

# Annemount School celebrates its 75th birthday



Annemount School in Holne Chase celebrates its 75th birthday this year and is busy celebrating and reflecting on its past.

The school was established in 1936 for the late Miss Jamaiker who was Head of the school until 1993 when she died at the age of ninety-three. When it was built, in thirties' architectural

style, Holne Chase was still just green fields.

Miss Jamaiker moved from Brookland Rise to the new school and lived upstairs with her cat and her brother Stanley, who gave lessons upstairs whilst the rest of the school was in action downstairs. There were children aged up to eleven who came from all over the suburb.

In the early days the children would go home at lunch time and come back in the afternoon. Former pupils remember marching round the garden every morning, singing All Things Bright and Beautiful and playing on a real wooden boat outside.

Annemount continues to be a thriving school in the suburb with a strong sense of community under the leadership of Geraldine Maidment. The school offers enormous breadth and thirty-five of the hundred pupils aged

three to seven play the violin. The children engage in chess, gym, computing, drama, dance, French, recorder as well as sports skills and swimming, which are all core to the values of the school that make up the curriculum. The school feeds all the prestigious schools around London with whom it has strong ties.

The birthday celebrations will include planting at the Heath Extension, donating a new swing to the Lyttelton Playing Fields playground and learning about the history of the suburb with the experts at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust.

The school is also compiling its own recipe book reflecting the current pupils' preferences, traditions and culture seventy-five years on.

The very active PTA is offering an arboretum to re-establish and

expand on some of the native trees lost to weather, that were planted in the early days.

The school's celebrations will culminate in a garden fete for all families on the Suburb on June 11 from 2pm-5pm, as well as a birthday party with old-fashioned party games for

all its pupils at the end of the school term.

The school has just been congratulated by Prince Charles in the spirit of his grandmother, the Queen Mother, who wrote to the school on its fiftieth birthday.

If you know anybody who was a pupil of Annemount since

it was established in 1936 the school would love to hear from them and access any relevant archive material such as letters, photographs and reports to help create a visual history. Please contact Geraldine Maidment, Head Teacher, 18 Holne Chase, London N2 0QN.



## Don't say we didn't warn you...

Many residents will by now be aware of Barnet Council's proposed increases to parking charges which are to be raised by up to 300%.

Residents living inside the Suburb's controlled parking zones will soon have to pay £100 for a first CPZ permit (an increase of 138%), £125 for a second permit (66%) and £150 for a third permit (100%). Visitor vouchers will go up from £1 to £4 (300%). Pay and display charges at Temple Fortune and elsewhere will rise by similarly large factors, in some cases due to the scrapping of shorter time bands which will require shoppers to pay larger amounts for more time than they need.

Only a local authority, impervious to the vicissitudes of the economy, could do something as ill-conceived as raising P&D charges at a time when personal finances are weak and local shops and businesses need as much help as possible.

Regarding CPZs it has long been the Roads & Traffic Committee's view that Barnet would raise permit costs once the controlled parking programme reached maturity across the borough and there was no longer any need to keep prices low to tempt new residents to join. It is one of a number of reasons why the Committee has opposed the schemes and we take little pleasure from having been proved right.

Having deployed the CPZ schemes against non-residents of the zones up until now and having extracted the last financial benefit to be had from that approach, the Council will now use the schemes against the CPZ residents themselves by charging them much more for permits, particularly for visitors. Indeed residents may wish to ponder on the principle of the Council charging householders a fee every time someone visits. Is this really legitimate territory for a local authority?

In a further spiteful act which serves no-one's interest but the Council's, the few remaining free bays inside the Golders Green and East Finchley station zones will be removed. This will militate against local users of the stations who live outside the CPZs and also

against residents of the zones whose visitors, up until now, could park in these spaces without charge.

Those residents who were essentially forced into joining CPZ extensions because of displaced parking will feel particularly hard done by as a result of the higher costs but even those CPZ residents who still consider the arrangement good value would be wise to anticipate further large increases in the years ahead. The R&T Committee has long held the view that CPZ charges would become a second Council Tax and we continue to warn of this.

It may be that here and there residents will now start to test the promises of local politicians who have said that resident wishes are paramount

where CPZ schemes are concerned. Predictably, resident wishes have been almost wholly ignored with the setting of the new charges and the removal of the free bays so if residents start to ask for their roads to leave the CPZs due to the high costs, it will be interesting to see if the Council responds as keenly as it did when they asked to join.

In the meantime it is not all bad news for users of the borough's roads. Our local councillors have refused to give up their universal parking permits and will continue to enjoy the benefits of unlimited free parking without having to worry about meters, vouchers, expiry times or traffic wardens in any of Barnet's restricted streets or controlled zones.

GARY SHAW



## Annemount Nursery & Pre-preparatory School

### Happy 75th Birthday Annemount!

Annemount is celebrating its 75th year in the suburb and would like to invite all ex-pupils to contact us with any photographs or memories of their Annemount years.

Annemount offers children a happy and stimulating foundation to learning, preparing children for entry to all the prestigious schools in north-west London. There are many extra curriculum activities including, chess, drama, French, dance, swimming, computing, violin and recorder. There is a strong emphasis on music and the arts with regular performance opportunities.

For more information, a prospectus or details about our holiday courses, visit our website [www.annemount.co.uk](http://www.annemount.co.uk) or please contact our Principal, Geraldine Maidment.

**Annemount 75th Summer Fete**  
Saturday 11th June 2pm - 5pm  
All Welcome!

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