



*Olivia Brookhouse (above) was angelic.....  
... and her sister Amelia (below) was an entrancing slave girl.*



## St Jude's nativity play in aid of St Jude's twin

The Christmas Eve nativity play by the children of St Jude's Sunday school was this year in aid of the church's twin parish in Guyana. Alan Rafferty who grew up on the Suburb and has just started writing on the TLS, tells of his post university journey to Guyana:

In 1595 Walter Raleigh kidnapped the Spanish Governor of Trinidad and demanded that he guide a British party to El Dorado. The Governor explained that previous expeditions had all failed with great loss of life, and that El Dorado and its golden king were probably myth. Raleigh went anyway: three times.

Raleigh's route took him through the jungle of what is now Guyana and into Venezuela. Assuming that he headed towards Mount Roraima (El Dorado was supposed to be in the highlands around there), he just might have passed by the site of what is now the village of Jawalla, with which the parish of St Jude's is twinned.

Nowadays the trip is a little easier. One can board a plane in the Guyanese capital, Georgetown and fly to the rainforest air-strip of Kamarang, before taking a dug-out canoe four hours up the river to reach Jawalla.

Over the past six years three people from St Jude's have done the trip - Alys Edwards, Miriam Honeyball and myself, and the hospitality of Father Winston Williams at the other end has overwhelmed each of us.

The village lies in the territory of the Akawaio tribe and residents attend both Anglican and Alleluia churches. The latter arose after local shamen went to the coast

to meet the first missionaries, and returned with a fusion religion combining Christian and Akawaio spirituality. I visited during the first harvest of the year, and after dancing and chanting in the Alleluia church for a couple of hours, I was led out to eat and drink the various derivatives of the region's staple crop the cassava root. Amidst lessons in maths and history, school children are taught how to grow cassava themselves, but recent crops have failed due to heavy rains.

Also, much of the village has caught malaria. Mining activities have blocked off many waterways leaving stagnant pools in which mosquitoes breed, allowing the spread of the disease.

Nevertheless, the village remains vibrant and the church and Sunday school link with St Jude's is strong. Gifts presented to Father Winston in the past are still in use and the letters he regularly receives are much appreciated. I was able to take out fresh strings for a guitar Miriam and Alys had brought with them five years before.

Alan Rafferty spent two months in Guyana last summer. Father Walker plans to arrange an evening where people can learn more about Jawalla in the near future.

ALAN RAFFERTY



*Alexandra Levin (above) and Luke Gregson (below) were magnificent kings. Costumes by Sandy Ippolito were a triumph again.*



## Wordsearch winner

The winner of the last wordsearch is Joshua Sweiry. He has lived on the Suburb for all twelve years of his life.

He likes science and intends to spend the token on a chemistry book. His hobbies include tennis and karate.

### WORDSEARCH

In the box below are concealed 20 names, of three or more letters, of culinary herbs. The names may be read forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonally. CHERVIL has been ringed to start you off. Can you find 19 more?

Entries should be listed on a post card or a sheet of paper and sent to 'Wordsearch', 117 Hampstead Way, London, NW11 7JN, and should give the name, address and telephone number of the sender. The closing date for entries is 7 March 2003.

The sender of the first correct (or nearest correct) entry drawn after 7 March will have £20 to spend at Joseph's Bookstore.

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### WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

The Chemical Elements in the box of the last wordsearch were: Carbon, Chlorine, Copper, Gold, Helium, Hydrogen, Iodine, Iron, Lead, Neon, Nitrogen, Oxygen, Phosphorus, Platinum, Plutonium, Silicon, Silver, Sulphur, Tin, Uranium.

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*Anxious moments for producers Pamela Yap (left) and Mandy Komlosy.*



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