nominee and lose the support of the Suburb. When it came to a vote there were more than the number of entitled members who had correctly signed in. Muted chaos followed during which the Chairman wisely withdrew the motion.

There will now be another Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 8 October, when a new amendment will be proposed, this time to continue with the RA's nominee as in the past. Janet Elliot, Secretary of the RA's Membership Committee has been nominated by the RA and will continue the tradition of representing ALL local residents on the Institute Council.

ALAN BRUDNEY

## Mill Hill Music Club moves to the Suburb

On Sunday, 14 October the Mill Hill Music Club opens its 2007-08 Season of Concerts at its new home, The Hall, Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 7BN.

The Mill Hill Music Club was founded in 1955 by Mr Wilfred Ransom who at that time was deputy manager of Barclays Bank in Swiss Cottage. He had interviewed a concert pianist who couldn't quite manage to clear his overdraft and Wilfred, being a member of Toc H, staged a recital, the pianist paid off his overdraft and the Mill Hill Music Club was founded and has become one of the most prestigious music clubs in London, if not in the country.

The following years were exciting. Musicians such as the Amadeus Quartet who were in their early days of their career gave many concerts. The then young Vladimir Ashkenazi gave his first UK recital when he came to London. Arthur Rubenstein told his agent always to book him for 'Hill Mill'. Kiri Te Kanawa stepped in at short notice to replace another singer who was unwell, and Alfred Brendel, Radu Lupu, Jacqueline du Pre, Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zuckerman Moiseiwitch have been among

the many distinguished names who performed.

In recent years we have been privileged to hear some of the world's finest soloists, ensembles and a host of very talented newcomers to the music world. To name a few, the Israel Piano Trio, Chilingirian Quartet, Mitsuko Uchida, Tacacs String Quartet, Artur Pizarro, Idil Biret, Emma Johnson, Martin Cousin and the Smetana Trio.

The Club has moved from venue to venue, from halls in Mill Hill, Boreham Wood, Wembley, Hatch End, Finchley and now happily to the centre of the Suburb to the magnificent 100-year old Grade II listed Hall at The Henrietta Barnett School. The Hall, designed by Sir Edward Lutyens, was extensively refurbished to its original splendid design in 2002 under the guidance of English Heritage and in summer 2005 the magnificent pale wooden floor in the hall was fully restored to its original glory.

Our forthcoming season is offering a most exciting programme of concerts by world renowned musicians. For details email: info@millhillmusicclub.co.uk. Website: www.millhillmusicclub.co.uk.

## On Fellowship

During the HGS centenary year Fellowship House has been extremely busy. A large party was held in Fellowship House and grounds on 1 July as part of the Suburb centenary celebrations together with the North London Hospice North West Support Group and the Family Holiday Association. The money raised was donated to the Hospice and the FHA. There has been a wide range of interesting speakers coming to the regular Tuesday afternoon talks and recitals. Amongst the highlights were Professor Lewis Walpert on 'Belief', and Vivian Brendon on her book 'The Children of the Raj'.

The regular benefits offered to members have continued, including weekly chiropody and home visits to provide a range of services. Many other activities include Tai Chi, Croquet, Keep fit classes, a Monthly birthday tea, Music afternoons and Film sessions.

On 6 October we are hosting a lunch for people who have lived on the Suburb for at least 60 years. It promises to be a sparkling occasion with a pre-lunch reception, a three course lunch and entertainment. A full report with photos in the next edition.

The Tuesday afternoon talks this autumn will include Angus Walker on Montgomery and Ian Davidson on comedy script writing. There will be a Christmas special with music, song and wit. Details on all the talks are listed in Suburb News, outside Fellowship House and on the HGS internet forum. All residents are welcome.

PETER FALK

## Hampstead Rugby FC

The first XV had a very mixed 2006/7 season; the start was very poor, chiefly because of injuries. For one crucial match, players had to be brought in from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams. By Christmas, relegation seemed probable but, with the return of key players, results improved. There were some very welcome wins which staved off relegation fears. The 3rd team was more consistent finishing 2nd

in their league, winning the Plate Final. This season began on the Heath Extension on 8 September.

The women's team had a very successful season finishing 2nd in their league with 320 points for and 90 against. Their new captain is Kike Agum Biade.

For club information contact the Secretary, Mark Spilsbury on 8347 7178 or 07967 154173.

TOM SALES

## 'Yes' vote worth more than a 'No' in Temple Fortune CPZ

Residents of Temple Fortune are astonished to learn that Barnet Council has completely reversed a long-standing and much trumpeted policy in order to reinstate one of the area's roads to its controversial controlled parking zone.

The contentious scheme was introduced in February 2006 after Barnet dismissed a huge resident campaign of objections including a 1,000 signature petition, several smaller petitions from individual roads and a resident poll which found that 94% of local people were against the CPZ.

Barnet's response back then was to say that the only true test of local opinion was the Council's own survey, conducted 16 months earlier. Representations made since that time were unreliable, it claimed, but even though the Council's survey had also shown a substantial majority of Temple Fortune residents against the idea of parking controls, Barnet pushed ahead with the scheme.

The CPZ was reviewed in the summer of 2006 and the results released earlier this year found that most of the district's residents remain opposed to the controls. A road by road break-down of the results revealed a huge majority of Hampstead Way residents were against their road remaining inside the zone and that residents of nearby Temple Grove also opposed staying within the CPZ.

While the Council refused to remove Hampstead Way, it did initially agree that Temple Grove

should be taken out, but Barnet now says that having received post-review requests from CPZ supporters to re-join the scheme it is making arrangements to put Temple Grove back in.

HGSRA's Roads & Traffic Committee Chairman, Gary Shaw said, "It says everything that the Council claimed that petitions were invalid when these were submitted by huge numbers of residents opposed to their roads joining the CPZ but as soon as people used a similar method to say they support the scheme, Barnet bent over backwards to accommodate them."

"Time and again the CPZ story has been marked out by the way democracy has had to play second fiddle to a determination to implement the scheme."

"The Council's formal survey found that two-thirds of Hampstead Way residents want to leave the CPZ but their votes and wishes are ignored whilst an unofficial campaign to rejoin the zone mounted by a handful of people elsewhere has been greeted with open arms by the Council".

"I think many residents will conclude that in the Borough of Barnet votes supporting CPZs carry more weight than those against."

The Residents Association's Chairman, David Lewis added, "There could be a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman if this unfairness between different groups of residents is not resolved."

GARY SHAW

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