

# All change for Suburb street lights

Barnet is working on replacement street lights in the new 20mph area of the Suburb plus the whole of Willifield Way, Hampstead Way as far as Meadway, Asmunds Place and Hill Close, and in some streets on the Northside. Street lighting is not something on which the council is bound to consult residents but there have been talks with the RA, the Trust and English Heritage.

The need to improve the standard of lighting, particularly of pavements, means that lamp-posts have either to be taller or more frequent. The cost of new locations and the undesirability of more street furniture make taller posts preferable but we will be trying to reduce the height where it is felt the increase in light levels could be less. On the main routes such as Addison Way and Hampstead Way lamps will be 8 metres high, in parts of Willifield Way, Hogarth Hill possibly Asmunds Place, 6 metres and in the closes and Denman Drive where there are now post-top lamps, these will be 5 metres.

## Suburb News Survey

Three years ago when Barnet were last considering replacing lamps the RA's CONSAM Committee conducted a survey in which Suburb News readers were asked which of three styles they

preferred for Suburb roads. Although the sample was small, a statistically significant 99, they were overwhelmingly in favour of a traditional style lamp.

Consam's chairman David Lewis subsequently took Paul Bragg, Barnet's lighting supremo, to see the street lighting in Hampstead where traditional styles have been used, many of them paid for by residents. However he feels that in all but the narrowest roads and closes only modern lamps will provide the standard of lighting required today.

Where we can have a traditional style, in the closes and Denman Drive within the 20mph zone, a lamp known as the Royal could be used but, with a Suburb touch the top can be redesigned with a Lutyns shaped dome in place of the top shown here.

The RA is mindful that the traditional style will not be suitable in all the closes. Modern lamps would probably be preferable in Lytton Close for example.

A survey has again been conducted by the Residents Association with a circular asking 215 households whether they prefer the Royal to a modern lamp and if they opted for the Royal would they be prepared to pay about £50 towards the



The Royal lamp for closes and narrow roads

cost. 23% have responded so far. 88% preferred the Royal and all but two said they would be prepared to pay.

## A chance to see them in action

Because there is an urgent need to replace some lamp-posts on the North side there will soon be an opportunity to see the three heights and styles in situ. Royal lamps will be installed in Neale Close, 6 metre modern lamps in

Maurice Walk and 8 metre lamps in Ossulton Way.

Your comments on these will be extremely helpful. Please write to Chairman, HGSRA, Garden Suburb Gallery, Arcade House, Hampstead Way, NW11 7TL or e-mail them to [newlamps@HampsteadGardenSuburb.org.uk](mailto:newlamps@HampsteadGardenSuburb.org.uk) and they will be passed to Consam or Roads and Traffic who will be making representations to Barnet.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

# Mothering Sunday at the Free Church



Mothering Sunday posies for Liliam Columbe, Ann Brooks and Jan Jafarifar

The custom has grown in the Free Church that on Mothering Sunday the members of the congregation begin the Sunday morning service in the church and then move down to the Hall in Northway to join Junior Church members. This year Mothering Sunday was on March 25, coinciding with the putting forward of the clocks. Despite this, everyone was on time and at about 11.20 the church members made their way from one building to the other.

The children, young people and their leaders had already been busy and the Hall had a fine exhibition of their work throughout the year. By 11.30 the

Hall was full and each department of the Junior Church put on a short play demonstrating what they had been working on. Posies were then given to mothers, grandmothers and indeed to all the ladies of the church. Coffee was served by the young people and it was a very happy occasion, with plenty of time to admire the exhibition.

The Free Church is very proud of the work of its Junior Church and it was a good opportunity to see what they have been doing and to thank the leaders for the time and energy that they put into this work with our young people.

JEAN BARRACLOUGH

# More music on the Suburb

With a grant from Barnet and encouragement from Brookland Junior School where it is based the Symphonic Wind Orchestra is a new orchestra now performing regularly at Brooklands and with a Summer concert on 1 July at St Jude's. The programme will include guest artist Sarah Markham who is an internationally acclaimed saxophonist. The Brookland Wind

Band will be performing *Gypsy Rhapsody*, specially written for full orchestra and the children.

SWON is always looking for new players. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at Brookland Junior School 7.30 to 9.45pm under Musical director Stuart Allen. No age limit as long as you are up to Grade V. Call Stephen Kersley on 8883 3365.

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# Residents support another successful year by DHB Fund

The Dame Henrietta Barnett Fund has completed another successful year. The Fund has assisted work at Toynbee Hall in the East End and on Hampstead Garden Suburb, with the awards being for educational progress and targeted at people coming from deprived backgrounds.

Thirty grants were made to students and girls and young women at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute and the Henrietta Barnett School. These awards covered a wide range of activities including arts, biology field work, geography field trips, music, fees, travel costs, and work experience. Grants to Toynbee Hall paid for two-thirds of those on the Young Leader programme and contributed to the Befriending scheme for those vulnerable to crime and offending, with further grant carried into the current financial

year. A coach trip to visit Toynbee Hall and to attend a lecture was organised for Suburb residents.

Thanks go to the volunteers who have helped make these awards possible. In particular, the St Jude's Proms raised a significant sum for Toynbee Hall and the Residents Association helped the DHB Fund at a number of events.

This year, plans include raising funds for short-term study and work by young people from the Suburb at Toynbee Hall in the East End, and running another coach visit in June. Please help our fund-raising activities when you have the opportunity to do so. Those interested in learning more about the work and plans of the DHB Fund, or in applying for support, can contact me on 8455 6537.

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