

Tributes to Snowdon

Tributes have been paid to Belgravia-born Lord Snowdon, the acclaimed society photographer and former husband of Princess Margaret, who died earlier this month.

The Queen's former brother-in-law, born at his family's home in Eaton Square, passed away peacefully aged 86.

Lord Snowdon, born Antony Armstrong-Jones, had a small studio at 20 Pimlico Road.

David Linley, Lord Snowdon's son, continues to run a furniture and interior design showroom in the same street, having set up shop in 1985.

- Former *Playboy* executive Victor Lownes, who lived in West Halkin Street, also died earlier this month, aged 88.



Read all about it

A publishing legend has helped a Belgravia primary school launch their own magazine.

Terry Mansfield CBE, former managing director of the National Magazine Company and consultant at Hearst, which owns titles such as *Cosmopolitan* and *Esquire*, provided sponsorship and guidance for pupils and teachers at St Peter's Eaton Square school.

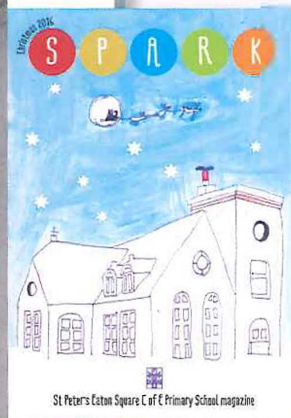
The first issue of the magazine – titled *Spark* – is made up of 24 pages and was published in time for Christmas.

It features interviews with Mansfield, who lives near the school, St Peter's vicar the Reverend Ralph Williamson and headteacher Miles Ridley, in addition to a showcase of pupils' work from each year group.

"I think it's fantastic," Ridley said of the magazine, which will be published three times a year with Easter and summer editions. "There has been really good feedback from parents and the children are over the moon."

Previously assistant headteacher at the school, Ridley – who has been a teacher for 25 years – stepped into his current role in September last year.

"It's really exciting," he said of his new position. "I really feel that I can make a difference."



Princess Galitzine, former Dior model and a resident of Belgravia for 60 years, has died aged 91.

Her daughter Katya said that she passed away with "great dignity" on December 14.

In an interview with *Belgravia* magazine last year, she said she had no regrets. "I've had a fantastic life," she said. "All of it; up, down and sideways."



Called to the barre

Dame Antoinette Sibley, a former prima ballerina at the Royal Ballet, helped inspire the next generation of dancers with an appearance at **Francis Holland School**.

The renowned dancer was joined by legendary choreographer Sir Peter Wright and dance critic Clement Crisp as the school unveiled a ballet studio in her honour.

Ballet students at the school performed a version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the event, with pupil Emma Cantone stepping into the role of Titania in the same dress worn by Dame Sibley in Stravinsky's ballet *Le baiser de la fée* (*The Fairy's Kiss*).

Lucy Elphinstone, headmistress at the school, said: "Ballet is such a strength at Francis Holland and our girls will never forget the magic of dancing on stage with Dame Antoinette Sibley in the presence of Sir Peter Wright."

