



Combat Stress Winter Fair resounding success

Organisers of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Winter Fair in support of Combat Stress are celebrating, following their highly successful event on Saturday, 31 October, at the Free Church Hall.

Opened by Martin Bell, the fair raised over £4,000 on the day to help fund valuable mental health treatment for armed forces veterans and by now a total of £5,000 should be in sight.

Seven children, from 2 to 9 years-old, entered the 'happiest pumpkin' competition, with special first, second and third

prizes being awarded to Diana aged 9, Annie aged 6 and Reuben aged 9. Judge Chris Page rigorously measured each pumpkin's smile to find the widest, and was so impressed by all the pumpkins that everyone else got a prize too.

Other attractions included pot-luck 'arty' postcards, with local artist Annie Walker's beautiful water colour card selling for an amazing £200, Barnet honey, jewellery, pottery and a good selection of bric-a-brac. Home-made lunches and teas also did a roaring trade.

Combat Stress was also one of the designated green token charities for the month of November at Waitrose, Temple Fortune, which helped to swell the fair takings even further.

On the HGS List, the RA's e-mail forum, the HGS Combat Stress Winter Fair committee thanked everyone who took the time to come to the Winter Fair and gave special thanks to all the children who brought in their happy pumpkins for the competition.

MARJORIE HARRIS



NIGEL SUTTON

New Year's Eve party revellers



Thanks to David Littaur, Hella Schrader, Tony Brand and Talat Rashid (pictured above) and the rest of the events committee for organising a splendid evening.



PHOTOS: MICHAEL JACOBS

Calling all HGS artists

We know there are plenty of you out there, so please read on and consider whether you would like to join in a Suburb initiative, which should help all those interested to develop their art and benefit from being part of an artistic community.

Artists in the Suburb have recently suffered two blows,

with the death of arts champion Richard Wakefield who did so much to promote arts in the Suburb, and the closure of the Residents Association Gallery in Fellowship House.

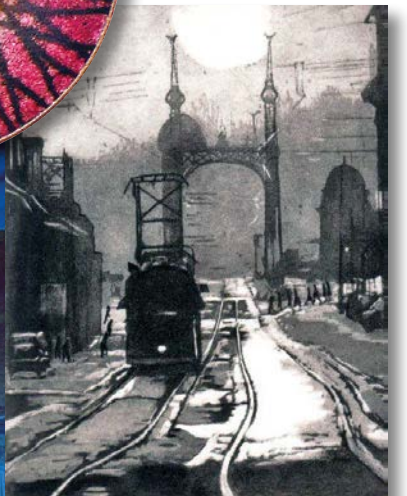
I wish to carry on from where Richard left off and propose to hold a meeting of interested Suburb artists probably

in February or March to discuss a number of exciting proposals to promote arts in the Suburb.

We unfortunately don't have a list of artists that Richard worked with and so this is an appeal for all residents that are interested, from all disciplines (artists, potters, craftspeople and others) to contact me so that I can build up a register and invite them to the initial meeting.

Please email Jeremy Clynes at arts@hgs.org.uk.

JEREMY CLYNES



St Matthew Passion

There is further news about the performance of the St Matthew Passion, which was reported in the last issue of Suburb News. This is taking place at The Free Church on Palm Sunday, March 20 at 6.30pm.

As reported there will be an augmented UK Japan and Free Church double choir, but we now know the performer for the Evangelist will be Ruairi Bowen. There are five soloists: Charmian Bedford, Peter Davoren, Tristan Hambleton, Amy Lyddon and Bazidir Smiljanic. Conducting will be Jonathan Gregory.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and donations are invited.



Attention all RA Litter Pickers

As some of our wonderful team of litter pickers may have retired or moved out of HGS, will all those that remain please register your current phone number and email address to the team organiser, Charles Gale, so that he can update his records! Our list will, of course, be confidential and not generally available.

Phone 8455 0493 or e-mail: charlesphillipgale@gmail.com.

Welcome to St Jude's

Ash Wednesday: 9am February 10

Mothering Sunday: 10.30am March 6

Palm Sunday: 10.30am March 20

Maundy Thursday: 8pm March 24

Good Friday: 10.30am March 25

Holy Saturday: 8pm March 26

Easter Day: 10.30am March 27

All welcome!

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