

## All the fun of the fête



Derek Chandler hammers home the point of cycle security marking

Around 400 people attended the Brookland Infants School Fête on Saturday, 28 June, and at the end of the day £4,800 had been raised which will be shared with Brookland Junior School.

This was a well-organised event where you could buy anything from tastefully designed jewellery to a slap-up lunch.



6-year-old Talya Pedro competes in the NW Hoop the duck competition

Neighbourhood Watch were giving out information on safety and security for families and their homes. Free security marking of mobile phones and bikes was high on the agenda and ADT'S high-tech security vehicle went down a treat with technophiles.

The Neighbourhood Watch Hoopla competition was a firm favourite with the children and the winner, scoring 40 points, was eight year old Josh Pedro from Ludlow Way, who won the NW Meercat cuddly toy and bowling vouchers courtesy of the Holywood Bowl.

The Balloon Bonanza also attracted a large number of people who tried to guess how many balloons were crammed into Derek Chandlers' car. This was won by 12-year-old Anya Lensink from Finchley who won a £5 gift voucher donated by Virgin Megastore. Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank Wembly-based Balloon Time who kindly filled all the balloons with helium.

KAYE MORGAN

## Walking for the Hospice



Walkers who participated in the springtime *Big Fun Walk 2003*, which took place earlier, have already raised a goodly sum for the North London Hospice in North Finchley.

The valiant walkers who took on the 7½ mile trek from East Finchley to Westminster enjoyed superb early spring sunshine and glorious flowers, good company and good food en route.

Doctor Chris Donovan, Chairman of the North West Hospice Support Group, centred at Fellowship House, feels that the eventual total for this year may even top the £100,000 plus raised last year. There are walkers who have yet to send in their sponsorship money for this centre of excellence in the care of seriously and terminally ill patients. Although the annual

walk is the Committee's main fund raising event, the Committee organises a varied and exciting

programme of functions. For details, phone Marion Goring on 8455 8582.

## Making wishes come true

Once again, two children from Wordsworth Walk, Anna Higgins, 12 (left) and Sophie Brodbeck, 13, held their annual charity sale. Their stall boasted home produce, jams, plants, scones, books, toys and lots of other items. This year the proceeds went to The Starlight Children's Foundation,

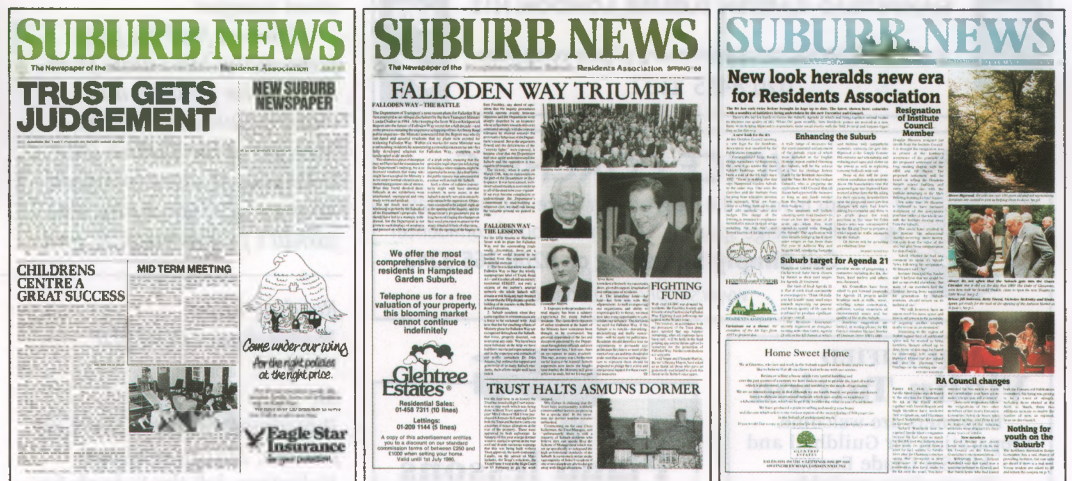
a charity which seeks to improve the quality of life for seriously ill children by making their wishes come true. Starlight has granted more than 24,000 wishes since it began in 1985. Sophie and Anna raised £150 for the Foundation. Congratulations to them both.

KATHY BRODBECK

The first tee at Hampstead Golf Club was reserved for a very special member, Ernest Jacob, as he prepared to tee off for his regular round on the day before his 100th birthday. He is seen here with the photographer from the Ham and High trying to get an unusual angle on Europe's, if not the world's, only 100 year old player.



## 20 years of Suburb News



*Suburb News* has now been produced for 20 years, always to a professional standard and covering a wide variety of events taking place in the Suburb. The best of life in the area has been highlighted, difficulties addressed, problems and changes have been discussed and different views given a platform.

So much has changed over the last 20 years. One of the greatest pleasures of living in the Suburb is that we really do have a community, and the paper has followed our way of life, documenting our lives and events in the area, highlighting forthcoming events and inviting everyone to find something they enjoy and can join in with.

How many other areas have a successful local newspaper that is produced non-commercially? Why do we have one? The answer has to be because we

are fortunate enough to have a Residents' Association that has backed it, and even more fortunate to have an editor who has been willing to produce it so superbly for so many years. Richard will be horrified to see that the 'few words' he asked me to write about the newspaper over the last 20 years will praise him for his hard work and dedication, but without him, there really would not be a paper.

Delivering *Suburb News* is fun – everyone is pleased to receive it, you know you are giving them something to enjoy and there's no money to collect! Whenever I have bundles of them to deliver to distributors and if anyone is out, I always know the neighbours will be happy to take them in – there's a goodwill towards the paper that is obvious to see.

LORNA PAGE

**Thanks for 20 years**  
*Suburb News* has reported events on the Suburb and attempted to add to the community spirit we enjoy. As editor my thanks are due to advertisers who make it possible to provide the paper at no cost to the Association. Some of them have been with us since the beginning, Glentree, Central Hotel, Glendinning and the Trust for example.

Thanks also to contributors who make the news and provide the stories, Léonie Stephen has been our theatre critic since the first issue. But special thanks are due to the volunteer distributors who, encouraged by the tireless enthusiasm of Lorna Page and her predecessors, make sure *Suburb News* reaches, so far as possible, every house-hold on the Suburb.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

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