



## Seeing the Centenary off with a bang

Rather a lot of bangs and a very colourful display – the final event of the year was an extra special fireworks display on Central Square on New Year's Eve. The Residents Association has laid on a reception in St Jude's and New Year fireworks every year since the millennium and the reaction of the increasing numbers who leave their firesides to walk up to the square join in is always "You must keep doing this." Thanks are due to Rev Alan Walker and St Jude's, to the dedicated team led by David Littaur who do the drinks, to Dave Brown and his stewards who kept us in order and to Rosalind Josephs and the RA Litter Team who cleared up on New Year's Day.



DAVID AND BETTY MASON FROM MEADWAY COURT



### Christmas Tree Service

'The King is Coming' was the title of the nativity play performed by twenty five children of the Free Church at the Christmas Tree Service on December 9.

A splendid collection of toys and a fantastic £373 was donated for the Islington Family Welfare Association Young Carers' Project. At the end of the service the candles on the very tall Christmas Tree were lit and 'Away in a Manger' was sung by candlelight.

JENNY STONHOLD



A candlelit St Jude's was full of young families to see the traditional nativity Play performed by children of the Junior Church. A collection was made for St Jude's sister parish of Jawalla in Guyana.

### Horticultural Society coming up roses

In November the society received a bronze medal and certificate at the Mansion House from the London Gardens Society in its 'best communal garden' category, and was also presented with third prize certificates from the Mayor of Barnet for Barnet in Bloom and London in Bloom. By public demand, the flowerbed will remain on the green for the next two years at least. It has been turfed over for the winter, but watch out for a lovely spring surprise and something spectacular for next summer.



**Henrietta Barnett roses**  
Somehow the society got itself involved in the promotion, launch and sale of the Henrietta Barnett rose, originally the brainchild of the RA/Trust Centenary Committee. In cooperation with Robert and Philip Harkness, the society sold nearly 200 Henrietta Barnett roses at various events, including the Big Picnic on the Square. For the official launch on Press Day at Chelsea Flower Show in May, Suburb resident Lord Robert Winston and garden writer and designer Cleve West were drafted in to attract the media to the Harkness stand to help boost future sales. There are still roses available from Harkness. 0845 331 3143 quote ref HGSC.

Membership rose to over 400 for the first time in years and 2007 was the year we came online, with our own email address, which will reach any committee member (hgs@hortsoc.co.uk) and website (www.hgs.org.uk/hortsoc). To join the Horticultural Society and receive its programme/handbook for 2008, send a cheque (payable to HGS Horticultural Society) to Sonia Mathias, 87 Willifield Way, NW11 6YH (020 8455 7334). Membership costs £5 (£7.50 double; children free). The society is already formulating plans to celebrate its centenary in 2009. Please send ideas and suggestions to the Chairman, Michael Franklin (94 Oakwood Road, NW11 6RN or you can email us as above).

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Alderman Sir David Howard, Marjorie Harris, Stephen Crisp, Diane Berger and Gerard Wiseman at the Mansion House.

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