

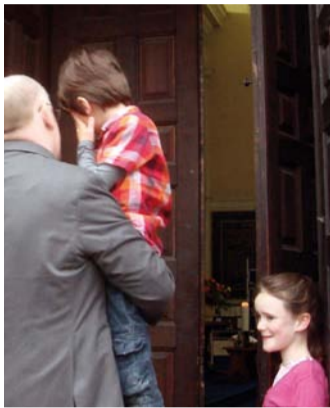


Centenary of the building of the Free Church

In a moving ceremony copying the actions of the first minister of the church, Mr Rushbrook, who, a hundred years earlier, had carried his three year old daughter into the new building, Ian Tutton carried his son Noah through the north door. The congregation and invited visitors and dignitaries, who had gathered

gathered in the car park, followed them in.

The joint Free Church & St Judes choirs led by their Directors of Music, Jonathan Gregory & Nic Chalmers sang and the service included Barbara Honeyball's anthem 'A beautiful green, golden scheme' composed for the Suburb Centenary in 2007.



Active months at Norrice Lea

Norrice Lea synagogue has had an active three months. Rabbi Kaplan has marked his arrival with a pair of weekly study sessions. He also participated in the Bank Holiday 'Limmud' study days on the Warwick University campus, along with about 40 Suburb residents and some 2,000 others.

Mitzvah Day was important in the Suburb, with dozens of participants parcelling books for Africa, shopping for the Barnet

Refugee Centre in Colindale and visiting local old people's homes.

New year for trees is coming up in February. This marks the start of a new fruit-bearing cycle and for the last few years HGSS has made a giant fruit salad that is delivered to almost 20 hostels and homes for the elderly and disabled. The aim is to get over the 20 mark this year.

On 24 January, a media panel from the Sun, Telegraph

and Rabbi Rowe will discuss morality and the media. On the 28th, the annual evening of Jewish song will continue to raise funds for the twinned community of Lvov in the Ukraine.

The following week HGS resident Alan Cohen will lecture on 'Genesis' - demonstrating the way some early 19th Century British artists (Turner, Blake, Martin & others) portrayed Genesis and how their images are mirrored in a classical symphony.

JONATHAN SERES

Trust's legal success

The Court of Appeal in November rejected an appeal against the decision of the Trust to disallow the construction of a room above a garage at 25 Ingram Avenue. The rejection was given as a summary (ie immediate) judgement. This means that the Court will refuse permission to appeal and, as the Trust understands it, that makes it extremely improbable that the Supreme Court would agree to entertain

a further appeal. The significance of this success for the Trust is that it confirms the decision in the Lands Tribunal that the Trust, is, in the proper exercise of its powers, acting in the public interest.

The written judgement has not yet been published, but, as delivered in court, it was very supportive of the Scheme of Management in protecting the special character of the Suburb.

The Henrietta Barnett School Association

Special Centenary Buffet Supper to be held in the HBS Hall at 7.30pm Monday 19 March 2012.

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The 20 musical instruments were: Accordion, Banjo, Bassoon, Castanet, Cello, Clarinet, Cymbal, Drum, Guitar, Harp, Harpsichord, Horn, Luke, Oboe, Piano, Sackbut, Saxophone, Trumpet, Viola, Zither.

Private marquees in Lyttelton Playing Fields ?

In response to Barnet's consultation on permitting private marquees in some of their parks, both the Residents Association and the HGS Trust regard the proposal as entirely unsuitable for Lyttelton Playing Fields.

Barnet had identified eight of their 16 parks for a pilot scheme. Of these eight, only Lyttelton would have had organisers' vehicles parked on grass areas and only Lyttelton would have had contractors' vehicles using narrow pathways.

The RA organised an open meeting in December, for views to be obtained with advance information to the local streets by flyers distributed by volunteers. The flyers included a site map showing the proposed marquee area immediately adjacent to the children's playground that has been newly refurbished by the local committee (see this page).

Over 40 residents from nearby streets attended the meeting and gave 18 reasons against the proposal with the only positive interest being in small events without sound systems. By contrast, Barnet envisaged events of up to 500 people.

The RA response attached the 18 points, and drew particular attention to: noise pollution for surrounding houses; health and safety (the unfenced stream and inevitable broken glass adjacent to the children's playground; the sheer impracticality (no toilets or electricity, no proper roadway or parking for contractors; inevitable vehicle damage at the two right-angle bends on the footpath access.

The Trust was concerned about the introduction of vehicles to the park, also noting traffic and parking issues that are outside its remit.

Consultation had been due to end on 16 December. Thanks to Cllr Marshall's resolution at the Area Environment Committee, and an RA request, this was

extended to 16 January. During that time, numerous submissions were made by local residents, almost all (perhaps all) being against the proposal.

21st century comes to Lyttelton Playground

Residents have taken up the challenge of David Cameron's big society by raising nearly £200,000 from grants, local donors and other fundraising activities to go towards the new playground in Lyttelton Playing Fields - on the long-standing old site. Judging by the success of the first phase of the development, opened in the new year, the regular users are already enjoying the benefits.

The project started at the end of 2009 when Adam Bass, of

Talbot Avenue, decided that the facilities were long past their sell-by date and created a committee of 13, mainly Suburb, residents. While the bulk of the funds have come from the lottery, Barnet (10%), and two major sponsors, local residents have played their part and there are 150 concrete tiles, cast with handprints at the July fun-day, that are waiting to be laid in the amphitheatre due later this year. Currently there is an opening event planned for Sunday April 29th.



Hospice Concert

On 10 March 2012, the Haydn Chamber Orchestra will perform a concert at St Michael's Church, Highgate to raise funds for North London Hospice.

The programme will include one of the best known and most-loved violin concertos, the

Mendelssohn, and the soloist will be Jack Liebeck, winner of the 2010 Classical Brit Award 'Young performer of the year'.

For tickets and information phone Pauline Treen 020 8340 5643 or Val Tomlinson 020 8446 4295.

Wordsearch winner

The autumn wordsearch winner is Ms Margaret Cox.

Now retired, she was formerly an editor in the world of journals

and has lived on the Suburb for many years.

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