

# Suburb



# News



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(Left and above) A stunning display silhouettes Suburb landmarks

## Suburb residents celebrate the New Year

HGS residents, their families and friends, gathered in St Jude's church for the RA's annual New Year's party at 10.45pm Saturday December 31. More people than ever before filled the church, enjoying wine and snacks, including home made Indian delicacies brought by one of the many helpers. Luckily, the night remained fine and mild with no wind, which is the main problem with fireworks. As always, our locals love to party and talk and it is a tough task persuading them to go outside and find a

good viewing place on the Free Church side of the Square. It also gave those who have not visited the Square recently, a chance to see the newly designed lay out of the flower-beds, which will be a big attraction next spring. At midnight the church bell rang, welcoming in 2017! This was followed by a spectacular firework display watched by a large, spellbound crowd. Unfortunately, it all ends far too quickly and then it is time to go home with happy memories of a great night.

Although unlikely, if anyone missed this Resident's Association highlight of the year, they should check out the wonderful images at: <http://bit.ly/2jPUOM0>. A huge thank you to Alchemy Fireworks for their brilliant show and Richard Millward of Relevant for handling the logistics. Thanks also to the Reverend Alan Walker for kindly allowing the party to be held in St Jude's, and to the Borough of Barnet and the Suburb Trust for permission to use Central Square and the Tennis Court. Finally we thank our generous

sponsor of the night, Hausman & Holmes of Golders Green. Large events like this take weeks of planning and would not be possible without volunteers freely giving their time to help as stewards, collectors and general helpers. They range from 12 years old up to the 90s! Already, the Events Team are planning events for 2017. If you would like to help our friendly community in any activities for young and old, please contact [raevents@hgs.org.uk](mailto:raevents@hgs.org.uk).  
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## Shock and horror at Fellowship House

One might have got a shock visiting Fellowship House on October 29! Not the usual interesting talks, boring meetings or art shows, but instead, a complete makeover for Halloween for 2 to 10 year olds. Net curtains covered with spiders, bats on the walls, black and orange tablecloths featuring skeletons,

and a selection of home made delights including a chocolate cake in the shape of a tombstone engraved RIP! Our story-teller captured the children's imagination with stories and songs about witches, and the face painter was a hit as usual. One 2 year-old girl didn't understand why some girls had spiders and cobwebs put on their

faces, but was very happy when told she could be a black cat! Over 40 children turned up and it was nice to see our Councillor, Rohit Grover, with his two little girls. Thanks go to the RA for sponsoring the event and to the whole Events team for putting on such an entertaining day.  
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(Above) Alice and her daemon guard pose for the camera before tucking into an assortment of devilish delights.

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## HGS Art Sale

The newly formed HGS Art group is holding its first exhibition and sale at the beginning of April. The group has collected the details of around 80 Suburb artists of which about half have become paid up members. The group hopes more artists will join. You can e-mail Michael Baum for details at [arts@hgs.org.uk](mailto:arts@hgs.org.uk).

They are presenting an Arts and Crafts exhibition showcasing the talents of over 20 of their artists who live and work on the Suburb. Paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewellery, photography, silk painting, textiles and glass are offered for sale.

Some of the works on offer will make perfect gifts for Easter and Passover. There will be free workshops for children of all ages, supervised by two professional teachers of arts and crafts.

Also tea and cakes will be provided, with the profits going to charity. You can get more information on 07785 267718. The event is being hosted by Fellowship House on Saturday April 1 to Sunday April 2 from 10.30am to 5.30pm.



## The 105th RA AGM

will take place on Monday 27 March 2017 at 8pm in the Henrietta Barnett School Hall, Central Square.

Nominations for the posts of officers and members of the Council must be received by 17 March 2017. They should be submitted in writing, signed by proposers and seconders and have the consent of nominees.

Please send notices of motions and nominations to:  
The Assistant Secretary, Rosemary Goldstein, 1a Church Mount, N2 0RW  
(Agendas will be available on the RA website by 13 March 2017)