

A winter scene featuring a snow-covered landscape. In the foreground, a path leads through a brick gate towards a snowy field. The trees are bare and covered in snow, and the sky is bright. The text is overlaid on the lower right portion of the image.

our Suburb  
our community  
our house  
our chance

# A SUBURB GEM

## Our house? What do you mean, our house? Where?

We're talking about Fellowship House - a small 1950s community building, hidden behind a hedge on Willifield Green in the north-west corner of the Suburb. A main hall seats 60, a smaller room 10. There's a kitchen, reception area, loos etc, a garden and a magnificent croquet lawn.

## Our chance?

A large bequest has enabled an updating project. We now need everyone to dig deep to ensure that a quality job can be done. It's a one-off opportunity.

## So what is Fellowship?

It's a 100 year old Suburb charity providing activities and facilities for residents over 60. They are the main users of the building, but a lot happens there to which non-members of all ages are welcome, for example the Tuesday afternoon lectures.

## But I'm 35, why should I be interested?

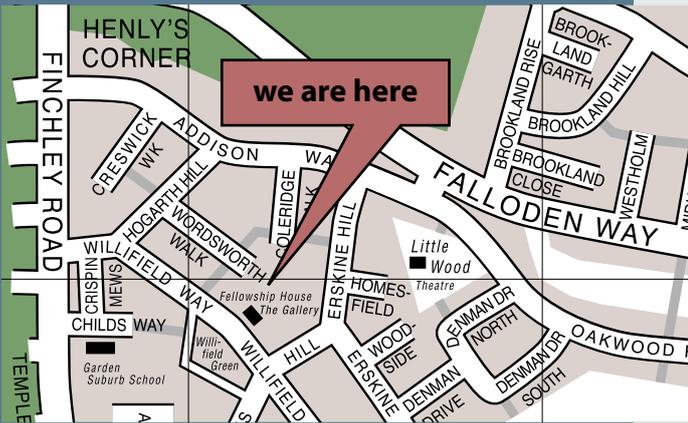
Maybe you have older relatives. One day you'll be 60 too! You may wish to attend events which are open to all, or which are run by other groups - or hire one of the spaces for a private function. The Suburb's strong sense of community is clear to all who live here. Surely a must-have for a community is a viable, up-to-date community building?

## Who owns the building - churches, synagogues? The Trust, the Residents Association? Barnet?

None of the above. It's completely independent and secular. The long lease is owned by Fellowship, a body run by local Trustees.

## What other independent community buildings are there in the Suburb?

After the recent sale of the Tea House for conversion to a private dwelling, all similar indoor spaces are owned by religious or other institutions or sports clubs. Fellowship House is, therefore, unique.



*Where we are*



*Behind a hedge*



*West front*



*David Winner lecturing on Roman food*

## What work is going to be done?

The building will be brought up to modern-day standards and slightly expanded to bring the hall's capacity to 80+ and the smaller room to 25+. Details to the right.

## How much money needs to be raised?

£50,000 to do a good job. Some Fellowship funding can be added to the bequest amount but this really must be minimised to keep the finances robust in the face of increasing running costs.

## I already give to Fellowship. Do I need to give more?

The RA collects Residents' annual donations to Fellowship to go towards running costs. These are its life blood and must be maintained so, if you cannot afford both, ignore this one-off appeal. If you can manage to do both, please give generously.

## Fine. So how do I go about contributing to this project?

Please send a cheque, made out to Fellowship House, to John Hewson, Fellowship Chairman, 4, Erskine House, Homesfield, London NW11 6HN.

Don't forget to fill in the attached tear-off payment slip so we can benefit from additional Gift Aid funding. Please write your name and address, email or phone number on the back of the cheque.

We intend to place in the building a list of all donors.

## Anything else?

If you have any comments, suggestions or queries about the project or Fellowship, please write them on the back of the donation slip.

If you wish to discuss joining Fellowship (annual membership £20) call Dorothea Brandes on 8455 7910.

For building plans, project details and all other matters, email Louise Scheuer at [scheuer.louise@gmail.com](mailto:scheuer.louise@gmail.com).



*Loggia to be extended with distinctive Skylon posts*



*Private functions will benefit from improved facilities*



*Present narrow awkward steps to be replaced with broader steps and wheelchair ramp*



*New seating needed!*

## Refurbishment works to include:

- Creation of courtyard garden to increase useable space and improve access
- Moving doorways to make better use of inside space and improve circulation
- Expansion of reception area and main hall. Expansion of smaller room to generate additional hiring income
- New updated kitchen to improve catering standards
- New larger windows and additional doors to improve light, ventilation and safety
- New lighting, seating and modern audio-visual system. Assessment of acoustics

PLEASE TEAR HERE

# WHAT WE SAY...



“ I’m tempted to say that donating to this project is rather a no-brainer. Why would you **not** donate if you value living in the Suburb? Please give generously. ”

**John Hewson**  
*Chairman of Fellowship*



“ Fellowship House is unique in the Suburb and this project is a one-off chance to invest in a permanent quality contribution to our community. ”

**Louise Scheuer**  
*Deputy Chairman of Fellowship*



“ I am pleased to be involved in making the building more accessible and versatile for all by maintaining the original spirit of place and drawing upon the quiet strength of its architecture. ”

**Mark Beedle**  
*Architect*



*Entrance*

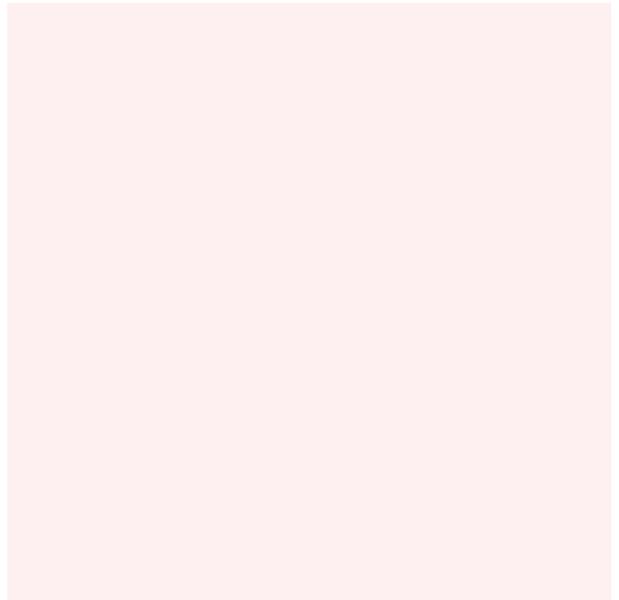
# ...WHAT YOU SAY

## We are keen to hear what you have to say!

Do you have any comments, suggestions or queries concerning Fellowship (the organisation or the building) or the project?

Do you think that renaming the building to emphasise its secular and independent status would be a good idea? If so, what do you suggest? ‘Suburb House’ perhaps?

Please let us know below:



*Magnificent croquet lawn*

# FELLOWSHIP HOUSE APPEAL

I would like to contribute to this community project:

£25  £50  £100  Other £

I enclose a cheque, made out to **Fellowship House** and have written my name, address, email or phone number on the back.

## Gift Aid

Fellowship can claim 25p for every £1 you give at no cost to you if the following form is filled out.

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ as a Gift Aid donation.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and CASCs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year.

I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that Fellowship will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

First name   
Surname   
Address   
  
 Postcode   
Signature   
Date  /  /

*Please notify us if you wish to cancel this declaration, change your name or address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.*

Please tick this box if you wish your contribution to be anonymous

*This appeal is made by Hampstead Garden Suburb Fellowship. Charity Number 207948*

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# TIMELINE

1909

The Club House, designed by Parker & Unwin, is built



1910

The charity Hampstead Garden Suburb Fellowship is founded

1940

The Club House is destroyed by the Luftwaffe

1950

E C Parry becomes Chairman of Fellowship



1957

Fellowship House, designed by Michael Darke, is built on part of the old site

1960

The 999 year Fellowship House lease is signed with the HGS Trust

1983

E C Parry steps down

2008

John Hewson becomes Chairman of Fellowship

2010

Death of Eileen Whelan who leaves a large bequest to Fellowship

2014

Refurbishment works to be carried out



*The link between the Suburb and the East End - the late Eileen Whelan, Fellowship Chairman for many years and the late Sir John Profumo CBE, President of Toynbee Hall*

# WHAT'S ON...

## Activities at Fellowship House

History of art class, painting class, pilates, poetry, craft workshop, croquet, film club, book club, classical music, zumba gold, scrabble, evening computing class, literature class, yoga, coffee morning, keep fit, Tai-Chi, birthday tea, chiropody, photography, bridge, autumn concerts, weekly lectures.

## Weekly lectures

Held at 2.30pm every Tuesday, these are open to all residents of any age. Speakers from all over the country on a wide range of subjects. Recent examples: Wagner, The Hadron Collider, Anthropology, The Berlin Wall, Equestrian Olympics, J F Kennedy, Leonardo da Vinci, Public Time, Islamic Banking, Foreign Detectives, Calcutta, Treasures of Florence, Kindertransport. Upcoming talks listed in *Suburb News*, on the HGS email chatline and soon on the website.

## Autumn concerts

This popular series of Sunday afternoon chamber concerts runs from the end of October until December and features acclaimed international musicians. They're open to all residents of any age.

## Other users

The building is available at certain times for third parties (current users include the RA, Historical Society, North London Hospice, Horticultural Society, Suburb Art Gallery). It is also available for hire afternoon and evening subject to availability for private social or other functions.

## Website

A Fellowship website is being developed. Visit us at [www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk](http://www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk).

This will soon give full details of all activities, upcoming lectures, events etc.

*Please give generously. We deserve it*

## Fellowship House

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[www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk](http://www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk)



*From top: Robert Max, conductor and cellist; Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg and Mitzpah (lecture on Masorti Judaism); Dr Susan Coben (lecture on District Nursing); Lucrezia Walker (lecturer on various artists); Trumpeter and concert organiser Deborah Calland with her ensemble 'Counterpoise'; Irene Colomb, (catering) and Sally Botterill (lectures); Elke Karskens (lecture on North Korea); Professor Laurence Barron (lecture on chirality); Music critic Barry Millington; Composer David Matthews*