

## Celebration of Life Concert

On Sunday 4 November, the North Western Reform Synagogue (Alyth Gardens), in the presence of the Mayor of Barnet Cllr Maureen Braun, presented a Celebration of Life concert featuring the Alyth Youth Singers and the Pandemonium Group, led by the Alyth Gardens Director of Music, Viv Bellos.

This comprised a marvellous performance of Hebrew and popular songs that drew much acclaim from the audience of

eighty or so, that included local dignitaries as well as visitors from local churches.

This lively singing was interspersed by poetry readings celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Hampstead Garden Suburb from Rabbi Mark Goldsmith who also made a commendable address outlining the historic links between Alyth Gardens community and the Hampstead Garden Suburb that goes back over seventy five years.

There was also commemorative Shofar blowing by myself.

The Mayor's address, which complimented the performers and readers, thanked Alyth Gardens Synagogue for the concert and venue arrangements for this concert that was part of the Mayor of Barnet's Charity Appeal 2007-2008 that was supporting the North London Hospice.

ALAN BRUDNEY

## Centenary Edwardian Music Hall

The two dozen or so performers' enthusiasm quickly transmitted itself to an audience which packed the Free Church for an extremely entertaining visit to the music hall of a hundred years ago.

Turn after turn was introduced by chairman Mark Ormerod

wielding his gavel to great effect. Such was the pace of the show that the audience, which had been provided with song sheets, struggled to keep up.

Production was by Pamela Mundy and Carolyn and Stuart Killen organised the whole event

from scratch. Thanks are due to Rev Dr Ian Tutton and the Free Church for the use of the church not only for the performance but for a great many rehearsals too. More than £1,000 was raised for Toynbee Hall.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

## Suburb ReCycled Angels out to save the world

The reCycled Angels are a junior LA 21 group (environmental and sustainability issues) run by teens from the Suburb and North London.

Asked by the Suburb Centenary Committee to make a teen contribution to the celebrations, the group revived the successful Suburb Cycle Festival Quiz Ride which originally took place in 2001. They added a 'recycling theme' to the ride in which cyclists followed a route through the Suburb stopping at Quiz stations to learn how we can all do our bit to save the planet. Quiz entries were eligible for a prize draw.

This year's winners were the London family of the Suburb, whose children, Ronny and Gillad received a deluxe kite, donated by an anonymous reCycled Angel. Ronnie and Gillad wrote in to the reCycled Angels blog, 'Thanks very much for the kite - we can't wait to try it out on Willifield Green!

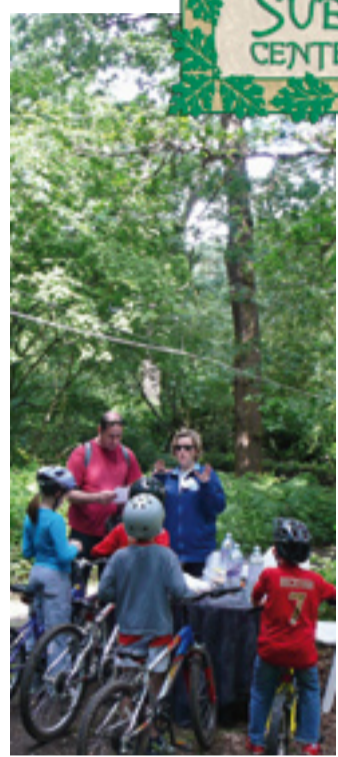
Daphne Boulicault, who is co-head of the Angels, said, 'Congratulations to Ronny and Gillad and thanks for sending in the great pictures to the blog. We hope to repeat the Quiz Ride later this year.'

The 'recycling your bad hair days' stand-up workshop was the

next project tackled by the group. With the help of Barnet Young Carers the Angels organised a two day stand-up comedy workshop with a recycling theme. Angels and teens with caring responsibilities were shown the ropes of stand-up by outstanding comedians Mark Stevenson and Jack Milner who led the participants through a workshop about gags, timing, and stage fright. Lucia Fletcher, co-head of the Angels and a Suburb resident said, 'I can't believe I've done stand-up! I never thought I would have the nerve to get up and do a skit of my very own. I loved every minute of it - a great experience.'

The Angel's last event of 2007 was a Green Teen Screening of the movie Who Killed the Electric Car with the help of Theo Hyman at the Farm Walk Tennis club. Students home from university, and an Angel's Grandmother visiting from Australia ate popcorn and watched this excellent documentary asking why we don't have more electric cars on the road. Pamela Angus-Lepann, from Sydney, said, 'This is an important film. It's great to bring it to a wider audience.'

The Angels are now hard at work producing a DVD of their

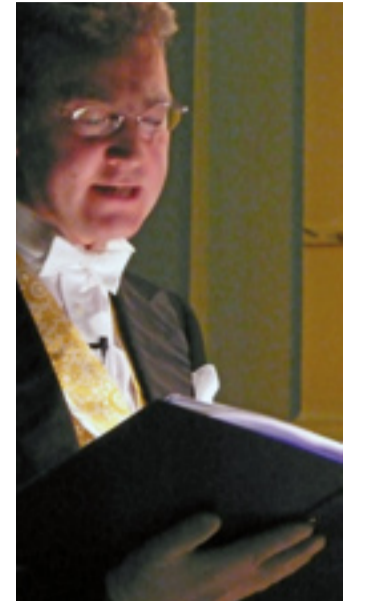


activities. This may include footage of the Future Friendly awards, as the Angels have been shortlisted for an award for green creativity.

Daphne Boulicault commented on the award, 'It's wonderful to be shortlisted because it means more people will hear about the Angels. But even though it sounds like a cliché, we really couldn't



Carolyn Killen



Mark Ormerod



have done any of it without the help of our mentor, Richard Wakefield and funding from the Youth Opportunity Fund. Barnet Young Carers were fantastic and Theo Hyman at Farm Walk is

outstanding! Mark and Jack, the comedians gave us a not-for-profit rate for the workshops which as so nice of them. We had volunteers and local businesses who gave us their support as well."

For more information about the reCycled Angels and all of their activities, you can email nancybou@dsl.pipex.com or go to the blog at: <http://recycledangels.blogspot.com>.

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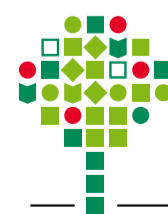
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