

# WINTER GARDENING

If hedge plants, ordered to replace drought stricken plants, arrive when the soil is unsuitable for planting, do treat the replacements with great care. - Keep them in a frost free shed with straw around the base and between the roots. Try to incorporate new soil or compost when planting.

Because of the drought annual autumn repairs to the lawns have been delayed until April/March. Rake the lawn lightly then aerate to a depth of 4 inches with a garden fork or an aerator, followed by a sprinkling of coarse sand - especially in the muddy, wet areas. Apply a spring lawn feed and finally re-seed or re-turf the damaged and parched areas.

Do continue digging heavy soil to allow it to be weathered by frost. Clear dead tops of non shrubby plants from borders. Fork over the surface of the soil between plants and bury the annual weeds. Look carefully at the bases of roses and perennials and heel in firmly any plants loosened by windrock. Similarly, firm in newly planted heathers partially lifted by frost.

So much of the fruit of the suburb apple and pear trees

lies annually on the ground, unfit for human consumption because, for lack of basic spraying controls, the fruit is diseased or pest infested. An annual tar oil spray, followed by careful pruning with simple chemical feeding, done each January, will improve any crop. Feed each tree 1oz of nitrogen every year, 1oz of sulphate of potash every second year, and 2oz of super phosphate every third year.

Why not try something new in the garden? Take an ugly or untidy aspect of your garden, work out why it is unacceptable, then plan what you can most easily and simply do to rectify the area. Having such an annual challenge and watching it develop throughout the year is most rewarding.

Finally a quick reminder to get the lawnmower, shears, cultivators etc. serviced and sharpened in good time.

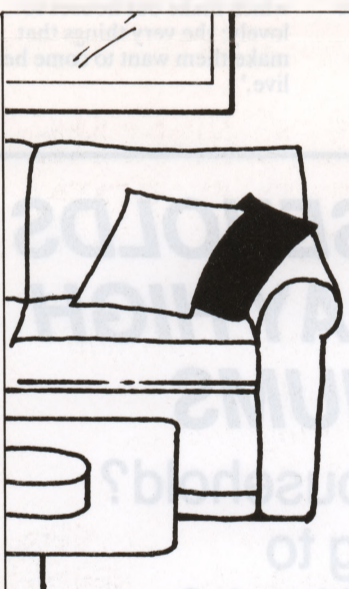
CLAYFINGERS

# ROAD ACCIDENTS

Following continuing complaints to the Police by the RA Roads and Traffic Committee, the Police ask Suburb residents to notify them of all road accidents, however minor, involving vehicles, cycles or pedestrians, for a three-month period (January to March 1991). The officers at Golders Green Police Station have been

instructed to record all these perhaps trivial incidents, and we hope to analyse them to form part of our campaign to reduce traffic speeds and careless driving on the Suburb.

Please also let the Secretary of the RA Roads and Traffic Committee know of reported accidents, c/o Free Church Church Hall, Northway. CJR



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# CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

The Nativity play on Christmas Eve played to an audience of fond parents, grandparents and members of the congregation many of whom have seen more Nativity plays than they care to remember but are always delighted by it.

Lynda Ayers' poetic script was beautifully performed by members of the Sunday school and St Judes junior choir produced as they were by Lynda, Jill Ambrose and Anthea Davidson with Barbara Honeyball as musical director.

This year Tanya Pakeman was Mary with Alan Rafferty as Joseph, Miriam and Jessica Honeyball with Elizabeth Moss were bearing the familiar gifts as the Kings of the Orient.

Other parts were played by Emma Gregson, Anne Marie Cunnold, Polly Edwards, Rosalind Moss, Holly Blunden, Grace Davidson, Frederic Wakefield, Alice Rafferty, Eleanor Ryle, Alexandra Moss, Katy Armstrong, Katie John, Wilhelmina Georgestone, Christine Cunnold, Lucy Blunden, David Gregson, Hannah Davidson, Stephanie Conaway and Lucy Handley.

Readers were Louise Edwards, Anna Bromilow and Lucy Handley.

Huw and Andrew Cox, Dafydd Edwards, Philip Ayers, Peter Kingsley and Louisa Radice were soloists.

Alys Edwards played the harp like an angel and Olivia Wakefield kept the props in order.

Robert Ayers and Tomos Edwards scaled the heights of the west wall to provide the lighting. RW.



## WINTER IN CONSTABLE CLOSE

*I look out of my window  
On a cold winter's morning,  
The grass is sparkling white, the air crisp  
And window panes are frosted.  
I press my nose against the cold glass,  
My breath clearing a view to the outside world.  
Constable Close is wide awake, the early morning rush begins.  
The frost is hastily scraped off car windows,  
The engines start reluctantly,  
Angry shouts from demanding children  
Slowly fade as the day goes on.  
The frost melts away,  
Wet branches of bare trees reflect the sun.  
Constable Close calms down  
Until Children return from school.  
Shouts of laughter, TVs go on.  
The day begins to darken,  
Nights draws in, the close is still, the road deserted.*

by Vanessa Newton

## WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Julia Fishman of Blandford Close, who won the Autumn Wordsearch competition on countries of the Middle East. Julia, who is fourteen, was born and bred on the Suburb. After going to St Christopher's School, she joined South Hampstead High School at the age of eleven. She loves her school; her favourite subjects are maths, biology, science and English, and her favourite sports are tennis, swimming and netball. Julia is also interested in drama. In her spare time, she reads, listens to Capital Radio and regularly watches, homework permitting, "Home and Away" and "Neighbours". She also likes to spend time with friends either window shopping or going to the cinema to see suspense or comedy films. Her ambition, when she grows up, is to be a



doctor or a lawyer. She enjoys travel with her family, and at some time in the future hopes to fly in Concorde! With her £10 Book Token, Julia will buy a couple of British classics, probably works by her favourite authors Jane Austen or Charlotte Brontë. EGW

## WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

Find and ring the surnames of twelve British Prime Ministers who have held office during the twentieth century. These are hidden in the box of letters. They may read forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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V W A X T Y Q N Y L H W C E L  
R E S T Z A T U M I X M L A O  
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A E I B O H U H A J E J I K D  
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B A L D W I N H P Q N Q R A O  
M O P F G E I E U O R U U S R  
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Z U H L K I T W A I B G C F E  
F G T L C H A M B E R L A I N  
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A N L W Y A X E B P S M F G R

If you are under fifteen on the 5th March, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, age, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, 5th March, 1991, will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer. Happy Hunting! EGW

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