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# Bishopswood Bowling Club ready to roll

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After what seems to be a very long winter, Bishopswood Bowling Club, located within the Lyttelton Road Playing Fields, is getting ready for the 2022 summer outdoor bowling season. During the past months, when outdoor bowling was not possible, the club continued to offer a hot drink, a snack and the

chance to take part in a variety of activities including puzzles, card playing, scrabble, Rummikub and backgammon mornings. Some continued to bowl through the winter period at the indoor bowls club off Summers Lane (by the Hollywood Bowl, Finchley). Nevertheless it is the bowling in the fresh air and natural sunlight that members of the club are really looking forward to.

This year we will once again be holding Open Days over the last weekend of May in conjunction with and at the same time as the national initiative of Bowls England.

Last year club membership grew by over 40% with new and younger members experiencing the joy that the sport has to offer on so many levels including fun/social playing, competitive playing and, of course, the social environment

the club offers. We are hoping this growth will be repeated this year.

Subject to the weather and the state of the green, the club is aiming to re-open on the Easter weekend (mid-April), but at all events, by the early May bank holiday weekend (April 30 - May 2).

Anyone interested in trying their hand at the sport can pop in at any time whenever the gates are open. The club and the members

are friendly and welcoming, and all are invited to learn about the game and have a go.

Generally, the club will be open in the mornings from 9:45 through to late afternoon, with a midday break. All are welcome.

Please visit the club website at [bishopswoodbc.co.uk](http://bishopswoodbc.co.uk) for more information, or you can contact them on 020 8058 2212 or email to: [info@bishopswoodbc.co.uk](mailto:info@bishopswoodbc.co.uk).

## Lest we forget ...

On the 27th January International Holocaust Memorial Day once again commemorated the murder of the six million Jews during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution and in genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

27th January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Garden Suburb Community Library hosted a moving presentation given by Jacqueline Luck about her grandmother, Lela, a Holocaust survivor (see opposite).

## Brent Cross Town (continued from front page)

shops in one area, offices in another, houses in yet another. Brent Cross Town will be a mixed use design.

There will be neighbourhoods but the edges will be blurred with a sprinkling of high streets, squares and other communal areas. The developers are using the natural geography and topography of the area to create interlinking spaces and buildings.

Argent Related understands the importance of facilitating a low carbon usage lifestyle and has pledged a commitment to net zero carbon emissions by 2030 - well ahead of the government's target. Nick envisions car sharing schemes plus plenty of electric car charging points. Walking and

cycling will be easy options. It's effectively future proofing design. Energy saving initiatives are already in place, such as replacing the usual steel and concrete with timber. The well-being of residents and visitors is paramount. This is property development with a very human angle.

So what will Brent Cross Town look like? "Mixed architecture and very green," says Nick. "It will have a look and feel of it's own. You'll know when you're in it, it will have its own character but it will still feel like part of London." Sounds rather a lot like Hampstead Garden Suburb?

Speaking of HGS, Brent Cross Town will practically be on our doorstep. Nick is aware of this

and says "We are going to create a very friendly neighbour for the Suburb." As many HGS residents will know, Argent Related is a sponsor of the Proms at St. Jude's and sees the Suburb as a shining example of community. He hopes HGS residents will enjoy visits to Brent Cross Town with all that it has to offer.

Why Brent Cross Town? Nick explains the name was chosen to contextualise what it is, namely a community on the scale of a town - not a sprawling city. A town has a smaller sense of scale but large enough to encompass more diversity and choice. Community with a capital C is at the heart of the project and Argent Related are already supporting community initiatives and local groups.

Nick and his team are clearly passionate about this project and excited about designing living for the future. Watch this space.

For more information go to [www.brentcrosstown.co.uk](http://www.brentcrosstown.co.uk).

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