

# SUBURB NEWS

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## The Suburb celebrates

The Suburb's Millennium Eve celebrations, organised and co-ordinated by the Events Committee of the RA, started quietly with a well attended period of contemplation in the Friends Meeting House, swelled to a joyous party attended by, as Free Church organiser John Birch pointed out, residents from 8 months to well over eighty years who enjoyed some energetic country dancing and lavish refreshments in the Free Church Hall.

The evening continued with the reception in St Jude's attended by something over 300 who enjoyed an evening of jazz guitar from Patrick Naylor and where the bubbly was generously provided by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and the music and food by the RA.

A candlelight procession wound its way round Central Square and a wreath was laid on Henrietta Barnett's memorial, where the procession caught up with hundreds more who had come on from their own parties

for the fireworks which were very professionally let off by David and Alastair St George and RA Council member Alan Brudney.

Residents Association Chairman Richard Wakefield would like to thank all those who wrote in appreciation of the Millennium Eve parties and fireworks but must say that thanks are due to the Friends, the Free Church, the Trust, St Jude's and the hard working Events Committee of the Residents Association led by Samantha Ambrose.



Waiting for the fireworks on Millennium Eve

## New chairman for Trust

As a resident of the Suburb for most of his life Steven Licht, who has taken over from Eddie Caplin as chairman of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, says that he is glad to be in a position where he is able to do what he can to make sure of its conservation.

His childhood was spent in Hill Rise and his home is now the Wildwood Road house where, now Dame, Elizabeth Taylor was born.

A career in investment banking led to the vice chairmanship of one of the leading city companies. He has been chairman of the Alyth Gardens Synagogue and a great deal of his time is now spent in chairing the Reformed Synagogue of Great Britain.

Elected to the Trust Council last year, Steven has previously served as chairman of the Residents Association's Roads and Traffic committee.



RICHARD WAKEFIELD

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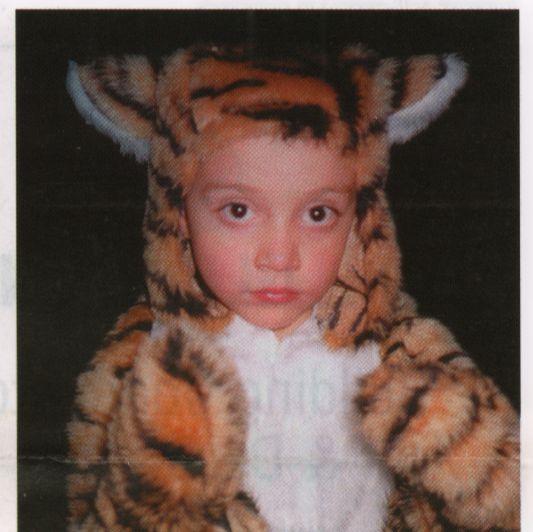
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Looking none too certain about this acting and dressing up business are young participants in the St Jude's nativity play and Garden Suburb Infants disco.

## Your opinion please

The Residents Association is asking for feedback from members on several subjects in this issue: traffic calming in Brim Hill, Deansway and Addison Way, see page 4; other traffic issues, see page 2 and a proposal for a childrens' play area in Central Square see page 11. Please help us to represent our members' views by telling us what you think.

### And your participation

At the Association's AGM in March we are hoping for some fresh faces on the RA Council. The Chairman and Vice chairman have been in office for three years and feel that someone else should take over, both the Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer agreed to serve

for this year only. None of these posts is particularly onerous but they are enjoyable, interesting and essential to the continued success of the Residents Association. The officers are supported by very strong committee chairmen and their committee members who do most of the real work of the RA.

Few people feel they should nominate themselves but there must be lots of people enjoying life on the Suburb with experience of chairing meetings, being company secretaries or accountants, so if you know anyone who could fit the bill please nominate them or, in the first instance, call Richard Wakefield on 455 9132, or write to 26 Hampstead Way NW11 7JL.



Thanks for the trees. It's now 25 years since the White's two storey tree in Meadway first brightened the Christmas scene on the Suburb our thanks are due to Mim and Sue for what must be a huge effort each year. The RA's Trees Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Corporation of London for the Christmas tree in Golders Hill Park which has been 'much appreciated by local residents'.

## Residents Association Annual General Meeting

The 88th Annual General meeting of the Association will take place on 28 March 2000 at 8pm in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road, NW11.

Motions for the agenda must be received by 14 February 2000.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of council must be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees.

These must be received by 18 March 2000.

Please send notices of motions and nominations to:

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