

Garden Suburb Infant School's Festival of Light



This year the seasonal presentation by Garden Suburb Infant School was *A Festival of Light*. Two hundred and seventy children aged from four to seven years took part.

Garden Suburb School welcomes children from all over the world. This time of the year is a time of celebration for everyone and the children and their parents enjoyed sharing

traditional songs, readings and tableaux relating to *Diwali*, *Eid*, *Chanukah* and *Christmas*.

The concert was a culmination of work done in the classroom on festivals of light around the world.

The children all looked very striking in their national costumes and sang with great enthusiasm.

FIONA COOTE



Time for supper, girls

The Henrietta Barnett School Association's annual buffet supper is on 24 March at the school.

A school tour starts at 7pm, dinner 7.30 for 8pm. Details from Sarah Brighton 8450 2036, s.brighton@hopeuk.org

RNLI 'warm response'

It was a nasty rainfilled afternoon but lots of supporters turned up for the Lifeboats' November fete in Fellowship House. Caroline Smith, our local RNLI chairman said, "It was heartwarming for the committee and our helpers to see so many friends. We raised £1,193.12."

Farewell to chairman Gerald

After 18 years as member and chairman of the Garden Suburb schools' governing body, Gerald Shamash has bowed out. In fact he has been a governor of both secondary and primary schools in areas of London since 1974.

Gerald said: "The leadership given by a governing body is vital both to the head and to the school community."

Gerald - all three of his own children came through the school - is a solicitor by profession. He has drawn on his professional background to guide the schools through many issues.

KATHY BRODBECK



Christmas Activities at the Free Church

On December 15 at the Christmas Tree Gift Service the children of the Free Church performed a new nativity play, 'The Two Kings' written by two of the members, William Glendenning and Richard Orme. William and Richard introduced the play explaining that they had written it to help and thank the Junior Church teachers and to provide all the members with suitable parts. The play started at Herod's Palace with Robin Birch playing Herod, one of the Two Kings in the title. Throughout the play there was considerable humour including a clockwork sheep, which moved across the stage in the Shepherd's scene.

A car-load of toys and a cheque for £370 was collected for the Camden and Islington Family Service Unit. Wendy Summers, the Unit Toy Librarian spoke about the Unit's work supporting families, 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. With the hall lit by candlelight and the small children gazing at the magic of the tree they sang 'Away in a Manager'. The backstage crew, Richard Birch at the lighting box, Jonathan Orme on the Sound and Jon Darrer as Scene Shifter worked hard during the play and also wielded mops during the lighting of candles.

JENNY STONHOLD



Seasonal Performance at GS Junior School



More than 300 pupils took to the stage for a special seasonal production, *Creation Myths from Around the World*.

A pageant of pure joy consisting of story telling, poetry,

excellent singing, superb music, dazzling dance, original and exotic costumes, special lighting effects and sparkling eyes!

Congratulations to everyone!

KATHY BRODBECK

Your chance to sing Beethoven's 9th Symphony

at The Proms at St Jude's 2003

Saturday 14 June : Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra
Conductor : Robert Max

Experienced singers are cordially invited to join the Festival Choir William Carslake will take the choir rehearsals in St Jude's Church Rooms from 7.30-9.30pm Wednesday 21 & 28 May and 4 & 11 June.

Singers must attend at least three of these rehearsals as well as the final afternoon rehearsal on Saturday 14 June. We shall be using the *Bärenreiter* edition of the vocal score; this is not available for hire and therefore it will be necessary for singers to purchase their own copies. They are available from Boosey & Hawkes, Regents Street for £5.50. These can be ordered in time for the first rehearsal if requested.

This invitation is being extended to local choirs as well as individuals. Please cut out (or photocopy) the form below and send it ASAP (but no later than 31 March 2003) to

Helen Roose, 50 Meadway, London NW11 6PS.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

Voice: Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass *

I will bring my own score / Please reserve me a Bärenreiter score for which I enclose £5.50 (Cheque made payable to H.J. Roose).*

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