

This is the latest volume by Suburb champion and resident Philip Davies who, with Derek Kendall's superb photography, reveals 180 London interiors in 1,700 spectacular images.

Launched at Lincoln's Inn 28 November 2012 the vast hall graces the cover, inside 448 pages peep into places public and private, quirky and grand, large and small. A circular journey around the City starts at the Elizabeth Tower and 'Big Ben' and at page 312 there is a chime at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry where the bell's template is an interior

feature. Towards the end of the journey St Jude's offers reward but Suburb personalities such as Edwin Lutyens are associated with earlier interiors. Even the familiar can be seen anew and a Sherlock Holmes inspired interior shows there is room for pure fantasy.

A helpful website, [www.londonhiddeninteriors.co.uk](http://www.londonhiddeninteriors.co.uk), offers guidance on further exploration, the public appetite is substantial. Open House, now in its 21st year, offers access to over 750 properties in London with 250,000 visitors and 7,000 volunteers. More

## London 'Hidden Interiors'

widely eleven million visit English Heritage sites each year and the National Trust boasts 3.7 million members.

The collection assembled is an entirely personal one and is commendable but alas Philip Davies does not envisage another such volume. I am not so sure. The Claude Grahame-White office at RAF Museum Hendon is an example of a newly bequeathed and worthy interior just up the road. From 'London's Living Room' atop City Hall to the fragments of enclosed spaces in the Roman amphitheatre beneath Guildhall perhaps there is room for more to be celebrated.

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## Packed meeting for Hampstead Way CPZ

The Residents Association held an Open Meeting on 4 December to discuss options to address parking problems in the Suburb. The two drivers were the request to Barnet by residents of Hampstead Way for a controlled parking zone (CPZ) from Meadway to Temple Fortune, and a response from the RA's Roads & Traffic committee to look at the Suburb as a whole, and alternative ways to address the problem. Full details of the discussion options are on [www.hgs.org.uk](http://www.hgs.org.uk), including no CPZ at all, or larger areas than Barnet surveyed, or even the de-adoption of some Suburb Roads to enable residents to control parking.

Over 90 people crowded into Fellowship House and another 20 were unable to enter. The RA presented six discussion options, expressing no preference, and Barnet's Head of Highways, Neil Richardson, spoke about their consultation process. Following the request from Hampstead Way, a questionnaire had been issued in June to its residents (north from Meadway) and adjacent streets. While Hampstead Way was almost unanimously in favour of a CPZ, the adjacent streets were fiercely divided. While it looked as if officials would recommend to Councillors, on 16 January, a formal consultation for a CPZ, it was too early to say whether the recommendation would extend to other streets. It was possible for the consultation to be cover a wider area than the core proposal, and for a CPZ to be introduced, for example, in Hampstead Way and at a later stage in other streets (a course favoured by several Hampstead Way residents).

Over three dozen residents spoke, some of the view that CPZs merely displace the problem to adjacent streets, and create revenue for Barnet, others of the view that outside commuters and shopkeepers had to be prevented from taking kerbside space from residents. The RA had seen pictorial evidence of the problem in Hampstead Way, and residents of the adjacent stretch of Meadway had emailed that even with driveways they had a problem with daytime parking that blocked their exits.

The RA had instructed traffic engineers to consider various discussion options. They could not make recommendations without a traffic & parking survey over time, but their report of factual pros/cons, and a report of the meeting, are on the website.

At the subsequent RA Council meeting, on 3 January, a motion from the Roads & Traffic committee was passed, with 11 votes in favour, four against, and four abstentions. An amending resolution calling for a strategic review was defeated by one vote. The successful motion was: "The RA Council remains opposed in principle to the extension of the Suburb CPZs as currently operated and calls upon the London Borough of Barnet to introduce a revised approach to local parking problems which better balances the needs of different groups of road users. Nonetheless, it recognises the parking problems experienced by Hampstead Way residents (and some neighbouring roads) and acknowledges that a CPZ may satisfy their immediate requirements."

## WORDSEARCH

In the box below are concealed 20 names of islands or groups of islands 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 March 15. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 voucher from Joseph's Bookstore.

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## Mill Hill Music on the Suburb

Despite its name, the Mill Hill Music Club has members over the whole of North London. It has been based in different venues throughout its history, and is now proud to have its home at the Henrietta Barnett School.

The Club was founded in 1955 by Wilfred Ransom, who was deputy manager of Barclays Bank in Swiss Cottage. He had interviewed a concert pianist who couldn't quite manage to clear his overdraft and Wilfred, being a member of Toc H, offered to stage a recital for him. The pianist paid off his overdraft and - even more importantly - the Mill Hill Music Club was founded. From this relatively modest beginning, the Club has gone on to become one of the most prestigious music clubs in London, if not in the country.

In recent years we have been privileged to hear some of the world's finest soloists and ensembles, including the Israel Piano Trio, ConTempo String Quartet, Chilingirian Quartet, Mitsuko Uchida, Tacacs String

Quartet, Artur Pizarro, Idil Biret, Emma Johnson, Yevgeny Subdin, the Jerusalem Quartet and the Aviv Quartet. The Club continues to take seriously its role in creating a springboard for new talent, and in recent years has, for example, provided a platform for the talented pianists Sunwook Kim and Ishay Shaer.

The Club has a unique role in the Suburb community, as a focal point for lovers of classical music. This love of great music is something we hope to pass on to a new generation of concert-goers, specifically through our membership of the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust, which offers free tickets for those between the ages of 8 and 25 (inclusive).

If you would like to find out more about the club, visit us at [www.millhillmusicclub.co.uk](http://www.millhillmusicclub.co.uk). The Club is always looking for new members and helpers and, if you would like to offer your services, we would be delighted to hear from you on [info@millhillmusicclub.co.uk](mailto:info@millhillmusicclub.co.uk).

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## AUTUMN WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

The London Underground stations were: Aldgate, Archway, Arsenal, Bank, Bond Street, Chalk Farm, Euston, Hammersmith, Kew Gardens, Monument, Morden, Oval, Pimlico, Pinner, Queensway, St Paul's, Temple, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wapping.

## Autumn Wordsearch winner

The wordsearch winner this time is Jennifer Hanison.

The Hanisons have lived in their present house since 1978 and have four grandchildren at Brooklands Primary School. Jennifer has attended several courses at The Institute and enjoys walking on the Heath extension.



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