

SUBURB NEWS



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The Garden Suburb LA 21 Partnership was at work on a clean-up operation in Mutton Brook in July. Skips full of debris were cleared by a team of volunteers headed by Linnea Godfrey, Barnet LA21 Officer who is seen here dispensing well earned refreshment to the 8th Golders Green Scout Group at the entrance to Lyttelton Playing Fields.

Residents who helped included, seen here, all our ward councillors, Jasmin Naghar, John Marshall and Peter Skolar; Residents Association litter supremo John Davis; RA Trees and Open Spaces committee's Georgina Malcolm and scouts, led by Liz Alcock and Caroline Murrell.



City says no to eruv poles

As reported, Suburb News July, the RA's Consam committee has urged Barnet to allow eruv wires to be suspended from lamp posts so as to avoid extra posts along that part of Wildwood Road between the Sandy Heath and the Heath Extension.

Barnet has refused saying that this is contrary to policy and problems could arise if the lamp posts were damaged or needed to be moved. Planning permission has been granted by Barnet for poles at the back of the footway.

Now however the Corporation of London has pointed out that the land on which Wildwood

Road is built does not belong to Barnet but is part of Hampstead Heath. As the Corporation's position has always been that no permanent structures are allowed on the Heath and that there will be no poles connected with the eruv on any part of the Heath, no poles can be put up along Wildwood Road.

Eddie Caplin bows out as Trust Chairman

Whilst the Trust's Annual General meeting did properly conduct all the business of an AGM, the meeting on September 15 turned on the fact that this was to be last with Eddie Caplin in the chair.

David Bogush got in first with his congratulations to the retiring chairman and the comment that, unusually, he could find no fault with the report and accounts.

Mervyn Miller said he had seen 20 years of chairmen come and go "some more spectacular than others". He said that Eddie's "very effective if laid back style had been the hallmark of the way he had run the Trust for the past six years".

Mervyn Miller recalled that Eddie had been involved for many years in fact, starting with his appointment by the Residents Association to the PPC in 1983. "His term of office has seen the securing of the long term viability of the Trust".

Jean Barraclough said she wished to congratulate everyone concerned with the extremely effective commemorative newsletter distributed to Suburb households to mark the 25th anniversary of the approval in the high court of the scheme of management.

RA Chairman Richard Wakefield said the RA had enjoyed a very good working relationship with the Trust and that Eddie Caplin's wise counsel would be much missed. He looked forward to as

productive a relationship with the new chairman when appointed.

Eddie Caplin said that looking back he could be pleased with progress on many fronts. Decisions on planning applications were now more consistent and less protracted. He was glad the Trust was now a charity and could involve itself, with its grants committee, in helping the Suburb and that, with the help of the RA, progress had been made on grass verges, street furniture and trees.

Relations with the Institute had been a disappointment he said "The agreement finally reached could have been years earlier" Referring to the recent Trust/RA letter he said that we should still explore every avenue for a Suburb-based solution and hoped that "the Institute would continue to be a focal point of Suburb life"

Elections

The coming to an end of the chairman's term of office and after three years service on council by Mervyn Mandell there were two vacancies for elected members. Three nominations had been received. Sally Hall, Mervyn Mandell and Sylvia de Peyer.

(It was later announced that the voting figures had been 262 for Sally Hall, 383 for Mervyn Mandell and 288 for Sylvia de Peyer and that Mervyn Mandell and Sylvia de Peyer had been duly elected.)

Short story surprise

Michael Mail, who was born in Glasgow but now lives in Wordsworth Walk, beat 2000 entrants to the £6000 first prize the Macallan, Scotland on Sunday short story competition with his chilling story of the return to a Polish village after the war of jews who had been marched out during the holocaust.

Michael, who works for the charity United Jewish Israel Appeal, said it was a great start to pursuing a writing career.

The Neighbours Return is published by Polygon in an anthology of new Scottish writing, available at Michael Josephs.

RA Traffic vote

The Residents Association Council voted in October to earmark £6250 to be applied, with similar sums from the Trust and English Heritage, to the upgrading to conservation area standards of calming measures in to be put in place by the director of traffic for London in connection with the red route along Falloeden Way.

Ken Murrell told the RA Council that Falloeden Way will be returned to two lanes, that there will be a crossing at Brooklands Rise and central pedestrian refuges and entry treatments for the three Holms, Addison Way and Brookland Rise.

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Suburb Millennium Eve Celebration

Fireworks on the Square will be the culmination of an evening of contemplation and celebration of the last new years eve of the century. Organised by the Events Committee of the Residents Association, there is no charge for any events but there will be opportunities to make donations. All Suburb residents are welcome to any of these events round Central Square.

- 8 - 9 pm A period of contemplation for those all beliefs in the Friends Meeting House, North Square.
- 9 - 10.30 pm Games and country dancing for all ages in the Free Church Hall, Northway.
- 10.30 pm Champagne reception in St Jude's, Central Square
- 11.30 pm Candlelight procession round Central Square
- 11.55 pm Silent contemplation in St Jude's
- Midnight Firework display, Central Square.

Should the weather be really awful on New Years Eve we will hold over the fireworks for the Summer Festival.

For millennium year your association is planning a series of musical events throughout the year, and a Suburb wide Festival in the Summer. We hope to involve everyone so, if you have any ideas or would like to help please call Samantha Ambrose 731 8441