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# Suburb News

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## New Residents Association chairman elected

At the Residents Association annual general meeting in March Janet Elliott, who has been membership secretary, was elected to succeed David B Lewis who was standing down as chairman after four years.

Earlier, and following the chairman's opening remarks, during which he welcomed guests, including the Mayor of Barnet Cllr John Marshall and a number of honorary life members, the accounts, showing increases in

subscriptions, Fellowship collection and reserves, were approved.

Other officers elected were David Lewis who remains as vice chairman, Gary Shaw, becomes hon sec in addition to his successful chairmanship of Roads and Traffic where he is a thorn in the side of TfL. John Boulter continues as treasurer.

### New council members

Council members retiring by rotation; one third must be

re-elected each year; were elected en bloc.

Judith Samson, Tony McGuire, Charles Gale and Richard Wiseman were newly elected to council.

At the May council Bridget Cox and Rev Dr Ian Tutton were co-opted.

### Honorary Life Members

Two long-serving residents were proposed as honorary life members for exceptional service to the Suburb over a long period. Jean Barraclough wife of Free Church minister Peter Barraclough had served the community for years in that capacity, as a long standing head of the Institute's English department and as RA council member and vice chairman. Leonie Stephen who retires from council after many years as champion of the Suburb's trees and open spaces. She was chairman of the RA from 1994-97 and is the longest serving contributor, as theatre critic, to Suburb News.

### Question time

Questions were asked on several contentious subjects. Rafael Papadopoulos asked what was happening about the Trusts (continued on page 2)



100 years of the HGS Horticultural Society was celebrated at the Spring flower show. Society members of 50 or more years standing were presented by the Mayor Cllr John Marshall with gold life membership cards. See p 5.

## School obtains approval despite complaints

The Henrietta Barnett School is to be extended and refurbished bringing to fruition no less than 17 different proposals that have been discussed since 1963. The planning application, submitted in August last year, was publicised

by some 450 letters sent by Barnet to individual residents, while the Trust invited residents of the squares and surrounding streets and 200-300 people on the RA 'chat-

line' to see the plans and make comments in the Trust office.

The school's head Oliver Blond said last year, "The designs (continued on page 2)



David B Lewis hands over the Residents Association chairmanship to Janet Elliott at the AGM in March.

## Trust establishes endowment fund

The last issue of the Trust 'Gazette' described the programme of measures designed to restore the long-run financial strength of the Trust. The foundation of this programme was the withdrawal of the subsidy by the Trust of the Scheme of Management in 2006. Subsequent actions have included investment in increased efficiency

and a more rigorous approach to the recovery of estate charges and to owners' obligations under covenants.

These improvements have started to produce a steady improvement in the financial situation. The Trust has no long-term debt and reserves have increased considerably. There is

still much to do but a robust foundation has been laid on which plans for future development can be built.

The first small fruits of what the Trustees expect to be an increasingly extensive programme of improvements can be seen at Sunshine Corner where the steps at the end of the path from Heathgate

are undergoing extensive repair and renewal.

The Trust receives a number of charitable donations each year and knows that some residents have expressed a desire to mark their thanks for the existence of the Suburb and to help to ensure that it continues to survive unscathed as an oasis of domestic calm amidst the charmless degradation of the residential areas by which it is surrounded.

In support of its commitment to ensuring the long-run vigour of the Suburb, the Trustees have established an endowment fund from the reserves. There are comparable charities in London that have survived and increased in strength for hundreds of years. With these examples in mind the endowment fund is designed to last in perpetuity and it is intended that only part of its real growth in capital and income will be spent in any one year. This will be used in pursuit of the Trust's primary duty, the preservation of the character and amenities of the Suburb.

"Residents may feel that a bequest or donation to this fund, restricted so as to ensure its indefinite survival, may be a suitable way of marking their feelings of attachment to the Suburb and their desire to ensure its preservation," said Trust chairman Angus Walker.

## RA to conduct management charge poll

One of the first decisions of the new Residents Association executive committee after the AGM was to agree to put to council a resolution for a poll of all freeholders who are liable for the management charge levied by the Trust under the 'scheme of management'. The resolution was carried with no votes against in a well attended council meeting on

May 5. A questionnaire will appear in the next Suburb News. It will also be circulated with the Trust's management charge bills in August.

There will not be a recommendation by the RA or the Trust. Respondents will vote for retention of the same charge for all or a graduated charge based on property size.

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## The Annual Garden Suburb Gallery Summer Exhibition

Arts & Crafts Furniture and Fine Modern British & Contemporary Painting

The Main Hall, The Henrietta Barnett School Central Square, London NW11

Monday 27 July – Sunday 9 August Monday - Saturday 11am - 5pm; Sunday 12 noon - 5pm

Works also at:

The Garden Suburb Gallery Fellowship House, 136a Willfield Way, London NW11

Joseph's Bookstore 1257 Finchley Road, Temple Fortune, London NW11

Private views at all 3 venues: Sunday 26 July 12 noon - 5pm

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