

Suburb

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

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Election for Trust council

The next AGM of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust will be upon us in September and this year it will be followed by the election of one new member to the Trust Council. As we go to press Saul Zadka, who stands down by rotation, has indicated that he will not stand for a further three years.

and developers think that the Trust lacks the will or resources to do so, they will be quick to exploit the weakness. It is up to us to show by our votes that we are prepared to support those who will protect us. Trustees should also encourage the continuation and development of the new policy of communication and consultation with residents.

So if you are a member, please use your vote for a candidate who, by supporting the objectives of the Trust, will put the Suburb first.

Finally it is very important for me to say that the above represents my personal views and not those of anyone else or any group.

TERRY BROOKS

One candidate to date



David White has been a Suburb resident for 54 years, starting at 'Christmas Tree House', 2 Meadway and now living in Hampstead Way.

Although David still works full-time, he has found time to support a variety of activities on the Suburb over the years. He was honorary secretary of the Garden Suburb Theatre for eleven years as well as being a back-stage technician. He is a member of the HGS Horticultural Society where some will have seen his exhibited roses; he is a keen gardener and allotment holder. He is the sole Church Warden at St Jude's of which he has been a member for fifty years. He is an unofficial photographer of the St Jude Proms, of which his wife, Niamh O'Donnell-Keenan is the Chair.

David retires this year as a Director of the Association of Business Recovery Professionals. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a

member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

David is committed to the ethos and principles that the Suburb embodies and strongly believes that it is important to maintain and preserve the 'character and amenities of the Suburb'. He looks forward to the opportunity that retirement gives him to have enough time to fulfil the responsibilities of a Trustee.

Hustings success

On May 12, ahead of the Council and Euro elections, the Suburb hustings were packed, with the Free Church hall filled to capacity as the audience questioned 14 candidates, including two MEPs who later lost their seats and UKIP and Green council candidates, on issues ranging from recycling to education, with of course Europe a key topic. The evening, chaired by the Rev Alan Walker, was organised by the Residents Association. A hotly contested issue was the 20mph speed limit advocated by Labour candidates and some of the audience; the Conservative response was that, as with controlled parking, they were listening to residents.



A resounding finish from Leslie Garret for this year's Proms at St Jude's. Thanks to generous support by sponsors, advertisers, Friends and concert goers, Proms will surpass its fund-raising target this year and expects to be able to donate £60,000 to the two charities - 20% more than last year.

Mayor re-opens Suburb playground

Barnet's mayor, Cllr Hugh Rayner, formally re-opened the tiny tots' playground in Northway Gardens.

The need to replace the 30 year old equipment, to avoid closure for safety reasons as the wooden posts had rotted, coincided with the formation of a users' committee led by Katie Fearn who obtained from Barnet Council agreement on a financial partnership basis.

The Residents Association pledged the remaining £20,000 of its Centenary Fund with local businesses and the Free Church contributing too.

As pictured, the Mayor cut the ribbon surrounded by (l-r)



RA Chairman Jonathan Seres, Suburb youngsters who couldn't wait for the photos to finish so they could try out the new facilities. Katie Fearn and Nicole Tillman, along with a group of enthusiastic

RA Picnic Fun Day success again

More children than ever were on Central Square for this year's Summer Fun Day on 29 June. Picnickers enjoyed free Pimms and wine for the opening hour and more families came after lunch to enjoy the mini-round-

abouts for the tiny children and the donkey rides.

Martin Bell formally opened proceedings in the presence of councillors and clergy, thanking the RA's events chairman, David Littaur, and his team of volunteers for making the day happen. The rain held off until 4.30pm, save for light falls when the Gazebos enabled Punch and Judy and face painting to continue under cover.

Cakes made by residents were sold for the North London

Hospice, and donations raised by Gill Roberts' cookery demo went to the same charity. Stalls were manned by numerous Suburb and nearby organisations including the Police cadets, and tennis coaching was free on the adjacent court.

Banners were erected by the Residents Association on the central pathway and both tennis courts, with helium balloons dotted round the square, while the Proms' bunting added to the festive decorations.



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