



# The King of Instruments

Organ Pipe Sponsors Wanted

**Internationally-renowned organist Jennifer Bate, who is a Muswell Hill resident and lives in Collingwood Avenue, Fortis Green, is to be the star of the evening in St James's Church, Muswell Hill, on Thursday, 20 February at 8.00 pm, when she will give the audience a "Guide to the King of Instruments".**

This evening, admission-free, will be the first of the Spring meetings for the members of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association, but the recital will be open to all and it is hoped the evening will be supported by many local residents. The recital is in aid of the restoration of the magnificent Harrison & Harrison organ in St James's. It is one of the finest in the country but now urgently needs refurbishment. The organist will take the audience on a musical tour of all the fabulous sounds it can produce.

## Pipe sponsors needed

Jennifer Bate, who will play extracts from favourite pieces, is in the top rank of award-winning organists with a repertoire from the 18th century to modern virtuoso scores. A composer

herself, she has made countless recordings, and gives master classes all over the world. She is the world authority on the organ works of Olivier Messiaen. The organ appeal is worldwide, too, and donations, however small, will be welcome.

There is a pipe sponsorship scheme and donors will be recorded in a Golden Book. The organ contains over 3,000 pipes, varying in size from 16 feet to one inch. One foot can be sponsored for £20, two feet for £50, four feet for £100, eight feet for £250 and 16 feet for £500. Donations of more than £1,000 will be recorded on an Honours Board, permanently displayed near the organ as Platinum (£20,000 plus), Gold (£10,000 plus), Silver (£5,000 plus) or Bronze (£1,000 plus) sponsors.

# Avenue House Estate

By Bill Tyler

**Grade 2-listed Avenue House is under new management. After three and a half years of negotiation, Barnet Council – the Custodian Trustee – handed over management of the house and grounds last November. Avenue House Management (AHM), a new non-profit making charitable company, is now leased for 125 years to run the estate for the benefit of the local community.**

Avenue House offers rooms for receptions, parties, conferences, etc., as well as offices for charitable organisations, and Cubs and Scouts use the old stables.

In the 10-acre grounds are many fine specimen trees and shrubs – some envied by Kew Gardens! – a pond and waterfall, lawns and a children's playground. This magnificent setting for the fine Victorian house makes the outdoor café a popular rendezvous on fine summer days. Users of the house can now enjoy fresh tea and coffee and excellent buffet meals.

The new team and the house staff have already made an impact. They have provided new chairs in all ground-floor rooms, restored light fittings, cleaned windows, and rearranged the entrance hall furniture. Gutters and drains have been cleaned and repaired to prevent any more water leaks, and burglar and fire alarm systems overhauled.

There is still a great deal of maintenance to do. The big October storm caused several thousand pounds worth of damage to slate roofs – and fixtures and fittings that should

have been replaced several years ago remain to be tackled when funds allow.

## Our House

The trustees of AHM, who are elected from members of local organisations, Barnet councillors, and tenants and users of the house, are eager for local people to help run the estate on a voluntary basis. Volunteers can assist with office and practical work, and with fundraising, which will be essential. Using and recommending the house for functions will mean that AHM has more money to plough back into the estate.

Weekend 'Open House' mornings, which will be widely advertised, will give everyone an opportunity to look around the house and grounds. The trustees hope many people will attend, to see what the house has to offer, and what they may be able to offer to the house.

Ink magnate Henry C. 'Inky' Stephens generously left the estate to the public. Its future is now in our hands.

Avenue House is at 17, East End Road, N3 3QE. Contact AHM on 020 8346 3702 or [info@avenuehouse.org.uk](mailto:info@avenuehouse.org.uk) or [www.avenuehouse.org.uk](http://www.avenuehouse.org.uk).

# Can You Help The Bobath Centre?

By Vicki Stanton

**The Bobath Centre is dedicated to treating children and adults with cerebral palsy and other neurological disabilities. We have been based in Bradbury House, East Finchley since 1993. Our building was originally the Holy Trinity school, designed by Anthony Salvin, opened in 1847. These premises have been specially adapted for use by people with disabilities.**

Dr & Mrs Bobath developed the concept of Bobath treatment in the 1940s and it is now an internationally recognised approach to managing the problems faced by children with cerebral palsy. They established the Western Cerebral Palsy Centre in 1957. In 1985 it was renamed the Bobath Centre in recognition of Dr and Mrs Bobath's pioneering work.

There are Bobath Centres in Cardiff, Glasgow and London. The London Centre provides specialist Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy to approximately 400 children a year from all over England.

## Teamwork

The Bobath Centre is a major training centre; high proportions of NHS therapists are Bobath trained. Bobath therapists work together as a team, combining their disciplines to improve the quality of posture and movement for each child. The whole family participates in ongoing activi-



Physiotherapy Photos supplied by Bobath Centre

have specific equipment that must be purchased and we also try to fund children that

would like to visit the Centre, please contact Vicki Stanton at The Bobath Centre, Bradbury House, 250 East End Road, London N2 8AU or telephone 020 8444 3355.



Communications skills used in speech & language therapy

ties, which are included in the child's daily routine, in order that children may reach their full potential. Bobath therapy also aims to improve the child's communicative ability, increasing the child's confidence, which improves the quality of life for both the child and their parent or carer.

The Bobath Centre's costs are only partly met by therapists' course fees and treatment fees, leaving a massive deficit that the Centre must cover through fundraising initiatives and generous donations from local individuals, businesses and larger Trust Funds. However, the Bobath Centre is in desperate need of further refurbishment, we

require individual Bobath treatment but are refused funding by their Primary Care Trust and cannot afford to fund themselves. All donations are therefore vital and make a huge difference to our work at the Centre.

To find out ways in which you can help us, or if you



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