

Secret Suburb

Brookside Walk

Have you ever been there? Do you even know where this is?

Unlike Northway Gardens or Lyttelton Playing Fields, Brookside Walk is not named on the map in your Suburb Directory. But if you look at the (actually quite large) piece of land squashed between the flats in Addison Way and the A1: there it is.

I fully admit this doesn't look like a very promising site for a walk with your children or the dog but don't read this book by its cover. There's loads of room for your dog to hurtle around on the road side of the Mutton Brook (two big fields), and a tarmac path for your pushchair on the Addison Way

side. Here the Mutton Brook comes back, after its short stay on the north side of the A1, under the road from the bottom of Brookland Rise (the little green area there is called The Bowles) and then runs along a pretty wooded river valley before passing under the Finchley Road and out of the Suburb.

There are Oaks, and hedgerow trees, and an old Laburnum and a big Copper Beech that somebody must have planted at some stage, and a good bridge for playing Pooh Sticks, and in May there's a sea of cow parsley and loads of hawthorn blossom. You could be in the countryside because although the A1 is just

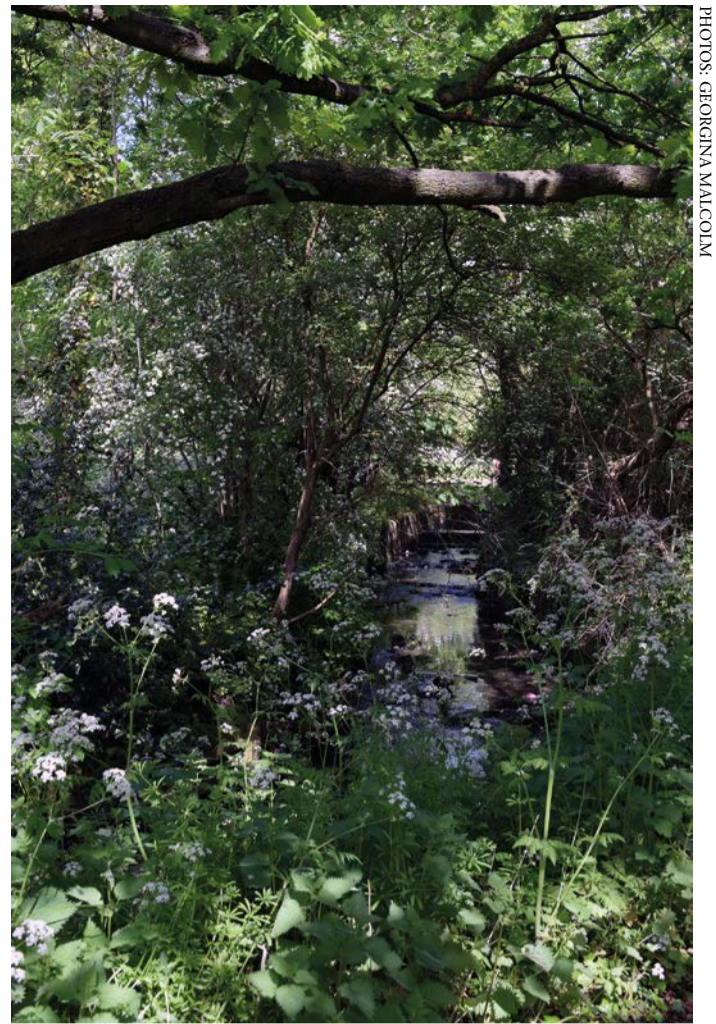
inches away you really hardly notice it.

But I never see anyone there. Perhaps nobody walks through this restful green space away from the traffic because nobody else does. I understand that. It can be a little creepy, if you live in London, to find yourself alone.

Brookside Walk is part of the Dollis Valley Green Walk

between Moat Mount Nature Reserve and Hampstead Heath. It was designed to act as a link between the Capital Ring and the London Loop, and between the many green spaces and wildlife corridors in the borough of Barnet (thanks to Wikipedia for this little bit of additional information).

GEORGINA MALCOLM



What's new in the Virtual Museum?

The Virtual Museum's ambition to include rooms featuring all the schools on the Suburb is nearing fruition, now that Brookland Infant and Junior Schools have joined Garden Suburb and Henrietta Barnett Schools in displaying records and photos for all to see. Go to hgsheritage.org.uk and you too can visit the Virtual Museum.

Go to 'Organisations' on the home page and check out Brookland's fascinating history, which began when the school opened for both Infants and some Junior classes on 9 September 1952. The buildings were completed between January and June 1953, after which the two schools began running independently.

They were opened by the Mayor of Finchley, Alderman J Gordon Bryson JP on 18 May 1954.

The Museum's records illustrating the early Suburb are also expanding, with Kay Graham and David Pearlman having kindly agreed to allow picture postcards from their collections to be scanned in to supplement those in the Raymond Lowe Collection and appear online in the very near future.

Do you have memorabilia relevant to the Suburb's history from its beginnings to the present day? Perhaps your house has an interesting or unusual story to tell. If so, please write to info@hgsheritage.org.uk, or phone me on 8455 6507.

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WORDSEARCH

In our Autumn Wordsearch we have included the names of 20 types of songs and music for you to find. There is also one highlighted to start you off. Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Please send your entries by email to suburbnews@hgstra.uk with your name and contact details. The closing date for this competition is December 17. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 book token. Good luck!

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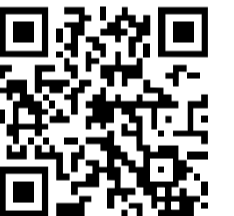
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SN139 WORDSEARCH WINNER & ANSWERS

The winner of the competition in the last issue was Adrian Brodwin of Kingsley Way. Well done! The answers are below. The 20 types of tea were: Earl Grey, Lady Grey, Rooibos, Darjeeling, Lapsang Souchong, Katmandu, Masala Chai, Cinnamon, Liquorice, Green, Lemon, Black, Ceylon, Peppermint, Camomile, Bergamot, China, Ginger, Assam, Nepal.

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