

Ralph Baldry 1918-2008



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Ralph Baldry died in May within seven weeks of his 90th birthday. After a working life, he was ordained in 1941, as curate and vicar in several parishes in North London finally spending the last eleven years of his ministry in Golders Green.

On retirement clergy are not expected to live in their former parish. Ralph and Doris stayed as close as they could to where they had made friends. They moved to

Hampstead Garden Suburb and became active in St Jude's and the Free Church taking services and acting as vicar or minister when needed. Brian Stonhold said, "Ralph was a good friend of the Free Church. Ralph helped us by taking many of our services, especially communion, and also undertook some pastoral care. He was viewed as the Suburb Chaplain because he was so caring and accessible to all."

They were to spend longer in this, their retirement parish, than in any of the parishes in which they worked. He did much else to help with Suburb life becoming involved in many local activities.

He was Chairman of Abbeyfield for six years; worked at Fellowship House and was chairman until he handed over to Eileen Whelan. With John Enderby he was one of the founders of the local North London Hospice Support Group. He was involved in Rotary and the Residents Association of which he and Doris were Honorary Life Members. A plaque marks the place where his ashes are buried in the Memorial Garden at St Jude's.

Pat Tyler 1923-2008

A Suburb resident for 60 years, Pat Tyler died in June after a full life. Grandson of a Yorkshire miner he got to Cambridge, aided by scholarships, where he became chairman of Cambridge Labour Club.

Pat served in the Royal Corps of Signals landing in Normandy six days after D Day.

He stood for Knutsford in the 1945 election. "As their first Labour candidate he had little chance of being elected," said his wife Mary.

In 1946 he graduated in Law and worked for the Mirror Group before becoming Company Secretary and Pensions Director at Express Newspapers.

In 1947 he and Mary, they had met in Cambridge, were married and moved into the Corringway house that remains the family home. A son and three daughters have given them nine grandchildren and a great grand daughter.

Family responsibilities made it hard to return to national politics but he served for sixteen years on Hendon and then Barnet Council becoming leader of the Labour Group. He was unable to

continue when council members got paid as his conditions of employment would not allow it!

He continued to serve the community as an elected member of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust from 1976-1985. Pat's skills as chairman, treasurer and trustee were valued by many organisations, not least the Relatives and Residents Association which he helped Dorothy White to set up and continued to guide as company secretary after her death.

Long time friend Lord Howie said, "Pat was a man with a multitude of passions and the energy to follow them all; a devoted family man amidst this busy life. Pat was affable, friendly, amusing and much given to reminiscence. He was a man endowed with social purpose and, above all, of helpfulness."



BETTY MAY

Fellowship threw a party to say thank you to the many volunteers who, one way or another help with their work in looking after elderly residents. Chairman John Hewson welcomed guests including, shown here, Carolyn Killen before leading the party to the croquet lawn for some competitive sport with the mallets.



The Rev Alan Walker, Mandy Watts and Deborah Moggach

Good audience for Deborah Moggach

Once again The Henrietta Barnett School Literary Society attracted a wide and varied audience at their event on 3rd July. The guest speaker this time was Hampstead resident Deborah Moggach, author of 16 novels, as well as the screenplay for the 2005 film of 'Pride and Prejudice' starring Kiera Knightly and Matthew McFadyen. Deborah has also recently worked on the BBC's adaptation of 'The Diary of Anne Frank' which is to be broadcast on Holocaust Memorial

Day (27th January). Having been interviewed by St Jude's vicar, Rev Alan Walker, Deborah read extracts from her own works and answered audience questions, followed by a book signing, with cheese and wine refreshments.

Future events in this series include: 'An Evening with Martin Bell' and 'An Evening with Nick Hornby' on 11th and 13th November respectively.

Contact Jo Velleman at the school for more information. Direct Line: 8209 9730.



Hampstead Rugby Club

The club had satisfactory results last season finishing about halfway up the London League North West Division Three.

The men's section regularly put out five teams and, on one occasion, six. This requires a great deal of organisation, indicating the success of both the social as well as the playing side of the club.

The women's section had a marvellous season, scoring 263

points with only 56 against. They won nine out of ten league games, topped their league by a margin of sixteen points and gained promotion. They ended their season with a tour of Belgium.

Both teams play on the Heath Extension; men on Saturday afternoon and women on Sunday at about lunchtime.

For details of fixtures, timings, etc please visit our website at www.hampsteadrugbyclub.co.uk.

The secretary is Mark Spilsbury, tel: 8347 7178 or 0796 715 4173.

Hampstead welcomes players of all ages; at present the oldest player in the men's section is 61 and, in the women's section, 37. Training has been in full swing since July and is a marvellous way to get and keep fit. So join. You'll enjoy it and it will do you good.

The men's home league fixtures up to Christmas are:

12 Sept - St Albans
29 Sept - London New Zealanders
11 Oct - Harpendon
1 Nov - Imperial Medicals
8 Nov - London Nigerians
29 Nov - Twickenham
20 Dec - UCS Old Boys

Details of the women's fixtures are not yet available.

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