



The Glebe
Society

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CONCERT:

THE GLEBE SOCIETY

is presenting a

HARPSICHORD RECITAL by
GERALD HENDRIE

on Monday 3 April at 8pm in
the Uniting Church Hall,
Toxteth Rd.

Gerald Hendrie is well-known as organist, harpsichordist, composer and lecturer. Professor of Music at the Open University, U.K., and Supervisor of Music at St. John's College, Cambridge, he is a former pupil of Thurston Dart. World authority on Gibbons, Gerald Hendrie is Editor of Musica Britannica 20 - Orlando Gibbons Keyboard Music; also of Halle Handel Society Complete Edition 5 vol. Handel Anthems.

Gerald Hendrie is visiting Australia in March and April. For his performances in Sydney from Saturday 1 April to Tuesday 4 April, check the Sydney Morning Herald or contact Minerva Music Management, organisers of his Australian tour, on 660-0847.

TICKETS : \$2.00 from Jeanette Knox
660-7781
Heather Stewart
660-0487.

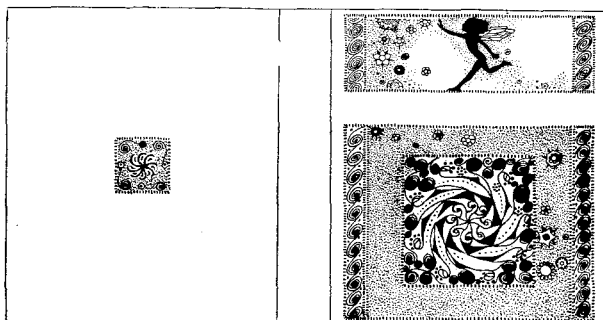
use the library !!

Members who are interested in the improvements won for Forest Lodge Primary School may recall the article by Jim Coombs in last October's Bulletin. He recalled the vigorous campaign for better facilities and the subsequent great changes but pointed out that the school may lose the chances that the new facilities provide just because the community is not supporting the school it fought for. The falling numbers at the school, despite the newest and best facilities in Glebe, will mean fewer staff and reduced possibilities.

A similar situation is occurring with the Glebe Library. The people of Glebe are simply not supporting it enough. And yet the library has good facilities and even a garden with trees. The children's section is very good but gets far less attention than it deserves. The lack of support must also jeopardise the Glebe Library's importance in the eyes of the powers that allocate funds, giving the impression that Glebe is a strange non-reading outpost of civilization (of which Leichhardt is, of course, the hub!!). The lack of borrowers also tends to make the staff's job rather tedious and frustrating.

Jacqueline Barrett, who works three evenings a week in the Library and is also an active member of the Glebe Society, has kindly provided the Bulletin with an article on the Library's facilities. It may well be that many people are not aware of the extent of facilities available. The library staff would like nothing better than to be run off their feet by Glebe borrowers.

- So : if you can make more use of the library, do - otherwise, recommend the library to people who don't use it, particularly new-comers to Glebe.



GLEBE BRANCH LIBRARY :

191-195 Bridge Rd., Glebe.
phone 660.4672.

This is a branch of Leichhardt Municipal Library, and is free for any residents (or non-resident ratepayers) of Glebe. Please visit, browse, join and borrow ! In particular, bring your children. I combine my children's library visit with a park visit or a 'picnic' in the library garden. They love it. This excellent library is not being used enough.

It offers :

- + daily newspapers and various magazines
- + reading and working tables
- + armchairs
- + service to homebound invalid members
- + books in large print
- + a notice-board for community events
- + a reservation and interlibrary loan service
- + other libraries at Leichhardt and very soon at Balmain, for returning or borrowing on your Glebe card
- + reference and borrowers editions of 'The Glebe' and 'The Architectural Character of Glebe'
- + a garden with garden seats, grass and trees!!!
- + children's storytime and games on Wednesday afternoons
- + rails outside to which to chain your dog, bicycle, rollerskates etc.

Apart from the reference and fiction sections, you might want to know a few numbers, in order to look expert when first browsing :

- 100s philosophy
- 301 feminist publications
- 641 cooking
- 649 having a family
- 684 for the home renovators
- 740 crafts
- 782 opera
- 791 the movies
- 822 Shakespeare
- 821 Australian poetry
- 900s history and travel
- 920 biographies

The library opens on Saturdays from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon, on Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm, and on Tues. and Thurs. from 10.30 am to 5.00 pm. (These hours are new ones starting from Wednesday March 8th).

Six books and two magazines may be borrowed for four weeks, and books may be renewed once. When you come, bring some official proof of your address, and borrow as much as you can.

Dress rules are restricted to not distracting others from reading, and knowing that the floor is squeaky for rubber soles. Dogs are preferred outside, as the children's section is carpeted.

Happy reading !

Jacqueline Barrett

SYDNEY YOUTH HOSTEL

In the Glebe Society Bulletin of September 1976 we published an article by Richard Willis, Secretary of the YHA and member of the Glebe Society, setting out the history of the mansion that has become the Sydney Youth Hostel and the story of the plans and efforts of the YHA to put the building to the best use possible while retaining the 'atmosphere' of the mansion.

The building was officially opened as a youth hostel on 31 October 1977 and Richard Willis has kindly provided the Bulletin with information on the Hostel's first year of activities, as set out below.

When the Association purchased the building it had deteriorated into almost a wreck, which was being used as a doss house. A vast amount of work had to be done on the building to bring it up to the required standards. Although it had been hoped that 30 beds could be provided, health regulations allowed only 20.

The hostel has been very busy since the opening, achieving an annual occupancy factor of 95.7%. But on many nights hostellers have to be turned away as there are no beds available. In the summer months it is most common for the Resident Warden to speak personally to 30 - 40 people who cannot get accommodation that night.

Because of the limit on the beds, groups of non-members are not accepted even though one of the prime functions of a youth hostel is to provide low-cost accommodation for young people such as school groups. When Stage II is completed it is anticipated that there will be 80 beds and that groups of young people on education excursions, sports teams etc will use the hostel as they do other youth hostels

(there now being more than 4,500 in 50 countries). Due to lack of funds the Association is not able to proceed with Stage II of this project as yet.

The non acceptance of school groups is reflected in the age range of those who used the hostel in its first twelve months:

seniors (18 and over)	6,504
juniors (17 and under)	<u>486</u>
	6,990

These overnights were recorded by a yearly total of 2,842 Australians and 4,148 from overseas. The Australian overnights were as follows :

NSW	555
Queensland	353
Victoria	1,016
Tasmania	147
South Australia	287
Western Asutralia	460
Northern Territory	24

Of those from overseas, there were hostellers from 35 countries. The countries from which more than 10 people used the hostel since the opening are listed below :

Canada	889
Denmark	22
France	65
Germany	83
Great Britain	486
Ireland	16
Israel	19
Japan	139
Malaysia	26
Netherlands	62
New Caledonia	30
New Zealand	1,756
Rhodesia	16
Switzerland	122
Thailand	43
United States	308

Most of these hostellers used public transport.



FLETCHERS:

At the last meeting of Council approval was given for the extensions to Fletchers. As pointed out in the last Bulletin there is the strong possibility of the trucks taking a one-way route that will bring the trucks through Forsyth St. **RESIDENTS OF FERRY RD AND FORSYTH ST SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THE TRUCKS.** If trucks do come through Forsyth St, residents should take their numbers and complain loudly to the Town Clerk, the local aldermen and to Fletchers.

TREES :

At the Council Meeting of 21 March the Council approved the following motion :

That Council agree to the request for removal of the trees and their replacement with a more suitable species and that similar action be taken progressively in regard to the other poplar trees in Glebe Point Road if the need is evidenced; that it be noted that it is not Council's intention to indiscriminately remove trees in Glebe Point Road but any poplars removed will be replaced with more suitable species and no tree will be removed until after thorough examination.

This motion was considered far less satisfactory than the position adopted by the Glebe Society in the press release and the petition, so in advance of the meeting Eric Gidney coordinated a letter-boxing campaign to get residents to attend the Council meeting. Despite the short notice and the postal strike, enough Glebe residents turned out to fill the public gallery at the meeting. At the meeting Alderman Origlass spoke against this amended motion. Unfortunately, Alderman Kelly who had caused the amendment to be moved was not present. Tom Drake-Brockman spoke as representative of the residents, pointing out at some length the desirability of the poplars and arguing that none of the trees was in fact diseased. What the poplars need is more care and attention, not removal. Nonetheless the amended motion was passed.

It now appears that the Council has already ear-marked several trees for removal. It is important that members watch for any attempt to remove the trees. If an attempt is made, several steps can be taken. If the tree is between Glebe Post Office and Broadway, contact Tom Drake-Brockman of the Angel Pavement on 660-5395; if in the other section of Glebe Pt. Rd., contact Eric Gidney on 660-5093. The motion binds the Council to the conditions of evident need for action and for a thorough examination to have been made. Both these questions should be raised strongly with members of the Tree Preservation Committee, whose members are Aldermen Baldwin, Cawley, Millard and Rocks, and the engineer in charge, Mr MacAuley, and engineer Mr Wilson. Eric Gidney recommends that the environmental aspect be taken up with Alderman Cawley, and that Mr MacAuley be pressed as to whether a 'thorough inspection' has been made and by people of what competence.

More information on the best steps to take will be in the next Bulletin.

Editor's note :

This Bulletin is no 2 for 1978. We usually publish ten per calendar year, though no 10 for last year came out in January 1978 on the basis that a late December issue would have served little purpose. This issue is in theory the issue for March, though the process of distribution and of printing means that most people wont get it until the first week of April.

In future you should get issues roughly a month apart. We ask your forbearance if there are delays in delivery because the distribution procedure depends on time and effort made available by three sets of volunteers. The For Your Diary column tries to have functions advertised a couple of months in advance so that you wont miss out if there are delays. Sometimes events come up at short notice, such as the concert, and in these cases we supplement the Bulletin where we can with posters and dodgers. But if you have not got a Bulletin for what seems an inordinate length of time, please ring the editor, David Reeve, on 660-2207, or Sue Robey, who organises the distribution, on 660-2650.

The Bulletin is the main channel by which the activities of the elected Management Committee are made known to the members. It is also open to members to express their disagreement with any of the actions taken. If you have any disagreement to record or question to raise, any idea to propose, letters to the Bulletin are most welcome. They can be sent via the Society's postbox or direct to my address at 2/117 St Johns Rd., Glebe. Stories and anecdotes of Glebe life and history are particularly invited.

David Reeve.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3 April: Harpsichord Recital.

Harpsichord Recital by Gerald Hendrie, presented by the Glebe Society in cooperation with Minerva Music Management. See front page for details on Gerald Hendrie. The recital will be held in the Uniting Church Hall at 8pm. Tickets \$2.00 from Heather Stewart, 660-0487 or Jeanette Knox, 660-7781.

Saturday 8 April : Coffee morning.

To be held at Merle Larcombe's, 14 Toxteth Rd., Glebe. Note - the coffee morning is on the second Saturday this month.

Saturday 15 April : Wine Bottling.

Saltram white and red will be bottled under the expert eye of Tony Larkum, at 17 Alexandra Rd., from 3pm. Please ring Tony soon to let him know how many empty (washed clean) bottles you will be bringing (660-7030). Price is expected to be \$1 a bottle.

Wednesday 19 April : Social Activities.

A meeting of those who agreed in February to organise part of this year's program. Other eager workers or people with ideas most welcome. 8pm at Merle Larcombe's, 14 Toxteth Rd.

Thursday 27 April : Play Reading.

The second play-reading will be held at Jo Bastian's, 5 Allen St, Glebe (660-7107) at 8pm. The play will be David Williamson's The Removalists, available in a Currency Paperback from Dymocks and the Bay St. Co-op.

Saturday 6 May: Coffee morning.

To be held at John and Dottie Hoddinott's, 30 Wigram Rd., Glebe.

Other dates and events : more details later.

Cycle ride : unfortunately still a plan only. Hopefully to be held before the cold sets in. More details later.

May: Garden slides evening by courtesy of Jean and Theo Ahlston. Date in next Bulletin. To be complemented in August with a visit to Katandra Bushland Sanctuary.

Friday 16 June : Asian Night.

Saturday 15 July : Glebe Society Birthday Party.

Wednesday 16 August : Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 20 August : Visit to Katandra Bushland Sanctuary.