

Henrietta's dream is coming to life

Suburb's centenary pageant prepares for first show

Katie Davies

DOZENS of Hampstead Garden Suburb residents will be told to break a leg next week at the first performance of the centenary pageant.

The show will take place at Little Wood Theatre, Addison Way, on Wednesday and will star residents from pre-school age to pensioners.

The event will hark back to the days before the war when the Garden Suburb Theatre used to stage pageants every year up until 1939.

To mark the area's centenary celebrations the script of Dame Henrietta's Dream was written by Suburb resident and TV writer Ian Davidson.

It looks at the life of the famous philanthropist and thinker who founded the Suburb.

Tony Newton from the Garden Suburb Theatre said: "Before the performances there will be processions. On Saturday we will go down around the shopping centres at Temple Fortune and Market Place. Everyone in the cast will do it and we will all be in costume with banners.

"It will be colourful, fun stuff with a marching band of scouts.

"They always used to have processions in the Suburb so we are really bringing that back - although back then they used to take things like donkeys, I don't think we will do that now."

And although the rehearsals have become a bit chaotic the show is ready to go on.

Mr Newton continued: "There's lots of Suburb people involved because it is such a big performance. It has attracted a large number of people to the box office which is encouraging.

"The large number, however, makes everything slightly more complicated than the average stage show but everything is going very well now. We think it will be all right on the night."

Two women have the most nerve-racking parts in the play. Imogen Colmans and Sarah Faulk will play the younger and older Henrietta Barnett respectively.

Ms Colmans, 22, said: "It's a serious role. Young Henrietta deals with a lot of important issues but I am really enjoying it. A lot of new people are



'Henrietta Barnetts' Sarah Faulk and Imogen Colmans rehearse for the Hampstead Garden Suburb pageant. Picture by Nigel Sutton

involved so it is nice to get to know them, I didn't know much about Henrietta when I started so I have been learning as I go along.

"There are some interesting aspects to her character but she sounds a bit scary - a tough woman."

The opening performance will take place on Wednesday with Sir Donald Sinden, the president of the society, attending along with the Mayor of Barnet.

Evening performances start at 7.30pm at the Little Wood open air

theatre from Wednesday to Saturday with a matinee on the final day at 3pm.

A procession before the evening performances will depart from Central Square to the theatre at 7pm. On Saturday the longer procession will leave Little Wood at 11am. Tickets are not required for the processions.

For further information and to book tickets for the pageant performances call the box office on 020-7723 6609.

katie.davies@hamhigh.co.uk

DAWSON & BRIANT

JEWELLERS AND PAWNBROKERS

HUGE VARIETY OF GOLD & SILVER

JEWELLERY, WATCHES & GIFTS

NEW, SECONDHAND AND UNREDEEMED

A SMALL DEPOSIT SECURES ANY ITEM

Easy payments arranged

FULL JEWELLERY, WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIR SERVICE INC ANTIQUE RESTORATIONS

In our Workshops a Speciality

BATTERIES FOR ALL MAKES OF WATCHES

All our Work is Guaranteed

281 KENTISH TOWN ROAD

LONDON NW5 2JS

Tel: 020 7485 3535

OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY

INC UNCL'S PLEDGE PAWNBROKERS SECONDHAND, SCRAP BOUGHT,

Always our best cash prices paid.

CHEQUES CASHED

www.dawsonandbriant.co.uk



WAREHOUSE CLEARANCE SALE

UPTO 60% OFF EVERYTHING MUST GO. CLOSING 15TH JUNE



ORIENTAL ARTS & DESIGN Oriental Furniture Centre

18 Northways Parade
Finchley Road
Swiss Cottage
London NW3 5EN
Mon - Sat 10am - 6pm

Unit BG8
Oriental City Shopping Centre
399 Edgware Road
London NW9 0JJ
Open: Every Day 10.30-7.00pm

Tel: 020 7586 8036/07950 746001

osbornes^o

Wills and Probate

Expert advice at competitive prices

Tax planning, powers of attorney, estates, trusts and probate litigation

020 7485 8811

Osbornes Solicitors

Livery House, 9 Pratt Street, London NW1 OAE www.osbornes.net