

# Barnet Council elections

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& Traffic Committee and local councillors Christopher Harris and Jazmin Naghar, Cllr Harris stated that he did not think the CPZ would need to be expanded from its proposed original size because he believed the remaining uncontrolled streets could absorb displaced traffic without difficulty. Both councillors agreed that nothing should be done which might put at risk the commercial viability of Temple Fortune.

The RA has therefore written to Cllrs. Harris and Naghar to ask them to commit Barnet to dismantling the CPZ rather than extending it in the event that Cllr. Harris's assessment turns out to be wrong. It was pointed out that it was not reasonable that residents elsewhere should be inconvenienced by parking problems exported from the CPZ and thus be pressured into asking for it to be expanded to include their roads.

"The councillors have not replied to the letter," said Mr Shaw.

Barnet Council is now intending to proceed with the introduction of a small initial CPZ in Temple Fortune in roads where they can find pockets of support. The RA believes that Barnet will then wait for the CPZ to cause knock-on problems elsewhere and use these as an excuse to expand the zone out of all proportion to its original size or the original problem.

"This has happened at other CPZ locations across the borough" added Mr Shaw. "The Suburb Ward councillors are supporting a Temple Fortune CPZ, despite a majority of residents saying they do not want it."

RA Chairman David Lewis commented: "The RA Council was persuaded that the only method by which majority resident opinion might prevail and the commercial future of Temple

Fortune be secured would be to mount an independent electoral challenge."

"There are also many other issues which need to be resolved. I have asked for a meeting by the RA with Cllr Offord who is in control of environment and traffic in Barnet. But this has been refused because Cllr Offord is 'too busy'.

"Only last month, the Barnet Conservation Manager, their most experienced officer with a commitment to preserving Barnet's historic heritage, has been sacked despite strong representations by the RA and other Barnet amenity societies. The planning department refuses to take effective action against planning infringements which is unacceptable to the law abiding majority."

The process of selecting the three best candidates from the many Suburb residents who are well qualified to represent the neighbourhood on a wide range of local issues will now begin.

"The campaign will cost money but the RA has decided it will not use its ordinary funds from subscriptions for this campaign as this would be unfair to those members who support other parties. It will be launching a fighting fund to finance the election costs.

"There will be public meetings and the candidates and manifesto will have to be endorsed at the AGM of the Residents Association in March 2006," he added

Residents who might wish to support the campaign either financially or with their time, have suggestions for the manifesto, or who would be interested in being considered as candidates should contact the Association by email to chairman@hgs.org.uk or write to the Chairman, HGS Residents Association, FREEPOST NW3364, London NW11 6YT.

## The RA Constitution

The updated RA Constitution has been amended to meet points raised by Members, including those from the Special General Meeting held in March this year. The RA intends to hold two consultations meetings on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 27 October at 8pm in the Free Church Hall.

If you are interested in contributing to the formation of

the updated Constitution, please come along. More details will be distributed about these meetings in September.

For more information please contact Michael Rowley. His phone number is in the Yellow Directory or email mrowley7@hotmail.com

# Hampstead Rugby Football Club

The club started very well last season and was, for a time, joint second. However, injuries to key players were a severe blow and the final position was fourth in the London League Three North West.

A very successful tour of Lisbon took place at the end of the season with 24 players travelling, with matches against some of Portugal's best teams.

The new season begins on Saturday 3 September with a home game against Fullerians. There are no weak teams now so that all games will be hard fought and very competitive.

Home games this year are: 24 September v Harpenden 8 October v Stevenage 29 October v Enfield Ignatian 19 November v Haringey 10 December v Woodford

Training has started in earnest and, as the club puts out five XV's all new players are welcome and, regardless of their standard, will be offered a game.

The club is one of the oldest in the country; it is very friendly and deserves our support. Please turn up if you can and you will be surprised at the high standard and speed of play.

The women's team had a successful first season; played 10 and won 5. They will be in a league from now on (the fixture list has not yet been published)

All games are on the Heath Extension, men Saturday afternoons and women Sunday afternoons.

Club secretary Mark Spilsbury can be contacted on 8347 7178 and 07967 154173.

TOM SALES

## Public Examination Invigilators wanted...

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## ...and codebreakers

Garden Suburb Ward Liberal Democrats are organising an outing to Bletchley Park, Bucks (home of the Enigma code), on Sunday 16 October (see 'What's On' for details). We would very much like to contact anyone

who worked at Bletchley Park during the war, with a view to organising a short background meeting before the outing. So if you worked there, or know someone who did, please contact Marjorie Harris (8455 6507).

## North London Hospice diary date

A tour of Clarence House is planned for Tuesday 2 August, 12.15pm. A coach leaves from 33 Holne Chase, N2 and returns

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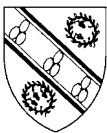


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# Letters to the Editor

Falldon Way,  
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Sir,  
*While not wishing to imply dishonesty on the part of your reporting staff, I feel that the account of the Residents' Association Annual General Meeting in the Spring Issue of Suburb News deserves some scrutiny for accuracy.*

*In the debate on the RA's revised constitution it reports 'changes to the constitution unintentionally' (my bold) appeared to give Council members another vote at AGMs'. As an RA member who attended the Council meeting at which it was decided to do exactly this, I dispute the report's assertion most vigorously. Whether or not you agree with the decision to so benefit the households of RA Council members – and the overwhelming majority of Suburb residents attending the AGM clearly did not – it **was** the decision of the RA Council to reward its members in this way and seeking to deny it now does no credit to the Association. It may be that Council members who do such sterling work for the Suburb – and I was one for a number of years – deserve some form of reward for their efforts. Few, however, would feel in a claimed democratic society that this should take the form of doubling the voting power of their household. This is precisely what was proposed in the revised constitution and to seek to deny it after the public's rejection of it smacks of a rather unsavoury form of revisionism. Whatever form the new constitution takes, if indeed it is decided to 'streamline' it, I hope that at the next AGM it will be presented in a straightforward fashion and any decision the meeting takes will be reported accurately.*

Yours,  
Terry Rand

The proposed updated draft Constitution stated that no person attending the AGM is entitled to more than one vote, except for the Chairman in the case of a tied vote. The Working Group is proposing that voting at AGMs and Special General Meetings should be only by one representative from each Household and that Council members should not have a vote other than as the representative of a Household. The Working Group intends to consult with residents through Suburb News and consultative meetings, and believes that the updated draft Constitution

will provide a robust and effective basis for the continuing work of the RA in serving the interests of the HGS residents.

Constitution Working Group

Hogarth Hill  
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Sir,  
*A leaflet pushed through my letter box yesterday mentioned a proposal to turn Willifield Green into a parking area. This would be convenient for the neighbouring schools. Today, the doctors are again stressing the need to counteract obesity in young people by increasing their outdoor games, etc. Schools agree in principal but claim that they need more playing fields. It seems a very retrograde step to suggest sacrificing Willifield Green to facilitate the driving of children to and from school (even the fire brigade dread being called out when that is going on...some mums seem to be pre-occupied!). Apart from keeping Willifield Green for sports, walking to and from school would be healthy for parents and children living in the area.*

Yours,  
Megan Hooley

North Square  
NW11

*As co-ordinators of the campaign against the Trust's planned development in North Square, we would like to thank all 942 residents who took the trouble to vote in the recent Trust referendum for showing such interest in the Suburb and in particular the 87% who were against the plan itself and uneasy about the precedent being created. Although we think the wording of the Trust's communiqué could have been more unequivocal, in the light of the weight of numbers and the additional assurances made to us by the Trust, we are happy to assume that the current Barnet Planning Permission will be neither utilised nor extended. Congratulations are due to the Trust on its open reporting of the numbers and also to Ed Caplin, Chairman of the Trust in 1995, who stipulated that there should be consensus within the Suburb on this matter. This has now been achieved.*

Yours,  
Andrew Botterill, Mike Milner, Irene Sowerbutts, Angus Walker

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