

Proms at St Jude's makes £60,000 charity donation

Proms at St Jude's raised £60,000 for charity through its 2019 music and literary festival, and presented cheques to two good causes in November.

Toynbee Hall in East London, founded by Dame Henrietta Barnett, who also founded the Suburb, received £45,000 to tackle the impacts of poverty on young people. Proms donor, Valentine Thomas, daughter of Ambrose Appelbe who was a lifelong supporter of Toynbee Hall, presented Proms' cheque to Toynbee Hall chief executive, Jim Minton.

A further £15,000 went to the North London Hospice, to help people with a potentially life-limiting illness.

Niamh O'Donnell Keenan, Trustee of Proms, said: "Our donations are possible only thanks to the combined efforts of hundreds of volunteers and supporters. In presenting this year's cheques to both charities at Toynbee Hall, it was wonderful to be able to see Toynbee's redeveloped premises and to get further insight into the work of this excellent charity."

Jim Minton, Chief Executive of Toynbee Hall, said: "At Toynbee Hall we are very proud of and grateful for our historic association with the Proms at St Jude's. Proms supporters, many more



Valentine Thomas presents Proms' cheque to Toynbee Hall chief executive, Jim Minton

Every year, dedicated volunteers create a wonderful community-led festival of arts and culture. This generates invaluable funds for us to create opportunities for young people from East London who face real barriers, and also gives them the chance to share their stories and experiences on stage alongside some fantastic performers and musicians.

"Toynbee Hall has a long history of helping young people to create positive change and tackle the challenges that communities in London face. Thanks to the generosity of Proms supporters, many more

young people will have the opportunity to be heard, and create similar change for themselves and their communities, now and in the future, to help change London for the better."

Proms has raised over £950,000 for charity since it was founded in 1993, and aims to pass the million mark in 2020. The next festival is scheduled to run from 27 June to 5 July. You can now join as a Friend to support the Proms and benefit from members' privileges at www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/friends.php.

RON FINLAY

The Chair Man by Alex Pearl

The Chair Man is a thriller written by Alex Pearl. It is the story of Michael Hollinghurst, a successful corporate lawyer, whose life is dramatically changed following what should have been a routine journey on the London Underground. Unfortunately, it was the 7th of July 2005 – now known as 7/7. Most of the passengers in his carriage were killed but Michael survived. Confined to a wheelchair and experiencing survivor's guilt he decides to use the internet to try and prevent similar attacks. To his surprise, his efforts attract the attention of both the police and radical Islamists, taking his life into unexpected directions.

Michael lives in The Suburb and his son Ben on his way to

visit him is shown thinking that "You knew you were in Hampstead Garden Suburb as soon as the streets became lined with neatly trimmed privet hedges shielding their Arts and Crafts properties designed by the likes of Unwin, Lutyens and Parker. The place was unreal: a leafy village in the heart of North West London."

Alex Pearl is an advertising copywriter and author living in NW London with his wife and two children. His first work of fiction, 'Sleeping with the Blackbirds', a novella for children and young adults, was published in 2011. His short story, 'Scared to Death', a fictionalised account of the first British serviceman to be executed for cowardice during the First World War, was



published by Mardibooks along with 22 other short stories in an anthology entitled 'The Clock Struck War'. 'The Chair Man' is his first novel.

Emmonsail's Heath in Winter

*I love to see the old heath's withered brake
Mingle its crimped leaves with furze and ling
While the old heron from the lonely lake
Starts slow and flaps his melancholly wing
And oddling crow in idle motion swing
On the half-rotten ash-tree's topmost twig
Beside whose trunk the gipsy makes his bed
Up flies the bouncing woodcock from the brig
Where a black quagmire quakes beneath the tread
The fieldfare chatter in the whistling thorn
And for the awe round fields and closen rove
And coy bumarrels twenty in a drove
Flit down the hedgerows in the frozen plain
And hang on little twigs and start again*

By
John
Clare



EMMA HOWMAN

Fellowship House hosts HGS Art annual Fair



HGS Art we will, once again, be running their fourth annual HGS Art Fair at Fellowship House on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 April from 11am to 5pm.

HGS Art members are a highly talented and diverse group of people, almost all of whom live locally who produce a remarkable variety of original and high quality works. Their members include skilled painters working in different mediums, sculptors, photographers, potters, glass artists and crafts-people who can combine a range of materials to produce wonderful artefacts to view and to buy. Why not take a look at the HGS Art website where members have individual pages displaying

samples of their work with their contact details. So if you don't want to wait until April and if you are looking for that special present or want something particular created specially why not arrange a studio visit?



Another bonus is that once again at the Art Fair the wonderful team led by Ruth

Smith will be providing all-day hot and cold drinks and delicious savoury refreshments including quiches, sandwiches, home-made cakes and biscuits with all proceeds going to the charity Combat Stress. Last year they raised around £1,000 to donate to charity!

The Art Fair will be providing a young children's activity table outside on the patio – but HGS Art's main event featuring Children's Activities will take place a few weeks later at the Residents' Association annual Summer Picnic and Fun Day on Central Square.

DIANA BRAHAMS

WORDSEARCH

In our Winter Wordsearch we have included the names of 21 famous women for you to find. There is also one highlighted to start you off. Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Please send your entries by email to suburbnews@hgsra.uk with your name and contact details. The closing date for this competition is March 17. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 book token. Good luck!

MARILYN GROSSMAN

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SN140 WORDSEARCH WINNER & ANSWERS

The winner of the competition in the last issue was Diane Greenwood of London, N2. Well done! The answers are below. The 20 types of tea were: Motown, Country 'n Western, Folk, Madrigal, Opera, Rap, Classical, Jazz, Klezmer, Broadway, Ragtime, Rock, Aria, Roxy, Blues, Barbershop, Baroque, Call and Response, Hymn and Soul.

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