

More than ever enjoy RA's New Year party

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Shortly before midnight, there was a surge for the exits as people made their way on to what had become the 'bog' in Central Square. Sensible were those in wellies.

The numbers meant that many were still leaving the Church as

the Big Ben bong was heard via live broadcast. However, the delay to the display certainly did not detract from its magnificence. 'Oohs' and 'aahs' echoed around the crowd as people huddled together, necks craned and mobile phones held aloft. 'Best display

ever' could be heard over and over. It really was a treat to the senses: colourful, loud, exciting, creative – a hum-dinger of a display.

None of it would have been possible without the incredible energy of David Littaur and his RA Firework Sub Committee, as

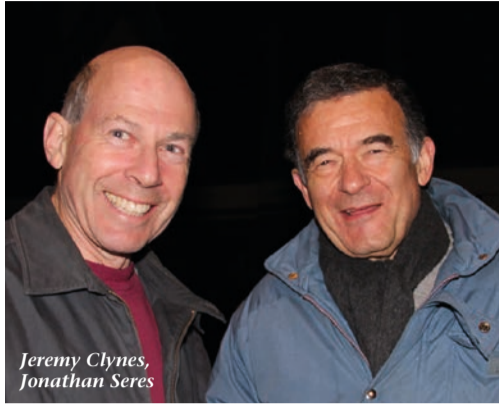
well as the volunteering stewards, bar staff and the Rev Alan and Mrs Walker. Thanks also must go to the many that donated and helped raise a record amount of just short of £1,000.

Save the date for 2014!

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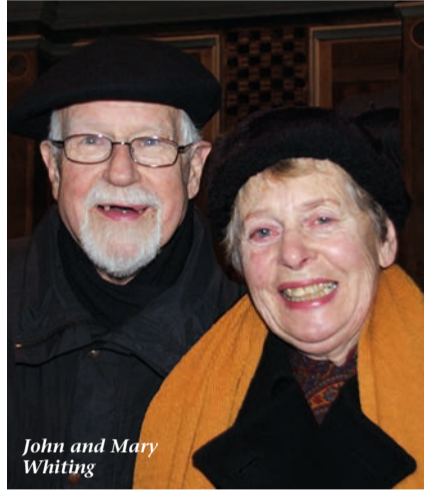
Charles Gale, David Littaur



Jeremy Clymes, Jonathan Seres



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John and Mary Whiting



Simon and Laura Leadsford



Pam Yap and daughter



Hilda Williams

Garden Suburb pupil design wins

MP Mike Freer asked all junior school pupils in the constituency to enter a competition to design his Christmas card.

The winner was Leon Luc at the Garden Suburb Junior school seen here with the MP and his splendid design.



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(Above) The Free Church Hall was full for the Christmas Tree Gift Service on December 15 and about twenty-five children and young people acted in a play 'Dr Who and the Strangers at the Inn'. The nativity story was seen through the eyes of Dr Who and her companions. They travelled back over 2,000 years to Bethlehem and experienced the first Christmas. An offering of £642 was collected for the Islington Young Carers' Project to use for activities like Ice Skating and Cinema trips for the young carers. Then the children lit candles on the Christmas Tree and sang 'Away in a Manger' by candlelight.

(Right) Nativity play at St Jude's



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