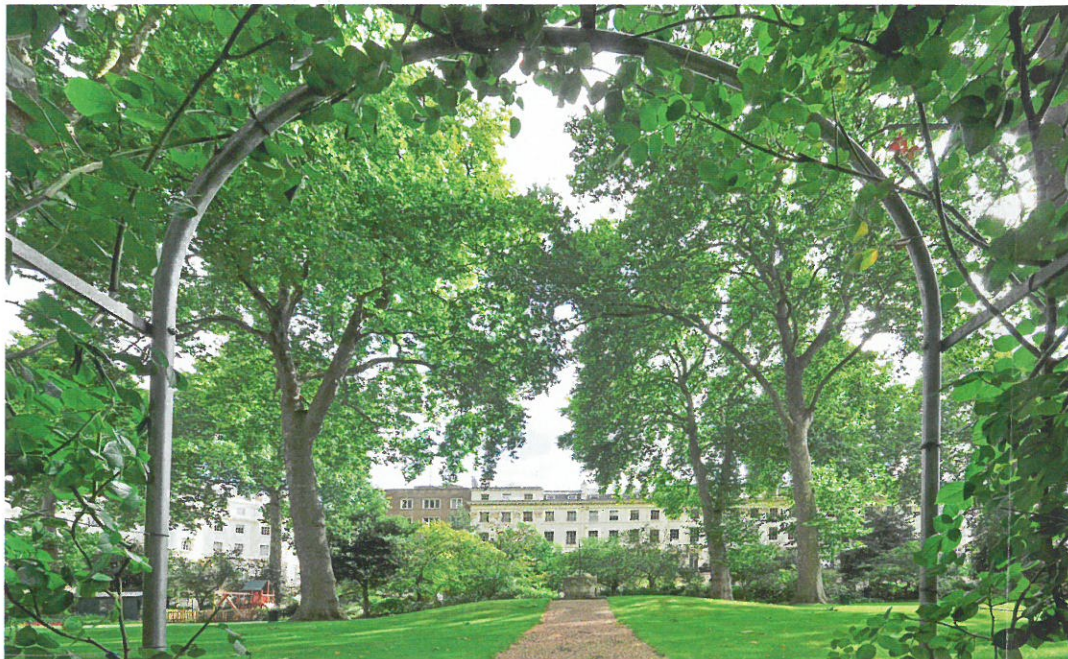


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Fortune favours the brave

Would you consider buying a property without ever having set foot in it? What sounds like sheer craziness became a reality with Affinity Sutton's new Finchley Road development, The Lexington. 40 per cent of the 60 luxury apartments sold immediately, without buyers seeing any advertising, brochures or, of course, property. But our guess is that these blind buyers are feeling pretty smug right now: all apartments have high-tech, high-spec finishings, minutes from Hampstead Heath. Three months on, 90 per cent of homes have sold, so if you're after a slice of luxurious Finchley Road living, you'd better look lively. Contact *Glentree New Homes* on 020 8731 9500 for further details (www.glentree.co.uk)

Hurrah for Hamptons!

One of the sponsors of this year's much-anticipated Hyde Park Estate Association Garden Party is Hamptons International. Held in the beautiful Gloucester Square Gardens – a calm oasis not far from the buzz of Oxford Street – the Garden is set to be transformed into a traditional rural fête, with a wine bar, barbecue and Shawarma, plus a prize draw and live jazz band – plenty to entertain the entire family. And guests can enjoy letting their hair down safe in the knowledge that all proceeds go to a very good cause: supporting Never Such Innocence. The charity provides educational programmes for schools in the Paddington/Westminster area, teaching children about war and alternative ways to resolve conflict, marking the centenary of WWI. As if we needed any more reason to revel in the June sunshine... 14 June, 4-8pm. Gloucester Square Gardens, W2



50 years and counting

In 1964, Muswell Hill band The Kinks scored a UK number one with *You Really Got Me*. That very same year, Martyn Gerrard Estate Agents was born. It's fitting, then, that the historic grounds of Muswell Hill's Alexandra Palace recently played host to the company's grand 50th birthday bash. The family-run business has come a long way since the swinging 60s (and from its very first office in Whetstone), and can now proudly state that it's an award-winning and dynamic sales, lettings and property management company with a network of ten offices across north and north west London. Happy birthday, Martyn Gerrard! (www.martyngerrard.co.uk)

60 SECONDS WITH...



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City pad or leafy suburb?

Both!

Home gym or home cinema? Hard choice. Home gym for me, home cinema for my kids

Hampstead Heath or Primrose Hill? Hampstead Heath, where I walk my lurcher every weekend

Buy to let or buy to live?

Both again

New build or period charm?

Period charm – high ceilings, fireplaces, cornicing... New builds date so quickly

Dote on dogs or care for cats?

Both. We have a dog at home and three cats. It's like a menagerie

Hyde Park or Regent's Park?

Regent's Park

Black cab or Boris bike?

Black cab. It's a luxury and a pleasure to be driven around London

Swinging jazz club or off to the opera?

Jazz club – I was at the Jazz Café in Camden last week

Saturday night or Sunday morning?

Used to be Saturday night, now it's Sunday morning

French bistro or best of British?

Japanese!

Dining out or dinner party?

Dining out

Dressed up or dressed down?

Dressed down; there is just no need to dress up anywhere really

Action-packed or pool-side holiday?

I've just returned from India: a mix of both

Good book or Hollywood blockbuster?

Movie

English breakfast or skinny latte?

English breakfast