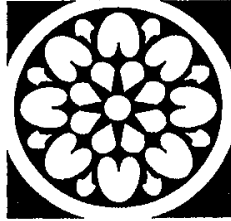


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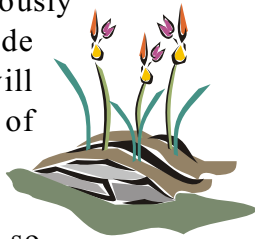


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Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Another bumper edition packed with articles from a host of contributors on a wide variety of topics from local news to local history, all organised by Anthony Coles. It was nice to see so many of you at our last event at Linda and Steve Williams's fabulously exotic new garden, and inside their lovely house. You will find details of the next lot of events inside. Everyone is welcome at our events, there's always a nice crowd, so do come along if you can. Also inside is a short tribute to Miriam Polunin whose sudden and tragic loss shocked and saddened us all. Miriam was a very special person and is sorely missed.



Stuart Houghton

AGM Questions and Answers

Traditionally the last item on the AGM agenda is "Question Time" and as usual this was a very lively part of the meeting. This year **Martin Davies** was the only Camden Councillor in attendance and he was bombarded with questions. Martin dutifully agreed to follow up a lot of these with Camden Council officers. **Tom McMahon**, Head of Street Environment Services then responded on behalf of Camden Council. Set out below are the questions with the subsequent answers.

Q1. Sight lines for the exit from Maresfield Gardens into Fitzjohns Avenue by South Hampstead School. This has been raised before, but none of the obstructions have been relocated. It is a difficult junction to exit safely with a dog litterbin, a post box, a lamppost and the zebra crossing.

A1. We will re-site the dog bin in due course, but the main problem here is the post box and lamp column neither of which we have powers to re-site. A Highways Officer inspected the sight line problem, which is being caused by the dog litterbin, post box and lamp column. The officer contacted the Royal Mail distribution centre (Greenford Branch) to arrange for the relocation of the post box. The Post Office will visit the site and draw a site plan. Once completed, they will log a call with their Romec Engineers to obtain a scan of the new proposed site. They will then raise another job with Romec to re-site the box and the lead. This will take six to eight weeks in total.

The Council's Street Environment Services will relocate the dog litterbin by Friday 11 March. Unfortunately, we are unable to remove the lamp column from its location as it illuminates the adjacent zebra crossing. However, I am sure the re-sitting of the litterbin and post box will alleviate the sight problem at this location.

Q2. Investigate a bench part way up the hill on Netherhall Gardens from the Finchley Road - possibly by the bend. A number of residents find it difficult to get all the way up the hill with shopping and would appreciate a bench part way up

A2. One of my officers has put in a request for a second-hand bench to be refurbished and sited opposite No.2 Netherhall Gardens on the slope leading up from Finchley Road for the benefit of pedestrians. I regret that I do not currently have a timescale for this work. [Note: A second bench has been re-installed at the top of Trinity Walk outside the school].

Q3. Recycling. When will the recycling collection be extended to cardboard and plastic bottles in Frognaal & Fitzjohns?

A3. Additional materials will be introduced over the next two years. A pilot mixed recyclables collection is taking place on one round which includes plastic bottles and card and the intention is to roll this out borough wide over the next two years as the existing vehicles come to the end of their operational lives. Any changes to the recycling services available will be communicated through the local press, leaflet drops and the Council website.

Onyx Contractors

Q4. Please can they be reminded to put the lids back on dustbins? I believe that this is a contractual requirement, which they seem not to be fulfilling in a number of streets.

Q5. Whilst residents appreciate that rubbish is moved into the street early to speed up collection, please can the contractors ensure that the rubbish remains in bins to deter foxes from getting to the rubbish before Onyx ?

Q6. Please can they be asked to put back the large industrial waste bin from Anna Freud House (21 Maresfield) rather than leave it blocking the entrance or in a residents parking bay ?

A4, A5 & A6. A meeting has been held with Onyx's refuse contract manager to specifically discuss these items. I can confirm that Onyx have agreed to action these. The local Street Environment Officer will add these to the local monitoring locations for the next 4 weeks to ensure compliance.

Q7. Heathcourt in Frognal have asked the Council twice about neighbour's bins being left uncovered and the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved.

A7. We cannot force residents to have bins with lids on. All the properties in front of Heath Court and either side have small bin chambers where the dustbins are stored or have *Eurobins* with lids. No domestic bins are kept on the street at all. This may be an issue for Environmental Health.

Trinity Walk

Q8. Please can you confirm that this walkway will be gritted urgently in bad weather as promised to me previously? The gradient is very steep and it is well used. Also, the entrance to Holy Trinity Primary School is on the hill.

A8. I will endeavour during periods of inclement

weather to make sure that this is gritted, beginning 22 February 2005 at 18.00 hours.

Q9. Some residents asked if one side of the walkway could be stepped. I would be grateful if you could comment on the feasibility, including cost, of this.

A9. The Council has included improvements to Trinity Walk such as enhanced lighting, non-slip surfacing and amended handrails as part of a bid to Transport for London for funding for Swiss Cottage Town Centre during 2007/08 and 2008/09. The bid asks for £7,000 for feasibility, design and consultation during 2007/08 and £50,000 for implementation during 2008/09. Subject to the availability of funding, the feasibility of installing steps on Trinity Walk could be considered at this stage. However, it is possible that the cost of installing steps would be substantial. Until a detailed study is undertaken, an estimate of its cost cannot be provided.

Q10. Some residents feel that Trinity Walk is unsafe at night. Residents would like safety improvements to be considered. Increased lighting and CCTV were suggested.

A10. Trinity Walk is an area of approximately 60 metres in length. The Community cameras used are normally for Town Centres and high pedestrian foot traffic. We also only install Community Safety cameras in areas that have been highlighted to us as "hot spots" or high crime areas. In this case Trinity Walk does not fulfil these requirements. Also at present the Control Room is almost at maximum capacity with the amount of cameras we can monitor and only new locations highlighted by the police will be considered. On the positive side, 3 cameras are being installed along Finchley Road that meets the police's requirements and these should be operational by the end of March 2005. There is also the mobile CCTV van that is always available for the police or wardens to use in developing hot spots. However please be aware that cameras don't stop crime: they might act as a deterrent or help in providing evidence, but unless there is someone available to attend the scene, the cameras cannot help.

Subscription rates from 2006

As passed at the AGM the new subscription rates from 1st January 2006 are £5 for individual members and £8 for household/organisation members. This is the first rise for many years and takes account of higher costs of running your neighbourhood association.

MIRIAM POLUNIN

which added enormously to the interest of the meeting. It was as a member of our Book Group that she met the works of Arnold Bennett, which became a real passion for her.

Miriam was an enthusiastic gardener, which to her meant not only the pruning, but also the heavy digging! She maintained her own garden energetically, and also shared it with passers-by, leaving sprigs of herbs and lavender in jars on her wall for people to take. She gave regular time to the planting and maintenance of the front garden of Holy Trinity Church.

Miriam was supportive of her friends and neighbours. She was also hospitable and generous. Her Christmas Eve parties were the event of the season for many years. Those of us who knew her will miss her presence amongst us for a very long time.

Frankie de Freitas

* Mayer Hillman has kindly offered to look after licensing issues.

** Sue Vinten is the new Good Neighbours co-ordinator.

I am very sad to have to report the recent death of Miriam Polunin. Miriam will be missed enormously in our neighbourhood, where she had lived for thirteen years. While leading a varied and busy life as, among other things, a food writer and passionate advocate against genetic modification of our food, she gave generously of her time to neighbourhood matters.

On the NNA committee she worked on licensing hours issues,* involving her in attendance at meetings and much correspondence; and on the planning of the neighbourhood social events programme. Active on issues relating to other people, she had taken on the Good Neighbours coordinator role.** She was public-spirited, always available to help, whether with complicated computer matters or with mundane envelope-stuffing tasks.

She was a member of the local Book Group too and, although like other members she didn't always manage to read the books in time for the next meeting, once she'd read a book she always made challenging, thoughtful or controversial contributions,

STREET NAMEPLATE HERITAGE

Some of you may remember how we engaged with Camden Council over the garish and graffiti-prone, street name plates that had started to appear in our area. Happily there is now a clear commitment from Camden to try and keep everything like for like and respect the heritage of our conservation area.

This policy first manifested itself on the corner of Netherhall Way and Netherhall Gardens where the small tiles that had been scraped white were replaced with larger, properly fired, black and white tiles, together with a little hand pointing down towards Frognaal.

More recently, at the top end of Netherhall Gardens, the wall on the corner was partially rebuilt, and the hideous new style street nameplate was replaced with a neatly embedded row of new black and white tiles.

The chap at Camden Council overseeing this much welcomed change is **Chris Smith**, and he would welcome any assistance from members of the public in support of the work he's doing. If you see any existing tiles that are suffering, notice places where some kind of works would present an opportunity to re-introduce them, or just want to express your appreciation, do please give him a ring on 020 7974 2008.

Stuart Houghton

EVENTS REPORTS

Thank you to all those who supported the events to date this year. The **AGM** has come and gone thanks to the hospitality of Fr Michael Smith and his colleagues at Southwell House and to our guests Terry Weston from the Hampstead Sector Policing Unit and Camden Councillor Martin Davis.



Southwell House logo

So too has our summer **Garden Party** so graciously hosted by Linda and Steve Williams in their new garden. We were hopeful that the first weekend in May would be fine and after a breezy cold morning the sun came out as we welcomed many NNA members and their friends. A great afternoon of good wine, bagels with salmon and cream cheese, and cakes was topped by Steve's guided tour of the garden which was ablaze with irises, clematis, peonies and apple blossom. Thank you to all those who gave so generously in kind, especially to Sophie Kinston and Rachel Evans who entertained us with the music of Mozart and Bach and to those who contributed the £225 raised for our local Marie Curie Centre in Edenhall.

The **Netherhall Recital Series** at Netherhall House, courtesy of the director, Peter Brown have proved most popular. The cellist Jamie Walton and pianist Daniel Grimwood delighted listeners with their repertoire of Bach and Prokofiev in March, as did Natalie Klein and Charles Owen with a varied programme in April. The Music for a Summer Evening concert was another delight as Ruth Peel, Jacqueline Miura and Richard Pearce entertained as their audience enjoyed a glass of wine. However it was the international pianist Bobby Chen from Malaysia in February who was such a hit that he continued entertaining some neighbours at dinner in their house afterwards.



Anthony Coles

Well & Wise

Healthy Living Network for Older People in Camden

Hello from Well and Wise. We have big news. Since the early summer 2002 Well and Wise have been working in partnership with Age Concern, Camden Council and many other groups, and have instigated and carried out some very important work on behalf of older citizens of Camden.

Apart from the **Freephone Information Line 0800 068 2949** and website www.wellandwise.org.uk which is used by ever increasing numbers of older people and professionals and carers, a lot of other work has been going on. For example: the formation of the Networkers Team where Networkers have done a fantastic job sharing all kinds of information with older people, organisations and businesses - on such subjects as personal safety, winter warmth advice, healthy eating and promoting flu jabs. Then Well and Wise have also been busy setting up a model of Social Health to work alongside Medical Health, empowering communities and building confidence, identifying needs in specific areas and finding ways to meet those needs, challenging ideas and policies, producing publicity, leaflets, information sheets, newsletters, and self-assessment questionnaires, organising slipper exchanges as part of a falls prevention campaign, holding educational sessions and medication reviews, setting up focus groups, doing inter-generational work with school children, holding market stalls and events, cultural days, exercise classes, health MOTs, and quite honestly a lot more - but I don't want to boast!

This year the decision has been made to form an independent charity in its own right. Quite a brave step to take but a well thought out one and the courage for it has been drawn from the real success of the last two years and the amazing amount of new ground that has been broken and the huge numbers of people who have been helped and encouraged. The first steps were to go through an Exit Strategy, and set up a `Board of Trustees and a Limited Company. These have now been achieved and I am proud to be counted among the Trustees.

Our aims are to sustain current projects and continue to spread information. We plan to make our services available to other Boroughs and to other age groups and to extend our active engagement and healthy living training work in every possible way. Our funding will come from many sources, including the National Lottery and we plan to go from strength to strength.

Don't forget we are always looking for more Networkers. We meet once a month where we listen to interesting speakers, chat to each other, find out all sorts of interesting things to pass on to others and enjoy scrummy tea and cakes. Our last meeting was a hugely successful multicultural event and at our next meeting several speakers will come along to talk about alternative therapies - homeopathy, massage, aromatherapy, reflexology, reiki, yoga etc. Please contact me if you are interested in joining. You will be trained (over three half-days) and I know you will not regret it. I certainly have greatly benefited from my involvement and would love you to as well. Join us. Wish us luck for the future. Watch this space for more news. Keep well - stay wise. Best wishes

Pat Whitehouse(Tel: 020 7435 0798).

TRADESMEN LIST

Erratum - mobile telephone number for **Jonathan Beaver**, tree surgeon, should be listed as 07747 603 594

PLANNING, CONSERVATION AND TRAFFIC

Planning applications:

There have been a number of planning applications to Camden. These include a proposal to build on the flat roof of a two storey extension to which several objections were raised. An application was also made to add another floor to a single storey wing of a house. This was not objected to as it did not create problems of overlooking. In addition, the NNA, together with surrounding neighbours, have expressed concern about a proposal to add a substantial pitched roof to a flat roofed house originally built in the gardens between Arkwright Road and Netherhall Gardens. The effect of such a roof would be to make this unfortunate 'backland' development (as it is technically called) even more visible from adjacent properties.

I have also put in an objection to a planning application from Devonshire House School to remove Camden's condition, when approval was granted in 2000 for further building work, namely that the school roll should not



be increased. Hampstead suffers from an excess of school traffic owing to its past oversight of the link between the size of a school and its contribution to problems associated with traffic and parking. Camden has issued an enforcement notice requiring the owner of a property in Maresfield Gardens to reinstate the roof which, without seeking planning permission he has punctured with many roof windows.

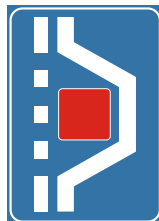


As a result of pressure from local neighbourhood and residents' associations, including the umbrella body of the Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee (HCAAC) and the NNA, Camden Council has now applied to the Secretary of State

for permission to ban estate agents' boards in our Conservation Area. There is therefore now a good prospect of seeing a permanent end to this visual disfigurement of streets in the locality.

Finchley Road Community Forum

Work on the so-called 'Waitrose triangle' is likely to be carried out in the summer. It should result in a marked improvement of this tatty area and will also be the location of the main bus stops for journeys to the north at present inconveniently sited much closer to the O2 Centre.



TfL (Transport for London) are in the process of installing several CCTVs along Finchley Road. One of them is currently being erected at the bottom of Netherhall Gardens, and there will be one in the subway.

Traffic

The feasibility of having double yellow lines painted at the junction of Nutley Terrace and Netherhall Gardens has been discussed with Camden. The suggestion stems from concern about the safety of vulnerable pedestrians, especially children, owing to vehicles obstructing sightlines and the difficulty of vehicles turning at this location. Camden agreed to this obvious improvement. The opinion of people living and working in the immediate area has also been sought to establish the extent of support for the proposal.

Mayer Hillman



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

POETRY GROUP

TO RHYME OR NOT TO RHYME

If your interest lies in reading or writing poetry, and you would like to share this with local people, you are invited to contact **Betty Shane** on 020 7431 5358.

GARAGE FOR RENT

Small garage for rent in Netherhall Gardens - please ring **Stuart Houghton** on 020 7435 6781.

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

St Thomas More Church at the lower end of Maresfield Gardens has a new parish priest - **Fr Gerry Sheehan** from Netherhall House, who replaces Fr Ian Dickie who has moved to Buntingford. (You may remember him walking his excitable Spaniel up and down Maresfield Gardens!) Canon Peter Philips remains in residence.



QUART IN A NUTSHELL

Sophie Kinston - violinist, and **Rachel Evans** - cello, are two members of string quartet *Quart in a Nutshell* who performed at the NNA Garden Party. Graduates of Chichester University, they continue to perform with fellow musicians throughout the country. Their repertoire revolves mainly around the Classical and Romantic periods, and they specialise in transforming solo works into ensembles. Enjoyment for the music, keeping a sense of fluidity, and engagement with the music and its audience is their key. For further details about *Quart in a Nutshell*, please contact Sophie at **29 Netherhall Gardens** or at srk1uk@yahoo.co.uk.

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Netherhall House

HISTORICAL NOTES

Netherhall House is home to around 100 students from the UK and overseas who are studying at the University of London or one of the other institutions of higher education in the city. It is owned and operated by Netherhall Educational Association, a Registered Charity which runs a number of educational ventures in Britain. Spiritual activities in the residence are entrusted to Opus Dei, a Prelature of the Catholic Church, although it is open to students of all faiths. Indeed, most of the world's religions can be found amongst the thirty or so nationalities that live here each year.

Opus Dei Finding God in Work and Daily Life

Netherhall House began life under the inspiration of the founder of Opus Dei, Saint Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975) who saw the need to provide for home and overseas students good homely accommodation conducive to serious study. In 1952, 18 Netherhall Gardens was opened as a hall of residence for about 25 students. The building had previously been a private hotel owned in part by a Mr Neville who once lived at 22 Netherhall Gardens. The following year 16 Netherhall Gardens was bought from the Diocese of Westminster which had been using the property since just after WWII as a Youth Club and was now keen for it to be used for student accommodation. This took the number of students to 50. Interestingly at the same time a residence for Dutch women, employees of C&A, was established in *Netherlands House* in Nutley Terrace (the part on the other side of Fitzjohns Avenue) which sometimes caused confusion for postmen and visitors alike!

Josemaria Escriva spent the summers of 1958, 59 and 60 in Hampstead in a house called *Woodlands* in Courtney Avenue, N2. In 1961 and 1962 he stayed in 21 West Heath Road. Josemaria Escriva was impressed by the diversity of London and he encouraged the building of a larger residence.

In response, and with a combination of loans, donations and a grant from the Foreign Office administered by the British Council, in 1966 the capacity was increased to over 100 students with the construction of a purpose built residence in the grounds of 16 and 18 Netherhall Gardens. The chapel was built with donations as this was not



Josemaria Escriva

included in the Foreign Office grant. The building was formally opened by HM the Queen Mother. The old Victorian buildings continued to be used - No 18 as living accommodation, and No 16 rented out to a school (initially the American Community School and subsequently Hampstead International School). The final development that brought Netherhall House to its current state was completed in 1994, with the rebuilding in Victorian style of the houses at 16-18 Netherhall Gardens. The foundation stone had been laid by Chief Emeka Anyaoku, then the Secretary General of the Commonwealth. The new buildings were formally opened by the Duchess of Kent in May 1995.



In her speech opening the 1966 phase, the Queen Mother spoke about Netherhall House being a 'home away from home' and this is what the House has sought to be since it opened in 1952. In 2002 Netherhall House hosted its 50th anniversary. Hundreds of residents and former residents from the UK and overseas enjoyed a weekend of celebrations. So many of those who attended those celebrations or who sent greetings from overseas repeated the same message of during their time in London, Netherhall House provided a home amidst all the challenges and great opportunities that studying abroad in a large metropolis entails.

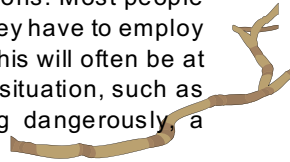
The family atmosphere is something Josemaria Escriva encouraged from the start. The residents dine together each evening and at weekends. Those who wish can relax after dinner and get-together in the main lounge. It is a home where students are encouraged to develop themselves. There are opportunities to be involved in drama, sport or one of the social projects sponsored by Netherhall House, such as mentoring children in schools, helping those who have fallen behind in their studies for one reason or another. Weekly guest speakers from the worlds of art, politics, sport, academia and medicine challenge the students to think in fields beyond their area of study, and activities such as the **Netherhall Recital Series** (a chamber music recital series attended by many locals) allow the students to broaden their cultural tastes and experience.

For further information please see www.netherhall.org.uk or telephone me on 020 7435 8888.

Peter Brown

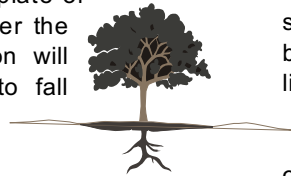
TREE WARDEN

I thought it might be useful this time to describe some of the commonly used tree pruning techniques and the terminology used by tree surgeons. Most people with gardens in this area will find they have to employ a tree surgeon at some time, and this will often be at a stressful time, in an emergency situation, such as after a storm, with a tree leaning dangerously, a branch fallen off, etc.



Raised root – plate or root-pad

A tree's roots normally spread out from the trunk quite shallowly under the soil, and a tree blown crooked by a high wind may show this circular plate or pad of roots lifted on one side under the turf or soil. A tree in this condition will usually be dangerous and liable to fall completely.



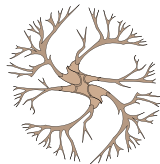
Crown reduction

This means cutting back all of the branches in the crown or canopy of the tree, resulting in an overall reduction of the length of all branches, making the crown of the tree smaller, and usually "tidier", but not necessarily less dense. Indeed, over time, the new growth encouraged by this pruning will often result in a crown that is more dense.



Crown thinning

This is the removal of some of the smaller secondary branches in the crown, while retaining the main framework of branches at its original size. This technique "opens up" the tree to let in more light, and reduce wind resistance.

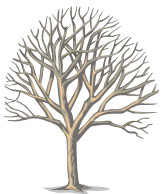


Crown cleaning/clearing

This means the removal of dead, dying, damaged or diseased or overcrowded branches.

Crown lifting

This is the trimming of all lowest branches in order to raise the height of lowest parts of the tree, for example to ease walking under low branches.



Crown balancing

Pruning the canopy to remove excess bulk from one side of the tree, to correct top-heavy or uneven growth.

Pollarding

The removal of all branches leaving just the trunk. New growth in response to this is in the form of a spray of young straight branches, giving a brush-like appearance. The treatment must be repeated at regular intervals to maintain shape.

Topping

The removal of all smaller branches from ends of main branches – rather like pollarding, but at ends of big main branches, instead of main trunk. A popular technique in recent years used by councils for control of street trees. Freshly done, it can appear drastic, but new growth is usually rapid.

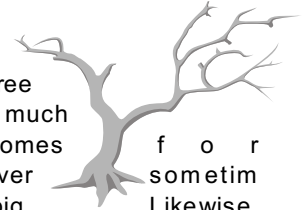
Felling

The complete removal of the tree, usually followed by treatment of stump to prevent regrowth.

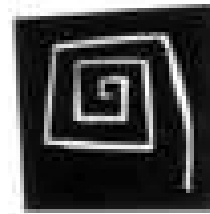
Stump grinding

The use of a special (and big) machine to grind up the remaining tree stump in situ, deep into the ground, allowing ground to be used again immediately. Often very useful in a small garden, but of course denying valuable wildlife habitat.

Finally, a word about dead wood management. As mentioned earlier, leaving a tree stump to rot away naturally is much better for wildlife, providing homes for literally hundreds of species over decades if the stump is big. Likewise, the removal of dead and dying wood from the crown of a tree is seen as essential management in a street or urban tree, for obvious health and safety reasons, but removes a valuable resource from the tree. If you have the space, ask your tree man to leave all the larger cut trunks and branches, in longish lengths, in a pile at bottom of the garden. This will become a wildlife heaven for years to come.



Noel Brock



News from the FREUD MUSEUM

THREE ESSAYS ON SHAME

An Exhibition by Penny Siopis at the Freud Museum - 4 June to 3 July 2005

Penny Siopis is one of the most influential artists working in South Africa today. Her career, spanning 30 years, includes her well-known history paintings of the 1980s that critiqued apartheid, and current installations and films that explore personal memory in the post-apartheid era. Recently, Siopis' explorations of the psychology of shame engage global concerns and reflect her broader interest in a poetics of vulnerability. This exhibition, *Three Essays on Shame*, invites Siopis to install a series of objects and artworks to mark the centenary of Sigmund Freud's publication *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality* (1905), and in so doing, visually explore Freud's theories on sexuality, in particular as they relate to shame, in wide cultural terms. In considering such issues, the exhibition comprises three interventions into the intimate spaces of Freud's house: *Voice*, *Myth* and *Memory*.

Free entry to NNA members showing their membership cards (otherwise £5).

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EVENTS

SATURDAY 18 JUNE : 8 pm

Music by Mendelssohn and Mozart

The Artea Quartet (fresh from the Royal Academy of Music and fast gaining respect in the musical world) play at Netherhall House, Nutley Terrace. Tickets £4 on the door. All welcome courtesy of Peter Brown, the Director and the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust.

SUNDAY 26 JUNE

Devoted to Life Walk

A sponsored three and six mile walk across Hampstead Heath organised by our local Marie Curie Centre. Further details from 0870 240 1021 or www.mariecurie.org.uk/events/devotedtolifewalks. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy your local heath with its breathtaking views over London.

SATURDAY 09 JULY : 2 pm

Silks & Spices

Lilly & Barinder Sahni open their house and garden at 55 Maresfield Gardens for an afternoon of North Indian delights of colour, texture and scents of oriental silks and spices. Tickets on the door cost £5 and proceeds will go to a local charity.

AUTUMN

Wine Tasting : 7 pm

A very special evening with neighbour, writer, broadcaster and wine connoisseur - **Malcolm Gluck**. Date and venue to be advised.

FRIDAY 09 DECEMBER

Christmas Party : 7 - 10 pm

Do come along to the NNA Christmas Party at the Freud Museum, 20 Maresfield Gardens. Tickets on the door.

NNA MEMBERSHIP 2005 : PLEASE RENEW NOW, BEFORE YOU FORGET...!

Membership numbers are disappointingly down which means fewer funds at our disposal for all the important things we need to do to improve the neighbourhood. So if you have forgotten to renew your membership, so please can I ask you to do so now? You may have a new neighbour. Please could you mention the NNA and urge them to join? If there are several flats in your building, could you enlist those who are not already members? Subscriptions (**£6 for household, £4 for individual membership**) in cash or cheques (the latter made out to the 'NNA') should be sent or dropped in to me at the address below with the completed form below. The updated list of **recommended tradesmen/women and services** will be sent to you with your new membership card.

Jenny White

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