

SUBURB NEWS

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TRUST AGE ROW; CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Members of the Trust at the September 22 AGM were shocked when a last minute resolution of no confidence in the Chairman Lord McGregor was put and seconded at the end of a tense meeting in which the questions of the election of Council members and the Trust's action over the Eruv were heatedly debated.

After a show of hands in favour of and against the motion, Lord McGregor declared an equal vote and resigned.

Dr Mervyn Miller who took the Chair said that when he counted he made it a small majority against the motion and hoped that the Chairman would reconsider his position.

Earlier the contested election was announced for one place on the Council between David Bogush, an elected member and Pia Duran who is challenging. It was David Bogush, who asked whether as Hugh Hamilton had resigned from Council was there any need for an election as two candidates were available for two places.

The Chairman explained that as Hugh Hamilton's resignation had been offered after the AGM

notices had gone out an election was necessary under the articles of association.

Alan Lawson moved that both candidates be elected nem con this was refused by the Chairman who said that legal advice had been taken on the position.

A long discussion followed during which many suggestions were made including from Malcolm Davis that both candidates be elected, and from Dorothy White that the election should be held and the loser co-opted.

Lord McGregor said that the Council would consider the situation in the light of the discussion.

The candidates then each addressed the meeting. David Bogush said he had lived on the Suburb for 23 years, he had served on the RA Council and on its Traffic and Membership Committees for 11 years before being elected to the Trust Council three years ago. His particular concerns were the relationship of the Trust with residents and that he felt that the Trust's affairs were not clearly reflected in its report and accounts.

It is also of interest in these columns that David Bogush was

one of the instigators of Suburb News in its present form.

Pia Duran has lived on the Suburb since her family moved to Wyldes Close when she was six months old. She has since brought up her family of three in Erskin Hill and Northway.

As Chairman of the National Mencap Education Committee Pia spends much of her time travelling between its three colleges, but hopes to be able to attend most if not all the meetings of the Trust Council if she is elected. "It is important for a committee to have a good mix with a number of women. I hope to be able to do something for the Suburb I have lived in all my life."

Earlier a number of questions had been asked about the report and accounts. It was here that some of the differences between David Bogush and the rest of the Council became apparent as said he had been the only member to vote against the adoption of the accounts following a question from John Boulter who was worried on two counts, that the Trust seemed to be living off capital and that the expenses incurred in running the freehold management scheme must be greater than appeared from the accounts.

It was at question time however that the meeting became very heated over the Eruv plan. Continued on page 8.

RA REPORT

Several important issues continue to concern the HGS Residents Association - the monitoring of refuse collection, traffic problems, litter, are some examples. The RA is very active as a pressure group.

The RA and HGS Trust will be consulted about **London Borough of Barnet's Draft Recycling Plan**. More bins will be provided for glass/paper collection, and the siting of these is very important. The first new style **litter bins** will shortly be located in Market Place, and LBB await the comments of residents.

Following representations by the RA, LBB have confirmed that, if a collection of refuse is missed, extra rubbish will be collected the following week.

The upkeep of **Memorial Seats and Plaques** continues to be of concern. There has been vandalism, including the theft of a seat, in Northway Gardens.

LBB have said that they will provide the Roads & Traffic Committee with a schedule of streets where **Roadworks** will take place, which should be helpful for residents. **Grass verges** over two feet wide which have been replaced with tarmac will be reinstated with grass, and verges less than two feet wide will be reinstated with red brick.

The RA organised a helpful meeting for Wellgarth Road residents, representatives from the RA and **Officers of the Youth Hostels Association** at the Wellgarth Road Youth Hostel's Open Day on June 24.

Some residents may not be aware that there is quite a treasure-trove of history of the Suburb in the **Archives** which are stored in Bigwood House. We are most fortunate that, after the sad loss of Mrs Brigid Grafton Green, Mr Harry Cobb has agreed to take over, initially for the current year. As he told us in his talk to the RA Council, his

aim is to improve the accommodation and storage, and further the use and knowledge of the Archives. They include invaluable plans, photographs, and personal papers of the Barnett family.

In passing on some residents' objections to the playing of "softball" on the Heath Extension to the Corporation of London, our Chairman inadvertently brought a great deal of unwelcome publicity on her head - some at international level! Fortunately discussions are to take place between the Corporation of London and the London Baseball Association.

The RA Council was most grateful to **Mr John Enderby** for coming to talk to us on 2 June about his life and work for the Suburb. His recollections go back to 1953 and forward to his marvellous work for the North London Hospice. Our small presentation was made to him with our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Did you know that **Burglar Alarms** must now cut out after 20 minutes, and names of key-holders lodged with the police? This applies to existing alarms as from 1 January 1993.

A token donation of £10 was sent towards the restoration of the **Ivon Hitchens** paintings in the Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane.

In July, Mr Alan Woods from the **Tidy Britain Group** gave the RA Council a talk which covered the responsibility for the improvement of our environment under the Environmental Protection Act. This concerns us all, and the Residents Association look forward to a large attendance at the **presentation on 28 November next - Bigwood Hall, Bigwood House, at 8pm**. We shall couple it with what we hope will prove to be a pleasant social occasion - **do come!** SdeP



Lucy Heaton winner of the fancy dress competition at Brooklands Infant School Summer Fair on July 4 (see page 8).

Success in the Suburb

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FALLODEN WAY WIN

The Suburb's tireless campaigners against the Department of Transport's efforts to 'upgrade' Falloden Way were delighted to receive a short notice from the Department to the effect that they have "withdrawn the traffic

management orders for the A1 Falloden Way Tidal Flow Scheme."

Best of all perhaps is the final sentence. "There are no further proposals presently under consideration for the improvement of Falloden Way." RW

Coast To Coast Coverage

We know that locally the Chairman of the RA is a high profile position; however it surprised even Eileen Whelan to find herself quoted in the nationals and especially in the New York Times and San Francisco Chronicle.

The cause of all this media attention was the contretemps during the summer over the London Baseball Association's softball games on the Heath Extension.

The Association was surprised that as many as "nine games simultaneously drawing hundreds of players" should cause concern amongst residents who could not use the Heath and were subject to a massive parking problem.

The Corporation of London had said that permission would not be renewed next year. However, discussions are to take place with the London Baseball Association. RW

Hospice Appeal

The North London Hospice is now built and will be open soon.

The Suburb has raised a great deal of money already and the RA Council hopes to raise a further £2061. This is the cost of furnishing one room.

Please send your donation now to:

John Boulter
RA Treasurer
62 Corringham Road
NW11

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