

The Horticultural Society programme for 2003

This year the Horticultural Society's programme of events runs from March to November, with two talks, three coach outings (one for members only), the annual plant sale, open gardens and the summer and autumn shows where you might meet our presidents, Jonathan Ross and Jane Goldman. We will hold a summer party for members for the first time this year – does anyone have a nice large garden we could borrow?

Full details of times and venues will be found on the relevant Suburb News diary pages, but you might like to note the dates below now.

Entry is free to members except where indicated. To join or renew, contact Ruta Teteris on 8455 9944, ruta.teteris@virgin.net.

Membership dues remain the same at £3 (single) and £5 (family) with many local garden centres giving 10% discount on plants on production of a membership card.

If you can help with teas or setting up at the shows, would be willing to join the committee, or can't find what you want in our programme this year, please do let us know – we need new faces and we welcome ideas and suggestions for future programmes.

MARJORIE HARRIS, CHAIR

Tuesday 18 March 7.30pm

Talk by Paul Evans from David Austin Roses. £2 non-members

Wednesday 9 April 9am for 9.15am

Coach outing to RHS Garden Wisley. £5 (Members only trip)

Saturday 17 May 10.30am-1pm

Plant Sale

Saturday 24 May 10.30am

Hampstead & Highgate Festival/HGS Horticultural Society Guided Suburb Walk and four open gardens. £6

Saturday 11 June 9am for 9.15am

Coach outing to Benington Lordship and Great Munden House gardens (Herts). £17pp excl. pub lunch

Saturday 21 June 3-5.30pm

Flower Show (Entry forms in Tuesday 17 June)

Sunday 13 July

Open gardens

Week beginning 21 July

Summer party (details to be confirmed)

Saturday 16 August 9am for 9.15am

Coach outing to Glen Chantry and Beth Chatto's gardens (Essex). £17pp - bring packed lunch

Saturday 6 September 3-5.30pm

Flower Show (Entry forms in Tuesday 2 September)

Tuesday 28 October 7.30pm

Talk by Jekka McVicar of Jekka's Herb Farm. (There will be a charge for tickets – details later)

Tuesday 18 November 7.30pm

AGM & Prizes



Wolfgang Warburg c.1933

Near the junction of Erskine Hill and Asmunds Hill is Woodside, one of the peaceful cul-de-sacs that Sir Raymond Unwin saw as fostering communal life in the old Suburb. The houses, by W H Ward, were built in 1909. Ninety years later Freda Bolton's charming painting shows that it has changed little since the 1930s, when a family of refugees from Germany settled there. Head of the family was Gustav Warburg and he brought his wife and two young children, Wolfgang and Renate, and later his elderly parents. Gustav was one of the émigrés, intellectuals who began to leave Germany then, foreseeing what was to happen. In his book 'London at War', Philip Ziegler writes that the intellectual life of the capital was enriched by an inflow of new knowledge and new ideas brought in by these refugees.

The Warburg family settled in well. They had 'open house' for the local children and those of us who lived nearby visited often to camp in the garden and taste the strange flavours of continental food for the first time. The Warburg children went to 'Child's Way', as the Garden Suburb School was then known. The Warburgs added to the culture by introducing rambling

Hitler's Suburb Hit List

and an interest in the countryside, which were emerging in England partly through the development of the Youth Hostels Association. This worried the Government who tried to suppress it as under the influence of the Hitler Youth!

All went well with the Warburg family until war was declared on 03 September 1939. Gustav and his wife had been naturalised, but Grandfather was now listed as an enemy alien. Under the dreaded Defence Regulation 18b he was carted off to an internment camp on the Isle of Man. It was virtually impossible to have visitors and he was unhappy. But not for long. A group of Suburb neighbours successfully petitioned the Home Office for his release. The old man had no English, but on his return he soon learned to say "thank you very much" to those he met as he found his way around the Suburb.

Back in the Isle of Man three young internees took advantage of their plight to make music. They became the foundation of the Amadeus Quartet. We have a permanent reminder of their achievement: a short white pillar in memory of 'Peter' Schidlof, their leading light. A teenager when he arrived from Austria in 1938, 32 years later the Queen awarded him the OBE. Today from the gate in Wild Hatch you can see this monument in the Golders Green Crematorium gardens.

Unfortunately not all internees' stories ended so happily. A group of 1500 German and Italian refugees were put aboard the SS Arandora Star for internment in Canada under the mistaken impression that they were all Nazis or Fascists; some in fact were Jewish. The vessel was torpedoed off the west coast of Ireland on 02 July 1940 and 800 lives were lost. There is circumstantial evidence that also on board was a Suburb resident, a civilian, Robert Lockie of Litchfield Way.

He is remembered on the Free Church war memorial.

A month earlier the evacuation of Dunkirk had been achieved. Now that France had fallen and we had the Home Guard, there was a general feeling that an invasion was imminent. However, Hitler put it off, the Battle of Britain was won, and we did not have to face the prospect of Nazi stormtroopers marching down Whitehall. The nation had been strengthened by Winston Churchill's firm and frank leadership and oratory which left no room for the idea that we might lose the war, however close this might have been in reality.

A very interesting light has recently been thrown onto this scene. The St Ermin's Press, in conjunction with others including the Imperial War Museum, has published an English translation of a book, 'Invasion 1940', written



at the time by SS General Walter Schellenburg as a handbook. This told the would-be invaders what made Britain tick – who ran the country and how. The longest section was about our intelligence agencies. Each was generally factual and objective except for 'Judaism' which was hopelessly biased and paranoid. There

were no references to military operations or what was to be done once the Nazis were in control, except for one thing.

Quite separately as part two of the book and compiled is a list of the names of 2,820 civilians in Britain. Each had a file number leading to further information. They were to be arrested in the event of a successful invasion, 'or taken into protective custody'. About a quarter were British subjects including key ministers and writers such as H G Wells, E M Forster, Aldous Huxley and J B Priestley. Most of the rest were refugees of German Jewish origin. To understand the intention of the invaders all one needs to know is that Schellenburg was known to Rheinhardt Heydrich (head of the Nazi Party's new-found security and intelligence service) whose name is associated with the enforcement of the 'final solution'. This is the serious part of the book, and the Suburb is represented by six names: Kurt Alexander of Vivian Way (author); Karl Otten, Hampstead Way (author); Nikolaus Prevsner (sic); Maurice Walk (emigrant); Emmanuel Shinwell, Erskine Hill (British, MP); Rebecca West, Chatham Close (British journalist). Gustav Warburg appears on the hit list with no detail. But if the SS officer charged with his arrest had thumbed through the handbook he would have found the following fuller entry, perhaps signifying greater importance: 'The Jewish organisations have their headquarters in the so-called Jewish Board of Deputies, Woburn House, Upper Woburn Place, SC1. Here, a number of German Jews work as secretaries or other contributors. Among them Dr Gustav Warburg, the former editor of SPD's 'Hamburger Echo', must be noted. He used to live at Woodside, Erskine (sic) Hill, London NW11.'

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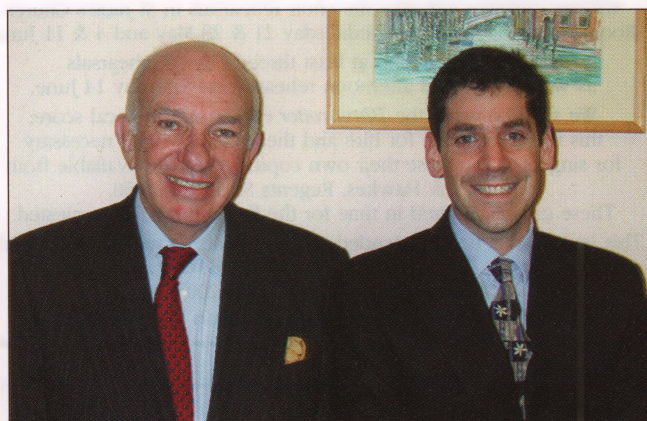
The end of an era

In January 2002, Dr David Price sold his dental practice in North End Road, so ending a practising career of 47 years at the age of 72. David and his wife Daphne have been providing dentistry of the highest quality since they moved to Golders Green in 1960 from their West End Practices in Portland Place. David is rightly proud of many patients who still have the crowns he fitted 40 years ago. His patients have travelled from as far as China to see him. David's photographic memory of the work that he has done, coupled with his devotion to his patients, lead to his success. That so many patients are still loyal to him after 40 years of service only confirms that they adore him as much as he adores them. Happily, David still loves his work and he is still involved in finishing off cases and introducing his patients to his successor, Dr Julian Kurer.

It was always going to be very hard for David to find a suitable successor. Julian Kurer comes from a family of eminent dentists. His paternal Grandfather, Dr Jacob Kurer, qualified as a dentist in Vienna in 1925. His original certificate is inside the entrance to the practice. He opened a famous practice in Manchester in 1940, which was then passed to Julian's father Hans and his Uncle Peter. Peter, with the support of Hans, founded the world-renowned Kurer anchor system and Hans was honoured with an OBE for his contribution to PostGraduate Dental Education. Julian's brother, Michael Kurer, is not only a resident of the Suburb, but is well known to many in north West London for his skills as an Orthopaedic Surgeon. Julian has three young children, Dalya, Anouska and Saul, and his wife Michelle is a General Medical Practitioner in Edgware.

Julian Kurer qualified in 1986 before studying for a Masters of Science in dentistry at Guys Hospital in 1990 and completing his specialist training in Periodontology in 1993. He worked, like David Price before him, for 7 years in the West End in Portland Place before moving to Golders Green to be closer to home in January 2002.

Inevitably, Julian is modernising the practice and has brought in a Hygienist, Danielle Hommell and Orthodontist, Joe Noar, a consultant at The Eastman Dental Hospital and Watford General Hospital, to support him. Julian's colleague, Dr Rosemary Lawrence is amongst a rare breed of dentists that specialises in denture cases. Julian has brought in Digital x-ray facilities and has found a huge demand for all forms of cosmetic dentistry including white fillings, veneers, teeth whitening and implants.



Julian hopes that the Dental Rooms can continue to provide the highest levels of patient care and quality dentistry so that our patients can feel confident that they are receiving the best possible dental care.

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