

Prince's Trust will give help for self-help

TWO local men have been given key positions in helping to run The Prince's Trust — a project set up by Prince Charles to help young people find adventure, excitement and satisfaction in schemes they themselves devise.

GLC motion calls for new financial stringency

A MOTION calling for a stricter review of the Greater London Council's expenditure is down for debate at its June 15 meeting in the name of Cllr. Howard Cutler (Con. Harrow West) leader of the opposition and Ald. Leslie Freeman (Con).

It reads: "That the Council in the light of HM Government's renewed calls for restraint in public expenditure do instruct the Policy and Resources Committee: (1) To review the Council's work and spending critically in order that (a) Receipts of such subsidies from public funds as the Council believes are essential to the running of a service be confined to those in need; (b) Expenditure be confined to the absolutely essential and inescapable rather than the desirable or the merely public; and (c) Productivity of staff employed be substantially increased without cost; and (2) Having completed their review to recommend for implementation such of their findings as will lead to savings being made.

Parishioners' tribute to their vicar

More than 200 parishioners of St. George's Church, Pinner View, Harrow, paid tribute to their vicar, the Rev. John Vaughan, during a special thanksgiving service to mark the 21st anniversary of his induction on Sunday evening. The address was given by the Rev. John Inder of St. Mellitus Church, Hanwell, who, together with his wife Judith, had attended St. George's since childhood. His mother, who still lives in the parish, was also present.

Mr Inder spoke of the Vicar's personal dedication and said that he had experienced at first hand the comforting help and understanding of Mr. Vaughan and his wife, Margaret. After the service, Edmond O'Byrne, vicar's warden, presented him with a leather bound manuscript book containing 300 signatures. Edgar Dunce, people's warden, handed over the gift of a book titled "A Wonderful Parish" and Elizabeth Pitt presented Mrs. Vaughan with a basket of flowers arranged by Freda Russell.

In his reply, the Vicar said his predecessor had described St. George's as "a wonderful parish" and he could only say St. George's was "a wonderful parish". A passenger on a bus which was involved in a collision with a car in High Road near Ringholme Road, Harrow, at 10 a.m. on Friday, Mr. Harry Durrant of 7 Lawrence Crescent, Holliston Way, Edgware suffered pains in his back. He was taken to Northwick Park Hospital but was not detained.

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Mr. Ewart George Pratt of 13 Ashridge Gardens, Pinner, is to serve as administrator and trustee while Mr. George Richards, an accountant, of Westbury Road, Northwood, holds the job of treasurer. Mr. Pratt, who is Deputy Chief Probation Officer for Inner London, has been associated with the scheme during its experimental stages throughout the past three or four years. As a result of the experience gained so far the Prince's Trust has now been established as a registered charity with Pratt and Richards as its trustees. They are assisted by an executive committee and an advisory council.

Alienated
A press release from the Prince's Trust explained that for some time the statutory services and voluntary organisations had been actively developing new ways to reach out to young people who feel alienated or rejected or whose lives appeared to be aimless or lacking in purpose. The organisations had discovered, however, that in many cases their powers and funds were not always sufficient to allow them to respond as they would wish in meeting the needs of a rapidly changing social scene or helping young people to promote their own ideas and ambitions and providing preconceived patterns were not imposed on them. They could use their restless energy and talent constructively in helping themselves and showing concern for others.

Accepted risks
The amount of financial aid required was small compared with the expenditure on the customary work of helping services added the report. The trustees are to support, whether by small grants or other ways, innovative and perhaps unorthodox ventures, at the same time accepting the risk that a proportion of the projects might fail to achieve their objects. Initially, the award will be confined by the braking and revving of lorries at the corner of the road, he said, and all the flats with windows onto the main road had had to install double glazing.

Hurt on a bus
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Picture by Malcolm Clarke

6 a.m. - and he awakens to the sound of lorries

CONVOYS of council and commercial lorries are waking residents of Hardwick Close, Stanmore, at 6 a.m., the Greater London (North Western) Valuation Panel heard on Wednesday.

Mr. S. Sherman, of Flat 31, Hardwick Close, represented himself and 11 other occupants of the flats, and asked for a reduction of a gross value of £435 and a rateable value of £334. He told the panel that Hardwick Close was off Marsh Lane, a road that leads on to the A1 and M1 motorways. There was so much noise from lorries, he said, that residents could not listen to radio or television without first closing their windows.

Parking
When there was an event at Wembley Stadium, Mr. Sherman said, people would park in their road and take the train to Wembley. Daily shoppers would park in the road as well, he said, so that on a normal weekday it would take a resident 10 minutes to get his own car out of the congested road.

Heating
There was nuisance from people using the green and from the road being used as a car park, he said. Mr. Sherman also said that all flats had under-floor electric

central heating which "deteriorated the value of the flats" because it was expensive to run and took three days to heat up. In reply, Mr. A. E. Gaylor, valuation officer, said that Wembley Stadium did not draw a capacity crowd that often. Mr. Sherman said that he visited the flat on August 29, 1974, from 8.45 to 9.15 a.m. and found no disturbance then. Mr. Sherman said that the traffic peak was up to 8 a.m. after which there was a lull before the shoppers came. Presenting his case, Mr. Gaylor said that his assessment of the block of flats had been based on the assessment of a similar block in Culverlands Close, off Green Lane, Stanmore.

Comparison
As to traffic noise, Mr. Gaylor compared conditions with those at a block of flats in London Road, Stanmore. He produced figures of a car count which had been done from 8 to 9 a.m. on 10 days, which showed that there were more vehicles using London Road than Hardwick Close. Despite the traffic, Mr. Gaylor said, people were willing to pay £700 p.a. to rent the flats.

Jackets stolen
Four of five leather jackets were stolen from the Austin Rover menswear shop at 323 Station Road, Harrow on Friday night. Mr. J. Marshall, the shop manager, said the thieves had got into the shop by smashing a small window next to the front door. The jackets were worth between £300 and £400.

Correction
In connection with a story concerning The Alma public house in Harrow, which appeared in the last mid-week Diary, it should be noted that the new manager of The Alma is Mr. Jim Yantzer, and not Mr. Conway.

KOJAK himself would have been proud of the scenes at Harrow Driving Centre on Wednesday morning. Lollipoppers were in abundance, but not the sucking species. The top-notch lollipoppers from all over the country converged on the driving centre for the final of the Lollipop of the Year competition run by Nabisco Ltd. and TV Times. Twelve lucky pupils of Roxeth Manor Middle School went along to add realism to the crossing — and obviously enjoyed deliberately running onto the crossing and generally making it difficult for the lollipoppers. The exercise was to test the capabilities of the persons in the white coats with the "Stop, children" signs. Over 300 lollipoppers entered originally, having been nominated by the children, who submitted paintings, projects and slogans with their choice. At the end of the day first prize and the title "Lollipop of the Year" 1976, went to Nellie Travis (front centre) of Hyde, Cheshire, who received her award from Ed Stewart (left).

Eighteen-month ban must stay
AN ex-publican had unfortunately accepted the hospitality of old customers when he visited the public house on November 8, Judge Oddie was told during an appeal at Middlesex Crown Court on Thursday.

Police noticed that Tobin's breath smelt of drink and, after a positive breath test, he later gave a blood sample which, on analysis, showed 174 milligrams of alcohol. Mr. Tobin said the appellant accepted that he should not have been driving, but he had done so without due care and control of the excess alcohol count to £100. Judge Oddie told the appellant: "This was not merely a case of driving with excess alcohol — it was a bad case of driving with excess alcohol. In this case there was just over twice the legal limit of 80 milligrams and therefore we cannot impose 18 months' disqualification and substantial fines. The Judge told the appellant that the Court had great sympathy with him, having been driving for 15 years without a conviction. He would therefore reduce the £120 fine on the excess alcohol count to £100.

Head-on crash
Miss J. Samuel, counsel for the respondents, the Metropolitan Police, said the appellant was involved in a head-on collision in Long Elms, Harrow, at 2.15 p.m. on November 8. He had struck a "keep left" barrier as he turned left into Long Elms from the High road, and had swerved across the road into the path of an on-coming car. Both vehicles were extensively damaged.

Garage vandalised
Vandals smashed a private garage in Reynolds Drive, Edgware, with pans, with the result that the car was damaged. The garage was used as a car wash. The vandals were seen on Friday afternoon.

LOLLIPOPS GALORE!

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Hanger Lane improvement
MR. JOHN GIBBERT, Minister for Transport, announced recently that Orders under the Highways Act, 1959 have been made for the improvement of the junction of the A406 North Circular Road and A40 Western Avenue at Hanger Lane, Edgware, and that the scheme has been transferred from the Trunk Road Preparation Pool into the Firm Roads Programme.

Motorcyclist hurt
A motorcyclist, Mr. Anthony Edgway (30), of 13 Inverness Terrace, Bayswater, suffered a serious injury to his left leg when he was involved in a collision with a car at the junction of Kensal Lane and Edgware Road, Harrow, on Sunday. He was taken to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore, but was not detained.

Cut wrist
When his car was involved in a collision with another car at High Road, Harrow, on Friday at 10.15 p.m., the driver, Mr. Robert Flint (29), of 11, Hillside, Green Lane, Edgware, suffered a cut to his wrist.

Yard raided
Property valued at £10,000 was stolen from a private and public house in Harrow on Friday afternoon.



CUSTOMERS of Car Hood Company Limited come from far and near to take advantage of the car tailoring conversion services provided by them. Few, however, travel as far as Jean-Jacques Doublecourt of Dunkerque. On a 36-hour ferry ticket from France he came by sea and by land to Car Hood Company's depot

at 49 The Viaduct, South Harrow to have a sun roof fitted to his 1969 Cortina 1600 E. Our photograph shows the car as it was when the French motorist enthusiastically drove into the depot just after 8 a.m. — and an hour later when the re-styled Cortina was collected by a delighted Mr. Doublecourt.

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