



Jean Dyson, kneeling left, alongside David McCallum, left, in a 1950s Revue

Jean Dyson 1914-2009

A life long Suburb resident, Jean Dyson was born in Asmunds Hill where her parents, her father was a bank clerk in Hampstead, had moved into one of the first cottages to be built. The three bedroom cottage had no electricity when her parents first moved there, and had an outside toilet. She remembered the luxury of having a fire in the

bedroom whenever she was ill. She and her sister Molly both attended what is now Henrietta Barnett School and Jean became school secretary and eventually chairman of governors.

Jean met her husband to be Jimmy Dyson at one of the Suburb dramatic societies, they married at the Friends Meeting House and moved to a new house

at the top of Hutchings Walk in 1937. It had a very large garden, and cost less than £1000. Jimmy was a keen gardener. She lived there until she was over 90 and was pleased it was chosen as an unspoilt '30s example for a Poirot episode.

She was the star of innumerable plays, a champion tennis player, there was a Quaker tennis club



Jean enjoying her 90th birthday

where Bigwood House is now, a redoubtable chair of HB School governors. For many years as an active representative of the Society of Friends she served on the Fellowship Committee and became its chairman.

A Life Member of the Residents Association, she is much missed on the Suburb.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

Arnold Elliott 1921-2009

Arnold Elliott, who has died aged 88, came to the Suburb after retirement from a long and distinguished career in medicine. He delayed his retirement from practice in Essex until the last possible moment, continuing to serve local and national NHS bodies until well into his seventies. He was appointed the OBE in 1997 for his services to primary care.

Arnold answered a call in Suburb News for volunteers for the RA Council. He was co-opted and elected in 1999 and was a valued member with forthright views until 2006. His background was particularly useful when it came to writing letters from the chairman to Barnet Healthcare and the hospitals on matters of Suburb concern.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

Roy Budden 1914-2009

Roy Budden studied at the Guildhall School of Music, where he obtained with merit the Licentiate Diploma in Conducting. Over the years he has been the regular conductor of many and varied musical groups, including full symphony orchestras, string orchestras, choirs, grand and light opera companies, wind ensembles, etc. In 1948 he re-established the Crowndale Orchestra, originally founded during the 1920s at the Working Men's College, Crowndale Road, Camden Town; it moved to Hampstead Garden Suburb, where it became an Institute course, in 1979.

Roy Budden also founded the Capriol Orchestra of London, a professional group of which he was principal conductor from

1949 to 1991, when the orchestra disbanded. In 1996 he was awarded an honorary fellowship by the Cambridge Society of Musicians "in recognition of meritorious services to the profession and practice of music".

One of the lynchpins of Roy's musical life was the Youth Music Centre in Hampstead Garden Suburb, the Saturday morning school set up in 1967 by Kay Hurwitz, Bernd Wynyard, Joyce Riddell and Roy Budden to provide musical, and particularly orchestral, opportunities for children of all abilities.

Many of today's finest orchestral musicians, particularly string players, were graduates of the Youth Music Centre.

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Robert Max will conduct the Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra on the Opening Night of the Proms 2010

Proms 2010 set to exceed usual high standard

Initial indications are that the programme for this year's Proms at St Jude's will exceed in quality and variety those of previous years. The festival, now in its eighteenth year, runs from Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 June.

The star line-up includes celebrated bass Sir Willard White, with his highly-acclaimed concert entitled 'Paul Robeson Re-explored'. He is one of several newcomers in a line-up which also includes established favourites such as pianist John Lill (a Proms patron) and the Endellion String Quartet.

As in previous years there will be the popular opening and closing concerts, to be given by the Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra and South Bank Sinfonia respectively. There is a newcomer for the jazz evening, singer Clare Teal, who has twice been British Jazz Vocalist of the Year.

Free lunchtime concerts will again be given by up-and-coming artists who are likely to be the stars of tomorrow. An innovation this year is an evening concert of

film music, to be given by the BBC Elstree Concert Band.

The final programme for the festival, which raises much-needed funds for Toynbee Hall (75%) and North London Hospice (25%), will be published in March. Leaflets will be delivered door-to-door in the Suburb, with full details on the Proms website, www.promsatstjudes.org.uk.

Meanwhile you are invited to become a Friend of Proms for 2010, so that you can enjoy priority booking. If you were a Friend in 2009 you will receive a letter in February inviting you to rejoin. If you have not been a Friend and would like to know more, including the different categories of membership, please email friendspjsj@googlemail.com or phone 020 8455 1025.

Gold and Silver Friends will be invited to a reception and recital at Henrietta Barnett School in the evening of Sunday 14 March. The recital will be given by the Aspidistra Drawing Room Orchestra.

DAVID HARRIS

RA seeks to minimise risk

For some time the Council of the Residents Association has been discussing its potential exposure as an unincorporated voluntary association with potentially unlimited liability, to risks associated with operating in an increasingly litigious society.

In order for there to be no risk, the RA would have to conduct no activities! Not a good idea, but even proper insurance cover and meeting current legislative requirements for risk assessments in association with our activities, may still not be enough, so the Council has agreed in principle to making plans to go down the route of becoming a company limited by guarantee. More details of what is

involved will be provided at the 2010 AGM on Monday 22 March, when we shall ask the members present to agree in principle to the change. The Council's current Constitution will need to be replaced by Articles of Association in the new form required since 1 October 2009. Our intention is to stay within the spirit of the current constitution as far as possible, but meeting the new legal requirements will inevitably result in a longer document with a more formal tone.

The final acceptance of the changes will require a Special General Meeting which is likely to be called some time in the late spring or early summer.

JANET ELLIOTT

20 years with Abbeyfield

After 20 years of voluntary service with Abbeyfield, Norma Milner resigned as Chairman of its House Committee before Christmas. She had joined the Committee shortly after returning from a three year stay in America and became Chairman in 1995.

Abbeyfield House, which provides supported sheltered housing for 11 older people in Homesfield, Erskine Hill, has seen many changes in the period of Norma's involvement including two major projects to modernise and improve the accommodation for the residents.

However, there has been one constant factor in that Queenie Valentine, now 91, has remained a resident throughout, changing rooms as developments went on around her!

An opportunity for residents, staff and other volunteers to mark Norma's departure came during an evening of carols in December when she was overwhelmed by the warmth of the thanks for her long and

dedicated service and the presents she was given.

Michael Milner continues the family connection with Abbeyfield in the Suburb by chairing a Committee of Friends who will take over some of the roles of the House Committee and ensure that residents are helped to stay as engaged as they wish with the life of the community. On a wider front, he is Deputy Chairman of Abbeyfield International which provides support to the Abbeyfield Societies in 12 countries outside the UK. It is remarkable that the Abbeyfield model of housing and care for older people, pioneered in London in 1956, has been successfully adapted to so many nationalities and cultures spreading across Australasia and Japan to North America and Mexico, South Africa and several countries of the European Union. Meanwhile, the Suburb house continues to be home for its residents who want to live on the Suburb but who no longer wish or are able to live alone.

Beethoven's Eroica

An unusual insight into Beethoven's Eroica Symphony can be gleaned from this presentation given by Alan Cohen. It is primarily an opportunity to experience the Eroica Symphony in both sound

and vision. In so doing it explores the relationship between Music and the Visual Arts.

It takes place at 8pm Monday 1 February in the Landy Gallery at the HGS Synagogue, Norrice Lea.

Orchard Centenary

A very brief report from Betty Law on an event last Autumn.

"The Orchard was opened on 6 October 1909. As a centenary celebration, Chris Parry, assisted by John Boulter chairman of the Orchard Housing Association

and Vicki Chalmers for the Tenants Association, planted a buddleia in the Orchard garden.

Tenants of the Orchard and their friends viewed the planting, which was directed by secretary Ken Young."

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Management Charge for the financial year 2008-2009

Freeholders are hereby notified that under section 7(d)(iii) of the Scheme of Management for the Suburb, a Surveyor was appointed on 9 December 2009, to determine the amount of the charge for 2008-2009. The Surveyor is Mr Eamonn Malone BSc Dip Arb FRICS FCI Arb MAPM of Devonshire Partnership Limited, Estilo, 7 Wenlock Road, London N1 7SL.

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