

Suburb



Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

News



Horticultural Society's best show ever. See page 11 and back page

Richard Wiseman in the chair at Trust AGM, full details below and on page 2



Crime – it's in our hands

The latest RA's Open Meeting took place on Tuesday, October 13 in Fellowship House with about 60 residents present and the subject this time was crime and what we could do to keep our neighbourhood safe. The RA's Chairman, David B Lewis, took the meeting and introduced the guests; a PC from the Garden Suburb Safer Neighbourhood Team, an officer from the Hampstead Heath Constabulary, a representative of the private security firm LCS and local resident Derek Chandler of Neighbourhood Watch who came to advise us on the subject.

Smartwater to selected addresses. The problems raised by thieves getting access to modern cars with false remote devices is best solved by resorting to old-fashioned steering wheel locks.

The Heath Constabulary are mainly concerned with problems relating to the behaviour of users of the heath and heath extension, both human and canine. They aim to reduce crime with a high profile presence by patrolling on foot, in vehicles and on mountain bikes.

LCS is a private security firm that has a number of subscribers in the Suburb, which means it has a permanent presence on our streets. There are between two and four vehicles constantly patrolling the area to cover the properties of customers. The service costs from £84 per month plus VAT.

As they drive around they are continually surveying and observing goings on, keeping a 24 hour log and noting suspicious activity and vehicles. They are on call, respond to alarms, and

also operate a meet and greet service for those worried about becoming a victim of crime when they arrive home.

There is no longer a Suburb wide Neighbourhood Watch, but it was started by Peter Lloyd and will be remembered for its publicity using meerkats to remind us that the Watch is about us looking after ourselves. After it first appeared burglaries more than halved.

However the central support withered away, but if you want to start a watch in your street, you will need a couple of like-minded neighbours and the contact details for help can be found on page 23 of the Suburb Directory, which was delivered with the spring edition of Suburb News or is available online at www.hgs.org.uk.

Residents wanted a return of police stations and regular patrols; going back to a bobby on the beat. This is unlikely given that it seems the Met now faces deeper cuts in the next 5 years

than those undergone in the previous 5. Crime though, has not increased and statistics can be found on the Met website.

Crime prevention is mainly in our hands and most Suburb crime is opportunistic; valuables visible in cars, windows, doors or gates left open, newspapers or mail stuck in the letterbox are all visible invitations. Fit a burglar alarm, check the strength of your front door, put some lights on timer switches, fit good locks and security lights. Take care at night in unlit spaces. The importance of neighbours looking after each other cannot be over-estimated; keep those net curtains twitching!

TERRY BROOKS



At this year's Horticultural Society Show, Terry Rand proudly displayed his timely produce. Full story and more pictures on page 11 and back page.

David started by mentioning phone scams and the advice that can be found on www.met.police.uk. You can also find 'The Little Book of Big Scams' on the site, which he said horrified him on reading it.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team concentrates on crime prevention advice, victim support, community visits and neighbour disputes. Barnet is rolling out a property marking scheme using

Residents can sleep soundly

There was a good attendance in the Henrietta Barnett School hall for the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust on the evening of September 9. After half an hour of chat and a drink for those

present, the Trust Chairman, Richard Wiseman, opened the meeting with a welcome and an explanation of the order of business to follow.

He mentioned the retirement of Simon Hurst from Trust Council

and the appointment of Elspeth Clements as his replacement by the Royal Institute of British Architects. The Trust Manager, Jane Blackburn, also retired during the year to be replaced

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Toddlers 'R' HGS!

The Resident's Association (please join on page 4 and support our events) holds three major free landmark events every year. The Summer Fun Day and Picnic, the New Year's Eve Party and Firework Display in Central Square and, very importantly, the famous 'Toddler Party'!

On Sunday, September 20, the usual quiet and tranquil atmosphere of Fellowship House was disturbed by an invasion of around 40 of the Suburb's little people!

For 90 minutes they had lots of fun; dancing and singing along with Eddie of Eeny Meeny Music, having their faces painted by Sally Sunshine, colouring pictures and listening to stories in the 'Story Corner'. On leaving, all received Party Bags.

Gemma Chapman, who organised the mums, had just one thing to say, "thanks for such a lovely event, we really enjoyed it!" A final comment from Clara,

21 months, who when asked for suggestions, came up with "another party tomorrow!"

Thanks go to all the RA Events people who helped with logistics, publicity and the many other tasks which all involve a lot of hard work.

Decisions, decisions – but somebody has to make them – at the HGSRA Toddler Party. More pictures on back page.

For new mums to the area, toddlers are well provided for with mornings at the HGS Community library, at the Free Church Hall, and there is also a HGS Facebook group (the Hampstead Garden Suburb Group) with over 200 members.



TONY BRAND

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Fireworks party

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

Residents are warmly invited to the HGSRA party in St Jude's from 10.45pm. Plus a fireworks extravaganza on Central Square at midnight. There will be a collection to help with the fireworks

FREE DRINKS!

Organised by the Events Committee of the Residents Association. With thanks to St Jude's and our generous sponsor