

New minister for the Free Church



The Free Church has a new Minister, Revd Dr Ian Tutton. He will be formally inducted at a special service in the Free Church on Sunday 20 November at 3.30 pm. Ian, his wife Georgia, and their children Lydia (six) and Noah (one) will be provided with temporary accommodation while the Manse is being underpinned.

Ian is at present an Industrial Chaplain with the Glamorgan Industrial Mission based in Cardiff and also an occasional Lecturer at Cardiff University. His previous posts include being a Tutor with the South Wales Baptist College and Minister of Mt Carmel Baptist Church in Caerphilly. Prior to his ministerial training at South Wales Baptist College Ian worked as part of the management team at the British Steel Corporation and at Plessey Co PLC. Ian's first degree is in Law (Oxford University). His theological qualifications include BD (University of Wales, Cardiff) and PhD (King's College, London).

Ian has contributed in many ways to community and national life. He has served as a school governor and as a local councillor. He has been a member of the Broadcasting Council for Wales and the Central Religious Advisory Committee. He is currently a member of Cardiff Community

Health Council and of the Board of Community Health Councils in Wales.

Dame Henrietta Barnett planned for the Free Church to be interdenominational, one of the very first in the UK. Since its foundation in 1910 the Free Church has had Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist and United Reformed Church (URC) ministers. The last Minister, Revd Tony Spring, was trained and ordained in the URC so it is fitting that a Baptist minister has been appointed to succeed him.

The Free Church is looking forward to welcoming Ian and his family to the Suburb and to Ian's contribution to the future work and witness of this unique church.

Ian sends this message to *Suburb News*, "Together with my wife Georgia and our children Lydia and Noah, I am looking forward very much to joining you as minister at the Free Church. One of the things that excited me about the prospect of coming to the Suburb was the fact that the church and the community work very well together. I am particularly keen to build on that relationship and as a family we anticipate getting fully involved in Suburb life."

BRIAN STONHOLD

Trust warning

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the Courts and not to Government Ministers. As Chairman I feel it is an important part of my duties to preserve the Trust's authority and ability to make its decisions without fear or favour. It should not operate in a sea of referenda.

Nonetheless, it is unrealistic to suppose that the Trust can be really effective unless its actions are well understood and generally believed to be in the public interest. The Trust intends therefore to improve its communications with residents, to convince them that the Trust can and will act to defend the Suburb and to explain those actions clearly and transparently. In the immediate future a prime concern is to improve the Trust's financial base in order to professionalise its activities to meet the purposes with which it is charged and to satisfy the expectations of all the Suburb's friends."

Following questions from members and a lively discussion, the report and accounts were approved by members.

Trust Council

Mervyn Unger's retirement (see picture caption, front page) created a vacancy for an elected member. The chairman then welcomed Richard Wakefield, whose nomination having been the only one received, was elected unopposed.

Richard Wakefield when introducing himself, told the meeting of his connections with the Suburb over many years and continued, "I am sure everyone who ever joined the Trust council did so in the hope that they were going to make a difference. So why is it that members and residents think nothing ever seems to change? Could it be that the problem is that, up to now, and I was glad to hear what the chairman had to say in his opening remarks, not much effort has been made to tell the members of the company, let alone the residents, what is going on. I am convinced that not only should the Trust bang its own drum but that it should always be ready to talk about what it is doing and why.

There is a general feeling, and I am told that this was evident among people canvassed for their opinions over the North Square sub station recently, that there is too much secretiveness on the part of a body that should be working on our behalf for the Suburb and a consequent lack of understanding of what it does.

If people knew more perhaps they would join the company. And, more importantly, would want to be part of it and stand for election to the council I look forward to joining next month."

CPZ plans

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Furthermore, in some roads the number of people responding to the detailed question about possible hours of CPZ operation actually exceeded the number who said they wanted any sort of CPZ at all.

Other roads are designated for inclusion even though there are very doubtful mandates. Only 15 out of 59 households in Asmunds Place voted in favour but the CPZ remains on the cards there despite 26 residents having signed a petition saying they do not want to join. Such opposition is hardly surprising given that Barnet's 30 controlled parking spaces for Asmunds Place works out at around one for every two houses and would result in a far worse parking problem than residents currently have to contend with.

Similarly in Temple Fortune Lane, the majority who supported the CPZ at consultation has been reversed partly due to Barnet's intention to fill this wholly residential road with business parking spaces. Here too residents have signed a petition to reject the scheme and many joined in a colourful street protest in August to coincide with the closing date for residents to write in to Barnet to formally object to the scheme.

We understand that around 400 such objections were sent.

In recent meetings with councillors the RA's Roads & Traffic Committee has suggested various ways of reducing such parking problems as exist in the Temple Fortune area and the Committee is considering several long-term options to the CPZ which it is felt would be more sympathetic than the rigid CPZ scheme. Unfortunately there remains a sense that where the rest of us see a parking problem, Barnet sees only a revenue opportunity and for as long as that attitude prevails it may be difficult to achieve negotiated results.

In the meantime, so many residents have contacted the RA requesting a public meeting that we felt we had to respond and accordingly our councillors have been invited to debate the CPZ with the Roads & Traffic Committee. The meeting will take place at Henrietta Barnett School Hall at 8pm on Monday 14th November and residents will be given plenty of opportunity to question both sides and to air their own thoughts about the CPZ. We urge all those who are concerned about this matter to join us at the meeting.

GARY SHAW



Driving help wanted

Every Tuesday afternoon members of Fellowship enjoy a programme of talks, films, concerts or other entertainment at Fellowship House. To enable the less mobile members to attend, a rota of volunteer drivers is organised. For over 20 years this has been arranged and masterminded by Shirley Thomas. She has now, as she puts it, hung up her telephone, and handed on the line to Gill Read, assisted by Kay Graham.

Those who have benefited from Shirley's efforts will wish to

thank her for all her hard work and the care she has taken to ensure they were able to attend meetings. Flowers were sent to her from members of Fellowship as a token of their sincere appreciation.

Volunteer drivers are only committed once a month and we would welcome anyone who feels they could join us in continuing this valuable service. If you are interested, please contact Gill Read on 8455 9523 or Kay Graham on 8455 5080.



Institute on the move

The Institute is in the process of leasing a large part of McDonald's headquarters building, beside East Finchley station, to house its administration and many of the classes still held in the original Institute building on Central Square. It is hoped that a gradual move will commence in January.

"The accommodation is so much better, the rooms are larger and there will be space for class sizes that will be more economical," says Fay Naylor. The principal's real excitement however is reserved for the new building on the hospital site. Smaller than the building

first proposed it will be used as a centre for all arts provision. "It's going to be a centre we can be proud of and now that the access road, which has delayed the start, is ready we should be able to move in at the end of next year. Designed to complement the listed 1930s tube station and built by Laing O'Rourke, who built the new City Lit in Covent Garden, it will accommodate all the arts courses, some of which, such as sculpture and pottery will remain on the Henrietta Barnett School site until then."

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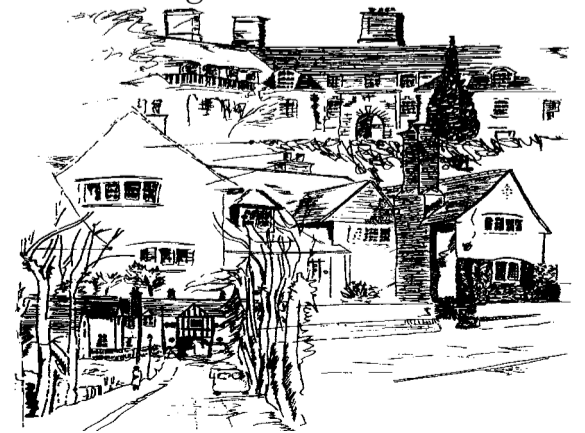
SUBURB CPZ WHAT DO YOU THINK?

8pm Monday 14th November
Henrietta Barnett School

Please come along to the public meeting on the subject of LBB's plans to create a Controlled Parking Zone in Temple Fortune and the Suburb. Against the backdrop of an independent electoral challenge over the issue, ward councillors John Marshall, Jazmin Naghar and Andrew Harper will be invited to present the Council's case in debate with members of the RA's Roads & Traffic Committee.

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