

FAMOUS PEOPLE ON THE SUBURB



From actors to politicians, academics to captains of industry, Hampstead Garden Suburb has had its fair share of famous residents. Beautiful girls raised in the Suburb – Elizabeth Taylor and Rachel Weisz became famous actresses while actors who lived here have included Donald Sinden, Alastair Sim, David McCallum and Robert Donat as well as Tony Hancock and Charlie Chester.



How many suburbs can boast a former Prime Minister who raised his children at 10 and then later 12 Southway? Harold Wilson did before he made his way to Downing Street. The Suburb hosted an array of Labour politicians including Charles Clarke, Peter Mandelson and many others.



Jonathan Ross, Richard and Judy, Martin Bell, Robert Winston, Katy Boyle all live on the Suburb while others like Noel Edmonds was raised in Brookland Rise and Venessa Feltz lived in Winnington Road. The former King and Queen of Greece have made the Suburb their home as have leaders of industry and commerce such as Sir Victor Blank, Chairman of Lloyds TSB. Writers who must have been inspired by their environment include Rebecca West, Paul Scott, Lady Antonia Fraser and her mother Lady Elizabeth Pakenham.



The Suburb has been the creation of and home to many architects including Raymond Unwin who designed the Suburb and lived in The Wyldes and Thomas Tait who lived next door in Wyldes Close – he also was the architect of Selfridges and the Daily Telegraph building in Fleet Street.



A full list of names with more details and a map will be displayed at the Suburb Centenary Historic Exhibition 1907–2007 at the Church Farmhouse Museum, 28 April until 9 September with the official opening on Sunday 13 May. The full list has been researched by Eva Jacobs and Susan Lewis who took as their starting point information from Kitty Slack's *Book of Repute and Renown*.



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Elizabeth Taylor – *'The happiest days of my youth were when my brother and I would run through the woods and feel quite safe. I wonder whether the Suburb is still like that. I do hope so. It was heaven for this child and her brother'*.

Peter Mandelson – *'At the time, I was aware of the privilege of living in such a nice neighbourhood and such beautiful surroundings. As a teenager, the suburb became a bit boring. In middle age, I see it as an oasis'*.

Rachel Weisz – Rachel, star of many films including *The Constant Gardener* and *The Mummy*, was brought up with her brother at 6 Linnell Close.



Jonathan Ross – Jonathan and his wife Jane are joint Presidents of the HGS Horticultural Society.

Martin Bell – *'In 1974 a benign building society helped me buy a very large oak tree in Denman Drive with a very small cottage attached. Moving to the Suburb was one of the best decisions I ever took. Living here remains an incomparable privilege'*.



Prof Robert Winston – *'The Suburb, where we have made our home for the past 28 years, is a unique part of London which provides a peaceful and natural haven in our bustling and exciting city'*.

William Lewis, Daily Telegraph Editor – *'I was born in 1969 and lived in Northway until my early twenties. I loved living in Hampstead Garden Suburb. It was a wonderful place to grow up - safe, secure and most of all a community of kind, generous and thoughtful people. Happy Birthday'*.

David McCallum – *'I am sorry that my current schedule makes it impossible for me to attend the celebrations but I wish you every success. I am sure it will be a wonderful time for everyone. My career began in the Free Church Hall, in the auditorium of Henrietta Barnett, always referred to as "Henry ate a banana ...", and the open air theatre in the woods. So many indelible memories. All the very best, David'*. David recently appeared in the UK NCIS (Naval Criminal Investigation Service) and previously starred in *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*