

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

The Residents Association Annual General Meeting at Bigwood Hall on March 30th, attended by some 120 members, heard Chairman Tony Mandelson up date his annual report before moving to the formal business of the evening.

Officers elected or re-elected were:

Chairman: G. N. Mandelson
Vice Chairman: Eileen Whelan
Hon. Treasurer: Janette Harris
Acting Hon. Sec.: Colin Gregory

New members of Council are: Mark Beadle, Neville Croft, Brian Godfrey, Anne Lewisohn, Peter Lloyd, Peter Oliver, Camilla Raab, Sylvia de Peyer, Dorothy Unwin.

Tony Mandelson introduced each of the new members to the meeting and welcomed them on to the Council. He also regretted the resignation of Rosalind Kriteaman, David Bogush, Martin Jaskel and Sir John Walley and thanked them for the effort that they had made on Council and in Committees.

There followed a wide ranging debate on matters raised in questions from the floor.

Street Cleaning

Mr Faber from Hill Top complained about the state of Suburb roads and told the meeting that he had been instrumental in getting Barnet to clean up Hutchings Walk on one occasion but that street cleaners had not been seen again. Mrs Phillips, Willifield Way said that refuse collectors putting bins in the road for collection without lids on caused much of the litter. At this point Eileen Whelan explained the plans for Environment Week including a clean up day on April 25.

Henly's Corner

Megan Hooley asked for assurance from Council on their opposition to the Henly's Corner traffic scheme. Tony Mandelson explained the R.A. position.

Charitable Trust

John Freeborn told the meeting of the background to the change in the position of the Charitable Trust by which the Trust itself, having changed its articles last year is no longer obligated to pay any profit it might make to the Charitable Trust. He explained that the Charitable Trust is empowered to collect money for any charitable purpose or for recreational facilities.

It was against this background that the RA Council had proposed that donations now collected by the RA for Fellowship alone should be paid to the Charitable Trust so that

other suburb charities could also benefit.

The Rev. Ralph Baldry, Fellowship's chairman expressed concern on behalf of Fellowship that this move might result in a diminution of donations if the RA did not make clear what charities were likely to be supported and suggested a list so that residents could choose which charities to support.

John Freeborn made the point that this would leave the Charitable Trust with no flexibility from year to year in deciding what causes needed support.

Eileen Whelan reminded the meeting that as the Charitable Trust was a registered charity it could benefit from tax rebates and that some recipients could not.

Ron Phillips pointed out that the RA has collected nearly £5,500 for Fellowship in '86 compared with £4,000 in '84 and that this increase could continue.

Jean Henderson, as one of those who helped form the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and the Charitable Trust hoped that, when the Trust was making profits in the future, the original intention of the founders in the relationship of the two could be reinstated.

Liz Tarn made an impassioned plea for a way to be found to collect for other pur-

poses, nothing was done in the Suburb for mothers with children under five except for the Pavilion Childrens Centre that had to carry on its work in a crumbling pavilion whereas Fellowship had its own premises. Suburb teenagers she said have nothing to do and nowhere to go but hang around Golders Green.

Diana Mansell, a chief warden doubted that residents were so concerned about how their money was spent. In her experience possibly as many as 50% of members left it to wardens to decide how much should go to Fellowship and the RA in which case they divide the donation equally.

John Freeborn suggested that donations could be split three ways. RA subscription, Fellowship and other suburb charities.

Barbara Anderson suggested that Charitable Trust members should consider over the next five months and bring their ideas to the Trust AGM in September.

27 Willifield Way

John Freeborn told the meeting what had happened so far in the matter of a garage application and moved an informal resolution "In the event that the Trust Council gives permission for development at 27 Willifield Way, the meeting calls on the Residents Association to ask the Trust to convene an immediate EGM of the Trust Company to explain their actions in this matter" it was adopted.

Thanks

Barbara Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to officers and members of Council for their work for the Suburb during the year. RW

WILLIFIELD WAY

Despite the fierce opposition of local residents, the Trust Council has finally made a decision in favour of an application for a hard standing at 27 Willifield Way.

An 'Action Committee' has campaigned since the very first application was made for a garage on this sensitive site in 1984.

They maintain that the Trust gave permission for a garage originally without sufficient investigation of the site, such as visiting the house next door to see what effect the plans would have on the neighbour and that they gave in to a threat of legal action.

The Action Committee also

maintain that the Trust and its officers have acted without proper regard to their duty to preserve and maintain Suburb amenities and for the needs of residents affected by the proposal.

As reported in our AGM report, this issue, John Freeborn successfully proposed a motion calling for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Trust should it decide for the application. The AGM was on Monday 30, the decision was taken on March 24 but not announced until April 3 because a covenant was being agreed whereby the applicants cannot park another car in the drive.

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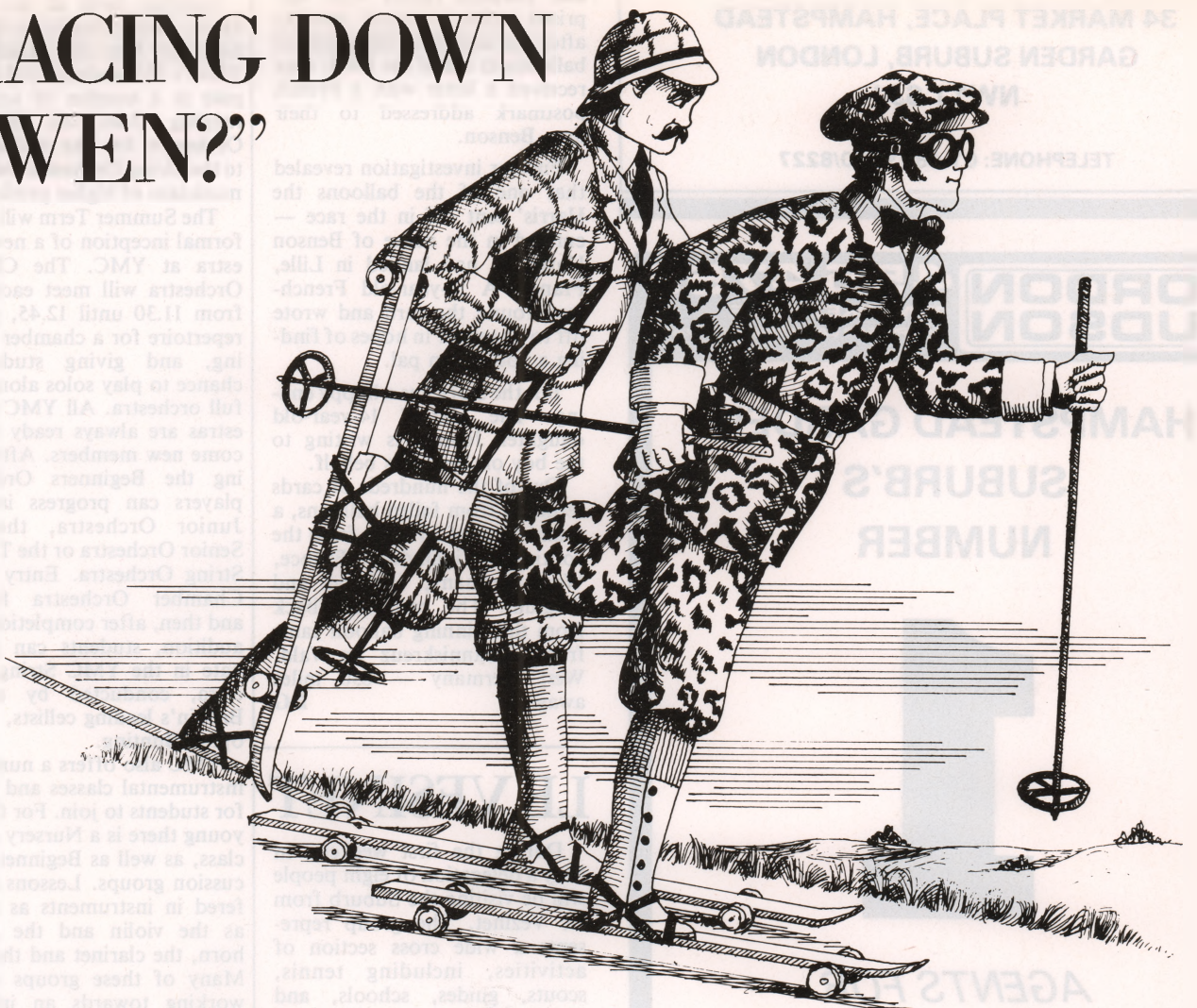
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