

# Any tenants under notice? asked the He left Fire Brigade prints behind

Told that he was eligible for preventive detention, James Donovan, 43, handyman, of St. Ann's Road, Tottenham, was at Inner London Sessions sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

He had been sent to the Sessions for sentence for breaking and entering an electrical shop in John Princes Street, Marylebone, and stealing £10 and breaking and entering a chemist's shop in Euston Road, with intent to steal.

Prosecuting counsel said Donovan broke in the door of the electrical shop with his feet and took £10 from the till. He was not seen to carry out the crime, but he left his fingerprints behind.

When seen by the police in connection with the offence, he said: "I was a bit drunk and also skint."

The upper part of the premises in Euston Road were empty but there was a chemist's on the ground floor. Donovan got on to the roof and then removed some slates and got into the attic.

Police found Donovan in a toilet. He had with him a jemmy and two hand saws which he admitted using in an attempt to get into the chemist's shop.

Donovan said that he had been in work as a labourer but left it after having a row with the foreman.

## Man did not return home

Twenty-three-year-old Mr. Peter Hunt who went for a walk and failed to return home, was reported missing to Harrow Road police.

Mr. Hunt, who lives in Beverton Road, Paddington, is 5ft. 8in. tall, with brown curly hair, and blue eyes.

When he was last seen, he was wearing black corduroy trousers, a blue sweater, a dark grey coat and black shoes and socks.

FIREMEN who went to a house in Queensborough Terrace, Bayswater, in answer to an emergency call, discovered it was a false alarm.

Then they asked the manageress of the house, Mrs. Elsie Maszke, if any tenants were under notice to quit.

She told them that Miss E. Gachette was under notice, but when they went to see her, she was out.

Later, the police called and spoke with Miss Gachette.

This story was told by Mrs. Maszke at Paddington Rent Tribunal on Thursday when the Jansamari Investment Co., landlords of the house, opposed an application by Miss Gachette for an extension of security.

In February, the tribunal granted Miss Gachette six months' security of tenure when she successfully applied to have her rent reduced to £5 12s.

But two weeks after a late-night party in June, Miss Gachette received a notice to quit.

"I think I was being victimised because I came to the tribunal," she claimed on Thursday.

Mrs. Maszke, who has managed the house for six years, told the tribunal she had issued the notice to quit because of the party, which had not finished before 1 a.m.

She claimed Miss Gachette had slammed the door in her face. "But I don't think the tenant meant to," she added.

"NO COMPLAINTS"

Miss Gachette denied doing this. "I was making coffee and she came up and asked me to stop the noise in case anyone complained," she explained.

"I asked her if anyone had complained and she said that they hadn't."

Mrs. Maszke said she had received several complaints from neighbours about the noise from the party.

Questioned by the chairman, Mr. E. M. Parsey, she admitted that other tenants in the house had held parties.

Mr. Parsey: "Had they received a notice to quit?"

"No" replied the manageress.

She said this was the first time she had given a notice to quit. "If the other tenants have parties, I also limit them to 12 o'clock. There has been

the odd occasion when someone hasn't finished at 12 and I have told them to stop and they have."

Questioned by the chairman about the complaints, she said several people in the house had said they could not sleep and a person next door had threatened to call the police if the noise did not stop.

"SERIOUS MATTER"

Asked when the party occurred, she said she did not make a note of the date.

Mr. Parsey: "But I thought this was a serious matter?"

"I can't remember the date," said Mrs. Maszke.

Asked why she had issued the notice to quit two weeks after the party, she said: "Because I do not do these things suddenly."

The Chairman said: "We have given considerable thought to the evidence in this case and we are somewhat surprised that if the effect of the party on the manageress had been such as has been suggested to us, that the notice to quit had not been given less than a fortnight after the incident."

"Taking all the evidence into consideration, we have come to the conclusion that the proper course in this case is to extend the security for a further three months until November 27."

Turning to Miss Gachette, the chairman said: "This means you have got to make the effort to get somewhere else."

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**Camera theft discharge**

Appearing on remand at Marylebone Court, 18-year-old Elizabeth Sandra Byrne was discharged conditionally for a year for stealing a £7 camera, belonging to Abdul Kahir, while staying at an address in Upper Montague Street, Marylebone.



MR. BRENDAN PEPPARD, of Gaydon House, Warwick Estate, Paddington, and Miss Annie Neill, also of Warwick Estate, were the last couple married by Father Anthony Stark, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows, Desborough Street, Paddington. The priest is leaving the district to take up a post with the Guild of Ransom. Pictured on the bridegroom's right is organist Sandy Macpherson. (Photo: David Wray).

# 'ALIASES OF TENANT'—LANDLORDS' ALLEGATION

A PADDINGTON Rent Tribunal hearing was adjourned to enable a firm of landlords to produce alleged evidence that one of their tenants had been jailed.

For the tenant, it was claimed, lived at a house in Portnall Road, Paddington, under the name James Brennan. His landlords, B. and P. Export and Import Limited, alleged that James Brennan was also James William Kearney, recently sent to prison.

He was alleged to have lived at the house in Portnall Road with a known prostitute, whose name was Brennan.

Mr. M. Barnett, solicitor for the landlords, said James Kearney had a history of aliases according to police.

But the tribunal chairman, Mr. E. M. Parsey, said there was no evidence to prove that Brennan and Kearney were one and the same man. A police court memorandum shown to the tribunal gave no evidence that Kearney used the name Brennan.

Mr. Barnett told the tribunal: "To begin with the man called James M. Brennan... I am sure that he is Mr. Kearney who was convicted to prison for prostitution."

Police, the tribunal heard, had kept watch on the ground-floor flat, which Mr. James Brennan had rented for £6 a week, and later an arrest was made.

A complaint had been made to police about activities in the flat by Mr. F. Bala, a director of B. and P. Export and Import Limited.

Mr. Barnett said there were "many comings and goings at the house." Two other tenants had complained about this.

**NOTICE TO QUIT**

A notice to quit was served on Mr. Brennan who then made a rent tribunal application, said the solicitor.

The tenant was not represented at the hearing.

The chairman said: "Although we are not bound by the strict rules of evidence, we must have something a little more than just a mere statement by the landlords' solicitor that Mr. Kearney is also Mr. Brennan."

Mr. Barnett said police at Harrow Road could confirm that Kearney used this name.

**Olive Branch publican returns home**

Mr. Johannes Abraham, 59-year-old licensee of the Olive Branch public house, Homer Street, Marylebone, who was reported missing last week, has returned home.

Single-haired Mrs. Betty Abraham declined to comment on her husband's disappearance on Monday.

# WESTERN REGION AXE HITS 'UNECONOMIC' TRAIN SERVICES

British Rail Western Region are to axe several branch lines and trim other services because of the economic crisis. The cuts will save £11m. a year.

Western Region, whose headquarters are at Paddington, said on Friday they were planning to reduce local passenger train mileage by about a million train miles a year—a cut of six per cent.

One fifth of this total will come from complete closures of lines or total reorganisation

of services in the Somerset, Dorset and Devonshire areas of the region.

The region are speeding up the withdrawal of a number of uneconomic and lightly loaded passenger, parcels and freight train services.

Final details of the passenger trains to be withdrawn are still being discussed within the railway organisation and with the staff who will be affected by the cuts.

It is hoped to implement all the proposals during October and November.

In the London area there will be no closures, but withdrawal of lightly-loaded trains at non-peak times will take place.

"Adjustments" will be made on the following routes: Ealing Broadway to Greenford; Slough to Windsor and Eton Central; Reading to Newbury and Bodwyn; Paddington to Slough, Reading and Oxford (certain local services only—no through services are affected).

Mr. F. D. Pattison, the London Divisional Manager, stressed that adjustments to services in the London area would not affect the principal services on the region's main lines spreading out from London.

"Inter-City" services linking the main centres of population, commerce and industry would not be altered in any way, nor would there be any worsening of the weekday commuter services running in-

to Paddington and Marylebone it was stated.

Mr. Pattison said: "The Government is urging stringent economy at all levels of industry and it is felt that Western Region services should be cut substantially in this effort by speeding up the withdrawal of uneconomic services which have been under review for some time."

"This will enable train costs to be cut, thereby contributing to a reduction in the overall railway deficit."

# A MODERN HOME ON WIMBLEDON HILL

THESE three houses, built on a very desirable site, are luxurious, and have been designed to suit high standard family living. Special attention has been paid to the needs of the individuals in the family, and the materials have been chosen with the aim of reducing maintenance to a minimum.

**THE LIVING ROOM** is large, and suitable for entertaining as well as spacious living. The walls, in the living room, as in the rest of the house, are clad in a specially finished sapele veneered paneling, and the floor in all rooms is polished hardwood strip of Canadian maple. Part of the living room has been planned as a dining area, and is close to the kitchen. Alternatively the fourth bedroom can be easily converted into a separate dining room with a direct opening into the kitchen.

**FOUR BEDROOMS**

There are four bedrooms, all with built in cupboards with hanging rails and two fully equipped bathrooms. The bedrooms are planned in two groups separated by the living and service areas. Each group consists of two bedrooms and one bathroom, and their arrangement allows for the children's bedroom to be used as a suite, completely separated from the parents. The elegant bathrooms contain bath, recess of which is fully tiled, separate fully tiled showers, a bidet, W.C. basins and shaving points.

**THE KITCHEN** is designed to a high standard. Points for both gas and electric cooking are provided, and the stainless steel double bowl sink unit is fitted with an electric waste disposal grinder. The work tops are white Formica. The high and low level fitted cupboards are beautifully finished in pure white. Although the impression is one of cleanliness, it is complemented by the richness of the warmly paneled walls. The kitchen is most attractive.

**UTILITY ROOM**

The architects have planned this room primarily for clothes

The idea of a beautiful home with a private garden, situated in a pleasant district and within easy reach of London's city centre must appeal to very many people. Near the top of Wimbledon Hill in St. Mary's Road, 3 new, striking modern houses have just been

built. They were designed by Architects Peter Foggo and David Thomas, and built by Forrester Developments Limited to a standard which is all too uncommon.

vided with electric points and flush light fittings in the ceiling. Telephone wiring and TV aerials to two rooms have been built in within the walls. No pipework is exposed, but most of it is easily accessible under the floor. Sliding Californian louvered doors shield the kitchen and utility room to enhance privacy.

The house is elevated by approximately 2 feet from the ground which is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also the insulating properties of an already well insulated house. There is no change in floor levels nor are there any steps within the house. This must be a boon to elderly or invalid people and to mothers who have to look after infants.

**THE DRIVE IN** is covered in tarmac and has been planned so that no reversing into main street is necessary. The horseshoe-shaped drive passes through a large canopy which provides an extension for a canopy for the front door. The front has been carefully landscaped to allow a clear view of the main road from the drive.

Living in these houses will be a pleasure. The living-room appears to extend right into the garden, in which many lovely trees have been carefully preserved. At night-time when the whole house is lit up, it has an almost fairy tale air.

**DISTRICT AMENITIES**

The select Wimbledon area in which these houses stand is endowed with such amenities as golf courses, tennis grounds, bowling, riding, speedway, football, athletics, theatre, cinemas, restaurants, first class schools, very good shopping centre, and the freedom to enjoy nature's benefits offered by the huge Wimbledon Common. All these are within a few minutes' walking distance. The public transport is frequent and convenient, and Fiveways Circus by car is merely 20 minutes away.

All in all, I wish I were in the happy position to be able to borrow £12,000 or get a larger mortgage than £7,000 which is available subject to status, to buy one of the two remaining houses which were just finished and are for sale by Forrester Developments Limited. The houses are so exquisite that an eminent Architect purchased one of them well before it was finished. This is a compliment and acknowledgement to the quality of ideas, thought and implementation which resulted in products of such excellence.



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washing and ironing, and it has been fitted for this purpose with water supplies and drainage. The aim has been to separate clothes washing from kitchen activities. The walls and floors are finished with the same materials as other rooms. A drying cupboard has been provided next to the gas fired boiler. The

Formica covered work top and a double bowl sink should render daily work painless. Gas, electric and water points are ready to take washing machinery.

**CENTRAL HEATING**

In all rooms recirculated warm air is provided by a gas

fired boiler housed in the utility room. The air is distributed through well insulated ducts below floor level, and enters the rooms through adjustable vents in the walls, usually positioned about six inches above floor level. This form of heating, unlike radiators, does not interfere with the positioning of furniture.

The system, designed by heating engineer Max Fordham, has the added advantage that it can be used in summer to provide a certain amount of cooling by circulating the air. The heat up period is very quick compared with other systems of heating, and has a further advantage that the circulated air is constantly filtered.

This should help to keep the place clean, even smog free.

**GENERAL FEATURES**

The structure of the house is a reinforced concrete frame, with brick end walls and large areas of 1/2-inch polished plate glass in steel window frames. The flat roof is asphalted and

covered in light reflecting chip-ping. The house is entered from under a large canopy and three very wide concrete steps. In the living room there is a large sliding window which opens on to a private garden at the back of the house.

The house is generously pro-