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## To catch a thief

By Janet Maitland

Police are recommending owners of iPhones and iPads to download an app that will not only track down their device if it is stolen, but will help to catch the criminal who stole it.

To do this, first download the Find My iPhone App. Then turn on Location Services and Find My iPhone/iPad in your device's settings. Set up and activate a Passcode Lock, which will reduce the chance of the thief being able to turn off the app quickly. Remember your Apple ID and password and give them to police if your device is stolen.

On 15 March, officers responded to a call to a robbery in Fortismere Avenue, N10, at about 11pm. They checked whether the victim had the app on their phone. Police then used an iPad to track the phone to the N7 area in Islington. As a result, a 19-year-old man was arrested.

## Smart and proud: the class of 1913



Schoolgirls sit straight-backed at their desks in this fascinating peek into the classroom at Garden Suburb Junior School in 1913. They seem proud of their new school, which opened in that year to 620 infants and juniors.

Architect WG Wilson's attractively-designed one-storey Garden Suburb Elementary School was constructed in 1912 at a cost of £17,748. It had separate buildings for infants and juniors, and even provided cookery and laundry rooms for girls, and a boys' manual training room.

To mark the schools' centenary, staff, pupils and parents are compiling stories and photos from the last 100 years.

"We would be delighted to hear from former pupils and staff to record their reminiscences of school life, and to receive copies of any old photographs or school reports that they may have," says Alan Dein, a member of the schools' Centenary Committee.

"It would be particularly fascinating to hear stories about school life during the war, when bomb shelters were built under what is now the front playground, and when teachers taught classes in children's homes while the schools were closed for months at a time."

Send your memories by email to [gsscentenary@gmail.com](mailto:gsscentenary@gmail.com) or telephone Alan Dein on 0778 080 7171 for more details.

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## Celebrities perform for Grace House

By Laura Wheadon

Three high-profile celebrities are teaming up to raise money for The Christian Care Trust whose care home, Grace House in North Finchley, offers vital care and support to the elderly.

On Sunday 15 April at 7pm, the artsdepot on Nether Street, North Finchley will welcome Alison Steadman, Stephen Thorne and Timothy West to enthral an audience with readings from their favourite stories, plays and poems on the theme of 'The Seven Ages of Man'. International pianist Stephen Lade will accompany the readings in what promises to be an evening of poetry, prose, and laughter.

The fundraising scheme was devised two years ago, when the family of a patient who had been cared for at Grace House decided to raise funds in gratitude for the excellent treatment she had received. With a little help from some (celebrity) friends, the fundraising event was born.

Tickets to *With Good Grace - An Easter Garland* are priced at £25 (£20 concessions) and include a free drink in the bar with the actors after the per-

formance. Proceeds will go to The Christian Care Trust, Grace House, 110 Nether Street, N12 8EU. In addition, there will be an online auction for a drawing by famous illustrator Quentin Blake. You can bid online until the day of the performance at [www.christiancaretrust.org](http://www.christiancaretrust.org).



## Let us prey

Many thanks to Verna Dalton of Leslie Road for sending us this very interesting photograph, taken from her back window in February. Urban and suburban birdwatchers are accustomed to the notion that anything may turn up at any time, but it's rare to have a camera to hand when something really out of the ordinary shows up!

Verna's picture is of a female sparrowhawk that has recently captured an unidentified smaller bird. Identifiable by their barred underparts and bright yellow eyes, these small birds of prey generally eat birds such as finches and thrushes, although the females, which are larger than the males, have been known to take birds as big as pigeons.

The RSPB estimates that there are over 40,000 breeding pairs of sparrowhawks in the UK. They are woodland birds but in recent years some have moved into towns and suburbs,

where gardens make ideal hunting grounds for them.

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