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Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

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CLAUS FAJBE HANSEN

Suburb residents silhouetted against a stunning New Year's Eve firework display on Central Square

New Year's Eve on the Suburb

On the Suburb, for a number of years, this is the climax to several events the Residents Association organises for our community, bringing young and old together throughout the year. June has the popular Summer Fair and Picnic, and in October, the Halloween festival for our little people.

On December 31 everyone gathers after 10.30pm in St Jude's for drinks and delicious home-made snacks, made and provided

by local helpers who also serve them. A wonderful chance to socialise, hear the latest news and discuss events over Christmas.

At 11.45pm it was time to move into Central Square to find a good viewing position. Luckily this year, the grass in the square was firm and fairly dry.

As clocks struck midnight and the church bell rang, Platinum Fireworks launched one of the most spectacular displays seen

for some years, illuminating the sky with multiple special effects.

Many thanks go to all the dedicated volunteers on the night, both inside St Jude's and outside, as stewards and bucket collectors. Finally, and most importantly, thanks to our generous sponsors, The Spaniards Inn and HGS Co-op Society, without whose help the event could not have taken place.

TONY BRAND

The Barnet Bin shambles

Readers who are members of the Residents Association and subscribe to the e-mail forum, the HGS List, will know that the subject of the reorganised bin collection system has generated hundreds of messages about the failure of the new service; a service which was featured on the front page of our last edition.

Barnet maintain that the situation is improving, but for many residents that is a hollow claim. Suburb News is printing in full a statement which was posted on the HGS List, and which councillors asked to be circulated to residents (see p 2).

Given how the new arrangements have failed to deliver a satisfactory level of service for so many residents since the beginning of November, Suburb News wonders if the councillors and officers responsible fully involved the drivers of the bin lorries, and those who run tirelessly to and fro with our bins, in their preliminary plans.

Were the people on the ground fully consulted, or was this just worked out in offices on computers and in planning discussions?

Continuing on the subject of bins, one of our contributors

has written a handy guide for those who cannot manage to put their bins out and need some help to get their rubbish collected (see p2).

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The 107th RA AGM

will take place on Tuesday 26 March 2019 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 2019. 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 2019)