

HGS PLAYGROUP SUMMER FETE

On June 5th the Hampstead Garden Suburb Playgroup celebrated its Annual Summer Fête at the Free Church Hall, Northway.

A brilliant summer sky ensured a good attendance and shouts of delight were heard throughout the afternoon from the many children who ventured onto the bouncy castle, tried to hook-a-duck or splashed Playgroup teacher Sharon O'Connell with wet sponges.

This year the fête was co-sponsored by car dealers H R Owen and estate agents Hotblack Dixon & Co. With the support of the local stores, parents pass and present and the local community, the Playgroup managed to raise sufficient funds to replace some well-used nursery equipment and provide lots of new challenges for the children who attend the Playgroup.

Once again, it was the Fancy Dress Competition that was the main event. This year the winner of the 3-5 year group received a garden activity centre and the 6-10 year group a portable music centre. One of the Playgroup fathers, Roy Byrne, acted as compère interviewing fairies and monsters. Even Michael Jackson made an appearance. However, the clowns stole the show. Winner of the under five category was Anna Worrall, and in the over fives was her sister, Gemma, both in dazzling purple and gold outfits.

The Grand Raffle Prize of two travel vouchers towards a trip to



Roy Byrne, compere, interviews Jonathan Rose, age 5

the United States was donated by Bridge the World Travel located in Camden. Other prizes included a week's membership at Hammonds Health Club in Market Place, and a free session at Figurewise Toning Tables at the David Lloyd Centre. These were just the thing after spending the afternoon feasting on the magnificent buffet that could match any five star restaurant.

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Playgroup is run by a parent committee. Established in 1952, it is a non-profit making charitable organisation which helps to provide creative play and nurture social skills for the 3-5 year old children of the Suburb. The playgroup meets every morning from 9.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday at the Free Church Hall, Northway NW11. For further information contact Cornelia Schraa on 081-458 7998. CS



Beth Marriott, age 3, flies in

The Rivals

One might claim that "The Rivals" needs no introduction.

It has been one of England's most enduringly popular comedies since it was first performed in 1775. Set in fashionable Bath, where the author, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, had lived in his youth (he was still only 23 when he wrote the play), it involves two rather different pairs of lovers, deceptions and intrigues, much witty dialogue and some very entertaining characters. The names of some, for example Sir Anthony Absolute and Lydia Languish, have become well-known outside of the play, while that of Mrs Malaprop has actually entered the English language.

There will be an opportunity to see "The Rivals" in October when it will be the first production of the Garden Suburb Theatre's new season, directed by Debbie Lane.

For details please see "What's On" column.

MANOR HOUSE HOSPITAL OPERATIC SOCIETY

Singers required for an Old Time Musical to be held in the autumn and 'La Belle Helène' by Offenbach to be held next year at the Institute.

For more information contact: Eileen Huggins on 081-346 2104.

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The visit of the Bishop of Guyana (centre) with whose church St Jude's has had a long association, with some members of the congregation after a celebratory lunch

Summer in Turner Close

The place where I live is in Turner Close

Its truly the place where I love the most

The trees sway and the flowers bloom

We play on the green where there's lots of room.

When morning birds sing at the window

And wake us up at 6 o'clock

All the neighbours know

Its getting up time in Turner Close.

Sarah Lewisohn

WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Dr. Amicia Young of Southwood Court who won the Spring Wordsearch competition on British poets. Dr. Young was born in the former Northern Rhodesia where her father was a District Commissioner. She came to school in England at the age of 10 and went on to study at Imperial College. On her graduation in 1936 she began to specialise in cytology working with C.D. Darlington on chromosome structure research. She spent two years in the United States on a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship, two years in Cambridge and two years in Chile working for the British Council during World War II. After a varied career including publishing, Dr. Young administrated the British Ornithologist Union for 16 years up to her retirement.

Dr. Young moved from Central London to the Suburb in 1983. She was able to develop her interest in gardening and became active in various Suburb societies including Horticulture and United Nations. Her days of extensive travel are behind her, and she now enjoys reading and being a grandmother. Her grandchildren live close by in Finchley. She now feels happy and settled in Hampstead Garden Suburb. She has not yet selected a book with her £10 token.

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WORDSEARCH

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISLES OF SCOTLAND

Find and ring the names of fourteen islands of Scotland. The names are hidden in the box of letters and may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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L O J L K E Y E L L Q O A L
Y O U B A B F C A S Z I M N
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S T R E J I R M S I N J O U
G S I W I K E L I Y A L S I
T I E I M L E H G I K C U M
L U A S K U S J E F D I C B
U H Z D U T H B W A Z Y B S
M T E E F V D R C X U O A E
V U Y Y S Y A S A A R I R P
N O Q F K G O H L E C S R B
W S X G R S T A S I R R A H

If you are a senior citizen, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, 5th September 1993 will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.

Happy Hunting!

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St Jude-on-the-Hill Willis Organ Appeal

The Parish Church Council of St Jude-on-the-Hill is launching an Appeal for £80,000 to restore the church's Willis organ.

The church was designed by Sir Edward Lutyens and is considered by many to be his finest church. Its acoustics are superb, and complement what is a very fine organ.

The organ was built by "Father" Willis in 1889 and a significant amount of his original pipework survives in the present instrument, giving it the rich grandeur which is often associated with the English cathedral sound. The instrument was originally installed in St. Jude's, Whitechapel, but when that church was demolished earlier this century, the organ was moved to the present St Jude's in Hampstead Garden Suburb. The similarity of church names is not a coincidence.

St Jude's, Whitechapel, was the church of Canon and Dame Henrietta Barnett. Dame Henrietta was the guiding light and source of inspiration for the creation and building of the Suburb. The new church by Lutyens was named after the Whitechapel church and the organ, as well as being the link between the two churches, is now the only remaining part of St Jude's, Whitechapel, from where the Suburb was founded.

Although the pipework is generally in good condition, the action and electrical systems are in a poor state and long overdue for a complete overhaul. The Committee has been quoted a figure of nearly £80,000 for the work and is seeking to raise the money in an Appeal being launched soon.

If you wish to help the Appeal or to make a donation, please contact the vicar, Father Jeremy Bunting, at The Vicarage, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 (081 455 7206) or the organist, Andrew McCrea, at 64 Pilgrim's Lane, NW3 (071 794 3457) for further information.

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