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CPZ splits Suburb

Nothing has divided residents quite like the proposed extension of a controlled parking zone into the middle of the old Suburb. Campaigned for by those in Hampstead Way whose parking space has been squeezed by the 2006 Temple Fortune CPZ but against by those who can see the new zone affecting roads so far not badly affected by commuter parking. The Roads and Traffic committee is split and the RA Council is split over the issue but has, so far, narrowly supported the Roads committee's contention that we should aim for the removal of CPZs. An RA Open Forum meeting with Barnet officials in attendance was one

of the best attended such meetings but probably left the audience as divided and entrenched in their views as they had been before hearing the arguments.

Committee chairman Gary Shaw writes: "It seems likely that many residents on the south side of the Suburb will soon find themselves living with parking controls in their roads as Barnet Council stands on the verge of achieving its long sought after ambition of creating a controlled parking zone (CPZ) across a large swathe of the oldest and prettiest part of the conservation area."

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No to the CPZ campaign – a strong presence in Erskine Hill



Summer Picnic Fun on Central Square

On Sunday 23rd June 2013, Central Square will come alive from 12.30pm to 5pm with people having loads of fun, and activities for all ages.

The Residents Association is inviting everyone to bring a picnic or try out the 'Taste of Italia' Panini stall or a Simmons crepe whilst listening to the Sam



Braysher Jazz Quartet, followed by recitals from musicians from the Suburb Youth Music Centre. Tables and chairs can be hired. Email raevents@hgs.org.uk to say how many you want or just bring your own rug and lie out on the grass and let the adult-orientated magician entertain you.

Adults arriving before 1.30pm will get a free glass of fizz! Two of the Proms at St Jude's LitFest events will be taking place at the Henrietta Barnett school, with top authors speaking, and there will be plenty of time to visit both events and call in on open gardens as well.

Children can enjoy free donkey rides, face painting, Punch and Judy shows, a juggler and Fizzie Lizzie who will also keep them entertained with her games and clowning around while the Garden Suburb Theatre group dramatise 'Tale of Two Cities' to older children in a gazebo. There will be 3 kiddies' fairground rides all afternoon, for which there will be a small charge. All other events are free.

Plus there will be a stall selling homemade cakes in aid of the North London Hospice, whose supporters will also be running a tombola.

There will be cookery displays for the kids and talks about acupuncture and Chinese Medicine with demonstrations to add to the variety.

There will be Fancy Dress and Cupcake Competitions for children in various age groups up to and including age 12 (see www.hgs.org.uk for entry details). And anyone interested in finding out about what goes on in our leafy Suburb will have the opportunity to meet many local organisations, as around 20 will be displaying their wares. Our local community police squad will also be there to meet you.

David Littaur, Chairman of the RA Events Committee, told us: "This is our Fourth Annual Picnic on the Square. It will be much more exciting than the previous ones because the RA has decided to give us extra funds to make it a really special day, so we have decided to fill the Central Square with thrilling attractions and performers. The Suburb has never seen anything like it."

And Janet Elliott, Chairman of the Residents Association, said: "This is going to be a wonderful occasion. David and his colleagues have really pulled out all the stops and I hope that all the children in the Suburb will bring their families along and have a great day!"

The RA has managed to put on this exciting event alongside the LitFest (see page 3) and before the Jazz Prom at St Jude's that evening. Visitors to the HGS Horticultural Society's Open Gardens will have the opportunity to entertain their children while passing across the Square.

Do come and join in the fun in what will be a really exciting day, come rain or shine.

Full details are on the RA website, www.hgs.org.uk, and if you have any questions contact the organisers at raevents@hgs.org.uk.

Save the date – 23rd June, from 12.30 to 17.00.

MICHAEL JACOBS

101st RA Annual General Meeting

Taking the chair at the RA's 101st Annual General Meeting in the Henrietta Barnett school hall on March 21, Janet Elliott welcomed residents, visitors, Councillors and Honorary Life Members.

She drew the attention of the meeting to the Annual Report and Accounts which this year, had been sent to all Suburb households. She thanked all the several hundred residents who contribute, as volunteers, to the work of the RA in a variety of capacities and drew attention to the outline of the work of RA committees and others as set out in the Annual Report.

During the year the RA had continued its series of Open meetings which helped us to keep in touch with opinions of residents on topical issues and which clearly indicated that the Suburb could not, on all occasions, speak with one voice,

often there being no right or wrong, but value in hearing the several views.

The Annual Report and accounts for the year were proposed, seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

The following people had been nominated by the Council for re-election as Officers of the Association: Janet Elliott as Chairman, Jonathan Seres as Vice Chairman and Jeremy Clynnes as Treasurer.

Simon Abbott, Eva Jacobs and Judith Samson were standing down from the Council at this AGM and the Chairman thanked them for their invaluable contributions to the work of the RA over many years.

Elected to Council, or re-elected on rotation were Peter Beesley, Doulas Blausten, Alan

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'Making Sense of Suburbia'



Rupa Huq in conversation with Alan Walker, Vesna Goldsworthy and you the audience, at this event organised by the RA in memory of Michael Rowley.

Lively discussion after which tea will be served.
Free, suggested donation £5.

Rupa Huq is the author of two recent books challenging the popular image of the suburbs as places of conformism and uniformity. Through representations in popular culture, from Terry and June to Desperate Housewives, she investigates the identity of suburbia and constructs a narrative of diversity and variety. Her re-imagining of the suburbs has been described as a re-imagining of Englishness. Rupa Huq is a former parliamentary candidate, deputy mayoress of Ealing and DJ (stage name 'Dr Huq'). She teaches at Kingston University and writes regularly for Tribune and The Guardian.

Saturday 11 May 2-5pm
Friends Meeting House, North Square

