

Garden Suburb School Fete



Radio and TV presenter Chris Evans took time off to open the Garden Suburb Junior School Summer Fete when more than £7000 was

raised by the PTA for the school. Head Teacher Janice Gribble accepted a pillion ride from fete sponsors Faulds Bike Taxis, "I was

hardly dressed for it but they auctioned a ride for me so I didn't have much choice, but I must say I enjoyed it" said the Head.



Nancy Boulicault who is on the Garden Suburb Agenda 21 Committee spent the afternoon painting faces.



Not only faces this time but hands as well!

Greening the Suburb

First it was Addison Way and Hogarth Hill to get the grass verge treatment as part of the policy of 'Greening the Garden Suburb' carried out by the Trust and Barnet.

Barnet's contractors were seen starting work on replacing tarmac verges in Bigwood Road in May. Stephen Brookhouse, seeing an opportunity for grass about to be missed, alerted the Trust and the RA who found out from Barnet that the difference in cost between relaying tarmac and putting in grass verges was £4200. Barnet had said at the time of accepting English Heritage's report on Greening the Garden Suburb that they could not incur extra costs over and above normal maintenance so the Trust Council agreed to half the cost and the grass was laid before the RA Council had an opportunity to discuss the proposal. At the July RA Council meeting the matter was referred back to the Executive Committee to come up with a proposal in September. Meanwhile Bigwood Road is a shining example of just what an enormous improvement grass verges are over tarmac.

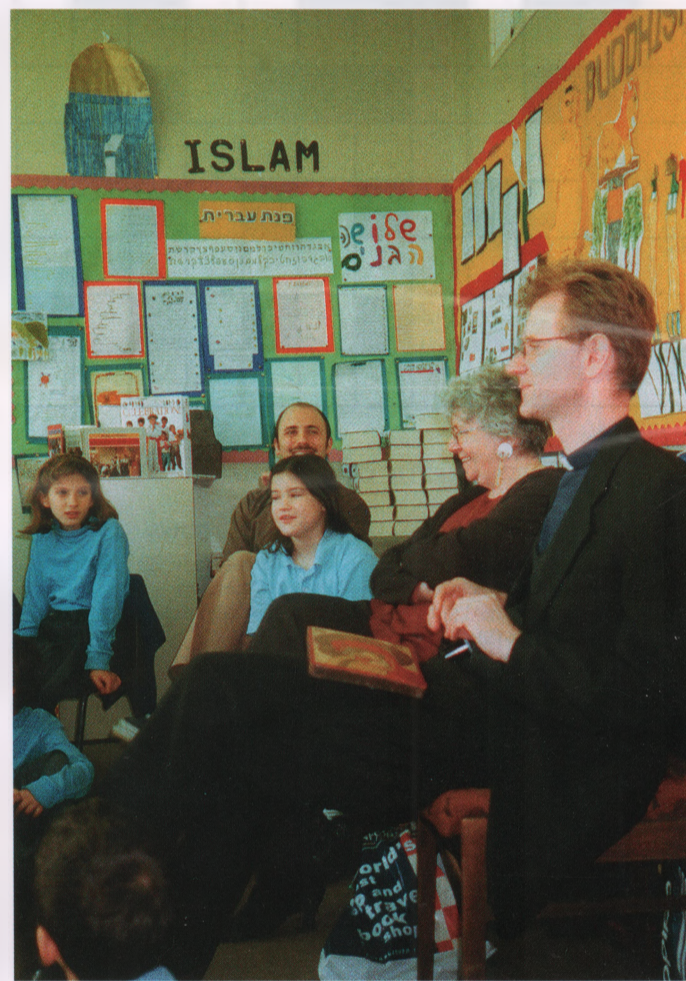
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Isobel Ficker likes the grass, and is tending her section, but would perhaps have preferred the red brick paviers that she says used to line the pavement before the tarmac was laid.



Below: Vivien Gear in one of the many quiet corners in her astonishing Welgarth Road garden that was one of three Suburb gardens open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme.



Above: Rev Alan Walker visits Year 2 and Year 5 from Akiva School at the Sternberg Centre to talk about St Jude's as part of the school's project finding out about other religions.

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