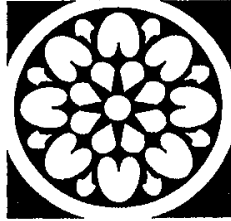


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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



2004 was a good year for our Association. Lots of events right here in the neighbourhood were so well supported and enjoyed by all those who attended.

Membership rose 15%, back to 2002 levels. There are already several events planned for 2005 as you will see from the insert accompanying this newsletter.

And what a Newsletter! This issue is packed with articles and information. We have such knowledgeable and talented neighbours contributing on a wide range of interesting subjects - it's worth filing away for future reference.

I have to say I had very little to do with all this activity. We are fortunate at this time to have a committee that is as hard-working and dedicated as ever. I hope many of you will come along to your AGM to show your appreciation - and vote them back in again!

Best wishes to you all for 2005.

Stuart Houghton



Careline Community Alarm Service

With this newsletter you should receive a Careline Community Alarm Service leaflet. If you are elderly, have a disability or live alone and feel vulnerable - Careline can help give you peace of mind. The service run by Camden Council's Housing Department is part of the Council's Community Care programme. If the information doesn't apply to you, please do pass it on to someone you may know who could benefit from the service or if they live outside the borough, suggest they contact their own Council for similar services.

Pat Whitehouse

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

NNA 22nd AGM

*Southwell House, 39 Fitzjohns Avenue
(at junction with Nutley Terrace)*

Wednesday 9th February 2005



7.30 pm

followed by a wine and refreshments party

COME AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NNA, RAISE ITEMS OF INTEREST OR CONCERN AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS, LOCAL COUNCILLORS, AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS

Subscription rates from 2006

We are proposing to raise subscription rates from 1st January 2006 to £5 and £8 respectively for individual and household membership. This is the first rise for many years and takes account of higher costs. We are also planning to introduce a facility for subscriptions to be paid by standing order from next year for those who prefer to pay that way. There will be an opportunity for members to discuss these proposals at the AGM on 9 February 2005, so come along and have your say.



With this mailing you should also receive a crime prevention pack courtesy of PC Terry Weston and her colleagues at Hampstead Police Station.

Sarajane Ambrose

EVENTS REPORTS

The **annual garden party** held at the Freud Museum in July was graciously hosted by Michael Molnar, the acting Director, and the resident staff - Gina, Francisco and Alex. Wonderful weather, good drinks, excellent food prepared by Gina, plus a guided tour of the museum made for a very pleasant evening which 33 members attended. The **picnic and music on a summer evening** at Kenwood, arranged by Jenny White and Miriam Polunin was great fun. Mayer Hillman's talk on the *Penguin* book he has written - **How we can save the planet** - provided a challenge to what he sees as the complacency in society about the need for massive reductions in our use of fossil fuels. His solution, the introduction of personal carbon rationing, was the subject of much debate among neighbours and students at Netherhall House, courtesy of the director, Peter Brown. Lilly Sahni's proposed **Silks and Spices** evening got transferred to an Indian Evening with wonderful food from the Gujarat region (west coast) of India provided by Rani's Vegetarian Restaurant (Tel: 0208 349 4386), wine courtesy of wine-correspondent Malcolm Gluck and *Cobra* beer courtesy of Alex Bento. Also wonderful home-made mince pies by Miriam Polunin and a fire roaring in the grate gave the evening a certain Christmas feel. Thank you everybody for your generosity in hosting, organising and supplying gifts - and of course to those members who came along. Anthony Coles

PLANNING, CONSERVATION AND TRAFFIC

Planning applications

There have been a number of recent applications for alterations to buildings in our Conservation Area, such as for the insertion of **multiple windows into roof spaces** and the **creation of parking areas in front gardens**. A close eye needs to be kept on this type of work affecting the external appearance of the area. Regrettably, it is sometimes started without the owners having planning permission. One major proposal in the lower end of Netherhall Gardens is for the **demolition** of an existing large house split into flats and the construction



of a mansion block on the site on a much larger area, both in terms of width and depth, and with two additional storeys (albeit not exceeding the existing ridgeline). A number of members, both those directly and indirectly affected, have either approached me or have written to Camden to express their concerns, and I have responded comprehensively on behalf of our Association.

School travel

Since the last newsletter, there have been two meetings of the **Consultation Steering Group**. I have been re-appointed as a residents' group representative. Progress continues, and we are already beginning to see the benefits of the reduction in available permits for parents parking on the street. As a result, there is somewhat less traffic and road congestion.

Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee (HCAAC)

The Chairman of HCAAC, Michael Bench, has retired after several years of sterling work. However, the Committee continues with its important work of commenting on planning applications in the Conservation Area and of co-ordinating the activities of all the amenity bodies in Hampstead in order to encourage Camden to reach decisions resulting in its character being 'preserved and enhanced'.

Finchley Road Community Group

Some of you will have noticed a welcome improvement as a result of the **removal of advertising boards and other clutter** on the pavements on either side of Finchley Road. Even more welcome, now that the traffic orders have been published and the consultation process completed, work is now scheduled to be carried out in the relatively quiet period next summer on

the **Waitrose triangle**. The slip road will be removed and the area in front of Waitrose will be paved to a high standard. The main bus stops for passengers travelling north will be moved to this location. It also seems likely that the temporary relocation of the bus stop for passengers travelling south (to a position outside 'Choices', the video rental shop), will be made permanent. Finally, those of you who are patient, will be pleased to know that the refurbishment of Finchley Road Station, including lifts for disabled

passengers, is to be started around the same time. Five security cameras are also to be installed in our part of Finchley Road, including one in the underpass. Mayer Hillman



NATURE NOTES

I'm sitting in a Polish farmhouse, watching the rain fall outside. A tree creeper is working its way busily up the furrowed trunk of a big horse chestnut just outside the window, probing his long curved beak into every crevice. He moves quickly, as if he is trying to dodge the raindrops. I'm thinking how much better would be his chances of living through the coming winter if his species shared the intelligence and curiosity of the great tits in the branches above him. They have recently learned how to peel open the blisters on horse chestnut leaves, and eat the juicy grub inside. This newly arrived pest of horse chestnuts (the horse chestnut leaf mining moth) has swept across Poland in the last five years, and is now making an appearance in England.

It has been fascinating to watch the highly intelligent and inventive great tits learning how to exploit this new food source. First one adult would visit the tree and we would watch him or her (they look the same) peeling back the skin of each infected leaf. The leaf-mining grub inside each blister is about ¼" long, and considering that each leaf held several grubs and the large tree bears many tens of thousands of leaves, the total weight of protein-rich grubs on just one tree must be considerable. Later last summer the same bird, or perhaps another of the new leaf-aware clan, could be seen teaching a large brood of newly-fledged babies the same trick. I am reminded of the media coverage given to British great tits, when I was a boy, which were then learning the very similar peeling trick to get at the cream under the (then) new foil caps of milk bottles on doorsteps. In exactly the same way, this highly adaptable species has learned quickly to exploit a new food source in 1960's UK and 2000's Poland. A successful pair can raise several large broods in a single summer, so these new skills are quickly spread through the population, and this intelligence and inquisitiveness has ensured that the great tit *Parus major* is one of the commonest birds on all Europe and Asia. (and also North America where it is known as the Black Capped Chickadee).



But to return to the horse chestnut leaf-mining grubs - also apparently an increasingly successful species. An affected leaf shows a characteristic (see picture) brownish blister - perhaps 1½" long by about ¼" wide. One leaf may have several such blisters. It is quite easy to peel back the skin and find the grub inside. The affected part of each leaf will become useless for photosynthesis, so presumably a heavily infested tree will be at some disadvantage, and grow more



slowly, and affected leaves are certainly unsightly, but I'd be surprised if any tree is actually killed by this creature. Leaves are temporary organs, and most are heavily damaged by a host of creatures, fungi and diseases by the time they are shed in autumn.

Nevertheless, if you want to clip the wings of the new pest, the best advice is to sweep up and burn fallen horse-chestnut leaves. The grubs apparently pupate over winter in the fallen leaves. My wife did that last year around our house in Poland and this year there are definitely fewer blistered leaves on the tree. But whether it was my wife or the great tits which destroyed most grubs, I guess we'll never know. So please keep a look out for this new pest in our own numerous horse chestnuts (the RHS would like reports - or tell me and I will pass them on). I have seen a few affected leaves on a horse chestnut in Waterlow Park, Highgate. So they're here! But I must admit, the first reports of English great tits exploiting this excellent new food source will excite me even more.

Something however, is killing street trees in Hampstead and West Hampstead. A number of different species are affected, so pests and diseases seem less likely culprits. If glyphosate poisoning - one of the cited causes - really is to blame, then the claimed performance of this widely-used weedkiller needs a re-write. If indeed it is only absorbed through leaves and is de-natured by contact with soil and woody stems, how on earth can its use on weeds at the base of street trees kill the trees? By the way, why is Camden Council, so committed in its rhetoric to "bio-diversity", spraying the bases of street trees with any kind of weedkiller in the first place? I think we should be told. As with most natural die-off situations, there are bound to be several causes, and the final coup de grace that tips a plant or animal off the edge of existence is often not the most important adverse factor in the organisms struggle for life. It was, after all, very dry last summer and trees do die of drought, don't they? **Noel Brock**

NEWS FROM HAMPSTEAD POLICE SECTOR OFFICE

There are now three community officers on the Frognaal and Fitzjohns Ward. They are PC Christine Lane, PC Julia Haggett and PC Craig Shenkin. To contact them if your message is non urgent please ring 020 8733 6610. PC Aidan Russell who was your last community officer has moved on to the Partnership Office dealing with Youth Offending. Recently there has been a spate of burglaries where entry has been gained via sash windows. Remember to secure all windows with locks and window stops. Use timer switches when you are away from your property, these can be set onto radios or lights. If you are in any doubt regarding your home security please contact PC Alan Watson the local Crime Prevention Officer on 020 8733 6610. He is always happy to advise.



If you would like to mark property in your home such as computers, televisions etc we currently have a stock of property marking pens, if you would like one free of charge please contact one of your community officers or myself on 020 8733 6610. Also if you have any information you would like to pass onto your local community officers regarding suspicious activity or crime please contact them on the number above.

Camden police now have their own website. You can look at crime figures for the whole of Camden Borough or for your own ward. The website address is www.met.police.uk/camden/camstats. If you urgently need to call police always dial '999'. If you require police to attend any non-urgent incidents call Camden Control Room on 020 7404 1212. To report any minor non-urgent crimes on-line www.online.police.uk Wishing everyone a Happy & Peaceful 2005.
Terry Weston *PC 134EK Hampstead Sector Policing Unit*

LICENSING UPDATE

As I reported in the last Newsletter, Camden Council are worried about the new laws for licensing premises that sell alcohol - and it looks as though they are appealing for our support. Under the new law, Camden will have to grant a licence for 24-hour drinking or music to any pub, bar, restaurant or club etc. that asks for one - unless 'interested parties' object. Councils will have little freedom to refuse any application, so Camden will rely heavily on residents who are

affected by applications to object if they think they will suffer if the licence is granted. Councils around the country are not at all confident that 24-hour licences will achieve the government's stated aim of reducing over-drinking and closing-time crowds, or resulting noise, violence and crime. Do we in residential streets need to take an interest? That's up to you: if you work late hours (or are a natural 'owl'), you may welcome the chance to pop into a bar at 4 am. If however you prefer your post-midnight hours to include as few as possible late



night car noises and lights from those who park in our streets, tipsy revellers or distant music, you will need to be active. The first applications for longer hours and more music will be permitted in February - and no one knows how many licensed premises near us may choose to apply. Landlords themselves may not yet know what they want to do: many who don't want to keep open longer may feel obliged to do so if nearby competitors thrive. Objecting will only be allowed on certain grounds, will require support from other residents - and may take a long time to have any effect, so anticipation of problems will be key.

You can get up-to-date information on Camden's special Licensing website www.camden.gov.uk/licensing, where you can register for email updates and alerts. You can also contact the Licensing and Safety team at Camden by telephone **020 7974 3534** or email licensingreform@camden.gov.uk or contact me (Miriam Polunin) on **020 7794 4692**. Is it worthwhile to take an interest? Well, we've just had a cheering example that resident effort can be effective. *Chicken Cottage*, a take-away close to Finchley Road tube station, applied to open until 2am every Friday and Saturday and 1am on other nights. But the Council has said they can only open up to 12.30am Fridays and Saturdays, midnight Monday to Thursdays and 11.30pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The Council said "in view of the concerns expressed by residents on crime in the locality" they had consulted the local police, who for crime prevention, supported earlier closing "to ensure that people leave the area as quickly, quietly and safely as possible", and approved matching closing to last public transport times. Some NNA members were among those who wrote with objections, such as the growing number of violent incidents in this area, the lack of public toilets, noise and litter problems. **Miriam Polunin**



CAVATINA PROGRESS

The story of the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust was told in earlier editions of the NNA Newsletters. Many members of the NNA are also CAVATINA Friends and enjoy the various activities specially organised for Friends. For readers who have never heard of CAVATINA, its aims and activities, a very brief description might be useful: CAVATINA was set up as a Charity seven years ago by a Maresfield Gardens couple - Pamela and Simon Majaro. They are lovers of chamber music and were getting frustrated at the fact that the audiences of chamber music concerts are ageing and no young faces could be seen in public concerts. They decided that something must be done to rejuvenate the audiences of chamber music events. Without younger audiences chamber music will ultimately disappear. With this aim in mind they set up the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust. CAVATINA has three strands to its activities: The first: school concerts/presentations in order to acquaint children with the joys of this wonderful form of music. During the seven years of the Trust's existence around 40,000 children and young people have had an opportunity to enjoy the experience of listening to chamber music in their schools. Recent such school events were held in neighbouring schools: Holy Trinity; Fitzjohns Primary School; South Hampstead High School, Rosary Catholic Primary School; Barrow Hill Primary School in St. Johns Wood and many others. The second: a FREE TICKET SCHEME for chamber music concerts is available in 14 venues. This includes concerts held at the Hampstead Town Hall, Netherhall House, Conway Hall and others. The founders of the Trust feel that the cost of tickets should never be an obstacle to attending chamber music concerts! A list of the venues enjoying the CAVATINA Ticket Scheme can be obtained on request through our e-mail

majaro@cavatina.net. It is a real joy to see an increasing number of young faces in all these venues. The Scheme is working! Thirdly there is an active CAVATINA Friends club with around 300 members which was set up five years ago. Members are all like-minded chamber music enthusiasts who share a love of chamber music. CAVATINA Friends attend special musical events organised for them, including a boat trip to Trinity



College of Music to attend the CAVATINA Chamber Music Competition sponsored by the Trust. Another exciting event was a School Concert/Presentation for adults (pretending to be children but no 'gymslips'...) in South Hampstead High School. The aim of this event was to acquaint the many CAVATINA Friends with what School Concerts look like. They are very instructive for children and adults alike. This event followed the formula of CAVATINA School Concerts and gave Friends and others an idea of the work CAVATINA does. Residents of the NNA area who enjoy listening to chamber music or playing in such ensembles

would be most welcome to join us. For details contact Nella Marcus, the CAVATINA Friends Administrator on **020 7428 9885** or email neljoy@britishlibrary.net. Simon Majaro

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

It is people like you who enable Marie Curie Cancer Care to provide specialist nursing care, totally free, to almost half of all cancer patients who die at home and thanks to you we care for more people in our hospices than every other charity. But for every person we help there is someone we cannot.

With your support we can reach more people who need our help.

Do you shop or do business in North London and would you have as little as one hour per month to spare?

If you can answer 'yes' then please contact **Andy Pickering** (details below) to

find out more about being a can collector this March for the **Great Daffodil Appeal**, to support nurses across the UK, or by taking part in **'Little Feet, BIG FEAT'** - a new initiative for school children, or other volunteering opportunities in North London such as the Field of Hope - which makes the hospice such a delightful place to visit in spring - and where people's memories are celebrated with daffodils.

Do you play a good hand of bridge - if so Marie Curie Cancer Care is looking for players to take part in its national Bridge Tournament this autumn. Contact **Philippa Cannon** on **01371 876731**. For the more active there are abseiling, cycling, driving, running, mountaineering, parachuting, running and trekking challenges both here in the UK and abroad. For further details, please contact **Andy Pickering** at the **Marie Curie Hospice, 11 Lyndurst Gardens, London NW3 5HS** or telephone on **020 7853 3411** or see www.mariecurie.org.uk.



150,000
pairs of feet needed!



HISTORICAL NOTES

Southwell House - Sixty eight years ago, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) moved into 39 Fitzjohns Avenue and named it Southwell House after the Venerable Robert Southwell, an Elizabethan Jesuit martyr, poet and friend of Elizabeth I. Over the years the building's use has changed from being a student house in the fifties, being used as a retreat centre in the early sixties and then as a home for old priests



and brothers for a period in the late seventies. In 1986, it was felt that it was not the most suitable building in which to house old men, and discussions took place about finding a new use for the building. At the same time, a working party was meeting to look at ways of expanding the traditional Jesuit work in areas of greater need. The working party came up with the proposal to start a residential youth centre which provided short courses, retreats etc for young people aged 16 to 25 years, from the most deprived areas of London. So in 1988 the Southwell House Youth Project was started (even if the colour scheme used in the house is not to everyone's taste!).

Today, Southwell House - with its director Fr Michael Smith SJ and sixteen members of staff - host many groups of young people from all parts of London, UK and abroad offering a broad range of programmes and retreats for those preparing for confirmation; those experiencing difficulty at school; those requiring strategies to deal with bullying; those developing leadership and mentoring skills for youth work; those working in areas of poverty in London, with refugees or on other social injustice issues. Each group has a specially prepared programme which is constructed together with the members of our team who are working with them. The young people we work with are not all Catholics - or Christians - nor necessarily have any religious persuasion at all and this broad view of our work is reflected in the composition of our management committee and staff.

Southwell House also provides courses for adults who work with young people - catechists, youth workers, teachers and parents - in such areas as behaviour management, child protection, group leadership, and the theology of youth work and exploring faith and spirituality with young people. Further information about our work can be found on www.southwellhouse.com (For the Greater Glory of God)

A.M.D.G.

[An update of an article provided by Ken Vance, a past director of Southwell House where we are fortunate to hold our AGMs]

The **Danish YWCA** (Dansk KFUK) was founded in London in 1907 and started out as a private initiative by a dedicated priest and his

wife who thought it would be beneficial for young Danish girls working as maids with English families to have a social meeting place for bible study and informal talks. From there it grew to its current incarnation at 43 Maresfield Gardens.

Today the main function of the Danish YWCA is to run a hostel with room for about 60 people. The majority of these residents are young men and women studying or working in London to fill a gap year between secondary school and further education. Another important function is that of being an informal "advice bureau" for young Danish people in London where they can get help with all sorts of questions regarding aspects of a stay abroad.

The maids are gone, but The Danish YWCA still runs an au-pair agency which matches about 50 Danish au-pairs a year with families living in England. Once au-pairs are placed with a family our service is not over. We keep in touch with them to make sure they are settling in and are happy with their family.

The Danish YWCA also organizes about two cultural/social events per week. These events are open to all and are popular with residents, former residents, au-pairs and others. The larger events, such as *Skt Hans aften* (St John's Eve) in June and various concerts with Danish bands, draw crowds of 200-300 Danes living in London, while the annual Christmas Bazaar in November is visited by about 2000 people every year.

The Danish YWCA is an independent, registered charity with backing from the Danish organization *Dansk Kirke i Udlandet* (Danish Churches Abroad). However the continued work for young Danes in London is very much dependent on financial backing from companies and individuals. Any donations are welcome! [Notes provided by Palle Pedersen YWCA manager]



Danish Churches Abroad

We wish all our members A Happy New Year.

Thank you for all support during 2004 - active and financial

Inge Ader, Russell & Sara Jane Ambrose, Jean M Anderson, Helen Annis & Monty Shaw, Esther Atkinson & Chris Ware, Anthony Baker, Carlos Barcenas, Ena Bard, Joan Barnes, Jack & Ruth Basrawy, Carole & Ronald Baylin, Adrian & Yvonne Bazar, Winifred May Bean, Eric & Jean Beecham, Francis Bennett, Michelle Bernard & Mustafa Zaidi, Anita Besson, Isabelle & Luciano Biancardi, Helen Bloom, Shirley Breakey, British College of Osteopathic Medicine (Peter Fabri), Iza & Noel Brock, Brenda & Thomas Brod, Jean Cadogan, Camden Councillors (Martin Davis, Andrew Mennear and Dawn Somper), Alex and Anne Carson, Andrew Cheal, Philip John Clapson, Barbara & José Colas, Sofia Colas and Nicola Grannum, Anthony Coles, Joseph and Patricia Connolly, Jonathan Conway, Harriet Cookson, Marie Costello, Edythe & John Crosfield, Donal & Rita Cruise O'Brien, Danish YWCA (Palle Pedersen), Philip Davis, Frankie De Freitas, Bertie De Silva, Hilda Eschwege, David Faik & Christine Hannis, Susan Farr, Ennio Ficiur, Tess Fiertag, Caroline Formstone, David & Rachel Freedman, Fiona & Martin Freeman, Freud Museum (Michael Molnar), Denise & Roy Friedman, Stella Gelber, Kathie Glasser, Ruth Glen, Malcolm Richard Gluck, Rita Goldenberg, Hazel Green, Ian Green & Susan Garson, Salvi Hagopian, Alberto Hahn, Douglas Hamer, Peter Hanson, Catrien Bossuyt & Simon Harris, Eric & Jean Hathorn, Daniel & Summer Hawkins, Rohan Heath & Emma Graham, Michael Hellman, Eleanor Hill, Heidi & Mayer Hillman, Amelie Hirsch, Diana Homa, Stuart Houghton, Frieda Houser, Jack & Marie-Rose Hyde-Blake, Thomas Indaco & Carol Taylor, David Irving, Lelia Madrid Issacharoff, Peter Ivens, Sheila Jalving, Dani Jeffrey, Claire & Desmond Julian, Jacques and Lily Julius, Michael & Susan Kay, Emile King & Daphne Johnson King, Verity & Warren Kinston, Cecilia Krasner, Lakefield (Lisa Clapham), Jackie Lançon, Susanne Lawrence, Esta Lefton, Gaby Low, Karen Lowe, Karen & Michael Lynn, Yvonne Lyons, Roseann McCrea, Ian Stuart McDonald, Barrie McKay, Pamela & Simon Majaro, Nina Malmsten, Marion & Martin Marks, Maria Martinez & Juan Estevez-Breton, Tony Martorell, Beverley & Simon Mautner, Ian Mitchell, Olga Mordler, Debbie Dutton & Steve Morris, Trevor Morrison, Kate Muir & Ben MacIntyre, MMRamos, Anne Murray & Alexander Rothschild, A Stewart Nash, Elsa Mari Nelson, Netherhall House (Peter Brown), Paul Nyman Libson, Marie France & Liam O'Connor, Peter William Orchard, Stanley & Patricia Orwell, Linda Osband & Stephen Williams, Suvalee Padungcheevit, Clare Parker, Meta Veronica Perrin, Ewa Pliszka, Peter Pollak, Nina Polonsky, Miriam Polunin & Joe Vester, Chris & Margaret Pszenicki, Wilfred James Roberts, Tim Robinson, Nana & Edward Roche, Steven Mark Roth, Andrew Royall & Carmen Reid, Joan Rustin, Carolyn & Chris Ryan, Barinder & Lilly Sahni, Bryan & Sirkka Sanderson, Richard Schneiderman, Penelope Self, Betty Shane, Kathleen Sharkey, Rosalind & Stuart Simmons, Richard & Barbara Simons, Brian Simpson, Brian & Gillian Sloam, David Smith & Pushpa Gulhane, Stephen J B Smith, Stefanie Anna Solomon, Ruth Sommerfeld, Southbank International School (Jane Treftz), Southwell House (Michael Smith), South Hampstead High School (Janet Dewhurst), Kirstin Spencer & Martin Schramm, Robert & Janine Sticher, Richard & Ruth Stone, Dimitrios Stratikopoulos & Maria Astyfidis, Alma Taylor, Celia Taylor, Keith & Marjorie Thacker & Miss Beryl Biedermann, James & Valentine Thomas, Jonathan Thurston, Neda & Mehrdad Toofanian, Edna & Leslie Turnberg, Sally Turner, Nick Varker & Caroline Summers, Susan Vinten & Peter Van Damme, Cathryn & Chris Vanderspar, Hans & Jaana Von Rettig, Cassandra & Christian Wait, Dorothy Welsford, Mark West, Jenny White, Pat & Ronnie Whitehouse, Cecilia Wilden, Anthony & Helene Woolf, Nik Yeo & Rebecca Daniels,

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RECYCLING

Camden Council offer various recycling services for residents in the borough. For those of us in the NNA area these include **Doorstep Recycling** - a free weekly collection service every **Wednesday** morning of glass, paper, cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, and textiles. And what's better you don't even have to sort it into categories.



Every Christmas the UK consumes almost 5.5 million jars of mincemeat, 12 million jars of pickles and 6.5 million jars of cranberry sauce all packed in glass, but only a small percentage will be recycled.

There are **On-street Recycling Banks** for the same goods at the bottom of the steps leading from Netherhall Gardens into Finchley Road and between the Swiss Cottage Theatre and Underground Station.

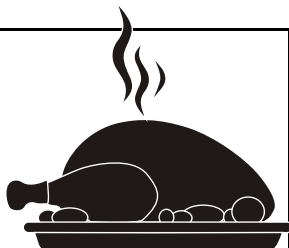
A recycled aluminium can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours. It is estimated that an extra 500 million aluminium and steel drink cans will also be used over the festive period so remember to put them in your doorstep recycling box.

At the **Regis Road Recycling Centre** located in Kentish Town, you can recycle a wide range of materials. Open 08:00am-3.45pm every day, with later opening hours in the summer.

It is estimated that over Christmas as much as 83 square km of wrapping paper will end up in UK rubbish bins, enough to cover an area larger than Guernsey. Use string to tie up your parcels so that the paper can be reused or put any non-metallic wrapping paper in your doorstep recycling box.

White Good Collection is another free collection service of white goods such as fridges, freezers, cookers and washing machines.

If every household in the UK switched off the light when they leave the room for an hour a day, we would save enough energy to cook 43.8 million Christmas turkeys!



Green/Garden Waste Collection is a free collection throughout the year of unlimited amounts of green garden waste. Camden also offer compost bins at a subsidised price of just £5. To order yours call **0870 8494880** quoting 'Camden'.

TV's, PC's, Playstations - Don't forget to turn these off

when you are not using them. A TV left on standby costs an extra £40 per annum

After the Christmas season is over, please put Christmas cards and non-metallic wrapping paper into your doorstep recycling box for collection. Also Camden have made



Recycling your Christmas tree really easy this year. All you need do is to take your tree to one of 23 collection areas

between 3 January to 15 January. Our nearest is in our own area - **Netherhall Gardens, by the steps at Finchley Road.** (Yes, I know a gremlin crept into the Camden leaflet which says Netherhall Gardens NW1, but they did mean NW3!) You can also drop-off at East Heath Road Car Park, Jack Straw's Castle Car Park and Eton Avenue at the Junction with Lancaster Grove. In addition you can request a collection of your real Christmas tree and other green waste by calling the number below. For further information on any of the recycling services, please call **020 7974 6914** or e-mail: recycling@camden.gov.uk.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Camden Council are happy to remove graffiti from walls, both from public and private properties. Anyone can report graffiti wherever they see it. It does not have to be the owner who does so. It is worthwhile removing graffiti as soon as it appears, as it tends to attract other graffiti offenders in no time at all. Two requests in our immediate neighbourhood resulted in graffiti being removed within 24 hours! To report graffiti, phone **020 7974 6914**.

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