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RA Committee
chairman,
Steve Morris
ties the knot,
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Residents Association AGM

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association AGM will take place on Monday 26 March 2007 at 8pm in the Henrietta Barnett School hall, Central Square. The notice and report and accounts are included with this issue. All members are invited to attend, ask questions and stay for a discussion and to meet Council members and other residents over refreshments afterwards.



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Institute's new Arts centre open

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute's new Arts Centre building, on the edge of the Suburb by East Finchley station, is open and ready for business.

It will be officially opened at a February ceremony which will also be the launch of an ambitious fund raising scheme designed to re-endow the college which has spent its remaining reserves on the five million pound Arts Centre. Meanwhile classes have started in the brand new building, designed by Rivington Street Studios, that provides roomy light studios which cater for all the visual arts and music.

Principal Fay Naylor said, "In the new building, the Art and Creative Studies Department will have the ideal opportunity to develop its curriculum further to meet the needs of students and consolidate its provision as a major

arts provider to adults in London. The building was built entirely from the Institute's own resources without the aid of government grants and we consider it essential that courses there should be accessible to people of all income levels in accordance with the Institute's charitable mission and the wishes of our founder.

The Institute is therefore proud to launch an ongoing fundraising campaign which will start in January 2007 and be managed by our own fundraisers, supported by a group including trustees, staff and students.

The campaign will involve staff, students and the many thousands of its alumni and lead up to the Institute's centenary in 2009. It will include a variety of events and initiatives.

The fundraising campaign is in accordance with the spirit and



A Suburb view photograph by RA Chairman David B. Lewis is runner up in a competition by the London Assembly to find a view that should be protected in London. Tony Arbour, Chairman of the Assembly's Planning Committee said, "Our judges said that the photograph 'Hampstead Heath Extension' gives life to Dr Johnson's oft used observation that 'London is a series of villages' by showing an almost rural view of north London that would be familiar to Victorian Londoners." David B. Lewis said, "I do hope that the authorities will protect this view and prevent any high rise development in the green belt which could damage it. I shall be donating my £100 prize to the Residents Association to use in our campaign to reduce street clutter in the Suburb."

practice of Henrietta Barnett who set up and ran the Institute from voluntary donations and fees from students. This produced a student body of rich and poor pursuing common interests together and we are delighted to say that we have succeeded in preserving that spirit."



Following in one of the Suburb's oldest traditions a new pageant has been written specially for the Suburb's centenary by resident Ian Davidson. Ian has written for the Two Ronnies and Dame Edna Everage among many others. The script raises a good many laughs and "is full of marching and children waving banners and some great rollicking songs," says Ian. The Pageant cast will be in procession from Central Square to Little Wood where they will perform matinees and in the evenings in June. Seen here are some of the children auditioning in January.

Lived 60 years on the Suburb?

As a part of their major contribution towards Suburb Centenary events, Fellowship has kindly offered to host a special celebratory lunch, exclusively for those residents who have lived on the Suburb for 60 years or more. This function will be held at Fellowship House on Saturday 6th October 2007 – a vegetarian option is available. All those who qualify will be entitled to bring a partner – although the partner does not necessarily have

to have lived here for 60 years. Transport will be provided for anyone who is either housebound or less mobile.

Henrietta Barnett School has kindly agreed to present some musical entertainment afterwards and to assist at the lunch.

As no accurate information is available on the number of residents eligible, and Fellowship House can only seat around 50, could you advise Fellowship if

you would like to attend and also indicate when you were born here or the approximate date you moved to the Suburb.

As the numbers wishing to attend may possibly exceed the places available, a ballot may be necessary. So kindly send your application in writing by the 28th February at the latest, indicating if you will be accompanied, to Fellowship Centenary Lunch, c/o 58 Southway, London NW11 6SA.

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Fund raising a credit to community

The HGS Centenary Appeal has got off to a tremendous start with £22,000 already collected from Suburb residents. Thanks to these donors' generosity, the Residents Association and 25 other Suburb organisations are able to implement an ambitious programme of events for the Centenary year.

Donations came as a response to personally addressed letters and a leaflet listing enjoyable and informative days-out including a Grand Opening Ceremony on Wednesday 2 May with maypole dancing on Willifield Green, a Big Birthday Party and picnic on Sunday 17 June on Central Square, four days of Pageants and the

unveiling of a plaque at the past home of former Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

The appeal is also aimed at collecting money to finance permanent improvements to the Suburb such as removing ugly signs and unnecessary street furniture which have become an eyesore to the area. Plans also include restoring the landscape of Central Square which has been badly neglected in recent years.

Along with the cheques came notes wishing the organisers good luck and thanking them for their efforts. One donor recalled that one of her friends was a neighbour of Elizabeth Taylor's

parents in Wildwood Road. Her friend's home at 6 Wildwood Road became the London headquarters of Charles de Gaulle and the Free French during World War II.

Other residents sent notes saying: "I have lived on the Suburb since 1972 and it has been a great pleasure"; "Good luck – we look forward to the celebrations"; "We have been in the same house for 50 years"; "Great idea – good luck"; "I have lived and worked on the Suburb for 40 years"; "I remember Princess Margaret's visit and all the 50th anniversary celebrations. 50 years on, I look forward to the 100th celebrations."

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