

## Trust charge challenged

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invaluable as a Trustee. His place as a nominee of the Victorian Society has been taken by architect Tim Leach who specialises in the care of historic buildings.

Of the four elected members Pia Duran was standing down and Richard Wakefield resigning by rotation was standing again. Judith Chaney, who has been leading the

Suburb Character Appraisal, had been nominated. There being no other nominations from members Judith Chaney and Richard Wakefield were both duly elected.



New Trust council members Tim Leach and Judith Chaney

## Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor  
We would like to thank everyone who responded so generously to our appeal for the Chris Pace Trust following the article in the last edition of the Suburb News. We thought you would like to know that funds have been

raised to start the building of the Resources Room at Impalila Island School in Namibia in memory of our son Christopher. When this building has been completed we will continue to support the school by raising funds for computers, other equipment, books etc. If you would like to find out more about the project please contact us or visit our revised website.

Yours  
Sylvia and David Pace

## Duncan J. Maclean

Good old fashioned paintwork – guaranteed to last longer

Interior decorating requires a whole range of additional skills to exterior decorating. The number of types of surfaces and varying conditions to be found are large. The standard of finish must be much higher if only because the surfaces are subject to much closer view, than, for example, the first floor windows or the gables of the house. The wide range of finishes the customer can choose from, or ask for, demands a breadth of experience and training that only the more experienced tradesman will have.

Interior decorating intrudes upon your home and family life much more than any other work you may have done. The decorator may work in your home for several weeks, or even a few months if you are having the whole house re-decorated. It is essential that the decorator is polite, courteous, thoughtful and ever mindful of the fact that it is your home. I have a great respect for customers who continue to have work done year after year. It takes a certain amount of courage and a great deal of tolerance to invite workmen into your home for several weeks every year. My men have become accepted as friends by many families and welcomed back into their homes year after year.

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## St Jude's autumn walk

Readers and their friends and families who would like to discover green and secluded paths through North London's parks and woodland in autumn sunshine and raise funds for the St Jude's central heating appeal are invited to join us for a 6-mile sponsored walk, almost entirely away from roads, on Saturday 10 October, starting at St Jude's and finishing at Manor House underground station on the Piccadilly Line.

St Jude's, centrepiece of the Suburb, is a Grade I listed building. Its 100-year-old central heating equipment is nearing the end of its useful life. We want to replace it with a state-of-the-art eco-friendly system, but this will cost in the region of £150,000.

We hope that funds raised through the walk will be matched by grant-giving organisations.

Details at [www.stjudes.org.uk](http://www.stjudes.org.uk)

## Walk The Institute walk to celebrate 100 years

Residents are invited to join The Institute in celebrating its founding 100 years ago by taking part in an historic centenary walk from Toynbee Hall to the Institute's new buildings in East Finchley. The walk takes place on Sunday 18 October and it is hoped to raise money for The Institute Centenary Fund which is being set up to support students who need help with their course fees.

The 10 mile route is full of interest and variety. It links places closely associated with the Institute's founder Dame Henrietta Barnett, starting at Toynbee Hall in East London, passing famous London markets like Spitalfields, Petticoat Lane and Camden, following stretches of the Regent's Canal

towpath, crossing Hampstead Heath and climbing up to the original site on Central Square, before finishing at the Institute's new Arts Centre in East Finchley.

There will be a generous time allowance of five hours so that you can walk, or jog, at your own pace. Walkers will start at 10.30am and joggers at 11.30.

Written route directions will be issued to all participants which should be sufficient to ensure that no-one gets lost.

Light refreshments will be provided at checkpoints on the route and a light meal will be available at the finish.

Entry forms are available from the Institute or can be downloaded from [www.hgsi.ac.uk/news-stories/the-institute-centenary-walk](http://www.hgsi.ac.uk/news-stories/the-institute-centenary-walk).



## Considerate parking

Please be thoughtful if you are leaving your car for a long time.

The Roads & Traffic Committee hears frequent complaints from residents who are troubled by unfamiliar cars being left for long periods in their roads.

Over the last ten years or so an enormous amount of formerly usable parking space has been lost on the Suburb as Barnet Council and Transport for London have extended or created new controls. One of the effects of this is that in order to avoid falling foul of restrictions which apply part time in their own roads, some local people choose to leave their cars in nearby unrestricted roads when they go away on holiday.

GARY SHAW

## "The Suburb's answer to the Williams sisters"

Janet and Miriam Scharf, sisters and long time Suburb residents, met each other in the ladies doubles finals at Farm Walk annual tournament this year. Janet and her partner Jill Vicefield were the successful winners in three sets. The other winners were Danny Robbins in the mens' finals, Ranya Mulchandari in the ladies; Josh Sweiry and John Rutter were the mens' doubles victors and Becky Alton and the

Farm Walk coach Theo Hyman won the mixed doubles. In the junior events William Alton won the boys' under 18 singles, Ben Selzer the boys' under 13s, Ranya Mulchandari won the girls singles, and Becky Alton and Daniella Reichenstein won the girls' doubles. There were two new categories of winners this year with Daniel Grant winning the mini tennis final and Jeremy gaining the most improved player award.

## Outstanding talks

At the Fellowship House Club AGM on 15 September special tributes were made to Sally Botterill, Sarah Falk and Leonie Stephen for the outstanding Tuesday afternoon talks they have arranged and produced during the past year. Attendances are now regularly around 40 people and sometimes near capacity for the hall of over 50. Other activities include Tai Chi, Keep Fit, Classical Music, Scrabble, a Book Club, a Coffee morning, Poetry Reading and Appreciation and Handicrafts. During the summer we also play Croquet and we organise a Coach outing once or twice a year. Birthday teas, to allow people to share their birthday, are held every other month.

We are anxious to provide any activity that our members would enjoy and are particularly keen to reach the 'younger old'. We are

currently investigating a Pilates group and some form of dancing. Suggestions would be welcome.

Fellowship House is opposite Willifield Green. In the last two years we have carried out major refurbishment and the building and surroundings are very pleasant. The RA Gallery is now housed in the building, adding to the attraction of the venue.

The club has around 200 members and is for those over 60 living in the Suburb. We would welcome new members. The membership cost for the next year is £10. We urgently needed more helpers to help run events, making tea and welcoming people. If you could help on a tea rota please contact Irena Colomb on 8455 8319 and for any other suggestions or comments please contact me, the chairman, on 8209 1475.

JOHN HEWSON

## Suburb's loss of old friends

The Suburb is the poorer for the recent loss of a number of old friends. We mourn the passing of Violet Luckham whom many will remember performing in a number of events as Henrietta with her husband Cyril as Samuel Barnett. Violet, who died at 98, as Violet Lamb trained at the old Vic and like her husband enjoyed a long and successful acting career. She is missed at St Jude's and as the RA's calligrapher.

Betty Scharf, who has died at 92, will have been familiar to many as she walked the Suburb streets at a great pace. She worked at the LSE from where she graduated before the war. Her first job was researching for distinguished Suburb resident the psychoanalyst John Bowlby. Betty was always involved with causes in the wider world but she loved the Suburb and worked for many years on RA Membership; she was along term member of the Horticultural Society and supporter of Fellowship House.

Mary Mulvey lived in the United Women's Homes Association's

properties Emmott Close and later Queens Court. She took a leading role in ensuring that the historical value of Queens Court was recognised. Her efforts met with success when it was awarded a Grade 11 listing. The subsequent sensitive refurbishment of what was described by Lutens as "the best bit of domestic architecture on the estate" owes much to her efforts as an elected tenant member of the UWHA board.

Her parents were among the Suburb's earliest pioneers and Margaret Smith lived for almost all her 99 years in their home in Willifield Way. She was always keen to help and be involved with young people and will be remembered by generations of brownies and guides as Brown Owl in the St Jude's pack which she was at the same time as being a school secretary for 35 years. Until well into her nineties Margaret was an enthusiastic volunteer in the Garden Suburb Gallery when it was in Hampstead Way near the Orchard where she spent her last years.

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