

# SUBURB NEWS



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## Boost for RA Litter Free scheme

Dr Rudi Vis MP officially launched the Residents Association's new Litter Zone Scheme when he joined a crowd of litter volunteers on Central Square to try out the 'bilateral litter pickers' that have been generously sponsored for the Suburb by McDonalds Restaurants.

Also present was Christopher Harris, representing the Tidy Britain Group who have said they are using the RA scheme as a model for use throughout the country, Cllr John Marshall and HGS Trust Chairman Eddie Caplin. Opening the proceedings RA Chairman Richard Wakefield thanked our MP and other

guests and said the Suburb was grateful to John Davis who had, over the past year, successfully built on the original list of volunteers and added schools, shops, the crematorium, Cafe Tulous and others to those who were tackling the litter problem. Litter volunteers were issued with their litter pickers and entertained to tea provided by the Family Holiday Association.

John Davis made a plea for more volunteers to help to fill in the gaps on the Suburb not yet covered. Contact him at 3 Ruskin Close NW11 or on 455 2277.

## Gauging our rainfall

Suburb News welcomes a new correspondent, Diana Iwi, who will report each quarter on the Suburb weather as measured by the gauge in her Meadway garden.

Diana, who has been a teacher of geography, has always taken a keen interest in weather patterns and hopes her recording will be of interest, particularly to gardeners.

## A clock that won't stop for Y2K?

See page 9 for a lasting souvenir for the garden, a millennium sundial designed by Erskine Hill resident Ivor Hall.

## Timeshare tennis!

The Institute owns the tennis courts in Central Square and at the end of Ruskin Close and is making yearly timeshares available for family use at less than the cost of a single sub at most tennis clubs. For details call Vicky at the Institute 457 5107.

**Trying out the litter pickers**  
Luke Gregson, Cllr John Marshall, Jennifer and William Armstrong, Dr Rudi Vis MP, William Glendinning, David Gregson.

## RA Annual General Meeting

Speaking to a very well attended Annual General meeting, Chairman Richard Wakefield said: "In my review I comment on the gratifying increase in subscriptions and Fellowship collection and would like particularly to thank the Membership committee, under Joan Beales, and all the Membership representatives for doing so well."

He was pleased to welcome Sally Murrell who has volunteered to take over as Membership Secretary and thanked Dorothy Unwin.

He said: "The street trees were a great success and I hope we will do the same again this year" and urged the audience to take the opportunity of studying the presentation on display of Georgina Malcolm's photographs which show where and what the new trees are.



(Below) Some of the litter picking party on Central Square

"John Davis's team of litter helpers grows apace and we are relaunching the scheme on the 11th April in Central Square followed by a tea party for all the helpers in the Free Church Hall.

"The Garden Suburb IA21 Partnership is getting going on May 24 when we are organising a Walk to School day with a difference. We are involving older students from Henrietta Barnett, and Christs College plus Fellowship members in helping children to cross junctions on the way to Garden Suburb School and Brooklands. Nancy Boulicault is organising all this and making it fun and memorable for the children with giant feet chalked on the pavement where they can write their names under a slogan 'I walked to school today'.

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The plans submitted to the Trust by Freshwater for redeveloping the garages in Denman Drive brought a number of neighbouring residents to the April RA Council meeting. Amongst their concerns was the timing for objections which the Trust had said should be lodged by May 4 only a few days after plans were to be unveiled at a public meeting in Fellowship House on April 27. They were assured by Trust Manager Chris Kellerman that there would, in the event, be far more time than it appeared for public consultation. See p 4.

## Woods painting competition for 10-11s

The RA's Trees and Open Spaces committee is organising an art competition amongst 10 and 11 year olds to celebrate the Suburb's woods becoming Local Nature Reserves. The Garden Suburb School is taking part and it is hoped that Brookland will also.

Entries from other schools and from individuals from the Suburb will be welcome.

A number of prizes, book tokens, bird boxes etc, will be awarded by a judging panel of local artists from entries sent or delivered to the Garden Suburb

Gallery by the 7th May. The subject of your picture is 'Our woods' and any size or medium including collage will be accepted.

Winners and runners up will be displayed in the Gallery during May.

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