



Suburb News



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Judge sides with developers over demolish and build plan



The long-running case in which the Trust has fought the demolition of 24 Ingram Avenue, and the building of two mansions in its place, ended, after more than five years, with a judgement at the Lands Tribunal against the Trust. It started under previous Trust chairman Mervyn Mandell when Barnet, under pressure from an adverse report by a Planning Inspector, gave permission for the demolition. Demolition was subsequently refused by the Trust Council on the grounds that the house, which was a good example of a design by architect John Soutar who was responsible for some 100 or so houses on the Suburb, did not meet the Trust guidelines for demolition and that the garden, where the developers plan to build a second house, provided views through to ancient oak trees in Turners Wood. The judgement says, "It cannot sensibly be

suggested," that this case, "will set a precedent elsewhere. Others minded to seek a modification (of covenant) should be well aware that in doing so they are likely to face a very uphill task."

The original arguments for and against demolition appeared in Suburb News in 2007. The case for being put by former Trust manager Chris Kellerman *(continued on page 3)*

RA to run a Summer Picnic on Central Square

Encouraged by the popularity of past picnics on the square the Events Committee is running another on July 4. Starting at 12.30, all residents are invited to come along with their picnic lunches and drinks for a very informal get together with

friends and neighbours. "There is room for thousands on Central Square, so do come," said Events committee chairman David Littaur. "We are relying on July 4 being a warm sunny day. However should it be cold and wet don't feel you have to turn

up but I expect we shall make alternative arrangements indoors."

Music is planned as well as entertainment for children and it is hoped to have a limited number of chairs and tables which will be bookable for a small fee. "These are largely for those of us who might be able to get down on the grass but not necessarily up again very easily!" said David.

For information please email raevents@hgs.org.uk.



Previous picnics proved very popular.

RA turns over a new leaf

The Residents Association gets a new look this month as a new logo and typestyle is adopted for all RA publications. We were trying to bring everything up to date without making it look completely different," said Terry Brooks who chairs the Publications committee. "The familiar outline of the Lutyens Central Square is still the most recognisable Suburb

image." Designer Trevor Hutton at 1st Impression says, "the logo was designed to give a modern, clean, attractive look and yet to give acknowledgement to previous logos dating back to 1950."

NOT THE YELLOW PAGES

The Suburb Directory is thought to have started in 1970 and for the first time this year it is not

yellow, has a full colour cover and the order of entries has been changed to make it more user friendly. "It alters the emphasis of the directory and centres it more on the residents and less on the association now," said Terry Brooks.

The new directories and membership cards are being delivered now.

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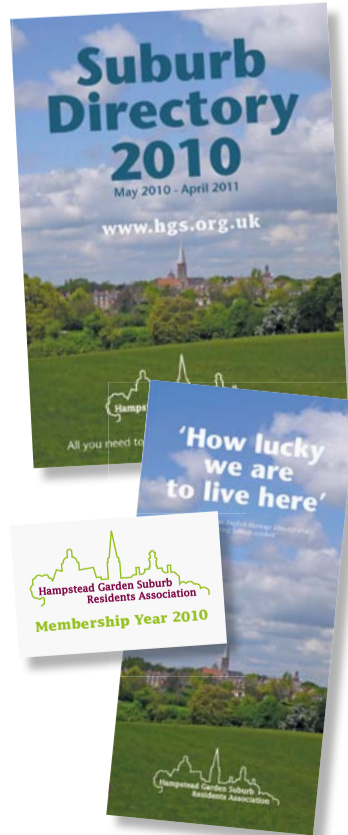
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