

Literary Society successes

The two meetings of the Henrietta Barnett Literary Society in April and May were both attended by up to 200 people. Jo Velleman, Development Director at the school, who organises the HBS Literary Society events, said, "These events have become very prestigious, well attended and well received." An evening with Anne Widdecombe in April and the Julian Fellowes evening in May were particularly popular. Past speakers have included

Will Self, Nick Hornby, Tracey Chevalier, Deborah Moggach, Martin Bell and David Aaronovitch.

The next event in the HBS Literary Society series is 'An Evening with Jeffrey Archer' on November 11.

Tickets are £5 each – cheques payable to HBS Trust and an sae please to Jo Velleman at The Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, London NW11 7BN, phone 020 8209 9730 or email development@hbschool.org.uk.



Rev Alan Walker who introduces and chairs the literary events is shown here with Julian Fellowes who kept his audience amused and fascinated as he demonstrated his skills as raconteur and wit with tales of his career as an actor, writer and director.



New Institute chairman

The Institute is delighted to announce the appointment of Stephen Brain as chairman of The Institute Council.

Stephen is looking forward to supporting The Institute's ongoing development. He has a broad career profile, having worked in the higher education, public, private and charity sectors. His work has covered policy development, project management and fund raising as well as grant management in the UK and mainland Europe. In addition, he has extensive practical experience of senior business management.

Stephen is committed to the idea of adult education as a dynamic force. He believes that, despite the financial pressures the sector has experienced, it is more relevant to people's lives today than ever before.

Technology presents adult education with new and exciting possibilities. Stephen feels there are real opportunities for adult



Principal Joy Solomon with Stephen Brain

education and the institutions which deliver it to take centre stage as self-directing, self-funded organisations. To do this, Stephen feels that adult education must respond to what people want; it must be flexible as to where and how the curriculum is offered to its users.

HELEN HARRIS

Barbara Anderson

Barbara Anderson, who died at the end of last year aged 94, was made an honorary life member of the association 20 years ago at the end of a long period of active service on the Suburb. At various times in the 60s and 70s she served on the RA Council, she was chairman in the early 70s and until 1974. According

to Trust archivist Georgina Malcolm she was elected to the Trust Council in 1975 (apparently in a battle with Anne Lawson! 304 votes to 179) and also became chairman. She was re-elected in 1978 unopposed and retired as Trust chairman in 1981. During this period she was an active member of the Lorry Route

Joint Action Committee, whose Terry Rand told Suburb News "Barbara was a knowledgeable, forceful and most valuable member of the committee. Together with our founding secretary Jill Rutland, she made a redoubtable duo responsible for much of our success in defeating Ministry efforts to split the Suburb."

Joyce Morrison

Joyce Morrison, who died on Wednesday, 22 April, was very active in the Suburb and will be greatly missed.

She helped supervise the 90th Suburb Anniversary in 1997 and was on the committees of the Hospice, St Jude's Proms and the Fellowship. Her husband, David, who died in 1989, was chairman of CONSAM, the architectural preservation committee of the RA. Joyce raised funds for Amnesty International and the Labour Party, of which she was a member until she resigned in protest over the Iraq war.

Joyce was born in Camden Town. With David she moved to Hendon where they saw an advertisement for land for sale in the Suburb, on the site where the club house had been until it

was bombed in World War Two. David designed their house which stands next to Fellowship House. When her two sons, Paul and Richard, left home in 1966, she took O and A levels and later a degree in Art History at Birkbeck. She lectured in Adult Education and arranged many interesting art appreciation trips for her pupils.

Joyce made friends easily and 'her girls' – as she called her pupils – met with her regularly. She loved music, opera and theatre and doted on her large family.

Her zest for life was on display on one occasion two years ago when we travelled together for a short holiday in Lille. With the rain coming down, we called for a taxi, and were surprised to find the vehicle arriving to collect us was a rickshaw. With

characteristic excitement, she was pleased to board it and the two of us enjoyed a wild ride through the streets of the town.

She was my good friend and a wonderful neighbour for 40 years.

LEONIE STEPHEN

Synagogue seeks new minister

The synagogue at Norrice Lea is looking for a new minister, following Rabbi Livingstone's resignation after 11 years. He also lectures at Kings College where his Ethics course is being expanded and has taken up a teaching post at a Jewish seminary in addition to one at the London School of Jewish Studies.

Anthony Knopf, who is the congregation's Community Rabbi, who mainly focuses on young marrieds and outreach education,

Earlier this year Richard Wakefield, who has been responsible for the production of this paper since 1983, informed the publications committee of his intention to stand down from his role at Suburb News. Richard has been

doing the bulk of the work involved, bringing his publishing skills to the paper along with his intimate knowledge of Suburb life going back a considerable time. We feel it is not realistic to attempt to find someone to fill his shoes and do all the things he does.

We believe that we need to find a small team of people to do some of the work and support a new publisher. Apart from any reporting of events, writing or sub editing copy there is the collation, laying out and taking or finding of photos to do and then the editing as well. In addition there is the job of finding and retaining advertisers. Fortunately Richard is not leaving in a precipitate manner so there is a short period in which we need to manage the change.

At this stage we would like to invite your opinion if you have any ideas about the future

JONATHAN SERES

Institute AGM

In years past Institute Society members in some numbers attended the annual meeting. At the thinly attended AGM in March there appeared to be only one member of the audience, Hugh Hamilton, himself a past trustee, who was not member of staff, a trustee or connected in some way to the Institute.

In the light of another set of annual accounts showing another deficit on operations of more than a £million he was critical of year-on-year losses and said there appeared to have been "an appalling lack of activity on the part of the trustees."

Asked why in the annual report, under the heading 'The Institute in its local context', a whole page had been devoted to Barnet with no mention of Hampstead Garden Suburb, acting chairman Tom Jupp said it was a deliberate part of the

marketing plan to attract students from a wider area. Trustee Paul Hartley suggested that Suburb support was needed if the Arts Centre was to generate enough income.

At a subsequent Residents Association council meeting it was resolved that a letter be sent to the Institute regretting the omission of the Suburb from the report and offering continued support from the RA.

Could you help with Suburb News?

of Suburb News you think could be useful, or if you or anyone you know would like to do some voluntary work.

We have already received the views of some residents; about the use of web-based material and e-mail, or on SN becoming an independent newspaper for example. We have outlined here some of the work involved in producing the paper and anyone, professional or amateur and from student to pensioner, who wants to be a part of the production team is welcome to volunteer. We already have some people and are particularly keen to find someone who can take over the advertising work.

If there is anything you would like to contribute, please email rapublications@hgs.org.uk or write to me at 11 Brim Hill, London N2 0HD.

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