



Rev Alan Walker hosted the evening with Will Self.

Literary Society builds on success

Following on the success of its first event, when Will Self talked about his Suburb childhood and his work, The Henrietta Barnett School Literary Society announces a second evening, this time with Tracy Chevalier the author of ‘Girl

with a pearl earring’. Tracy will be launching the paperback edition of her latest novel, ‘Burning Bright’ that week and signed copies will be available for purchase.

An evening with Tracy Chevalier is at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 February

in The Hall, The Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, NW11.

Tickets £5 each in advance from Jo Velleman, The Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, NW11 7BN. Please send a sae and cheque payable to HBS Trust.

Speed guns to aim at motorists

We have had a number of complaints about speeding and anti-social behaviour of motorists in the area. One of our officers has now been trained in the use of a speed gun. This gun will only be deployed in areas where the public has reported speeding

offences occurring on a regular basis. The police will require a written note of the problem areas, either by email or letter. If anyone feels that speeding traffic is a problem to them then the police are more than happy to hear from them. In any area where the speed

gun is to be used, then residents will be informed via a leaflet drop prior to any operation taking place. Please feel free to contact the



The annual walk on the Heath Extension led by Cllr John Marshall and Dr Gibeon to raise funds for the North London Hospice was joined this year by the Sutton twins who managed the walk as a three legged race.

Tribunal to decide on management charge

Having heard all the arguments for and against a change to a banded system for the Trust management charge to freeholders under the scheme of management, the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal decided that it was, after all, not empowered to adjudicate. An appeal to the higher authority, the Land Tribunal has resulted in

a ruling that the LVT can decide the case. It is expected that the LVT will rule on the principle of the application by the end of

February and that a ruling on the formula for the charge will be made in time for the management charge for 2008/2009.

Absent Friends

Several ‘Suburb stalwarts’ as the Ham & High always calls them, have died since our last issue.

In no particular order we mourn the passing of:

Raymond Lowe, a long time church warden at St Jude’s and more recently chairman of the HGS Archives Trust, a job that fitted in well with his passion for collecting books and postcards of which he had hundreds featuring the early days of the Suburb.

Andrew Cockburn who will be remembered for perhaps being one of the redeeming features of the BBC Omnibus film of the Suburb made in 1995 but shown to coincide with the Suburb’s 90th year.

Andrew was an inspired pianist and the scene where he plays as the sunlight pours through the window of his and Elizabeth’s Southway home was delightful.

Sue White will be missed as an active member of a number of Suburb organisations but particularly as Mrs Christmas Tree. The enormous tree in the window in Meadway was missing this year having been a feature of the season every year for 34 years.



Diana Redhouse died in October and Yvonne and Denis Baron sent an obituary to the Guardian, for which we are grateful. Without it we would never have known that Diana, who was a volunteer in the early years of the Garden Suburb Gallery had designed a Christmas

card for Amnesty International which became their famous candle and barbed wire logo. She took up jewellery design in her seventies and the pieces, which she made herself, were popular with Gallery customers.

David St George, a real Suburb character and one of the original artisans, was one of those people who would give a hand to anyone. A skilled electrician he always amused the children with flashing lights in his clothes or his greeting via loudspeaker as he passed in his car. He led the original team who were trained to let off the RA fireworks for the millennium and for some New Year’s Eves after that.

Celia Michaelides moved into a newly built Oakwood Road cottage in 1913, she was two years old. A gifted piano teacher, Celia will be remembered by more than three hundred and sixty pupils as well as many who enjoyed her music in Fellowship where she entertained and accompanied local dancing and keep fit classes.

Ian Hodgson was the RIBA nominee member of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust from 1972-1987 and the last chairman of the Trust Council not to be an elected member. Ian was the son in law of Nikolaus Pevsner the distinguished art historian who said such nice things about the Suburb.

Pat Laurance, who died suddenly on 11 January, was founder, with his wife Joan, of the Suburb charity the Family Holiday Association. The first issue of Suburb News in 1983 carried pictures of the popular fund raising Hill Close Fete where Pat and Joan then lived. He was tireless in raising money for the FHA which from small beginnings is now a professionally run national charity.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

Proms 2008

Plans are well advanced for Proms at St Jude’s 2008, to be held from Saturday 14 to Sunday 22 June. Leading performers already booked to appear include pianist Imogen Cooper, guitar duo John Williams and John Etheridge, the Brodsky String Quartet and jazz singer Stacey Kent.

As in previous years there will be free lunchtime concerts, which provide an opportunity for

Garden Suburb Safer Neighbourhood Team preferably by email at: gardensuburb.snt@met.police.uk.

SGT EDMONDSON

Fellowship Literature Class

This class has met for several years on Thursday mornings (10.30-12.30) to study and consider aspects of Literature, both contemporary and earlier. Our course lasts for 20 weeks (two 10-week terms) and the syllabus is suggested by the tutor and decided by the group – after much discussion!

Subject matter ranges through European and American modern

aspiring talent and local groups. Finchley Children’s Music Group is among those due to appear.

The full programme with booking details will be published early April, and on the website www.promsatstjudes.org.uk, together with details of how to be a Friend or sponsor. You can also phone 8455 1025 for Friends, and 8455 8687 for other enquiries.

DAVID HARRIS

Market Place scam

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post office gives the impression of being unrestricted because it is so poorly marked and TfL is ruthlessly targeting the many motorists who park there unwittingly.”

“Taking down our notices was a strange thing to have done if the intention is to keep the loading bay free for its stated purpose but it certainly makes sense if the real objective of the bay is to make money for TfL. However, we have restored the notices and many of the Market Place shops are also displaying them in their windows.

The R&T Committee, which is currently helping around 150 residents with appeals, remains anxious to hear from anyone who receives a parking ticket on the Red Route in The Market Place or Hill Rise. The Committee has an extensive evidence dossier and will provide full assistance to all those who wish to refer their cases to the Parking Adjudicator or, if they have already paid a fine,

to recover their money and their costs via the small claims court.

“We would expect motorists to be successful every time in these cases”, said Mr Shaw, “but they have to be determined to see it through to adjudication because TfL are utterly indifferent to informal appeals and will not back down before the adjudication stage regardless of circumstances. There are numerous cases of disabled drivers’ appeals being rejected and even one of an animal charity being pursued for a fine after legitimately stopping in the bay to collect donated food from the vet. Anyone who receives a ticket for parking in the loading bay should contact us immediately, before writing to TfL and certainly before paying any fine.”

Anyone needing assistance with an appeal against a parking ticket should contact the Roads & Traffic Committee at traffic@hgs.org.uk

Radio Franglais

Suburb resident and author, Nancy Boulicault’s new teen novel was launched at the Festival de Jeunesse at the French Institut in Kensington in December. A guest author, Nancy introduced school groups to bilingual creative writing in her Qu’est-ce Une Histoire workshops.

The book is based on an intriguing concept: one plot with the chapters alternating between French and English. To get the idea of how this works, see the Radio Franglais web page.

Radio Franglais is about a bilingual radio team who aim to win the Spirit of Integration in Europe (SPIE) Prize and become Euroteen Ambassadors to the World. The two major characters – Juliette, a Française from the posh Lycée and Josh, an anglophone from the local comprehensive school – clash over their project to portray teen life in 21st century London. This short novel (112pp) has been labelled a page-turner by the

publisher, whose description of the book mentions that in their clash over what constitutes ‘real life’, the teens get caught up in the London gang scene.

Author Nancy Boulicault is an American educator and librarian, currently living in London. And yes, she’s bilingual. She wrote both the French and English chapters herself! This is Nancy’s second book in the series and Middlesex University Press (www.mupress.co.uk) plans to add to the series with her next title: Radio Franglais: Refuge ou Refus. A series for young beginners in French is planned for 2010 when all 7 year olds will take a modern foreign language.

Although the characters and plot are geared to the young adult market, the book is suitable for anyone with a good level of French who likes a good story and is looking to maintain or improve language skills. It also makes a great gift when visiting transplanted Brits in France.

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