

# Suburb

Upstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

# News

Betty is thoroughly enjoying the party, p4

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Dutiful donkeys and delighted dads, at the RA Summer Funday (more pictures back page)

## Fun at the RA Summer Funday

As always, the RA Summer Funday required a lot of organisation over several months from the Residents Association Events committee and depends on a team of volunteers setting up the day before, then helping to tidy up afterwards and, of course, no rain! We were lucky and early Sunday morning on June 16 our gazebos, tables and chairs were all up in Central Square and ready for the opening.

The first event starting the afternoon was the now famous dog display and competition run by local charity 'All Dogs Matter'. This is always a big hit with young and old!

The big attractions for the children were Punch and Judy presented by the famous Styles

family, the Donkey Rides, and Face Painting from Esra and Painted Penguin. Vera Moore and Lynda Cooke ran the Arts and Craft table, which was busy all afternoon.

The Fire Brigade turned up with a real fire engine, much to the delight of many. The HGS Table Tennis Club had a table with an unusual robot device serving balls for those who wanted a challenge to hit back, which got a lot of attention. There was also football fun provided by Highland Games.

All around the square were information tables on local activities covering HGS Archives, Heritage, Virtual Museum, Girl Guides, Residents Association etc., plus a wonderful plant stall.

No Suburb event is complete without superb Suburb cakes, and the cake stall raised a large sum of money, which is distributed to local charities every year. Thanks go to all those who spent many hours baking a variety of enticing, tasty morsels.

Our local band, 'Sound of the Suburb', provided the musical entertainment and were a hit with their many fans.

Finally, a huge thanks to our sponsor, The Spaniards Inn, and to the local businesses who contributed prizes to the raffle: The Spaniards Inn, again, Statham's Pet Groomers, Medivet, Michele Pilates, Dolce Napoli, Proms at St Jude's, Vibrant Chiropractic, Amber Rose and Tulous.

TONY BRAND

## Play an important role in the RA as Editor of Suburb News

Richard Wakefield founded this paper in the summer of 1983 and created something that is much loved by many Suburb residents. He was in advertising rather than journalism and had doubts about whether a regular paper could be maintained; his doubts were unfounded. This is issue 139, and editing it is a true privilege.

What I have to write is difficult for a number of reasons, but someone who had a better way with words than me wrote about parting being a sorrow, and for me there is a great deal of sorrow in writing that I intend to give up editing this wonderful paper, Suburb News, at the end of the year.

Of course this leaves Suburb News with a problem, but I also hope it will give one of you, dear readers, an opportunity to do something very satisfying, and very useful for the community you live in. Suburb News needs a volunteer to do what I have been doing every three months since January 2015.

And now quickly before you think, "Oh no, that's not for me; I know nothing about...", let me tell you that I had, and still have, absolutely no experience or qualifications in journalism, publishing or anything similar. When Richard Wakefield died at the end of October 2014 just after he had put issue number 120 to bed, I had absolutely no idea what to do or how to do it! And yet Suburb News appeared as scheduled three months later.

The very professional paper you are holding in your hands

is a collaborative effort, but the design and layout, the 'look', is the creation of Trevor Hutton of 1st Impression. I provide him with a bunch of Word documents and jpeg photo files from which he creates the paper - I think of it as an infernal jigsaw puzzle - but Trevor works his magic every time.

I also rely on a number of dedicated and resourceful correspondents from the numerous societies and organisations in the Suburb, whose reports you read in each issue. Then there are our fearless in-house reporters, who interview Suburb residents (and pets), and write reports on Suburb events.

I choose to write some of the reports on Suburb events and meetings you read, and also provide some of the photos; I have discovered that if I take enough photos, at least one of them is probably going to be good enough to print - with a tweak from Trevor.

The editor does not even have to be in the country for the paper to appear, thanks to e-mail. Those of you who know me will testify that I have managed to spend much of my time from New Year's Day to Easter every year in the mountains and on my skis.

I have very much enjoyed producing Suburb News and found it to be a really satisfying job. I firmly believe the paper is

an irreplaceable community resource, and plays a vital role in informing residents of what is happening in the Suburb.

If you think you might be interested in giving it a go, why not drop me a line at suburbnews@hgsra.uk, or call me on 020 8458 2248. I will happily divulge the secrets of my success to my replacement, who can then develop their own way to do the job.

As I wrote at the beginning, Richard founded this newspaper in the summer of 1983, and it has been informing our community ever since; it would be a great shame if it were to founder for the lack of a volunteer to come forward and take a turn at producing it. I deeply regret feeling I need to quit.

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The A Team, David Broome and Rosie Daniels, selling the tickets outside Fellowship. See Caroline Broome's regular column, p11.