

# Fellowship House reopens

On 2 March Fellowship House on Willfield Green reopened its doors for business as usual. The day before there had been a well attended opening reception for appeal donors whose superb generosity made possible the extensive refurbishment and extension project.

This seven-month job, taking nearly three years to plan and build, finished on schedule and within budget, has resulted in a modern amenity of which the Suburb can be justly proud.

The two-metre extension has brought much needed extra space to the three interlinked public areas within, whilst enhancing the building's 1950s architectural integrity. The roof

has been strengthened; access, safety, equipment, furnishing and ease of circulation have been brought up to 21st century standards. The main hall now seats up to 100 and a smaller room, equipped as an art gallery, 35. There is a removable stage and an up to date audiovisual system. A new kitchen has also been fitted.

Outside, a new people friendly courtyard garden replaces the old inaccessible lawn and difficult steps. Four planting areas will, in time, green up and soften the present hard edges.

The total project cost was £350K. This was met by Eileen Whelan's wonderful bequest (£188K), Fellowship resources

(£74K) and Appeal donations from Suburb residents (£88K).

Fellowship House as well as being the home of HGS Fellowship, a 100-year old charity dedicated to residents over 60, is also a valuable and unique amenity available to the wider Suburb. It is entirely secular and independent and serves as a venue for many local clubs, groups and activities as well as being available for private hire, with or without catering. For all enquiries please contact the chairman, Louise Scheuer on 8455 5459 or email her at [scheuer.louise@gmail.com](mailto:scheuer.louise@gmail.com). A new website is being built at [www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk](http://www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk) where all relevant information will soon be available.



Sally Botterill and Peter Blackstaffe enjoying the new facilities



## Summer Fun Day 2015



All fired up and ready to go – Suburb children, if not the donkeys, at last year's Residents Association Fun Day!

When you wake up on Sunday 28 June this year and the kids ask 'What are we doing today?', you can breathe a sigh of relief because an afternoon of fun and cakes and donkeys is on hand.

If you head up to Central Square you'll be met by a vast array of activities and events. You will also find a large picnic space for you to enjoy with your family and friends – bring your own blanket or hire a table and chairs for the afternoon.

Kick off the afternoon with Happy Hour between 12.30-1.30

and pick up a free drink. Then have a wander around, enjoy the vibe and visit one of the many attractions and stalls. You can even have a dance to live music from our very own local band *Sound of the Suburb*.

It promises to be a super afternoon with something for everyone. So, if you want to channel your inner Mary Berry, you can make something for the Cake Stall or perhaps you fancy yourself as the next Andy Murray? Then enjoy a volley with our Tennis pro. Maybe your hero

is Frank Lampard? Have a kickabout and 'beat the goalie'.

All proceeds go to support the various events put on each year by the RA Events Committee.

### A TASTER OF WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- Punch & Judy
- Several Fairground attractions
- Donkey Rides
- Beat the Goalie
- Tennis Demos
- Cookery Demos
- Children's entertainer
- Magician
- Face Painting
- Make up Demos
- Story teller
- Homemade cake stall
- Crepe & Ice Cream stalls
- A variety of Raffles

If you'd like to join our Volunteers Rota and be part of the team to put up gazebos or sell cakes for example, please email [raevents@hgs.org.uk](mailto:raevents@hgs.org.uk).



Punch & Judy, always a firm favourite.

## Bowls Open Afternoon



Are you already a bowls player or are you prepared to try something new? You can get fresh air in the company of fellow Suburb residents at the Temple Fortune Club. Try it at their Open Afternoon on Saturday 6 June from 2-10pm, or any Wednesday between 2-10pm as

long as the weather is dry. You can borrow bowls and shoes, and members and coaches will be there to help. To encourage you take the plunge, the first two sessions are free.

For more information please contact Pia Duran (captain) on 8458 2300.



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## Welcome to St Jude's

**Sundays:**

8am Said Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

**Thursdays:**

10am Said Eucharist

All Welcome

