



(Left) The staff of Meadway gather for a photo call along with some of the children, from the left, Angela Price, Margaret Pounds, Gill Effingham, Nusrat Husain, Joan Rees Phillips, Belinda Otuka and, seated, Kathy Jennings. Missing are Sue Smith and Honor Orme. (Right) Everyone enjoyed the picnic.

## Meadway says farewell

It was a fine summer's day on 19 July and the children were in good voice for the last end-of-term concert at Meadway Pre-

School. The concert was a great success, but this happy occasion was tinged with sadness as Meadway was closing after a

long association with the Suburb and local area. However, the parents were not going to let the occasion go unmarked. They had organised a splendid picnic lunch for everyone, which was very much enjoyed, and were most generous in their praise and thanks to the staff.

The staff have indeed been the invaluable backbone of the Pre-School ever since its inception in 1954 in a house in Meadway, and have shown great devotion and loyalty throughout its existence. In its early days it was known as Meadway Nursery School, and from Meadway Court it gradually expanded to The Friends' Meeting House and finally to St Jude's Church Rooms.

It was registered as a Charity in 1967 and has been administered by a Board of Trustees drawn from both the local community and those already associated with the School, and by Honorary Officers who were always current or past parents. Over the years they have succeeded in maintaining a happy and secure play and learning environment for 3- to 5- year-olds in the heart of the Suburb.

The 1989 Children's Act started the ball rolling towards greater accountability and higher standards in national pre-school provision. The staff rose to the challenge and we had consistently good reports from both Barnet and latterly also from OFSTED.

However, recent changes in parents' working patterns have resulted in a greater need for full-time care for children from an early age. Thus, in common with many other pre-schools throughout the country operating on a part-time basis and in non-purpose-built accommodation, we experienced a drop in the demand for the type of service we were able to offer. Sadly these circumstances have resulted in the loss of what we like to feel was a valuable community asset.

The current trustees will be hanging up their hats shortly but

would like to extend their thanks to all who have made it possible for Meadway to operate so successfully, especially all past staff, trustees and parents. And of course the children, many of whom are now well into adulthood and have their own families; we wish them every success in this changing world and trust that we helped to give them a good start in life and that they will look back on their time at Meadway with affection. Farewell.

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## Wordsearch continues

Lady Cox has agreed to take over as compiler of our wordsearch following the loss of her friend Sheila McMichael. As editor I am very glad that we are able to continue with this popular puzzle that has been running in Suburb News without a break since 1987.

The winner of a £20 book token for the Summer wordsearch was Angela Croft of Denman Drive whose correct answer was drawn from among a strong entry including some who in addition found Reed, Brown and even Q! RICHARD WAKEFIELD

## WORDSEARCH

LANGUAGES, NOT NECESSARILY EUROPEAN

In the box below are concealed the names of twenty languages (not all European). Their names may be read forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonally. LATIN has been ringed to start you off. Can you find the names of 19 more?

Entries should be listed on a postcard or a sheet of paper. They should be sent to 'Wordsearch', 117 Hampstead Way, London NW11 7JN, and should give the name, address and telephone number of the sender. The closing date for entries is 10 December. The sender of the first correct (or nearest correct) entry drawn after the closing date will receive a book token for £20.

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ROSALEEN COX

## WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

The British poets writing before 1930 in the box of the last wordsearch were: Chaucer, Spenser, Donne, Herrick, Pope, Tennyson, Gray, Milton, Coleridge, Shelley, Browning, Byron, Blake, Arnold, Kipling, Burns, Owen, Brooke, Rossetti.



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