



A large congregation of young families enjoyed the traditional nativity play at St Jude's enacted by members of the Sunday school.



Dressing up for the Free Church Christmas gift service. John Marshall leads local doctors and others on the North London Hospice sponsored walk on the Heath Extension.



## HGS Rainwatch

The last quarter of 2004 had a total of nearly 9½ inches of rain, slightly over the average for the period. This disguised a very wet October and well below average November and December.


October's total of over 5¾ inches compares with a mean of 3½. In compensation, November and December each saw an inch less than usual. Some gentle above average rainfall for the rest of the winter would make sure the water table is topped up for summer.

All in all then, a funny old year, 2004, with the precipitation up, down and all over the place. The months of February, March, June plus September, November and December all saw well under the rainfall average for the month. But the exceptionally high total in August and October resulted in an annual figure of just over 30½ inches – about average.

Weather variations in the UK are almost undetectable compared with other parts of the world. 'Weatherwatch' in the Guardian reported on temperatures in Ontario, Canada in the last week of December. They started 23°C lower than average in the north and by New Year's Eve were 13°C above average in the south. We hardly have weather worth mentioning, do we?

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## A tribute



*How lovely it was to be there!  
Celebrating last night on the square.  
The champagne fast flowed,  
The fireworks bright glowed,  
So thank you and  
a Happy New Year!*

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## Kerem School's Chanukah concert

The Jewish Festival of Chanukah usually falls towards the end of December but this year, due to the Jewish Calendar, it came in the early part of the month.

Chanukah commemorates how, when the Temple in Hasmonian days was restored, all the Temple oil for the eternal lamp had been defiled except one solitary flask which would normally last for

one day but which miraculously burned for eight days.

The Synagogue Hall in Norrice Lea was full on 9 December when the Annual Chanukah Concert was given by the pupils for their parents and friends.

Each class participated in a lively, entertaining and innovative show rendering the traditional story of Chanukah in song and dance.

The concert concluded with the lighting by pupils of the three candles on the Chanukah as it was the third day of the Festival and each day a further candle is added to complete the eight days of the Festival.

The concert and the excellent display was much appreciated by the enthusiastic audience.

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