



## Infant School entertains Fellowship

On 11 March the Garden Suburb Infant School, under their music teacher, Fiona Coote, entertained the members of Fellowship with

a delightful programme. The high spot was a shadow puppet show of Jonah and the Whale. The children made and manipulated

the puppets. The whale had a hole for its stomach into which Jonah popped. Delightfully inventive.

LEONIE STEPHEN

## Safer pavements please

With summer approaching please consider those that use the pavements. Keep hedges cut back and remember the pedestrians – especially those pushing prams, wheelchairs and escorting the less mobile and young – ensure there is enough space for the passage of at least two people walking side by side. Please also remember that it is an offence to park a car on the pavement other

than where it is specifically authorised by the local authority.

Ensure that outside your property the maximum pavement space is available. In persistent, extreme cases of obstruction the council will cut the offending hedges and shrubs back and charge you for doing so.

When putting dustbins and recycling on the edge of your property prior to emptying please

do not obstruct the footpath and also ensure that they are removed and out of sight after emptying.

There are areas in the Suburb where pedestrians are forced on to the road because pavements are obstructed – not a safe option for the elderly and those with prams.

If your freedom to use pavements is being restricted please ring Barnet Council on 8359 2000.

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Dramatic repairs. Replacing a five ft. lead panel blown off St Jude's spire.



Taking over from Marjorie Harris, Michael Franklin, a keen Oakwood Road gardener, takes the chair at his first Horticultural Society plant sale in May.



Early Spring was followed by late Winter in April. Left; Asmunds Hill from an Erskine Hill window. Right; Tulips from Hampstead Way.



After 34 years as gardener to the Suburb John Cassels marked his retirement from the Trust by using Henrietta Barnett's spade to plant – a snowdrop! It was a token planting to complete a bed in Hill Top earlier planted with a magnolia and lots more snowdrops. Trust chairman Angus Walker, trustees and staff were among those thanking John and wishing him a well earned rest.

## Three minute tow away

Confused by the signage, 71-year-old Myrna Lazarus had parked in a loading bay on the North side of Market Place. When she returned from the bank just three minutes later, she saw, to her horror, her trusty Silver Nissan Micra being hoisted on to a tow truck.

As if that wasn't bad enough, she realised that her bag and mobile phone were in the car but the two TFL clampers refused to let her remove them. Eventually they agreed, but not before they had reduced Mrs Lazarus, to tears. However whilst they returned her purse, they said that they couldn't find her phone. They also wouldn't tell her where her car was being taken. She said, "I couldn't believe it. I've been using Market Place shops for years and I had no idea I couldn't park there. The signs are really confusing. As for the way I was treated by the clampers, it was humiliating and degrading."

She said: "People at Market Place were so good to me. The

café made me a nice mug of tea and the people in Chloe lent me their phone so I could call to find out where my car was being taken."

Most importantly, they gave her the number of Gary Shaw, who has been in recent talks with Andy Siva, Highways Chief at TFL who, on a visit to Market Place in March, agreed that the signage was confusing and should be reviewed.

He got straight on to Rebecca Christgau, Enforcement Manager at TFL who immediately called the car pound in Haringey and instructed staff to release Mrs Lazarus's car for no fee. A local taxi driver Simon also drove Mrs Lazarus, with no charge, to the pound. Mrs Lazarus, who has made a formal complaint to Ms Christgau, would like to thank Mr Shaw, the Market Place traders and Simon who showed her such kindness. Gary Shaw said, "I was appalled at the way Mrs Lazarus was treated."

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