



Lord Archer was the latest draw to grace a Henrietta Barnett Literary Society evening. A capacity audience heard him discussing his books and life inside and out with Rev Alan Walker. Seen here with HB girls he seemed to enjoy the evening as much as anyone.

## Star line-up for 2011 Proms

Dame Felicity Lott and Sir Thomas Allen are to lead a star cast in this year's Proms at St Jude's Festival. The midsummer celebration of music and heritage will take place from 18 to 26 June 2011 at the landmark church on Central Square.

The Festival will open with an Opera Gala given by the London International Orchestra, returning by popular request for the fifth time, with acclaimed soloists under the baton of Toby Purser. Other top concerts will include a piano recital by Leeds prize-winner Alessandro Taverna, the Wihan String Quartet with cellist Raphael Wallfisch and a performance of Carmina Burana featuring members of the choir of Merton College, Oxford.

The organisers are again taking trouble to ensure that the free lunchtime events support rising

young musicians and include concerts for children. Local conductor Robert Max and his pupils will perform a cello quartet; there will be a string quartet from students at the Royal Academy of Music; and the Purcell School's Elastic Band will open with a concert entitled 'Round the World in 60 minutes'.

Jazz lovers will be pleased to welcome back Stacey Kent and her band, who last performed at Proms in 2008.

Maria Friedman, leading lady of Broadway and London's West End, will be making her debut in the Suburb.

The final programme will be announced in February, with details on the Proms website at [www.promsatstjudes.org.uk](http://www.promsatstjudes.org.uk) and on leaflets which will be widely distributed. Booking opens in the spring but you can enjoy priority booking by becoming a

Friend of the Proms for only £30. Silver and Gold Friend memberships offering additional benefits, including an invitation to a special soirée in March, are also available. Details from Thomas Radice on 8455 3125 or you can email [friendspsj@gmail.com](mailto:friendspsj@gmail.com) or visit [www.promsatstjudes.org.uk](http://www.promsatstjudes.org.uk).

Sponsors and advertisers who wish to support this wonderful community event should contact John Wheeler on 8455 3506 or at [johnac@wheeler23.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:johnac@wheeler23.fsnet.co.uk).

As in previous years, funds raised will go to support Toynbee Hall, the charity helping the disadvantaged in Tower Hamlets and the North London Hospice, which cares for people with terminal illness in the boroughs of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey.

RON FINLAY



At the Free Church Christmas Tree Gift Service on December 12th in the Hall, Northway the children acted in a nativity play 'The Christmas Crib'. The play started with two older children opening a box containing the crib figures and setting up the stable nativity scene. They then travelled back over 2000 years to Bethlehem and experienced the first Christmas as the younger children acted out the nativity scenes. At the end of the service candles were lit on the tall Christmas Tree and £400 was collected for the Islington Family Action Young Carers' Service.

## An invitation to come and sing

A day of enjoyment and instruction for all who enjoy singing. John Rutter leads us through choral music old and new, some his own compositions and a few surprises. Music is provided and can be purchased afterwards at a good discount, as well as CDs of John's choir, The Cambridge Singers.

Cost £20 to include tea and coffee, plus £5 for lunch if required. Proceeds will go to the St Jude's central heating appeal fund. Advance registration required.

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Registration form available from: [www.stjudeonthehill.com/2010/11/blog-post.html](http://www.stjudeonthehill.com/2010/11/blog-post.html).

John Rutter's Come & Sing Day, a choral workshop, 5 February 2011 11:00 to 16:45.

## Farm Walk Tennis Club awarded LTA Clubmark

Farm Walk capped a successful 2010 season with the award of the LTA's Clubmark accreditation – this is an indication that the Club and its facilities meet the LTA's high standards.

The Club's teams had already made a good showing in the Middlesex League, particularly the Ladies second team with an unbroken winning streak.

Finals day was as usual warm and sunny, with Theo Hyman winning the men's singles, Theo Hyman and Jeremy Rosen the men's doubles, Jill Vicefield the

ladies' singles, Jill Vicefield and Janet Scharf the ladies' doubles and Theo Hyman and Sarah Kroloff the mixed doubles.

The Junior winners were Tom Herbert in the boys singles, Ranya Mulchandari in the girls and William and Becky Alton in the mixed doubles.

The Club is planning to install floodlights, hopefully in time for winter 2011.

New members are always welcome and further details about the Club and joining are on its website [www.farmwalktennis.net](http://www.farmwalktennis.net).

## Wordsearch winner

The Autumn winner is Malcolm Hackett of Temple Fortune Hill. Now retired from the Ministry of Defence, he and his wife

have lived on the Suburb for more than forty years and their children went to the Garden Suburb School.

### WORDSEARCH

In the box below are concealed 20 names of composers of FOUR or more letters; and an extra one highlighted to start you off (don't include it in your total!) Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Entries should be listed on paper or a postcard and sent to Diana Woodfield, 5 Erskine Hill, NW11 6HA with your name, address and phone number. The closing date is March 11. The sender of the first correct (or nearly correct) entry will win a £20 voucher from Joseph's Bookstore.

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### AUTUMN WORDSEARCH ANSWER

The 20 newspapers or magazines were: Big Issue, Country Life, Economist, Evening Standard, Guardian, Hello, Ideal Home, Independent, Le Monde, Mail, Pravda, Spectator, Tatler, Times, Time Out and Which. SUBURB NEWS IS PRODUCED AND DELIVERED TO YOU BY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

## Every Suburb home should have one

In her foreword to another meticulously researched book by Mervyn Miller, Baroness Andrews, Chair of English Heritage, writes, "This book tells the story of garden cities and garden city settlements. The significance of the movement has sometimes been overlooked. Howard's ideas inspired not just the handful of settlements with the garden city tag, but also housing provision in almost every town in the country as well as further afield.

Garden city settlements are, therefore, important: they have special qualities beyond just the picturesque, with high standards of design in architecture and landscaping. However they are fragile environments."

Written by the leading authority in the field, this book tells the story of a major development in England's urban and planning history and provides a timely popular survey of the achievements of the Garden City Movement and the challenge of change.

English Garden Cities, £9.99, at the Garden Suburb Gallery.



## Life After Debt

Turner Drive resident, a different Peter Phillips, has written a delightful book on a subject that most, if not all, of us would not regard as particularly delightful – namely bankruptcy.

But bankruptcy, according to Mr Phillips, is not what it used to be. One of the pre-eminent figures in the British insolvency industry, Mr Phillips points out that financial failure is no longer considered an irredeemable sin and gone are the days of moral rebuke and Dickensian dungeons.

Mr Phillips has spent more than 40 years in the business and stresses that the work of he and his colleagues has little to do with vultures picking the dead remains of a declining company but rather trying to salvage a business as a going concern.

His career is full of characters and incidents that depict the fortunes of the Great and the Good, the Flawed and the Fraudulent who through incompetence and

arrogance have damaged a vast array of sound businesses. He has been involved with such spectacular failures as the British & Commonwealth affair and the notorious estate of Robert Maxwell. One of the high points of Mr Phillips book is his opportunity to examine Maxwell's safe deposit box in Lichtenstein which instead of containing remarkable financial secrets had but one lone rubber band.

The book contains a valuable glossary of terms which will help the layman understand the nature of receivership and administration. There are a number of hilarious cartoons which do cheer up the anxious credit unworthy. "Relax," says Mr Phillips, "there is a life after debt."

Peter Phillips' book is published by Troubadour Publications. Its list price is £12.50 and copies are available at Joseph's book store.

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