

Suburb



Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

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Youth Music Centre to perform at St Jude's, see back page



"There's another Summer Picnic this year? Wow!" Details back page

Mayor of Barnet, Cllr David Longstaff attends Proms launch, p5



RA AGM inaugurates the era of secret ballots



The Residents Association's 105th AGM was held on March 27 at Henrietta Barnet School Hall and, fortunately, was a more agreeable evening than last year for those present. The Chairman, David Lewis, welcomed everyone and the usual early business of welcomes, apologies and approvals of minutes, reports and accounts was swiftly dealt with.

Asked about the payment in the accounts to Fellowship House, the Chairman explained that many RA members donated to the charity at the same time as paying their RA subscriptions, and the RA passed the money on.

The meeting then moved on to the election of RA officers and council members. This year there was to be a secret ballot held using ballot papers distributed to member households before the meeting. David Lewis was standing again for the chairmanship, and was being challenged, as he was last year, by Brian Ingram.

The RA Secretary, Gary Shaw, took the chair while the two candidates gave a brief statement of their intentions and were then open to questions. Brian Ingram spoke first and commented

on last year's election as having been chaotic, and said the RA hadn't changed.

He was concerned by the lack of action by Transport for London on safety on Falloeden Way. He mentioned his track record with the Oakwood Road playground and the Northway Rose Gardens. When questioned he said he wanted change, short meetings and more young people involved.

David Lewis read the statement he had prepared and distributed. He too was concerned about the traffic situation in The Market Place and on Falloeden Way. He mentioned the new working groups which had been formed on Bute Mews and Noise Abatement, and the public meeting (see page 2) held on the proposed housing development in Bute Mews.

The nominees for election to be officers or council members were then able to present themselves and say a few words. Those who were to be new members of council were looking forward to having the opportunity to help make the RA and the Suburb better.

The meeting moved on to the rest of the agenda while the ballot papers were being counted and after re-appointing Paul Hartley as the Honorary Accountant, the meeting moved to AOB in the form of general discussion.

Members raised a number of matters, many of them familiar concerns. What to do about overgrown trees and hedges without neighbourly disputes escalating was the first topic. There are guidelines, which are frequently ignored, and in extreme cases Barnet will take action; Claire Calman of the Trust offered to talk to the questioner afterwards.

There was concern about crime and the police presence on the Suburb. Jeremy Hershkorn, a member of RA Council, related his experience of spending a day with the police (see page 3 SN128 Autumn 2016) covering the Suburb, and how they do the best they can with the resources they have. We were reminded the police regularly hold open meetings in the Suburb Library.

A resident of Erskine Hill complained of "the abysmal state

of the roads", which clearly struck a chord with the audience. Cllr John Marshall recommended always providing photographic evidence, while Emma Howard of the RA's Roads and Traffic committee said she would be writing on the subject of potholes in Suburb News (see page 6).

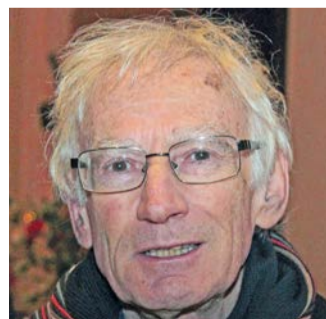
There was also great concern about traffic and safety in The Market Place and Falloeden Way with Saul Zadka being particularly vocal and predicting, "a tragedy in the next few days". The RA will be holding a public meeting on this subject including the safety of pedestrian crossings once TfL and the police had fully investigated the recent fatal accident.

There was a moment to remember the very recent death of Charles Gale, an irreplaceable member of RA Council and quite a few committees, and friend of many - who we remember on page 2 of this issue.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and to await the result of the count, which after some delay was announced, with David Lewis retaining the chairmanship by 55 votes to 13 cast for Brian Ingram.

Jeremy Hershkorn, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw and Ann Spencer were re-elected to the council, while Adrain Hodgson, Emma Howard, and Peter Spaul became members for the first time.

TERRY BROOKS



David Lewis (above) RA chairman and Brian Ingram (below) contestant.



"Be careful, be very careful..." Protective instincts on display at last year's RA Summer Picnic. Details of this year's Summer Picnic on back page.

Theatre on the Suburb

Once there was the Play and Pageant Union, which joined with the Speedwell Players to become the Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society, which in the early 90s was reborn as the Garden Suburb Theatre.

GST is the Suburb's very own drama group and has been performing on the Suburb - under those various names - for over a century. It is still going strong

today with around 200 members, and a programme which includes five full productions a year. Also there are a number of rehearsed and unrehearsed readings just for members, to give them further opportunities to act, direct and learn backstage skills.

GST currently has a busy few months ahead. In May, it is participating in the Barnet and

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Last year's summer production in Little Oak Wood of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

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Tom Roberts

An Australian Artist on the Suburb by Lucrezia Walker

An illustrated presentation of the life of Australian artist Tom Roberts who lived in Hampstead Garden Suburb with his wife Lillie from 1909 until his return to Australia in 1923.

3:30pm Sunday 21 May 2017

Friends Meeting House, 17 North Square

Tea and biscuits at 4:30pm



No entry charge but a £5 donation would be welcome.

This is a popular annual event organised by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association in memory of Michael Rowley.

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