

THE KENILWORTH COURT CIRCULAR

It's in the spring and the summer that living in Kenilworth Court becomes a real pleasure. The beautiful gardens are a haven of tranquility and give us the opportunity to forget we are living in in the middle of one of the busiest cities in the world.

This edition includes articles about the gardens in the past and the present. Helen Davies and Ossie Falconar are just two residents that are doing their best to keep the gardens looking lovely. Other residents and members of staff also contribute.

The garden party is coming up on July 3rd, and this will be the ideal opportunity for residents to enjoy the gardens, join in with what promises to be a lively party, and meet your neighbours.

You get out of Kenilworth Court what you put into it. We haven't all got the time to join the committee, or tend the gardens, but we can at least go to the party, have a chat and enjoy being part of what is a very special community in the heart of what can be a very isolating city.

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Small Ads

In this space we will be happy to print small ads. Please keep them as brief as possible and drop them in to me at number 23 or email them.

We will also be publishing short letters. These should be on matters of general interest, not complicated complaints about your own residency.

FLAT NEEDED

Two residents are looking for a 3 or more bedroom flat with a river view in Kenilworth Court. If any residents are thinking of selling or trading a flat like this, get in touch with Eddie and Krisztina Heathcote at 35 Kenilworth Court, or call 020 8789 5668.

Your Committee

Committee Chairman:

Miss J Rose Flat 121

Vice Chairman

Mrs H Davies Flat 88

Committee members:

Mrs J Anderson Flat 113

Miss U Chatterjee Flat 43

Mrs J Grimshaw Flat 125

Mrs S Hanafin Flat 123

Mr J D Hoskin Flat 87

Mr D Laird Flat 61

Miss R Nisar Flat 115

Mr M Phillips Flat 23

Mrs S Pickering Flat 136

Mrs M Powell Flat 129

Mr M Tur ner Flat 18

Useful Numbers

KCCHA Office: 020 8789 1473 phone
020 8789 7676 fax
office@kenilworthcourt.co.uk

Caretaker's mobile: 07958 986913

Porters' Lodge: 07776 064260

Putney Police: 020 8870 9011

If you smell gas: 0800 111999

Wandsworth Noise Line: 020 8871 7869

London Electricity: 0800 096 9000

Thames Water: 0845 9200 800

Wandsworth Council: 020 8871 6000

Refuse Office: 020 8871 6378
For collection of large items of household refuse

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Please submit any suggestions, articles, or letters for publication by 15th September, 2005

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DON'T FORGET!
THURSDAY IS PAPER
RECYCLING DAY



PUT PAPER OUT
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Your quarterly newsletter!

- News, comments and gossip from the court
- Written by residents for residents
- See back page for a list of useful telephone numbers
- Is there anything you'd like to say? E-mail or write to us with your views, comments, letters or queries

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Let's Get Connected with Group E-mail System

Kenilworth Court is entering the information age, with its very own website currently in the planning stages.

Now the committee is looking for someone who is willing to become the moderator for a possible new group email system.

The aim of the system would be to act as a sort of electronic notice board for residents of the court.

It will run independently of the Committee and its contents would be decided by the lease-

holders themselves.

This could include information about shops and tradesmen, baby sitters and cleaners and other useful contact numbers.

Residents could also chat informally about life at Kenilworth court, arrange social gatherings and get the latest news about what is going on. The role of the moderator will be to keep an eye on the content and remove anything unsuitable.

He or she could also post use-

ful information such as contact numbers for the office, upcoming events and anything else they feel may be helpful.

If you are interested in this role, contact office@kenilworthcourt.co.uk

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Residents are reminded that household rubbish must only be left out for collection on Monday to Friday after 10pm and on Sunday evenings. Please don't leave refuse outside your flat at other times

Anyone for Tennis?



KENILWORTH COURT, PUTNEY.

This picture, which comes courtesy of Duncan Laird, shows Kenilworth Court in the early days, when all residents were tenants and before any of the garden space was sacrificed for car parking. Note the tennis court on the left. If you have any other old pictures, or memories about living in the Court, do get in touch as we would love to print them.

**PROFILE:
Sue Pickering- Chairman of Building Matters Working Party**



Building Matters Working Party chairman Sue Pickering

Susan came to live in the Court in 1998 with her husband and daughter. They had owned a flat in Kenilworth Court since the early 1980s but had always lived abroad.

Susan was brought up in East Anglia and then worked in Paris in the 1970s as a bilingual PA.

She joined her husband, Michael, in various Middle Eastern countries during the 1980s and 1990s, where she worked as a secretary and as a

teacher of English and French.

The family returned to England upon Michael's retirement in 1998 and have successfully made the adjustment to the "real life" of London, after years as expatriates.

Susan's main interests include the cinema and theatre, playing golf and tennis, playing the piano, allotment gardening, learning Spanish and, more exotically, Salsa dancing.

Now that their daughter is going to university she and her

husband hope to travel much more.

Susan finds Kenilworth Court a special place to live with its wonderful gardens, proximity to the shops and all forms of transport, and the other local amenities.

She particularly loves being so close to the river, with its towpath, along which the family goes for long walks and bike rides.

A Blooming Spring

Climate change resulted in the early appearance of some flowers and shrubs in the garden, writes **Helen Davies**

The Garrya Elliptica, which normally flowers in late winter or early spring, appeared in mid-winter, but its spectacular grey-green catkins hung on for much longer than usual. It is a pity that this wonderful shrub is hidden away against the wall outside Block F and not seen by many residents—it's well worth looking out for next winter.

The Paulownia (fox-glove tree) once again survived the frosts and gales. The beautiful flowers soon appeared followed afterwards by huge leaves. The tree was given to the court by Mrs Anne Henderson seven years ago as a 10 -inch sapling and has been lovingly watched over ever since.

The photinias turned a brilliant red as usual. There is a large shrub in the bed at the end of the fountain lawn, and another in the bed outside block F.

The magnolia in the corner of the lower lawn flowered magnificently this year and luckily the flowers did not appear until

after the heavy fronts in March, so that none of them turned brown.

The round bed under the chestnut and cherry trees was particularly gorgeous this year. First came the cyclamens with their bright pink flowers, then the snowdrops, followed by the daffodils, bluebells and deep purple crocuses, and the many hyacinths of all colours.

All these hyacinths have been given to the Court by residents after they had finished flowering. Please go on giving us your old flower pot plants. They are always planted out and, despite what experts say, most of them do come up smiling again. Just leave them outside the greenhouse. Meantime, our thanks to all those who have given plants in the past.

Soon the roses and hollyhocks will flower in time for the garden party.

In Brief

GARDEN PARTY

This year's Kenilworth Court garden party on **Sunday 3rd July** looks like being an exciting affair.

The theme will be Brazilian carnival time and music will come from a live Brazilian band playing samba, tango and jazz. There will be a bouncy castle for the kids and the magician who proved so popular last year has been booked again.

Food will be Brazilian canapés and drink will include wine, beer and the Brazilian national drink Caprinia. Any other donations of food or drink will be gratefully received by organiser Ossie Falconar, as will loans of seating, tables and cold boxes. If you can help please fill in the form you should have received, or contact the office.

RECYCLING BIN

There is now a recycling bin just around the corner in The Platt, into which you can place cardboard, paper, glass and plastic bottles, tins and paper.

FEELING FIT?

Fancy an early morning jog along the river? **Michael Hunter (Flat 135)** would welcome anyone joining him on a run along the towpath. Anything from 3 to 6+ miles - not very fast. Leave the main entrance at 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. Do your own stretching exercises before then.

NEW PHONE NO

The porters' lodge has a new mobile phone number. Call 07776 064260.

SUMMER EVENTS

Bored kids on your hands? **Putney Art School** is running free drawing and painting classes for families. Call 020 8788 9145.

The **Sivananda Yoga Centre** runs children's classes every Sunday. Call 020 8780 0160.

Putney Leisure Centre is running mini dribblers and football classes every Wednesday. Call 020 8785 0388.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Kenilworth Court is a member of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Contact Kenilworth Court Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator **Ossie Falconar** on 020 8788 2120

New Co-Ordinator

Ossie (pictured right), who lives in flat number one, has agreed to take over as co-ordinator from Jenifer Andersen, who did sterling work for quite some time.

He plans to work in close contact with the police to get advice on whether security in the court is adequate and, if not, how it can be beefed up.

"Security is an issue anywhere in London," he said.

"My initial view is that there could be improvements

"I want to do a review throughout all the blocks and possibly make some recommendations

to the committee."

He will also keep an eye on crimes happening locally via access to the police crime reports and warn staff and residents about any worrying trends.

Contact him if you have any fears or questions about security issues.

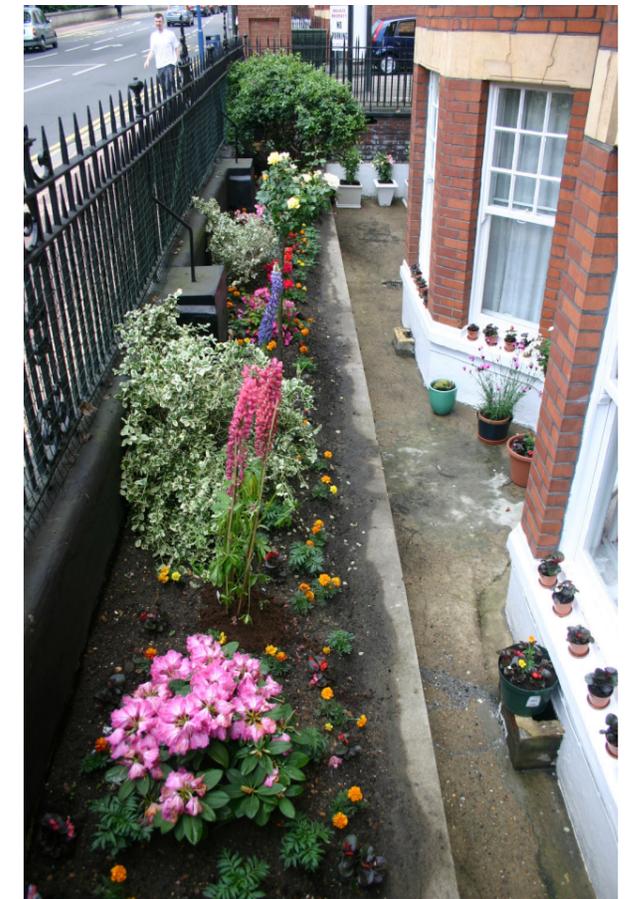


Everything in the Garden is Lovely



Before

Meanwhile, as if he didn't have enough to do, Ossie, by arrangement with the office, has been busy transforming the garden outside his flat in A block.



After

Previously the space was a tangled mass of dull bushes—now it's a riot of colour.

The rhoededendrons, lupins

and bouganivilleas were all picked up by Ossie from the Chelsea Flower Show, where they were champion plants.

"I'm not a gardener", said construction expert Ossie, "but it's nice to be growing things instead of building them."