

RA AGM

A well attended Annual General Meeting, shortly after the adjournment of the Falloeden Way inquiry, was addressed by Terry Rand. In introducing him, Tony Mandelson, RA chairman, said "I have never admired anyone quite so much for all he did for us at the inquiry", and "I'll never forget that Friday morning".

Terry Rand told the meeting that Peter Thomas MP had been asked to request that the Ministry of Transport withdraws the draft order. He paid particular tribute to those residents whose response has disarmed the Ministry when its schemes were comprehensively dismissed by residents, 2,200 of whom had registered as objectors.

Particular thanks were due to Clement Halfon for all his help, and to Barnett, the GLC and, as Chris Dickinson later pointed out, the Archway Road group and those from other Boroughs.

AGM BUSINESS

Earlier the Chairman had updated his comments in the Annual Report as had Chairman of RA committees. During these, Eileen Whelan said that there were now some vacant allotment plots.

Elisabeth Layton reported that the Expenditure Committee would be pleased to hear of more projects for their consideration. She told the meeting of plans for a community centre.

James Webster asked for volunteers to assist with the RA Summer Fair.

Traffic reported that the H2 buses were awaiting the fitting of anti-roll

pass before standing passengers could be permitted. Alan Lawson said that more Wardens were needed in Norrice, Ossulton and Heath Wards.

During questions from the floor, Ted Hoblyn thanked the RA, and Martin Jaskel and his committee, for ensuring that we still had the H2 bus service on the Suburb but made a plea for them not to insist that standing be allowed.

There were complaints about estate agents boards, rubbish clearance and running water on the Central Square, Willifield Way, Hampstead Way path. Councillor Halfon appealed to residents to telephone their Councillors at any time.

Tony Mandelson thanked retiring RA Council Members and Alan Lawson who is relinquishing the chair of Wardens and Membership and Janet Harris who will give up the post of Treasurer in the Autumn.

Peter Blackstaffe was thanked for auditing the accounts and David de Saxe proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

There was a welcome for new RA council members Michaela Graham-Yooll, Ernest Howie, Brian Ingram, David Rapson, and Michael Tomlin.



St. Jude's and Toynbee Hall Joint Commemoration of Samuel and Henrietta Barnett on March 15th.

Over the 75 years or so of the Suburb Life there have been living links between Toynbee Hall and the Suburb. The Fellowship and Toynbee have exchanged visits each year and other occasions have been honoured. The present Warden, Donald Chesworth, felt that the joint founders ought to be honoured at an Annual Commemoration Service and invited St. Jude's to host the first one.

The Suburb responded well and a congregation of about 200 came to St. Jude's for Solemn Evensong to give thanks for Samuel and Henrietta Barnett and to listen to challenging sermon by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston. He started by giving his "credentials" for being the preacher, credentials which were impeccable because of his close association with the East End and with

Suburb and also because his own life had been geared to promoting interests dear to the hearts of the Barnetts. He finished by challenging us all, but Toynbee Hall in particular, to take up afresh a caring ministry in the more depressed areas of Tower Hamlets and Hackney.

Archbishop Huddleston, whom many will remember for his campaign against apartheid when he was working in South Africa, told the congregation that he had himself attended nursery school at the Institute and had lived in Hampstead Way between 1914 and 1925.

Shown above, Gillian Greenwood, Toynbee Hall; G.C. Britton, Rev. Michael Porteus, Donald Chesworth, Toynbee Hall, Archbishop Huddleston, his chaplain and member of the St. Jude's sacristy team after the service on March 15th.

Below, servers Rosalind and Christopher Lowe conduct the Archbishop to St. Jude's. RB



Gertrude Porteus helps with teas.



The Archbishop makes a point to RA chairman Tony Mandelson.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK COMPETITIONS

The Residents Association is supporting the Civic Trust's Environment Week, see page 6, by running three competitions to make us all aware of our surroundings.

The first is a children's painting competition open to children living on the Suburb or attending Suburb schools.

The subject is Suburb gardens and is divided into two classes: up to 7 and up to 11.

Then there is a competition for best Suburb front garden open to all Suburb gardeners. Judging will be arranged by the HGS Horticultural Society.

Finally a best kept allotment judged by the RA's Allotment Committee.

There are £10 and £5 prizes for first and second in each competition.

Please fill in one or more of these coupons and return to the Editor, Suburb News, 26 Hampstead Way, NW11.

I attach my painting as entered for the Children's Painting Competition.

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Age _____

Don't forget to put your name on your painting.

I wish to enter my front garden for the RA competition.

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Please enter my allotment for the RA competition.

Name _____

Address _____

Allotment _____

SPRING GARDENING

With the weather severely restricting the amount of gardening most of us have been able to do this year, April promises to be a busy time of catching up. But don't despair because, somehow, seeds and seedlings put in late as a result of bad weather, invariably spurt ahead and catch up. If the sun does decide to shine, do remember that emerging seedlings need surface watering. Handweeding and the use of slugbait will prevent the seedlings having to compete for survival. It is a good time to cut hedges well back to encourage dense leafy growth from the base. Having pruned the roses and those shrubs which flower on the current season's growth, do remember to feed the soil for the best flowering results. For those of you who lost shrubs and hedges during the snowy freeze up, it is still possible to plant container grown shrubs and climbers, but do be sure that the intended replacements are completely healthy. We lost four large azaleas and were very grateful when our trusted nurseryman told us that his plants had been affected and advised us to wait for the autumn to make replacements.

Why not be daring and try something new this year? Buy a bag of 30 Gladiola corms and plant six each week for the next five weeks and see what happens. (If you have heavy clay put a spoonful of sand under each corm.) Lawns will need regular mowing and will certainly benefit from a good fertiliser and weedkiller. A special weedkiller used now on paths and drives should give a trouble-free year.

With our wonderful provision of fruit trees in all the Suburb gardens, it is worth thinking about fruit pollination. If your fruit trees need cross pollination you might consider planting the necessary variety if there is not one available. Alternatively you might consider growing colourful plants to attract bees and so increase your harvest. For those of you growing stone fruits who have an annual heartache as those promising little fruitlets begin to form and then unaccountably drop off, try forking in a handful of lime all round the tree, but do be sure there are no lime hating plants, such as azaleas, in the area!

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