

Howard Walk Street Party

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organised, we used our newly-formed WhatsApp group to arrange meetings, and to discuss ideas and responsibilities.

To inform everyone, a poster was designed and distributed. On our first meeting, the ideas were formulated and included: barbecues, national foods, drinks, eco-friendly disposable plates, cutlery and cups, a sound system, a book-exchange, and for the children: a bouncy castle, a mini football pitch with goals, face painting, chalk street-painting and a 'treasure' hunt. The latter addressed the need for a fun but educational game that connected us with our street, and this evolved into a multiple choice quiz on the architecture of our houses, the shape of our street, and oddities like why there are more houses with even numbers than odd numbers! The answers were posted on lamp and telephone posts, in proximity to the houses to which they related, and strategically placed so that the players had to experience the whole street. The children who successfully

Howard Walk is located on the northern perimeter of the Hampstead Garden Suburb and, as it is crescent-shaped, it doesn't receive through traffic. The proximity of the houses, and the fact that most are located on the arc of a circle has a positive side effect; we know our nearest neighbours well and we see each other often.

Ten years ago we applied for a permit to close the street for a

party, but this was declined by the council. This didn't dampen our enthusiasm however, and, despite having wet weather, we met for a picnic at Lyttleton Playing Fields. The idea lived on, and this year another application was made, this time with a positive outcome. So, the first Howard Walk Street Party was held on May 27 2019.

Although we only had a few weeks to get the street party



completed the course were given medals and sweets.

A couple of weeks earlier Barnet Council posted notices that Howard Walk was going to be closed to traffic. On the day, the volunteers got to work early with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. The weather was, as it always is in May, unpredictable... but it didn't rain! Bunting was put up across the street, tables and seats were unfolded in the centre of the road and the barbecues were lit. The street filled up with crowds, children played in the road, and neighbours ventured in and out of their houses bringing copious amounts of food, drinks, and whatever else was needed. From the youngest to the oldest, including Valerie and Betty (who has been living on our street for over 70 years), everyone had fun, socialised, made connections and reinforced existing bonds. The party went on until the evening, and we are planning to repeat the event again next year.

I don't think the designers of our street and houses could have anticipated this extraordinary gathering, but I think it would have made them, and especially Henrietta Barnett, very proud.

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2nd Golders Green Guides

The Guides, (aged 10 to 14), meet every Monday evening at Fellowship House and many readers will have seen their stall at the recent Summer Fair. They would all love to thank the many generous Suburb residents who contributed to their recent night, collecting a large quantity of supplies for 'Period Poverty' for disadvantaged young girls. A serious subject widely covered lately by newspapers and TV.

They have been very busy recently clearing litter around Willifield Green and parts of Willifield Way, and so helping to keep the Suburb litter free (see page 5 for the RA litter initiative).

Natasha, their leader, hopes to start a Brownies group in due

course, followed by Rainbows. If you want to get in touch, email 2ndgoldersgreenguides@gmail.com.

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What's new in the HGS Virtual Museum

The Suburb's remarkable virtual museum is expanding every month. We are delighted that the two Suburb primary schools, Garden Suburb School and Brookland will be joining the other 26 'Organisations' in the Museum. You can find all the Suburb bodies listed under

'Organisation' on our Home page at hgsheritage.org.uk.

HGS Heritage decided to offer a summer internship to a Year 12 pupil at Henrietta Barnett School with a view to building a closer relationship with the school and also to explore the school archives.

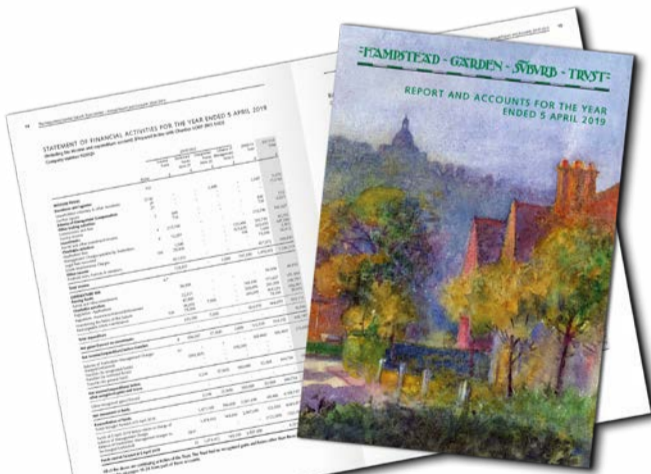
As a result, our intern has done just that and you will find her fascinating review in the 'What's New' room of the Museum. You can read for yourselves the extracts from the school magazine dating back to 1926, which reveal the political, social and cultural views of the young women of Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Do come and visit the Museum and, if you are interested in learning more, or if you have any memorabilia that you could share, please contact info@hgsheritage.org.uk or Marjorie Harris, 8455 6507.

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