

SUBURB NEWS

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New look heralds new era for Residents Association

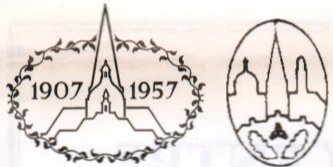
The RA has only twice before brought its logo up to date. The latest, shown here, coincides with a number of initiatives being undertaken by the new Executive and Council.

There's the bid for funds to Green the Suburb; Agenda 21 which will bring together several bodies to improve our quality of life; 'Whats On' goes monthly; New Residents parties are revived in a new form; were helping Bigwood to regenerate; more social events with the 90th Festival and Lutens Open Day so far this year.

A new look for the RA

At the October Council meeting a new logo for the Residents Association was unveiled by the Publications committee.

Commissioned from Barnet design consultancy 1st Impression, the new logo retains the three Suburb buildings which have been a part of the RA logo since 1957. "There is nothing else that says Hampstead Garden Suburb in the same way. One sees the churches and the Institute from far away from whichever direction you approach. What we have done is to bring them up to date and add symbolic trees and hedges. The design of the lettering is intended to emphasise RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION whilst including the full title" said Trevor Hutton of 1st Impression.



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Variations on a theme: the evolution of the RA logo from 1957 to present day.

Enhancing the Suburb

A wide range of measures for the environmental enhancement of the Suburb, many of which were included in the English Heritage report entitled Greening the Suburb, will be the subject of a bid for Heritage Lottery Funds by the Residents Association and the Trust. RA Hon Sec Graham Cunnold, who is preparing the application, told Council that LB Barnet had approved the measures as long as any funds needed from the borough were within their budgets.

The measures will include returning some road junctions to more or less the layouts of 25 years ago when they were altered to speed traffic through the Suburb! The application will also include bringing back more grass verges as has been done this year in Addison Way and Hogarth Hill, resurfacing footpaths

and twittens with sympathetic materials, replacing the gate into Bigwood at the Temple Fortune Hill entrance and rationalising and reducing road signs and clutter on the streets as well as replacing concrete bollards with oak.

None of this will be done without consultation with residents. About 100 householders near the proposed gate into Bigwood have received a letter from the RA asking for their opinions, householders near the proposed road junction changes will have had letters asking for comment and there is an article about the road junctions in this issue by Colin Davies who was commissioned by the RA and Trust to prepare a wider report on traffic measures for the Suburb.

LB Barnet will be mounting an exhibition later.

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Suburb target for Agenda 21

Hampstead Garden Suburb and Cricklewood have been chosen by Barnet as their next targets for Agenda 21 treatment.

The basis of local Agenda 21 is that if each local community is encouraged to 'Think Globally and Act Locally' many small steps towards improving our present and future quality of life can be combined to produce significant changes overall.

The Residents Association recently organised an inaugural meeting with Glyn Carter, Agenda 21 officer for LB Barnet at which

possible means of progressing a committee including the RA, the Trust, local traders and others was discussed.

RA Councillors have been asked to put forward proposals for Agenda 21 projects under headings such as traffic, waste, recycling, nature conservation, pollution, raising awareness of environmental issues and the quality of life in the Suburb.

Residents suggestions are invited, in writing please, by RA Council member Michael Rowley 45 Denman Drive NW11 6RD.

Resignation of Institute Council Member

Douglas Blausten resigned last month from the Institute Council. It is thought his resignation was in protest at the Institute's acceptance of the principle of the proposed settlement of the long running dispute with the DfEE and LB Barnet. The proposed settlement will be based on selling the Henrietta Barnett school building and some of the site with the Institute remaining in the Main Building fronting Central Square.

For some time Mr Blausten is believed to have favoured acceptance of the compulsory purchase order of the whole site with the Institute moving away from the Suburb.

This could have resulted in the Institute (an educational charity) receiving more money, not only from the value of the site, but also from compensation for disturbance.

Asked whether he had any comment to make to Suburb News following his resignation, Mr Blausten said "No".

Institute Principal Fay Naylor said "I believe that we could be just as successful elsewhere. But many of our members feel the Institute, having been supported for generations by Suburb residents, should remain on its traditional site."

"We still, however, have an urgent need for more space and there is still interest in the possibility of acquiring another property nearby to use as an extension".

Something in the region of 50,000 square feet of additional space will be needed to bring Henrietta Barnett school up to date. Some of this may be found by converting loft space in Bigwood House but the school will also be planning new buildings on the existing site.

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Above: Bigwood, the oaks are over 150 years old and not regenerating. Residents are invited to join in helping them to do so. See p3.



Above: Its not often that the Suburb gets into the Court Circular but it did on the day that HRH The Duke of Gloucester, seen here with Sir Donald Sinden, came to open the new Theatre in Little Wood. See p 2.

Below: Jill Ambrose, Betty Theed, Nicholas McKintley and Linda Ayers get ready for the rush at the opening of the Autumn Market at St Jude's. See p 6.



Home Sweet Home

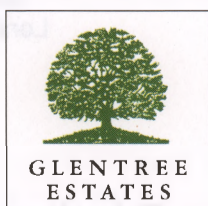
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RA Council changes

Former RA Hon. Secretary Neville Silver (who was defeated in the election for Chairman of the RA at the March AGM), together with David Bogush and Hugh Hamilton have tendered their resignations, said Chairman Richard Wakefield to RA Council on October 7.

Richard Wakefield said he regretted Neville Silver's resignation because he had done so much for the RA and the Suburb over many years. He quoted from a letter he had written to Neville Silver after the Chairman's election saying that "Everyone is very appreciative of the enormous contribution you have made to the RA over the years. You have

invested far too much to waste the contribution you have yet to make. I hope you will continue".

These new resignations follow the resignations of two other members of last year's Executive Committee: Sylvia de Peyer, who resigned in May, and Peter Loyd in August. All of the outgoing members were thanked for their many years of service.

New members

Carol Boulter and David Lewis were co-opted on to the RA Council on the Executive Committee's recommendation.

Welcoming them, Richard Wakefield said that Carol was a welcome returnee to Council and that David Lewis who had joined

both the Consam and Publications committees, this Spring was proving to be a tower of strength. Including those elected at the AGM in March, these two additions increase to twelve the number of new, or rejoined, faces on the Council.

Nothing for youth on the Suburb?

The Residents Association Events Committee has a real chance of providing facilities, but can only go ahead if there is a real need. Young readers are asked to fill and return the coupon on p 7.