



Angel delight
at the Free
Church,
see p9

Deborah Warland
spotlights the
indefatigable
David Littaur, p5



Find out how the
RA's Gary Shaw
came to the
rescue on p6



RA to the rescue

The new year finally brought a result in an important 'test' case at which the RA's Roads & Traffic Committee gave evidence on behalf of three motorists who had received parking tickets after leaving their cars in the Market Place's Red Route loading bays.

The result on 4 January was an emphatic victory for the three motorists. The adjudicator's detailed judgement concluded

that signage at the bay did not meet the requirements set out in relevant guidelines and that therefore the three parking tickets should be quashed.

Gary Shaw, chairman of the RA Roads & Traffic Committee, said, "Given the strength of his decision we should be able to defeat many outstanding tickets issued to motorists who parked in the bay." Full story on page 6.



When wheeled bin rubbish collection started there was an understanding that these, as we then thought, ugly objects would be kept out of sight. What's happening now? See p 7.

RA to hold 'One Barnet' Open Meeting

The Residents Association continues its series of Open Meetings, on 5 February, when Deputy Leader Cllr Daniel Thomas will speak on One Barnet. The RA describes this as an opportunity to learn what is being outsourced and why recycling is being brought in-house, what monitoring of the outsourcing is being set up and whether (for example) a scoresheet of breaches by the contractors will enable contract termination.

Cllr Thomas is a Suburb resident. He represents the Finchley, Church End ward,

was elected Deputy Leader in 2011, and is the Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance. He was quoted in November as saying, "this Council is open to every possible solution, as long as it is the right one." The RA has called the meeting to enable residents to learn what is coming around the corner. The purpose is described as "factual, not political."

The meeting will be held at 8pm Tuesday 5 February at Fellowship House, 136a Willifield Way, NW11 6YD.

Institute Arts Centre sold

At a well attended Survival Celebration Party, Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute chairman Greville Waterman said that the DfE, on behalf of the Archer Academy, had concluded the deal to take over the Arts Centre. He said "After many years of operating at a deficit, thanks to this sale and other cost cutting measures, The Institute is now back in the black." Asked how much had been paid he said "I can't answer

that but after paying the bank the thick end of £5m we are left with sufficient working capital." The Institute and school will share the premises when the first pupils arrive in September 2013. Both parties are now looking for new premises, the Institute to house courses for which there will be no room, the Archer Academy because it regards the Arts Centre as a temporary facility which it will soon outgrow.

Design proposals for the repair and remodelling of the Tea House on Northway will be aired publicly at the end of January when drawings are put on exhibition at the Tea House prior to being formally considered by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust Council. The proposals drawn up for the owner, a private developer, are based on conversion of the building to a private house, with gardens to the front and rear, a gate and footpath from Northway as at present and

vehicular access from the drive on North Square.

Most importantly, the scheme, by Carden & Godfrey Architects in conjunction with structural engineers Price & Myers, ensures that all the mature trees on and around the site and on the neighbouring EDF sub-station land will be retained. This will

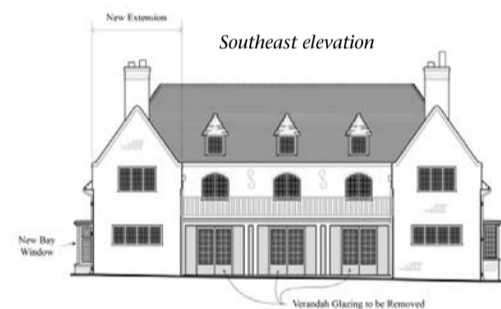
be achieved by structural underpinning of the whole building, to a considerable depth of excavation, thereby securing the foundations against continuing or renewed subsidence. Caused, it is claimed, largely through undermining by the extensive network of tree roots in the clay-rich ground, there is deep fracturing of the

building's load-bearing brick walls, together with associated damage to the door and window openings, internal linings and underground drainage.

Along with the essential and costly structural repairs to the Tea House, the works will comprise the reinstatement of window

(continued on page 6)

Tea House plans to go on exhibition



RA Suburb Picnic

There are surprises in store for the RA picnic on Central Square this Summer. The date is June 23. An exciting programme of attractions, particularly for children will be announced later. In the Free Church an exhibition will give you an opportunity to discover what it is that makes the Suburb such a special place.

Suburb oral history project gets Heritage Lottery funding

The HGS Archives Trust has been successful in a bid for a Heritage Lottery funded oral history project and online sound trail. The £6,000 'All our Stories' grant will be used to preserve stories of generations living on the Suburb. A recent recruit to the Archives Trust as a trustee is broadcaster and historian Alan Dein who lives in Temple Fortune Lane, he says "We plan to collect material by conducting interviews with residents and former-residents who can tell us stories about life on the Suburb from the thirties onwards – and we're also keen to capture impressions of young people growing up on the Suburb now, which will be a valuable resource in later years. Using inter-generational interviews we hope to stimulate memories and generate new interest in the life and times of the Suburb."

For the past 30 years the Archives Trust has been actively collecting photos, plans, artefacts and memories of the Suburb with the aim to preserve this material for future generations. The current focus is to promote the collection, and the oral history interviews, through the use of a website and digital applications. An online Sound Trail will present various locations

throughout the Suburb on a map, offering the user to hear local people reminiscing about a whole range of themes from school life and sporting pursuits, to their favourite old shops, buildings, or streets. "It's often the minutiae of ordinary, everyday things that trigger the most passionate memories and stories, but these are also the things that are not usually recorded in our histories," says Dein. We'll also be advertising for specific memories and locations very shortly.

Work has also begun on another venture. Funded by the

Residents Association through the Garden Suburb Gallery, a series of professionally designed panels prepared by Archives Trustee Micky Watkins will show the history of the Suburb in photographs. The exhibit will offer a fascinating insight into the evolution of the Suburb – both for the many visitors to the Suburb, as well as to the locals, who will spot many rarely seen images of our unique architectural landmarks. The panels will hang in the Gallery in Fellowship House, and elsewhere on special occasions.

Passionate Suburbites

For 35 years we have been dealing with the "great and the good" of the Suburb

We live, eat and breathe this wonderful cherished place and feel privileged to be able to serve this community.

We routinely break price precedents for our valued customers, since we attract buyers from both within and outside the area greatly assisted by our local and international status.

"We know a lot about a little", which means we do not get distracted by properties we cannot sell in other parts of London. We attract the best purchasers/tenants for our clients and every transaction is a milestone for us.

Before we act for you we adopt your property as if it is our own and deal with it accordingly.

Our extensive clientele base is a testament to the commitment and passion we have for our business so if you have not dealt with us before, why not give us a ring? We have an innate understanding of where the market is going and we are happy to impart this to you or simply give you an up-to-date appraisal.

No obligation, no fuss... just old-fashioned service.

Speak to you soon.



glentree

020 8458 7311
www.glentree.co.uk



The 101st AGM

of the Association will take place on Thursday 21 March 2013 at 8pm in the Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square. Motions for the agenda must be received by 7 February 2013.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of the Council must be received by 11 March 2013. They should be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees.

Please send notices of motions and nominations to:

The Assistant Secretary, Rosemary Goldstein,
1a Church Mount, N2 0RW