

Autumn Flower Show

What a great show! The Free Church Hall was filled to capacity with excellent entries in all categories: Cut Flowers, Pot Plants, Fruit, Vegetables, Photography, Cookery and Preserving.

There were 47 individual competitors and 120 visitors and the Horticultural Society gained several new members. The garden was packed with people of all ages enjoying the wonderful sound of Grimsdyke Brass Band, which was generously sponsored this year by Ellis & Co. The tea team served dozens of teas and delicious home-made cakes. A lovely selection of high-quality spring bulbs was on sale and Terry Rand sold excellent strawberry plants in aid of Médecins sans Frontières. 'Best in Show Certificates' were awarded to: Ken Murrell (Best

Cut Flowers), Adrienne Franklin (Best Pot Plant), Ken Murrell (Best Fruit), Chris Page (Best Vegetables and Best Horticulture Exhibit), Judy Blendis (Best Cookery) and Gill Read (Best Preserving). Thanks as always to all who helped set up and clear up and worked all day to keep the show going! We do have really big shows and we always need help on the evening before and after show. If you can help in June and September next year contact 8455 8741 to volunteer. Full show results will be available at www.hortsoc.co.uk or you can contact Yvonne on the phone number above for a copy.

The Horticultural Society's 100th AGM will be held on Tuesday November 11 at 7.30pm in the small hall at the Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11 6PB. Come along and hear our

plans for next year, perhaps join the society and sample the 100th birthday cake.

If you would like to join the committee (we meet on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm at the offices of the HGS Trust), contact the Hon Secretary, 8455 2656.

YVONNE OLIVER



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Barnet traffic proposals cause concern

During this summer Barnet Council published proposals for changing the basis for pricing CPZ permits and also for using CCTV to enforce 'moving traffic offences' such as yellow box and bus lane contraventions and banned turns. Both proposals should worry residents.

CPZ permits in Barnet have always been priced at a flat rate subject to residency only with no other factors considered and no differentiation made between zones. The new proposals suggest a radical change to this policy with the Council seeking powers to set permit prices according to a wide range of criteria including

the size or type of car, the length of the controlled period operating within the CPZ, levels of congestion within a CPZ and judged environmental impact.

Charging for permits based on such matters as congestion within a CPZ or environmental impact would appear to give the Council enormous scope to raise CPZ charges on grounds that may be difficult for residents to verify or challenge. Bearing in mind that the Council has already indicated it is not minded to reduce on-street parking charges in Temple Fortune and Golders Green to match those in some other parts of the borough there

must now be a risk that the Suburb will be seen as an area where CPZ prices can be raised to subsidise zones elsewhere in Barnet.

The second alarming proposal concerns CCTV monitoring of traffic on Barnet's roads. At present there is very little CCTV use in the borough but many residents will have experienced the system on local roads such as the Market Place. The issuing of traffic tickets days or weeks after the alleged event is inherently unjust as it deprives the motorist of the opportunity to check the location as it was at the time. The use of CCTV to enforce minor traffic contraventions has made an enormous contribution to alienating the law-abiding majority

from the authorities. Citizens react furiously to a system which sees them pursued rigorously for motoring infractions whilst genuine acts of crime often go un-investigated and unpunished. It seems curious that Barnet has suggested more such treatment of the public at a time when central government is attempting to pass legislation to limit the use of CCTV enforcement.

The RA has written to Barnet objecting strongly to both the CPZ and CCTV proposals. Residents who feel similarly may wish make their views known to our councillors before the Council's Environment Committee meeting of November 18.

GARY SHAW

Gardening in the Library

On August 28 ten young members of Garden Suburb Community Library in the Market Place enjoyed a summer holiday workshop organised by HGS Horticultural Society. Led by Yvonne Oliver and supported by Gladys McLeod and Katja Goldberg, the youngsters made miniature gardens in metal containers. All the 'miniature gardeners' showed fantastic creativity, using the many different materials available to

good effect. Afterwards, the children were shown how to plant up pansies in pots which they were then able to take home. Several of the children brought their miniature gardens to the flower show a week or so later. Both the library team and the horticultural society were delighted that the children enjoyed themselves so much, and hope to repeat this joint venture next summer.

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Trust AGM

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strategy is already paying off and the policy of buying property for rent will continue.

After the accounts had been received and auditors appointed, the chairman introduced David White who was the only candidate for the seat on the council vacated by Dr Saul Zadka. He told us how, when younger, he lived in the 'Christmas Tree House' in Meadway, but now lives in Hampstead Way. He spoke of his membership of the Horticultural Society and his prize-winning roses and dahlias. He is also the Church Warden at St Jude's, and he explained that his retirement would allow him to make the commitment of serving as a trustee.

Before opening the meeting up for questions, which has often recently been a spirited affair, the chairman told residents that the Trust was always ready to listen to their concerns and to try to answer any questions.

Jonathan Seres asked for confirmation that solar panels on a flat roof that is not visible are acceptable and Diana Iwi of Meadway wondered if panels that looked the same as roof tiles would get consent. The

chairman said that consent depends on how significant the impact of any change is.

Linda Cook asked why so many gardens were paved over and the chairman assured those present that the Trust took enforcement action when no permission was given, and usually turned down applications. The audience was also reminded that many changes had happened during the long period of non-enforcement.

Ann Spencer asked if the Trust took a position on the rising number of properties bought for rent in the Suburb, and others present commented on some of the perceived pluses and minuses of having tenants as neighbours. They could increase the social mix in the Suburb, but also could lead to ill-maintained gardens and overgrown hedges. The chairman said the Trust had no power to control the buying of property for rent. Its power to act over gardens was limited and that the reported problems of low growth on trees in Asmunds Place were a matter for Barnet.

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