

Suburb News

Hampstead Garden Suburb
Residents' Association



Olga makes the brave decision to return to Kyiv with her daughters, read her story on page 6



Bishop (aka Henry) is missing and his partner, Betty, needs your help, p 21

Micky Watkins, archivist extraordinaire, dusting down the documents for your perusal, page 7



As winter turns to spring

SHELLEY-ANNE SALISBURY

Spring comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. The old proverb seems never truer as I write this column in early March just before we go to print. Hats, scarves and gloves are still de rigueur even as signs of spring abound all around us here in the Suburb. The profusion of white snowdrops, purple crocuses, yellow daffodils and sprays of pink blossom create a delicate palette of much needed colour after the seemingly endless monochrome and grey of winter. Once again we start to emerge from our self-imposed hibernation, greeting our neighbours in all the verdant open spaces the Suburb has to offer. The lifting of our collective spirits and lightness in mood is palpable as the days lengthen and we delight in nature.

But we are the fortunate ones, unlike those currently affected by natural disaster or basic human greed; those who cannot leave their homes, safe spaces and shelters; those who may not see daylight for more than a short time each day – if at all. Putin's war of attrition on Ukraine continues past its first anniversary. The aftermath of the terrible earthquake in Turkey and Syria has left thousands displaced, many of those after they have already survived another appalling war. For them, the change in season may go completely unnoticed as they struggle to survive one day at a time. For them, the smallest signs of spring may even be a painful reminder of better times, of loved ones they have lost and of lives they once had.

Spring is traditionally seen as a time of renewal, optimism and revitalisation. Let's hope then that spring is indeed a turning point for all those in need.



The Heath Extension – Winter '22 (Photo: Emma Howard) and Spring '23 (Photo: David Salisbury)

Garden Suburb Theatre Little Wood commemoration



Photo: Alison Melville

COLIN GREGORY

Suburb residents, and much missed members of the Garden Suburb Theatre, Robert and Joyce Jayes were commemorated by a bench in Little Wood, generously donated by their daughter Alison along with family and friends.

Robert and Joyce were residents of Corringham Road and then Heathgate for many years and are fondly remembered by members of the Garden Suburb Theatre which they supported during their time on the Suburb.

The bench was inaugurated with champagne, soup and sausage rolls!



Photo: Shelley-Anne Salisbury

DESPITE THE ECONOMIC TURMOIL... WE ARE STILL ABLE TO PULL RABBITS OUT OF THE HAT

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