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“Crickey, what am I going to do with this,” reminisces Veronica Clein, page 11

“How lucky we are to live here,” says English Heritage director Philip Davies, page 9



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Institute sells the Tea House

The Tea House in Northway has been sold by the Institute to a private buyer who, it is believed, intends turning it into a private house. David BLewis, RA chairman said, “It is unfortunate that the Institute has sold the Tea House without giving the community the chance of keeping it in use for the community. It is a pretty poor show. We could have launched an

appeal to raise the money. I’m sure the Institute knew that we would like it restored to the community—it seems extraordinary that they should sell privately.”

The Institute’s most recent set of accounts once again show a deficit of over £15 million on continuing operations. Therefore the Tea House sale, at £750,000, will be welcome.

The Grade II listed building was designed by J C S Soutar and built in 1919. A lease was granted to the Institute by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust in 1952 which stipulates use for educational purposes or ‘for high class catering’.

The idea that it might one day be used again as a facility for Suburb residents has long been a dream that seems now to be even further away.



Residents Association’s New Year’s Eve party triumphs again as crowds enjoy St Jude’s and the fireworks

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“I told him we were married on the day he was born.” How Bertha Obayon from Hill Rise found herself next to Prince Charles. See p3

John Marshall continues his mayoral year handing out cups to Horticultural Society winners See p2



Michael Rowley event

Plans are being laid for the second Suburb event in memory of Michael Rowley. A stimulating afternoon is planned which, among others, will include the participation of

Philip Davies, English Heritage and Dr Vera Goldsworthy from the Kingston University Centre for Suburban Studies. Convened by Alan Walker and organised by

the RA’s events committee it is expected that the success of last year’s event will be surpassed. May 9 is the likely date, entry free. Tea will be served.

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Suburb phone boxes

The RA council was concerned to hear this month that BT had been making noises about wishing to remove the six K6 phone boxes in the Garden Suburb. They are, of course, listed, so it would be illegal to remove them without obtaining listed building consent. However it soon transpired, in a reassuring message from Philip Davies of English Heritage that there is “No cause for alarm. I have been

negotiating a national strategy with BT. As part of their national service agreement they have made a public commitment to retain all listed red kiosks in operational use. That covers all the Suburb.

“English Heritages’s view is that all the red boxes on the Suburb should certainly be preserved. They are an important part of the historic environment of the area.”



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Residents Association AGM

The 97th Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Monday March 30 2009 at 8pm in The Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square, NW11.

Motions for the agenda must be received by 20 February 2009.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of the Council are invited. They should be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees.

These must be received by 20 March 2009.

Please send notices of motions and nominations to:
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