

SUBURB NEWS

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Neighbourhood Watch relaunches to combat rising crime

Hampstead Garden Suburb has one of the highest burglary figures in the borough. In retaliation against this and other crime residents have re-launched Neighbourhood Watch.

The rise in crime follows the retirement of the Suburb's Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinator Peter Loyd who set up the scheme 12 years ago working with the then Beat Officer PC Linda Bailey to build up a community operation that proved a force to be reckoned with. The Suburb was a burglars' paradise when they began their campaign and with the help of the community it didn't take long to turn the Suburb into a 'no go' area for most burglars. Sadly, Loyd-style community spirit is a bit thin on the ground these days. It proved impossible to find a replacement to carry on his good work until a small group decided to band together to form a steering committee representing 80% of the homes on the Suburb, with

each member of the committee being responsible for a particular task. Their main role will involve finding like-minded people to get involved in the fight against crime and turn this leafy suburb into a safer place in which to live.

Unfortunately, PC Linda Bailey has moved on and although she has been replaced by PC Jeff Williams, little is seen of him because of police shortages. From May to August the Suburb had 48 burglaries and the majority of these were on Neighbourhood Watch homes. This proves that without a concerted team effort Neighbourhood Watch has little effect. Neighbourhood Watch can work only by people being more neighbourly and vigilant. If we can get rid of people's attitudes that burglary and other bad things

happen only to someone else, we will win in our fight against crime. In case you have any doubts about this, there were more than 930 crimes carried out in this police sector over the last 12 months, about 100 more than the previous year.

The new steering committee comprises: Joint Chair David Fulton (Charlton Watch) and Jenny Stonhold (Midholm), Administration Derek Chandler (Rotherwick & SE Corringham), Treasurer Eric Townley (Denman Drive Watch), Fund Raising Keith Graham (Vivian & Widecombe Watch), External Relations Louis Segal (Chalton Watch), Public Relations Kaye Morgan (Vivian & Widecombe Watch and HGS representative on Barnet Boroughwatch) and Publicity Bill Asprey (Addison Way Watch).

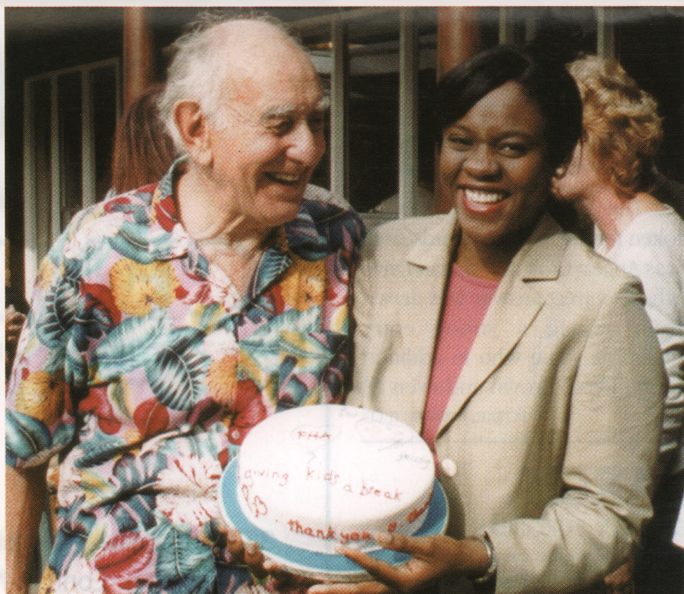
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Neil Black said Garden Suburb School pupils asked "awfully intelligent questions" during the opening ceremony for the tree nursery beside the Fellowship croquet lawn. Story page 12.

Celebrity start to FHA fete

Gillian Joseph opening the Family Holiday Association fete said that she was delighted to be helping such a worthy cause and felt that "as a Suburb resident for five years I feel very much part of the family." Gillian revealed that she could hardly refuse when Pat Laurance, in writing to ask her to open the fete, had said "If you can accept just give us a wink during the news."



RA Events Committee's David Littaur and Samantha Ambrose, Ceinwen Newby and Richard Baker after the RA's first millennium music event. It was an evening of memories for Ceinwen who herself sang with the Doyly Carte company where she met her husband who was their producer and manager. See page 9.

Home Sweet Home

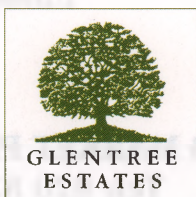
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Urgent RA help needed

The membership committee needs organisers and representatives in order to carry on the necessary collection of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association income without which the association cannot exist.

This is not arduous work and occurs only at certain key times in the year. For further information phone the chairman Joan Beales on 8458 6685.



Stephen Licht Trust Chairman presented oil paintings of the Suburb by Annie Walker to Colin Gregory and Dr Mervyn Miller on their retirement from the Trust council. See page 8.

End of millennium year fireworks

Such was the popularity of the Residents Association's firework party last year - everyone asked us to do it again - that we are rounding off the year with bangs and sparkling wine on 31 December.

All Suburb residents are welcome to enjoy the company of neighbours plus sparkling wine, courtesy of the HGS Trust; in St Jude's Church at 11.15, thanks to the vicar and all at St Jude's, followed by fireworks on Central Square at midnight. There will be a collection to defray the cost of fireworks.