



Clare Teal, twice British Jazz singer of the year, is the newcomer to this year's Proms at St Jude's.
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The Free Church (the one with the dome) celebrates its centenary
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Barnet will soon be asking you about management proposals for the Suburb
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Suburb celebrates one centenary after another



Cheers for 2010. The 11th RA reception in St Jude's and fireworks party brought many residents together. See p 12



Graham Fisher, CEO of Toynbee Hall and girls from Henrietta Barnett school planted trees and snowdrop bulbs in South Square. See below



Diane Berger ends the HGSHS centenary year with three cups including the new Karton centenary cup. See p 9

The management charge – your verdict

The Residents Association's attempt to discover the views of residents on whether the Trust management charge should be related to size of property seems to have aroused insufficient interest.

A letter and questionnaire

were sent to all freeholders with the last Trust bills in August, some 3500. It was repeated in Suburb News, 5300 copies, in September and has elicited 493 replies of which 269 were in favour of changing to a graduated

charge and 224 wanted to retain the same charge for all from flats and cottages to mansions.

1000 or more votes for a graduated charge were needed for an application to be made to the LVT to make the change.

New chairman for CONSAM

The RA's Conservation and Amenities Committee has elected Geoffrey Spyer as chairman in place of Derek Epstein who had chaired the committee for three years. Geoffrey is an architect and has lived on the Suburb in Temple Fortune Lane since 1974. He says, "CONSAM plays a vital role in protecting the Suburb. On behalf of residents I look forward to

building meaningful relationships with Barnet and the Trust to ensure the future of the Suburb."

Some CONSAM members had disagreed with the former chairman's approach to the planning bodies. This and his house move away from the Suburb in August 2008 prompted the election of a new chairman. In December a change to the Council's

standing orders means that in future only Suburb residents can chair an RA committee viz:

Each standing committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary provided that, no person who is neither already a member of the Council nor eligible to become one shall hold the office of Chairman of a Standing Committee.

New Offices, New Era

Our experience spans over 30 years and contrary to popular belief, we sell much of the middle to lower priced property within Hampstead Garden Suburb. There is no magic at work here. We are totally committed and are known to achieve handsome prices for two main reasons:

Firstly, because we deal with buyers trading up as well as down in price range, the latter of whom have more flexible budgets.

Secondly, we regularly deal with monied purchasers from outside the area who have grown used to even higher priced property in Central London and believe that the Suburb is not only leafy and desirable, but good value.

"We are passionate Suburbites and we eat and breathe the Suburb, it is in our blood and we treasure its heritage.

Most importantly we understand that your home is your sanctuary and is probably one of the largest assets in the family and therefore a sale/purchase/letting needs the tender care of dedicated and sensitive professionals who are skilled at this important task.

We have just refurbished our offices which are now bristling with all manner of state of the art technology and there is a private clients car park which you may find very useful.

If you have not used our services before, what a good excuse to pop in and have a chat over coffee, even if it is just about current trends. After all, we are at your service."



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Toynbee tree planting

Representatives of Toynbee Hall, Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, Proms at St Jude's and Henrietta Barnett School gathered in South Square in December to plant two liquidambar trees and 125 snowdrop bulbs to represent Toynbee Hall's 125th Anniversary and its continuing relationship with Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Graham Fisher CEO of Toynbee Hall said, "The Toynbee Hall logo, developed by Charles

Ashbee whilst the Barnett's were in the East End is the Tree of Life, representing the growth and energy of the Barnett's aspirations for local people. The trees that we have planted with the Trust could not be a more appropriate symbol to mark our shared origins and the ongoing strength of the relationship between Toynbee Hall and the Suburb as we celebrate our 125th anniversary.

"We all look forward to the trees and our relationship growing stronger in the future."

Toynbee Hall has been providing support and services to disadvantaged communities in the East End since 1884.

It produces many practical innovative programmes to meet the needs of local people, improve conditions and enable communities and individuals to fulfil their potential.



A resolution for 2010

The Residents Association council has resolved this year to encourage greater participation from all Suburb residents. Founded in 1911, it is believed to be, with more than 2000 households in membership, the largest such association anywhere in the UK. With your help your association can be an even more effective voice. The council, through its committees, will:

- continue to work to conserve the built environment and preserve amenities for those living here, including fielding a 100 strong volunteer litter team.
- augment the social life of the community by arranging or facilitating events. In addition to the popular New Year's Eve fireworks party, we have plans for a giant picnic on Central Square in July.
- renew our efforts to ensure everyone knows what the RA does and to make it easy for them to join and take part.
- use Suburb News, the Directory, and the web site to keep everyone in touch with what is going on and encourage you to join in. The web site will be improved during the year and an additional facility will allow selected Suburb organisations to add details of events, and for members to add their comments.
- provide advice on subsidence problems for Suburb Residents, including how to deal with insurers.
- continue to do all we can to stop the authorities spoiling our Suburb with inappropriate parking solutions, street lamps, signage and road-markings.
- with others to investigate and work towards the provision of a much needed visitor centre and improved space for the Hampstead Garden Suburb Archive.
- provide practical help and encouragement to residents keeping allotments on the Suburb.
- do all we can to protect Suburb trees and open spaces including continuing, for the thirteenth year, to fund an extra 30 or so street trees. Otherwise lend our support via our representatives on committees responsible for the running of the Heath and Kenwood.

Residents Association AGM

The 98th Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Monday March 22 2010 at 8pm in The Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square, NW11.

Motions for the agenda must be received by 12 February 2010.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of the Council are invited. They should be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees. These must be received by 12 March 2010.

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