



Above the city: Sound of the Suburb line up in Muswell Hill. Photo Sarah Berlingieri.

## New sounds from the suburbs

By John Lawrence

**Sound of the Suburb, known to many for their years playing local venues and performing at the East Finchley Festival, have new music out in the form of a five-track EP, launched last month with a free gig at Madden's on the High Road, N2.**

*Eclectic City (Part 1)* is a collection of original tracks that mixes sounds from their rockabilly roots with some hard rock, almost New Wave in places, reggae and thoughtful blues songwriting.

It is dedicated to the memory of their founding member and drummer Mike Solomon who was diagnosed with lung cancer shortly before the release of their second album *Still Waiting* at the end of 2016. Mike continued

to play with the band but sadly passed away in September last year.

Friend Paul Steedman took over on drums full time and Mike Shilling was added on keyboards, joining lead vocalist David Maraney, guitarist Chris Berlingieri and bassist Steve Phillips.

They have plenty of new material and hope to record five more tracks for a Part 2 release later this year. Your next chance

to see them perform all their new songs, along with their popular selection of covers, is at The Dublin Castle in Camden Town on Tuesday 17 March, which is St Patrick's Day.

Copies of the EP will be available for purchase at the gig and can be streamed on iTunes/Apple Music, Google Play, Spotify and all other download and streaming sites. Find more information at [www.soundofthesuburb.com](http://www.soundofthesuburb.com)

## New vicar comes to All Saints'

By Sue Windridge

**The congregation of All Saints' Church in Durham Road, N2, welcomed their new vicar at a Eucharist service on Sunday 23 February. Fr Ian Chandler was inducted by the Bishop of Fulham Collated and the Archdeacon of Hampstead.**

Fr Ian was born and brought up in Stockton on Tees. He initially began reading Law at University College London but then moved on to study for a degree in Theology at King's College London. There he developed

an interest in the relationship between science and theology and went on to train for the priesthood at the Theological College in Chichester.

His first appointment was to a curacy in Hove, at another



New arrival: Fr Ian Chandler

All Saints'. He was then Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Chichester. His first incumbency was at St Richard's Haywards Heath, where he was also for some of the time Rural Dean and a member of General Synod.

He was then appointed Archdeacon of Plymouth, in the diocese of Exeter, a post he held until the end of 2018 before moving back to London.

In his spare time Fr Ian enjoys theatre, cinema and the arts. He is looking forward to his time at All Saints' and 'the opportunity to work with all those in and around the parish.

**All Saints' Church,  
Durham Road, East Finchley  
Church of England**

**Sunday mass at 10.00 a.m.**

**Weekday masses as advertised on the website  
(Coffee served after mass on Sunday and Thursday)**

**Prayer requests are gladly accepted.**

**The Parish has a *flourishing* social life.**

**All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir.**

**New singers are always welcome.**

**<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>**

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[saintsabounding@gmail.com](mailto:saintsabounding@gmail.com)**

### Welcome to Probus!

Convivial Lunch Club with talks for semi- or fully-retired PROfessional & BUSiness men and women on third Wednesday each month at Stephens House East End Road N3.

Next meeting 18 March: **Professor John Sutherland** biographer of George Orwell discusses his life and work and asks does he still matter?

Details from Eveleen (8449 0566)

## Letters

### New tube line, new stations

Dear Editor,

Road pricing in London appears inevitable in order to reduce pollution from tyres and exhausts and to free up the roads for bus journeys. So we will need additional public transport. The need for relief of the Northern and Piccadilly lines is highlighted by TfL's intention to replace car parking with housing at some stations on these two lines (*The Archer*, February 2020).

Morning peak congestion on the Victoria line is toward Oxford Circus, from Finsbury Park and from Victoria. This would be addressed if Wood Green, Alexandra Palace and Victoria stations were to have fast access by a new line through Bond Street station. Northern line passengers would have new shortcuts and Victoria would be better connected to Paddington and Baker Street.

The fairly straight route of an additional radial line would be Wood Green - Alexandra Palace station - Crouch End Broadway (a new station serving so many people who currently head for Finsbury Park or Turnpike Lane or use a car) - Archway (or Kentish Town) - Camden Town - Regent's Park with Great Portland Street - Bond Street (eastern end, nearest to Oxford Circus) - Victoria.

At the northern end, it could continue (orbitally) to White Hart Lane and at the southern end to

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Putney or turn to Vauxhall. Serving Camden Town and Regent's Park with Great Portland Street would facilitate orbital journeys, for instance to the Royal Free Hospital, Brent Cross and Wembley. Connecting Alexandra Palace station to Seven Sisters, as in the currently published Crossrail 2 route, would never achieve these benefits and would be wasteful of CR2's capacity.

If anyone wants more detail, or to discuss this further, I can be contacted at [transport@adamson-family.co.uk](mailto:transport@adamson-family.co.uk).

**Yours faithfully,  
Robert Adamson  
Leslie Road, N2**

### Axed trees

Dear Editor,

Have you noticed the number of healthy young trees that have been cut down in East Finchley? There are examples in Elm Gardens, Leopold Road, and East End Road, and I am sure there are other examples. Who gave permission for this destruction, and why?

**Yours faithfully,  
C.E. Russell  
Address supplied.**

**Any reader who feels strongly about any matter is invited to use this "Soapbox" column. Please note that opinions expressed are those of the writer alone.**



## Burning green waste harms our health

By Trisha and Peter Portinari

**Air pollution caused by vehicles was the main concern at a meeting we attended at Martin School in October 2019 but it was agreed that poor air quality is also caused by dust from construction works, chemicals in household products and other factors. At question time we raised the issue of bonfires burnt on allotments on a regular basis and producing toxic smoke.**

In the past it was acceptable to burn green waste as it appeared that the only consequences would be the foul smell. It's now known that burning green waste produces significant residues of dioxins, metals and other harmful substances.

These particulates are very fine, 2.5 micrometers or smaller, and are suspended in the air and carried by the wind. When inhaled they penetrate deep into the lining of the lungs and can cause serious long term health problems such as heart and lung disease, cancer and development problems in children.

There is a large allotment site with approximately 125 plots to the rear of our house. Bordering the allotments to the west is the Martin School and their playing fields, to the south of the allotments is Creighton Avenue and to the east is Coldfall Wood.

These allotments are allowed unlimited burning of green waste from 1 November to 30 April and limited burning for the remaining months. Bonfires are allowed regardless of wind or weather conditions. On many occasions we have been unable to use our garden and have had to keep our windows and doors closed.

The plot holders should have more consideration for others and do as we residents do: recycle their waste by composting and, instead of polluting the environment, return the composted waste to the soil.

Barnet Council has approximately 400 allotments with 4,000 plots. We would suggest that they follow Hammersmith and Fulham's lead in aiming to ban all bonfires of any kind by 2023; this would significantly improve air quality for Barnet residents.