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FIRST EDITION of the new-look Suburb News

## A new look for Suburb News

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Despite a wobbly start, it now looks like summer is at last on its way. Perfect timing to enjoy our emancipation from all the restrictions that have plagued us for so long. We can now all move on towards some normality. Not necessarily the normality we

once knew, but one that we will all embrace wholeheartedly nonetheless. With this in mind, we thought it was also perfect timing to introduce the new look Suburb News. We have kept to Richard Wakefield's (the first editor and creator of Suburb News) original concept of providing "improved coverage of events in the Suburb and news items affecting Suburb residents". We hope you enjoy it.

### Transcript from Suburb News, Issue No. 1, July 1983

Welcome to the first edition of Suburb News. As successor to the popular Newsletter we are attempting to provide improved coverage of events in the Suburb and news items affecting Suburb residents.

The Suburb works well as a community because so many of us are involved in local activities. The News hopes to foster community feeling and make sure that everyone knows what's going on in the Suburb.

The editors will be happy to receive news of past and future events especially with photographs and suggest that you pin up our 'What's On' columns so as not to miss any of the wealth of activities available.

We will welcome your views in our letters column and we are running a Sales and Wants and Swap column for residents. We hope this will be particularly useful for those of you restoring your houses who are looking for original architectural items or who wish to obtain or pass on serviceable baby gear as your families grow.

It is apparent from the replies to the R.A. Questionnaire that many residents are not clear about the different functions of the R.A. and the Trust. This is why we make no apology for our lead news item on this page being a four month old story. The more residents understand and take part in the activities of both organisations the better our chance of conserving and enhancing the life of the Suburb.

The views expressed will not necessarily be the official view of the Residents Association and the R.A. cannot accept responsibility for opinions expressed in the News.



Suburb News 1 & 119 The first and last issues Richard Wakefield saw in print, although he edited issue 120 before he died

## The RA AGM 2021

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The Residents Association, like so many institutions, was obliged to forgo its customary style AGM. There were to be no drinks or nibbles to go with the

neighbourly chats and gripes. Instead there were instructions on how to vote and use the zoom chat function. With more than 60 participants, cameras were turned off so, disappointingly, there was no opportunity to check out our neighbours' reading choices or taste in art.

The meeting benefitted from the presence of Councillor John Marshall and PC Sandy Clifford from the local police. Emma Howard, the Chair of the RA, then introduced Rebekah Severn and Megan Evans from the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice who gave some insight into what the hospice does. RA Council chose the hospice as its local community charity for this year and will match donations



RA Chair, Emma Howard

made by residents on hgsra.uk/noahsark. It helps babies, children and youngsters with life-limiting, or life-threatening conditions live better lives, and last year helped 350 of them. The full story can be found on the front page of issue 145 of Suburb News.

The meeting moved on to approving the annual reports and

accounts for 2019 and 2020. Advertising held up well despite the challenging circumstances, and membership increased by 112 over the two years to reach 1860 households. £65,000 was raised for the Royal Free Charity in 2020 using £25,000 in matched funding from the RA.

The RA continues to support the Fellowship House Club for the over 60s in Willifield Way by giving RA members the opportunity to donate when renewing their RA membership. In 2020 this raised £10,164 for Fellowship and Andrew Botterill, Fellowship Chairman and Treasurer, was present to express how very grateful the club was for the important contribution the donations made to its income. Andrew also asked members to

keep an eye on the website for details of when the club would be reopening, but hoped that the Tuesday afternoon talks and monthly exhibitions would be back in September.

The five new members of RA Council then introduced themselves and were duly voted in. Patrick Ettwein, Philip Harlow, Marie-Christine O'Callaghan, Shelley-Anne Salisbury and Maria Schlatter have all lived on the Suburb for some while and some have already been involved helping Suburb organisations. Maria has been active on the RA Trees & Open Spaces committee as well as the Community Orchard project and Friends of Big Wood; Patrick sits as an RA nominee on

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## 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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Ana Lapaz-Mendez out for a run in the Suburb with Pumpkin and Jack (Jacket Potato), see page 19