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## Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute appoints Joy Solomon as new Principal



She arrives at a time when the Institute has successfully settled in to its new campus on the edge of the Suburb in East Finchley, a purpose built Arts Centre goes into its second year of operation and student numbers have increased since the move from Central Square. It is also a time when the government has withdrawn funding from many areas of adult education, nationally some one and a half million places have been lost, and the Institute has been losing money for years. "There is no doubt that the present situation is a challenge – one for which I feel my experience is directly relevant." Joy has joined from Amersham and Wycombe College where she was Director of Planning and responsible, among other things, for generating diversified income strands and new business for the College.

"The Institute has provided quality adult education for decades and we have much to be proud of with OFSTED recently endorsing the Institute's provision as 'Good'. We can build on this recognition as we enter our 100th year. I want to maintain the breadth of courses we offer and diversify activities to make even better use of the amazing facilities we have here," she says.

Joy describes adult education as her first love – "it is my head and my heart." She attributes this feeling to the example set by her father, who had to leave school at 14 when his own father died. "Yet he became a well-educated man, spending all his spare time studying, attending numerous part-time adult education courses in colleges and university" she says. Encouraged by her father, Joy developed an avid taste for books, reading six library books a week from a very young age.

"I hope I can be a good fifth Principal of the Institute in the footsteps of Henrietta Barnett and, with her vision, to grow and develop new and better arrangements for the people of the Suburb and more extensively for north Londoners" she said on her appointment

### Au Revoir Fay

Affectionate tributes were paid to Fay Naylor who retired at the end of August after nearly 18 years at the helm. Chairman Malcolm Davis said "Fay has been unflagging in her fight to save the Institute and an inspiration to students and colleagues." Vice Principal Richard Bradbury, in a heartfelt address at Fay's farewell party said, he had enjoyed "a wonderful working relationship" and that, "when, at some future date a new history of the Institute is written, it is to be hoped that she will occupy a place of honour alongside other distinguished figures such as Harold Lacey and John Enderby."

RICHARD WAKEFIELD



Suburb councillor John Marshall's year as the Worshipful the Mayor of Barnet started with a civic service, held in St Jude's where the vicar, Rev Alan Walker, is the Mayor's chaplain for the year. Here the mayor and mayoress, Rosie Daniels, follow the mace bearers at the end of a colourful procession of civic dignitaries crossing Central Square from Henrietta Barnett School.

## New build for Henrietta Barnett

As Suburb News goes to print, we await with interest the results of a planning application submitted by The Henrietta Barnett School to remove the 'temporary' huts (which have been there for over 30 years) and replace them with a low building either side, to provide improved accommodation for performing arts, maths and ITC.

At the same time, the plan is to remove the hump of soil behind the main school building, which is subsiding and gradually slipping down the hill to Bigwood, and flatten and improve the landscape between Northway

and Southway, mirroring the symmetry in Central Square.

Also the interior of the Queen Mary Wing will be refurbished to provide eight modern science labs, replacing the six very old fashioned labs that have not been updated for at least 40 years.

Head Teacher Oliver Blond says, "Although there have been many projects over the years, this is the first time that the school has submitted a planning application. We are very excited at the prospect of being able to provide our pupils with contemporary learning facilities within the

framework of our delightful listed building. The designs will reflect the original building in terms of materials, colours, pitch of roof etc. They will not be a disrespectful Lutyens 'pastiche' but a homage to the existing building with the benefit of modern materials.

"We are very grateful to the HGS Trust, CONSAM and the London Borough of Barnet, together with the Lutyens Society, the Victorian Society, English Heritage and many others for their help and support throughout this project." (See page 6)

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DAVID B LEWIS

## Horticultural Society centenary quest

The society will celebrate its 100th birthday next year. We are looking for our longest continuously-serving member. Is it you, or do you know who it might be? If so, please contact Ruta Teteris (8455

9944; hgs@hortsoc.co.uk) and tell her which year you first joined.

Do you have any interesting Horticultural Society artefacts or memorabilia going back towards our foundation in 1909? If so,

please contact Marjorie Harris (8455 6507; hgs@hortsoc.co.uk).

We will be mounting an exhibition of all the memorabilia we have been able to gather at our Spring Show next year.