

THE FLASK WALKER NW.3.

The Flask Walker is the newsletter of the Flask Walk Neighbourhood Association, representing the interests of residents of Back Lane, Boades Mews, Flask Walk, Gardner Road, Lakis Close, Lutton Terrace, Mansfield Place, Murray Terrace, New Court and Streatley Place.

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The summer picnic

We celebrated midsummer with a picnic on Flask Walk Green. (In order to avoid the Wimbledon Finals, we chose Sunday 27 June for our annual summer party little realising that England would be attempting to defend her honour on the fields of Bloemfontein that afternoon.) Neighbours brought frittatas and salads and puddings and wine and lemonade and other good things to share; our children brought their teddy bears. The sun shone strongly. We picnicked and gossiped, met new neighbours and old friends. There was pass-the-parcel (with prizes kindly donated by Happy Returns toy shop in Rosslyn Hill), and face-painting by one of the Mystical Fairies. Especially popular were the mini ice-creams generously offered by our own Slice of Ice, and the cup cakes donated by Ginger & White of Perrins Court. Part-way through the afternoon, members of the City Lit a cappella group gathered to sing some original arrangements of jazz and popular song, brought together for the afternoon by Flask Walk's John Cook. Collections were made for this year's chosen cause, the Alzheimer's Society; we gave well over £100. Yes, our numbers did diminish around 3pm as the World Cup took priority for some, but many of us stayed on until the later afternoon to enjoy good company in the extending shade of the trees.



Photo by Sara Harris

The picnic didn't 'just' happen. Your committee worked pretty hard to make sure that everything

was in place to make it a success. Other than to the people and organisations listed above, we would also like to record our grateful thanks to Kate Streeter of Burgh House, and to our Councillors and Camden staff for suspending parking for the day (and suspending the parking suspension charge to the FWNA) and clearing the Green before and after the event. Most of all, thanks to our members for coming together with such good cheer.

Memories, good memories!

A reminiscence was posted a few weeks ago on our website, www.flaskwalk.org.uk, by the Rev Sharon Swanson, of the state of Washington:

My family lived at #43 Flask Walk from 1950 until 1956 or '57. I remember Mr Cooper at the green grocers, Ted at the butcher shop, and the "furniture shop man" (an antique dealer) who used to make a bed for my doll in a chest of drawers and "babysit" while my mother and I went shopping.

My grandfather was an Anglican priest, the Rev. Charles Ross, who was serving as a chaplain at New End Hospital, and I used to go on visits with him, both in hospital and in people's homes.

I remember Coronation Day and the whole street decked out in bunting, and my friend and I dressed up as little Dutch girls in red/white/blue... I've no idea what my mother was thinking.

Our neighbors on one side were part of the Pearly Kings and Queens - Mr and Mrs Smith, and they were all dressed up in their finery. I went to school at Christchurch Primary and we were taken to the Heath for afternoon naps. Good memories.

Do add your own memories, comments, even complaints to the website.

Flask Walk in Bloom

With the active encouragement of Camden Council, Flask Walk was entered for both the Camden in Bloom and London in Bloom competitions. We have learned that we were one of the finalists in the Best Street category in Camden. At the time of writing, London in Bloom had not been judged. Judging criteria are not based simply on the density of flowers in our gardens.

Horticultural practice within the broad street environment counted for 50 percent of the score, including the impact of private gardens, public spaces like the hoggin and the Green, and business premises. Environmental management, such as the maintenance of local street furniture and the management of litter and dog fouling counted for 25 percent. And community participation made up the other 25 percent; this included involvement of the community, and funding and support from local businesses and local government. Most of us in Flask Walk – as in neighbouring streets – do care for our environment, and do our bit to make the public environment green and pleasant. In early July, for example, a group of us, neighbours and Councillor Linda Chung, weeded, watered and de-littered the hoggin. It is nice that the efforts of our community – individuals, businesses, Camden staff and councillors – have been recognised as among the best. Particular thanks go to Camden's Peter Freeman for his help and support.

Camden in Bloom 2010

Best Street

Finalist

Flask Walk



Jonathan Simpson
Councillor Jonathan Simpson
Mayor of Camden



Bulletin board

The FWNA Bulletin Board lists businesses that members have found to be particularly good value. We normally ask for at least two members to recommend a service, and we de-list a service if there have been complaints or if it is no longer available. We update the list with each issue of the *Flask Walker*. The Bulletin Board is not an advert;

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Yes, I would like to be a paid-up member of my local neighbourhood association – the Flask Walk Neighbourhood Association (FWNA).

I/We enclose a cheque/cash for £ _____ (minimum £5 / household) as my/our subscription, payable to the “Flask Walk Association”, for 2010. Please return this form with your payment to Simon Marshall, FWNA Treasurer, 73 Flask Walk. Thank you for your support. *By giving us your email address, you indicate your willingness to receive periodic email updates on neighbourhood issues; we will not share your details with any other organisation.*

Name and contact details (address, email, phone):

no-one has paid to have their names included on the list. A listing does not, of course, imply a recommendation by the FWNA.

- **Alexander Technique:** Mel Hampson, tel. 020 7794 1538
- **Architect** (extensions to newbuild): Peter Ungar, tel 020 7431 7547
- **Builder** (large and small jobs): Stapleton Builders (a family firm), tel 020 8348 2059
- **Builder** (e.g. creative refitting): Filipe Matos, tel. 020 8962 0190, 07939 159284 or 07817 301517
- **Drain clearance:** First Response, tel 0800 567 7591
- **Electrician:** Mark Winston, tel. 07813 046 253; Peter Dighton, tel. 07944 855529 or 020 8292 6071
- **Gardeners:** Caroline Egan (garden design), tel. 020 8340 2706; Vicky Parker / *Muddy Boots* (garden maintenance and design), tel 020 7433 1016 or 07706 624 392; Rumin Radanov (garden design and maintenance), tel 07878 212 040
- **Heating/plumbing:** Edward Hurst (and Steve Parkhurst), tel 020 8808 1282 or 07984 707 753; Noel, tel 020 8360 3533
- **Home repair and improvement:** Unicare Plus, tel 020 8305 2192
- **Locksmith:** Newman & Son, tel. 020 7284 1002
- **Massage therapy:** Rose Sawkins, tel 020 7433 1322 or 07790 900430
- **Osteopath:** Daniel Stuttard, tel 020 7730 1179
- **Photographer:** Zoran, tel 020 7794 1335, 07776 175076
- **Physiotherapist:** Hampstead Physiotherapy Practice, 12 Church Row, tel 020 7794 9078
- **Piano Teacher** (all ages, levels): Gemma Green, tel 07863 549524
- **Piano Tuner:** Steve Robson, tel. 020 7232 2434 or 07905 451131
- **Plumber:** 1-2-1 Services, tel 020 8343 1918
- **Tailor:** Unique Tailors, 15 Flask Walk, tel 020 7431 3314
- **Vacuum Cleaner Service:** London K.B.E., tel 020 8889 9709
- **Web and Graphic Design:** LondonPop Design Group, tel 020 7431 5645
- **Window Cleaning:** Elite Windowcleaners, tel 020 8371 9655

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