

# Residents Association Fun Day

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Also in demand was the Suburb Community Library which made £65 from book sales, and the Archives Trust with a popular quiz by Micky Watkins.

Abbeyfield Housing Society and the Heritage Trust both had tables on the Square to provide residents with information. Food and refreshment stalls were kept busy all afternoon with Pimms being a very popular feature on this hot day.

One of the aims of this year's Fun Day was raising money for local charities. As a result, £50

will go to All Dogs Matter, and the same to the Free Church towards sundries for their Night Shelter Project for the homeless starting in December. The cake stall produced a magnificent sum of £458.20 which will go to the Mayor of Barnet's charity, Homeless Action in Barnet.

A big thank you is due to St Jude's and the Free Church for providing the power supply, and to Henrietta Barnett School for the use of their toilet facilities.

Two pairs of tickets to see the sell-out 'Last Night of the

Proms' at the Proms at St Jude's Music Festival were very popular raffle prizes (The RA sponsors the free lunchtime concerts each year). Thanks go also to Nita Modi of Vibrant Chiropractic, Statham's Dog Groomers and Sherrards, all from Market Place, who generously donated vouchers as raffle prizes.

Finally, none of this would have been possible without the support of our generous sponsor, Volvo Cars North London, who had two of their latest models on display and were available to answer all questions. They also offered a very generous raffle prize – the lucky winner got the use of a Volvo of their choice for a long weekend!

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PETER MCCLUSKIE



## Pets Corner: "Beau, our local Sheltie"

Mike and Adrienne Franklin are the proud owners of 'Beau', their adorable Shetland Sheep Dog, otherwise known as a 'Sheltie'. I wanted to interview Beau's owners as I live in the same road and see Mike frequently

walking Beau, either along our road or to Market Place.

Beau is a beautiful looking dog and I can fully understand why Mike and Adrienne, who have been dog owners since they were married, have always

owned 'Shelties'. Indeed Beau is their seventh and they have owned him since 2007, when he was adopted as an 11-week-old puppy and they said, "We loved him instantly." They had visited a breeder, Dane Moore in Boston, Lincolnshire to adopt a puppy – not an easy process as they were 'interrogated' for one and a half hours to ensure the puppy would be accommodated in a suitable home.

Beau's father was a Champion (winning dog shows) and, although Beau may not be in the same league, he has passed Silver and Bronze medals for the Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme. 'Shelties' are obedient, loving dogs, which are easy to train, highly intelligent and loyal. They are good with children and protective of their owners, barking vociferously when strangers come to the house.

Adrienne explained that Beau has a regular routine. "He wakes around 7am for breakfast, which can consist of chicken and vegetables, and then walks down to Market Place with Mike for a coffee and croissant

at Sherrards. For the rest of the day Beau is fully occupied enjoying playing ball and has a habit of visiting the tennis courts in Northway gardens and bringing them home to his owners; Beau can sense tennis balls anywhere!"

Beau likes living on the Suburb because "he loves the woods and the heath extension." Asking them about Beau's pet hates they disclosed that, "Beau does not like foxes or cats in our garden and chases them out. But he really objects to having his photograph taken; he senses immediately if we are searching for our camera."

This is a trait I witnessed first hand, when Mike tried to take a photograph for Suburb News. Despite Beau's quick disappearance, we have been very fortunate in acquiring a delightful photograph of him for this publication.

I am sure our readers will agree that Beau is a magnificent looking dog, but it is equally heartening for me to personally witness the joy that a pet can bring to their owners' lives.

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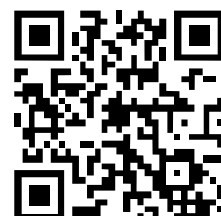
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