



Prospect

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Grand Parade – Barnes Fair July 14th



Come to Glebe Road at 10.20 am and join in the excitement and fun of the Grand Parade. Our theme this year is 'THINK GREEN' in support of saving the environment.

Enjoy the colourful and imaginative floats created by local schools and organisations, which will be judged for the new Harrodian Shield, generously given by the Harrodian School. The runners-up will be presented with the Lonsdale Cup.

Our Fair King and Queen this year are Joel Stallion and Francesca Kynan-Holmes (and waiting in the wings in case understudies are needed are Hannah Rogers and Pierce Newell). Their attendants will be Amber Smith and Edress Hashemi. They are all from Barnes Primary School and will head the Parade in a pony-drawn carriage.

At I I am the Mayor, Marc Cranfield-Adams,

will crown the Fair King and Queen and cut the tape at the front of the Parade to signal its departure.

JOIN US ON YOUR DECORATED BICYCLES, TRICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES OR STILTS.

Prizes are presented for the most inventive mobile travellers (solo or group). There will be a variety of decorated vehicles, bands, musicians and dancers who will be following the Parade route around Barnes. They will include the Fleur-de-Lys Morris dancers and the Pan Nectar Steel Band. You can also enjoy listening to the Titanic Syncopaters.



Look out for Save the Children who will be joining the Parade with their red collection buckets. (For enquiries, please ring the Secretary on 07808 480 550).

The Parade will return to Glebe Road at approximately 11.45 am.



You may have seen these wonderful creatures in the London Wetland Centre Christmas pantomime – look for them at the Fair and perhaps have a chat! (Sponsored by Savills)

Annual General Meeting

Can it really be two years since Bob Glover became Chairman of the BCA?

In paying tribute to Bob for his enormous contribution, both Micky Forster (Vice-Chairman) and Derek Senhenn (Trustee) spoke of his complete dedication to the BCA over many, many years. In Barnes it's not *Jim'll fix it* but *Bob'll do it* – and he did. From Manager of Rose House and all that entails to breathing new life into old electricals for jumble sales, from organising new Christmas lights for the trees in the village centre and north Barnes to assisting businesses in Barnes, and so on..... And with Bob you get two for the price of one: his wife, Jean, is behind him all the way and is just as committed to the community as he is. Fortunately for us Bob will continue to be very involved in the BCA, but hopes to find time to use the sat-nav with which he was presented. "I bought a new car three years ago, and it's only been as far as Tolworth!" We wish him well in his 'retirement'.

David Stott, a former member of Executive who has been the Chairman of the Fair Committee for the last five years, was elected as the new Chairman of the BCA. See page 2 for a complete list of Officers and committee members.

Three new Honorary Members were invited to sign the book: Dorothy Paignton, a member of Executive involved in many BCA

activities; Audrey Reynes who, amongst other things, took over the organisation of the Tombola at the Fair when it looked as if it might fold; and Peter Calder, who helps out in Reception keeping the stock of leaflets up to date and initiating novices in the use of the photocopier.

The business part of the evening was followed by a most entertaining talk, 'Reminiscences of a GP' by Dr. John West. Dr. West, a Barnes resident and BCA member, does not practise locally so his amusing anecdotes were not about his neighbours! We particularly enjoyed the typing error which referred to a consignment of 'consecrated oxygen'; the abbreviations used in patients' notes, such as Gok 'God only knows', flk 'funny looking kid' or vglm 'very good looking mother'; and his definition of an alcoholic as 'someone who drinks more than his doctor'!

Gill Spillane

Lost children at the Fair

At Barnes Fair there will be a room for lost children in the Barnes Green Centre – as there was last year.

Summer Issues

The next issue of *Prospect* is a combined July/August edition, and will include Diary entries for both months. The closing date for copy, Diary and Adverts will be **10th June**.

The edition after that will be the September issue, which will include lots of pictures of Barnes Fair. As you are no doubt aware, Rose House is closed for the whole of August, so the closing date for that edition will be **10th July**.

If you wish to advertise or publicise events in either edition please make a note of the copy dates in your diary NOW.

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Rose House

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Environment Group News

Items discussed at the last **Environment Group** meeting included:

Planning: 56/58 Barnes High Street. The application 06/2586 has been withdrawn from Appeal. There have been two planning decisions made for this site. 06/4126/CAC has been approved with conditions for the demolition of

the garages and the decision to grant permission for a restaurant. 10/12 Barnes High Street. The first planning appeal 06/0857/FUL has been dismissed. In the inspector's submission he agreed with the Council that the Seaforth Lodge's height should not be used, in planning terms, as the acceptable height for buildings in the High Street.

Richmond Barn Elms: The latest plans and map were seen. The Council wants to put into place a commercial development partner. They have made available 5.5 acres of the site for commercial use so that the Council will have funds to develop pitches, etc. on the rest of the site which, they hope, will cover most of the present users' activities. It will be very interesting to see what sports developers will want to put on this site.

We all feel that it is about time that Rocks Lane Tennis Club adjusted their floodlights to comply with the original planning permission of 1997. Their floodlights are not adjusted, which results in the spillage and waste of light causing considerable light pollution. Now that they have permission to floodlight further courts, we are insisting Richmond Council ensures that both the new and present lights are adjusted. It is quite unnecessary in this day and age, with all the latest technology, for this pollution to be accepted. It also bodes ill for us if the Council grants permission for more lights on the present Barn Elms as they appear incapable of enforcing planning conditions going back to 1997!

CPZ Consultation and Parking: We have NOT heard from the Council to date what their plans are for adjusting our CPZ parking. It has been promised since the beginning of the year and we still haven't heard!

Dukes Meadows Bandstand: Please note that under the new licence music is permitted from 11am to 6pm on any day and not just on certain days as previously reported.

Next meeting 25th June at 8pm in Rose House. There are a great variety of topics discussed at our meetings, although we will only discuss and consider matters which BCA members bring up. We are a lively group but would always welcome more people at group meetings. Our Environment is very important to all of us which is, after all, why we chose to live here. Come and help keep it this way!

Susan Boyd

Safer Neighbourhood Teams alert

The Barnes and Mortlake Safer Neighbourhood Teams would like to remind people to be alert to the crime of bogus callers or as it is now known, distraction burglary. Besides the usual characters who claim to be from the electricity board or Thames Water, etc, there are some more sophisticated people to be treated with suspicion. These people often make unsolicited telephone calls beforehand and express an interest in antique books or furniture and arrange to call on you. Please remember to only let people into your home if they are known to you or you have checked their identities.

As the summer months are upon us please be careful about leaving windows open and keys, etc, within easy reach of windows or letterboxes.

Please also be alert when you are out and about as security in London continues to be a high priority. Report any suspicious bags, cars or activity. Barbara Westmorland

BCA Executive Committee 2007-2008

The newly elected **Officers** of the BCA are:

Chairman:	David Stott
Vice-Chairmen:	Micky Forster Isobel Woolf
Hon. Treasurer:	Chris Spurgeon
Hon. Secretary:	Gary Smith

Committee

Sriram Chari, John Deards, Tim Fraser, Sally Holloway, James May, Dorothy Paignton, Lindy Storer, Barbara Westmorland, Mary Collier Chapman, Annie Rothwell, Diane du Parcq, Robert Martin

Trustees

Jean Glover, Margaret Minch, Derek Senhenn

Co-options to be put before the next Executive meeting:

Councillor Anna Davis
Councillor Christine Percival
Katie Gent (Pond and Barnes Green Centre)
Mary Goodall (North Barnes Residents' Association)
Hilary Hawken (English School)

Ex-officio

Sue Boyd (Environment Group)
Mike Spillane (Friends of Le Pecq)
Bob Glover (Rose House Manager)

Westfields Recreation Ground

The notice at the entrance that is between the two level crossings reads:

PARKS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

This project is part of the Council's £4.7m, 5-year capital investment programme in parks and open spaces.

For more details, contact the Council's Parks and Open Spaces on 8831 6115, during office hours.

Prospect is hoping to be able to tell you what is due to happen and when, but at present communication seems to be rather problematical!

Les Alpicois are coming to the Fair



Wine and Cheese – or should we say *le vin et des fromages*? Isn't this what we all associate with France? Our friends from Le Pecq will again be participating in Barnes Fair, which this year coincides with the annual *Fête Nationale*, selling wine from the Languedoc and Comté cheese and promoting the advantages of involvement in the Barnes-Le Pecq link. Artists will also be exhibiting at the Salon des Arts in the OSO Arts Centre from 12th to 14th July.

If you are able to offer accommodation when the group comes to Barnes, from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th July, please contact Mike as soon as possible, mhspillane@hotmail.com.

New Chairman of the BCA

Bob Glover's shoes will be hard to fill, but BCA members can rest assured that David Stott will be a worthy successor.

Even if you do not know David you are sure to be aware of one of his achievements: for the past five years he has been Chairman of the Barnes Fair Committee, in which task



David Stott, new BCA Chairman, briefs Sabe on his new undertakings!

it has helped that he has been able to draw on some 30 years of experience as the owner of a company specialising in organising exhibitions and conferences, including the largest industrial show held in Scotland.

But to begin at the beginning – David spent his early years in the London area before his family was evacuated to Taunton where he was educated. After National Service he read English at Cambridge before joining Country Life Books as a sub-editor. Later he became the editor and publisher of many monthly magazines and trade publications. David is now retired and, for the past 14 years, has lived in Barnes and become involved in the community, serving on the BCA Executive from 2000-2005. He has two children – his daughter and her family also live in Barnes – and

four granddaughters. He is married to Daline, who comes from America, and they are both devoted to their four-year old American cocker spaniel Sabe. As well as retaining an interest in publishing, he is an avid reader of non-fiction particularly biographies, books about Fleet Street or the War years. "I enjoy politics too, but only as an onlooker!" David is a keen and regular golfer, and although he no longer plays cricket, umpiring instead, he is President of the Nashers Cricket Club who play on the Vine Road pitch. He supports Sussex County Cricket Club, as 150 years ago his great, great, great ("I'm not sure how many") grandfather was Captain. In fact, that side of the family, the Nappers, has been associated with the county of Sussex since their ancestors came over with William the Conqueror!

Returning to the present – what are David's ambitions for the BCA? "I would like to review the way we handle our charitable status, and to extend further our reach into the community at large, subject of course, to balancing the books."

With David in charge, I'm sure that won't be difficult.
Gill Spillane

Barnes Ward Area Consultation Meeting

Education

The Council's consultation meeting for residents of north and central Barnes¹ took place a few weeks ago, at Lowther School in Stillingfleet Road. Two of the Barnes councillors, Christine Percival and Ben Stanberry, attended, as did a senior contingent from Richmond's Education Department.

The main business of the meeting was the expression of bitter disappointment at the last-minute loss of Government grant for a full 'Children's Centre' on the Lowther school site. The Children's Centre, when finally achieved, will offer many different services for nearby children and parents.

Cllr Malcolm Eady, Cabinet Member for Education, expressed his warm admiration for this "inspirational" school, but he made clear that he cannot do anything that is not consistent with Government priorities. The only schools which get the money are schools chosen at Westminster.

Now the school must hope for a Government grant next year, and in addition, other sources of revenue must be sought.

Police

Representatives of the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) came to answer local queries. The team is fully staffed but still has considerable operational problems;

they have no base in Barnes and have to travel to and from their Richmond base using the 33 bus: of an 8-hour long stint, only some 5 hours are actually spent in Barnes. (The SNT is not, of course, part of the 999 service.)

Someone made the suggestion that an SNT base should be built into the new Lowther centre, when it gets off the ground. The trouble with that idea is that it is too sensible. The property section of the Metropolitan Police take their decisions centrally. Even suggestions from the local force and local people are discouraged.

Street Cleansing

Another topic was dirty streets in north Barnes. We had to leave the meeting unclear about official frequency of cleaning in residential streets.

Parking Shop, East Sheen

This is now closed. It didn't have planning permission!

Matter arising ...

It is now confirmed that the frequency of "once every fortnight" that is quoted for cleaning residential streets is a *minimum*. Under the contract signed in 2001, each morning a team of street cleaners works to

a set schedule, to make sure all areas of the borough are covered regularly. In the afternoon, however, the contractors travel round looking to give an extra clean to unscheduled areas that need it. This is where complaints from the public are vital. **Please don't hesitate to contact the Council with details of what needs to be done near you. Ring 0845 122 660 or go to www.richmond.gov.uk**
Katie Gent

¹ Residents of south Barnes belong to the Mortlake and Barnes Common Ward and other arrangements are made for them.

STOP PRESS:

We understand that the Council will now finance – with others – the Children's Centre on the Lowther School site. More details in the next edition of Prospect.

Natsons wins Retail Excellence Award



The team at Natsons – from left Abby, Vishal, Ketul and Vipin

Palmer and Harvey (P&H) are the UK's largest distributor of retail goods to High Streets up and down the country. For many years the company has sought to encourage the best quality from manufacturers with annual awards for excellence. For the first time this year the awards scheme has been extended to recognise the best retailers.

P&H area managers are responsible for nominating potential award candidates, after which the shops are visited by a team of judges who assess their performance against a variety of criteria, including the ambience and cleanliness of the premises, the welcome and helpfulness of staff, appeal of the displays, and imaginativeness of special promotions.

Natsons, who entered and won a retailing competition two years ago, were pleasantly surprised to be informed of their inclusion on the P&H retailer shortlist and invited to attend an all expenses paid Awards Banquet on the theme 'Promoting Retail Excellence' in Telford, Staffordshire. Owner Vipin Patel and his wife Seema were delighted to accept the invitation, expecting nothing more than a peripheral role on the glittering P&H party night. However, it will come as no surprise to residents of Barnes who use the shop that, on the night, Derek Bennington, P&H Regional Business Manager, honoured Natsons with the 1st Prize. Congratulations to all the team on preserving the highest reputation for local Barnes shops!

William Mortimer



Vipin and Seema on Awards Night

Bang the drum for the 2007 BCA Tombola!

With Barnes Fair only weeks away, now is the time to start planning your visit. At the BCA Tombola Stand (in the BCA Marquee) we will have over 1000 prizes (for adults and children) to be won – so don't miss out. And remember, the proceeds from the Tombola help support local charities, schools and other worthwhile projects in the community so we really need and value your help.

However, to ensure the continued success of the Tombola, we are once more asking for prize donations. So, now's the time to start digging out those unused, unopened and unwanted gifts that you've put away since Christmas – or longer! We welcome all kinds of bottles and toiletries, children's games and accessories – anything in fact so long as it is brand new and worth over £1. And if you don't have anything suitable, then a cash donation will help us buy more prizes on your behalf.

Prizes can be handed into Rose House up until Fair day or, if you prefer, you can arrange collection by calling 020 8748 5898.

Also, if you would like to help out behind-the-scenes with the Tombola in the week starting 9 July, then we would really appreciate your help – equally, a few hours selling Tombola tickets on the Fair day would be great.

Thank you for your help – for more information please call Charlotte on 020 8748 5898.

FiSH Tuesday Talks



at Barnes Green Centre

Coffee from 10:30 am. Talk 11:00 am (40 mins)

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| 5th June | Michael Butler: <i>A trip to Machu Picchu</i> |
| 12th June | Darren Thornton: <i>Mortlake Matters – Mortlake Community Association</i> |
| 19th June | Kathy Sheldon & Judy Geffen: <i>Fun with Flowers (with some demonstrations)</i> |
| 26th June | Angela Rowan, Richmond Health Development Scheme: <i>Healthy Walks and Keeping Active</i> |
| 3rd July | Mary Clarke: <i>The Challenge of the West Bank</i> |

Transport to the talks can be arranged – please ring the FiSH Busline on 8876 3765

Art Exhibition – a date for your diary

The Barnes Primary School art exhibition is becoming one of the most exciting events in the Barnes calendar. The school immerses itself for a whole week in all aspects of the arts and the results are shown at a special exhibition at the OSO. This year the exhibition will be spread over two days, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th July, giving more opportunity to see the wonderful things the children have produced. Friday will be a special evening with entertainment and refreshments alongside the works of art – a wealth of painting, film, sculpture, clay and textiles. An event not to be missed!

Fair comment.....

Despite her family commitments, Diana du Parcq can't stay away from the Fair and all her friendly customers. This year you can find her by the pond selling delicious portions of strawberries and cream.



ART COMPETITION. We are delighted that the OSO Arts Centre has agreed to host the display of art work and the prize-giving this year. Please see programme for details.



CRÈCHE! This year, for the first time, the Village Nursery will be providing a drop-in one hour crèche for £5. Please see programme for details.



Fair in fashion!

Writing in 'Stella', the trendy weekly magazine in the Daily Telegraph, fashion writer Kate Finnigan recently extolled the latest trend for 'retro' styles and vintage outfits. After several pages she ended with a footnote: 'Classic YSL (Yves St Laurent) for less than £10? Yes it can still be done..... if you know exactly where to look and what to buy'. Her final words: **'SECRET ADDRESS: Barnes Fair, annually on the second Saturday of July on Barnes Green, London, SW13'**

(Footnote from editors: 'We can't guarantee YSL but there is a fine selection of contemporary and 'retro' fashions among our 300 assorted stalls at the Fair.)



Can you help with the Book Stall at Barnes Fair?

The Book Stall at Barnes Fair is one of the busiest and best values at the event. Where else could you get all the family's holiday reading for less than the cost of one new book? Leaflets will shortly be delivered to all households in Barnes inviting everyone to turn out their unwanted books, CDs, DVDs, videos and tapes. In the coming weeks, thanks to the generosity of the people of Barnes, thousands of books will be donated. It's one huge recycling effort that converts unwanted items to cash at the Fair. The Book Stall is a joint fundraising venture between the BCA and Barnes Primary School, who share the proceeds. Do come along and bag a bargain on the day.

THE GREEN AREA AROUND THE POND: Richmond Council will be there to help with your recycling. Look out for the WWT London Wetland Centre stall. Also the Bookbinding Workshop.



Every home in Barnes should receive a Fair programme. If you have not received one by the week of the Fair, there will be plenty at Rose House – BCA office at 70 Barnes High Street



Children's Fancy Dress competition is divided into age groups. These are: 4 years and under; 5-6 and 7-8 years. They should start gathering at the stage in the events arena from 12.30 ready for the judging at 12.45.



Decorate your children's bicycles or even encourage them to decorate them on their own! Remember that the theme of this year's Fair is 'Think Green'. Cyclists should arrive at Glebe Road at 10.20 am for the judging and before joining the Grand Parade.

BARNES FAIR
SATURDAY 14TH JULY
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Appeal from the Holly Lodge Centre

The Holly Lodge Centre was set up over ten years ago as a resource for environmental and historical studies in the beautiful setting of Richmond Park, which is a National Nature Reserve. The Centre caters to people with 'special needs' of all ages and hosts more than 3,000 visitors a year.

There are two strands to the educational experience provided by the Centre, whose activities are designed with the spirit of Richmond Park in mind. Firstly, the natural history activities are designed for Key Stages 1 & 2 of the National Curriculum and, as you might expect, the hands-on activities (with wheelchair access) include pond-dipping, 'mini-beast' safaris and tree identification as well as explaining the jobs of the people who run and manage the park.

Secondly, and again fulfilling requirements of the National Curriculum, the Centre provides a unique experience of what it was like to live in Victorian times. Originally, Henry Sawyer, Head Keeper of the Park in 1872, lived in Holly Lodge (known to older residents as Bog Lodge) with his wife and young daughters. Their home was shared with three servants – the cook, the housemaid and the groom. Visitors can experience what it was like to work in Mrs Sawyer's kitchen with Victorian cooking implements, draw water from the pump in the yard and sow or gather the produce of its kitchen garden using lots of other artefacts.

In those days some education was provided in private homes and Mrs Sawyer's Dame School, as it was called, remains remarkably authentic. Youngsters gain from learning about life in the 'olden days' through experiencing what lessons were like, using the books and writing materials of the time and even dressing up in Victorian clothes. Those of an unruly nature can find themselves out in the yard doing drill until their energy level has subsided. This brings us to the nub of the appeal to the local community.

Dr. Pat Ealey, who first worked at the Centre

during her placement while studying for a postgraduate diploma, is now the Centre's Project Manager and explains that the Victorian experience requires visitors to observe and analyse with modern equipment, games and pastimes have altered. What changes in materials have occurred over the decades (e.g. plastic replacing wood and bone)? More significantly, how have such changes and underlying technologies influenced our lives? Analytical work is an aspect of the National Curriculum best achieved by using the artefacts of the time. Indeed, visually impaired students can only comprehend what has been happening by touching and using them. Though the 'special needs' groups come to the Centre under the control of their regular teachers and 'carers', an element of wear and tear in the equipment is unavoidable however respectful the students. 'Make do and mend' is a long-departed capability, much is the pity.

Pat stresses that she is appealing for artefacts of yesteryear - meaning that toys (particularly clockwork), books, games, puzzles and writing equipment from Victorian times through most of the twentieth century would be of interest. Artefacts of the time having particular value would become a permanent exhibit rather than a teaching aid, much in the way that the Centre will soon be housing a Victorian chemist shop donated



Dr Ealey (right) and regular volunteer, Jennifer Watson, in front of the wall painting of the park today and in Victorian times

by Alex Mullholland of Sheen Lane. After living a couple of hours in the manner of their forebears, children will be able to relate to the worlds inhabited by their mothers, grandmothers and even great grandmothers.

If you have games or toys in the attic or garden shed that you think are illustrative of their times and would like to find them a good home, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please get in touch with Dr Ealey. She can be contacted at the Holly Lodge Centre, Richmond Park Surrey TW10 5HS, tel. 020 8948 3209 extension 236 or 259. Email: hlcinfo@thehollylodgecentre.org.uk Website: www.thehollylodgecentre.org.uk

Should you be unable to help in this way but feel inspired by the work of the Centre it, like any other hard-pressed charity, appreciates donations. The charity number is 1076741.

William Mortimer



Do you have a bike to sell?

St. Mary's Church is planning lots of new activities on the Green and in the churchyard this Barnes Fair day. One of the new activities will be a Sale of Good Quality Second Hand Bicycles. They can offer your bike for sale at a stall on the Green in return for a share of the proceeds. By arrangement Bikes can be collected locally and possibly made roadworthy if necessary. For further details or collection of bicycles please contact BarnesFair@stmarybarnes.org or tel. 0208 748 0757. And...don't forget to look in the July edition of *Prospect* for details of what else will be on offer from St. Mary's on Barnes Fair day. Want to buy a bike? See you on July 14th!

Calling former Barnes Scouts

Have you memories of Barnes Scouts, Cub Scouts or Beavers? This year marks the centenary of the Scout Movement and the present Group Scout Leader, Pieter van de Wiel, would like to hold a celebration in the autumn for all former Barnes members.

If you can help with news, photographs or memorabilia of former members of St Mary's, Barn Elms, or Holy Trinity scouting groups, please contact him. He would prefer photocopies rather than original photographs to save the hazard and work involved in returning them, but would be delighted to hear news of any former members.

Pieter's address is: Pieter van de Wiel, 14, Mount Pleasant Road, New Malden, KT3 3JL or email: barnelms@aol.com

ARThouse Open Studios

Artists and crafts people in the local area will be opening their studios and workshops to visitors over two weekends in June (8th, 9th, 10th, and 15th, 16th, 17th) as part of the annual ARthouse festival organised by the borough Arts Service.

This is an excellent opportunity to view, and perhaps purchase, original works at affordable prices, in the more relaxed surrounding of the artists' own work-space, where they will be delighted to tell you more about their art.

For further information pick up a leaflet from the library, or contact the Arts Service on 8831 6000, e-mail artsinfo@richmond.gov.uk

Passport applications – a call for papers?

Many youngsters visiting Barnes Fair this year will be heading for the 'Green Area' occupying the strip between the Pond and Station Road, where Mark Cockram, bookbinder, will be helping them make a passport. Each child will be given a set of materials and taught the simplest of bookbinding techniques – scissors and sewing kits provided. They will draw a likeness of themselves and choose from a 'glory-box' of ribbons, tassels and so on to make a 'passport' of unique origin. Once in possession of their identity papers (with parents' help the work takes 15 to 20 minutes) mini-travellers can visit stalls around the Fair to fill its pages with stamps of various inks and motifs to substantiate their journeys.

Mark is passionate about green issues and all the materials used by the children will be of recycled origin. He would welcome help from Prospect readers to build up his 'glory box' in readiness for Fair day. If you can contribute materials, please deliver to BCA premises at Rose House where Julia and Hilary will be pleased to receive them:

- robust card stock (e.g. quality greeting cards, coloured tissue or cereal boxes)
- ribbons

- rubber bands (follow the pavement on the trail of your postman)
- fancy little buttons
- dress remnants, lace, velvet, cord, etc
- glossy magazine front covers (not the whole magazine please)

A Fellow of Designer Bookbinders, numbering thirty or so people in this discipline, Mark teaches at art colleges around the world, and four or five students selected from international applicants are usually in residence at his Studio Five workshop. His work has included special commissions to cover the works of competitors for the Man Booker prize, subsequently exhibited at the British Library as illustrative of the beauty of books being made in our times. Mark is surprisingly modest about his achievements!

The son of antiquarians, Mark's origins and early artistic training were in Lincoln, but it was during student travels to the Bibliothèque



Mark in his workshop at The Mews, 46 to 52 Church Road, O20 8563 2158

Nationale in Paris that a love of art distilled into his passion for the artistic creativity and construction of books. *Prospect* has an idea that exposure to the art of bookbinding at Barnes Fair may inspire local youngsters to follow in his footsteps. *William Mortimer*

FiSH Summer Tea Time Concert

As part of the Mortlake Weekend, FiSH is holding its usual **Summer Tea Time Concert on Saturday 23rd June at St Mary the Virgin Church from 3.30 until about 5.30pm.** This annual event is a popular and well-attended fun event with entertainment by professional musicians and talented local artists of all ages. Tea with sandwiches and cakes will be served during the afternoon. No advance tickets are needed – just turn up on the day – and no entry charge, although FiSH would welcome a donation to help with its ongoing community work. **Do come along and have an enjoyable afternoon!**

Don't worry if you think you can't get there – volunteers can offer a lift. Please ring the FiSH office if you need more information or help with transport, 8876 3765.

Mortlake Fair

If you were unsuccessful obtaining a stall at Barnes Fair you might be lucky enough to get a stall at Mortlake Fair which takes place on Saturday 23rd June between 12noon and 4pm. The fête is being opened by Catherine Tate and the number to call for stall enquiries is 07811 123 762 – stalls cost £35.

Salon des Arts at Barnes

For the third year running Stevie McGarrity-Alderdice is organising the Salon des Arts at The Old Sorting Office Arts Centre from 12th to 14th July. Local artists from Barnes and the surrounding area will be exhibiting alongside our friends from Le Pecq. This year the exhibition is supported by the newly formed Thames Artists, which is a non-profitmaking event showcasing, inspiring and encouraging artists from Barnes. There are some limited places left if you wish to exhibit your work. Last date for entry is 20th June. The children's art competition will be running alongside this with their work being displayed on Barnes Fair Day.

For further details please contact barnesfest@btinternet.com or phone 8876 7932.

Midsummer music

There are more musical delights in store from father and son duo, Raymond and Simon Fischer. They will be performing Bach, Beethoven, Debussy and Grieg at the Wathen Hall, St Paul's School on Friday June 22nd at 8.00pm. All proceeds will go to the NSPCC and tickets, priced £12 and £8, can be bought by ringing 8876 9870 or 07887 702616, or by emailing katie@rickatie.com

Fancy a laugh?

The small but perfectly formed Shadow Road Productions, recently founded by local children's writer Emma King-Farlow, will be staging their debut production – a double bill of two one-act comedies – at the Old Sorting Office from Sunday 24th until Thursday 28th June. Having chosen two rather different comedies, they very much hope that there will be something to suit everyone's tastes!

Joining the Club, by David Tristram

A home test has just confirmed that Jenny, a successful career woman, is unexpectedly pregnant. Biting the bullet, she decides that tonight is the night to reveal this fact to her husband, Tom. Unfortunately, it seems that Tom has some startling news of his own...

Time Flies, A short play by David Ives

(This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.)

"So, these two mayflies are out on a date..." No, not a joke in need of a punchline, but the main premise of this original and engaging comedy by American writer David Ives. The phrase 'carpe diem' (seize the day) takes on a whole new meaning when, sitting down to watch a nature documentary together, the two love-bugs realise that they have less than twenty-four hours to live...

Tickets will cost £6.00 (£5.00 for concessions) and will be available from the OSO during the week of the performance, or from 8748 4721 in advance. For more information please see www.shadowroad.com.



An old photograph shows jollifications at an earlier QMH Fête

QMH Friends' Fête

Established again in the new Queen Mary's Hospital, the Friends of QMH have revived their traditional Summer Fête, which attracted so many local people when it was held in the gardens of the old hospital.

This time it will be held on SATURDAY 2nd JUNE from 1 pm – 4 pm in the lower car park of the new building. Ample car parking will be available throughout the event for £1.

Please support the Friends, who raise money to help with the welfare of patients.

Eric Newby

The prolific travel writer and former *Observer* travel editor, Eric Newby, who died on 20th October 2006, is perhaps best known for his classic book, *A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush*. But his wanderlust had its roots in 3 Castelnau Mansions where he was born in 1919 and which he called home for 20 years. His travels as a young child 'up to the bend and back', a reference to the one bend in Castelnau that impedes a clear sight line extending from Hammersmith Bridge through to The Red Lion pub, are generally familiar to us today as he describes the roads, houses and shops ... and characters of his youth. As a young child he travelled with a well-loved nanny attending an 'assignation' along the towpath and across Lonsdale Road to an area filled with potholes and the 'detritus of civilisation', now the rather more refined if perhaps aptly named Verdun Road. Water abounded at the time with reservoirs instead of St Paul's playing fields as well as those that have been replaced by the London Wetland Centre. Newby had to walk across Hammersmith Bridge to attend Colet Court and later St Paul's, but he rode the bus back – schoolboys with peashooters and water pistols on the upper deck hark to a more innocent time! Newby's autobiographical *A Traveller's Life*, 1982, and his *Departures and Arrivals*, 1999 both include references to his travels in and around North Barnes. *Mary Evans*

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I have just received, from a Barnes friend, a copy of the page in your May magazine concerning 99 Church Road.

To put the record straight, Dr and Mrs Gerald Hovenden built 99 Church Road, Barnes, known as Glebeholme, and brought up their family there – Ronald, Valery, and Drs Geoffrey and Dennis. Dr Gerald lived in Glebeholme until he died in 1957. The numbering of the house story is accurate in your article except that it was Dr Gerald and not Dr Geoffrey who said "Say 99!" When Geoffrey (home from active service) and I married in 1945 we divided Glebeholme into two halves, as there were two separate entrances. We lived, and Geoffrey had his surgery, in the Kitson Road end of the house until 1949 when we, our growing family and the practice moved opposite, to No 18 Church Road.

Dr Gerald had a twin brother, Dr Arthur, who lived and practised in East Sheen. When demobbed, Dr John Hopkins became a partner and gradually took over the Sheen area, so for a short time it became Drs Hovenden, Hovenden, Hovenden and Hopkins. (Some joker once chalked "Pity poor Hopkins" under the brass plate.) However, with our expanding family and the expanding practice, we soon moved ourselves and the practice over to 18 Church Road, the home of a Mr Landells, and he and his housekeeper moved into our half of Glebeholme.

Our eldest daughter and Ronald's son became doctors.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Hovenden (widow of Dr T Geoffrey Hovenden)

Editors' note: We were delighted to hear from Mary Hovenden and to get the full details of 99 Church Road.



The wildlife of Barnes

Many Barnes residents will have woken up in recent weeks to the dawn chorus. However, few people are able to identify the birds that are singing with accuracy or to understand quite why birds sing. Birds are so active in their singing at this time of year because they are currently mating, or at least trying hard to attract a mate. Their calls generally mean one of two things – 'come and mate with me' or 'get out of my territory'. It is thought they choose the morning to sing because the air is more still enabling the noise to carry further.



The usual types of birds that you will be able to hear in your gardens are wrens, blackbirds, robins, chaffinches and greenfinches. Wrens are one of the smallest British birds, but they have one of the fullest and most explosive calls. On rare occasions in the past we have recorded nightingales at the London Wetland Centre, so the sharp-eared amongst you might also be lucky enough to hear one of these!

Your gardens should also be attracting butterflies at this time of year. The resident Ecologist at the London Wetland Centre monitors all the wildlife, recording all sightings and when they take place. This helps track how the local populations are changing. Butterflies recorded on the reserve recently have been the Small White, Holly Blue, Speckled Wood, Peacock, Orange Tip, Red Admiral, Green-veined White, Large White, Small Copper and Small Tortoiseshell.

Amongst other things, the Centre has also recorded Damselflies, which have been seen flying earlier (in April, rather than May) due to the warmer weather. There is no reason why the insects which visit the London Wetland Centre shouldn't fly off to feed in and explore nearby gardens, so look out for them in your local area. The Centre's Wildlife Gardening Weekend (30 June-1 July) will explore ways for you to encourage wildlife to your garden.

*This wildlife report has been written by **John Gowland, Reserve Warden, WWT London Wetland Centre.** John leads courses at the Centre providing an Introduction to Birdwatching. For more information phone 020 8409 4400 or pick up an Events Leaflet from Rose House, or at the Centre, to see other wildlife events scheduled for the summer.*



Wetland Centre Thursday night openings

Enjoy beautiful sunsets and melodic birdsong on Thursday evenings from 31st May to 20th September. The Centre is open until sunset – half price admission after 6pm, members can bring up to 2 guests free. Enjoy the sizzling summer barbecue and music as well for £10.95, choice of meats or vegetarian. Served from 6-9pm.



Barnes Literary Society

Midsummer Tales

Midsummer is traditionally a time for parties with a touch of midsummer madness. Barnes Literary Society's summer event is set to provide an evening of feasting and mystery with a magical storyteller and a delicious buffet supper. Chloe of the Midnight Storytellers will entertain guests with a brew of myths, legends and folktales with archetypal themes and characters – ranging from opera to Tolkein and Rowling.

Chloe combines her passion for language with a powerful stage presence to present an enthralling mix of traditional stories from around the world. Her style is high energy, her humour desert-dry. Her mesmerising voice transports you to a world where sun gods fall in love, where trees and love conquers all. For more information see www.midnightstorytellers.co.uk

This promises to be a magical evening for members and their guests, and definitely not to be missed. It will be held on Wednesday 20th June at 7pm at the OSO by Barnes Pond. Tickets are £10 and members are welcome to invite guests. For tickets ring 8748 6173 or 8878 3775 or apply through the BLS website www.barnesliterarysociety.org.uk

A kestrel in the kitchen...

Anne Cotgreave, (who works wonders with the Prospect layouts) had quite a surprise recently when a kestrel found its way into her kitchen. Her son, Daniel, was enjoying a day off at home, pottering about in the kitchen getting a late breakfast. Suddenly the kestrel swooped for a sparrow in the garden, caught it, and continued its dive through the open back door, touching the doorframe slightly with a wing tip and dropping the sparrow in the process. The kestrel sat on the floor looking as if it were thinking 'what am I doing here!!!', then gathered its wits and flew out to settle on the fence just outside and digest the experience before flying off. The sparrow lay stunned on the doormat and Daniel called Anne to have a look. She thought the sparrow looked a 'goner', but eventually it revived completely and flew off as well – a relief as hungry chicks were probably awaiting its return anxiously.



Picture taken at the London Wetland Centre by area resident Dave Purser

(If you have any stories of the wildlife in Barnes, please let us know. Ring Julia on 8878 2359 – email: bca@barnesvillage.org.uk or Sally on 8748 3711 – email: sallyholloway@blueyonder.co.uk)