

Annemount school holiday club

The Annemount School Holiday Programme welcomes children aged three years to eight years

old. During the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays, children are welcomed to participate on

a daily or weekly basis. This year the Christmas Club operates from December 17 to 21 and

the programme is fun-packed, offering the opportunity to play, as well as learn new skills and collaborate with children of different ages.

Many activities are located outside including sports activities taught by specialists. The club is welcoming and friendly and children always want to return. Register online at www.annemount.co.uk/Holiday-Programme.



One of the new bins being put in position last August

Where's yer bin?

A continuing programme of work to improve Northway Gardens, includes the installation of a number of new waste bins by LB Barnet. The RA's Trees and Open Spaces Committee had been pressing LB Barnet for some time to do something about the waste bins, many of which were in a very dilapidated state.

The new ones are designed to make it difficult for foxes, birds or squirrels to spread litter around, as often happened with the old bins. Those next to the play area have not been replaced as they are newer, but will be replaced in due course. LB Barnet have also promised to replace the old style open bins in the Lyttelton playground with the new style bins shortly.

LB Barnet will also be replacing the dog waste bins,

although the number may be reduced: dog waste – securely wrapped up – can be placed in the ordinary bins.

The RA continues to discuss with LB Barnet the improvement of Northway Gardens and we hope that a number of new trees will be planted in the coming season.

COLIN GREGORY



EMMA HOWARD

Summer reading challenge

Every year HGS Community Library, in common with other libraries throughout the country, works with The Reading Agency to offer their Summer Reading Challenge, where children have to read six books over the summer holidays to earn prizes. All the children who completed the

challenge received stickers, a medal and a certificate and, 2018 being the 80th anniversary of the Beano comic, the theme was the Mischief Makers.

As an extra incentive this summer, all the local children were entered into a prize draw to win classic Beano and Dandy

albums, donated by one of Garden Suburb Library's volunteers, David Abrahamson, and 16 children won prizes: Ben 8, Jacob 4½, Vera 7, Sophie 7, Hannah 8, Tzvi 10, Ethan 6, Jonah 4, Lucy 8, David 10, Amailia 8, Idan 8, Rafailia 8, Annika 7, Maya 10, Sude 11.

MARJORIE HARRIS



Funding sought for Cophall deep-water pool

A crowdfunding campaign through Spacehive is raising support and funding for the inclusive new deep water pool that is planned by North London Aquatics Charity to replace the current diving pool at Cophall which will be demolished next year. The new pool will offer up to fifty aquatic activities and have a moveable floor, which would allow it to be used by

people with all different levels of needs and ability.

The local divers who use the present pool will have to give up this sport and their chances of pursuing their sporting dreams if there is not the support needed to get this amazing new facility built. People can help get this pool built by pledging money. No money will be taken unless the total amount of £98k

is reached, and pledges can be from as little as £2.

Go to www.spacehive.com/north-london-aquatics to make a pledge or find out more. Any comments of support on the page would be welcome, as would spreading the word.

Go to www.londonswimming.org/news/44-general-news/517-north-london-aquatics for more information and further links.

Brookland goes ecological

On October 2 the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Reuben Thompstone, with Head, Jenny Aylen, opened the new Eco friendly school building for Year 4 & 5 pupils. The ceremony was attended by a large number of parents, friends and HGS residents all looking forward to seeing the latest methods for reducing carbon emissions from buildings, in order to improve the environment.

All the construction was done off-site and then erected at Brooklands in just over 16 hours on the existing site. It is all powered by solar panels on the roof, insulated throughout, and NetZero, who completed

the work, stated that there will be no need to pay for heating or electricity ever! The building is totally self-contained.

There was also a cake and coffee sale, which raised money for the North London Hospice.

TONY BRAND



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Trust's 50th AGM

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significance of collective decision making. He thought he would bring skills, energy and enthusiasm to the role.

With the electioneering over the Chairman opened up the meeting for any questions members wished to ask. Saul Zadka started the ball rolling with questions about the cost of holding elections and whether the Trust placed a limit on how long an employee could work at the Trust, as in his opinion David Davidson had been in his job for too long.

The Chairman explained the Trust has no limit to tenure and does not have a breakdown of election costs. Claire Calman wondered why one should want to limit tenure and felt the Trust was very lucky to have someone of David Davidson's calibre, and she had benefitted from his ability to give crystal clear explanations.

Jonathan Seres asked what more could be done to get new residents interested once they had received the excellent introductory pack from the Trust. The Trust realised there is a need for a positive effort to be made, perhaps in conjunction with the Residents Association.

Peter Parker welcomed the renewed interest in green spaces, but was concerned about the spread of plastic grass, the removal of hedges and the creation of hard-standings. The Trust is working on draft guidelines for plastic grass; would make people put hedges back, even though this took time and a lot of work; very few new hard-standings got permission, while many complaints were made about what were in fact renovations, which could be verified with photographic records.

The Chairman preferred waiting until a property sale or re-mortgage took place to

litigation to settle infringement – it was generally successful, less costly and avoided being at war with residents.

Emma Howard asked about the position with the proposed development at Henrietta Barnett School. If there is an application to build, the Trust will be writing to residents using its wider consultation strategy.

Peter Oliver asked what could be done about property owners letting out their houses and flats with little attention to the buildings or gardens with tenants unaware of their surroundings. Nick Packard replied saying landlords received letter of advice about tenants and the Scheme of Management, and that the Trust was open to ideas on the subject.

Trevor Littleton asked what could be done about the state of the footpaths in the Suburb with many being a death-trap for the

elderly. Richard Wiseman said the problem was not restricted to the Suburb and that the problems were borough wide.

Councillor John Marshall added that residents should let their councillors or council officers know where pavements, or potholes, were thought to be a danger. Then there could be an evaluation made and remedial work undertaken if the relevant criteria had been met.

With no more questions from members, the Chairman ended the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, and telling them that questions are always welcomed by him and Nick Packard. Like last year it was a well-tempered meeting, which spent its time mainly looking at matters to do with our environment and the relationship between residents and the Trust.

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