

SUBURB NEWS



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Traffic calming and street lighting the major issues at the RA AGM

The Residents Association's 89th Annual General Meeting heard the Chairman say he was particularly pleased to be able to report on a year of achievement for the RA.

Traffic calming, so long fought for, was now a partial reality with two schemes under construction. The first, a 20mph zone in the vicinity of the Garden Suburb School and, related to the red route, along Addison Way, Brim Hill and Deansway. He said "This is the culmination of months of hard work by the Roads and Traffic committee but we are still aware of the need to extend measures to other roads, if you live in Meadway, Temple Fortune Hill or other rat-runs please be patient."

Barnet's plans for replacing street lights were explained and a specimen lamp which could be

used in Suburb closes was on display. See p4.

The Events committee's millennium year concerts and fireworks had been a great success and their programme for 2001 was again designed to bring residents together in a wide ranging programme of social events.

Now in its third year the Trees committee's street tree planting initiative was now having a noticeable effect all over the Suburb. "I remember swinging on the gate into Bigwood and so did Michael Holton of the Trees committee. Next month the committee are

inaugurating the new gate into the wood commemorating Suburb civilians who died in wartime bombing".

Turning to the accounts the Chairman reported that the expenditure on 'Greening the Suburb', with more grass verges and oak posts, millennium events and putting water on allotments meant that despite income from subscriptions increasing there had been a deficit of £6,800. Report and accounts were adopted.

He thanked David Rapson for all his work for the RA as vice chairman for four years and was pleased to ask members to accept Georgina Malcolm's nomination as vice chairman. Other officers and Council members retiring by rotation were proposed and elected.

Bike Festival for Suburb

The Garden Suburb LA21's Tour de Suburb Bike Festival will start on Saturday May 12 with a Cycle Day at Brookland Junior School. This is the chance for all residents to get their bikes ready for the Bike Festival now being planned for the last Sunday of Environment Week (July 15).

With the expert help of Barnet's Cyclist Association volunteers, Suburb residents can have their bikes MOT'd and post-coded. Children can participate in fun safety and skills activities like slow bike racing and negotiating obstacle courses.

In partnership with the Barnet Accident Prevention Centre, the LA21 thinks this will be the most effective and fun way for residents to get back on their bikes and ready for the Festival.

But of course, the Tour de Suburb Bike Festival is about more than fun. It's about trying to reduce congestion in our beautiful neighbourhood and around our schools. And we all know that education is a big part of making that sort of change. So, to get us all thinking about attitudes, changes and behaviour the LA21 Partnership has organised a Poetry in Motion Group involving children from the Garden Suburb and Brookland Junior School. They will workshop with a poet for a week in July around the themes of getting to school, the environment and educational performance which will be shown in school assemblies and at Little Wood Theatre on July 15, prior to our Bike Festival outdoor film screening.

Fellowship House members can also learn how organisations like the Barnet Cyclists Association are trying to promote pedestrian friendly cycling. Charles Harvey will be speaking at Fellowship House (date to be announced) about issues of concern for cyclists and non-cyclists.

We hope that all these lead-up events will make it possible for everyone in the Suburb to

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Richard Madeley, who writes about cycling on p3, is seen here with Nancy Boulicault who chairs the HGS LA21 Partnership. She is "pleased and proud that Richard Madeley is patron of the Suburb's first Bike Festival."

Actor's tribute sundial stolen

The sundial in memory of one of Hampstead Garden Suburb's favourite actors, Cyril Luckham, has been stolen.

Violet Luckham was shocked and upset after she found the stone sundial was missing. Violet discovered the theft one

morning when she looked out of her window onto the lawn where the sundial had had pride of place.

I could not believe someone had taken it. It's such a horrible thing to do. I only hope it will be returned," she said.

Toynbee Hall Walk on May 5

To celebrate Dame Henrietta Barnett's sesquicentennial birthday Trust Manager, Chris Kellerman, will be leading an 8 mile walk from the Suburb to Toynbee Hall. "Apart from the bit up to the Spaniards it's downhill all the way" says Chris. See page 11.

Suburb Furniture Sale

The Garden Suburb Gallery is again venturing out of the gallery and running a furniture sale in one of the Suburb's 'unspoilt' cottages. At 15 Oakwood Road you will be able to view and buy the sort of furniture residents were buying in the thirties and fifties and are doing again today.

It is quite difficult today to find the sort pieces that were commonly used in Suburb houses. The furniture and some bric-a-brac will be sold at very reasonable prices at 15 Oakwood Road on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May 2.30-4.30 pm.

Political Forum

It was a stimulating evening when the RA's Events committee put on a Political Forum for candidates for the Finchley and Golders Green constituency in the forthcoming general election.

Miranda Dunn, Green Party; John Marshall, Conservative; Sarah Teather, Lib Dem and Dr Rudi Vis, Labour each addressed the meeting before answering written questions from the floor.

Mysteries of Ancient Egypt

One is always envious of people who manage to make a living out of what for others is a fascinating hobby or holiday pastime. A Suburb resident who was lucky enough to do just that is Harry James, ex Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum. In aid of the St Jude's Organ Fund, Harry James, who can actually read

those hieroglyphs, brings them to life in a series of lectures designed to cover different facets of life and death in ancient Egypt.

Lectures are at 8pm in St Jude's Church Rooms on May 16, 23, 30 and June 6. £5 per lecture or £15 for the series. To book 'phone Bridget Cox 8458 5790 or Caroline Lazar 8731 7279.

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Horticultural Society celebrity coup. Jonathan Ross and his wife Jane Goldman, who live in Hampstead Way and came with their children to the Residents Association's tea party for new residents last summer, are to be joint president of the Suburb's oldest organisation the HGS Horticultural Society. The revitalised Society now chaired by Marjorie Harris has arranged an ambitious programme for the year, see p 9.



The handsome new gate into Big Wood commemorating Suburb victims of wartime bombing. See p5.