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## MEWS NEWS

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# MEWS LECTURE



## Henry VIII's Hawks - The Story of London's Mews

Towards the end of March, Oliver Lurot, our Sales Director, was invited to speak on the history of London's Mews at the Norland Conservation Society's 40th Anniversary Annual Lecture.

The Lecture, held at St. James Church in Holland Park was well attended and Oliver, whilst accepting the invitation with some trepidation, was at the same time honoured to have been asked to contribute.

## COTTAGES & HOUSES

Over the years we have complemented our core skill of selling and letting mews houses by doing the same for a number of other small houses that are not "mews" in the true sense. The buyers and tenants that approach us for mews can often be tempted by other kinds of houses.

From now on, we have decided to dedicate a part of our quarterly newsletter to these charming little "cottages" and distribute it to them. We feel that we can bring the same level of success in the sale and letting of these properties, that has made us the market leaders in our field, and you may even enjoy reading some of the articles.



## MEWS STREET PARTY 2009

### Last chance to discuss yours for this Summer!!!

In our Winter Issue of Mews News, we showed you photos of the very successful Street Party which we sponsored in Lexham Mews, Kensington.

With a view to sponsoring one or two Street Parties each summer, we purchased and have in storage the majority of smaller items needed for a party such as plates, glasses, cutlery, jugs and even a megaphone!

The Lexham Mews party was based on "High Tea with Pimms".

Lots of cucumber sandwiches, scones, clotted cream and jam, cakes and tarts and an endless flow of Pimms. This formula was a huge success. Unfortunately, for safety and insurance purposes, we were not able to be involved in "hot" meals.

The raffle prizes were outstanding and both the residents and Lurot Brand persuaded all sorts of people and companies to donate.

**For further information please call Kati Lurot on 020 7479 1999.**



HANSARD MEWS, W14 | £350,000 LEASEHOLD



PHYSIC PLACE, SW3 | £1,400,000 FREEHOLD



# SEE HOW THEY GROW!!!

In 1982, in Issue 5 of our magazine, we featured the following property:

“Quite the worst mews in this prime location. Unmodernised house with 3 bedrooms, 1 reception, kitchen

and bathroom, garage (if you can get to it) with consent for an extra floor. Boring outlook but considerable potential. Ideal house for parents to buy for sharers”. **£70,000 FREEHOLD**



**MONTPELIER MEWS, SW1**

At the time, the Gloriette Patisserie bakery was in a warehouse type building across the end of the mews which was always blocked by bakery delivery vans. The Bakery was turned into 3 seriously luxurious houses and a new development of town houses were built when the Harrods Depository was demolished.

It's very very smart now which is evidenced by the house which we have just sold there with an asking price of £2,995,000.

The former London depot of Hesse and Savory in Henniker Mews became occupied by Lionel Martin and Robert Bamford in late 1912. On the 15th January, their partnership became incorporated as 'Bamford and Martin Ltd' and construction began on their first unique automobile. The car, known as 'Coal Scuttle' – the first ever Aston-Martin (note the hyphen) was registered for the road in early 1915. Not long after the First World War had begun, the small factory closed and both the bosses and workers joined in the War effort.

## CHELSEA MEWS SOLD FOR £50,000

A complete mews in Chelsea was sold at auction yesterday for £50,000. Known as Henniker Mews, Callow Street, it contains 20 properties producing at present only £175 a year but with rents due to revert in March 1974. The properties were mews flats above garages and were offered as suitable for eventual redevelopment.

The Times, July 15th 1960



**HENNIKER MEWS, SW3**

IN 2005, A HOUSE SOLD FOR £2,975,000



**HYDE PARK GDS MEWS, W2 | £1,200,000 FREEHOLD**



**PRINCES GATE MEWS, SW7 | £2,100,000 FREEHOLD**



# DIGGING UP HISTORY...

## REVOLT IN LANCASTER MEWS

In February 1968, a group of residents in Lancaster Mews succeeded, for five hours, in keeping their mews free from yellow lines. Council workmen who had retreated in the face of cries of “clear off” returned with six police officers to move cars parked in the mews to stop the lines being painted...then the lines went down.

The leader of the protest, rally driver John Sprinzel, who owned a garage business in the mews said parking restrictions would drive off customers and force residents to park elsewhere. Apparently, a letter from the Council claimed that restricted parking would provide reasonable access and improved safety for all road users.

**Forty years on we applaud John Sprinzel!**



## SALISBURY MEWS

The Bay City Rollers, T. Rex and Slade, Oxford bags and platform shoes were all the rage in the 1970's when the photo on the top left was taken, but Salisbury Mews in Fulham SW6 has since been transformed.

In 1974, Salisbury Mews, just off Dawes Road in Fulham housed the thriving business of Wyatt & Son, suppliers of Fish Poultry and Game to the restaurant and hotel trade, but in 2007, work began to transform the mews and in 2009 with the development complete, we have three brand new mews houses each with patio gardens and most importantly for Fulham, each house has it's own reserved parking space. Ranging in size from just under 1,500 sq ft to just over 2,000 sq ft, these houses have been equipped to an exceptionally high standard.

## SEX PISTOLS & THE CLASH

Pindock Mews in Maida Vale was in the 70's home to Sid Vicious, his girlfriend Nancy Spungen and Clash's drummer Topper Headon. Maida Vale was at the time nicknamed "Heroin Central".







Oil painting of Weymouth Mews, W1

A member of our staff saw this print on Ebay and immediately bought it for the vast sum of £3.50. It shows Weymouth Mews In Marylebone in 1947 (so said the seller of the print). If anyone would like a copy, please let us know. 020 7479 1999.



BATHURST MEWS, W2 | £775 PW UN/FURNISHED



CEDARS MEWS, SW4 | £1,150 PW UN/FURNISHED



PRINCES GATE MEWS, SW7 | £995 PW UNFURNISHED



WESTBOURNE GROVE, W2 | £1,500 PW UN/FURNISHED



# CONGRATULATIONS TO LONDON FRENCH RFC

Lurot Brand are proud to sponsor the London French Rugby Club. Antoine Lurot, our Chairman, is also Chairman of the Club and was one of the founder members in 1959.

Congratulations on Winning the 2007/8 RFU Hertfordshire/Middlesex 3 South League Championship and on their promotion to the League above.

The Club are always looking for new members (ALL French and ANY rugby lovers of other Rugby-loving nations) and all necessary information can be found on their website:

[www.londonfrenchrfc.com](http://www.londonfrenchrfc.com)



**St Stephen's Mews W2, described by a resident who has lived in the mews for two and a half years:**

"This is a sweet, young, family orientated mews. Residents include families from France, Italy, America, New Zealand and born and bred Londoners!

We are situated moments away from the infamous hustle and bustle of Portobello Road. There is a delightful Italian restaurant called Casa Frattini, located at the entrance to the Mews, whose proprietors are always happy to welcome residents in for a glass of wine or offer a tippale of Limoncella to finish their meal!"

**If like this resident you would like to write about your mews or share a story you can do so easily on our website [www.lurotbrand.co.uk](http://www.lurotbrand.co.uk) > mews world > share your mews story. If suitable, we will feature it in 'Mews News'.**

## WE LIVE IN A MEWS



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