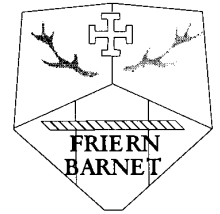


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Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association

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Your Residents' Association Relaunches with New Chairman



Kate Salinger is a very local girl. She was born in Muswell Hill, brought up in Crouch End and has lived in N11 since 1976. Having taken her A-levels Kate went to Nottingham University, graduating in Education, and went on to become a school teacher.

She taught in Tottenham for 7 years, both in secondary and junior schools.... Kate says that she learnt a great deal about life during that period and still values it greatly. Having married Brian, together they brought up 3 children. Kate went back to work at Coppetts Wood Primary School, then retired and has become even more interested in local matters than before.

Kate Salinger spent 8 years as a local councillor, with children and young people being the main focus of her interests. She proudly helped in the addition of much equipment to all our local parks in that time. Kate is still a member of the borough's Adoption Panel.

Kate says, "I have agreed to be Acting Chairman of FBWRA because I have always admired its independent stand on many issues that affect local people. I like to think that I too have the interests of my neighbourhood at heart and will not be silent when I feel it is necessary to speak. I hope that the FBWRA will grow in strength and numbers so that it will remain as

David Thompson joined our Committee in the summer of 2015 and has subsequently taken on the roles of Acting Membership Secretary and Acting Treasurer.

David was born in Nottingham and spent most of his early years living in Hemel Hempstead before studying geography and law at Cambridge University. He has lived in Friern Barnet since 1982 and is married to Carolyn, with two adult sons- both still living at the family home.

Now retired after a career in the law, He specialised in commercial property law. His principal interests are the First World War and researching his family tree.

David's interest in the First World War developed after he inherited an album of photographs of his grandfather's service in the Royal Field Artillery with 34th Division on the Western Front. His main focus is the 1919 peace celebrations, for which many towns and villages held special events and commissioned commemorative mugs. David's comment on this is that "with two young boys around the house it would not have been a good idea to collect bayonets!"



Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents Association

AGM
Thursday 21st April 2016
at 7:00 p.m.

at St John's Church Hall,
Friern Barnet Road, N11

All Members Welcome

The meeting will be followed by a presentation

Friern Barnet and Whetstone Residents' Association

- We are non-political
- We work for all residents in the area
- We discuss issues with Local Councillors and Council Officials
- Associated with the following bodies
- The Federation of Residents' Association of Barnet
- The Finchley Society
- Friends of Friary Park
- Open Spaces Society
- The Friern Barnet & District Local History Society
- Coppetts Wood Conservationists
- The London Green Belt Council

Road Safety Compromised in Friern Barnet Lane

We have requested Barnet Council to review the safety of the arrangements at the junction of The Ridgeway and Friern Barnet Lane N11 (near the pedestrian crossing giving access to Friary Park).

In particular, we asked that the Council should look at the issue of vehicles parking on the northbound side of Friern Barnet Lane, outside the houses adjacent to the park.

The effect of vehicles parking here is that northbound traffic runs across the midpoint of the carriageway, which arguably creates a hazard for vehicles turning left out of The Ridgeway and running south on Friern Barnet Lane, as they run the risk of turning into the path of northbound vehicles.



This is illustrated in the photograph (it should be noted that the parked vehicles are lawfully parked under current arrangements).

We have also asked the Council to consider whether the parking of minibuses and similar larger vehicles on the northbound side of Friern Barnet Lane immediately to the south of the exclusion area adjacent to the pedestrian crossing (again these are lawfully parked under current arrangements)

creates a hazard, as such larger vehicles mask the view of approaching northbound traffic to pedestrians using the crossing (crossing from the Friary Park side of the road).

Further, at present vehicles are permitted to park on both sides of The Ridgeway in proximity to the junction with Friern Barnet Lane. This effectively turns The Ridgeway into a single track road at this point. In consequence of

this at busy times vehicles coming up The Ridgeway towards Friern Barnet Lane can block vehicles turning (or which have just turned) into The Ridgeway from Friern Barnet Lane, which may create a safety issue.

We have asked the Council to consider whether there should be a restriction on parking along one side of The Ridgeway at this point.

Forthcoming Events

Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road **"Lend me a Tenor"** - Sunday 13th March - Saturday 19th March
Written by Ken Ludwig directed by Luke Murray

Friern Barnet & District Local History Society -- North Finchley Golf Club, The Manor House, Friern Barnet Lane at 7:45 p.m.
"Time for Tea: A History of Tea Drinking in London" by John Neal Wednesday 24 February
"Archaeology" by Robin Densom Wednesday 23 March

THE FINCHLEY SOCIETY, AVENUE HOUSE, 17 EAST END ROAD, N3 3QE AT 2:30 P.M.
"ASPECTS OF OLD FRIERN" BY PAULINE ASHBRIDGE THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Coppetts Wood Spring Festival Sunday 29 May 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Food Music Dancers Raffle Sunshine and You

Transport for London are planning to bring Cross Rail 2 to New Southgate

Crossrail 2 is a proposed new railway which would run underground through central London, in new tunnels, between Wimbledon in the southwest, and Tottenham Hale and New Southgate in the north.

Crossrail 2 services would also run on the existing National Rail network outside the tunnelled section, serving outer London, Surrey and Hertfordshire.

In the New Southgate section there would be approximately 15 trains per hour in each direction. Crossrail 2 is being promoted by Transport for London (TfL). The earliest the scheme could be open is 2030.

The proposals include a new Crossrail 2 station at New Southgate, located on the surface and linked to the existing Network Rail station. The new station would be built on part of the site currently occupied by the Builder Depot.

The existing station currently experiences high levels of crowding during peak hours. TfL believe that the new station would reduce crowding on the existing Network Rail service and would add station capacity allowing up to 2,000 more passengers to use the station in the peak hours.

The tunnel entrance would be located to the south of the New Southgate station. To the north of the stations TfL would build a facility for parking or "stabling" Crossrail 2 trains, which would also provide a depot for maintaining the Crossrail 2 track, tunnels and stations.

This site would also be used to build the Crossrail 2 tunnels. The "stabling" and depot would be at Oakleigh Road South – an area which includes the proposed site of the Barnet Council Abbots Depot vehicle depot and waste bulking facility intended to be built at Oakleigh Road South, and which Barnet Council hopes to have

operational late in 2016.

Barnet have stated that if the depot site is required for Crossrail 2, it is unlikely that the depot would have to move until at least 2025 - so if Crossrail 2 goes ahead this controversial council facility may have a short life.

The tunnel entrance would be located to the south of the New Southgate station.

It appears that the proposals will require the re-alignment of the bridge that carries Friern Barnet Road over the railway. Presumably the bridge would also have to be lengthened on account of the increased width of the railway corridor arising from the Crossrail 2 tracks to the east of the existing tracks.

Friern Barnet Road is very heavily used and is frequently very congested, partly because of the congestion on the North Circular Road (NCR) at Pinkham Way to the south of New Southgate Station.

We have asked TfL to confirm whether the bridge carrying Friern Barnet Road would remain fully open to simultaneous two way traffic at all times, and, if not, how the traffic displaced due to the reduced capacity would be accommodated.

As mentioned above, the NCR is congested at Pinkham Way, so we have also asked TfL whether the existing railway bridge over the NCR would be realigned to widen the NCR as part of the Crossrail 2 works. At the time of writing we await a response to our enquiries.

Another, longer term, concern is that of car parking. TfL has stated in its consultation document for New Southgate station that one of the "benefits" of Crossrail 2 is that it will "enable more people to get to New Southgate within a 45 minute journey time to support further growth of the New Southgate area".



Proposed Crossrail 2 line from Wimbledon to New Southgate. Subject to negotiations the line from Seven Sisters to New Southgate will go either via Wood Green; or, via Turnpike Lane & Alexandra Palace

The increased capacity of 2000 passengers per hour at peak times would represent a considerable number of cars to be accommodated on local roads.

The plans for the new station do not include substantial car parking facilities, so where will commuters and other passengers using New Southgate park their vehicles?

What will prevent such parking from "swamping" local residents, many of whom rely on on-street parking? We understand that parking management would be the responsibility of the local authority (in our case London Borough of Barnet).

For further information about the Crossrail 2 proposals see the TfL website: www.crossrail2.co.uk

Membership and Subscriptions

The Association's "membership year" is the calendar year. Accordingly, annual subscriptions for 2016 are now due.

We would very much like to collect the subscriptions before the Annual General meeting in April, rather than after it. We would really appreciate it if you would renew your subscription before the AGM. This is particularly the case for those members who pay by cheque (or cash- although this is not recommended).

We wish to increase the Association's membership and so are keen to encourage more local residents to join

us, and, even better, to become actively involved. You could make a start by coming to our AGM!

As well as increasing the number of members we would also like to increase the number of roads within our area (this is the area that was once administered by the Friern Barnet Urban District Council).

It has long been an objective that there should be members resident in all roads within that area. Currently, we fall short of this and, for example, have few members resident in the roads lying to the south of Woodhouse Road/ Friern Barnet Road.

This is something that we hope to address during the coming months, and you could help by encouraging any friends or relations who live in one of these roads to become members. If you have any "leads" on this issue, or, indeed, any membership enquiries, please contact

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or by writing to him at
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London N11 3LE.

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

..... but not in Friern Barnet. Those of you who frequent Friern Barnet Lane will no doubt have seen the Church of St James the Great, the original parish church in Friern Barnet located in Friern Barnet Lane. Within the churchyard stands the parish First World War memorial. It takes the form of a churchyard cross, the work of Martin Travers of Fulham, an English church artist and designer, and was dedicated in 1921.

The memorial carried the names of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses who died on active service during the First World War, and who were living at the time of their enlistment within the parish or who were habitual worshippers at either St James or the church of St John, Friern Barnet (also within the parish) . It was not restricted to Church members. The memorial bears this inscription:

1914-1919

*Brothers who died for our homes and country,
We salute you, and commend you to the Redeemer's keeping.*

Eighty seven names follow, and then, beneath them, the quotation: "Whose glory was redressing human wrong"

Unfortunately, the memorial is now sadly decayed and the inscription, together with the names of the fallen are now almost completely illegible. Although we would be delighted to be proved wrong on this, it is our understanding that the maintenance of the memorial is the responsibility of Barnet Council. However, there is the possibility that the War Memorials Trust (a charity that works for the protection and conservation of war memorials across the UK) may be prepared to provide financial assistance toward the costs of restoring our memorial and we hope to have further news on this in due course.

Whilst on the subject of war memorials, and on a more positive note, following pressure from the Barnet



War Memorials Association, the original bronze Great War memorial plaque, commemorating the losses of the people of Finchley and Whetstone in that conflict, that was displayed in the entrance to the old Finchley Memorial Hospital, has been reinstated and can now be seen in the new hospital building. The plaque was unveiled by the Deputy Mayor of Barnet, Cllr. Alison Cornelius, at a ceremony held on 17 December 2015. All credit to Barnet War Memorials Association for pursuing the reinstatement.