

# SUBURB NEWS

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## Suburb's tree champion is the new RA chairman

Georgina Malcolm was elected Chairman of the association at its 90th annual general meeting in March. She has been on Council for eight years and has served on the Membership and Trees and Open Spaces committees.

It was while on the latter that her survey of street trees five years ago led to the Residents Association's initiative in paying for some 120 extra new street trees on the Suburb.

### Making things happen

Stepping down after a five year stint Richard Wakefield, who by contesting an election had made association history in 1997, said "Five years ago I said that we could make things happen. One of those things of which we can be proud has been the building of the team that now runs the association. People say we can't get volunteers but there are 58 people on the standing committees who do the detailed work, 41 of them joined during the last five years. I remember when the council was told that we couldn't get people to do it nowadays and we should disband the membership service. The RA today has three teams each with up to almost 150 people who collect subscriptions, deliver Suburb News and keep the Suburb litter free. We should be proud of that and especially grateful to the people responsible for enthusing them." He went on, "I have enjoyed my time and thank you all for your support. I am pleased to hand over to Georgina Malcolm who I know will bring her enthusiasm,

not just for its trees, but for the whole Suburb to her chairmanship. She will also bring her proven efficiency and capacity for getting things done."

### Elections

Also elected were Jean Barraclough as vice chairman, Siddiek Meer as hon secretary and Penelope Grossman as hon treasurer.

Richard Wakefield paid tribute to three retiring members of council, Samantha Ambrose, Charles Gale and Sylvia Pace and welcomed Rosalind Josephs and Jim Tracey who were newly elected by members at the meeting as were council members retiring by rotation Simon Abbott, Peter Beasley, Douglas Blausten, Derek Chandler and Mervyn Unger.

### In the black

The report and accounts for 2001 were approved with the accounts showing an increase in subscription income and a surplus for the year of £3750.

### Busy year ahead

Richard Wakefield updated his published report and said that the current year would see as much activity as ever from all the committees. "In particular," he said, "the Queen's Jubilee is the big event," and he gave details of the Events committee's plans. "The RA is happy once again to be participating in the Proms at

St Jude's and congratulate the organisers on the tenth year of this event which has grown, despite happening mostly in the church, into an all Suburb, all denomination event. We are sponsoring the first day, a lunchtime concert with children from Brooklands and the opening Gala concert in the evening of June 15 - do come," he said.

### Architectural Awards

He then made presentations to the winners of the RA's Alexander Stuart Gray Architectural Awards for the best alterations or improvements to houses on the Suburb in 2001. They had been judged by Ivor Hall, David Lewis, Consam's chairman and himself, as chairman of the RA. Winners were Chris Tebbutt of Arkitechnic for an extension for Drs Marshall in Turner Close and to Sarah Gibbins for transforming a Brim Hill House by replacing earlier replacement windows.

### Questions from the floor

It was a chance for members to air views on a number of subjects including the effect of the CPZ with commuters now parking at the edge of the zone in Meadway Gate and nearby roads. The eruv came up as did Henly's Corner when Terry Rand was able to report that an exhibition was planned to show proposals for the junction which would improve facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. "The emphasis will be on visual improvements and landscaping," he said. In response to another questioner the chairman was able to report that Barnet had said they were going to redo the verges in Erskine Hill, this time with turf. Other areas of concern were the 'over development' of plots in Holne Chase and Winnington Road; the future of College Farm and the Henrietta Barnett/Institute building plans.



Georgina Malcolm presents outgoing chairman Richard Wakefield with instructions for growing the wild hedge which was the RA Council's parting gift. In thanking Council he said, "such an imaginative gift, I might find time now to finish a long cherished garden project."

**Advertising RA events:** Observant residents will have seen new RA notice boards sprouting in hedges here and there. Organised by the Events Committee and beautifully made by David (Northway) Lewis, an experimental batch of 20 have been such a success that a further 20 are on order. It is hoped that tacks in tree trunks will soon be a thing of the past. They may be used for other organisation's A4 posters. Simon Abbott (8455 6537) knows where they are.

## Subscriptions due

RA Membership representatives have delivered membership cards for 2002 all over the Suburb. The Residents Association which brings you Suburb News, What's On, the Yellow Directory, the Garden Suburb Gallery, the Theatre Club, lots of social events, looks after our trees, helps control traffic and conserve the Suburb - relies on your subscription. If you haven't, please send the card back with your cheque now.



## Trust procedures review

At the Trust's AGM last September chairman Steven Licht invited the Residents Association to take part in a review of Trust procedures and communications. Members of the RA's Consam committee and RA chairman Richard Wakefield joined Trust members for two meetings at which submissions

from residents and ideas for change were discussed. "So far," said David Lewis of Consam, "there has been agreement under a number of headings but a good deal is yet to be resolved. Further thoughts from residents on the subject would still be welcome."

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## Join the Celebrations on the Suburb



MONDAY 3 JUNE

From 1 pm - Picnic on Central Square

The HGS Residents Association invites you to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee with a festive picnic lunch on Central Square. Fancy dress competition with prizes for the best home made costumes. There will be storytelling and a sculptor carving wooden animals courtesy of LA21. Some tables and chairs will be available for those who would rather not sit on rugs but the supply is limited so come early or book a table at the Garden Suburb Gallery. There's a form to fill in on the back page - more in the Gallery.

7.30 pm - 'The Hollow Crown' in St Jude's Church

An extravaganza of readings with music, on the kings and queens of England by the Garden Suburb Theatre.

9.45pm - The Party goes on

After the play in St Jude's the Residents Association invites you to enjoy a glass of two of fizz before...

10.30 pm Fireworks on Central Square

Please come and enjoy the fireworks even if you can't come to anything else. All events are free - there will be a Collection in aid of the Queen's Jubilee Charities.



THURSDAY 4 JULY

From 2pm - The Brookland Schools Garden Party

The Brookland Schools are celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and their own 50th birthday. The school children will provide entertainment and the Parents Association will provide teas. Commemorative T-shirts designed by one of the pupils will be on sale. Tickets £2 in aid of the Queen's Jubilee Charities.

From 7.30 pm Jubilee Picnic and Fireworks sponsored by the Residents Association

An adults only entertainment for all Suburb residents as well as Brookland parents and ex-pupils. Bring your own "Kenwood style" picnic and rugs and eat dinner to the music of an orchestral group. The Parents Association will be running a Pimms bar and a champagne bar. Fantastic fireworks at dusk. Tickets £5 in aid of the Queen's Jubilee Charities

Tickets for both events at Brooklands will be available from Brookland Infant School Office and the Garden Suburb Gallery (at the Temple Fortune end of Hampstead Way).

Table bookings for the Central Square Jubilee picnic see the form on p12 or at the Garden Suburb Gallery.