

Garden Suburb Gallery thriving

The Garden Suburb Gallery is thriving in its new home in Fellowship House, Willifield Way. Run by the Residents Association

and manned by volunteers the Gallery is open from 10.30-4.30 but not on Tuesday or Saturday afternoons. There is room to show

more pictures by Suburb artists as well as ceramics, books and cards. Centenary tea towels, postcards and fridge magnets are

still available and there are a few Centenary mugs left.

The Gallery starts its shows for 2008 on February 2 with a display of cards and pictures as gifts for St Valentine's Day. To coincide with Horticultural Society's Spring Flower Show in March the Gallery is staging a selling exhibition of botanical paintings by several local artists including etchings by the late Chloe Hilary Gear. The Gallery is available for one man exhibitions, contact Dave Brown 8458 7107 who is our events manager.

If you would like to help in the Gallery a morning or afternoon a week please call Gerlinde Crossley 8201 8366.



Vivienne Bellos receives national award

In this, the Alyth Choral Society's jubilee year, the choir raised their voices in praise of their leader, Vivienne Bellos, who has been awarded the Making Music/Lady Hilary Groves Prize 2007 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to music in the community. Sheena Williams (pictured above, right with Vivienne), representative from the National Federation of Music Societies, presented the award to her at the concert on December 9 in the presence of the Mayor of Barnet.

Vivienne Bellos's work, over 26 years, has included training children's choirs, synagogue choirs, setting up and directing the Alyth Choral Society and the Alyth Academy of Performing Arts, teaching both children and adults the traditional synagogue cantillation and setting up inter-

faith events involving many of these groups. This is a brief summary of all her achievements in bringing the joy of music to all generations.

The sound of the ACS singing Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' thrilled the audience and was probably heard right down Finchley Road as the choir celebrated its anniversary. They first performed it twenty-five years ago when the North Western Reform Synagogue started holding the High Holyday services in a large marquee in the grounds of the Manor House in Finchley, now the Sternberg Centre. Vivienne, music director at the synagogue, seized the opportunity to use this space for a performance with a locally recruited choir and orchestra. This was the birth of the Alyth Choral Society. The choir's concerts have been delighting local audiences ever since.

JUDY OBRART

Institute's new Arts Centre hub of creativity

At the official opening of the new Arts Centre, Institute Chairman Malcolm Davis outlined the tremendous struggle it had been for the Institute to arrive at this point. He thanked the Principal and Institute staff for their hard

work and support and looked forward to a very successful future for the Institute in its new location.

Institute Patron and Suburb resident, Madhoo Mehta explained why he and his wife had made a generous donation to the Institute:

"It is a unique organisation in that it attracts people of all ages, cultures and abilities who come together to learn a subject or pursue an interest. This creative mix of people who are united by a common

purpose is an excellent way of promoting social cohesion which is a high priority in our country."

Other speakers included Rudi Vis MP who paid tribute to the survival spirit of the Institute.



Mrs Mehta, tries out Henrietta Barnett's chair at the Arts Centre opening. l-r: Madhoo Mehta, Meenal Mehta and their daughter and son in law.

Pygmalion

Pygmalion was Shaw's first commercial success in the West End in 1914, with the famous Mrs Patrick Campbell in the leading role. Since then there have been many productions; a film by Anthony Asquith and a musical. Shaw wrote extra scenes for the film and it was implied there, as it was in the musical, that Higgins would marry Eliza. An ending

that Shaw was annoyed at. It was, therefore, very refreshing to have the original play presented by the Garden Suburb Theatre in an excellent production by Joyce Piper and with a splendid cast. Stiofan Lanigan O'Keefe as the Professor of Phonetics, Henry Higgins, managed to find some charm in a man obsessed by an idea. His friend, Colonel Pickering,

who was feeling for Eliza's ultimate fate, was taken by the admirable Fred Griessen.

Eliza's journey from Cockney flower girl to self-possessed young woman was movingly traced by Catherine Lemmon. She looked very regal in her ball gown and brought off the famous tea party scene amusingly.

One of the pleasures of the evening was Tony Newton as the dustman, Alfred Doolittle. He looked and sounded magnificent

especially when 'shoved into the middle class and forced to marry Eliza's sixth stepmother. It is a gem of a part and he made the most of it. Soma Woolf brought wisdom and charm to Mrs Higgins, voicing her concern for Eliza's future.

Diana Bromley had to design two complete sets - so a huge 'well done' to her. The costumes, as usual, were lovely thanks to Frances Musker, Diana Darrer and Jeanne Solomons.

LÉONIE STEPHEN

WORDSEARCH

In the box below are concealed 20 names of common ailments 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 14 March. 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 geographical features were: Basin, Bluff, Cave, Cliff, Delta, Desert, Edge, Estuary, Gorge, Headland, Island, Knoll, Lagoon, Lough, Peninsula, Pothole, Precipice, River, Valley, Volcano.

Wordsearch winner

The winner of our Autumn 2007 Wordsearch is Ms M. Willis who lives in the Orchard.

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