



East Barnet Residents Association

Incorporating Friends of Oak Hill Park

We're on the hunt for a new Chairman at the AGM!

After four years as Chairman, I have decided not to stand for re-election. I had pretty much made up my mind not to let my name go forward last year. However when no one from the Committee was willing or able to step up into the Treasurer role I felt it was the wrong time to go. The time is now right for me to move on and so one of you reading this will have to step up to the mark!

Those of you who were at the AGM four years ago in 2012 won't have forgotten the somewhat remarkable scene when our previous mild mannered Chairman, James, took the meeting (including me) by surprise by announcing from the front of the room that he wasn't going to be a candidate for Chairman and as no one on the Committee had come forward if anyone wanted to do the job.

After what seemed to be an eternity, no hands went up. The silence grew, so I found my arm going up in the air and most unexpectedly within minutes I was sat at the front of the room chairing proceedings.

I am purposefully making this announcement now to maximise the time for us to consider all those who would wish to put themselves forward.

Nominations for any posts (including Chairman) need to be received by Rob White by 23 May 5.30pm. Members are free to put themselves up for election for any of the Officer positions or nine Committee places but vacancies will exist for Chairman and Treasurer.

"Nominations for Officers and Committee Members must be made in writing to the Secretary, together with the

nominee's consent, not less than FOURTEEN days before the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being insufficient candidates for election, the Chairman may accept nominations from the floor, subject to the consent of the nominee who must be present at the meeting, or cognisant of the proposal."

So if you are interested in standing for election make sure you get your nomination in in advance. Rob White will be able to confirm, if you're unsure, if someone is currently a member or not.

Please also submit one side of A4 as a C.V. or 'manifesto' and in the event that the post you are standing for is contested we will publish the details of the candidates in a newsletter before the AGM.

Whilst on the subject of deadlines please note below, should anyone wish to propose a rule change:

"Amendments or alterations to the Constitution shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary of the Association no less than TWENTY EIGHT days before an Annual General Meeting. Proposed alterations to the Constitution can only be made if agreed by a straight majority, except where noted in the Constitution, of those present and eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting."

If anyone wishes to discuss the role of Chairman please feel free to email me d@nhope.co.uk and I will do my best to answer any questions. I won't be at the All-Member meeting on 22nd March due to a longstanding prior commitment but look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and welcoming the election of our new Chairman.

Daniel Hope

Dates for Your Diary

EBRA **All-Members Meetings** at Brookside Methodist Church Hall. All on Tuesdays at 7:30pm:

22nd March - **please join us to discuss local issues!**

7th June (**AGM**)

13th September

6th December

East Barnet Festival

Friday 1st July

Saturday 2nd July

Sunday 3rd July

Osidge Library Evening Talk

Tuesday 19th April

"Discovering Your Family History"

A talk by Dee Bottomley 6:30 to 7:30pm

This Talk takes place on the 1st floor and is only accessible by stairs

Free car parking is available at the rear of the Library

New Southgate Cemetery

The cemetery is seeking permission to gain similar powers to London Local Authorities to allow areas in New Southgate cemetery where a burial has not taken place for over 75 years to be reused.

In response to the general lack of burial space in London, a new law (the London Local Authorities Act 2007) gave the permission to London boroughs to re-use burial space. New Southgate cemetery faces similar pressures and so is seeking the same powers over its burial space as other London local authorities have over theirs.

The method that would be used to create this extra space is known as lift and deepen. Graves are excavated to their deepest depth, with all the remains placed in a casket and re-interred at the bottom of the grave. The City of London Cemetery has already started to re-use burial sections in this way and has created 800 new graves through the lift and deepen method as well as reclaiming hundreds of spaces from existing graves.

The cemetery company says "We therefore encourage anyone who has an interest in a grave within our cemetery to make contact with our office now, to ensure that we have your current address and details. Memorials can be collected by families or will be held safely by the cemetery for a further six months after being removed. Graves where a burial has taken place within the last 75 years will NOT be disturbed or affected in anyway.

A Private Bill has been submitted to Parliament asking for these powers and a full copy of the Bill can be seen at services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/newsouthgatecemetery.html

Tarmac versus Paving Slabs

We have noticed that the paving slabs in the pavements in Osidge Lane above Hampden Square have been replaced with tarmac. What do our members think about this? Is it an improvement because there should be fewer trip-hazards, does it look smarter, or does it spoil the character of the road? Please let us know so we can represent your views.

EBRA Officers

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| Chairman | Daniel Hope | Vice-Chairman | George Irons |
| Hon. Secretary | Rob White | Hon. Treasurer | Wendy Alcock |
| Newsletter Distribution | Christine Shields | | |

Committee Members

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

President Rev. James Mustard **Vice-President** Pat Gladwin

Rob White is our point of contact via our website eastbar.net

Trent Park Mansion & Estate

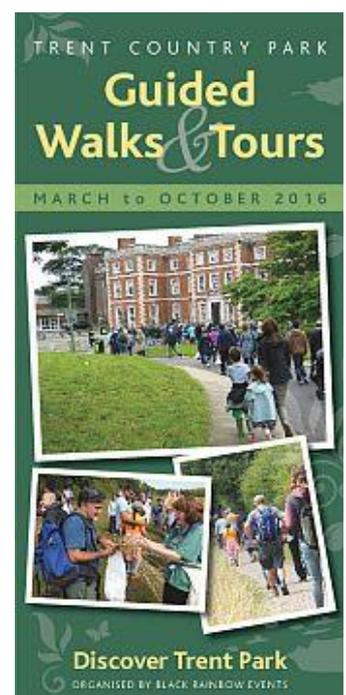


In September 2015, Berkeley acquired the former Middlesex University Trent Park Campus site which has been vacant for over 3 years. The site sits within the wider Trent Park, and they acquired the private estate which surrounds the Mansion House and its affiliated buildings of the former University.

Berkeley plan to build on this estate, more details are available on their website trent-park.com from where you can download the newsletter they distributed to 8,000+ local residents to keep the community updated as they progress through the planning and consultation process.

Berkeley are sponsoring a number of free guided walks and tours in Trent Country Park run by Black Rainbow Events. There is a leaflet on Enfield Council's website with further event details, timings and dates: goo.gl/3hmaa8

We don't feel this is close enough to our area of focus for EBRA to get actively involved, but we are informing our members and keeping a watching brief and we have a representative on the 'Trent Park Community Council'



Community Garden Project

Whether you're an experienced gardener or first time grower, if you're keen to grow fruit and veg with your neighbours this project is for you.

The first meeting was held in February and went well, the next step is to find potential plots for the first growing site. Two ideas are currently being looked into - growing in the community or a shared community plot - but in either case, as soon as a site is identified, grants to help set things up will be sought.

If you have any ideas, please get in touch either through the EBRA or via [meetup.com/North-Barnet-Community-Garden-Meetup/](https://www.meetup.com/North-Barnet-Community-Garden-Meetup/) where you can help figure out suitable locations, and say what you'd like to grow.



Wendy Alcock

Why Not Volunteer to Help at Barnet General?

Barnet General is looking for volunteers!



Voluntary Services Department at
Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals



Now part of the Royal Free, Barnet Hospital Charity is looking for volunteers for Barnet General and Chase Farm Hospitals. Anyone over 16 can apply and there is no upper age limit – and you can do as little as 4 hours a week.

The roles vary: dementia companions, feeding stroke patients, meet, greet and guide visitors round the hospital, assist in the chaplaincy, or help to raise funds for the charity. And there are other opportunities. It is a rewarding thing to do, and does help to improve the experience of patients and visitors – and adds to it because the roles are supplementary to the care and services provided by NHS staff.

To apply, contact Voluntary Services Department on 020 8216 4449 or beverley.smith@nhs.net or elaine.donnellon@nhs.net.

There is plenty more information at royalfreecharity.org/get-involved/volunteering or you can download the leaflet from our website via goo.gl/6fgxBj

Christine Shields

North London Business Park

We asked those of our members on email what they thought about the plans to build 1,200 new homes on the site of the North London Business Park, and we did receive some feedback.

The main problem seems to be around the potentially huge increase in traffic on Brunswick Park Road, which is already impassable at times due to the parked vehicles on the narrow slope by the cemetery. An additional 4,000 or so people in this new estate could put huge pressure on all of the infrastructure.

Other concerns are that the developers' and Council's promise that access via Weirdale and Ashbourne Avenues would be for pedestrian and emergency vehicles only may not be kept. The residents there have formed a pressure group to monitor the planning briefs and applications and we shall liaise with them



and other local residents as detailed plans become clearer.

The consultation on the initial planning brief is now closed, but you can still see the information on the Council's website:

engage.barnet.gov.uk/housing-planning-and-regeneration/consultation-on-north-london-business-park-plannin

Sir Thomas Lipton Memorial Home - Osidge



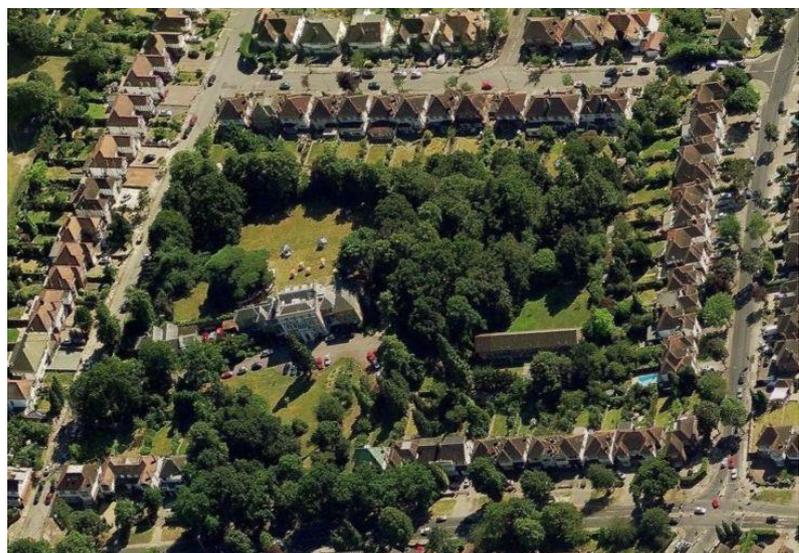
This magnificent grade II listed building was bequeathed by Sir Thomas Lipton as a hostel for nurses. But the "Friends of the Elderly" had to close it in 2014 because it was not up to modern standards, and not economically viable.

The Charity Commission has recently agreed it can be sold, and we suspect it could be converted into apartments. Of more concern perhaps is that the

extensive grounds could become another housing estate and this could have an impact on residents in the surrounding area – particularly Chase Side, Osidge Lane, Manor Drive, and Oakdale.

We are in communication with the Southgate District Civic Trust and other interested organisations, and we will be keeping an eye on any proposals and planning applications.

We will let you know how this progresses.



Out of the Blue



In the last issue we featured the floods in Oak Hill Park caused by two separate bursts of the water main running alongside Church Hill Road.

It's good to see that the old iron mains have now been replaced with a new plastic pipe, let's hope that solves the problem for many years to come!



Woodfield Drive Roundabout

One of our members was crossing the road with his two young children and was standing on this grassy roundabout when a flatbed lorry's back wheels mounted the kerb and cut across the grass causing deep grooves in the ground and narrowly missing the lamp post. Clearly this isn't the first time this sort of thing has happened here.

Being concerned for pedestrian safety and the unsightly damage being caused to the roundabout, our member wrote to the Brunswick Park councillors.

Cllr Kathy Levine has requested safety measures to be considered to prevent this happening in future.

We shall let you know how this issue progresses.



Planning Matters

Here are some updates on recent planning applications:

- **Phone Mast** at Oakleigh Park Station has been refused again, because it would be "incongruous and unduly obtrusive, causing significant harm to the character and appearance of the area... and the outlook from neighbouring properties".
- **Joy Fook** Chinese Restaurant in the village. The proposal to turn this into seven flats was refused because it "would appear unduly bulky, out of scale, incongruous, cramped and overbearing which would be detrimental to the character and appearance of East Barnet Road, Welbeck Road and the surrounding area." and because of inadequate and unsafe parking arrangements.
- **Parkside Gardens**. The proposal to cram a new house into the garden of an existing semi-detached house, making a terrace of three, was refused because it "would not respect the established building patterns and appear as a cramped and dominant addition to this prominent street corner and the general street scene and would not reflect the local open and spacious characteristic pattern of development of this part of the Borough... detrimental to the character and appearance of the street scene and the locality."
- **Beresford Avenue**. The proposal to demolish a house at the end of this cul-de-sac to make an access road onto the empty land over the railway tunnel and build thirteen houses, was refused because it would "represent a cramped form of back-land development and an overdevelopment of the site that is out of keeping with and harmful to the character and appearance of the area".
- **Brookside South**. The proposal to build a two-storey extension as a self-contained house was refused because "by reason of their size, siting, mass, bulk and design, would result in adverse harm to the character and appearance of the application site, the street scene and the wider locality "

We continue to monitor all planning applications, and raise awareness amongst those potentially affected.

Membership Subscriptions

Our membership year started again last July, so if you haven't already paid, or are unsure, please contact your road stewards or phone me on 020 8144 8469. I will have informed those members on email about their subscription status when sending this newsletter.

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.

Cash or cheques can be brought or posted to me at the address in the renewal slip below, although even 2nd class stamps are now 54p...

The cheapest other way to pay is to make a free direct bank transfer or mobile payment (contact me for details), or for a small fee you can pay online by credit or debit card at eastbar.net/subscribe (you don't need a PayPal account for this)

Thank you for your support!

Rob White

I enclose £_____ for _____ years' subscription to the East Barnet Residents' Association (£2 per year per household)

Name:

Address:

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Please send cash / cheques (payable to "EBRA") to Rob White, 16 Woodfield Drive, East Barnet, EN4 8PA

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Our Local Ward Councillors

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| 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) | |

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| 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: 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 | | |

Will You Help EBRA ?

Our Honorary **Treasurer** Wendy is standing down. **Without a treasurer, the EBRA cannot function and may have to be wound up.** If you could spare a little time to help us keep track of the EBRA's funds and attend our occasional committee and open meetings, please get in touch.

You can of course come along to some committee meetings to discuss the position and what being a member of the committee entails, before making a decision. Thank you.



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