

Suburb News

Hampstead Garden Suburb
Residents Association



A fond farewell to Hilda Williams, who returns to live in South Africa at 103! See page 8



Colin Gregory looking dapper at the Denman Drive Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party, page 15



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Feeling the heat of climate change

SHELLEY-ANNE SALISBURY

The summer of '76. Seemingly endless days of sunshine, paddling pools and ice cream. Days spent running back and forth through the sprinkler, rainbow after rainbow thrown up through the spray and projected against a cloudless blue sky. The mouth-watering smells of barbeques and huge chunks of ice-cold watermelon. I had never been so tanned (sun protection wasn't really much of a thing back then) and the inevitable hosepipe ban was simply an irritant to me as a young child – no sprinkler!

Apart from misunderstood eco warriors, far-sighted scientists (and probably David Attenborough) no one gave any real thought to the extreme weather back then. We didn't recognise it as a warning of things to come. No one worried about carbon emissions and the damage that was being done to our fragile planet.

Forward to 2022. The hottest UK summer on record and things now feel very different. We are not celebrating the heat. We are fearful of it because it's a clear sign of our poor caretaking. Many have woken up to the damage we have inflicted and hope we may still be able to do something about it. Here in HGS, committees like REACH are leading the way.

In this issue we have included an article from REACH on heat pumps (p. 5), Ivan Berg gives us his guide to electric car charging (p. 3) Peter Falk writes about how we can all implement simple actions to save our planet (back page) and we look at community efforts such as Daniella Levene's community fruit harvesting (p. 2) plus Naomi Russell's Food Bank Aid (p. 8).

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(l-r) Mayor Alison Moore, Raymond Taylor and Richard Townley (Photo: Shelley-Anne Salisbury)

Central Square handover to Trust

PAUL CAPEWELL, HGST

The Trust recently took on a 999-year lease of Central Square from the London Borough of Barnet. This handover of ownership marks another significant step for the Trust and its ambitions to protect, maintain and ultimately improve the Square for the benefit of all residents of the Suburb, local organisations, and visitors.

An intimate ceremony was held in June with special guests including the Mayor of Barnet

Alison Moore, who cut the ribbon on a new commemorative bench, along with trustee Richard Townley who has worked diligently over the years to help facilitate this handover and other improvements

to the Square. The Trust's chair Raymond Taylor also acknowledged the significant involvement in the early stages of the handover process of ex-chair Richard

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The Central Square Henrietta Barnett Memorial (Photo: Edward Botterill)



HM Queen Elizabeth II makes an appearance at the Southway Jubilee Street Party to share a joke with Stephanie Hurst (Photo: Caroline Hurst) See our Suburb Street Party Pictorial on page 15

THE MARKET IS HOT... MAYBE IT'S TIME TO MOVE?

In the last few months, we have let and sold an extraordinary amount of homes in the Suburb, therefore if you are considering selling or letting there has never been a better time than now.

We regularly deal with 'Cottages to Castles' and can procure both aspirational clientele moving up the property ladder and also the comfortable 'empty nesters', moving down.

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