

# Suburb



# News



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## A sunny summer Fun Day

Sunday June 10 turned out to be a fine sunny day which meant all the gazebos, stalls, picnic tables and bunting went up in record time, thanks to the many helpers and volunteers organised by the ever hard-working RA Events team.

Once again our locally based charity, All Dogs Matter, took over the corner of Central Square near St Jude's for its dog show and competitions for various categories, such as 'Cutest Pup' and 'Golden Oldie'. It was hardly surprising that there was a record number of entries.

Local band Sound of the Suburb provided live music during the afternoon for their many fans. Traditional Punch and Judy was put on by one of

the famous Styles family, and our regular entertainer Fizzie Lizzie occupied the young with balloon modelling and drama.

Esra, of Painted Penguin, and her assistant had the usual long queues for face painting and glitter tattoos, while a team of four donkeys worked hard all afternoon giving small children rides in the Square.

Arts and Crafts were strongly featured this year and well-known locals, Vera Moore, Lynda Cook and Diana Brahams from HGS Art gave expert tuition and advice, which was very popular with the large numbers of children involved.

The plant stall was kept busy with a constant stream of plants going to good homes.

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*Punch & Judy never fails to attract a large crowd of enchanted children, affectionately watched over by loved ones*

PETER McCLUSKIE

## Why you should join the Residents Association

to over 2,000 over the next five years. The greater the membership, the greater the influence we can have on those local organisations whose decisions have an impact on the Suburb and the more we can counter the many and varied threats to our way of life here.

There are both direct and community benefits to being a member of the RA.

### DIRECT BENEFITS

Direct benefits include access to the:

- RA Discount scheme: offering discounts at local businesses as

shown in the Suburb Directory.

- HGS Master Tradespeople List: 200 types of services, locally recommended by RA members.

- HGS List email group (Chatline): exchanging information, making recommendations, keeping each other informed on local issues, including security and traffic incidents.

- eNews: regular email updates on local events and other matters of interest.

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Community benefits include the support of our volunteers in these areas:

- Events: bringing residents together to foster community spirit – so important in uncertain times – including the New Year's Eve Fireworks, Summer Fair and children's Halloween party. The



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RA sponsor local events such as free lunchtime concerts at the Proms at St Jude's in June. We hold open meetings on topics of interest to residents, including hustings for some elections. We also erect and maintain the Suburb's notice boards.

- Publications: producing this newspaper and the annual Suburb Directory delivered free to every home on the Suburb.

- Grants: support local projects including Northway Gardens, Central Square flowerbeds and collecting funds each year for Fellowship House community centre and more.

- Conservation and Amenities: developers would love to build high-density housing in the Suburb and, sadly, some residents seem unaware of the special rules which apply in the Suburb. The RA talk to and hold to account planning authorities, e.g. the HGS Trust and Barnet Council, to maintain the nature of the Suburb as one of the UK's most significant conservation areas.

- Trees and Open Spaces: insurance companies love to take the axe to fine trees as a supposed quick fix for subsidence and other issues. We strive to maintain our green environment including, in partnership with Barnet

Council, the annual planting of trees and helping to save our threatened trees and hedges.

- Roads and Traffic: Barnet Council and TfL sometimes forget that the Suburb is not just part of its plan for through traffic routes or inappropriate parking solutions. The RA remind them constantly. We monitor the impact of new initiatives such as public electric vehicle charging. We also help residents to contest unfair parking and traffic penalties.

- Other RA work: keeping up the pressure on Barnet Council to improve our waste collection services, public benches and the state of Suburb pavements and roads for the benefit of residents. We also liaise with local police as members of the Suburb ward panel. And keep a close eye, and exert appropriate influence, on what goes on in areas adjacent to the Suburb

such as Golders Green, and Hampstead Heath.

We would love you to join us. On page 5 is our membership form. Please fill it in or join online at [www.hgs.org.uk/ra/joinnow.html](http://www.hgs.org.uk/ra/joinnow.html). If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help in our work, please contact [rachair@hgs.org.uk](mailto:rachair@hgs.org.uk) who would be delighted to hear from you.

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The Hampstead Garden Residents Association would like to thank all 1,740 existing members for their continued support; it is very much appreciated and has allowed us to offer an array of support and services to the Suburb community. Now, our aim is to increase membership



## WE DELIVER

**For almost 40 years now we have been serving the needs of the Suburb and we have enjoyed every moment of it. Our service extends from Cottages to Castles and there is no property which is too small or too large for us to handle.**

We are delighted to introduce you to the Glentree New Homes office, where we are able to offer the largest selection of new developments in North West London, either as a home or as a buy-to-let investment.

At Glentree Rentals, our bespoke letting service, we are bristling with a wide selection of fine homes to rent in all price ranges and why not enquire about our specialist Suburb Sales division which deals exclusively with properties such as yours and has a house-by-house understanding of this very special area.

We believe we can make a substantial difference to you by selling your cherished home for the highest possible price when the time is right ... and not before, of course.

Our well known International connections allow us the unique facility of attracting buyers/tenants not only from the locality, or within the UK, but also from virtually every corner of the globe. A wider globalised audience means usually better terms for you.

We are the longest serving agents in the area, under the same Management for over 40 years and if you want to know what's going on in the market or check the value of your home, please feel free to pop in and you are welcome to use our private clients' car park (at the rear of our offices).

**No obligation, no fuss, just good old fashioned service.**



*Pothole gardening; this photo of a rather original approach to filling potholes was posted on the RA's Facebook page. Will it spread, we wonder?*