

John de F Enderby 1927-2014

We are sad to report the death at 87 of Institute past principal John Enderby.

Born 11 January 1927, he had tuberculosis of the spine which meant he was flat on his back in a straight jacket for many years and was privately educated by a governess.

When mobile again he went to King's School, Canterbury. After leaving King's School he won a bursary to Wadham College, Oxford. He was the youngest undergraduate of his year, the intake being mostly recently demobbed ex-servicemen. His favourite sport was cricket, whether watching or playing. He also took up rowing.

He left Oxford with an Honours degree in Modern History and went on to become rep and Sales Manager for Marley Tiles.

He left in 1949 to become Principal of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute, which then included Henrietta Barnett School, where he stayed for 35 years. He met many well known people including WWII fighter



Bust of John Enderby

ace Douglas Bader and opera singer Leslie Garrett, to whom he was later able to say 'How nice to see you with your clothes on!' (she used to be a life model for the art classes).

It was an achievement of which he was proud that, with help mainly from volunteer helpers such as Helena Nash, when he left the Institute, eventually taking early retirement in 1984, it had a record number

of students and was in a healthy financial state.

He was an active member of Fellowship and helped found the North London Hospice. He became a Rotarian and twice received the Paul Harris medal for service and was made an honorary member of both Golders Green and, later, Shaftesbury. He was on the board of The Voluntary Service Overseas Organisation where he served for 13 years.

John was among the first to be made an Honorary Life Member of the Residents Association in 1990.

He moved to Fontmell Magna in Dorset in 1993 and joined many local organisations. He was deputy Church Warden and editor of The Gossip Tree monthly village magazine, choir member of St Andrew's Church and a governor of St Andrew's School plus being involved with the village fete and numerous other offices. He died peacefully on 10 May in Westminster Memorial Hospital in Shaftesbury.

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Kay Hurwitz MBE 1920-2014

The viola player and teacher Kay Hurwitz, who has died at the age of 94, will be remembered by musical families as the inspiration behind the Saturday Youth Music Centre (YMC), now in its 48th year and based at Bigwood House. Many leading musicians can trace their professional careers back to YMC. For over 50 years Kay was married to the violinist Emanuel Hurwitz CBE (1919-2006).

Born into a large musical but hard-up family, Kay Crome had her first violin lessons at school but had to leave at 14 to help support the family, continuing with violin studies in her spare time. During the 1940s she got to know many leading professional musicians, who encouraged her to switch to the viola because of her strong fingers. She won a bursary to study at the Royal Academy of Music and met her future husband through a cousin of his.

Kay's early professional career involved freelance work with various orchestras; then in 1958 with two friends from the RAM



she formed a music-making group for young children, meeting in her house on Saturday mornings. Word spread and it was from these modest beginnings that YMC emerged as we know it.

Kay had a magic touch in enlisting the services of fine players and teachers (including Suburb resident Wendy Max) with a flair for teaching musical skills to young pupils. Soon YMC was regularly attracting 200 children and had four orchestras, a wind ensemble

and a parents' orchestra. Out-of-town away days and summer schools also became a regular feature. In her mid-seventies Kay retired as a director of YMC but maintained close links with the centre, providing advice to teachers and help with ensembles. She was a familiar face at the desk in the entrance hall of Bigwood House.

For her notable work with young musicians Kay was made an MBE. She often organised concerts in her own and other people's houses to provide platforms for rising stars and to raise money for music scholarships and other charitable causes. Until shortly after her 94th birthday she played in the London International Orchestra, a frequent performer at Proms at St Jude's.

She had a unique and enormous enthusiasm for life, enhanced by classic good looks and unflappability—characteristics that stayed with her to the end. As was said at her funeral on 11 July, "she just made things work."

THOMAS RADICE



Croquet on the Suburb

At the end of a very wet day in July, the rain suddenly relented, allowing a group of 50 people to spend a few hours playing croquet and boules whilst sipping wine and eating canapés to raise money for the North London Hospice. There was an admirable

raffle consisting of many exciting items including a beautiful basket brimming with goodies. The amount raised was £902.50.

Many thanks to everyone for making it such a memorable and enjoyable evening for all.

KATHY BRODBECK

Suburb raises cash for Combat Stress

Many of you will have helped with, donated goods for or spent your money at last year's Winter Fair in aid of Combat Stress, the mental health charity which supports members of the armed forces.

The money kept on coming in even after the fair closed so, thanks to your exceptional generosity, the final sum raised was an amazing £4,990.40!

That is enough to keep a Community Outreach programme going for a week, no mean feat. But it also demonstrates just how much money this national charity needs to raise in order to keep its many different support programmes going throughout the year.

So last year's Winter Fair in aid of Combat Stress will be a very hard act to follow but, with your assistance and good will, we certainly intend to have a go. Assisting this particular charity

is especially worthwhile in the year that marks the centenary of the start of World War I. It is also a poignant fact that this year Combat Stress are celebrating their 95th anniversary, but sadly the need for the charity's support services is as vital now as it was in 1919.

Please put the date in your diaries (11am to 4pm, Saturday 1 November), and start collecting goodies for sale, think of the fair and keep a few pots for us when you concoct your homemade jams and other preserves or take a stall to sell your own collectibles or crafts (the stall price of £30 goes direct to Combat Stress). There will be some new things at this year's fair, so do come along to the Free Church Hall on Saturday 1st November and spend your money! Together perhaps we can raise over £5,000 this year.

MARJORIE HARRIS

Bank holiday parking tickets

The RA's Roads & Traffic Committee has written to Barnet Council to protest against parking tickets which were issued to residents' or visitors' cars parked on a yellow line in Hill Top on the morning of the May 5 bank holiday.

The short stretch of single yellow line is positioned opposite the entrance to Brookland School and is restricted between 8am and 9.30am Monday to Friday and again for a similar period around tea time. The line's sole purpose is to prohibit parking at either end of the school day when children are arriving at or leaving the premises. However the restriction plates alongside the yellow line include no qualification that the regulations do not apply on non-school days. They can therefore be enforced on such days even though there is absolutely no obstruction issue or risk to the school's pupils.

We have raised concerns with Barnet in the past about school parking restrictions which carry blanket Monday – Friday prohibitions without differentiating between term and non-term times. We have always been assured that such restrictions would be enforced 'with a light touch' on days

when the Suburb's schools are closed but it now seems this promise cannot be relied upon.

The latest cases are especially egregious because many motorists assume quite reasonably that normal weekday restrictions are not enforced on bank holidays. Barnet's actions on Bank Holiday Monday look like a particularly unpleasant piece of opportunism, particularly as we have had reports that restrictions around other Suburb schools were similarly targeted.

We have asked Barnet to cancel all school-related parking tickets issued in the Suburb on 5 May or to make refunds where fines have already been paid. We have also expressed in the strongest terms that we consider it to be an oppressive act to issue such parking tickets on non-school days and that to do so brings the Council's parking policies into disrepute. At the time of writing we continue to await Barnet's response.

This problem is not exclusive to Barnet and standard weekday parking and traffic restrictions, including bus lanes, are active on bank holidays unless otherwise indicated. Even where bank holidays are excluded from a restriction public holidays may not be.

GARY SHAW

Hearing care technology demystified

Hearing loss is a subject not often discussed, however with one in six people in the UK experiencing some form of hearing loss it is a common health-related issue. If you turn up the radio or constantly ask people to repeat

what they have said, you no longer need to suffer in silence.

Hearing care has dramatically changed recently with technology playing an important part. Hearing aids these days range from standard fittings to those

that are virtually invisible. Wireless technology has also become significant and can help you to more effectively hear the television and use the phone.

If you are affected personally or know someone who is and wants to find out more, then drop into one of the Open Days being held by Nathan Gluck's Hearing Care on 30 July and 6 August at 20 Wentworth Road, Golders Green NW11 0RP. There

will be demonstrations of a range of hearing aids and other devices as well as friendly, expert advice. Domestic visits are also possible for those less able to leave their home.

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