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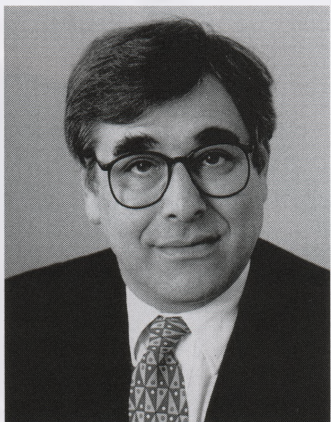
The VideoNet service provides 'video on demand', which gives full viewing control to the viewer. This means that you choose what you want to watch and you choose when you want to watch it. You can also pause the programme, watch it later, or rewind or fast forward to any part in the programme.

You can choose from a wide range of movies, TV programmes including sport, comedy, drama, arts, children's, history and nature, as well as news bulletins and regularly updated music videos.

VideoNet is ideal for Hampstead Garden Suburb because it requires no satellite dish or outside cabling. The service is transmitted down your existing BT telephone line, without affecting your telephone service.

The service is brought to you by Video Networks Limited which was founded by Dr Simon Hochhauser whose family are long standing Hampstead residents. Simon's father, Victor Hochhauser, is the famous opera and ballet impresario.

"The launch of VideoNet is the culmination of seven years preparation and piloting of the service. For the first time, the



**Simon Hochhauser**, VideoNet Chief Executive

viewer has total control over their television viewing to watch whenever they want, without a scheduler telling them when they have to watch it. We are pleased to be able to offer NW11 residents a preview of the ultimate in digital television entertainment," says Simon.

The VideoNet service is being piloted in selected North West London postcode areas, including NW11, before the full

commercial launch across London later this year. VideoNet will also be expanding the range of services to include home shopping, home banking and Internet access.

## Special Offer for HGS residents

Hampstead Garden Suburb residents can take advantage of an introductory offer to preview the service. Apply before the end of May and there will be no charge for installation or for the rental of the set top box, normal cost of installation £40 and the set top box £190. Also, for an exclusive 6 months period, you will pay only £4.99 per month to receive all of the television programming and music videos. There is no obligation to continue after 6 months. Rental will depend on how many services you choose, but will be around £15-£19 a month. Films are charged on a pay per 24 hour viewing period of £3.49 for new titles, £2.49 for hit films and £1.99 for library films.

If you are interested, you can see a demonstration of the service at Mr D Clayman's electrical shop at Central TV Services, 23 Market Place, London NW11 6JY, or if you have any questions on the service, please call VideoNet on FREEPHONE 0800 092 4444.



## Neighbourhood Watch

### Police reorganisation

Over this last three months, our thoughts and energies have been dominated by the police changes that have been taking place locally as well as in Barnet as a whole.

### Local Changes

We have had to say farewell to our Community Beat Officer, Linda Bailey, who has been with us for nearly eleven years and who became for us, perhaps, an almost perfect example of what we all hope for from a local police officer.

Unfortunately just before Christmas Linda fell down a spiral staircase whilst on holiday in Holland, which resulted in her breaking her leg very seriously with compound fractures which will keep her away from work for several

months. But we were delighted that she was able to return to the Suburb in March - albeit on crutches - for a farewell party arranged by Neighbourhood Watch (which is reported separately).

Linda has been succeeded by P C Jeff Williams, who has been with the Metropolitan Police since 1980 and who has had much varied experience both in uniform and on various special duties. He will be operating from the Sector Office at Golders Green Police Station (telephone 0181-733 5561/2).

### Police reorganisation in Barnet

From 12 April, the police in Whetstone and Hertsmer will join together with the Hendon, Golders Green and Finchley police to form one Barnet Police

Division with its headquarters at the new Colindale Police Station. Later, in 2000, the Hertsmer police will be hived off to join the Hertfordshire police, after which the boundaries of the London Borough of Barnet and Barnet police boundaries will be the same.

Inevitably this will mean some changes in nomenclature, in organisation and in the physical boundaries of police Sectors and Beats, which we very much hope will not affect us unduly on the Suburb.

PETER LOYD



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

## D. H. Lawrence and the Suburb

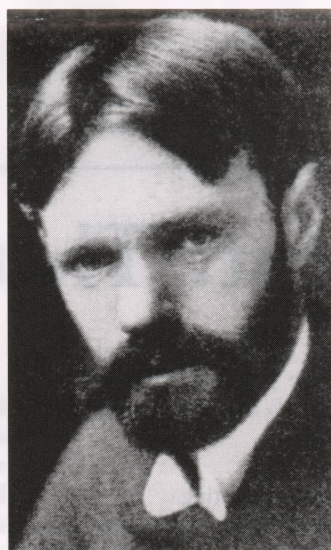
*For the first in a series of articles on the association of literary figures with the Suburb, Elizabeth Gundry has been researching D. H. Lawrence.*

D. H. Lawrence repeatedly stayed with the Eders at 103 Hampstead Way in and after 1915. Dr David Eder, a Freudian psychoanalyst, was an active socialist and later became political head of the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem. To Eder's wife Edith, Lawrence wrote, after his visit of Christmas 1915, "You are a perfect hostess, you make one feel so free and simple", although she had not appreciated a recycled box he had himself painted for her as a present on a previous visit and he had complained that she never listened to him.

Lawrence was openly sceptical about Eder's psychoanalytical beliefs and, too, discouraged him from remaining a Jew - yet, a few years later was proposing to join him in Palestine and write about Zionism (a project that came to nothing - as had

another plan to found a Utopian colony in the Colombian Andes, where Eder had family connections). Despite all this, the friendship endured, and Eder's stepson (Stephen, son of Lord Haden-Guest) became a protégé of Lawrence.

Another Suburb friend and host at this period was Vere Collins of 2 Hurst Close, off Bigwood Road (a house built in 1910 by one of the Suburb's most distinguished architects Michael Bunney, later awarded an M.B.E. for his work in Dumfries). Collins was a manager at the Oxford University Press, publishing Lawrence's 'Movements in European History' in 1921 and helping him in many ways - even offering him the loan of his house while Lawrence was trying to get 'Women in Love' published.



Lawrence got to know the socialist journalist and poet Max Plowman who later lived at 12 Woodside, off Erskine Hill (built by an assistant of Lutyens, W. H. Ward in 1909). Plowman had reviewed his poems in 1913, and in 1919 he had read MSS of Plowman's plays for a publication called 'Plays for a People's Theatre' as a result he asked to meet him ("Will you be in to tea tomorrow? Are you on the telephone?") and offered to introduce him to Macdermott, founder of Hampstead's Everyman Theatre. (Plowman's own books were to include 'An Introduction to the Study of Blake' - of whom was an early and passionate advocate - and 'War and the Creative Impulse'.)

After his death in 1941, his letters were published - a testament to his remarkable personality and gift for friendship; he was particularly devoted to the critic and author John Middleton Murry, husband of Katherine Mansfield, whose second wife Violet was nursed and died at 12 Woodside).

ELIZABETH GUNDREY

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