



Rosina Andreou and Ben Colombe were Mary and Joseph

Free Church Christmas Tree Gift Service

On 9 December at the Christmas Tree Gift Service the children of the Free Church performed a nativity play, 'The King is Coming'. The play started with Olivia Hughes announcing to the youth group that 'the King is coming to the Suburb'. A party atmosphere developed with the congregation joining in balloon games while the lights flashed to the best of party music. However, in all the excitement of the

festivities the group had forgotten why they were celebrating. The scene ended with the youth group leading the singing of 'Heaven Invites You to a Party' sung with flashing lights and the waving of 'The King is coming' banner. The younger children then acted out the nativity story with traditional and modern carols like 'Rat a Tat, Tat, Tat'. The play concluded with members of the youth club discussing

what the coming of Jesus means to them today.

A car-load of toys and £483 was collected for the Camden Family Service Unit, which supports families throughout the year, especially refugee families. At the end of the service the children lit the candles on the 12 foot high Christmas Tree while the teenagers with long handled mops dampened any potential fires.

JENNY STONHOLD



William Alton, enthralled by the candles



Alice Mo was angelic



Penny Miller with Toby



Paloma Cole and Alice again



The AGM of the HGS Horticultural Society, the Suburb's most venerable society, is always an occasion when its leading lights reward one another's efforts with rather beautiful silverware. Shown here are the winners for 2001 with the society's collection of cups.

Where are they now?

As the new Show Secretary for the HGS Horticultural Society, I have become fascinated by the way the Society's cups and trophies bring to life the history of the Suburb.

Their very names are redolent of Edwardian summers: the now lost Water Lily Cup; the beautiful epergne presented by Mr W G Bryce in 1948 in memory of his wife and in gratitude for forty years of happiness.

War took its toll. The shows were curtailed in 1939 by the outbreak of the Second World War. At its end, Tony Holton's parents commemorated the death of their young son in the war by the presentation of a silver cup, the Tony Holton Award, for excellence in the Children's Cookery classes.

Richard Wakefield's picture (above) shows the splendid

display that greeted visitors to the Horticultural Society's AGM last November. Sadly, over the years some of our trophies have disappeared.

Can any reader shed light on the whereabouts of the Water Lily Cup, the Coming of Age Challenge Cup, The Club Trophy, the Golden Jubilee Cup or the Tommy Skeate Shield. All seem to have gone missing in the Seventies and we would dearly love to find them.

Please get in touch if you can shed any light on these missing treasures of our Suburb's history (020 8455 7618).

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