

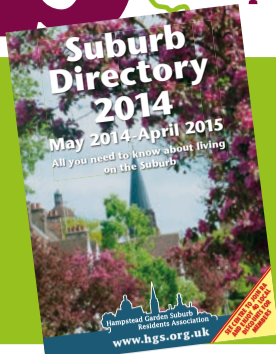
Suburb

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

News



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Leslie Garrett to perform at this year's Proms at St Judes, see page 5



New faces at the RA

The RA's 102nd annual general meeting on March 31 saw Janet Elliott, chairman for the last five years, hand over to Jonathan Seres.

Max Petersen became vice chairman and Gary Shaw, scourge of Barnet's parking dept, took over as hon secretary. Hon treasurer, Jeremy Clynes, stayed put.

It was a good year for recruits to council with five new members making up for the loss of Richard Wiseman, now chairing the Trust, Ian Tutton and David Lewis MBE. The chairman thanked them all for serving on council especially David Lewis who had been so supportive as her vice chairman.

Hon treasurer Jeremy Clynes presented the accounts which he said "still showed a surplus despite bringing back New Year fireworks and running a more elaborate Summer picnic."

HON LIFE MEMBERS
The RA occasionally confers honorary life membership on people who have, over a long period, provided exceptional service to the Suburb. This year Hilda Williams who has looked after Fellowship House and its members for much of a very long life, accepted life membership as did Jenny and Brian Stonhold for their work with young people. Brian's family was one of the earliest to move on to the Suburb a hundred years ago. We wish them an enjoyable retirement in Wales.

ALEXANDER STUART GRAY AWARD
Consam chairman John Sells reported that this year's award had been made to the Green family for a loft conversion and kitchen extension to the listed

cottage at 68 Willifield Way. This had been considered both sensitive and elegant.

The architect was Christian Clemares of XUL Architecture who was presented with the award.



Hilda Williams

CHAIRMAN AN INSPIRATION

Presenting her with a Suburb watercolor from the Garden Suburb Gallery, Jonathan Seres said Janet had been both an inspiration and a pleasure to work with. He welcomed new and old members. He spoke of the motivation for new residents to join the RA, and said "The challenge is to raise awareness that the Suburb is not just pretty, but a community. The proposed new garden city at Ebbsfleet is an opportunity to speak of what the Suburb has to offer for modern living – so that preservation of its heritage goes alongside the future."

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

Jonathan Seres presents Janet Elliott with a watercolour under the watchful eye of Dame Henrietta Barnett.



Summer picnic fun on Central Square



On Sunday 29 June 2014, Central Square the Residents Association is inviting everyone to bring a picnic to enjoy the Suburb in the sunshine and listen to the Sam Braysher Jazz Quartet.

Tables and chairs can be hired, £25 for a table and 10 chairs, email raevents@hgs.org.uk to say how many you want or just bring

your own rug and lie out on the grass. Adults arriving before 1.30pm will get a free glass of fizz!

Children can again enjoy face painting, Punch and Judy shows and Fizzie Lizzie who will also keep them entertained with her games and clowning around. There will be kiddies' fairground rides all afternoon, for which

there will be a small charge and the popular donkey rides are back with more donkeys, £1 a ride. All the other events are free.

A stall will be selling homemade cakes in aid of the North London Hospice, whose supporters will also be running a tombola. There will be cookery shows 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).

Farm Walk and Mercury tennis clubs are offering taster sessions on the school courts in the Square.

And anyone interested in finding out about what goes on in our leafy Suburb will have the opportunity to meet a lot of our local organisations, as many will be displaying their wares. Our local community police squad will also be there to meet you.

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

Our thanks go to Cosways in Market Place for generously supporting this RA event.

Details are at www.hgs.org.uk and if you have any questions you can contact the organisers at raevents@hgs.org.uk.

Volunteers willing to steward for an hour or two should email raevents@hgs.org.uk.

May 18 Families' Party

Following the success of the February evening party, the RA invites new and not so new residents to a families' party on Sunday, May 18 from 3 to 5pm, at Fellowship House (Willifield Way, opposite the big green). The drop-in timing will help those who couldn't come mid-week but singles are equally

welcome, including the many who asked for a repeat. RA team member, Diane Walsh, said "It's a great opportunity to feel what community is about, whether you have moved into the Suburb recently, or have been here a while. Children can meet from different schools, and there'll be tea and eats for all."

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Council and euro election hustings

Come along and hear the candidates! Elections hustings, organised by the Residents Association, will be on Monday 12 May, 7.30pm in the Free Church Hall, NW11 (almost at the top of Northway). As well as the three main parties, Greens and UKIP have been invited, both Council and MEP candidates. The hall has plenty of room, and all are welcome.

'Voices of the Suburb'



Alan Dein, award-winning BBC Radio 4 presenter joins Alan Walker and members of the HGS Archives Trust as they introduce their oral history and sound trail of the Suburb.

Sunday 11 May
2.30-5.30pm

Friends Meeting House, 17 North Square

This event is organised by the RA in memory of Michael Rowley

Tea and cakes will be served. No charge but £5 donation would be welcome.



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