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# News and Views

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## EDITORIAL

IF Woodside Park is only a speck on the map it does not necessarily follow that it is a quiet peaceful neighbourhood when it comes to traffic. At September's Annual Meeting the Mill Hill Ward Councillors were present to hear members speak of the dangerous conditions at Sussex Ring.

Although the Committee is fully aware of the traffic situation at this point and the growing density of traffic, it was a little surprised to hear that there had, in fact, been several accidents during recent months. In a recent issue of this journal residents were asked to notify the Secretary of any accidents in order that the Association may have some evidence to support its representations. None has been reported, but a resident living on the spot declares he is frequently 'sweeping up glass.'

Is Sussex Ring a traffic 'black spot'? The answer, fortunately, must be 'No'; but the Committee consider it its duty to take all possible precautions to ensure that it does not become one. What can be done? Quite frankly very little that has not been tried already. The increase in traffic in Lullington Garth has been ten-fold in as many years and now, to add to this, there is a new stream of traffic seeping into the east-west flow, from Totteridge via Chanctonbury Way. It would appear that the more concentrated attack at any particular time would win the battle of Sussex Ring. On occasions the invasion from the north temporarily halts the east-west flow.

In recent years there have been endless suggestions on road safety put to the Committee and passed on to the Police and the Ministry of Transport but a good many of these are frankly impracticable and many others are open to valid technical objections. Although one could not envisage a smaller shopping centre than ours it has all the problems, in proportion, of Tally Ho! corner. We feel that no resident wants to see the chaotic traffic conditions of North Finchley reproduced in Woodside Park.

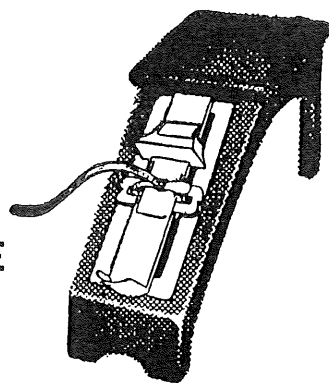
Fortunately, for pedestrians in particular, the periods of extreme traffic density are short, except perhaps on Saturdays, but nevertheless the Committee has asked the Town Clerk to arrange a meeting

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## Annual General Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Thursday, 17th September, at Frith Manor School Hall. The meeting this year was preceded by a talk on transport facilities in London by a spokesman from the London Transport Board who was asked by the Association to answer members' complaints and suggestions. The Board's reply to questions not answered at the meeting appears on page 13.

In his report of the Committee's work during the past twelve months the Chairman, Mr. H. M. Pike, pointed out to members that the period had been somewhat dominated by the advent of the London Borough of Barnet. The full impact of a new local authority was yet to be felt but the running-in period from April of this year to April next was giving ratepayers a trailer of events to come. The Chairman expressed pleasure at the wealth of knowledge and experience there was in the elected Councillors to the Barnet Borough Council and, in addition, in the Chief Officers appointed, full details of whom were published in the last issue of News and Views.

Mr. Pike considered it appropriate at this meeting to pay tribute to the Councillors and Chief Officers of Hendon Borough Council who for some 27 years had given regular and willing co-operation to the Association on the scores of matters raised with them. He looked forward to a similar state of liaison with the new Council. He pointed out, however, that the understanding and respect which each held for the other did not always reflect perfect agreement and did not preclude some criticism of Council work. This was illustrated by the Chairman when he told the meeting that the Committee had to press very hard for a general 'spring clean' of the estate earlier this year. However, almost everything asked for was ultimately granted particularly the replacement of derelict and unserviceable street nameplates; the new plates had been sited in more suitable places nearer to road junctions. He expressed some surprise at the Council's continual plea of staff shortages when there were frequent instances of mis-direction of labour on the estate.

Mr. Pike next referred to road safety. He did so with some hesitancy as there were very mixed views on the needs of road safety and, indeed, on the dangers involved. He had discussed the crossing of children outside the school with Miss Folkes, the Headmistress, who agreed that the obvious dangers could be considerably lessened if parents setting down and picking up children by car took just that little extra care when doing so. The number of children crossing Lullington Garth outside the school was insufficient, according to the Police, to justify any supervision or, as had been suggested to the Association and to the Parent Teachers' Association, a tunnel under the roadway.

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Brief mention was then made of the inauguration of the Federation of Ratepayers' Associations in the London Borough of Barnet (known as FORAB). The eleven Associations in the Borough No. 30 had linked into one Federation to which Woodside Park had become affiliated. The Chairman explained to members that the Association attempted to tackle every problem with which it was faced but on occasions there were certain items which would virtually amount to telling residents what to do and what not to do in their own homes and gardens. This, he emphasised, was not within the limits of the Association's duties. Examples of this were the frequent calls on Committee members complaining about bonfires, transistor radios in gardens and indiscriminate parking in some of the turnings off Lullington Garth.

There were several matters outstanding before the Committee of which the Chairman referred to the following: the re-surfacing of that section of the footpath in Brookside Walk between Southover and Lullington Garth, the expense involved in setting up administrative offices for the new Council, and also the age-old plea for a public library. The latter, it was explained, had been re-opened as it was felt that this much-needed facility might possibly be provided by the new Council. Later in the meeting it was apparent from members' questions and comments that a public library in Woodside Park was still needed. The fact that land adjoining the school had been earmarked for such a building when the estate was built was still fresh in the minds of many senior residents. The ideal site for a library was something which provoked much discussion but as the Barnet Council's views on this were yet to be made known the question of a site was something which could be more fully discussed as and when the time arose.

Before the election of the Officers and Committee Members, the Chairman thanked the retiring Committee for their work during the year and paid particular reference to his Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. N. Campbell for his work and support. Regret was expressed by the Chairman that Mr. Campbell was unable to seek re-election owing to pressure of business. Councillor Mrs. C. Thubrun was unable to be present and had sent her apologies. The other two ward representatives, Councillors A. P. Fletcher and T. C. Stewart were welcomed and thanked for their ready co-operation with the Committee throughout the year. The elected Officers and Committee are listed on the inside of the front cover of this magazine.

Mr. N. W. Bradstreet, the Treasurer, explained to the meeting that although the financial state of the Association was healthy some difficulty had been experienced in the collection of members' subscriptions and he hoped that those outstanding for the year ending 31st August could be collected during the next few weeks. The financial report was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

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For the year ended 31st August, 1964

## EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Printing, Stationery and Postage .....	10	14	11
Subscriptions and Donations .....	10	1	0
Christmas Tree Expenses .....	7	0	0
Amount written off Christmas Tree Lights .....	4	15	0
Hendon Civic Dinner .....	5	5	0
General Expenses .....	11	6	0
<b>"News and Views"</b>	49	1	11
Printing .....	162	2	0
Stationery, Postage & Telephone .....	3	5	11
	165	7	11
	£214	9	10

## INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions .....	60	15	0
Less: Collectors' Commission .....	12	2	11
Advertisements in "News and Views" .....	48	12	1
Excess of Expenditure over Income .....	155	6	8
	10	11	1

# BALANCE SHEET As at 31st August, 1964

## LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.
Advertisements paid in Advance .....	12	12	6
Surplus at 1st September, 1963 .....	86	8	0
<b>Deduct:</b> Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31 August, 1964 .....	10	11	1
	75	16	11
	£88	9	5

(Signed) N. W. BRADSTREET  
(Hon. Treasurer)  
9th September, 1964.

## ASSETS

	£	s.	d.
Christmas Tree Lights at Cost .....	21	12	7
Less: Amount written off .....	9	12	7
<b>Balance at Bank</b>	12	0	0
General Account .....	41	8	1
Magazine Account .....	28	18	2
Cash in Hand .....	70	6	3
Payment in Advance .....	1	6	3
Amount due from Advertiser .....	4	7	6
	£88	9	5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet at 31st August 1964, and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date with the books and vouchers of the Association and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

(Signed) A. F. LEWIS W. E. ROBINSON  
(Hon. Auditors)

11th September, 1964.

## A New Branch Library Proposal

AT the top of Lullington Garth, between the last house and Frith Manor School playing fields, there is a field bounded by a hedge-row and trees and used for exercising horses. This site was reserved many years ago for a possible future Library.

We have had the travelling library van calling at Sussex Ring on Tuesdays and Saturdays since 1947. There are two vans and they call at twelve sites and of all the sites, ours, called Frith Manor, issues each year the greatest number of books, 57,223 last year, compared with Temple Fortune, 42,348, Hampstead Garden Suburb, 37,493 and Colindale, 32,314. The other sites are Brent, Clitterhouse, Courtland Avenue, Edgware (Broadfields), Elstree, Mill Hill East and West Hendon (The Hyde), all below 30,000.

Some Woodside Park residents use other Libraries but the record of numbers has been discontinued since 1959 when it was noticed that 679 Hendon people used Finchley libraries and almost exactly the same number of Finchley residents used Hendon Libraries. The records were kept primarily as a basis for one Borough charging the other for services. Of the 679, 201 residents used North Finchley Library. On the average each person borrows 27 books a year. If, therefore, Woodside Park had a permanent branch library, the annual number of issues could well be 62,650 on the assumption that the 201 residents would then prefer to make use of it rather than go to North Finchley. On the other side of the picture, some 200 Finchley residents living nearer Woodside Park could be expected to register with the new Woodside Park Library, bringing the total to about 68,000. It is believed that a staff of three would be necessary as each assistant librarian issues an average of 25,445 books per year, excluding gramophone records.

The number of books required would be about two per head of the population, or 136,000, involving 17,000 feet of shelves. Shelves are usually in tiers of seven, bringing the actual floor space run to 2,430 feet, which would include a reference library, Childrens' Room, to which would have to be added a Staff Room, a Stack Room for books stocked but not on view, a Newspaper and Periodical Room, a Filing Room, Librarian's Room, a Mess Room and small Kitchen and Lavatories for both sexes for the public and the staff, with a separate Lavatory for children. All this together with heating plant and fuel storage makes a sizable building without taking into account a Lecture Room and Study Rooms.

Is the Lullington Garth site the best site? It is at one end of the

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A NEW BRANCH LIBRARY PROPOSAL—Continued from page 8

Estate away from the Shops and people do like to shop and go to the Library in one visit. On the other hand it would not be subject to the possible flooding likely if it were sited in Riverside Walk. Clearly it should be reasonably near a road to allow for easy access for delivery of books and fuel and at the same time the Police no doubt would be happier if a car park were provided. This would enable people to call at the Library on their way from Finchley shopping by car and would tend to lessen the number of cars parked on a Saturday at the Shops in Sussex Ring. The space available near the bridge over the Dollis Brook at the foot of Lullington Garth is, however, rather narrow for a building of the size necessary and although the land widens as it is further from Lullington Garth, the access road should be kept fairly short.

Another site possible would be the land in Southover opposite the Woodside Park Club. This seems to have the depth necessary for a broad treatment and if carefully handled, a building could be designed to be useful and attractive in such a setting. As both Finchley and Hendon will be in the Borough of Barnet from next April, readers can be expected to come from Longlands Drive, Laurel Way and all the recently erected houses in the adjacent area. In fact the Library size could be doubled to serve 176,000 issues without being over lavish.

A car park at this position would also be extremely valuable during the summer for the visitors to the cricket ground behind and would clear Southover of the very large number of vehicles parked there on summer weekends.

A public lavatory as part of the Library building, would not, in this position, be so accessible to van drivers delivering goods to the shops but it seems unlikely that a public convenience only, sited in Riverside Walk off Lullington Garth, would find favour with local residents. From the safety point of view it is precisely the point where you do not want vans to stop — it is a difficult enough bend as it is with cars two abreast racing each other down the Garth and the resident of Brook Cottage trying to back out on one side and the owner of the house opposite trying to do the same.

These, however, are the views of one member of the Magazine Committee, but if you have decided views as to where the New Library should go, a letter to the Secretary will be welcomed and we could then see what the general feeling is and make it known to the Borough Librarian and the Libraries and Arts Committee.

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### **New Timetable for Bus Route 125**

**A**T the time of going to press it is understood that the introduction of the winter schedules has been delayed. However, it is known that some alterations are contemplated and members are advised to check the new times when displayed at the bus stops.

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Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to the points my Assistant, Mr. Winton, was asked to look into following his general talk about London Transport at your Annual General Meeting on 17th September.

With regard to bus route 125, the scheduled service between North Finchley and Golders Green is sufficient to meet the passenger demand and we cannot avoid the conclusion that the cost of extending the Southgate-North Finchley buses to Woodside Park would not be justified. I would mention, however, that part of the service is started from Woodside Park on Saturdays to cater for shoppers.

Local officials have been advised of the complaint about buses running early from North Finchley to Golders Green and some special attention will be given to this matter.

An investigation has been made into the running of route 125 on the evenings of 15th and 16th September concerning the complaint of gaps in the service from about 19.06 to 21.00 hours at North Finchley towards Golders Green. This has revealed that on 15th September there was a bus at 19.28 hours, but unfortunately, this was followed by a break in service from North Finchley, Tally Ho!, until 21.27 hours because of staff shortage. Nevertheless, it was possible for one bus to be brought back into service at 20.28 hours at Nether Street after having been out of service owing to staff difficulties. According to records the gap in the service on 16th September was from 19.06 to 19.57 hours and, here again, this was due to a crew not being available for the bus bus at 19.28 hours.

We are, as you will know, doing all we can to recruit more drivers and conductors and there has been a slight reduction generally in the staff shortage since the substantial improvement in the pay and conditions of service for busmen which was agreed recently. If this trend continues, as we hope, it will lead to an improvement in the regularity of our services, although this will naturally take some time.

With regard to the Northern Line, it is considered that the 15 minute service during the evening to and from High Barnet is sufficient for passenger requirements. Three additional trains would be required to extend all the service to High Barnet and to provide a shuttle service to Mill Hill East. Moreover, we could not provide the necessary staff.

It is recognised that, prior to 12th October, there was no through train from Woodside Park to the West End between 8.06 and 8.18 hours, although there was a City train at 8.11 hours which provided a connection with a West End train at Finchley Central. However, there are now trains from Woodside Park to the West End at 8.06, 8.08 (change at Finchley Central), 8.13 and 8.19 hours.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) F. Baker,

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## Extract from Hendon Council Minutes

### REPORT OF ESTATES COMMITTEE

#### 24. DOLLIS BROOK, RIVERSIDE WALK — GUARD RAILS

*The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported that the Finchley Borough Council, being satisfied that guard rails were needed in Lullington Garth at the entrance to Dollis Brook, Riverside Walk, had asked whether this Council who owned the open space would provide these as the land was used by large numbers of children from both Boroughs.*

*The Report, which referred in addition to vehicular traffic using the road and to access required for Parks Sections' mechanical plant was also being considered by the Highways Committee.*

*It was suggested that the park gates be kept locked and a separate pedestrian access made into Dollis Brook, Riverside Walk; this would necessitate the construction of new pedestrian access paths in the park together with minor alterations to the existing boundary fencing and the provision of new single gates on both sides of the road.*

*RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: (1) That, subject to the Highways Committee providing and erecting guard rails, the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be instructed (a) to provide new access paths in the park, (b) to alter the existing boundary fencing, and (c) to provide new gates on both sides of the road, at a cost not exceeding £150. (2) That a supplementary estimate of £150 be approved to meet the above expenditure.*

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between the Hendon Road Safety Officer, the Police and the Association in order that everything possible may be done to ensure that Sussex Ring does not become a traffic black spot.

In the meantime there are several steps residents can take to help at Sussex Ring, some of which seem obvious but are often forgotten:

- (1) Don't park your car near the corners — this blocks sight lines for turning cars.
- (2) Teach your children kerb drill — and make sure they practice it.
- (3) Spare a minute to help children and the aged cross the road.
- (4) Don't turn out of Lullington Garth at high speed in top gear.

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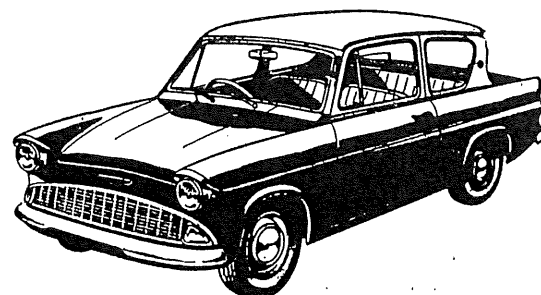
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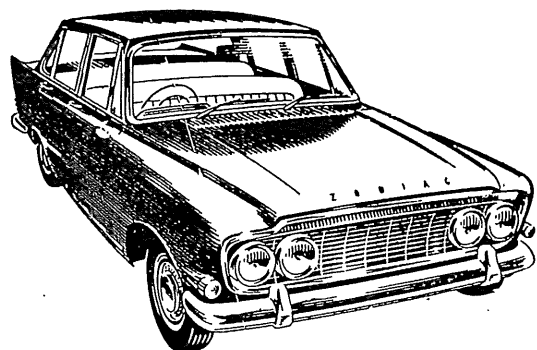


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