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Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

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TfL complacent over Suburb road safety?

After Suburb News reported on the RA Open Meeting on the topic of Pedestrian Safety in our last issue, RA Roads & Traffic Committee made the following news known to residents who are members of the RA and also subscribe to the invaluable e-mail forum, The HGS List.

“Residents may wish to know that Barnet Council, on October 31, passed Cllr Rohit Grover’s motion on Safety of the Ossulton Way/Kingsley Way/A1 Junction.

“The Residents Association had met with Ward Councillors twice on site, as reported in last issue of Suburb News (foot of

page 3). At the July meeting, TfL were also represented but not at a senior level.

“The motion calls for: ‘a further meeting to take place, at a high level, where those at TfL with senior decision-making authority are required to seriously consider what can be done to improve pedestrian safety. Options could include a longer all-red phase at the Kingsley Way/Ossulton Way/A1 junction where traffic from all sides is stopped, an improved pedestrian crossing facility, or speed cameras for this stretch of road generally.’

“This is the crossing used frequently by visitors to the surgery, where at the lights by Barclays Bank an elderly pedestrian was killed earlier in the year.

“Councillors are now pressing for the meeting with TfL to take place as soon as possible, and are keeping in touch with the Roads & Traffic committee of the RA.”

Suburb News feels TfL are very slow at responding, even when the safety of road users is at stake, and seem to make change very difficult to accomplish. We should all wish the RA’s Roads & Traffic Committee and our Councillors the best of luck.

Fellowship welcomes in the New Year

On a cold grey London afternoon, a packed Fellowship House sparkled into 2018 with its traditional members’ New Year party. Good fortune had smiled

and we could welcome again the talents of international mezzo soprano Catherine Hooper accompanied at the piano by musical polymath and Suburb

resident, Barry Millington. The varied programme impressed and enchanted: from Britten to Madeleine Dring by way of Michael Head and Jonathan Dove; from Weill to George Gershwin via Jerome Kern and Flanders & Swann.

Afterwards, friends and neighbours chatted, plates of sandwiches and cakes were enjoyed, crackers too. As usual, none of this would have been possible without days of behind the scenes planning and hard work by Fellowship Trustee Irena Colomb and her team of helpers. Charm, style, magic. Fellowship at its best.

Should readers wish to find out more about the plethora of activities available at Fellowship House, the Suburb’s Community Centre, they should visit www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk or phone the Chairman, John Mathias, on 0208 455 7334.



Barry Millington and Catherine Hooper.

ANDREW BOTTERILL



CESAR RODRIGUEZ-DURAN

(Above) Yet again, New Year’s Eve Fireworks didn’t disappoint. Full article and more pictures, back page. (Below) Central Square and St Jude’s takes on a peaceful tranquility after a dusting of snow.



JULIAN GIBBINS

Hallowe’en on the Suburb

Fellowship was invaded by 45 of the Suburb’s young people (18 months to 7 years), for the annual Hallowe’en party! All had a lot of fun making and decorating masks, listening to the scary story teller, having their faces painted and eating the large selection of home made snacks and cup cakes. Thanks go to Vera Moore and her daughter for supervising the artwork and face painting, the Mums and Dads for helping, and the HGS Resident’s Association for sponsoring the popular event.



TONY BRAND

The Suburb young mesmerised with tales of Hallowe’en.

HELLA SCHRADER

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The 106th RA AGM

will take place on Monday 26 March 2018 at 8pm in the Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square.



Nominations for the posts of officers and members of the Council must be received by 16 March 2018. They should be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees.

Please send notices of motions and nominations to:

The Assistant Secretary, Rosemary Goldstein, 1a Church Mount, N2 0RW (Agendas will be available on the RA website by 12 March 2018)

John Hewson 1932-2017



My father John died on 26 November having battled with cancer for 18 months in his typically stoic and modest fashion, supported at home by his wife, Wendy, and a team of devoted carers.

John was raised on the Suburb and spent most of his time living there, but in 1940, when aged 8, he and his family moved to Upton Bishop in Herefordshire to escape the bombs falling on Brim Hill. After a week or so at Highgate School he transferred to a small village school where one teacher taught 40 pupils aged 5-14! He was lucky enough to win a scholarship to Hereford Cathedral School, which he attended as a weekly boarder.

After the war he and his sister Anne moved to Wembley, and Dad was saved from becoming a chartered accountant by the call to National Service. He was proud of his work in the Royal Army Service Corps (Intelligence no less!) Then based in Sussex, he met my Norwegian mother, who was working as an au pair.

The young couple married when both were 20, moved into Brunner Close (bought from his grandmother) and had me two years later. The marriage ended in 1958 and in the early 60s Dad found himself the man about town again, meeting his mates Dick, Mike and Alan at Foote Cone and Belding, at which he had followed his father's footsteps into advertising.

John was a media account executive who bought air-time and Wendy worked for a TV station and sold it! They wed in 1964 at Kensington Registry office, and Chris was born in 1966. In the following years Dad enjoyed a succession of misbehaving dogs, took holidays

in Turkey and well beyond, and loved gathering together his family and friends.

Dad was very successful at work, joining in 1973 the innovative advertising agency, Collett Dickenson and Pearce. He was renowned for developing new ways of working in his field and for mentoring his team members. They repaid him with affection and by taking every opportunity to create scenarios in which he might unwittingly entertain them! Dad had a wry sense of humour and could laugh at himself, which endeared him to others.

After a few years working part time for Portland Outdoor Advertising, Dad retired around 1990, and he took to the golf course and his 1.5 allotments with gusto. Like his mother he was a keen gardener and we were plentiful in beans and various vegetables for many seasons. The balcony of the flat in Homesfield was resplendent in petunias.

John did much for the community on Hampstead Garden Suburb. He was Chair and Treasurer of the Fellowship for many years. During this period he took part in arranging the refurbishment of the Fellowship premises, funded largely by a legacy, and he was very pleased with the improvements. He spent much of his spare time at Fellowship House facilitating events, playing croquet and generally enjoying the company there. He also served teas and lunches at Abbeyfield, read with children at the local primary school, and could always be relied upon as a good neighbour.

Dad was a devoted father and Chris and I both benefited

from his firm but relaxed approach during our teenage years. Becoming a grandad was a high point for him. He was very proud to see Isabel, Ben and Connor come into the world and he followed their progress with sometimes forensic interest. Although thankfully he never took to Facebook! He was delighted to meet Elijah, his first great-grandchild born in April 2017.

John has been generous to so many of us. He let us be ourselves and do our own thing, but the minute we needed him, he was right behind us. He

welcomed his in-laws, and reached out to support many individuals beyond his immediate family, because if he could help, he would. Dad had a sort of moral fibre about taking responsibility, and sharing what he had.

In the family we are missing him for so many things, but John would want us to remember him with wit, more than sentiment... he was a great fan of Peter Cook (some say he even sounded like him) and this quote resonates for me, "I have learned from my mistakes and I am sure I can repeat them exactly."

INGER GORDON

John Hewson's successor at Fellowship pays tribute

I had known of John Hewson for as long as I have lived in the Suburb, but more recently I came to know him more closely when I succeeded him as Chairman of Fellowship. He had been a leading figure in Fellowship having been Treasurer for many years before becoming Chairman, a post he held until 2015. His was a hard act to follow and I was conscious that my actions were very much prefaced by the thought of how John would have responded.

As I came to know him better I realised that he was a man of clear will, with resolution, determination and above all integrity and sincerity. All the more surprising when I realised that he had worked in advertising for over 30 years, for these attributes are not commonly associated with that profession!

In 2014 John was interviewed by Sally Botterill in the form of Desert Island Discs, an occasion many readers will remember. Much of John's early life was revealed, how he had been born in the Suburb and after a bomb had destroyed the Hewson home, he had been evacuated to Herefordshire. Some of that rural upbringing may just have crept into his voice leaving a trace of that soft West Country burr that was so attractive.

John returned to live in the Suburb and after leaving the

advertising world he became involved in local voluntary work, helping children to learn to read at the local school, and joined the Horticultural Society and Fellowship. Peter Falk has told me how they both had a love of dogs and would often meet in Big or Little Wood, whilst walking their dogs.

John was Treasurer whilst Eileen Whelan was Chairman. But when Eileen's infirmity became more serious, John found that he had to assume the role of both Treasurer and Chairman, which he found excessive. Their two dogs conferred and by canine agreement Peter agreed to become Treasurer and John Chairman. Perhaps I should get a dog!

With John's support and encouragement, Eileen Whelan's legacy was used to refurbish Fellowship House, and though ill-health curtailed his role as Chairman, he was able to see Fellowship House emerge as the fine building and flourishing enterprise it is today. As you enter Fellowship's garden and the sun is shining, you can tell the time of day on the handsome sundial which was given to Fellowship by John.

And John Hewson was given the unique honour by Fellowship to be "Life Time Honorary President" an accolade that always will be his.

JOHN MATHIAS

Joan Beales son, Peter, reflects on his mother's life in a letter to our editor, following our obituary in the last issue

Dear Terry, Three thoughts have struck me as I've been thinking about Joan.

First, she – often with Leonie – made full use of the theatre visits that the HGS Theatre Club used to arrange, and I do hope, incidentally, that that excellent service has been maintained.

(Unfortunately not. See page 6 of our last issue, Ed)

Second, her fondness for the Suburb included extensive walks on the Heath, often ending at the Spaniards, particularly when her beloved Labrador, Max was still with us; she was pleased to be able to do things in return for the place that had been her home for so long – so was a Governor at Childs Way for a time as well as all her RA work.

Lastly, and when not driving her old Honda that she had bought with Mick when he

retired, she was a great user of the H2: for example, until quite close to her move to Worthing she would come into the City almost every week to have lunch with me and other family members and friends that were around. The Cannon Street El Vinos was her favourite haunt, the staff liked her and would always ensure that she had the table that she liked best.

So many fond memories but, if truth be told, she missed the Suburb after she left and would always share with us the news that she picked up. I often think that if she hadn't had that accident on the Tube, which shook her confidence so much (in spite of the brave face she put on it), she might not have decided that it was time to move on.

All best wishes, Peter Beales



Ruta Teteris 1926-2017

Ruta was born in Ventpils, a town on the NW coast of Latvia, on 7 September 1926. Her parents were both teachers. Her father was the head teacher at Ventpils primary school No.1, and also founder and head of Ventpils public library up until the time the family was forced to flee their homeland in 1944 in fear of the advancing Russian forces. Ruta and her family were on the last fishing boat carrying refugees, which crossed the Baltic Sea to the Swedish island of Gotland. Ruta, her brother and parents eventually moved to Lund in Southern Sweden, where Ruta's father worked as a librarian at Lund University.

Ruta was a promising music student in Latvia, but her family's life as refugees meant that any further music studies had to be put on hold. Ruta studied Baltic philology at Stockholm University, and then followed in her father's footsteps and qualified as a music librarian.

Ruta met her future husband, Karlis Teteris, in 1950 when she attended a Latvian song festival in Leicester, organised by the Latvian refugee community in England. Ruta and Karlis were married in Stockholm on 26 December 1957, and moved to London in January 1958.

Ruta's husband died in 1975 and Ruta was left alone to bring up her two young children, Maris and Jana. She spent her professional career working as a librarian in various public and school libraries in London, before retiring in the late 1980s. Any free time she had was devoted to her family, the Latvian school in London and various Latvian charitable organisations.

When she retired, Ruta continued volunteering for various Latvian organisations in the UK, and with the political changes in Latvia she also began a new career as a translator and interpreter. She continued translating until shortly before her 90th birthday, as it was very important for her to keep her mind active.

Nevertheless her main interests following retirement were horticulture and particularly growing roses. Her passion and

enthusiasm were infectious, and therefore, it comes as no surprise that she was known throughout the Suburb as the 'Rose lady' and a very knowledgeable gardener. Ruta moved to the Suburb in 1981 and lived in Asmunds Place up until the end of 2011, when her mobility started to make life difficult. She spent the last years of her life at The Orchard.

Ruta participated in Suburb life in many ways. She was an allotment holder for many years and served as the secretary for the Asmunds Place site. She also helped with the gardening at Abbeyfield House and she took part in the Trust's Suburb Appraisal. However it was the Horticultural Society that received the most attention; she worked on organising the library; served as membership secretary for many years; sat on the committee until November last year; organised a rose festival; won the Rose Cup 12 times and the Banksian medal once.

Ruta first returned to Latvia in 1988, when political changes in the region made it easier to travel there. Whilst her dream of returning to live in Latvia did not materialise, she continued to visit Latvia regularly over the next 20 years. In between meeting her many relatives and enjoying Latvia's cultural life, she acted as an adviser to libraries in both the capital Riga and her hometown of Ventpils. She also taught translation, and assisted a number of museums, universities and schools.

Ruta lived a long and productive life, and never regarded herself as old. In her opinion, age was just a number, and a person's good heart, actions and interests were far more significant. For her the family, life-long learning, self-development and keeping busy were of utmost importance. She always tried to encourage those around her to follow these ideals, and loved helping other people whenever she could. She had so many varied interests, and despite her increasing lack of mobility she kept her mind active right up until the very end of her life.

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70 years together



The Littaur's holidaying in Lysefjord, Norway in September 2015

Suburb News has learned that David and Joyce Littaur celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on January 29 and would like to share the news with our readers. I am sure you will join us in

congratulating them, and wishing them well.

They threw themselves into Suburb life on their arrival from Highgate in August 1998. David sits on RA Council and is Chairman

of the RA's Events Committee, while Joyce accompanies him to RA Council meetings.

David remarked, "How lucky I feel that we have been granted so many years together!"

A Christmas gift from Dolce Napoli

In our spring issue last year (SN130) we reviewed the new Italian café, Dolce Napoli, in The Market Place, and we have news of a very generous offer made by the family who run the establishment.

They issued an invitation to share a Christmas lunch for single elderly people in the neighbourhood. Although there were originally three women who accepted the invitation, ill-health meant only one, Betty Mason, was able to take up the offer.

She has told Suburb News that she was served a five-course meal with plenty of wine on offer. At her request they made a traditional Christmas Pudding, but that in fact the Pannetone was better.

She said, "Later on (many glasses later!) friends joined us for coffee and cake, filling this small cafe with the love and spirit of Christmas. I returned home happy and contented that there are still such good

people working amongst us." She added, "I was the only OAP to partake of the occasion and could not have had a happier time had I been with family or other friends. Fulvio, Silvia and Luca of Dolce Napoli, deserve thanks for their wonderfully generous lunch, for those

who were elderly and had no other plans on Christmas Day."

Suburb News would like to add its thanks to them for this demonstration of community and Christmas spirit. Doubtless there will be more people ready to accept this generous Christmas gift should the offer be repeated.



Betty's picture of her Christmas hosts

Theatre finds new venue

The Garden Suburb Theatre traces its origins to the first dramatic performance held in the Suburb in 1908. So it is sad that recently they have not had a permanent home here, apart from annual performances in Little Oakwood Open Air Theatre. Not unlike the travelling players of the past, for the last few years, they have wandered from theatre to theatre.

Now, however, they have found a new venue next to the Suburb. King Alfred School, in North End Road has acquired and is refurbishing a building to provide theatre space for the school, across the road from their main site. GST will be putting on a production there of Oscar Wilde's

A Woman Of No Importance from Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th April. They hope this may be the first of more productions there. Do go and support them.

Before that, from Friday February 16 to Sunday February 18 (half-term) you will still need to travel to Barnet to see Aladdin, a pantomime specially written for the group, at The Bull, 68 High Street. Box Office: 020 3582 1333 or book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre.

New members are welcome, as active performers, backstage crew or audience members. Details at www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk. Membership enquiries: Maureen Colmans on 020 8446 4029.

Two awards for Dr Mervyn Miller

Many residents will recognise the name of Dr Mervyn Miller who sat on the HGS Trust Council for many years, was made Honorary Life President in 2001 and written on the history of the Suburb.

In recognition of his involvement with the Lutyens Trust, Letchworth Garden City, Athlone House, and Dissington Garden Village, as well as our Suburb, he was awarded a Fellowship by the Royal Institute of British Architects in November last year.

The citation mentions his published histories of Letchworth and the Suburb and his Doctorate

for his biography of Sir Raymond Unwin. Mervyn has written to say that he looks on this as a 'lifetime achievement award' but will continue to work with the institutions with which he is involved.

He has also accepted a three-year Fellowship in the University of Hertfordshire School of Life Sciences, which will allow him to develop his ongoing passion for the international context of the Garden City movement and related aspects of architectural history.

Suburb News can join many readers in welcoming these two



well-merited awards for someone who has spent his working life contributing to the understanding and conservation of the historic built environment.

Memory Matters – a topical talk

Despite being a rather wet and rainy late October afternoon, an almost full hall of HGS U3A members hosted the first in the season of our monthly Topical Talks. As one of our members related after the talk, it was "illuminating, informative, pacy and with moments of humour." Dr Emma Ward led an interesting and illustrative interactive talk on 'Memory Matters'.

She firstly gave us an overview of recent developments in this area: exploring different kinds of memory and how they are affected by the natural ageing process. Dr Ward then explained how scientists test different types of memory in the lab, and some new findings about how factors, such as attention, mood, rhythm and music, are believed to preserve or even enhance memory with age.

Alongside the talk, there was plenty of audience participation, where we were invited to join in some memory tests, using words flashed up on the screen, and then having to memorise them and write them down thereafter.

Dr Ward and her team of researchers invited our members to participate in their on-going



research on cognitive ageing. Participants will be tested in individual sessions in which they will be asked to perform a straightforward computer task and a battery of verbal tests assessing memory and other cognitive abilities.

If members were unable to attend the talk they can still be included in the research. So, please contact us at <https://hgsu3a.uk/> if you are interested, so we can pass on your details to Dr Ward.

DAAPHNE BERKOVI



Dr Emma Ward



Suburb author in library talk

On November 22, local author and eminent surgeon Michael Baum presented an illustrated talk at the Garden Suburb Community Library. He gave an insight into the research for his latest novel, Aaron's Rod, which involved a series of fascinating archaeological trips. The talk was extremely well attended and it was followed by an interesting Q & A session before those present had a chance for a pleasant drink and chat with the author.



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Mental Health Awareness and Fundraising

Many Suburb residents maybe unaware that the Free Church has recently been trying to bring our attention to the subject of our mental health. As part of this welcome initiative there was an opportunity for us to learn more when Professor Tim Kendall came to the church to give a talk on the subject entitled Mental Health: Present & Future.

Ian Tutton, the Minister at the church, introduced the Professor, and told us how there was a serious challenge to society in raising mental health awareness, and how important it was to support local providers. Many readers of this article will have been touched by those with mental health problems, maybe in the family, in friends or the workplace, and perhaps even in themselves. Recognition of a problem is the first step to finding a solution.

Prof Kendall is, among other things, National Clinical Director for Mental Health NHS England and Consultant Psychiatrist at the Sheffield NHS Foundation Trust, and he started his talk by telling his audience of his early days working in mental health in Sheffield explaining how he felt to understand psychosis you had to live with those who suffered from psychiatric disorders to get a service user perspective.

He explained how treatment had changed with asylums being shut and community care expanded. In the early 1980s Sheffield, with a population of half a million had 2,000 mental health beds – now there were 100. Now the emphasis is on early intervention with the intention of helping patients to get back home and into work, often using treatments such as cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT).

Although mental health care is better than it used to be, access is still difficult and despite the provision of additional resources we were told that, for instance, still only one third of children get the treatment they require; so the public campaign to ensure politicians understand the need for adequate provision continues.



Ian Tutton introducing the speaker, Professor Tim Kendall

The Professor explained that the situation in mental health was better than before, but that there were still problems to be tackled; among them the Mental Health Act was a one size fits all approach that limited the capacity for action, and private provision of facilities for those with severe problems was very costly.

Despite the impression that one gets from the media coverage that there is a constant crisis in mental health he, without denying that there are problems, remains optimistic about the future, which, although surprising, was somehow comforting.

A question and answer session chaired by Karen Turner, Director for Mental Health England, followed with the proviso that it was fine to be political. Ian opened by asking about the situation for 15 to 25 year-olds, who were neither children nor adults, and whose problems became more severe and difficult to treat when tackled later in life.

Questions followed about recognising problems while at school; the reaction of employers when confronted by problems at work; the treatment of an ageing population with dementia; how

to cope with the speed of modern life, and the digital world; treating veterans, and others, with PTSD; rising rates of suicide, and self-harm.

The answers to many problems lay not so much in drugs, but in talking therapies and the use of psychological well-being practitioners; working with families, friends and within the workplace; adjusting the environment around dementia patients; recognising problems in A&E and transferring patients to psychiatric services.

Suicide rates, which had been going down until 2008, had risen in every country after the crash, but had thankfully now plateaued. Apparently 75% of suicide cases had never sought help, a figure which demonstrates

the need to remove the stigma of mental problems. Problems related to modern living, such as those caused by the speed of life or social media would only really become apparent in the next decade, and treatment would develop in tandem.

The most important thing for all of us was to raise awareness in the community of the ubiquity of mental health problems, and the ways of getting help without feeling shame. Ian and the Free Church congregation deserve our thanks for trying to bring this subject to our attention. Suburb News wishes them luck with their ambition to raise £15,000 for an outdoor gym for inpatients at the mental health unit of Edgware Hospital.

TERRY BROOKS

The Free Church Mental Health Campaign

Over the past year the Free Church has been raising awareness in the church community around issues of mental illness, health and wellbeing.

Some one in six adults have either a common mental health disorder – usually depression or anxiety, or a severe mental illness, such as psychosis e.g. schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. This one in six figure comes from the most recent survey and paints a particularly worrying picture of mental illness in young women aged from 18-25, where the rates are higher than any other group.

Mental illness has a high cost – to the individual, to those around them and to society. It can prevent people from enjoying and taking part in life, as well as looking after themselves or others. The links between mental illness and physical health are also now better understood; some long term physical conditions, such as diabetes or severe neurological illnesses, can be hard to manage which can cause depression and anxiety. This in turn makes the management of the condition worse. So a cycle of difficulty emerges.

The Dennis Scott Unit, Edgware Hospital, is the inpatient psychiatric unit that covers the Borough of Barnet. There are three wards with capacity for 62 patients, and the wards are almost always full. All of us within our local groups will have knowledge of people who have required the support of mental health services and may even have required admission to the Dennis Scott Unit.

At the Free Church we have been supporting the Dennis

Scott Unit by collecting money to enrich the ward environment beyond that which the NHS provides. The church congregation has developed contacts within the Unit and initiated various projects – Christmas presents for all those on the wards, Easter eggs & daffodils in April and strawberries & cream tea for Wimbledon finals weekend. We have now been asked to fundraise to provide outdoor gym equipment (as you will find in many of the parks in Barnet) to encourage physical activity for those who are inpatients.

We all know the benefit of exercise for our physical and mental well-being, and at present, the facilities within the outdoor areas are bare and hence some basic equipment is urgently needed. Depending on how many pieces of equipment are placed in the two areas for the three wards, this project would require approximately £15,000. Each piece of equipment costs about £1,500 including installation.

We are approaching various organisations on the Suburb to ask if they would collaborate with us in this project by arranging fundraising activities. So far we have organised a flower festival, two concerts, a seminar and have raised £2,000. We did a sponsored walk from the Dennis Scott Unit to our church on January 20.

Please do consider whether this is a community activity you would like to join in with. Any donations that individuals would like to give would also be gratefully received.

PENNY TRAFFORD,
IAN TUTTON

Become a volunteer



Lead advocate, Shailja Kumar, with a volunteer.

Volunteering has so many benefits whatever your age – it can open up a whole new world and give you purpose and satisfaction.

Becoming a volunteer helps you to strengthen your ties to your community and meet new people. It is also beneficial to your mental health as it increases your confidence and self-esteem, gives you a sense of accomplishment and helps you develop a more positive outlook on life.

Advocacy in Barnet is a small North London charity, which is celebrating 20 years of helping people in the London Borough of Barnet. It offers a free, independent and confidential advocacy service to people over 50. Advocacy in Barnet has a number of different projects designed to help and support people through difficult times and is looking for people who have some time to spare and wish to give something back to their communities.

Don't be put off by the word 'advocacy' – we are not legal types, although people with a legal background do make excellent advocates. Advocacy means taking action to help you say what you want, secure your rights, represent your interests and obtain the services you need. Among our team of well-trained and experienced volunteers we have people from a variety of professions, for example GPs, lawyers and teachers.

Our newest project is about supporting lone older people leaving hospital, whether it is to a care home or their own home. Our volunteers provide support through all stages of the discharge process. The

transition from private living via hospital to a care home can be traumatic. Giving up one's home and independence can be a real blow to people's sense of themselves, particularly if they are on their own. For people who are returning to their own homes adequate support will prevent avoidable re-admissions and save the NHS money and resources. People sometimes leave hospital without important possessions, like their false teeth or batteries in their hearing aids – a transitions volunteer will help to make sure these items travel with their owners to reduce anxiety and ensure wellbeing.

A typical recent case was of an 80 year-old woman who lived alone. She was awaiting discharge to a care home for the first time. As a result of a conversation with one of our Volunteer Advocates she indicated that she really wanted to return to her own home. Our Volunteer Advocate liaised with a social worker on the ward and the patient was discharged to her own home supported by a package of care that included daily visits from a carer.

We also provide a cancer advocacy service, which provides one-to-one support, help and advocacy for people over 50 living with cancer and their families.

If any of our work would be of interest to you and you have around four hours a week to spare, why not call on 020 8201 3415? We provide excellent training and on-going support and would love to hear from you – change your life and join the Advocacy Volunteers.

Archives Books

An interesting article from the Archives Trust analysing the details from Hampstead Way in the 1911 Census has been held over to our next issue due to lack of space.

In the meantime the Archives team would like to remind readers that they could take the opportunity to visit Fellowship House and select a book from those listed below to read instead:

John Atkin: Hampstead Garden Suburb during the Great War. £10
Henrietta Barnett: The Story of the Growth of Hampstead Garden Suburb. £5
Handlist of the Hampstead Garden Suburb. £1
Kitty Slack: Henrietta's Dream. £5
Micky Watkins: Henrietta Barnett, Social Worker and Community Planner. £10
Micky Watkins: Henrietta Barnett in photos. £3

Welcome to St Jude's

Ash Wednesday February 14
9am Imposition of Ashes
Mothering Sunday March 11
8am & 10.30am
Palm Sunday March 25
10.30am Liturgy of the Palms
(begins at Church Rooms)
Maundy Thursday March 29
8pm Liturgy of the Last Supper
Good Friday March 30
10.30am Liturgy of the Cross
Holy Saturday March 31
8pm The Easter Liturgy
Easter Sunday April 1
8am & 10.30am
Easter Celebration

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Thursday 9am
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Suburb's Virtual Museum launched

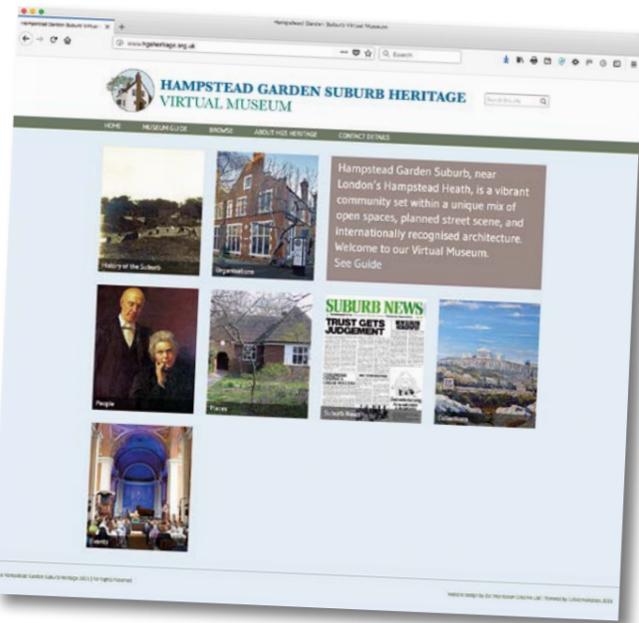
As foreshadowed in Autumn's Suburb News, the Virtual Museum was launched on 29 October, in Fellowship House, by Patron Martin Bell in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Barnet and other dignitaries.

The museum's website, www.hgsheritage.org.uk, had almost 300 visitors within days of launch, and interest in it continues to grow. The home page, pictured here, leads into local history, and also to 26 organisations, some historical, some very active, for example Garden Suburb Theatre which performs every summer in Little Wood and shows on its museum page its origins in two earlier drama groups, one stemming from a predecessor committee formed in 1908. The museum aims to add to these 26 organisations, and is already in discussion with three of the Suburb's primary schools to emulate Kerem which is in the museum with full history and a link to its own website.

Another aim of HGS Heritage is to encourage local people, and organisations that are not yet

involved, to track down, register and even donate the Suburb's memorabilia, so that they are not lost for posterity. Suburb News can report that the launch has already borne fruit, with a local resident coming forward with original postcards and papers

inherited from her grandparents who were residents from the Suburb's beginnings. If readers have similar goodies to share, e-mails can be sent to info@hgsheritage.org.uk and Marjorie Harris or another volunteer will respond with pleasure.



The Emeralds in Henrietta's Crown



An allotment opened as part of the HGS Open Gardens day this year organised by the National Gardens Scheme Flower Show

These are the eleven allotments, hidden gems, which are oases of tranquillity in the heart of the Suburb. You enter through shrouded twittens and alleyways, to discover entrancing secret worlds, where over a hundred plot holders realise their horticultural dreams. The allotments are a retreat from the hurly-burly of metropolitan life as well as a source of wholesome organic fruit and vegetables.

The allotments were a core element of the pioneering urban planning of this outstanding conservation area, as much as the gardens and houses themselves. The philosophy behind them was social; they provide a communal, and a healthy, activity. They expanded during the Dig For Victory years of World War Two, and they remain to this day a cohesive force in the community.

2017 marks the centenary of the formation of the Allotments Committee which operated independently for one year before amalgamating with the Suburb's branch of the Royal Horticultural Society. Although links with the HGS Horticultural Society remain close, the committee operates under the auspices of the Suburb's Residents Association.

The allotments are managed by a thriving committee, which works hand-in-hand through its site secretaries, with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust who are

the landowners of nine of the eleven sites. The strong links with the Horticultural Society are evident from several joint events, including the biennial Suburb Seed Swap.

The Allotment Committee meets three or four times a year at the Trust office to ensure the efficient management of the sites and discuss issues such as water availability, overhanging trees and hedges, rents and allocation of plots. The committee members divide up responsibilities for the various jobs and administration.

There are several social events a year including a Harvest Supper where allotmentees bring dishes to share, often prepared using their produce. There is an annual walkabout by the committee and a trophy is awarded for the best plot. Individual sites have their own social events during the year such as summer BBQ's.

The good news is applications to become plot holders are

always welcomed. Plots become available more often than you might expect. So if you are interested, make yourself known. Applications to enter this enchanting world can be made by contacting Peter Hodgson at peter_hodgson@hotmail.co.uk, our committee secretary Margaret Lancaster for general enquiries at m.lancaster1@talktalk.net, or you can contact Paul Capewell at the HGS Trust at paul@hgstrust.org or on 8455 1066 and 8458 8085.

RUTH BEEDLE



A tray containing allotment vegetables entered into the Horticultural Society Flower Show

Farm Walk Tennis Club



Tennis Coach Lucy Dean and Player Jenny Manson

Farm Walk Tennis club is a secluded haven of peace where you can escape from the busy world of Temple Fortune.

Established over 75 years ago, it has 160 Adults and 80 Juniors, ranging in age from 5 to 88.

Newly appointed coach, Lucy Dean, told me how impressed she

was with the enthusiasm she felt among the members, especially the ladies, whom she coaches in groups several times a week. She also gives one to one sessions or doubles whenever needed. Experiencing first hand her skills, in a short time she gave me tips on my forehand, backhand, and

serving, and even got me playing double-handed!

There are five courts, three artificial grass, and two clay, four of which are floodlit. Visitors can play free on Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. There is also a clubhouse with table tennis and table football, and there are a number of social events organised for this year.

At a recent charity tournament over £700 was raised for Breast Cancer. Social tennis takes place on Saturday afternoons when members can mix in, there is also tea provided once a month. There are several teams playing in the Middlesex league and intermittent tournaments. Check the website www.farmwalktennis.net for further information.

SIMONE HALFIN

Suburb Table Tennis Club is growing fast!

Thanks to donations from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and from local individuals, the Suburb Table Tennis Club is now in its third year, and has three teams in the local Barnet League.

The club has seen over 250 people through its doors in that time and wants to see more people pick up a bat and play. The club actively welcomes new members of all standards, and has eight Olympic level tables

to use. Some of the members that started with no knowledge two years ago are now playing in the League teams. There is no membership needed so just pay and play.

There is a children's session from 18.30-20.00 every Thursday of the year and costs £8.

The adults session is from 20.00-21.30 (although some play later). That is £8 for over 70s and £10 for all others. The location

is the Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11 6PB.

The club has three coaches that play internationally and also Darius Knight who represented England at the 2012 Olympics.

We hope you come along and hopefully look forward to seeing you at the club!

This is the second year we have had teams in the Barnet League, in divisions 1, 2 and 3. Currently the first team is sixth,

but with one game in hand, hopes top the league. The second team is also sixth, and hopes to gain promotion.

The beginners' team is now fourth, with a lot of children in the team, some only nine years old! This combination of kids and adults is really great to see!

If you need any information on the club, please go to www.suburbttc.com.

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This magnificent medieval organ was briefly in St Jude's for a recording session.



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St Jude's and the Free Church nativity plays were as captivating as ever.



ALLOTMENTS

The membership of the committee is made up of the Site Secretaries of the eleven allotments in the Suburb. The Co-opted and ex-officio members include; HGS Trust Estate Management; Current Chair of the HGS Horticultural Society; HGS Residents Association Representative.

Most of the allotments are owned by the HGS Trust, with two owned by the Orchard Housing Society. There are over 100 plot holders of mixed ages who spend much of their leisure time raising crops for their personal use in this tranquil environment.

The Allotments Committee meets three or four times a year, liaising with the Trust to ensure that the efficient management of the sites is maintained, that the plots are kept in good order by the users and that rapport with boundary residents is preserved. Other items include water supply issues; overgrowing hedges and trees; occasional vandalism; annual rents paid to the Trust. We also liaise with the HGS Horticultural Society, sharing meetings of joint interest.

During the summer, the condition of all plots is inspected by committee members. Plot holders may offer their growing produce for judging. Amongst the social events is the popular Harvest Supper where plot holders can provide food made from their produce, exhibit their crops, and the plot winner(s) can collect their prizes.

The weather was as usual, quite mixed and rain early on delayed some sowing. However, we enjoyed a long warm spell at the end of the season with many extended crops, notably blackberries that seemed to be never ending.

There are quite often plot vacancies. If anyone is interested in spending some of their leisure time in this calm and productive environment, please contact the site-secretaries (in the RA Suburb Directory on page 18), the Assistant Estate Manager at the Trust on 8455 1066, or at paul@hgstrust.org, or Peter Hodgson; email peter-hodgson@hotmail.co.uk.

ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE (raallotments@hgs.org.uk)



CONSERVATION AND AMENITIES (CONSAM)

Consam continued to keep up the pressure on all aspects of conservation in the Suburb. The work was actioned by means of direct contact with the HGS Trust (HGST) and the London Borough of Barnet (LBB). I would like to thank my committee colleagues who have given freely of their time to help with this essential, and fundamental, aspect of the Residents Association's work.

- Contributed to the consideration of individual planning applications at 9 meetings of the HGST Property & Plans Committee.
- Contributed to the consideration of individual planning applications at 17 meetings of the LBB Conservation Area Consultative Committee.
- Pursued general conservation issues with HGST and LBB at further meetings called for the purpose.
- Ongoing co-operation with HGST in and finalisation of supplementary guidance on paving and hard-standing, including the taking of photographs to illustrate the guidance.
- Alerted HGST to several infringements of the HGST/LBB Design Guidance, with appropriate follow-up.
- Objected to several planning applications via the LBB planning portal.
- Circulated LBB's weekly planning applications to the HGS List Email Group.
- Pursued with LBB and an independent consultant a number of public realm conservation issues.

PETER MCCLUSKIE, Chairman (raconsam@hgs.org.uk)



EVENTS

The busy Events Committee calendar closed 2016 with the annual New Year's Eve Party in St Jude's Church followed by a spectacular Firework's display in Central Square celebrating the arrival of 2017!

The 105th RA AGM was next on the calendar and in 2017 took place on Monday 27 March 2017 at its usual location, Henrietta Barnett School. The event was well attended and also welcomed our local councillors who were able to interact with local residents and contribute to the lively discussions around the state of repair of our roads and pavements, security and tree re-planting.

In May the Events Committee hosted the annual Michael Rowley lecture. Our very own Suburb resident and wife of Reverend Alan Walker, Lucrezia Walker, talked about the life of Australian artist Tom Walker who lived on the Suburb for several years from 1909. Her illustrated presentation showcased some of his paintings whilst giving us an interesting insight into his life in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Swiftly following on was the Summer Picnic in Central Square – the biggest event in the RA Events calendar. The weather was kind to us this year and soon the queues formed at the bar to grab a free glass of Pimms. Picnic tables sold out and Sound of the Suburb entertained whilst families and friends were enjoying their lunch.

This year we also welcomed a lot of four-legged friends on the square. Our local charity "All Dogs Matter" had invited local dog owners to participate in a friendly "best of show" competition. Dog owners proudly presented their pooches in the hope to scoop one of the sought after rosettes.

Other entertainment included known and loved favourites such as Face Painting, Balloon craft with Fizzie Lizzie, Donkey Rides, Animal Show, Punch & Judy and Arts & Crafts with Vera Moore.

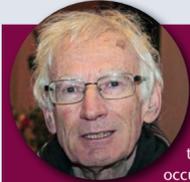
Before ending the year with our annual Fireworks display, RA Events took over Fellowship House to celebrate Halloween. Now in its 2nd year, the children's Halloween Party was attended by more than 40 children plus their parents. The house was packed! Story teller Sarah Lloyd-Winder enchanted the children with her stories, whilst local artist Vera Moore engaged our party goers with Halloween Mask making, and her daughter turned some of our guests into butterflies and sprites with her Face Painting skills.

Sadly the year was overshadowed by the passing of our dear Charles Gale, resident of Hampstead Garden Suburb and a long standing member of RA Council and the RA Events Committee. We miss him greatly.

DAVID LITTAURO, Chairman (raevents@hgs.org.uk)



2017 COMMITTEE REPORTS



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I joined the Residents Association a few days before I moved to Hampstead Garden Suburb in 1994. I happened to meet the then Treasurer at a party in Hampstead. I remember he took my subscription on the spot. It never occurred to me then that I would later become your Chairman, let alone twice. Now I'm retiring after being Chairman for three years. As many of you know, I was previously RA Chairman for four years ending with the Centenary Celebrations in 2006, which makes my total seven years.

The achievements of the Association over the past 12 months are documented in the individual Committee Reports on these pages. Year after year the RA continues to recruit competent and intelligent people to help run our many activities and to organise our campaigns.

I'm happy to report that the RA now has a younger generation of intelligent and well organised volunteers who are already taking over the leadership of the Association. If you want to join this team, get in touch with any RA official – details can be found in the Suburb Directory which is re-published each year in the early Summer. If you are not a member of the RA, join at the AGM which is open to the public.

The two most recent elections I have won have been contested. These have been the only contested elections held for an RA Chairman since 1997. Thank you for your support.

I consider that the Residents Association continues to be an important force for good in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Although the RA has no statutory authority, The Residents Association still serves an important purpose in providing volunteers to serve on public committees, and to influence the HGS Trust and public authorities for the good of the Suburb. We also co-ordinate and publicise the many Suburb organisations which are active here. This year, together with other groups, we have prevented an outline scheme to build a skyscraper in Golders Green towering over the Suburb near the Tube Station.

The physical beauty of our location and environment has had a significant influence on the social cohesion and the unique cultural diversity of our area. I have been honoured to have participated in a small way in this success during my leadership of the Association and as chairman of some of its standing committees.

DAVID B LEWIS, Chairman HGS Residents Association (rachair@hgs.org.uk)



MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is responsible for encouraging residents both to join our association and to rejoin on an annual basis. Our membership year is from January to December. In order to encourage members to maintain their membership on a continuous basis, we recommend they set up an annual Standing Order. Once set up, the renewal payments for the agreed amount is paid directly into the RA's bank account. This both saves time for residents and cuts down time and work for the membership secretary. Residents can also pay the annual subscription via cheques, Pay Pal or by making direct payments into the RA's bank account.

Our system also provides for members to make donations to Fellowship, the local charity for the over 60s. Each year we raise about £9,000 for Fellowship via this facility.

Maintaining a database for a community of over 5,000 households, requires regular attention which is done by the Membership Secretary, backed up by Jeremy Clynes who provides our IT support. There is also a regular need for co-operation between the Membership Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, Emma Howard.

Contact with members is principally by e-mail and occasionally by telephone. The date and time of the AGM is advertised in advance via Suburb News and via Suburb eNews to all members who have given the RA their email addresses. Postal mailings are used in May and June to encourage residents to join or rejoin. A further mailing is sent out in September, and a membership table is manned by volunteers at the annual summer picnic. This also enables us to make contact with new residents and encourage them to join. Get-together parties for new residents are arranged from time to time.

Contact with Associate members, and Life members living outside the Suburb is maintained by sending copies of Suburb News 4 times a year.

The committee also helps maintain the Discount Scheme, which the RA has negotiated with selected local retailers. To facilitate this Resident Association Membership Cards are issued each year, and remain valid for this purpose until the end of July of the following year.

Membership has been steady in recent years, with 1,750 households joining or rejoining in 2017. Thanks are due to all who helped contribute to membership matters in 2017.

JANET ELLIOT, Secretary (ramembership@hgs.org.uk)



PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee lost a much-loved member with the death of Charles Gale in March last year. He did invaluable work finding and retaining advertisers and was responsible for running the RA Discount Scheme with local businesses.

The committee still needs a volunteer to take on the advertising brief for Suburb News. The Suburb Directory needs someone to do the same job, and also a volunteer to administer the Discount Scheme.

We thank Steve Morris, a former member of our committee, for continuing to operate his website at www.hgs.org.uk for the benefit of all Suburb residents and its organisations.

We continue to be responsible for the following:

- Publishing Suburb News every quarter with delivery carried out by a team of over 100 resident volunteers.
- Publishing the Suburb Directory every Spring.
- Administering the Discount Scheme for RA members. A list of participating businesses can be found at the back of the Suburb Directory.
- Publishing details of local events and news in Suburb eNews using the e-mail addresses of RA members.
- Administering the Facebook page of "The Hampstead Garden Suburb Group".
- Arranging for Suburb News and the Suburb Directory to be available to view on line at www.hgs.org.uk.

TERRY BROOKS, Chairman (rapublications@hgs.org.uk)



ROADS AND TRAFFIC

As always the Roads & Traffic Committee was heavily engaged in local traffic matters during 2017. In July the committee was represented at an RA public meeting which was called to discuss pedestrian safety in the Suburb. Following this we have had a series of meetings with our ward councillors, Barnet officials and Transport for London representatives to see whether improvements can be made to the Market Place/Kingsley Way/Ossulton Way junction.

Being a part of the A1 the junction operates under the authority of the more distant TfL rather than Barnet and we have appreciated the active help of our councillors in bringing residents' concerns to the attention of senior Transport for London personnel. We are hopeful that a re-phasing of the traffic lights or some other change to existing arrangements might soon be introduced to allow for increased pedestrian crossing times.

As the year went on the committee heard from many more residents who had received CCTV issued traffic fines in Barnet. Members might remember that at the public consultation in 2015 the committee strongly opposed the introduction of CCTV fearing that it might be used over-zealously.

These concerns were dismissed and cameras now monitor the yellow box junctions at the Golders Green war memorial and at the Bridge Lane/Finchley Road intersection and also the zig-zag restriction at Brookland School, as well as at other sites frequented by Suburb residents. We have received many complaints about unfair enforcement and we have certainly found examples of penalty charge notices being issued without justification.

The rules governing box junctions and school parking restrictions are not always well understood – both by motorists and enforcement staff – so members in receipt of parking or traffic tickets which they feel have been unjustly issued should always check with the Committee before paying to see whether they might have a case for appeal.

Residents who have recently moved into or within the Suburb are reminded that it is vital to advise the DVLA of their change of address as soon as possible because a misdirected traffic ticket often results in reminders also being sent to the wrong address. In those circumstances the first notice of a CCTV generated ticket is often a clamped car outside the house and a demand for an immediate payment of several hundred pounds in release fees.

As 2017 came to a close the Committee was in the process of submitting objections to a Transport for London proposal to convert several Market Place parking spaces into bays for the exclusive use of electric taxis. We are anxious that some of TfL's policies, which might be appropriate for central London streets, are in danger of being introduced locally without proper consideration of local demand for competing facilities. For many years we have had to work hard to explain to TfL that the Market Place's viability depends upon access for residents and these latest proposals may represent a new challenge to one of our most important local shopping areas.

We continue as always to take note of residents' comments about all traffic related issues which in 2017 have included such matters as long term parking in local roads, congestion around our local schools, the maintenance of bus services to and through the Suburb, and problems caused by traffic diverting to avoid main road congestion.

The Committee is always interested in hearing from members who might like to join, we are a small group but we do currently have one or two places. With that in mind we note with thanks the retirement of longstanding R&T member Michael Milner, and also with sadness the passing of Charles Gale during 2017.

GARY SHAW, Chairman (ratraffic@hgs.org.uk)



TREES AND OPEN SPACES

As in previous years, we continued to monitor the Suburb to identify problems to do with trees, grass verges and hedges, with individual members of the committee covering the various areas. Our aim is to visit all Suburb roads noting the gaps within the planting scheme and to help Barnet fill these gaps by matching the number of trees they will plant, up to a set total cost. For Barnet's spring 2017 planting they were unable to get all the trees the Residents Association requested so we funded fewer trees than expected. The total planting was, once more, not enough to fill all the gaps. The tree on Finchley Road, by the corner of Temple Fortune Lane, which we funded to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, was badly damaged and had to be removed during 2016. It is to be replaced by another elm, together with our small plaque, in the spring 2018 planting.

Our work with the Central Square Residents Association, the HGS Trust and Barnet for replanting the flower beds in Central Square, with some lifting of the lower branches of the trees in the square to let more light onto the flower beds, was completed with their official opening on the 7th July. Later in the year we marked the many years of invaluable service to the Suburb by both Richard Wakefield and Charles Gale by sponsoring Lutyens benches in their memory. The two benches are situated by the tennis courts, one each side of the central path, looking out across the new flower beds.

We continue to play an active part in the management both of Hampstead Heath, with a representative on the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, and of Kenwood, as a member of English Heritage's Kenwood Landscape Forum.

During the year the RA has given the Northway Gardens Organisation another small grant to help maintain their newly planted flower beds in Northway Gardens. The year has also seen the successful setting up of The Friends of Big Wood to protect and preserve the Big Wood Nature Reserve. The Friends have taken over organising the Bigwood Working Group and its six or so Activity Mornings a year working, out of bird-nesting season, to improve the woodland structure by coppicing hazel and removing some of the ground ivy and bramble to create some small glades amongst the mature trees, whilst maintaining enough variety for the birds, bats, fungi and other plants to thrive. Have a look at the website www.friendsofbigwood.com for full details of this work, and how you can join the Friends to get involved.

TONY GHILCHIK, Chairman (ratrees@hgs.org.uk)

Come and discuss Suburb issues with your neighbours at the Residents Association AGM
Monday 26 March 2018, 8pm – Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square
All residents welcome • Refreshments

The Financial Report and Accounts will be available on the website at www.hgs.org.uk/ra/agm/index.html by 12th March 2018. If you would like to receive a hard copy please email ratreasurer@hgs.org.uk or write to HGS RA Treasurer c/o 40 Temple Fortune Lane, London NW11 7UE. Copies will be distributed at the AGM 26th March 2018.

Suburb News *in conversation with...*

...Professor Margaret Harris

Daphne Berkovi chats to Margaret about her life, academia and nostalgia for a Temple Fortune childhood

Margaret and her husband Paul moved to the Suburb in 2008 after their retirement. However, this move, returned Margaret to her childhood roots as we discover in conversation.

Margaret's family moved to Monkville Avenue in Temple Fortune when she was aged just 4. Margaret explained to me that she was a lonely only child until aged 6 when her brother was born but once the family moved, Margaret encountered lots of children to play with in their cul-de-sac. These were halcyon days when Margaret walked on her own to and from the Garden Suburb primary school. There was always the obligatory policeman on duty at the bottom of Childs Way to manage the children crossing the Finchley Road (no lollipop lady or pedestrian crossing was in existence then). Margaret told me that if the policeman was not present, then she was under strict instructions from her mother to ask Mr Corney (the founder of Corney's fishmongers) to accompany her across the Finchley Road.

Childhood memories abound as Margaret conveyed to me that she distinctly remembers being walked to the Odeon in Temple Fortune to view films of the Queen's coronation and about the Conquest of Everest the same year. So, after passing the 11 plus and leaving her primary

school in the Suburb, Margaret then attended Cophall, a local girl's grammar school. Thereafter she went to Birmingham University to study Sociology and Politics where she met her husband Paul who was studying law. She related that her academic studies have allowed her to pursue a pathway that has proved interesting and worthwhile throughout her life. A year after graduation Paul and Margaret married in 1967.

A return then to London and initially to live in Earls Court; Margaret's first job was working for the former Greater London Council at County Hall, Westminster. It was here that Margaret felt she honed her organisational skills as she serviced several council committees, including the one supervising the building of the National Theatre on the South Bank, and the one which provided liaison between the GLC and the Heathrow Airport Authority. Thereafter Margaret moved to the GLC Research Unit, conducting social research projects, which fed into the council's planning and policy.

Once Margaret and Paul started their family (a son and daughter) they settled in Elstree. It was then that Margaret decided to stop the commute to London and pursue college teaching alongside voluntary work as an adviser and trainer for the Citizens Advice Bureau. It was at this juncture of her life

that Margaret was introduced to the world of charities and the voluntary sector. Thus, in 1979 Margaret went to Brunel University to complete a Master's in Public Administration. Whilst there she was invited to develop teaching and research on the management of charities and other voluntary organisations. This was at a time when there was practically no research about the 'third sector'.

This then marked a new chapter in Margaret's life as she recounted that this was the moment that her career and research on voluntary organisations took off; resulting in pioneering a new academic field including postgraduate teaching and research projects at Brunel. With this experience, Margaret told me she then moved to the LSE, where she helped form a new academic centre within the Department of Social Policy. In parallel Margaret pursued her Ph.D. on research into the organisation of churches and synagogues, and in 1999 she accepted the post of Professor at the Business School at Aston University.

So, why the move to the Suburb in 2008? Margaret explained that once she retired, she and Paul wanted to change their lifestyle. They also wanted to live close to their two children and their grandchildren in North London. It was only after buying their house that they were delighted to discover that

it had been designed by the eccentric architect Matthew Dawson, who designed several houses in the Suburb. Another reason was the easy access to transport and shops. Margaret expressed how much she really appreciated the H2 bus service that exists in the Suburb. She also values the online Master Tradespeople List that can be consulted by members of the

Residents Association. Margaret also spoke about the good interfaith work that exists, encouraged by the local churches and synagogues.

Finally, Margaret spoke of the opportunity for new learning now that the new U3A has been established in the Suburb; where she has joined a class, 'Blank Page', and is writing up memories of her

Temple Fortune childhood. This is an important part of social history and Suburb history too; for living here, Margaret explains, is helping her to recall the shops and personalities of her local childhood; recounting and documenting what has changed and what has remained the same. I am sure this will make interesting reading for us all **S**



CENTRAL SQUARE & SUNSHINE CORNER

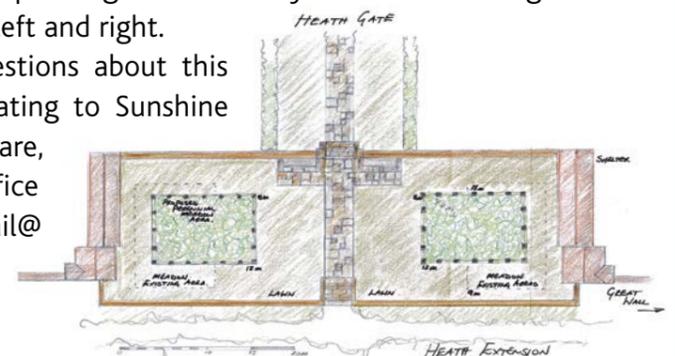
Works at Sunshine Corner, Winter 2017/18



Following a successful transformation of the beds at Central Square (above), the Trust is currently making some changes to the planting at Sunshine Corner.

This includes changing the orientation of the beds, and establishing a new perennial meadow planting scheme. Early sketches showing the plans can be seen below, left and right.

If you have any questions about this or any other queries relating to Sunshine Corner or Central Square, please call the Trust office on 020 8455 1066 or mail@hgstrust.org.



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Poundbury: an experiment in New Urbanism

LUCY MELFORD



The Whistling Witch

The latest in the series of winter talks organised by the Trust for members took place in December in the Henrietta Barnett School Hall. The Trust Chairman, Richard Wiseman, introduced the speaker for the evening, Simon Conibear, former Estate Director for the Duchy of Cornwall in Dorset, and now Poundbury Development Consultant.

He started by commenting that while the Garden City movement and the Suburb can be seen as an escape from urbanism, Poundbury is its antithesis, an escape to urbanism. He felt Poundbury has relevance for the future but is also relevant for development now.

Dorsetshire allowed for the creation of Poundbury to go ahead as part of its development

strategy in 1987, with an allocation of 400 acres of land owned by the Duchy of Cornwall. It has been an urban rather than suburban development with a hierarchy of buildings in a townscape, with green spaces integrated within the built environment.

It has come in for much criticism from many; being called "a cottagey slum", and "fake, heartless, authoritarian and grimly cute"; loathed by many modernists for its retrospective and traditional style. A consultancy on development for the Prince of Wales told him it would not work.

Mr Conibear reminded us that the Prince made few friends in the world of architecture with his 1984 RIBA speech denouncing the proposed extension to the National Gallery as being "like a monstrous carbuncle", and his 1989 BBC documentary 'A Vision of Britain'.

Nevertheless for many Poundbury is seen as a worthy success, creating a sense of space and relating to its locality using materials and styles of Dorsetshire. It consists of separate developments, not suburbs, with the concept of walkability built in. So shops, pubs and separate green spaces exist within each area. Planning is around people not cars. The buildings dominate the highway rather than vice versa with the idea of the roads being

a shared space for pedestrians and vehicles, resulting in very few accidents.

The job of designing the overall plan for Poundbury was given by Prince Charles to Leon Krier, the neo-traditional architect and urban planner from Luxembourg, who is known as a representative of New Urbanism, and whose ideas are epitomised in his 2009 book, *The Architecture of Community*.

It consists of 35% social housing, both housing association rentals and shared ownership properties, and shared into the whole with a planned population of 6,000 in 2,500 homes when it is completed in 2025. Social housing, private housing, business and retail property are freely mixed.

At present there are 185 businesses in Poundbury of varying sizes from small artisan or boutique enterprises to the biggest firm, Dorset Cereals,

which employs 100 people and, according to some, has created too much HGV traffic. In fact 30% of the population work in Poundbury itself.

It is not surprising given the Prince's interest in all things green that the concept of sustainable development is built in. Anaerobic digestion is used to make gas, with ecohomes and sustainable transport both encouraged. Residents run many of the facilities through management companies, and three house builders negotiate for the available plots of building land.

Poundbury seeks to facilitate rather than create community and the mixture of development in its different parts helps to foster this. In fact it is neither a village nor a town but is actually a part of Dorchester itself, being effectively an urban extension. It does have a community centre in its market hall, Brownsword Hall, designed by John Simpson

and based on early designs, in particular the one at Tetbury.

For this Trust member it was a very interesting and informative talk, which gave the lie to the preconceptions and prejudices he held on the subject of Poundbury. The Trust is to be congratulated on the quality and the variety of the talks it has arranged for its members over the past few years.

TERRY BROOKS



The Octagon Café



Brownsword Hall

LUCY MELFORD

Proms at St Jude's 2018

There is competition for the top billing at this year's Proms at St Jude's Festival in June. The Aurora Orchestra on the first night, Nevill Holt Opera performing *The Marriage of Figaro*, and the amazingly talented Kanneh-Mason Piano Trio are all expected to sell out.

"We have an embarrassment of riches," said Proms spokesman, Ron Finlay, "but so much the better for those who are able to get tickets."

One of Europe's leading chamber orchestras, Aurora Orchestra is committed to challenging expectations, and its Mozart evening can be counted on to inspire, whatever your background.

Nevill Holt has become a regular favourite at Proms with its semi-staged productions and

celebrated soloists: American bass-baritone Lawson Anderson plays the title role this year, with British baritone James Newby as Count Almaviva and soprano Aoife Miskelly as Susanna.

The remarkable young cellist, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, has seen his star soar since becoming BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2016, and leads his talented brother and sister on violin and piano respectively. Their Proms programme will include trios by Beethoven and Brahms.

The renowned Academy of Ancient Music, with a programme including Vivaldi and Handel, and the Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra, with award-winning, local mezzo-soprano, Grace Durham, complete the complement of superb classical musicians at the Festival.

BUT THERE'S MORE!

The fantastic Charles Court Opera is bringing Gilbert & Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*. Jacqui Dankworth and Counterpoise present a jazz-infused evening of Great American Songbook hits.

The Septura Brass Septet – representing a new generation of top British brass musicians – will give refreshing interpretations of music by Prokofiev, Handel and Stravinsky. And there's a celebration of Nobel laureate Bob Dylan for the baby boomers among us.

Not only is Proms at St Jude's a wonderful community event

providing first-class entertainment, but it is nice to know too that it is run almost entirely by volunteers, with all the surplus going to charity.

In addition, there are free lunchtime concerts and some special events for children and families. The festival also offers Heritage Walks, a two-day Literary Festival and, for the first time this year, a stand-up comedy night.

Proms runs from June 23 to July 1, at St Jude's church. Tickets go on sale from April, but you can get priority booking earlier by becoming a Friend. More details at www.promsatstjudes.org.uk.

WORDSEARCH

In the first Wordsearch of 2018 we have included 20 stage and film musicals. One of them is highlighted to start you off but please don't count it in your total! Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Please send your entries by email to cristina.lago@gmail.com with your name and contact details. The closing date is March 17. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 voucher from our independent local shop Joseph's Bookstore. Good luck!

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The answers to the last issue's motorcycle manufacturers Wordsearch were as follows: Aprilia, Benelli, BMW, Buell, Cobra, Dodge, Ducati, Honda, Hyosung, Indian, Kawasaki, KTM, Kymco, Norton, Piaggio, Royal Enfield, Suzuki, Triumph, Victory and Yamaha.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- In 2003, Lois Pryce left her job at the BBC and went on a 10 months solo motorcycle journey from Alaska to Ushuaia in Argentina. She wrote about her adventures in her witty book *Lois on the Loose*.
- According to the UK Department for Transport, in 2016 only 1,248 motorcycles were registered in the UK compared to 30,850 cars.
- The first motorbike was built in Germany in 1885 by Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach. It was called a *Reitwagen* (riding car) and it was the first gas powered vehicle, a precursor to the current day automobile.

Mrs Chris Salter from Temple Fortune is the winner of the Joseph's Bookstore £20 voucher: congratulations! Thank you also to all of you who also sent your answers, keep participating!

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Kanneh-Mason Piano Trio

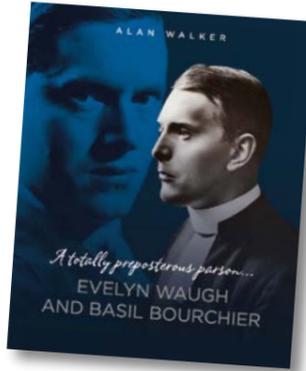
A Totally Preposterous Parson at Burgh House

Some readers will remember that Alan Walker's book, *A Totally Preposterous Parson: Evelyn Waugh and Basil Borchier*, was reviewed by Stephen James in *Suburb News* Autumn 2016 No 128. There is now to be an exhibition on the subject of the book at Burgh House in Hampstead from Wednesday, March 14 to Sunday, June 27.

Evelyn Waugh, the eminent twentieth century writer, grew up in North End Road, on the boundary between Golders Green and Hampstead. With his father, the publisher Arthur Waugh, he attended the newly opened church of St Jude-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, and came under the influence of its flamboyant and outspoken young vicar, Basil Borchier. In later life, and after he had become a

Roman Catholic, Waugh ridiculed Borchier, calling him a "totally preposterous parson."

This small exhibition curated by Reverend Alan Walker, seeks to reconsider their relationship and rediscover a local clergyman who performed on the national stage. There is full information at <https://tinyurl.com/lydxtsrac>.



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EVERY THURSDAY 1 FEB - 26 APR

10-10.30am & 10.45-11.15am RA Library Sing Song Time Garden Suburb Community Library, 15 The Market Place. A first library activity for under-threes and their grown-ups. Rhyme, rhythm and repetition are all fundamental to a baby's speech and language development. Sharing rhythms and singing songs help babies to develop listening and concentration skills. Admission free.

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY

3:30pm RA Library Book Club Garden Suburb Community Library, 15 The Market Place. New book every month, discussed over cake and tea. Pick up a copy of the current book at the HGS Library and join us on the first Friday of each month. Admission free.

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY

10:30am Free Church Traidcraft Sale Clothing Exchange and Coffee Morning at The Free Church.

5:30-7pm Horticultural Society Grow a Potato in a Bag Competition for all ages. Collect your potato from Fellowship House today. Seed potatoes and growing bags will be distributed on 3rd/4th February and should be planted in the bag on 29th March. Potatoes harvested and weighed at Flower Show on Saturday 15th June. Prizes for most potatoes grown and for heaviest potato. Information from Yvonne Oliver - 020 8455 8741.

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

10am Borough Councillors' Surgery at HGS Trust Office, 862 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB. Ask for advice on local problems.

10:30am The History of the Hampstead Heath Ponds meet at Burgh House. A Heath & Hampstead Society walk, led by Marc Hutchinson. Suggested minimum donation £5 per adult. Info 07941 528 034; email hhs.walks@gmail.com.

7:30pm Mill Hill Music Club present the prize winning Hieronymus Quartet - Clemence de Forceville violin, Matia Gotman violin, Jenny Lewisohn viola, Vladimir Waltha cello. At Henrietta Barnett School Hall. Haydn String Quartet Op. 77 No. 1 in G; Bartok String Quartet No. 2 Op 17; Beethoven Razumovsky Op. 59 No. 2 in E minor. Admission £15 with 8-25yrs free. Michael Rawling, 8959 3866 or www.millhillmusicclub.co.uk/boxoffice.htm.

EVERY TUESDAY 6 FEB - 24 APR

10.15-10.45am RA Library Story/Song Time Garden Suburb Community Library, 15 The Market Place, NW11 6LB. We welcome toddlers and their carers into a warm, friendly group. We provide rhythm and rhyme making activities alongside both new and familiar songs, and an introduction into the world of exciting and boundless stories beyond home provision. Come and join us for some fun with your little ones. Admission free.

2:30pm The Coburg Conspiracy - Royal Plots and Manoeuvres a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker: Richard Sotnik. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

8pm Residents Association Council Meeting at Fellowship House. Hear Suburb issues debated. 15 minute (maximum) question and answer session for residents, who are not members of the RA Council, at the start of the meeting.

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

2:30pm Why Charity in the 21st Century? a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker: Margaret Harris, Emeritus Professor Aston University. Members £1, Non-Members £3 including tea and biscuits.

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

9am Ash Wednesday - Imposition of Ashes St Jude's Church.

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY

2:30pm Free Church Thursday Fellowship social afternoon Free Church Rooms. The Garden Choir entertains.

8pm Historical Association The Quakers In The 17th Century: The Society Of Friends And The Foundations Of Its Achievements Fellowship House. The speaker, Professor Richard Aldrich, Emeritus Professor of International Security, Warwick University, has researched extensively in the area of intelligence and espionage. Free refreshments. Visitors £3, members £1.

FRIDAY 16, SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

7:30pm Garden Suburb Theatre 'Aladdin' on 16th & 17th and 3pm on 17th & 18th. The Bull Theatre, 68 The High Street, High Barnet, EN5 5SJ. The tale of runaway boy meets runaway Princess...! It's a whole... new world! Admission £13, £10, £40 family ticket. To book 020 3582 1333, www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre or www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Horticultural Society Coach trip to Welford Park Join us to see one of the best displays of snowdrops and other winter flowers in the country. 020 8455 0455 for details and to book.

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

2:30pm My Life as the Labour Party's Lawyer Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker: Gerald Shamash. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

2:30pm The Finchley Society 'Hawthorn Dene - its role in local and national history' Avenue (Stephens) House, East End Road N3 3QE. Speaker Frank Kelsall. £2 non-members. 020 8883 3381.

3pm The enduring popularity of Disney's early feature length animated film by Professor Howard Jacobs at Alyth Gardens. Booking at <https://hgsu3a.uk/events/>.

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

1pm Jeremy Pinder Thompson viola and David Trafford piano at The Free Church. Lunch in support of Christian Aid served 12:15pm.

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

11am Free Church 108th Anniversary Service at The Free Church.

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

2:30pm An Introduction to Aboriginal Art a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. An illustrated talk by Dr Justin Schlicht. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

7:30pm HGS Astronomical Society - The science of the star-core and its impact on the Earth and Moon Talk by Rupert Holms at The Oriel Room, Free Church Hall, Northway NW11 7AG.

THURSDAY 29 MARCH

3pm Crisis to Confidence - techniques to overcome stress by Alan Wise, psychologist at Alyth Gardens. Booking, hgsu3a.uk/events/

FRIDAY 2 MARCH

2pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Free Church. Service entitled 'All God's Creation is very good' and focuses on Suriname.

3:30pm RA Library Book Club Garden Suburb Community Library, 15 The Market Place. New book every month, discussed over cake and tea. Pick up a copy of the current book at the HGS Library and join us on the first Friday of each month. Admission free.

SATURDAY 3 MARCH

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SUNDAY 4 MARCH

10:30am The Pergola, the Hill Garden and Golders Hill Park Meet in North End Way, on Hampstead side on Inverforth House. A Heath & Hampstead Society walk, led by Peter Tausige. Suggested minimum donation £5 per adult. Info 07941 528 034; email hhs.walks@gmail.com

7:30pm Mill Hill Music Club present Leonore Piano Trio with Matthew Hunt clarinet, Benjamin Nabarro violin, Gemma Rosefield cello, Tim Horton piano. At Henrietta Barnett School Hall. Beethoven - Clarinet Trio in B flat Op. 11, Stravinsky - Soldiers Tale clarinet, violin, piano, Suk - Elegy, Mendelssohn - Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor. Admission £15 with 8-25yrs free. Michael Rawling 8959 3866 or www.millhillmusicclub.co.uk/boxoffice.htm.

TUESDAY 6 MARCH

2:30pm The Chinese Labour Corps in the First World War a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker: Dr Frances Wood. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

8pm Residents Association Council Meeting at Fellowship House. Hear Suburb issues debated. 15 minute (maximum) question and answer session for residents, who are not members of the RA Council, at the start of the meeting.

SATURDAY 10 MARCH

7:30pm Horticultural Society Quiz Night at Fellowship House, NW11 6YD. A light hearted quiz supper evening with not too much horticultural knowledge required. Tables of 4-6. Contact Diane Berger 455 0455 - for price and to book.

SUNDAY 11 MARCH

8am & 10:30am Mothering Sunday Services at St Jude's Church.

11am Mothering Sunday Service at the Free Church.

MONDAY 12 MARCH

5pm Borough Councillors' Surgery at HGS Trust Office, 862 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB. Ask for advice on local problems.

TUESDAY 13 MARCH

Residents Association last copy date for What's On in May, June & July for insertion in the Summer edition of Suburb News. Email details to raevents@hgs.org.uk

2:30pm What is Good or Bad for our Teenagers a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker Professor Harry Zeitlin. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH - SUNDAY 27 JUNE

Exhibition at Burgh House Hampstead - A Totally Preposterous Parson: Evelyn Waugh and Basil Bouchier Evelyn Waugh came under the influence of its flamboyant and outspoken young vicar, Basil Bouchier, later calling him a "totally preposterous parson". This small exhibition, curated by Reverend Alan Walker, seeks to reconsider their relationship and rediscover a local clergyman who performed on the national stage.

THURSDAY 15 MARCH

2:30pm Free Church Thursday Fellowship social afternoon and food tasting session Free Church Rooms.

8pm Historical Association - The Sea Captain, The Actress And The Lost Treasure: A Sidelight On The East India Company In The 18th Century Fellowship House, NW11 6YD. Speaker, Professor John Miller, is Emeritus Professor of History, Queen Mary College, London University. All lectures are followed by free refreshments. Visitors are welcome £3, members of Fellowship House £1.

TUESDAY 20 MARCH

2:30pm Preventing Falls a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker Dale Bevington. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

FRIDAY 23 MARCH

1pm Free Church Violin Recital by Litsa Tunnah at The Free Church. Lunch in support of Christian Aid served from 12:15pm.

SUNDAY 25 MARCH

10:30am Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Palm at St Jude's Church (begins at Church Rooms).

11am Free Church Palm Sunday Service at The Free Church.

MONDAY 26 MARCH

7:45pm Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association Annual General Meeting at Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square. All residents welcome. Refreshments.

TUESDAY 27 MARCH

2:30pm Language - Why Do We Speak a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker: Dr. Ellis Douek (former ENT surgeon). Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

7:30pm HGS Astronomical Society: Chasing the Sun - Voyages to Totality Talk by Mike Davies at The Oriel Room, Free Church Hall, Northway NW11 7AG.

THURSDAY 29 MARCH

8pm Maundy Thursday - Liturgy of the Last Supper at St Jude's Church.

8pm Free Church Maundy Thursday Communion Service at The Free Church.

FRIDAY 30 MARCH

10:30am Good Friday - Liturgy of the Cross at St Jude's Church.

6:30pm Good Friday Service at The Free Church.

SATURDAY 31 MARCH

8pm Holy Saturday - The Easter Liturgy at St Jude's Church.

SUNDAY 1 APRIL

8am & 10:30am Easter Sunday - Easter Celebration at St Jude's Church.

9:30am Birds of the Heath Meet at Burgh House. A Heath & Hampstead Society walk led by John Hunt. Suggested minimum donation £5 per adult. Info 07941 528 034; email hhs.walks@gmail.com.

11am Easter Sunday Family Service at The Free Church.

TUESDAY 3 APRIL

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SATURDAY 7 APRIL

10:30am Free Church Traidcraft Sale, Clothing Exchange and Coffee Morning at The Free Church.

THURSDAY 12 APRIL - SATURDAY 14 APRIL

7:30pm Garden Suburb Theatre: A Woman Of No Importance' by Oscar Wilde also 2:30pm on Saturday. King Alfred Phoenix Theatre, NW11 7HY. Admission £13, £11. To book 020 3582 1333, www.ticketsource.co.uk/gardensuburbtheatre or www.gardensuburbtheatre.org.

THURSDAY 12 APRIL

7:30pm HGS Horticultural Society - An Arts and Crafts Revival: the restoration of Central Square & Sunshine Corner by Stephen Crisp. Fellowship House, NW11 6YD. Members free, non members £3.

SUNDAY 15 APRIL

10am Borough Councillors' Surgery at HGS Trust Office, 862 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB. Ask for advice on local problems.

7:30pm Mill Hill Music Club presents Ishay Shaer piano Henrietta Barnett School Hall. Beethoven - Bagatelles Op. 126; Brahms - 6 Klavierstücke Op. 118; Liszt - La Lugubre Gondola; Liszt - Premiere Valse Oubliee; Liszt - Bagatelle sans tonalite; Chopin - Piano Sonata No. 3 in B minor. Admission £15 with 8-25yrs free. Contact Michael Rawling 020 8959 3866 or online www.millhillmusicclub.co.uk/boxoffice.htm.

TUESDAY 17 APRIL

2:30pm Lost Warriors: Seagrim & Pagani of Burma a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker Philip Davies. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

THURSDAY 19 APRIL

2:30pm Thursday Fellowship and social afternoon Free Church Rooms.

TUESDAY 24 APRIL

2:30pm Refugees at Home a Fellowship House Talk at Fellowship House. Speaker Sara Nathan. Members £1, non-members £3 including tea and biscuits.

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL

7:30pm HGS Astronomical Society - Juno Mission Talk by Professor Emma Bunce Leicester University at The Oriel Room, Free Church Hall, Northway NW11 7AG.

THURSDAY 26 APRIL

8pm The Finchley Society: The Coaching Inns of the Great North Road, The Regents Canal and Museum. Speaker Roger Protz from CAMRA. Avenue (Stephens) House, East End Road N3 3QE. Admission £2 non-members. To book 020 8883 3381.

FRIDAY 27 APRIL

1pm Recital by The Haywood Trio at The Free Church. Lunch in support of Christian Aid served from 12.15.

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

10am-4pm Chandos Tennis Club Open Day See us at our new location; 120 East End Road N2 0RZ. 10% off all subs when joining that day. Wigmore Sports will be on site for racket advice and hitting, also with new clothing ranges.



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A sense of winter



Bare bones



Skeleton trees

And here we are in February. Festive lights and holly wreaths are so Yesterday already! It's going to be two months before you can truly sense spring in the air. But our gardens are never truly dormant; they are just tuned into a different frequency in winter.

If you walk into your garden right now, what is your first thought? I can't wait for spring? Words to that effect I'll bet. Well that's January and February wasted then isn't it! But if you want to appreciate your garden now, not just next June, you need to fully engage with your senses. Sight, sound, smell, touch, taste.

Forget snow OK. White landscapes, frosted seed heads, see your breath. A day or two of picture perfect winter followed by slush and slime isn't enough to sustain me through the colder months. Take a typical dull damp day and go with the flow!

So what do you see when you go into your garden today? Ways to improve its appearance later in the season? Jobs that need doing? No, I'm talking about what you can truly see now.

The bone structure of your garden: Contorted branches of hazel and willow, coloured dogwood stems, the symmetry of your hedges. Richly mulched borders contained within neatly clipped lawn edges. A subtle colour palette of ferns, hellebores and epimedium. Dried hydrangea seedheads and the feathery plumes of ornamental grasses. Many trees have colourful bark, less saturated than the colours of summer, but the effect can be quite dramatic.

And if you're lucky enough to back onto one of the Suburb's woods, the borrowed landscape beyond, stripped of its leaves, gives the garden a scale far larger than at any other time of the year. Subdued light levels created by the low hanging sun cast atmospheric shadows and reflections all around.

What do you hear, or indeed, what don't you hear? It always seems quieter to me in the winter. The absence of lawnmowers or hedge trimmers. Bird song is a melancholy echo. Hear the rain falling. There's a certain stillness in the air. A sense of peace.

Almost like the garden is practicing its yoga breathing!

Any fragrance is welcome in the winter garden, none so much as Viburnum bodnantense 'Charles Lamont', sarcococca or Christmas Box, Daphne Bholua and vastly underestimated Coronilla Glauca Citrina. It is widely acknowledged that the sense of smell is closely linked with memory, probably more so than any of our other senses: a fresh catch in the air can bring to mind brisk woodland walks, or, as in my case, being dragged reluctantly around Kenwood to blow away the cobwebs!

So to Touch. Now there is no such thing as bad weather just inappropriate clothing. With this in mind don't shy away from stepping outside in bad weather. Feel the rain on your face, the push of the wind on your skin. Run your fingers down the catkins of hazel, Kilmarnock willow and garrya elliptica James Roof, As well as their visual impact, trees with outstanding peeling bark are very tactile, whether peeling, patchy, shiny or dull: the paperbark maple,

river birch, paper birch make their presence felt.

Of the five senses surely Taste poses the greatest challenge to the ornamental garden at this seemingly barren time of year. I suppose you could harvest rose hips for syrup or tea, but that's a tall order even for me! And there's always herbs.....

Some say texture is a sensory perception of our environment, much more subliminal than colour or form. During the winter, the garden loses much of its bright colour and leafy abundance, so the texture of winter plants becomes much more apparent. Well that's winter from the technical viewpoint. But for me there is an Other Worldliness to the winter garden that defies definition. As I stroll around my garden in a world of my own, pausing to absorb the stillness, I feel a sense of release, freedom from responsibility; the garden is taking good care of itself, and at its most stripped back, is still a joy to behold with so much to offer the soul.

CAROLINE BROOME



Winter tidy borders



Bigwood backdrop

Suburb rainfall

There is a perception among some weather commentators that 2017 was a very wet year, and in some parts of the country this is very likely to be true. There have been storms and floods, which have caused considerable damage. Also, July, August and September, the real summer months when community

picnics and fairs are organised, received well over the normal rainfall. This could well have left an impression that summer was no longer to be relied on.

However, as so often is the case, in the Suburb the picture looks rather different. While, as elsewhere, the summer was wetter than normal, the annual

total of 24 inches is only 80% of our average amount. At the time of writing (early January '18), the 1.4 inches so far this year, added to the above average 3.2 inches for December, may give hope that the winter precipitation will, as usual, refill the soil's groundwater before the spring growth really needs it.

Strong winds have brought down one or two trees at the end of the year. Also, there was snow in December. From the 9th to the 11th there were sleet and snow flurries, with some wonderfully large snowflakes. However, the real winter weather is probably still to come.

DIANA IWI FROM MEADWAY

Fallen tree blocks Northway on Thursday, January 18



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Prizes from the Horticultural Society

On Tuesday, November 14 the Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society held their Annual General Meeting and prize giving at Fellowship House. There was a good turnout of members to see the prizes for the year awarded.

The Horticultural Society's chairman, Chris Page, summed up a very successful year for the society. In June members of the society opened their gardens and allotments to the public raising

an astonishing £5600 for charity through the National Gardens Scheme. This was the largest amount raised at any opening in the London area this year.

The society continues to put on their popular flower shows mixing traditional horticultural skills with digital photography and domestic economy classes. As always the events are a chance to sample some of the most impressive cakes the skilled bakers of the Suburb have to offer.

Members of the society were able to find out the details of next year's exciting programme of events including a visit to see snowdrops in February, and talks about tropical gardens in the autumn. Next year's Autumn Show will for the first time include a pot-grown potato competition (see below), so you won't even need a garden to take part.

For details on any of the society's upcoming events go to www.hgs.org.uk/hortsoc/index.html or email HGSshortsoc@mail.com.

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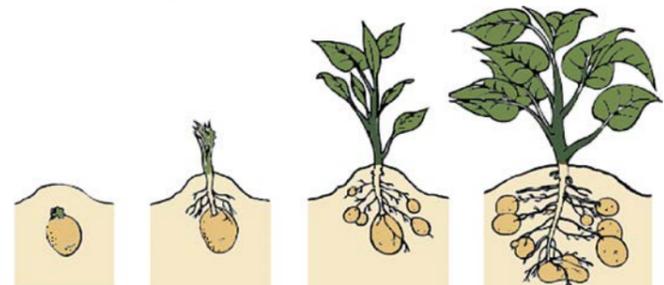
Potato growing competition

This Spring, the HGS Horticultural Society is setting a challenge that even people without a garden can take part in. It is open to all ages with no entry fee. All you have to do is grow a potato.

Nothing beats the taste of home-grown potatoes and growing them is easy; it can even be done on a balcony in a grow bag. The Society will be distributing seed potatoes and grow bags around the Suburb on February 3 & 4 (venues to be confirmed). You will need to grow and care for the potatoes as best you can and bring your grow bag to the Horticultural Society's flower show on June 16, where they will be emptied out and each crop will be counted and weighed. The heaviest crop wins.

HOW TO TAKE PART

1. Contact the Horticultural Society (Yvonne Oliver: 020 8455 8741 or yvonne.oliver17@gmail.com). Only the seed potatoes and grow bags supplied by the Society may be used.
2. Entries from more than one member of a family are permitted, but only one entry per person.
3. Seeds should be planted on or around March 29. Any soil or compost may be used as the growing medium. There are no restrictions on adding extra nutrients to the soil.
4. Complete bags as growing should be brought to the weigh-in at the Free Church Hall by 3.15pm on Saturday, June 16. Leaves (haulms) may be cut off.
5. The judges' decisions is final.



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An interview with The Orchard

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Situated in the heart of the early Suburb, in a secluded close off Hampstead Way, is the Orchard Housing Society, known near and far just as The Orchard. It is a special place that has its history steeped in the ethos of Dame Henrietta Barnett, the founder of Hampstead Garden Suburb.

The Orchard exists to provide sheltered accommodation for the older (aged 60 and over) members of the Suburb population (or the parents of Suburb residents or those with strong Suburb connections) who are in housing need. The provision of flats for residents to rent when they became elderly was part of Henrietta Barnett's vision as this would enable them to continue to live independently on the Suburb throughout their later years.

The original building opened in 1909, but by the 1960s it was in a poor condition and no longer met the requirements for this type of housing. A group of local residents led by Edward Parry formed the Orchard Housing Society to replace the original building with a more modern provision and the new buildings were opened in 1972. It has accommodation for 48 single people and 13 couples, with approximately 70 tenants on site.

The Orchard Housing Society is a registered, not-for-profit provider of social housing. The

affairs of the Society are conducted by a group of local volunteers who form the Management Committee together with up to three current tenants.

It was on a sunny afternoon in September, I was sitting and talking to Beatrice Boussard, the new Tenant Support Manager of The Orchard in their newly refurbished communal lounge. Beatrice explained to me that she feels with two new managers on site who have previously worked with bigger housing organisations, they will have a fresh look, and aim to share their enthusiasm for bringing the tenants together by organising activities in the new communal room. She believes that having activities on site can be very beneficial to health and wellbeing, giving tenants the opportunity to meet and socialise.

Beatrice explained that she feels the key to tenant satisfaction is achieved by inviting each tenant to complete a support plan. This highlights any areas in their life that could be improved or supported by external agencies. Her plan is to try to make sure the tenants are involved in some activities especially in the winter months when it is harder to go out. She anticipates that this will reduce isolation and loneliness and promote tenant engagement.

Although tenants have some activities to engage with, including

a decoupage class, which is organised by one of The Orchard's tenants, producing beautiful boxes, there are also tenants who have musical skills and can play the saxophone, piano or sitar, and then there are those that attend talks, music programmes and a poetry class at Fellowship House.

So, what has transpired during this summer is a new collaboration between The Orchard and the new HGS U3A. Tenants were invited to attend 'taster' classes for one week led by different HGS U3A group leaders. This has led to several tenants joining the new U3A and starting classes in Yoga and Gentle Exercise and Dance; classes which they really enjoyed and found beneficial.

The Orchard is a fine example of how well sheltered housing can succeed; with good management, purpose-built accommodation in an attractive tranquil setting; and connections with other groups within the local vicinity, thus continuing the spirit of community from its original founder Dame Henrietta Barnett.

The Orchard are pleased to be able to take on new applications from prospective tenants who would like to move to The Orchard in the near future.

DAPHNE BERKOVITZ



Fireworks over Central Square

December 31 saw the annual HGS party held in St Jude's church, which this year attracted the largest ever crowd of local residents with their families and children. Organised by the RA and their Events team, all present enjoyed wine and soft drinks with homemade snacks provided, while catching up with friends and their Christmas news and activities.

At midnight, the church bell rang, announcing the start of 2018, followed by a brilliant firework display over Central Square, created by Alchemy. Then sadly, it was all over and time to go home and continue partying.

In the unlikely event that anyone missed it, a clip can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsxhfSHHpjQ.



Tony Brand & Hella Schrader of RA Events

Or you can see photos at www.stjudeonthehill.org/?m=1 and www.stjudeonthehill.org/2018/01/new-years-eve-20172018.html.

Once again, many thanks go to the Reverend Alan Walker for the use of St Jude's, the Suburb Trust and the Borough of Barnet for use of the tennis court and Central Square, all volunteers young and old, and finally to both our sponsors Hausman & Holmes, and Estate Wealth of Golders Green.

TONY BRAND



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Suburb kids (of all sizes) enjoy the snow



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April HGS Art Fair

HGS Art is a young organisation though some of its members are quite mature. They are skilful local artists, sculptors, photographers, film makers, potters, glass makers, workers in fabrics and indeed all manner of craft. HGS Art brings them together to enjoy interesting lectures, outings, wine tasting and social events, and also to display their work at its annual Art Fair which will be held at Fellowship House on April 14-15, where it will run a Children's Art Workshop. A date for your diary and do keep a look out for HGS posters which will give more details.

Meantime, we are looking forward to Pat Hedger's lecture on the Dutch Golden Age on February 22.

To join HGS Art, visit us at www.hgsart.co.uk or contact Mary Davis, membership secretary at maryd5@hotmail.com.



A wonderful example of HGS Art member Vera Moore's work



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