

Annemount school fete

It was a warm and sunny afternoon on June 16 when a large number of happy young children with their parents gathered at Annemount, Holne Chase, for the annual School Fete.

work, the highlight was a fantastic raffle with superb prizes, including a Hugo Lloris gloves & football kit. The wonderful selection of homemade cakes did a brisk trade and adults were not forgotten with Prosecco, Pimms and beer available in a separate tent!

TONY BRAND



League success for Suburb table tennis teams

It was a great season for the Suburb Table Tennis teams, in only their second season in the Barnet League. The first team won Division One and gained the only promotion slot to the Premier Division. Things will get tough for them next year, as there are many national ranked players in the Premier Division. The outstanding performance went to Jonathan Gibson (aged 15) who only lost two games all season with an average of 94%.

The second team also did really well and came 5th in Division Two. David Grunberg only lost four games all season with an average of 90%.

The third team managed to come fourth in their division, which was an excellent feat, considering the number of children playing in that team.

The Barnet League has gone through a restructure, partly to accommodate the Suburb teams,

as the league is now one of the only growing leagues in the country. All teams are being merged with the division above so all the teams are going to have a tough season next year.

Last season 26 players were in the squads, of whom six were children.

The Club is always looking for new players to join the teams. The home matches are played on a Wednesday at the Free Church Hall on Northway NW11, and away matches are mainly at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre.

Next year we are also entering a team into the North Middlesex League, as we have too many players in the second team, so there will be more opportunities to play. This will also be on a Wednesday night.

If you are interested in playing for the teams, please email rgrethe@gmail.com. The

season starts in September and finishes in April.

The normal club night run by coaches is now having a summer break but will resume in the first week of September, running from 6.30 for children and 8pm for adults. For details go to www.suburbttc.com.

RICHARD GRETHE



Richard Grethe and James Swede collecting the Division One Trophy

Combat Stress cakes sell well



Adrienne King, Anne Cooper, Yvonne Oliver, Ruth Smith, Liz Backham – ready for action

Again this year, the organisers of the wonderful second Suburb Art Fair very kindly decided that all the refreshments on offer over the weekend of 14/15 April at

Fellowship House, could be sold in aid of Combat Stress. Generous Suburb bakers produced an enormous number of cakes, scones and cheesecakes to suit every

taste throughout the two days and it is thought that at least 350 cups of tea were sold by the HGS Combat Stress Committee and their many extra volunteer helpers. Including the money in collecting tins scattered around the venue, the amazing total amount raised for the forces' mental health charity was £1,030.04!

Many, many thanks to the Suburb Art Fair organisers, to the helpers and to those who made and sold the cakes and other refreshments. But a special thank-you must go to the stallholders and visitors to the fair, who had a seemingly inexhaustible appetite for tea and cake and bought them, thereby producing this very special result for a very special charity.

MARJORIE HARRIS

A Woman of No Importance

The Garden Suburb Theatre group put on four fantastic performances of Oscar Wilde's play at the King Alfred Phoenix Theatre over 12-14 April, which were much enjoyed by enthusiastic audiences.

A number of musical and drama events have been held this year at the new theatre. It is not, however, based in King Alfred School, but is situated behind St Anthony's School for Girls, Ivy House, North End Road, which is nearly opposite King Alfred's.

The theatre group have also just finished a very popular run

of Shakespeare's Measure for Measure in the Little Wood open air theatre and were very lucky with the weather.



Rose Garden News

Residents using Northway Gardens will have noticed how the Rose Garden beds have changed over the past few years. What was once a haphazard selection of uncared for roses is now an area full of plants and colour.

Recently more colourful shrubs that extend the seasons have been planted and some money was spent on tree works that were perhaps 20 years overdue, so there is a lot more sunshine and fresh air. There are also several replacement and new benches.

A spokesperson told Suburb News that our Councillors had remarked that Northway Gardens

was a prime example of the difference enthusiastic volunteers could make, and added, "We

are very grateful to our sponsors Streathers Solicitors and Ellis & Co. for their support."



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