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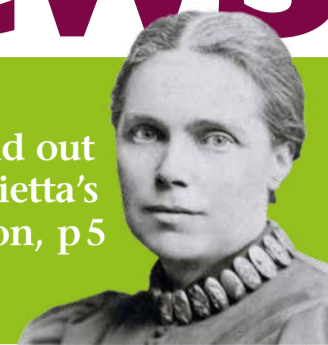
Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association



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Season's greetings and a glimmer of hope...

As we emerge from the latest lockdown and approach the festive season, Boris has warned us to be 'jolly careful'. We are not out of the woods by a long chalk. It will, of course, be lovely to spend some time in the company of friends and family, even if only for five days and limited to just three households. No doubt these restrictions will give rise to some difficult choices, but these are the rules we must follow if we are to keep the NHS from being overwhelmed in January, avoiding a repeat of the situation earlier this year.

However we all choose to celebrate the holiday period, we still need to remember there will be some amongst us spending the holiday period shielding or isolating. Our fantastic HGS community continues to be resilient, caring and supportive and will find ways of bringing some festive cheer. The various soup runs continue (perhaps turkey instead of chicken soup?), the Look Out for Your Neighbours scheme is still up and running (details on p.5) and the many local WhatsApp neighbour groups are still going strong.



PATRICIA MORRIS

As we all look towards a new year, perhaps our resolutions will be a bit different this time? Forget the fad diets, or far flung travel, maybe we will simply resolve to maintain links with our neighbours, continue those walks around the Suburb, reconnect with nature and really do our bit to look after our planet?

Things will get better. As we write this, the incredible breakthroughs in the Coronavirus vaccines look very hopeful indeed. A time when we can all co-exist once more in a world without masks and social distancing might not be too far away.

Patricia Morris' lovely photo (above) of the most picture-perfect rainbow seen over the

Suburb just a couple of weeks ago is a wonderful representation of positivity and hope. Perhaps even a promise of the better times to come?

So, as we bid a (not so sorry) farewell to 2020, let's hope 2021 brings us the much needed return to, at least some, normality.

Seasons greetings.

THE EDITORS

HGSRA receives Royal Free Charity Award

In early September, the HGSRA received the Royal Free Charity's Covid-19 Community Fund Award from Diane Ryan, the charity's Head of Community Fundraising. In line with the (then) rule of six, Diane presented the award to RA Chair, Emma Howard and four other members of the RA (and a couple of dogs) in front of the Henrietta Barnett memorial in Central Square under a bright blue sky.

Diane said "We are delighted to award HGSRA with our Outstanding Supporter trophy for their support of the Covid Emergency Fund. This was one of only four awards handed out and the only one to a community group. This support has enabled our hospital staff to receive the dedicated emotional, psychological and wellbeing support they need to cope with caring for Covid patients. The staff are so grateful and touched by such generous appreciation. From the porter to the ICU nurse, each has felt supported and valued because of your generosity. Thank you for supporting our NHS Heroes."



PETER MCCLUSKIE

In total, £65,000 was raised by the RA and HGS residents, with the RA match funding £25,000. The funds helped provide five resilience and emotional support areas at the Royal Free Hospital for ICU staff to take vital breaks and 11 other staff areas providing safe and comfortable respite spaces with internet access allowing front line staff to keep in touch with family and friends during very long shifts.

The award, a lovely glass disc (featured), will eventually be housed in Fellowship House which residents can visit once it reopens.

A huge thank you, once again, to HGS residents.

SHELLEY-ANNE SALISBURY

Henrietta's Community Fruit Orchard

"What is paradise but a garden, an orchard of trees and herbs, full of pleasure and nothing there but delights." WILLIAM LAWSON, ENGLISH CLERIC AND WRITER ON GARDENING (1554-1635)

Temporarily stalled by Covid-19, the community fruit tree orchard initiative for Lyttelton Playing Fields is now set to go ahead. Led and sponsored by the HGS Residents Association

and backed by Barnet Council, the aim is to establish a fruit orchard as a beautiful and positive addition to the natural features of Hampstead Garden Suburb. Stocked with heritage fruit tree varieties surrounded by wildflower meadow areas, the orchard will be created with the involvement of interested local residents.

With this in mind, we are appealing for people to join

'Henrietta's Community Fruit Orchard Group' (working title), to help turn this initiative into a reality. If you are interested and would like to be involved, or think you can support the project in any way, please contact the HGS Residents Association by emailing: fruitorchard@hgsra.uk.

In keeping with Henrietta Barnett's original food growing ambitions as an integral part of our garden suburb, we aim to

add to the growing number of new and restored community orchards in the country. There is a range of exciting benefits both for nature and residents of

all ages, and the opportunity to connect with our rich national fruit growing heritage.

As The Orchard Project says: "Orchards have the potential to

build stronger communities by providing cherished, nature-rich, community spaces". With the help of such specialist social (continued on page 2)



CAN WE PLEASE BE YOUR 'SOUL' AGENT?

We understand that your home is much more than just a house. It is usually also a sanctuary for your family - a happy place, if you will - rich in nostalgia and memories.

Not only is it normally the largest tax-free asset in the family, but it does occupy an important part of the heart and the soul.

We appreciate and empathise with you the emotional wrench that moving home can cause and we would like to be your 'Soul' Agent to manage the process for you.

We are presently doing a remarkable amount of business in your area, post lockdown. Please feel free to talk to us about these "moving issues".



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The 108th RA AGM

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

will take place on Monday, 22 March 2021 at 8pm via Zoom video-conferencing

Nominations for posts of officers and members of the Council must be received by 8 March 2021. The nomination should be submitted in writing signed by the nominee, a proposer and a seconder and sent to:

The Membership Secretary, PO Box 67700, London, NW11 1NS

Only those who are members or associate members as of 30 November 2020 will be able to apply for a Zoom invitation to the AGM. Further details about attendance and questions will be circulated via Suburb eNews, the HGS List email group and the RA's Facebook group page by 1 March 2021.

(The AGM agenda will be available at www.hgsra.uk/about/agm by 15 March 2021)