

# SUBURB NEWS

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## New residents not joining in

As pointed out by the RA Membership committee in their part of the Annual Report included in this issue, it is of some concern that new residents evidently are less interested in joining in community activities even to the extent of not wishing to contribute what is, after all, a very modest amount in order to belong to their Residents Association. Not everyone wants to belong – we know that. People for whom the Suburb is just a dormitory will feel less involved, but the RA has traditionally had about half of all households in

membership including something over two thirds of Suburb houses. In a good number of roads the percentage in membership is between 80 and 100%. During the last year the proportion of paid up members in homes that have changed hands recently has dropped to only 26%. Is this a sign of 'the decline of social capital in modern society' as advanced by Robert Putnam (see Chris Kellerman on Alan Lawson p2) or is it something the Residents Association is getting wrong? We would welcome your views.

## Farmers' Market meeting, all welcome

The Garden Suburb Local Agenda 21 Partnership invites Suburb residents to a meeting to discuss a Farmers' Market for the Suburb at 7:30pm on Monday February 3 at Fellowship House.

Barnet's Town Centre Strategic Co-ordinator, Mr. Alan Everitt will speak to the meeting about the experimental Whetstone Farmers' Market and will answer questions. In our recent survey of residents,

facilitated by the *Suburb News*, response was overwhelmingly in favour of a Farmers' Market for Temple Fortune.

The Garden Suburb LA21 Partnership is hoping to overcome all obstacles in bringing a market to the Suburb but we need your help. Please come along to the meeting to show your support.

NANCY BOULICAULT

## Memorial award

Nominations are invited from householders, architects, designers or builders for the annual Alexander Stuart Grey Memorial award given to recognise and encourage building schemes or house improvements that are judged to enhance the Suburb. Awards will be made for both major

projects and for quite small ones such as replacing inappropriate doors or gates with designs that fit in with the style of the house. Awards will be made at the RA AGM in March. Please send plans and details in the first instance to The Editor, *Suburb News*, 26 Hampstead Way, NW11 7JL.

## RA Honours

Nominations are invited for RA Life Memberships for people who have made exceptional contributions to Suburb life over a long period. It could be a

specific service or something of benefit to the Suburb generally. Nominations please, in confidence, to RA Chairman, 16 Southwood Court, NW11 6SR.



*October's gales brought down a good many Suburb trees, here Phil Jarrett, who himself lives in East Finchley and has been a familiar sight on our streets for seven years now, finds a blocked Erskine Hill a bit much for his broom and barrow! In an unconscious tribute to the RA Litter Team, Phil says he likes sweeping the Suburb "because there's less litter."*

## Tennis court neglect

The courts Esther Walker reported on in *Suburb News 77* are held by the Institute on a full repairing lease from the Trust. Estimates of the cost of 'repair' are around £60,000 and negotiations are in progress over how this can be met before the Institute gives up the lease. Anthony Furlong, HB School governor, tells *Suburb News* they would be keen to take over the courts and make them available to residents when they are not being used by the HB girls.

## School to share plans

Henrietta Barnett governors, who are believed to have reached a measure of agreement with the Trust over their building plans, are keen to involve the RA and residents in how the community will be able to play a part in their formulation before making planning applications.



*Young cup winners, Annabelle (left) and Juliet Grant from Willifield Way collect their awards at the HGS Horticultural Society prizegiving. See p 4.*



*The RA's party to see in the new year was even better attended with hundreds joining in for drinks in St Jude's, courtesy of the Trust and the vicar, and more hundreds on the Square for a dramatic firework display at midnight. (Above) revellers at the party. (Right) Rev Alan Walker flanked by Alan Brudney and David St George who, with their sons Daniel and Alastair, are the RA's highly trained pyrotechnicians. More p 8.*



## Home Sweet Home

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## Residents Association AGM

The 91st Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Tuesday 25 March 2003 at 8pm in the Institute Hall, Central Square, NW11.

Further motions for the agenda must be received by 11 February 2003

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of Council are invited.

They should be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees. All must be members of the Association.

These must be received by 15 March 2003.

Please send notices of motions and nominations to:  
THE SECRETARY, HGSRA, 1A CHURCH MOUNT, N2 0RW.