

SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK

CHARITY



■ Pupils at Francis Holland School raised close to £4,500 with handmade gifts

Christmas fair breaks record

Francis Holland School raised more than £4,000 a their record-breaking annual Christmas fair.

Past and current pupils were joined by local residents to run stalls selling handmade Christmas gifts of jewellery, cashmere, stocking fillers, Christmas cakes, puddings and wreaths.

Young Enterprise groups displayed their business skills

by selling specially designed hoodies, jewellery and t-shirts.

The traditional favourites Santa's Grotto entertained the crowds, along with the inflatable Surfing in the gym.

The proceeds will be split between the Swiss Cottage School for children with special educational needs and next year's FHS Summer Camp for local children.

COMMUNITY



■ The newly refurbished church was reopened by the Bishop of London

West Hampstead church to shelter homeless

The newly refurbished Emmanuel West Church in West Hampstead will be used to help homeless people get off the streets during the cold winter months.

The four new community rooms, kitchen and accessible WC with shower facilities be used by the Camden Churches Winter Night Shelter;

Thirteen other local churches already participate in the charity scheme.

As well as offering a place to stay, it provides help with mental and physical health problems, addiction issues, immigration matters, welfare and housing advice. Emmanuel West officially reopened last Monday.

The ceremony was attended by the Bishop of London, Cllr Nadia Shah, the mayor of Camden, and Tulip Siddiq MP. The restoration work, which began six years ago, has included the complete emptying of the nave of the church, a new oak floor throughout the nave, and the building of new rooms and facilities for the community.

MUSIC

LITTER



■ Locals add plants to the new bag boxes on Archway Road

Trash boxes on Archway road

Archway Road has been given a makeover with new 'bag boxes' for litter sacks after a successful campaign by local residents.

The silver boxes that have been placed along the road will be used to store litter waiting for collection, putting an end to piles of bags lining doorsteps along the street.

The boxes, which have room for plants, will also be a habitat

for hibernating insects such as bees, lacewings and ladybirds during the cold winter months.

The insects will be arriving in their new habitats on Monday.

The scheme has got the backing of Transport for London, local waste collection companies, the council and surrounding shops.

To find out more email archwayroadn6@gmail.com.



■ Hampstead Jazz Band pose with their instruments

School jazz band follow musical legends

Hampstead School Jazz Band performed at Lauderdale House last Thursday to kick off a new Jazz Season.

The young musicians were led by Young Musician's Big Band director, Simon Da Silva, in a 20-minute performance in the Long Gallery.

They joined a long tradition of legendary musicians who

have performed at the venue.

Their recital was followed by speeches and a performance by Liane Carroll, a jazz singer and pianist.

Running twice a year from May to July and October to December, Lauderdale's jazz season has been wowing audiences for over a decade.

Bands and singers usually

only seen at exclusive venues, including Stacey Kent, Jacqui Dankworth and Ian Shaw, have performed in Lauderdale House's intimate setting.

Damon Brown & His Korean Trio, Trudy Kerr, Allison Neale Quintet and Nigel Price Organ Trio + Vasilis Xenopoulos & Alex Garnett, are set to perform over the course of the season.