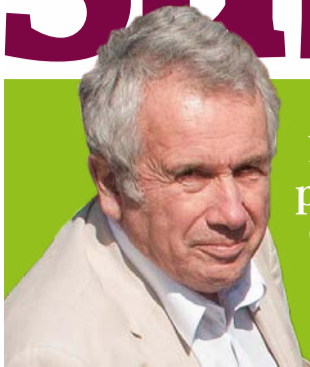


# Suburb

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

# News



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## Challenger to Chairman loses contest and council seat at RA AGM

The 104th AGM of the Residents Association was held on March 21 at the Henrietta Barnet School Hall and was a more challenging evening than usual for those present. The Chairman, David Lewis, welcomed everyone and the usual early business of apologies and approvals was swiftly dealt with.

The more contentious part of the meeting was to come with a contested election for the chairmanship, which is unusual for the RA. It being the first time since 1997, when Richard

Brian Ingram



NIGEL SUTTON

Wakefield took on the council's nominee, Neville Silver, and won. Suburb News believes this to be only the second time the chairman's election has been contested.

Brian Ingram and David Lewis, the two candidates, spoke in support of the manifestos they had provided and questions from the floor were invited. There were then some very lively, argumentative and occasionally bad-tempered exchanges between the candidates and association members, with challenges on some of the assertions made by both candidates.

The process ended with the election by a show of voting cards by members, who voted 50 to 14 in favour of David Lewis as chairman. The posts of vice chairman, honorary secretary and honorary treasurer were filled unopposed by their existing holders.

The chairman went on to thank retiring council members

Stephanie Hurst, Amanda Reuben, John Sells and Douglas Blausten for all their hard work with a special mention for Douglas for over 35 years of service.

There were eight candidates for election or re-election to council and Barbara Bliss, Peter McCluskie, Harry Simmonds and Ian Tutton were elected without dissent and welcomed as new members of council.

While Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney and David Littaur were all re-elected without dissent, there was a surprise when the vote on Brian Ingram's re-election was lost by 16 to 51 against.

On the subject of subscriptions the meeting agreed to keep the cost to £15 and so leaving it unchanged since 2007. There was little support for the idea of a lower charge for those paying by standing order, or changing the constitution to allow voting by individual members rather

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Only one duo can keep a whole bunch of kids and a pair of tigers amused for so long - it's Punch and Judy of course, performing again at this year's RA Summer Party on Sunday 12 June. Full details, back page

## The 2,000th library member

On Thursday 28 January, almost four years since volunteers took over the running of it from the Borough of Barnet, Garden Suburb Community Library in The Market Place, signed up its 2,000th member. For some days beforehand, volunteer librarians had been expecting a booklover to walk in off the street. What they had not quite expected was that he would be just one year old and in his pushchair! But, when he and his mother arrived to be photographed for posterity, one year old Iliya demonstrated just how much he genuinely loved books, even at this tender age, and he also enjoyed receiving and playing with his own personal library card.

Serving all ages on the Suburb, but particularly encouraging the young to find pleasure in books and reading, was exactly why so many people fought so hard to keep the library open in 2012, when it was officially opened in



June by local resident Jonathan Ross. Toddler groups meet there for weekly singsongs, there is a monthly reading group, evening author talks are popular and the organising committee prides itself on providing the public with new books to read nearly every week. And, by the end of

January, 2,000 people had shown just how much they appreciate this volunteer service in their community by registering their name, taking out the books and using the computers and copier. So, HGS residents, come on in and help the library progress onwards to its 3,000th member.

## WE DELIVER

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## RA Litter Pickers - your Suburb needs you!

If you can spare a few hours to help keep the Suburb in pristine condition please contact Charles Gale on 8455 0493, or e-mail him at charlesphillipgale@gmail.com. New members welcome! You will be armed with a litter picker to equip you for the task

Many areas of North West London are making special efforts for group clean-ups as a special contribution for the Queen's 90th Birthday.

For those who missed it, we are repeating our earlier appeal for the existing team to register with the new co-ordinator, Charles Gale. Please get in touch so that he can update the records.



## Whitechapel & Beyond

An illustrated presentation about Henrietta Barnett, the Whitechapel Art Gallery & the forming of Hampstead Garden Suburb by Dr Eva Branscome (UCL).

**3pm Sunday 22 May 2016**  
**Friends Meeting House, 17 North Square**  
**Tea and biscuits at 4pm**



No entry charge but a £5 donation would be welcome.

*This is a popular annual event organised by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association in memory of Michael Rowley.*

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