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Stanmore Place Cocktail Party Welcomes First Residents

By Terry Green,
Editor-in-Chief

The first residents of Stanmore Place gathered at the Sales & Marketing Suite on Thursday, 9th December for an evening of cocktails and canapés. Accompanied by a live jazz band, guests enjoyed a variety of wine and cocktails, including three signature cocktails, specially created for the event by a mixologist.

“Guests were treated to spectacular fireworks over the feature lake”

Canapés circulated the room and residents met and mingled with their new neighbours and members of the Stanmore Place sales and customer relations staff,

before sitting down to a few introductory words from Paul Vallone of St. Edward Homes.

Following the brief talks from Roger Prowse, Head of Customer Service and Anthony Fawcett, the Stanmore Place facilities manager, guests were treated to spectacular fireworks over the feature lake. Despite the frosty temperature, guests enjoyed watching the sky light up with the dazzling display, before returning inside to be greeted by mulled wine and mince pies.

A few lucky residents were the recipients of raffle prizes, which consisted of hampers from Fortnum & Mason and Virgin Experience Gift Cards. Goodie bags were handed out afterwards to everyone in attendance, which included a gift box from Molton Brown and a bounce-back card from their nearby Brent Cross branch.



Residents enjoy a fireworks display at Stanmore Place

Bringing in style and polish to your home with Vogue Interiors



Sales and marketing suite at Stanmore Place

Interior design can be neglected or forgotten once a home has been purchased, but it's an important step towards making your house truly your home.

If you have had a chance to walk through the two show apartments at Stanmore Place, you'll have undoubtedly noticed the polished interior design touches throughout each room. Designed by Vogue Interiors, a company established in 1997, the apartments were dressed in two different styles, showcasing how

interior design can demonstrate and articulate contrasting moods and personalities in a space.

The team at Vogue Interiors have already designed apartments for a number of clients at Stanmore Place, and the design team will guide you from the initial one-to-one meetings to final delivery and installation, to create a bespoke interior that reflects your personal tastes and requirements.

Residents of Stanmore Place have the advantage of the on-site Design Studio situated within the

Sales and Marketing Suite, which serves as the perfect starting point for the process of designing interiors. Given the wide range of options on display in the suite, the Vogue Interior design team can work together with the client to create a design from top to bottom.

To begin the process of creating your own signature interior design with the help of Vogue Interiors, simply contact them on 01789 767 075 or visit their website at www.vogue-london.com

Transport / Recreation



Streetcar service is now available at Stanmore Place

Getting around and going green

Stanmore Place residents have a plethora of transport options available to them, helping to cut down on their carbon footprint.

By Debbie Jo,
Travel Correspondent

The UK's carbon footprint is now over 500 million tonnes of CO₂ per year, with individuals accounting for 45 per cent of that. Needless to say it will take a combined effort from individuals to significantly reduce that figure. At Stanmore Place, residents have a variety of options available to them for lowering their own carbon footprint.

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The Streetcar service at Stanmore Place is a car share service exclusively available 24/7 to residents. Once joining the service online at www.streetcar.com/join, cars can be booked online and then unlocked using a smart card or mobile phone. Not only does the

Streetcar service reduce the need for private cars, but according to Streetcar car share club, each one of their cars takes an average of 29 privately-owned cars off the road.

For those who prefer to travel on two wheels instead of four, cycle storage is provided for residents within the car park. In addition to that, Stanmore Place has facilitated the creation of new pedestrian and cycle routes linking the development to the surrounding areas.

Comment

Looking ahead to London's Olympics 2012

By Blake Robertson,
Sports Correspondent

The London Olympics start date is becoming more of a reality as each day passes and the City is getting ready for this once in a lifetime experience. All over London, borough councils have adopted initiatives for their communities to embrace and take part in this world-wide event. Harrow Council has adopted a 'Championing Harrow' plan, which has a variety of Olympic-related programmes for residents to participate in.

Students in the Harrow Borough can take part in 'Get Set' the official London 2012 education programme for 3 - 19 year olds. Schools, colleges and local authority education providers can participate by offering interactive learning resources designed to get young people thinking about the values of the Olympics and Paralympics. Activities of this programme include games, factsheets and films.

The 'Championing Harrow' Task Force has made a successful application to welcome a team from a visiting country during the London Olympics 2012 as an official Pre-Games Training Camp. Harrow School, Harrow Leisure Centre and the University of Westminster Harrow Campus Sports Hall will be available for visiting teams to use and train at.



In addition to potentially hosting an Olympic training team, Harrow Council is also promoting sports and active lifestyles through a variety of initiatives. A free swimming scheme for under 16's and over 60's has been implemented until April 2011. Interested participants can register at the Hatch End Pool, Harrow Leisure Centre or the Aspire Centre (over 60's only). Announced last June, the £140 million initiative is part of the Government's promise to help get two million people more active by the time London hosts the Olympic and Paralympics.

Set to run from 27th July - 12th August 2012, the London Olympics will bring world-class athletes from around the globe to compete in a variety of sports. Shortly after the end of the Olympics, the Paralympic Games will commence on 29th August - 9th September 2012.

Other ways Stanmore Place goes green

- Leave the car at home and take public transportation when you can – Stanmore Place is located near to Canons Park tube station and various bus stops
- Turn your lights down low – roughly a quarter of the light fittings at Stanmore Place are designed to use low energy light bulbs, this helps reduce the amount of electricity consumption
- Here comes the sun – solar energy is just one type of renewable energy source that can be used. At Stanmore Place, solar panels will be fitted into the roof of some apartment blocks, supplying hot water to a selection of houses

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What's on in Stanmore?

By Nick Jenkins,
Entertainment &
Showbiz Editor

Situated to the north west of London, Stanmore has no shortage of choice when it comes to something to do.

Stanmore offers an excellent range of shops, led by a large Sainsburys in the centre, and plenty of variety by way of restaurants and entertainment, with several options for pubs, bars and clubs.

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With its own quiet and peaceful setting, but within a stone's throw of London and fast transport links that take you directly into the city, Stanmore has its own charm to put it firmly on the map.

Brent Cross shopping centre

With over 120 shops, cafés and restaurants, Brent Cross shopping centre has something for everyone on the fashion and food front. There's an impressive choice, which includes a number of well-known stores such as John Lewis and Fenwick and a multi-storey car park for up to 8,000 cars



Furnishing your flat

There are plenty of furniture shops in Hatch End with Chaplins holding the largest selection of contemporary designer furniture you can find in Europe. Having introduced many international brands into the UK market, Chaplins has been able to provide the very best in modern furniture.

UB8 Interiors is a family run contemporary furniture department of the Antiques Warehouse. Established in 1977, it jointly hosts one of the largest displays of solid oak furniture in the UK.

Where to eat

There are a number of restaurants and cafés in the Stanmore area that cater to all tastes.

The Appolonia has a European and Thai cuisine menu and provides a contemporary and relaxed feel that is also perfect for corporate and family events.

Café Bukushi offers a unique fusion of a New York Deli and a contemporary sushi bar to suit the needs for lunch or dinner, with a large choice of over 40 speciality sandwiches and salads.

Other options in the area include Indian cuisine at Agra Tandoori, the Italian restaurant chain Prezzo or the ever popular Pizza Express for pizza and pasta. You can also get fish and chips from The White House or satisfy your craving for matzo ball soup at Madison's Deli.

Films

For the opportunity to catch the latest films throughout the year, Vue offers you a luxury cinema experience without having to trek through the crowds of Leicester Square. Vue Cinema is located just outside Stanmore in the St George's Shopping Centre in Harrow Town Centre.

Leisure



Winter walks in Harrow

By Nigel Passmore,
Fitness/Recreation Reporter

With the frosty winter weather, most of us are contemplating hibernating indoors until warmer temperatures arrive. However, snow and cold shouldn't keep us hidden away and there's no better way to shed the holiday pounds and enjoy winter's beauty than to go walking.

Walking is a simple and popular form of exercise, which can be enjoyed by all ages and with very little special equipment required. It has dramatic effects on lowering the risk of heart disease, obesity and high blood pressure, while also enhancing mental wellbeing and improving energy levels.

Residents of Harrow will be pleased to know that there are a variety of walking trails and groups who organise walks in the area. From historic walks that take you through beautiful Grade II-listed historic landscape and buildings, to exploring local green spaces, such as Pinner Memorial Park and Canons Park, you don't need to go far to enjoy a scenic walk.

Harrow Council has adopted the nation-wide walking scheme to encourage more people to get fit through walking. With the support of volunteer walk leaders who are given full training from the NHS Walk Health initiative as

well as CPR training, there are a range of walks to choose from every day of the week, with meeting points located throughout the borough. For beginners there are shorter walks with easy terrain and plenty of stops, while the more experienced can join walks with higher difficulty level. Parents can bring their children on walks that are rated as pushchair friendly. A health questionnaire must be filled in and brought to your first walk.

For more information about these walks and when they occur, please visit www.harrowpct.nhs.uk/Health_walks_service.html

For those who wish to go slightly further away, the Harrow and Wembley Outdoor Group organises walking weekends to scenic locations such as the Peak District and Cornwall. The group also offers more local walks, often in the Chilterns or Thames Valley area. Non-members are invited to join the group's events for free during the first two months, however to enjoy their activities for the rest of the year, a membership fee will need to be paid. Annual fees range from just £5.00, with options for reduced membership fees for students and low income earners.

For more information about the group's walking and other outdoor activities, please visit www.hawog.org.uk

Culture on your doorstep



By Rachael Summons,
Reporter

As the only dedicated performing arts venue in the borough, the Harrow Arts Centre offers the community a combination of entertainment from both professional and community companies.

With an educational and accessible programme of activities, upcoming classes and workshops, the calendar for January includes watercolour for mixed ability, Taekwondo, digital

photography, dancercise and life drawing.

The Harrow Art Centre's theatre already has a number of productions in place, including a nine day running for Shakespeare's Macbeth in March. The same month will also see the UK's No 1 ABBA Tribute Concert Show 'ABBA Magic' performing.

With such a busy calendar in place and with dance, comedy, live literature, film, visual arts and something for the family, when it comes to culture, you won't have to go far.

**Harrow Arts Centre,
Uxbridge Road, Hatch End.
www.harrowarts.com
Box office 020 8416 8989**

Property

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Show apartment living room

What's new at Stanmore Place

The highly anticipated second phase of apartments – Albert Court, which launched in the Autumn with two new stunning show apartments – is bringing in a new generation of residents to the popular Stanmore Place development.

By Natasha Lockley,
Editor

A selection of one, two and three bedroom apartments at Albert Court offer a superb standard of living at this popular development. High specifications in the apartments include integrated appliances in the kitchen with ample storage and work spaces, as well as stylish and durable fittings in the bathrooms.

Stanmore Place recently received a 2010 'Gold' standard from the Building for Life scheme, and then went on to win a full award – one of only a handful in the UK in 2010. These awards recognise commitment to high standards of building design and sustainable development. The judges commended the 'strong vision informing the development' noting that it was an 'impressive achievement'.

For more information about the available apartments, please visit the Sales & Marketing Suite, open daily from 10 am to 6 pm with late night openings on Thursday until 8 pm, call 020 8952 2853 or visit www.stanmoreplace.co.uk



Exterior view of Stanmore Place courtyard

Stanmore Place ticks all the boxes for young families

By Ken Turner,
Reporter

For Shoaib Yaqub and his wife Alina, their decision to move out of central London and step onto the property ladder was fuelled by wanting a safe and quiet environment to raise their new born son, Raiyan. Stanmore Place offered a superb standard of living with a safe environment and good local schools, while also providing excellent transport links for Shoaib's daily commute to work.

Both 25, Shoaib and Alina had rented a variety of flats around central London, but with a child

on the way, they made the decision to become first time buyers and settle down so that they would be away from the hustle and bustle of the city, but still within easy distance of it. Stanmore was at the top of their list of areas to search in, as Shoaib's best friend lives in the area and they were already familiar with the neighbourhood.

"We looked at quite a few properties in Stanmore, but at the end of the day, we thought that the quality of work at Stanmore Place was above anything else we had seen. We really liked the layout of the apartment and the location was perfect as the development is

within a few minutes walking distance to Canons Park tube station."

The couple purchased a two bedroom, two bathroom apartment in Stanmore Place and moved in during December 2010, just a week after Raiyan was born. "It wasn't easy, moving into a new apartment so soon after Raiyan was born, but we were able to get most of our furniture in and we were given a lot of help settling in from the concierge and staff at Stanmore Place."

The proximity of good transport links of Stanmore Place was another key factor in the Yaqub's wish list for a new home. Shoaib works at Liverpool Street and his

daily commute is made easier by the fact that he can hop on to the Jubilee line from Canons Park and be at work in approximately one hour.

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"We're far enough away from the rush of the city, but everything is still accessible. Being able to take the Jubilee line

straight into central London, makes it an easy commute for me to take every day."

Stanmore Place is an ideal home for young families to settle down in, given its close proximity to a number of highly regarded educational institutions including Harrow School, Merchant Taylors and Queen Elizabeth School. While the Yaqub's have a few years before they send Raiyan off to school, they have the reassurance that in the meantime he'll grow up in a safe neighbourhood with a strong feeling of community.