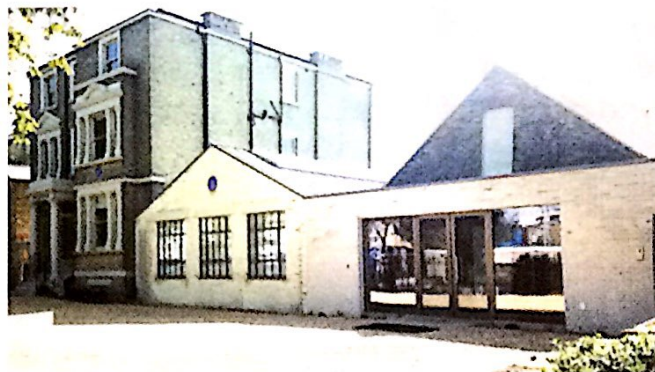


# Velehrad comes to Barnes

There is a new centre for arts and culture in what used to be known as Woodborough House and was the headquarters of the British Ballet Organisation prior to its relocation in 2015. At 39 Lonsdale Road, after extensive refurbishment, the house and its studios now belong to the Velehrad Charitable Trust. Named after a town in Moravia and founded by a remarkable Jesuit priest, Father Jan Lang, Velehrad has an impressive history in providing a first home and welcome to Czech and Slovak exiles fleeing from war-torn Europe.

It has moved to Barnes from its previous base in Notting Hill and will continue to be a centre for the cultural and spiritual wellbeing of Czech and Slovak people living in the UK.



The dance studio where, in its former life, Dame Ninette de Valois trained, has been beautifully restored and will be available to hire for cultural activities with seating available for 100 people. There are also meeting rooms for meditation and social gatherings and a large garden.

Velehrad is keen to become involved in the Barnes community particularly with artistic societies, community activity and churches.

To find out more visit [velehrad.org.uk](http://velehrad.org.uk), or email Ludmila Stane, Secretary, [ludmilastane@gmail.com](mailto:ludmilastane@gmail.com).