



East Barnet Residents Association

Incorporating Friends of Oak Hill Park

Chairman's Message

EBRA at East Barnet Festival - Sunday 6th July in the Tea Tent - Well it's that time of year again! When Wimbledon starts the East Barnet Festival is only a fortnight away, always falling on the weekend of the finals. This year we are delighted to have our stall in the very easy to find location of the Tea Tent. Come and say hello to us, renew your subscription (£2 a year per household) and bring your friends to join!

Do you own a dog? Make sure you read the important article further in the newsletter about changes to the law that affect all dog owners and visitors to their home.

AGM 8 July 7.30pm - Rt Honourable Theresa Villiers MP guest speaker. We are delighted that our member of Parliament has accepted our invitation to address our Annual General Meeting. She expects to join us a bit later in the meeting due to Parliamentary commitments.

Voters deliver changes at local Election

The local elections changed the landscape political map in Barnet. If the delayed election (due to a death of a candidate) in Colindale is won by Labour, as expected, the Conservatives will have had their majority on Barnet Council reduced to just one seat.

In the area we cover, which touches both Brunswick Park and East Barnet wards, the voters delivered a more dramatic change. Conservative Councillors Andreas Tambourides, Joanna Tambourides, Robert Rams and Barry Evangeli were all unsuccessful in their re-election efforts. East Barnet is now served by three Labour Cllrs (Rebecca Challice, Philip Cohen and Laurie Williams) and Brunswick Park by two Labour Cllrs (Andreas Ioannidis and Kathy Levine) and one Conservative Cllr (Lisa Rutter).

The gains the Labour Party made also give them a majority of the wards across Chipping Barnet constituency which means they control the Chipping Barnet Area Sub Committee and the local planning sub Committee.

Contact and surgery details for your local Councillors are towards the back of the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Daniel Hope

Dates For Your Diary:

East Barnet Residents' Association AGM: Tuesday 8th July 7:30pm in the small hall, Brookside Methodist Church, 2 Cat Hill, East Barnet, EN4 8JB. Guest speaker - Theresa Villiers MP (unforeseen commitments permitting)

East Barnet Festival Fri 4th - Sun 6th July - We'll have a stall in the tea tent on the Sunday.

NGS Open Gardens: 3 and 4 Elm Court, EN4 8HA Sunday 13th July - see page 4 for details.

EBRA Committee Officers

Chairman Daniel Hope	Vice-Chairman George Irons
Hon. Secretary Rob White	Hon. Treasurer Wendy Alcock
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Committee Members

Alan Kelley, Christine Shields, James Bradshaw, Pauline Coakley Webb, Peter Robinson, Rosina Down, Sue Scott, Sussanne Hassel

Contacting the EBRA

Rob White is our point of contact: **Website:** eastbar.net

Brunswick Park Health Centre

Our vice-chairman George Irons is a member of the health centre's patient committee, so if you have any comments good or bad on how our new health facility is working, please let us know.

Crime Prevention Website

"The Crime Prevention Website is the largest and most comprehensive resource for free Crime Prevention and Home Security advice online."
thecrimepreventionwebsite.com

Free Fire Safety Check

The London Fire Brigade are offering free fire safety visits to certain groups of people - to see if you are eligible, visit london-fire.gov.uk/HomeFireSafetyVisit.asp

Chip My Dog

Microchipping helps identify your dog if lost or stolen and it will soon be a legal obligation for all dogs to be chipped (by April 2016 in England) – so don't miss out.
You can now have your dog microchipped free of charge at a Dogs Trust rehoming centre, or at an event near you...and now even at your local vet!
Visit chipmydog.org.uk for details of participating events and vets.

Age UK

There is a wealth of information on the Age UK website, ageuk.org.uk with newsletters and advice on for example avoiding fraud, free local courses, health advice, finance and life planning.

Street Life

Streetlife.com is a local social network focused on where you live or work. You can exchange ideas and help, with other local people.

Smartphone App to Contact The Council

MyCouncilServices.com has a website and apps for every variety of smartphone to make it very easy to report any issues to the Council. For example, if you spot a pothole or some fly-tipped rubbish, you can send a photo, with its exact location, straight to the Council's database.



The apps is free, you can get it from the AppStore, AppWorld, or Google Play, or by visiting the website. There are many other facilities, too many to mention here...

Thanks to [Matt King](#) for bringing this to our attention.

'West Road' Housing Plan

The initial planning application to build on the derelict allotments between West Walk, Woodfield Drive, and Uplands Road, with access from the narrow West Road, was withdrawn following complaints from many residents. The almost unchanged plans have been re-submitted to use the alley behind Woodfield Drive instead of West Walk. We are continuing to work with residents in this area to help them coordinate a solid opposition. Full details of the plans are on the Council's planning website under reference **B/02423/14**
<http://goo.gl/uySpnx>

Church Farm, East Barnet

The East Barnet Residents' Association owes its very existence to the local community's response to the threat of the development of Church Farm Field for housing proposed by the Borough of Barnet in the spring of 1982. This area of open land had always been considered to be a valued local amenity with its wide ranging views over the valley and the views of the field from the local houses that surround it. The 1982 protest by residents was loud and effective because the Borough decided against development and that the land should be kept safe for the future by inclusion within the Metropolitan Open Land designation along with Oak Hill Park.

The Boys' Farm Home 1860-1937/8

In 1860 Colonel Gillum bought the old farmhouse, built in c. 1660, and 50 acres of farmland when he was moved to establish a branch home of The London Boys' Home, where boys could learn country skills. Gillum's friend was persuaded to design both the schoolroom and dormitories for this expanding boys' home. He also designed Church Hill House for Gillum and his wife to live in and a nearby lodge where his mother-in-law lived. Now known as Trevor Lodge the lodge has survived but the house was demolished, I believe, in the 1950s.

The importance of the site

As well as the field itself, the buildings that formed part of the Boys' Farm Home are equally important. In 1908 the red brick house designed by Charles Nicholson, was added. This provided accommodation for the boys over 16 employed to help with the thriving dairy business. Later two more grey brick cottages were added. These have been listed by English Heritage. However the most important Philip Webb buildings have been left potentially vulnerable. Although when I

asked the Council for a local listing for these buildings I was assured that as they were in the care of the local authority they were safe.

The Webb buildings and the 1926 L-shaped school buildings as well as a modern gymnasium are currently used for a purpose along the lines of their original one, the care and education of children. The boys' former swimming pool continues in use as a prized community asset.

Development

It is common for churches to have an associated farm but often these do not survive. At Hendon, Church Farmhouse has survived but is currently unused. The associated farmland has largely disappeared under housing. In East Barnet, Ideal Homesteads did develop much of the farmland but Church Farm Field survived. An agreement between the local council and the developers meant that the buildings and the land associated with the Boys' Farm Home were passed to the local council for community use. In an apparent exchange the requirement by the Council for the building of a school in Russell Lane, where Ideal Homesteads had planned to build homes, was dropped. The school buildings were used for community use during WWII. Church Hill School's foundations were laid prior to the outbreak of WWII and it was completed not long afterwards. In the period between the Council made use of the Boys' Farm Home premises.

We are fortunate to have retained at least some of the former school buildings and it is probably a good time to recognise their importance perhaps with a plaque of some kind and to ask the Borough of Barnet to consider a local listing or the establishment of a conservation area. Please let EBRA know if you would support this idea. Thank you.

Gillian Gear BEM

Awards to People of Barnet

We are delighted to report that the following Barnet people have received awards recently:

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List, British Empire Medals were received by **Gillian Gear** for services to History, and by **Pam Edwards** for voluntary services to the Arts.

Barnet's mayor, Melvin Cohen presented certificates to **Clive Hailey** for work with the 4th East Barnet Sea Scout group and to **Kim Coleman** for the Campaign for Cat Hill.

Congratulations to all.

New Dangerous Dogs Act Offences

Anyone who owns a dog needs to make themselves aware of changes the government has brought to the Dangerous Dogs Act that took effect on Tuesday May 13th. The law has been extended from covering 'public spaces' to covering 'any place in England and Wales'. **This now includes your house and gardens**

The key offence remains to be 'the owner or at the time in charge' of a dog that is 'dangerously out of control'. Note this is not limited to dogs that actually bite someone but also if someone '**has grounds to feel a dog may bite them**'. So how do we feel this could affect you? The National Animal Welfare Trust (NAWT) has published advice to owners.

Ensure your gardens are safe

'The most important point to consider is how to keep unexpected visitors or delivery drivers safe on your property...

'You need to make sure that any visitor can safely access your front door without encountering your dog.

'There is a slight grey area in these changes in that if the person attacked is a burglar or trespasser your dog may not be considered dangerously out of control if it is in a building that is your private dwelling at the time of the attack. However, this does not cover incidents in your back or front garden so while the law is yet to be tested, all dog owners should ensure that all areas of their gardens where their dogs could encounter unexpected visitors are secure.

'If necessary it is also worth talking to your neighbours and asking them not to let their children climb your fences to retrieve balls etc to be on the safe side.'

Manage your dog when someone knocks

'We all know that fewer letters are being sent through the post, but the rise in internet shopping means that more parcels and especially signed for parcels are being delivered, which requires the delivery person to knock at the door. This change in legislation should be a wake-up call to all dog owners to ensure their dogs are under control when they open the door otherwise they risk committing a criminal offence.

'It is not unusual for a dog to be reactive to any visitor to your door, so you need to decide now how you are going to manage that situation. The easiest thing to do is to shut your dog in another room or in the garden, provided of course the dog cannot access the front door from the garden. If that is not an option, then you will need to seek the services of an experienced or qualified dog trainer or behaviourist to teach your dog some new behaviours around the door.

'You also need to consider how your dog greets people. What you view as a dog being friendly by jumping up at visitors may be seen as threatening behaviour by a stranger.'

The full advice can be found at

<http://www.nawt.org.uk/advice/changes-dangerous-dogs-act-advice-owners>

VISIT AN EAST BARNET GARDEN FOR CHARITY

On Sunday afternoon, 13 July, 2pm to 6pm, two gardens in Oakhurst Avenue are opening for charity under the National Gardens Scheme. All proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help The Hospices, Carers Trust and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

These two adjacent gardens are larger than average, with contrasting planting styles. A third neighbour generously provides seating for visitors to enjoy refreshments in a professionally landscaped, tranquil setting. There will be tea and home-made cakes on sale, a raffle, and plants on offer for as little as 50p or £1.

3 and 4 Elm Court, EN4 8HA are near the top of Oakhurst Avenue. Admission £4.50; children free.

Barnet High Street Museum Project With Barnet U3A

A small number of Barnet U3A members have been involved in a project to record all the shops in Barnet High Street from 1898 to 2014. Working with the Barnet Museum they have researched as many of the shops as possible and recorded the nature of the business carried out.

A detailed map of 1896 has been drawn by Derek Sagar showing the street numbers of the shops featured in the display. The map is going to be displayed in the museum on a permanent basis and updated from time to time. As part of the research the group members entered all the known data onto a database which will in time be available to members of the public wishing to research family history.

The display in the museum will show the map and feature some photos of shops, then and now, and give a brief description of their history. For example, we have compared how many butchers, pubs, drapers, places to eat, banks and churches there were in the 1890's, 1914 and 2014. Also, information about various fires that have affected our local area.

There is a huge change in the make-up of the High Street as visitors will see.

The display will be opened on Sunday June 29th at 2pm by the Lord Lieutenant Martin Russell at the Museum followed by a garden party in the Old Court House gardens behind the Museum. All are welcome.



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Membership Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from July to June, so unless you subscribed for more than one year, it's time to renew, please. Members on email will have been told in their covering letter if their subscription is due, but if you receive the paper version and are unsure, please call me on 020 8144 8469 to check. Membership is still only a

nominal £2 per household per year to help cover some of our costs, and we welcome payments for up to five years at a time. To renew online by credit or debit card, please visit eastbar.net/subscribe
Thank you for your support!

Rob White

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Our Councillors

Brunswick Park Ward – Surgeries at Osidge Library, Brunswick Park Road, N11 1EU (see times below)			
	Andreas Ioannidis (Labour) cldr.a.ioannidis@barnet.gov.uk		Kathy Levine (Labour) cldr.k.levine@barnet.gov.uk
1st Saturday every month, 2.30pm - 3:30pm: (NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY) 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturday every month 10:30am - 12 noon: (NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY) 3rd Tuesday every month 5-30pm - 6:30pm: (BY APPOINTMENT)			
	Lisa Rutter (Conservative) cldr.l.rutter@barnet.gov.uk	Every Saturday between 3pm - 4pm (NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY)	

East Barnet Ward		
		
Rebecca Challice (Labour) cldr.r.challice@barnet.gov.uk	Philip Cohen (Labour) cldr.p.cohen@barnet.gov.uk	Laurie Williams (Labour) cldr.l.williams@barnet.gov.uk
Surgeries: (starting from Saturday 5th July 2014) Every first and third Saturday of the month from 10.30 - 12 noon at New Barnet Community Centre , 48/50 Victoria Road, EN4 9PF Every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 10.30 - 12 noon at East Barnet Library , 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, EN4 8SG		

Crossrail 2 - Coming to New Southgate?

Crossrail 2 is planned to link North London with the West End, Chelsea, Victoria, Wimbledon and possibly on Twickenham, Epsom and other parts of Surrey. As a result of the first consultation, it's now proposed to extend the line right up to New Southgate station. So by 2030 (or earlier, the Mayor hopes) we could see fast trains to and from

New Southgate every few minutes. This could bring massive benefits to our area. You can find out much more about the plans at crossrail2.co.uk and the consultation is at: consultations.tfl.gov.uk/crossrail/june-2014/ The consultation closes on 25th July, so please do have your say on this important decision.



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