

Christopher Kellerman 1944 - 2011

Chris Kellerman, who died in January was one of the best known workers for Hampstead Garden Suburb. An economist, he was educated at King Alfred's School, the University of North Carolina and the London School of Economics. His early career included positions in banks and Tate and Lyle as a corporate economist/planning manager. At Tate and Lyle he ended up as planning manager for the Agribusiness Division's eight companies.

He was active in Suburb affairs being vice chairman of the Residents Association at the time Gerard Mansell was chairman. A joint working party with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust had recommended that the Trust should have its first full time manager and in 1985 Chris was appointed to the position he held for twenty years, until his retirement at 60.

Among many achievements during his tenure, the negotiations to buy the remaining freeholds on the Suburb from Ashdale was probably the most significant as it meant that the Trust had unified control over all the Suburb's leasehold and freehold properties.

John Senter, past Trustee, addressing a thanksgiving service on February 3, said "As manager of the Trust, Chris brought a unique set of skills to ensuring that the legacy of the Garden Suburb was protected and nurtured. He was clear that the Trust operated for the benefit of the residents. He was available and welcoming, the doors of the Trust office were open to all comers. Behind the scenes he ran the organisation with apparently effortless efficiency. With Chris as manager the Trust flourished."

A keen sportsman, Chris played a leading role in the twinning of the Suburb with Le Vesinet near Paris by arranging tennis matches between French and English players.



He was a strong supporter of the Garden Suburb Schools and was governor of both infant and senior schools. He had been a council member of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute. The HGS Fellowship counted him a hard working committee member.

Loving the Suburb, he was particularly proud of the family home in Hampstead Way, by architect Mathew Dawson, where the Kellermans were only the second occupants in its 100 year history.



After retiring from the Trust, Chris saddened many of his friends by his support of developers wanting to demolish a fine Soutar house in Ingram Avenue and fill in an open space with two new mansions.

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Would you like to contribute to a bench in memory of Chris Kellerman, to be located in a prominent position on the Suburb? To make a donation, please send a cheque (suggested up to £30) payable to The Chris Kellerman Memorial, to c/o John Senter, 10 Constable Walk, College Road, London SE21 7LX. Any surplus to the cost of the bench will be donated to the North London Hospice.



Miss Galloway and a 1956 class, many of whom still live here. Our thanks to Deborah Young (centre, second row)

Sheila Galloway 1924 - 2011

Sheila Galloway, who was headteacher at Garden Suburb Infants School from 1956 until her retirement in the early 1980s passed away peacefully at her home in Hutchings Walk on the 12th April. She was 87.

Sheila was a Scot, born in Kilmarnock, but her formative years were spent in Norfolk, an area she came to regard as home. After supporting the war effort, working with the GPO to keep telecommunication lines open, Sheila began training to be a teacher in 1946. Her first post was at a school in Harrow,

but it was at the Suburb School that she spent the major part of her professional life. It is testimony to her work there that many remember her with great affection; either as their teacher, or that of their children and/or grandchildren.

She was pleased to play her part in the life of the Suburb and served on the Residents Association Council and its committees from 1979.

Sheila's brother emigrated to Canada and in retirement she enjoyed visiting the family in Nova Scotia.

During her declining years Sheila was cared for by a dedicated team of helpers as well as being supported by neighbours and friends. She was a member of the Free Church and was a great encouragement to us in our work. Her funeral took place at the Free Church on April 21 and it was good to welcome relatives and friends from far and wide as well as professional colleagues and grateful parents and pupils alike... we will miss her greatly.

IAN TUTTON

MINISTER HGS FREE CHURCH

Trust vindicated in management charge challenge

Some 300 HGS freeholders were persuaded by the Concerned Residents Group to sign an objection to the Trust management charge for 2008/9. Under the terms of the Scheme of Management this automatically brings into play the appointment by the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors of an independent surveyor to examine the accounts, hear objections and determine the charge.

It took fifteen months for Mr Malone to finish his task and to conclude, "I am satisfied

that the Trust has complied with the requirements of the Scheme as presented in the accounts for the year 2008/2009."

He also said, "I am satisfied... that increased expenditure has been required. I do not consider that any of the initiatives that were shown to me on my visit to the Suburb were contrary to the obligations laid on the Trustees."

The Trust has welcomed the surveyor's determination, notes the Surveyor's appreciation of the Trust's "clear and focussed approach to date to address the

Trust's obligations under the Scheme of Management" and hopes residents will be reassured that concerns raised about the rate of rise of the charge, the variability of the charge and the way in which the monies have been spent and accounted for, have been carefully considered by him.

Manager Jane Blackburn said, "The Trust Council has consistently stated, and reiterates, that it is committed to: (a) maintaining the annual Charge within a range of £100-£140 (subject to inflation) for the foreseeable future; (b) operating the Scheme efficiently, economically and consistently; (c) assisting residents who face difficulty in paying the charge; (d) resorting to litigation only when essential to safeguard the character and amenity of Suburb. Whilst the Trust fully understands that £100-£140 a year is an appreciable amount, it is also an investment in the future of this very special and otherwise vulnerable area."

The Trust Council say they will be carefully considering the

detail of the Surveyor's report with respect to continuing to: provide more detail about legal expenses in the accounts; explaining the basis for the allocation and apportionment of costs between the Scheme of Management and the Trust, continuing to review the apportionment of costs for the future and improving communication with residents.

The Surveyor has voluntarily capped his fee at £8,400. However the process is a cost to charge payers both in terms of the Surveyor's fee and in Trust staff time. Over the year and a quarter since the Surveyor's appointment many hours of staff time have been taken up in dealing with correspondence with the Surveyor. As the Surveyor comments: "Largely the matters that were objected to had been raised before (at the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal regarding the charge in 2005/2006) without notable success."

The Surveyor's report is available on the Trust website www.hgstrust.org.

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Centenary Year AGM

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N2 WINNER FOR ARCHITECTURAL PRIZE
Consam chairman Geoffrey Spyer announced the winners of the Alexander Stuart Gray Architectural merit Award for 2010 as David Burland of Vivian Way and architect Mary McCleary for an exceptional rear extension design. The winner receives a certificate and a £50 voucher for use in the Garden Suburb Gallery.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS
Questions and comments followed with, among others, Debbie Warland urging the saving of the Suburb Library; David B Lewis asked why the turquoise Barnet signs were still on parts of the Suburb; Diane Walsh wanted to know why Lyttelton Road was treated differently from the rest of the conservation area with trees being removed and large numbers of new lampposts: Robert Schwob was concerned about the health hazard to people living near the mast on

the Golders Green marshalling yard which was used for lighting but now for several telephone company radio masts; David Harris wanted the RA to take action on overgrown gardens "They let the side down" he said; Frank Kriwaczek didn't want the replacement for the Tony Mandelson memorial bench moved nearer to his house, "noisy young people gather there at all hours and leave litter," he said.

John Hewson, chairman of Fellowship thanked the RA and its membership team for collecting for the charity. "We are truly grateful," he said.

PRESENTATION TO TREASURER

Before starting on the real business of the evening, getting together over the refreshments, the chairman made a presentation, an Annie Walker picture from the Gallery, to long serving and retiring treasurer John Boulter.

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The Garden Suburb Gallery Annual Summer Exhibition

of fine arts and crafts furniture will take place in the Henrietta Barnett School Hall

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