



Memories of last year's Summer Party



RA Summer Party 2016

When you wake up on Sunday June 12 this year and the kids ask, "What are we doing today?", you can breathe a sigh of relief because an afternoon of fun, music, cakes and donkeys is on hand. This year's RA Summer Party coincides with the official celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday and all residents are invited to join in.

If you head up to Central Square you'll be met by a vast array of activities and events.

You will also find a large picnic space for you to enjoy with your family and friends – bring your own blanket or hire a table and chairs for the afternoon.

Kick off the afternoon with Happy Hour between 12-30 –

1.30 and pick up a free drink. Then have a wander around, enjoy the vibe and visit one of the many attractions and stalls. You can even have a dance to live music from our very own local band, Sound of the Suburb. A taster of what you can expect:

- Punch & Judy
- Donkey Rides
- Tropical Animal Encounter
- Tennis Demos
- Cookery Demos for children
- Children's entertainer
- Face Painting
- Plant sale
- Homemade cakes
- Crepes & Ice Cream stalls
- Drinks, Sandwiches & Paninis

It promises to be a super afternoon with something for

everyone. So, if you want to channel your inner Mary Berry, you can make something for the Cake Stall; or perhaps you fancy yourself as the next Andy Murray? Then enjoy a volley with our Tennis pro.

Proceeds will go to support the various events put on each year by the Residents Association Events Committee and this year's selected charity 'All Dogs Matter'. We are now taking bookings for picnic tables and chairs. If you would like to book a table for you and your family or if you'd like to join our Volunteer's Rota and be part of the team to put up gazebos or help at one of the stalls please email raevents@hgs.org.uk.



World Book Night on the Suburb

To celebrate World Book Night, Suburb resident Simone Halfin organised a Shakespeare reading, and guitar-accompanied songs from Kiss me Kate (Taming of the Shrew), at the Garden Suburb Library on April 20. John Bull, a regular on BBC radio, was the visiting performer, and his rendition was enthusiastically received by the audience.

World Book Night was first celebrated in 2011 in the UK and Ireland, and its purpose is to encourage more adults to read. There are events up and down the country, such as a Mass Book Gifting at Lewisham Shopping

Centre, with most of them taking place on April 23, Shakespeare's anniversary day. This event has now been taken up in the United States and Germany and is in its sixth year, so maybe it's a date for next year's diary (www.worldbooknight.org).

Simone distributed free copies of Whispering Shadows, one of the fifteen books chosen by the charity for the night. The first of a series, it's a murder mystery set in the Hong Kong underworld and written by Jan-Philipp Sendker. Simone then personally added a glass of wine as an accompaniment for all participants.



Simone Halfin and John Bull



These photos show how all the hard work by the volunteers at the Northway Gardens Organisation have paid off. Where there were barren beds last year, there is now a multitude of colourful plants. Congratulations to the volunteers, and thanks to the local businesses and organisations that have supported them.



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