

Barnet Society

70 YEARS OF CAMPAIGNING FOR A BETTER BARNET

SUMMER
2018

Premier Inn has told residents that the new hotel on the site of Barnet Market would blend in well with the existing terraced houses in Chipping Close



Premier Inn checking in to Barnet

A computer-generated image shows the proposed Premier Inn hotel and restaurant to be built on the site of Barnet Market, at the junction of St Albans Road and Chipping Close, writes Nick Jones

Locate Developments, which purchased the site and is to build the 100-bed hotel, promised an individual design unlike many of the other 750 hotels in the Premier Inn chain.

During consultations with nearby residents the developers gave an assurance that they would respect the local conservation area, and that the new hotel would be in keeping with the terraced houses across the road in Chipping Close.

The plans are now being finalised following consultations with Barnet Council's conservation officer, the Barnet Society, Barnet Residents Association and the Friends of Barnet Market.

A detailed planning application should be submitted within the next few weeks.

Premier Inn say the hotel and restaurant could create 50 to 60 jobs and will help generate extra trade in the town centre, especially in the evenings and at weekends.

If planning approval is granted, construction would start early next year and the hotel, together with the restaurant, should be open for business by late 2019.

High Barnet was once famous for its coaching inns and hotels. The Salisbury Hotel, which once dominated the central section of the High Street, was demolished in the 1980s to make way for an Iceland store.

The nearest hotel to the new Premier Inn is the Savoro Hotel and Restaurant at 206 High Street, not far from the junction with the High Street and St Albans Road.

Alongside the plans for the new Premier Inn, Hunter Real Estate, which manage the Spires shopping centre, are preparing to move the twice-weekly stalls market to the bandstand area in front of the Stapylton Road entrance to the Spires.

In addition, Hunter are drawing up plans to re-landscape the green space opposite the bandstand so that it could be used as an extension of the market, perhaps with an area for stalls selling refreshments.

This green space – which currently has trees and benches – is owned by Barnet Council but the Spires management believe that it

would be of greater use to the community if it provided extra space for the market and room for a seating area

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Locate Developments say they have been encouraged by the response from local community groups and the architects have done all they can to ensure the new hotel matches the terraced housing in Chipping Close.

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“This isn’t the kind of a Premier Inn you would find at an airport, but an individual design of traditional appearance with windows, buff bricks and red brick-work detailing, so that it complements the terraced housing opposite and is worthy of a conservation area.”

“The aim is to be as sensitive as possible, so any Premier Inn sign will be discreet and not the purple pole you might see advertising a Premier Inn alongside motorways.”

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The hotel will have its own restaurant facing St Albans Road. This will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner, and most probably be one of Premier Inns’ Thyme-themed restaurants.

There will be no on-street car parking, but places will be available for guests at subsidised rates in the Spires’ car park; deliveries to the hotel will be via the existing service road to the Spires; and there will be hotel access and a drop off point for taxis at the rear of the hotel in Bruce Road.

Locate Developments said the plans for the hotel did not affect the group of buildings on the corner of Bruce Road and St Albans Road, currently occupied by Dorys café and a former antiques business.

To smooth the transfer of the stalls market, Hunter Real Estate are prepared to install permanent power points and water connections to the bandstand area. There would be space for up to 20 stalls. Unused land beside Duke Bowls could be converted into a hard-standing area for fish and meat stalls.

Discussions have already been held with Barnet Council over re-landscaping the green space opposite the bandstand, but further progress has been stalled until after the local authority elections in May.

Borough Markets is now advising on the future development of the stalls market. Three market operators are being invited to submit tenders to operate the market. They have been asked to submit ideas for attracting new stalls and possibly increasing the number of market days.

“Potential operators believe there is a viable future for Barnet’s historic market, but it desperately needs the kind of support it has not been getting in recent years and a pre-condition of any revamp is that it must accommodate and work with the current traders.”

Spires deny closure rumours



Footfall in the Spires shopping centre is up by over 50 per cent in the first three months of this year – just one of the statistics the management are quoting to squash rumours that two leading tenants, the H&M fashion store and Carluccio’s restaurant, are thinking of pulling out, writes Nick Jones.

“We have been plagued for weeks with untrue speculation,” says the Spires’ management team.

“Because of reports across the country of High Street closures, some locals seem to think that the same problems are hitting the Spires, but that’s not the case.

“The doom and gloom merchants are wrong: H&M and Carluccio’s are not closing down.”

The centre’s management team insists that the Spires’ major tenants are meeting their sales targets and there are no store closures in prospect at the centre.

Cameras clock the number of customers entering and leaving the Spires and they indicate that there were 121,610 more customers in the three months to the end of March this year than in 2017 – an increase of 56.4 per cent.

“The Spires’ landlords have invested millions in the centre and all the indicators are positive.”

Carluccio’s is currently advertising on line for additional staff, and the success of the first teenage market – on Easter Saturday – was regarded as another encouraging development.

Sixteen young traders took pitches for the second teenage market on Saturday 5 May and the third, on 2 June is already fully booked – providing a significant boost to Saturday afternoon trade. National Car Parks has assured the Spires that there will be no repeat of the difficulties motorists have been experiencing when using the multi-storey car park.

Confusing and unreliable parking machines have prompted a barrage of complaints, and NCP says that in view of a breakdown in service standards, recently-imposed parking fines have been cancelled.

NCP has told the Spires that in future there will be regular checks of the machines; clearer signs and instructions for cards and cash; and whenever possible an attendant will be available to give motorists assistance.

The fashion chain H&M opened its store at the Spires in September last year following the construction of a new 24,000 square foot anchor unit at the centre.

H&M signed up for the new store after a £7 million refurbishment of the centre was announced by Hunter Real Estate which manages the Spires on behalf of the Canadian pension fund, Alberta Investment Management Corporation, which purchased the centre in 2015.

Foundation bricks laid at Noah's Ark children's hospice

Fund raisers from across north and central London laid foundation bricks at a ceremony at the construction site in Byng Road, Barnet, for the new Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, due to open in February next year, *writes Nick Jones*.

Representatives from a host of organisations, including Rotary and Lions Clubs, Masonic Lodges, Inner Wheel branches and local schools, had their photographs taken in recognition of the money they have collected and donated.

A month later, after the installation of the timber framework, another ceremony was held to mark the topping out of the atrium that will become a welcoming focal point for children and families.

So far £8m has been raised towards the £12m cost of constructing and fitting out the hospice.

It will provide accommodation for overnight stays, sensory music and art rooms for children with life-threatening conditions, 24-hour end-of-life and post-death care, and also become the base for community and hospice-at-home services.

Noah's Ark currently provides help for 230 children across five London boroughs, Barnet, Enfield, Camden, Islington, Haringey, and also Hertsmere, and the aim is to expand the service to cater for over 1,200 children with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions.

Rachel Black, Noah's Ark's director of care, thanked the fund raisers, some of whom had been raising money for the hospice since 1999.

"We can't wait to use the hospice. We will of course continue to do



What the inside of the Noah's Ark atrium will look like once completed

our community and hospice-at-home services, but from next spring we will be able to offer more end-of-life choice for children, at home or at the hospice in a near home-to-home environment, a choice some parents will prefer rather than care at hospital.

"At last we will also have a drop-in centre for families and their children and chance to help children live their lives to the fullest for as long as possible."

Ms Black said parents wanted their last days with children with life threatening conditions to be as precious as possible and the hospice and its surroundings would offer them a special environment.

The new hospice shares the 7.5 acre-nature reserve managed by the Barnet Environment Centre which has its headquarters next door.

Landscaping will be a key feature once the construction work is



Residents and supporters gathered at the Noah's Ark construction site to celebrate the topping out of the atrium for the new children's hospice

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completed and outdoor spaces will include a play zone and sensory, contemplation and therapeutic gardens.

Leading off from the main reception area will be a wing with six children's bedrooms; a wing with three family rooms for visitors, and nursery facilities; a wing with therapy play areas with soft and wet games, and a children's den; and a wing providing offices for the charity.

Sponsors are now being invited to help fit out the hospice – and the options range from sponsoring a bench in the hospice grounds at a cost of £5,000; a ceiling mobility hoist for £10,000; or a specialist paediatric care bed for £20,000.

Ru Watkins, chief executive of Noah's Ark, thanked and congratulated all those who had gone the extra mile in fund raising. "We will be opening the hospice in February next year and children who come here will be able to use most of the services straight away."

In 2010 there were estimated to be 1,200 children across the five boroughs that would be benefit from the services offered by the hospice, but the most recent data suggested the total in need was nearer 2,400.



Champak Mistry of Barnet Rotary Club (left) preparing to lay a foundation stone with Punyapriya Singh, Noah's Ark's senior community engagement manager

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 73rd Annual General Meeting of The Barnet Society will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th June 2018 at The Lounge, Christ Church, St Albans Road, Barnet EN5 4LA for the following business:

1. Talk – speaker to be invited following the May Council election
2. Approval of the minutes of the 72nd AGM on 15th June 2017 (Below).
3. Approval of the 73rd Annual Report (comprising Chair's, Planning & Environment and Membership Reports
4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018
5. Election of Independent Examiner for 2018-19.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of members to serve on the Committee.
8. Any other business.

Members are welcome to raise points from the floor, but are asked if possible to write/speak to the Chair (robin.bishop@gmx.co.uk/07913 107046) beforehand.

Refreshments will be provided.

Officers and Committee 2017-18

President: Aubrey Rose

Vice Presidents: Judith Clouston, David Lee, Dr J Remfry, R Marson

Independent Examiner: Jim Nelhams (until 2018)

Committee Members 2017-18

Chair: Robin Bishop (until 2020)

Vice Chair: Gale Laser (until 2018)

Secretary: Jonathon Supran (until 2018)

Treasurer: Mary Carroll (until 2018)

Membership Secretary: John Hay (until 2020)

Minutes Secretary: Frances Wilson (until 2018)

John Gardiner (until 2018)

Andrew Hutchings (until 2018)

Nick Jones (until 2020)

Jessica Vamathevan (until 2020)

Eamonn Rafferty (co-opted until 2018)

The Barnet Society

Minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting
Held at Pennefather Hall, St Albans Road, Barnet EN5 4LA
Thursday 15th June 2017

1. Minutes of the 71st AGM 16th June 2016

53 members were present. Apologies were received from Aubrey Rose (President), David Lee (Vice President) and 7 others

NJ said Minutes were published in the latest Newsletter – they were approved and signed by Nick Jones.

2. The Chairman's Report

Nick Jones said we had another very busy year campaigning against cuts to Barnet's libraries, supporting the Battle of Barnet project, tackling the complexities of numerous challenging planning applications and most recently the proposals to widen the pavements in the High Street.

First he thanked everyone for their support he had received over the past 4 years as Chair, he is not seeking re-election and hopes members will provide backing to Robin Bishop who has put his name forward to be the new Chair. He also thanked the rest of the committee, Gail Laser, Robin Bishop, Jonathan Supran, Mary Carroll, Frances Wilson, John Gardiner, Jessica Vamathevan, John Hay, Andrew Hutchings and finally Judith Clouston, the former Chair, who is not seeking re-election and whose knowledge, professionalism and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

Nick explained that collecting subscriptions had changed with the times as more people are paying by Standing Order and via Pay Pal so John Hay has been invaluable with his computer skills.

Because of updating the spreadsheets we were unable to send out subscription reminders with the most recent newsletters but they will be sent shortly. The complexity surrounding the maintenance of a secure membership data base – and the time and vigilance that is needed to maintain a website safe from on line hackers has required an administrative change. We agreed this year to pay a small retainer

to our webmaster Martin Standley and Membership Secretary in recognition of their responsibilities and our responsibilities as a voluntary group. In this day and age, membership data, especially email addresses and telephone numbers need protecting under data protection law, hence our wish to secure experienced back-up. Later we will put forward a slight amendment to our constitution to accommodate this change.

Nick said in his four years as Chair he had done what he could to raise the Society's profile and its authority when speaking and campaigning on behalf of Barnet.

To facilitate this we have provided a newsletter and website as a platform for debate and discussion on local issues. The Society has tried to compensate for the decline in the power of local newspapers which in years gone by did much to hold our politicians and service providers to account. He especially thanked Eamonn Rafferty the editor of the newsletter and Martin Standley who has transformed the appearance, content and reach of our website.

Finally Nick reported on the proposals for pavement build-outs in the High Street. The plan is a culmination of years of effort by the Society to improve the High Street to make it more user friendly for pedestrians and shoppers. There has been criticism from residents in Union Street and Salisbury Road over the loading bays but we understand these have now been moved. Barnet Council says it is commissioning Directors on the Highways to meet the Ward Councillors and there will be a wider meeting involving local groups sometime in July. In the meantime the Barnet Society will be working closely with Barnet Residents Association to see if we can plan an agreed way forward together.

The report was moved by Denis Bird, seconded by Dr Jenny Remfrey and adopted by those present.

3. Treasurers Report

Mary Carroll our Treasurer sent her apologies but the Treasurer's Report was published on pages 10 and 11 in the Summer edition of the Newsletter. It shows there has been 11% reduction in membership but there has been an encouraging response to joining on-line and via PayPal.

4. Report from the Planning & Environment Sub-Committee

Robin Bishop said most of the issues under current discussion were in the Newsletter and had also been discussed at the Open Evening preceding this AGM. However he drew Members attention to the Barnet Local List Review. The Council have a list of protected historic buildings in Barnet on a Local List and the Society have been invited to contribute to this work and are asking for volunteers who will receive training on Friday 7th July. RB would like members to come as a group as it would provide more weight. Jim and Jo Nelhams said they had already volunteered, Frances Wilson and John Gardiner have also expressed an interest.

RB said the 3 war memorials at Arkley, East Barnet and Hadley Green now have listed status which means the Local Authority have to maintain them.

5.0 Election of Officers to serve on the Committee

Nick Jones handed the Chair to Dr Jenny Remfry who thanked Nick for his hard work and proposed Robin Bishop be elected as Chairman for 2017-2018.

Nick Jones, Gail Laser, Jonathan Supran, Mary Carroll, John Hay John Gardiner, Andrew Hutchings, Jessica Vamathevan and Frances Wilson were willing to stand as Committee members.

The election of the Chairman and Committee was proposed by Denis Bird and seconded by John Gardiner and Neil Kobish, and approved unanimously.

Robin Bishop thanked Nick for all he had done to promote the Society, reckoned he had written 280 articles which will remain as a history of our time and was pleased that he will remain on the Committee and continue writing.

Robin also said we really need new Committee members and if anyone is interested to contact him. Les Bedford said he was interested.

5. Amendments to the Society's Constitution.

Robin Bishop circulated copies of the Constitution to the Members and proposed 3 amendments to reflect the current situation.

6. Committee and Officers

6.1 Committee Membership – It currently states there should be at least 12 members and he asked if it could be reduced to 10.

6.2 It says the Committee shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer (the 'officers'), Membership Secretary, Minutes Secretary and at least six other Members. He wanted this reduced to four other Members to reflect the change made in 6.1.

Proposed by Dr J. Remfrey and seconded by Peter Bradburn, and approved unanimously.

12.2 Payments for services

Currently Members cannot be paid for services – RB asked for it to be amended to 'The Members of the Society shall receive no payment, direct or indirect for their services other than legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society or for services necessary for the effective functioning of the Society. Payment for any such services is to be approved by the majority of the whole committee'.

Proposed by R Bishop and seconded by Peter Bradburn, and approved unanimously.

6.0 Any Other Business

Jim Nelhams said he noticed Clause 8.1 of the Constitution says 'There shall be an Honorary Independent Examiner who shall scrutinise the books of the Society annually' and the accounts did not appear to have been audited. Robin Bishop said that the new Committee would review the situation at their first meeting next month in consultation with the Treasurer and report back to Members in our next Newsletter. Jim Nelham's offer to stand as Independent Examiner if required was welcomed and Robin said he would contact him if needed.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chair's Annual Report

Robin Bishop



This year we've made a special effort to raise our profile and recruit new members. We started in autumn by leafletting Barnet Vale and campaigning to promote street greening and protect St Mark's landmark Oak, which has been neglected by the Council and threatened by Virgin broadband.

That was followed at the Christmas Fayre by our stall displaying Society successes over recent years, such as planting 'Lee's Trees' up Barnet Hill and helping to save the two spires in the High Street. And in February, 120 residents came to our Q&A with 13 candidates standing for Council in the May election.

This prompted a lively debate about local housing, transport and town centre issues.

This has paid off: our numbers have jumped to their highest level for over a decade – well over 500. With rising outgoings and an aging membership, though, we can't slack off. To stay on our mailing list, help us comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations coming into force on 25 May. **Please reply to our Membership Secretary's letter enclosed with this Newsletter.** Without your formal consent, we cannot continue holding your personal details.

As I write, public consultation is likely to begin in May on a new scheme of improvements to the High Street, funded by the Mayor of London. This time last year the project stalled, partly due to legitimate concerns about aspects of the design, partly to a poorly managed consultation process, resulting in disagreements between residents, traders, politicians and Council officers. To put it back on course, the Society has been working closely over the past year with the Chipping Barnet Town Team, Barnet Residents Association and Council Highways to develop a better scheme. Draft visualisations of the design were shown at the Barnet Fayre, and were generally well received. Now we're thrashing out the details with the Council and – if the public approve – it may even be built before the year is out. I can't stress too strongly how important the Society believes it is to improve the High Street. We've campaigned for two decades against its domination by traffic and pollution, to attract new traders, to encourage owners to care for their properties, and to invite more locals and visitors to shop and socialise there.

Much will depend on getting design details right: easy drop-off and pick-up, wider pavements and narrower crossings, comfortable seating, appropriate trees, information signs and so on. We're pushing to get wide publicity, engaging information and an exhibition in the town centre for you to judge for yourself. If we let this chance go, we're unlikely to get another.

My thanks to our Committee members, and also to David Lee, Peter Bradburn and Markus Geiger, who have all contributed to an exciting and productive year. Finally, I'd like to record with gratitude a bequest of £1,000 from our erstwhile President, Sir Sydney Chapman. If you can't give us your time, do consider a donation, however small!

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Annual Planning & Environment Report

Robin Bishop writes

The pace of development has eased off in the last year as far as big projects are concerned. Several we've been expecting for ages such as for the Whalebones and Marie Foster Home sites in Wood Street, and for Brake Shear House (186 High Street) have yet to materialise. Reasons might include nervousness about house prices, the Council election outcome, Sadiq Khan's radical new London Plan, or Brexit.

Casework continues. In the last year we've reviewed more than 60 planning applications, and commented on 14. Of those, we objected to eight and supported three. In seven of those 11 cases the planners agreed with us. Among other successes, we've helped see off grotesque over-developments such as Barnet House (Whetstone) and Meadow Works (Great North Road). We've also secured substantially more replacement tree and shrub planting at Old Fold Manor Golf Club.

We've commented on the Mayor of London's draft strategies for transport, environment, housing and the regeneration of town centres, and on the draft London Plan which emerged from them. The LP contains many good policies but we're concerned about his proposals for major increases in housing density within 800m of town centres and transport hubs – i.e. most parts of our patch.

We've also commented on Barnet Council's draft Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document and Tree Policy, and are participating in discussions about revising Barnet's Local Plan. And we've nominated several dozen buildings to add to Barnet's Local List of buildings of architectural or historical value.

Some things stay constant, however. It's reassuring that the Government, Mayor of London, our Council and our MP, Theresa Villiers, all refuse to contemplate building on the Green Belt, a founding principle of our Society. With them, we believe other options need to be exhausted first.

We continue to be active in the Conservation Area Advisory Committee, Federation of Residents' Associations of Barnet, the London Forum and London Green Belt Council (now allied with the CPRE). We're also working with the Ramblers Association to ensure historic local rights of way are not lost through lack of accurate documentation.

We've now been chairing our Planning & Environment Committee for five years, and one notorious case has returned. I started this job leading protests against the recladding of 1 Church Passage. Five years on, Guns'n'Smoke has gone and an acceptable shopfront for L'Antica Pizzeria will replace it – but not as nice as dear old Café Pacino!

Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet - Year ending March 31, 2018

		31st March 18	31st March 17	£ Change	%Change
ASSETS					
Current Assets	Accounts Receivable				
	Books and Post Cards	30.00	60.00	(30.00)	-50.0%
	Membership 16-17	0.00	46.00	(46.00)	-100.0%
	Total Accounts Receivable	30.00	106.00	(76.00)	-71.1%
	Cash at bank and in hand				
	HSBC - Deposit Acct	5,414.78	7,712.08	(2,297.30)	-29.79%
	HSBC 2381	160.99	297.54	(136.55)	-45.89%
	PayPal	256.60	240.92	15.68	6.51%
	Total Cash at bank and in hand	5,832.37	8,250.54	(2,418.17)	-29.31%
Total Current Assets		5,862.37	8,250.54	(2,494.17)	-29.85%
NET ASSETS		5,862.37	8,250.54	(2,494.17)	-29.85%
Capital and Reserves					
	May Finnerty Memoriam Reserve	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
	Share Capital Account	7,965.06	8,965.06	(1000.00)	11.15%
	Unrestricted Net Assets	(608.52)	(384.57)	(223.95)	-58.23%
	Profit for the Year	(2,494.17)	(223.95)	(2,270.22)	-1,013.72%
Shareholder Funds		5,582.37	8,356.54	(2,494.17)	-29.85%

Commentary

Membership income was marginally increased this year, primarily due to efforts of the committee in promoting the Society at various events and through leafleting. The sale of books continue to contribute to the coffers as do additional donations received from existing members. The overall total increase in income for the year (excluding the income received in the previous year from the May Finnerty Memoriam fund) was 4.2% (£423.52).

Expenditure increased, primarily due to the use of software for both the newsletters and the website, as well for honorariums paid to the Membership Secretary and IT Support.

The cost of printing and distributing the newsletters continues to be one of the largest expenses. In addition, there was an additional printing expense for promotional leaflets.

As usual there were ups and down in most of the general expense accounts. An additional Q&A event held on the 22nd February meant Event spending was increased by 49%

The Barnet Society continues to support several other societies and groups; subscriptions were once again renewed with The London Forum, Open Spaces Society and The London Green Belt Society. The difference in the spend comparisons for Dues and Subscriptions is due to the overlap of annual subscription payments the previous year.

The Society made two donations through the year; a donation of £25 was made to the London Green Belt Society and a £250 donation to the Barnet Teenage Market initiative. The donation to the Teenage Market was generously matched by a further personal donation by Committee Member Eamonn Rafferty bringing the total donation to £500.

The net result of all income and expenditure this year shows a loss of -£2,494.17. The total fund available as of 31st March 2018 are £5,862.37.

There is an additional £1,000 reserve fund in the equity accounts for the donation received from Eamonn Rafferty in memory of May Finnerty in last year's accounts, which he has kindly made available for general charitable disbursements by the Society.

It is recognised by the Committee that the overall level of decrease in the reserves, at the current rate of expenditure, means there are three years of funds left at the current rate before funds are fully depleted. The accounts will be independently examined prior to the AGM and then published on the website in due course.

Mary Pettinger, Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities to March 31, 2018

		Apr'17 - Mar 18	Apr'16 - Mar17	% Change	
Income					
	Bank Interest Earned	2.70	4.51	-40.13%	
	Books	100.00	108.00	-7.41%	
	Gifts & Donations Income	268.00	22.00	1,118.18%	
	May Finnerty Memoriam	0.00	1,000.00	-100.0%	
	Membership Fees	4,074.31	3,886.98	4.82%	
Total Income		4,445.01	5,021.49	-11.48%	
Gross Profit		4,445.01	5,021.49	-11.48%	
Expense		4,445.01	5,021.49	-11.48%	
	Bank Fees				
		PayPal Fees	38.32	28.56	34.17%
		Bank Fees - Other	19.00	0.00	100.0%
	Total Banks Fees				
	Computers & Internet				
		Software	515.16	240.10	114.56%
		Website	80.25	57.46	39.66%
	Total Computers & Internet				
			595.41	297.56	100/1%
	Donations & Contributions				
		Barnet Teenage Market	500.00	0.00	100.0%
		Donations & Contributions - Other	20.00	275.00	-92.73%
	Total Donations & Contributions				
			520.00	275.00	89.09%
	Dues & Subscriptions				
			150.00	235.00	-36.17%
	Events				
		AGM Express	154.80	265.00	-41.7%
		Q&A - 22 Feb 18	322.05	0.00	100.0%
		TVilliers Q&A	85.00	75.00	13.33%
		Xmas Stall	141.00	129.00	9.3%
	Total Events				
			707.85	469.50	49.7%
	Gifts & Flowers				
			170.00	100.00	70.0%
	Honorarium				
			2,000.00	1,350.00	48.15%
	Newsletter				
			2,000.00	1,350.00	48.15%
		Design	750.00	725.00	3.45%
		Newsletter Printing	1,302.00	1,1731.00	-24.78%
		Postage	282.77	103.40	173.47%
		Stationary	115.29	-69.58	265.69%
	Total Newsletter				
			2,450.06	2,489.82	-1.6%
	Printing				
			293.54	0.00	100.0%
Total Expense		6,939.18	5,245.44	32.29%	
Net Ordinary Income		-2,494.17	-223.95	-1,013.72%	
Profit for the Year		-2,494.17	-223.95	-1,013.72%	

The net result of all income and expenditure this year shows a loss of £2,494.17.

The total funds available as of 31st March 2018 are £5,862.37

Multi-storey car park at hospital would ease the burden for locals

A new masterplan for the future redevelopment of the Barnet Hospital site is in preparation and it does include proposals for a new multi-storey car park, writes Nick Jones

Royal Free London NHS Trust has already conducted an informal pre-planning application with Barnet Council on future plans for the Wellhouse Lane site.

Under discussion is a “potential redevelopment masterplan” for Barnet Hospital and this could result in a planning application being submitted by “autumn 2018 at the earliest” for a new multi-storey car park.

Taking steps to force the hospital to build an upper deck over its car park was one of the options that Barnet Council has been urged to take in an attempt to relieve excessive parking in nearby roads.

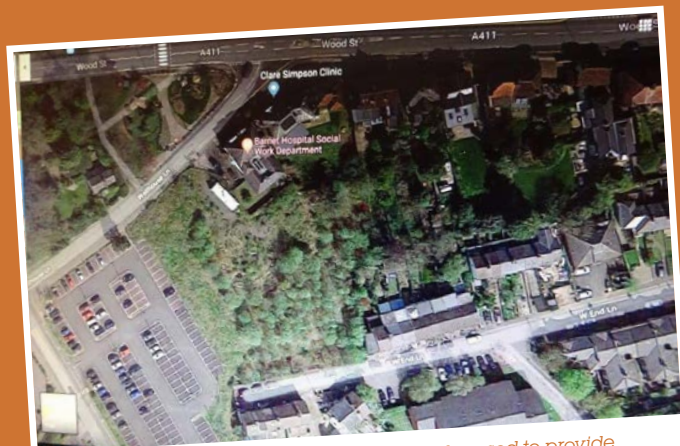
Residents in roads off Bells Hill have been told by the Chipping Barnet MP, Theresa Villiers, that Royal Free Trust’s group chief executive, Sir David Sloman, has confirmed that plans are being prepared.

“Sir David sets out the possibility of a redevelopment of the hospital site which could include a multi-storey car park, and this would certainly ease the present problems faced by residents living near the hospital,” said Ms Villiers in her letter to residents.

While welcoming the MP’s support, residents say their hopes for relief from excessive hospital car parking in nearby roads are rather tenuous in view of the “decidedly vague and non-committal language” used by Sir David.



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Spare land that nearby residents say could be used to provide additional car parking on the hospital site

Residents in roads most affected – Lexington Way, Lingholm Way and Sutton Crescent – are within the recently-agreed extension to the CPZ, but they have been angered by the revelation that hospital staff are to be allocated 25 of the CPZ parking permits.

Over recent months they have been urging the trust to provide additional parking spaces on existing spare land within the hospital site.

A Google satellite image indicates an area of vacant land between Wellhouse Lane and West End Lane, next to the existing overflow staff car park.

Extra staff parking places were provided when the Chase Farm Hospital accident and emergency department and maternity unit

were transferred to Barnet, but more are needed.

The pressure for a multi-storey car park was raised at the Barnet Society’s open forum (22.2.2017) when candidates in the May council elections were asked to respond to demands for a further extension to the CPZ in roads around the hospital.

A speeded-up consultation for another possible extension has now been promised to residents in Kings Road, Cavendish Road, Grimsdyke Crescent and Jennings Way.

Councillor David Longstaff told the meeting that he hopes the council will investigate to see whether there is a legal responsibility on the hospital to tackle inadequate parking for patients, visitors and staff. He said these problems have resulted from the expansion of the hospital and its failure to think through the consequences of concentrating accident and emergency and other services at Barnet.



Councillor David Longstaff has assured residents there will be consultation on a further extension to the CPZ. From left to right, Councillor Longstaff, Ruth Lederman, Angela Morris and Patricia Yorke

Busy start for Barnet's Teenage Market

A bumper crowd of well-wishers and Easter Saturday shoppers turned out for the opening of the first Barnet Teenage Market.

Twelve stalls almost filled the Waitrose entrance to the Spires shopping centre – and the bandstand had rarely seen so much action in years, with a succession of local musicians and singers providing live entertainment.

On sale were a wide variety of craft items, including chocolates, cakes and confectionery, lavender bags, and a selection of art work – all produced by youngsters who had taken stalls.

Darcey Gurner (14), a soul and R&B singer, was the first of the local artists followed by guitarist and singer, Alex Cyrille-King (15), who is a grade eight drummer.

Several stalls were taken by budding entrepreneurs. Two pupils from Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School were trying their hand at selling designer clothes.

Theresa Villiers, the Chipping Barnet MP, Councillor David Longstaff, and leaders of local community groups were all on hand to give a round of applause to the market organiser, Bob Burstow, who led the initiative by Barnet Town Team to launch the market for a twelve-month trial on the first Saturday of each month.

Mr Burstow thanked all those who had supported their crowdfunding appeal and helped get the market ready for opening.

Gail Laser, organiser of Love Barnet and a member of the Town Team, praised the initiative of Luke Farrelly (20) of Dollis Valley, and his brother Matthew, whose stall was selling hand-made stencil-based art work, under their own brand, Stencil King, and candyfloss under the brand Collective Candy.



Bob Burstow opens the first Barnet Teenage Market



Gail Laser of Love Barnet praised the initiative of Luke Farrelly (left) who with his brother Matthew, has started Stencil King, a business selling hand-made stencil-based art work



Guitarist and singer Alex Cyrille-King (15) was one of the musicians entertaining shoppers at Barnet's first teenage market



Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School pupils Kai Sethna (centre) and Hugh Westcott (right) have launched a business selling designer street wear. Helping them man their stall was Thomas Mgbor



Theresa Villiers MP bought a cake at the stall of Maud Quinton of the 6th Friern Barnet Scout Group who is raising money to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in the summer of 2019



Bob Burstow, organiser of the teenage market, and Theresa Villiers MP, visited a stall selling home-made chocolates and sweets produced by three youngsters, Rosita Bagherzadeh, Georgia Dias and Nathan Lang

"These are two lines that I am trying out," said Luke, who is developing his own line of stencil-backed mirrors.

Ms Laser said Luke's drive exemplified the thinking behind the teenage market. "What we are giving young entrepreneurs is a chance to try their hand at business. They just need an opportunity and here it is at the teenage market."

Kai Sethna (15) and Hugh Westcott (14), two pupils at Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School, have launched LDN_HYPE, a business selling designer street wear. They started online last October and their stall was their first attempt to sell direct to the public.

Business was brisk at the stall of Maud Quinton (14), from the 6th Friern Barnet Scout Group, who was selling home-made sweets, soap and lavender bags to raise money to finance her trip to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in the summer of 2019.

Maud is one of 36 UK Scouts, chosen from 156 finalists, to gain a place at the Jamboree. So far, she has raised £2,000 towards the £4,100 she has to find to finance the trip.

Maud and her mother, Mrs Fiona Quinton, welcomed Theresa Villiers to the stall. Ms Villiers bought a specially decorated cup cake and said she was delighted to support such a worthy cause.

Another sweet stall doing a roaring trade was selling home made chocolates produced three young friends, Rosita Bagherzadeh (17), Georgia Dias (17) and Nathan Lang (18).

The second Teenage Market on Saturday 5 May featured ten stalls taken by students at Barnet and Southgate College. Mr Burstow thanked college lecturers who turned out to support the young entrepreneurs. "The atmosphere was terrific", he said.

Labour of Love: Keeping the High Street tidy



“The High Street is a very friendly place. I like my job and I do get satisfaction from what I do. People in the street and the shops are very good to me, and they do look after me.”

Keeping the High Street in High Barnet spick and span gives veteran road sweeper Douglas Shrubbs so much satisfaction that he has opted to continue working rather than take retirement, *writes Nick Jones.*

Mr Shrubbs, who was 66 in March, has been the dedicated road sweeper for the High Street and Wood Street for the last 13 years. He joined the staff of Barnet Council 38 years ago as a gardener in East Barnet and then switched to road sweeping.

“Rather than retire at 65, I opted to carry on working and I have every intention of completing my 40 years with the council.”

Such is his popularity with residents and traders for his contribution towards keeping the town centre tidy that his work was greeted with a cheer at the Barnet Society’s recent open forum.

Among the accolades were praise for his regular emptying of the High Street litter bins and for his deft brush work that makes sure even cigarette ends are swept into his shovel and then deposited into green bags in his barrow.

As he sets off on his regular rounds – from Barnet Church up to Hadley Green then back down to the High Street to Queen Elizabeth’s Girls’ School – shoppers stop for a chat, and sometimes he gets offered a cup of tea or coffee.



High Street road sweeper Douglas Shrubbs in the Fitzjohn Avenue car park where he his barrow, brushes and shovels are stored overnight in a secure shipping container.

“The High Street is a very friendly place. I like my job and I do get satisfaction from what I do. People in the street and the shops are very good to me, and they do look after me.”

“Yes, I do go to the trouble of picking up even cigarette butts because I like to keep the High Street as tidy as possible.”

Litter bins at the busiest spots in the High Street, and along Church Passage, occasionally need to be emptied several times a day, and all the litter is packed into green bags ready for collection next morning to be incinerated at Brent Cross.

The only trouble he gets is sometimes from youngsters taking “the mickey, but I soon tell them to behave themselves”.

“Clearing up dog mess isn’t very nice to have

to do either, but I do think there is less dog fouling these days, and most dog owners do clear up the mess themselves.”

Mr Shrubbs’s barrow is decorated at the front with discarded fluffy toys – a penguin currently has pride of place – and it spends the night along with his brushes and shovels in a secure shipping container in the Fitzjohn Avenue car park.

The cleanliness of the High Street on weekdays was praised at the open forum during a discussion on ideas for improving High Barnet town centre.

Re-living the Battles of St Albans and Barnet

Scenes from the battles of St Albans (1461) and Barnet (1471) – two of the engagements in the Wars of the Roses – are to be re-created as part of the Barnet Medieval Festival to be held over the weekend of June 9 and 10 at the Byng Road playing fields.

Re-enactors from the Medieval Siege Society and other members of the Wars of the Roses Federation, dressed in armour and the livery of the Lancastrians and Yorkists and other noblemen, will take part in staged combat, give archery displays and fight mock battle scenes with handguns and cannons.

Up to seventy period tents will be erected, split between the Yorkists and Lancastrians, complete with flags and banners and there will be living history displays of food preparation, cooking and other camp activities.

A star attraction will be a re-enactor dressed in the armour and livery of King Edward IV, who will be stationed in the king's tent, ready to answer questions.

Edward's army killed the Earl of Warwick, "Warwick the Kingmaker" – one of the most powerful men in the country – at the Battle of Barnet on 14 April 1471.

Archaeologists and historians believe the engagement was fought in fields in and around Kitts End Lane, to the north of the obelisk at Hadley that commemorates the battle.

Up to 200 re-enactors plan to start erecting their tents on the Friday afternoon, ready to stage two days of displays from 10am to 4.30 pm – with scenes on both Saturday and Sunday from what was the second Battle of St Albans on 17 February 1461 and then the Battle of Barnet.

There will be narration throughout the events explaining the battle scenes, archery displays, canon firing and other activities.

The Battle of Barnet was notable for the first extensive use of "handgonnes" in a British battle as Edward had Burgundian and Flemish gunners with him and Warwick had his contingent as well.

Barnet was also significant historically for the degree to which artillery was used by Warwick who bombarded the Yorkists overnight from higher ground anticipating he would demoralise and disorder them as well as cause serious casualties, but little realising his guns were overshooting the Yorkist lines and therefore being ineffective.

Among the attractions at the festival will be medieval traders selling replica items.

Barnet shops and traders also have ideas for themed products for the festival weekend.

A poster to promote the festival features a specially commissioned painting by the medieval military artist Graham Turner.

It shows Edward IV in full armour, emerging from the mist, with his royal standard and two soldiers dressed in their coloured coats of murrey and blue and a Yorkist white rose.

To help celebrate the 547th anniversary of Barnet's place in the history of the Wars of the Roses (14 April 2018) Mr Turner gave a talk about paintings of the Battle of Barnet and Wars of the Roses battle scenes at the Pennefather Hall.

To promote the festival, replica copies of heraldic banners of the dukes, earls and knights who fought in the 1471 battle are to be hung in Barnet town centre, hopefully outside some of the shops and premises along the length High Street.

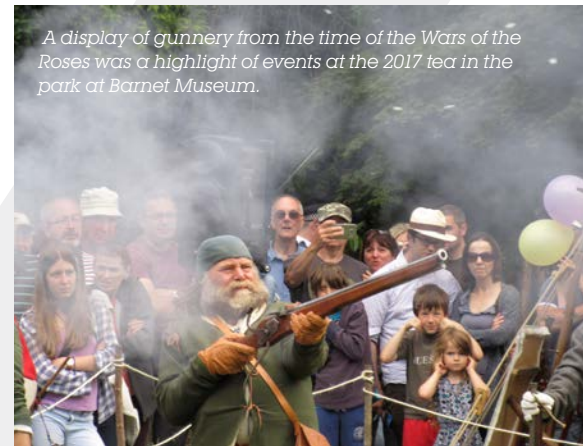
They are being painted by volunteers at Barnet Museum, just one of the activities being organised by the Battle of Barnet Project.

Local children are being encouraged to take part, able to inspect replica items from the battle, and to try on armour, from a school loan box that is being circulated.

The contents of the box, including replicas, artefacts and costumes, have already been out on trial visits – and created considerable interest among at St Catherine's School where pupils had the chance to try on a replica breastplate and helmet.



One of the heraldic banners being painted by volunteers at Barnet Museum – just one of the projects being organized by the Battle of Barnet Project



A display of gunnery from the time of the Wars of the Roses was a highlight of events at the 2017 tea in the park at Barnet Museum.



Mock cannon firing will be one of the engagements when medieval re-enactors re-create scenes from the Battle of Barnet.



Edward IV, emerging from the mist at the Battle of Barnet, in a new painting by the medieval military artist Graham Turner to promote the Barnet Medieval Festival

Special Delivery

We would like to thank our loyal band of deliverers who deliver your newsletter.

We are really grateful to them and it enables us to keep the subscriptions low as it saves about £720 per annum in postage.

Most of our deliverers have been very loyal over many years so they must enjoy this simple and yet worthwhile activity. **'Walking with a purpose'**

We would really like some more volunteers:

Deliverers are only called on 4 times a year. We have divided the area into small zones from A – Z. so deliverers usually only have between 6 to 10 addresses to visit. We would particularly like help delivering to Zone P which is Byng Rd, Wentworth Rd, Puller Road, Sebright Rd, Falkland Rd and Wrotham Rd. However we are really stretched if a deliverer is on holiday or unwell so we would really like some more names we could call on as a reserve.

Please contact Frances Wilson 8449 3104 if you would be willing to assist or would like further information.

Thank You.



Angela Morris long-standing deliverer of the Barnet Society newsletter

“It is a great social outing taking round the newsletters. Lots of people stop to chat and the dogs loved it.”

Angela Morris, and her late mother Noreen Morris, have spent four decades between them delivering copies of the Barnet Society's quarterly newsletter.

Their dedication is typical of our loyal band of newsletter deliverers who save the society £720 a year in postage.

In thanking them all for being such stalwart supporters, the society is appealing for more volunteers to take on deliveries in streets where they live.

Currently help is particularly needed in the zone that comprises six roads – Byng, Wentworth, Puller, Sebright, Falkland and Wrotham.

Angela Morris – who delivers in Queens Road, Kings Road and Granville Road – says her mother Noreen became a newsletter deliverer in the 1980s when she took over from the late Beryl Scaddings, a neighbour in Kings Road.

“As mum got older and less sure on her feet, I started going with her, and so did umpteen of our dogs, most recently Brambles and

Teasel, and then when she became too frail, I took over in the 1990s.

“It is a great social outing taking round the newsletters. Lots of people stop to chat and the dogs loved it.”

“When I was much younger, and did a newspaper round, I was growled at once by a very nasty dog going up a drive, but that's never happened with the newsletter.”

If any member would like to help please contact Frances Wilson – 0208 449 3104 – who organises the newsletter distribution.

“We are really grateful to the deliverers and we know they must enjoy walking with a purpose because they have been so loyal over the years.

“We only make four deliveries a year and we have divided up our circulation area into small zones, A–Z, so deliverers usually have only six to ten addresses to visit.

“But we are really stretched if a deliverer is on holiday or unwell, so we really would like some more names we could call on as a reserve.”

Membership Report – 2018

First of all, a warm welcome to all our new members who've joined since the last year's membership update. This year we have, according to my latest figures as of April 2018, 395 households with a total individual and family membership of 565 members. This number is calculated assuming 2 people per family membership so could be more in larger households. Good news for the Society after our successful February Forum.

There are some changes taking place this year to try to streamline the administration of processing and handling renewals and newly joining members. Every new member who joins should receive a Welcome Letter and copy of a Newsletter. This doesn't always happen, mainly due to postal costs. From now on, every new member will get at least a letter by post or by email if we have the email address.

This year I intend to try to re-align as many renewals as possible and have annual subscriptions to start in May. This is something the Society has done historically but has started to drift with the advent of PayPal and electronic banking. There will probably be some trial and error involved in this, so please bear with us.

Important Notice

The most important change to affect us this year is the introduction of a new EU regulation on 25th May 2018. The EU General Data Protection Regulations (EU GDPR) affects everyone and basically strengthens the Data Protection Act 1998. There is a letter from Robin Bishop, the Chair of the Society, accompanying this Newsletter containing a consent slip. Please make sure that you complete and return it to me.

Unfortunately, this regulation has put pay to our naming recently joined new members here, as has been a long standing practice, but this in no way means that we don't value your involvement or interest in the Society, and our articles can still identify those who contribute in them and to them. At some point these new regulations will impact on all of us, if not already, and in fact will make life better. There should be less junk mail, cold calls and annoying targeted marketing as a result. Let's hope so! Please read Robin's letter.

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