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Our stag stands proud against a stunning sunset

Thank you to Jennifer Walters for sending us this amazing photo of our East Finchley stag silhouetted dramatically against a fiery sunset. Jennifer, who works as communications director at Unicef UK, captured the image on her way home along the High Road one evening in October.

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Garden double

Congratulations to Caroline and David Broome who have won the title of Best Small Back Garden in the whole of London from the London Gardens Society for the second year running. They picked up their award in a ceremony at The Guildhall in October.

Equal congratulations to Diane Berger, of Willifield Way, NW11, who won the title of Best Large Back Garden, also for the second consecutive year. Both Caroline and Diane say they are planning major revamps of their herbaceous borders this autumn to create new and exciting planting schemes for 2018.

Floral glory

On Saturday 9 September the Free Church Hall in Hampstead Garden Suburb was transformed into a green oasis by a cornucopia of floral and vegetable delights at the 284th flower show of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society.



Petal power: The beautiful floral display at the Garden Suburb show

The heavy showers that punctuated the day didn't put off the gardening public and over 120 people visited to see the floral displays that the green-fingered members of the society had put together.

There was a total of 282 entries on the day with an excellent showing and high standard of competition in the dahlia, apple and tomato classes, which all proved popular. The veg trug category, often described as the Decathlon of the show, was once again hotly contested, but the show was quite possibly stolen by a fantastically eccentric four foot-long Tromboccino squash entered in the unusual veg category.

New local church community to take root

A new worshipping community was launched in East Finchley last month with the aim of supporting residents on local estates

Eden East Finchley is a new Christian community which will seek to serve people living on The Grange, Strawberry Vale and Market Place/Prospect Ring.

The Eden East Finchley team will aim to complement the existing work of church@five in Strawberry Vale, sprung from St Barnabas Church in Woodside

Park seven years ago, which already offers regular Sunday services and midweek activities for all ages.

The project will be led by Jamie Fletcher, who lives with his family on The Grange, and the Rev Helen Shannon, associate minister at St Barnabas and church leader on Strawberry Vale.

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