



From the East End to East Finchley

If Dame Henrietta Barnett was looking down from on high on the East End on Sunday 18 October, she would certainly have smiled. The turn-of-the-century philanthropist devoted her life to improving the lot of working people in Whitechapel and beyond. She was also the driving force behind the construction of Hampstead Garden Suburb and the founder of The Institute, which is celebrating its centenary this year.

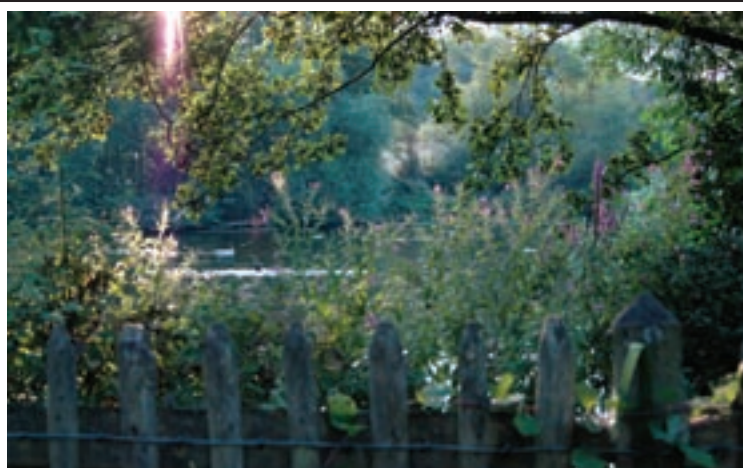
On this Sunday morning, a crowd of over 70 staff, friends and supporters of The Institute set out from Commercial Street, E1,



Antonio Burgos is the first to arrive from the East End. Photo courtesy HGSJ

to walk 'in the footsteps of Dame Henrietta' across London via The Institute's original site in NW11 to its new premises next to East Finchley tube station.

The first walker to complete the 10-mile route was Institute Spanish teacher Juan Antonio Burgos. The aim of the walk was to raise money to establish a bursary fund for students in financial need and many of the walkers were sponsored to complete the course. Anyone who wants to make a donation to the fund can contact Richard Bradbury at The Institute on 020 8829 4211.



Emilie's photo of the Ladies Pond on Hampstead Heath, entitled Secluded Idyll

The countryside in town

Emilie Selbourne's second solo show of 20 colour photographic prints was on show at Chorak Café Gallery in the High Road in October. Her exhibition presented painterly landscape views of Hampstead Heath and Long Lane Pastures showing familiar and secret places with decorative details of flora and fauna.

Influenced by an art history background and a recent MA in Photojournalism, the East Finchley artist works across conventional boundaries of genre and approach. Her initial daily observations and social documentation of Heath life developed into a preoccupation with the mysteries of nature and treasured pockets of urban countryside.

Emilie is an active member of the Highgate Society, and supports the protection of rural Eng-

land and its heritage. Her work is soon to be published in various book forms in aid of these causes. For further information, visit www.emilieselbourne.com

Choir becomes baying mob

By Marian Bunzl
North London Chorus is celebrating Felix Mendelssohn's 200th anniversary with a performance of his oratorio *Elijah*, one of his best-loved works.

We in the Chorus are The People, and are totally involved in the action. We are the mob baying for Elijah's blood, and quailing before the anger of the heavens.

Come and hear this amazing work on Saturday 28 November at 7.30pm at St James Church, Muswell Hill, N10. Ticketline is 020 8351 8774 with prices £18, £13, £8 (concessions £2 reduction). Tickets are also available from Les Aldrich Music Shop, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10, and at the door.

Bishop Douglass Christmas party

Just before Christmas last year, more than 100 elderly residents of East Finchley enjoyed a lively evening with the students and teachers at Bishop Douglass School.

This year's party is on Thursday 10 December from 5pm. If you are over the age of 60, live in East Finchley and want to come, you should book your place now.

The event will consist of a three-course Christmas dinner, entertainment from the students,

carol singing, games of bingo and a gift from Santa Claus.

Transport can be provided if you are unable to make your own way to the school in Hamilton Road.

Contact Pam Kenton 020 8444 6690 before the end of November to reserve your place.

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By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility

Fifty days to save the world

In the dark and dangerous backstreets of the metropolis, amongst the derelict factories and the looming Olympic Stadium, something is stirring in the night. It is but a glimmer in a vandalised phone box, a dim flash of light in the murk, but it is there just the same. It is Brown Gordon, Flash Gordon's dumber brother, back to save the world and with only 50 days to do it.

Faster than a speeding, ecologically sound milk float, kinder to the planet than a solar panel, the polar bears' friend is back to cut carbon. Brown Gordon has his deadline: he must be in Copenhagen in time for the pan-galactic climate camp on 7 December and he must be there with answers. He has already woven what passes for his magic in Bonn and will soon be winging his way above the clouds to Barcelona as he searches for the solution.

But can he do it? Can the man who can leap tall buildings in a single helicopter prevent the North Pole from melting? Can a man in brownest brown triumph again? It has been a tough year for this modern superhero for a modern world. Mortally wounded by Diddy David Cameron and almost blinded by the glare from Blond Boris, Gordon Brown had even found the Prince of Darkness turning against him.

But just when all had seemed lost he dragged himself into a conveniently placed toilet and transformed into the superhero he knew he was. Copenhagen will be the big one. All he has to do is cool the planet to save the world. And, as he soars above the echoing canyons of the City and swoops across the sky, he can smell the snow in the air and knows in his heart of hearts that he can do it. Besides, he knows that everyone wants a white Christmas, even if it takes a man in brown to give it to them.



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