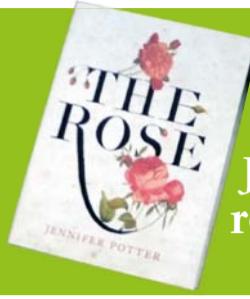




Hear the 'quirky and inspired' Gavin Stamp at the Free Church Hall, see panel below



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Our own Debbie Warland takes on Barnet Council, p4



Centenary year AGM

In the Residents Association's centenary year, chairman Janet Elliott welcomed members and guests to the RA's 99th AGM in the Henrietta Barnett School Hall in March.

All the normal business of an AGM went through without a murmur of dissent, or nem con, as we tend to say. The report and accounts being approved, the re-election of the chairman Janet Elliott and vice chairman David Lewis MBE was proposed and seconded. The election of Jeremy Clynes as treasurer followed. The first such in many years, following the retirement of John Boulter who had been in office, on and off, since 1988.

The chairman thanked retiring council members. In particular Steve Morris who started the HGS website some years ago and has combined running it with chairing the membership committee. "I am

pleased to say Steve will still be working on the website and helping with communication with members," she said. New and returning council members approved by the meeting were Gary Shaw, Stephanie Hurst and Jonathan Seres.

Janet Elliott, who is also membership secretary, used the motion on Subscription fees, unchanged, to say that out of over 2,000 member households 689 now paid by standing order. Urging more members to pay this way, she said, "it makes administration so much easier."

Paul Hartley was thanked for his help with the accounts as Hon Accountant and was reappointed.

CRITICAL MOTION

Carol Boulter had proposed a motion, seconded by Ivor Hall, that was critical of the part the RA and Consam had played in the lack of consultation with

residents about the new buildings on the Henrietta Barnett School site on Central Square and urging action to ensure it could not happen again.

The chairman told the meeting that, as council members were aware, action had been taken in 2009 to make sure that the decision making council were kept informed by RA committees.

At its meeting on March 1 the council had passed a formal motion deploring the fact that a member who had been on the council throughout the time in question should have put down such a motion for the AGM.

After a prolonged debate, during which several members spoke in support of the motion and others against, the motion was carried by 36 votes to 29 (members of about 90+ families eligible to vote were present).

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Residents of Asmunds Hill, pulled out all the stops to celebrate the royal wedding, enjoying a neighbourly occasion together. Cllr Andrew Harper was there and told Suburb News that Barnet had received 56 street party requests "more than any borough and we have been delighted to help by underwriting public liability insurance for the event."

Synagogue welcomes new Rabbi

HGS Synagogue, at Norrice Lea, has appointed Rabbi Dov Kaplan who will be joining the community in August as senior rabbi.

Key background is Rabbi Kaplan's outreach work. He and his wife spent four years with a small Colombian community in Cali, followed by educational work in Israel and the past 14 years in the relatively non-observant town of Caesaria where outreach has been an essential part of his role. His pastoral duties have included mediation and counselling, as well as teaching in a secular school.

With his London-born wife Freda, he spent a few days in HGS in December and returned for another few days in January when he had the opportunity to meet the whole synagogue

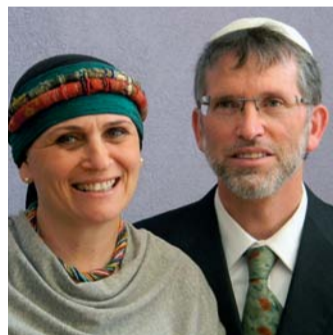
team (including community Rabbi Anthony Knopf and Cantor Avromi Freilich), and visit the Kerem primary school which shares the synagogue building. He has, over the past two years, additionally been contents developer for a Jewish educational website geared to preschool children.

The synagogue circular to its members, inviting their support at an EGM (which overwhelmingly endorsed the appointment) describes Rabbi Kaplan as an "original thinker, committed to modern orthodoxy." His letter to the community refers to the many ways to serve God, including "prayer, learning, generosity and kindness." He refers to the search, in the modern age, to "slow down our

hectic lives and to give them meaning and direction."

Mrs Kaplan is very much part of the team, and teaches women's learning groups, prepares girls for their coming of age and is a trained therapeutic clown, active in hospital visits. They will bring to London the youngest three of their six children.

JONATHAN SERES



All the fun of the square and a Creative Arts Festival for the RA centenary



The weekend of July 2 & 3 sees two major events to mark the founding of the Residents Association 100 years ago. Following the success of last year's picnic on Central Square the Association's Events Committee is pulling out all the stops to make the Centenary Picnic an all Suburb event.

Starting at 12.30pm on Sunday July 3, all residents are invited to come along with their picnic lunches and drinks for a very informal get together with friends and neighbours. There will be entertainment for children, facepainting, magicians. Music from Thomas Gould, a well-known local violinist, and his band which includes Ewan Bleach on clarinet and Jean-Marie Fagon on guitar performing a set of swing classics and gypsy flavoured jazz to get your toes tapping.

Tennis As Well

For those who can't bear to miss the Wimbledon final a generous donor is providing an 8 by 6 foot screen.

Bookable Tables

"Most people will bring rugs, I expect," says Events chairman David Littaur, "but there will be tables and chairs which I will be happy to book for you if you ring me before July 1 on 8731 6755." Chairs £2 each, table and chairs for ten, £20. Early picnickers will be welcomed with a glass of celebratory bubbly – be there before 1.15pm to qualify.

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

As part of its the RA's centenary celebrations there will be a Creative Arts Festival. It will be held in the Free Church, on Central Square, Saturday and Sunday, July 2 & 3. We want you to be involved. If you are a painter, sculptor, photographer, ceramicist, wood/metal worker, cake-maker, flower-arranger, jewellery maker... musician, poet, dancer, actor... do you knit, sew, or otherwise work with textiles...

do you grow plants and/or vegetables... do you make models, are you an inventor, designer... the list is endless. If you are, we want you to put your talents on display so that all of us can have the pleasure of enjoying your work. It is open to everyone, children included, all offers are gratefully received. This will be a fantastic opportunity for Suburb residents, and our neighbours, friends and relatives too, to share what we have together. Interested? Want to know more? Please come to a meeting at The Free Church, June 6 at 8pm. If that isn't possible, get in touch with either Maureen Schuricht, 11a, Brim Hill, 8455 9122, or Ian Tutton, 8457 5898, itutton@aol.com. Your Suburb needs you – see you there.

GAVIN STAMP LECTURE

This year we welcome Gavin Stamp as speaker at the annual Residents Association event in memory of Michael Rowley. His talk entitled "Wilful naughtiness – Sir Edwin Lutyens and the architecture of the Church", is at 2-5pm at the Free Church Hall Northway on May 21.

As the churches on Central Square celebrate their centenaries, television presenter, writer and architectural historian Gavin Stamp will explore the work and influence of Sir Edwin Lutyens. Described by AA Gill as "quirky and inspired" in the Sunday Times when writing about his television series Orient Express, Gavin Stamp can be relied upon to give us an interesting afternoon in the tradition of these events organised by the RA in memory of Michael Rowley.

Introduced by Rev Alan Walker with Dr Vesna Goldsworthy of the Centre for Suburban Studies, Kingston University. The presentation will be followed by the usual lively discussion and tea at about 3.30pm. All welcome.

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