



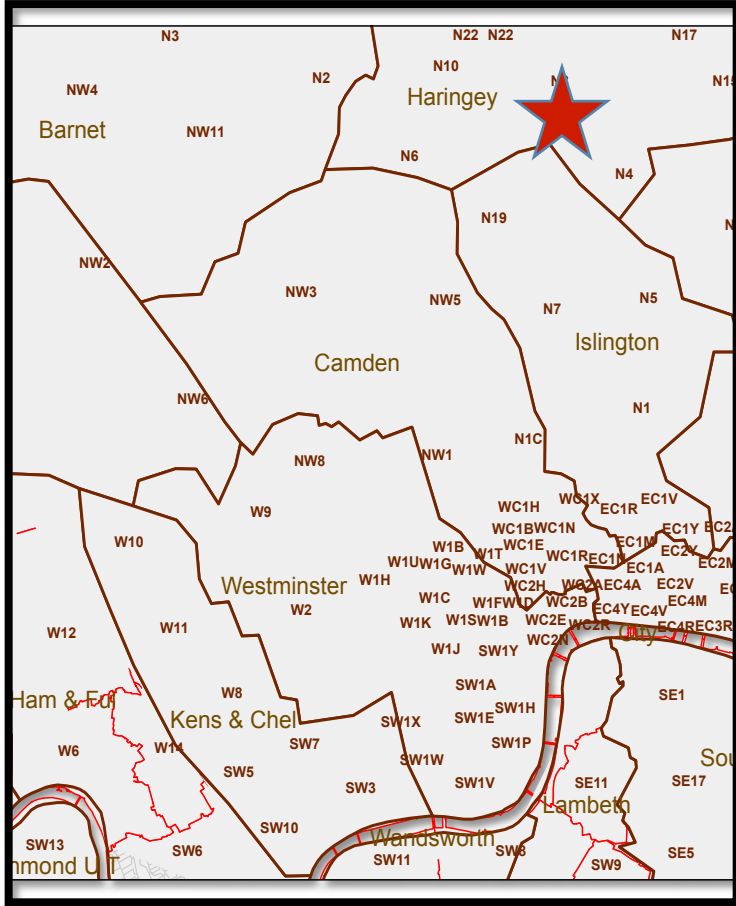
# “Conflicts of Taste and Values in an Elite London Suburb”

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Elites and Urban Dynamics:  
New Perspectives



















































# Sources for study of Highgate “village”



- 1 : Participant observation
- 2 : Qualitative interviews
- 3 : Planning disputes
- 4 : Local archives

# Alpha Territory :

## Transforming capital into self-esteem

EPIC	Name	Current price (p)	Day change		Go to
III	3i Group Plc	558.75	0.50	+0.09%	   
ADN	Aberdeen Asset Management	408.90	-0.20	-0.05%	   
ADM	Admiral Group	1,475.00	-11.00	-0.74%	   
AAL	Anglo American	881.70	-8.60	-0.97%	   
ANTO	Antofagasta Holdings	649.00	-9.00	-1.37%	   
ARM	ARM Holdings plc	1,024.50	6.00	+0.59%	   
AHT	Ashtead Group plc	1,078.00	0.47	+0.04%	   
ABF	Associated British Foods plc	3,187.50	18.00	+0.57%	   
AZN	AstraZeneca plc	4,295.50	-41.00	-0.95%	   
AV.	Aviva plc	534.75	2.63	+0.49%	   
BAB	Babcock International Group	1,104.00	-7.00	-0.63%	   
BA.	BAE Systems plc	482.55	-2.80	-0.58%	   
BARC	Barclays plc				
BDEV	Barratt Developments plc				
BG.	BG Group plc				
BLT	BHP Billiton plc				





# The disruption of existing elites



- 1 : Territorial displacement
- 2 : Disregard of real or “imagined” communities
- 3 : Disdain for established signifiers of status



# Highgate : Alpha Territory in a historical context





# The mansions of the Highgate ridge





# Patronage



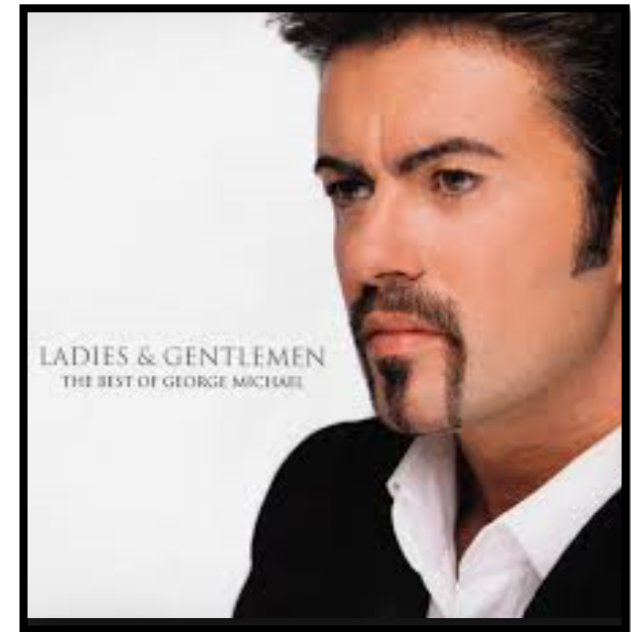


# Critical analysis and Reform

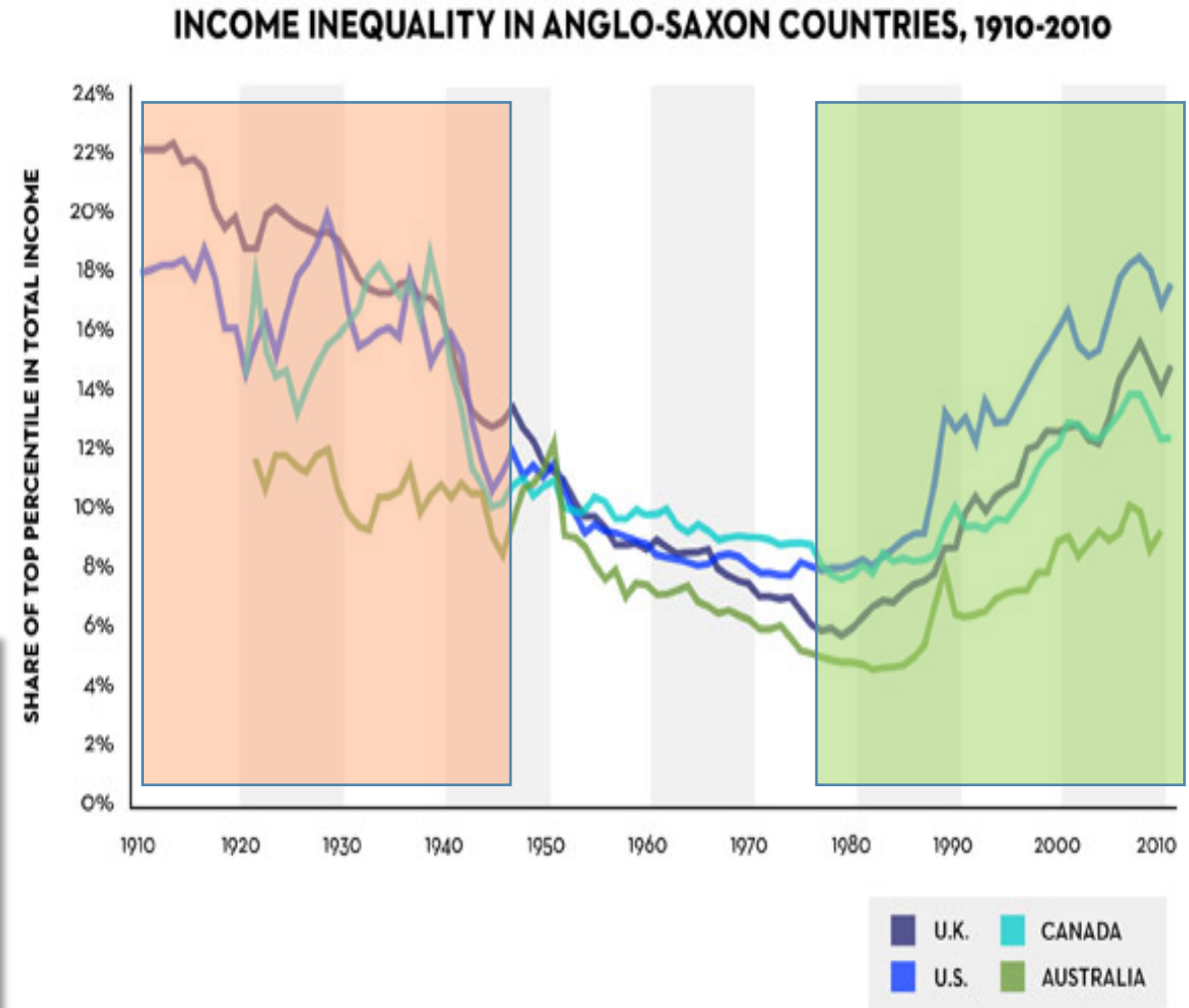
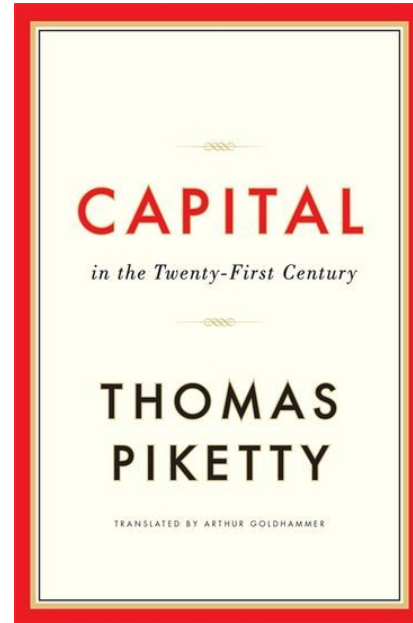




# The “celebrity quarter”



# The deterioration and revival of the grand houses





# Planning appeals create evidence of conflicting values

NOVEMBER 4 • 2012 The Mail on Sunday 25

## Ed's 'fat cat' adviser in row over bid to rebuild £8.5m home as Jacobean mansion

By Glen Owen  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ED MILIBAND likes to boast that he is on the side of struggling families - while David Cameron's Conservatives are the 'party of millionaires'.

But the Labour leader was embarrassed last night after it emerged that one of his most senior advisers is locked in a bitter row with conservationists over his plans to demolish his 'rather ordinary' £8.5million house and rebuild it as a mock-Jacobean mansion.

Andrew Rosenfeld has even bought the house next door for £6.2million so that he has somewhere to live while the work is carried out.

The property tycoon has been entrusted by Mr Miliband with 'widening the base' of Labour supporters and winning the battleground marginal seats that will decide the next Election.

Now the multi-millionaire, who donated almost £500,000 to the party this year, has infuriated his North London neighbours by applying to erect a seven-bedroom house, complete with a gym, gallery, circular fountain and garden pavilion, on the site of his current home. Locals

accuse Mr Rosenfeld of trying to make a 'quick buck' by imposing a 'totally alien' design that would destroy the character of the area.

The row is embarrassing for Mr Miliband, who has made a series of attacks on the destructive behaviour of 'predator' capitalists.

Mr Rosenfeld, 50, a married father of four, returned to London last year after spending five years as a tax exile in Switzerland - during which time he added to his estimated £100million fortune by making

a £21 million profit on a Geneva mansion. The businessman then bought the two properties within a conservation area in London's wealthy Highgate for a total of £14.7million.

Mr Rosenfeld embarked on the redevelopment after an architect's report concluded that the £8.5million house was 'a rather ordinary example of a late Victorian house, probably built on a limited budget'.

Neighbours, including Labour's former London Deputy Mayor Nicky Gavron, have objected to the

**RICH:** Labour adviser Andrew Rosenfeld is worth £100million

**TOTALLY ALIEN:** The North London house Mr Rosenfeld plans to demolish, left, and an architect's drawing of the house he intends to erect in its place

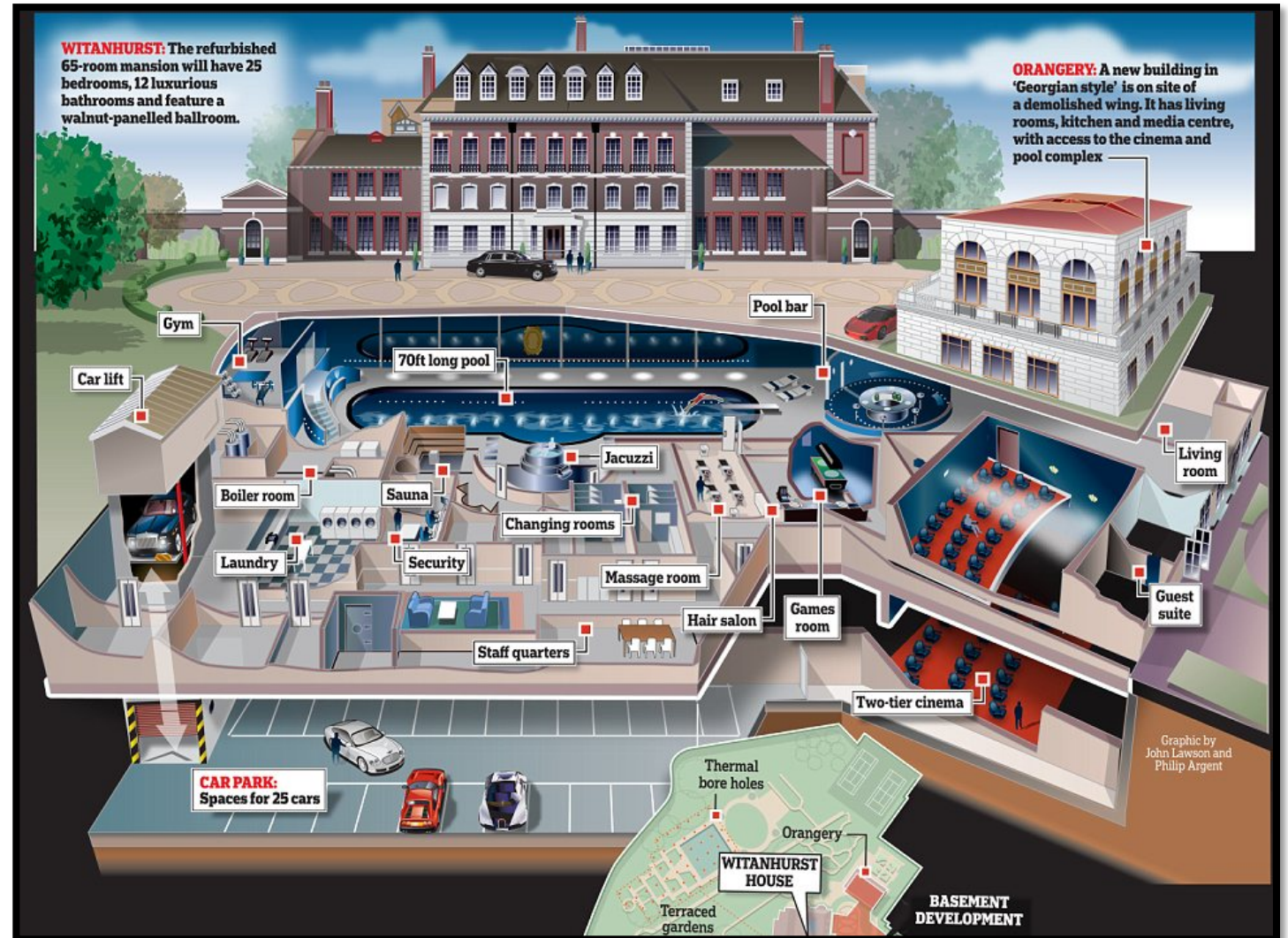
what cost to our local heritage?' In his response to the complaints, Mr Rosenfeld has written in a letter to the council: 'There seems to be a suggestion or implication from some quarters that we have not engaged in proper consultation nor responded to comments and observations made by those with whom we have spoken and represented. We commenced the consultation process around a year ago.

'What we have sought to do is take what we consider the best aspects in the conservation area and apply a level of quality and detailing that is rarely achieved.' Mr Rosenfeld declined to comment.



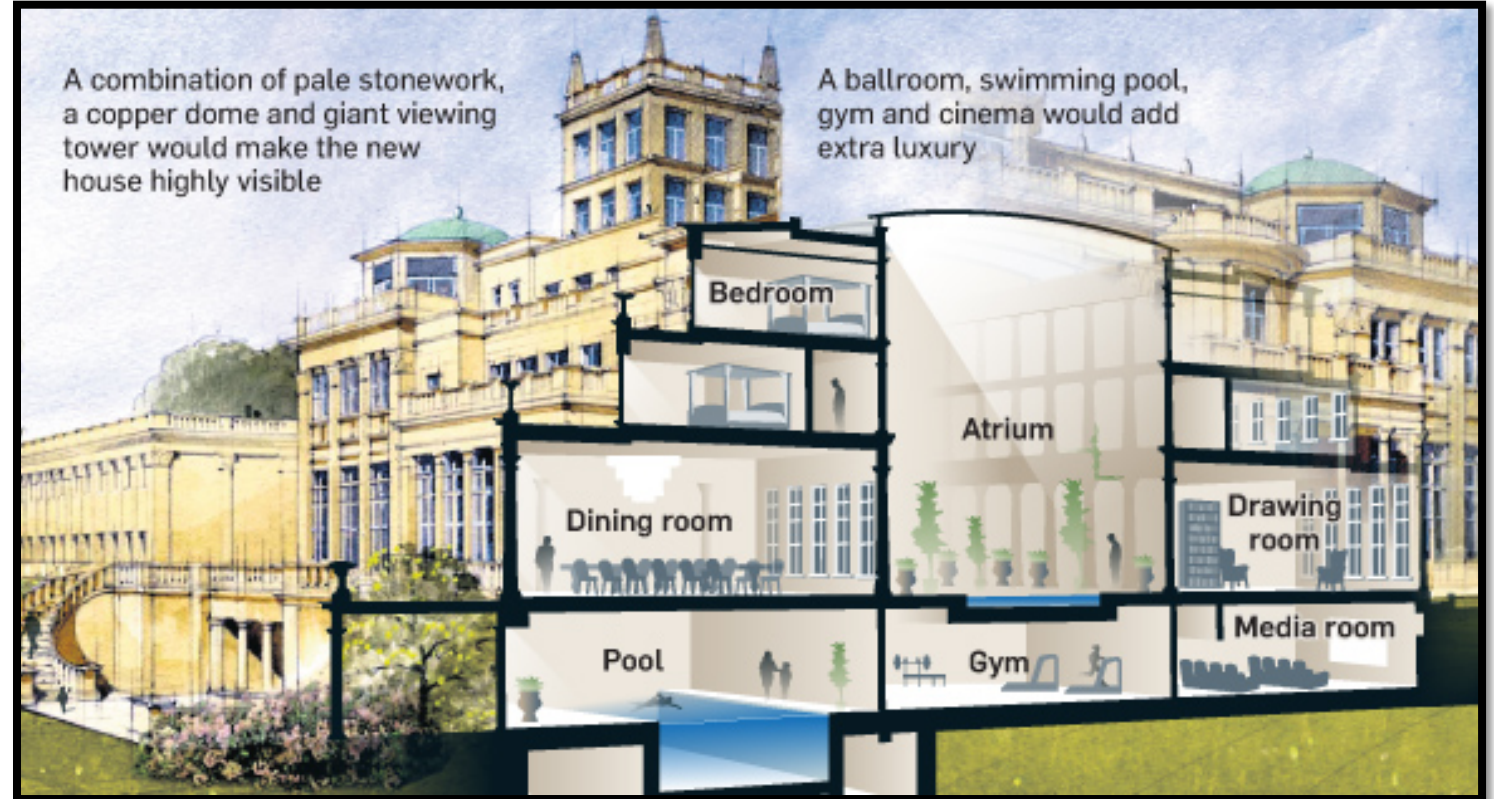


# Witanhurst : owner Andrej Guriev





# Athlone House : a would be trophy house





# Physical manifestation : tear down and rebuild



# Challenge 1 : sense of “elective belonging”



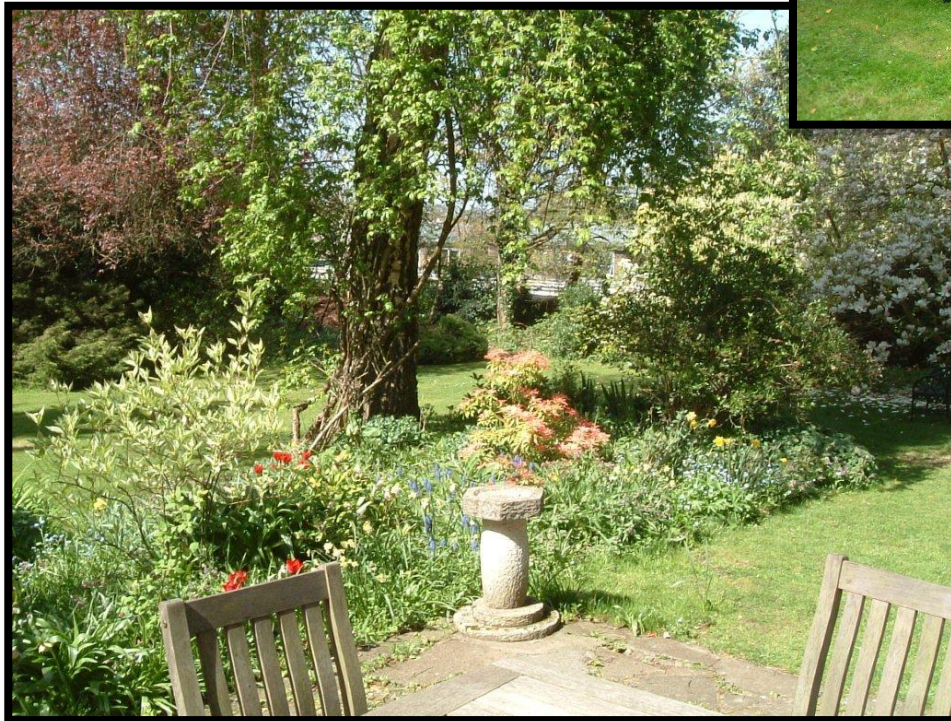


## Challenge 2 : rejection of historic aesthetic values





# Challenge 3 : devaluation of a natural setting



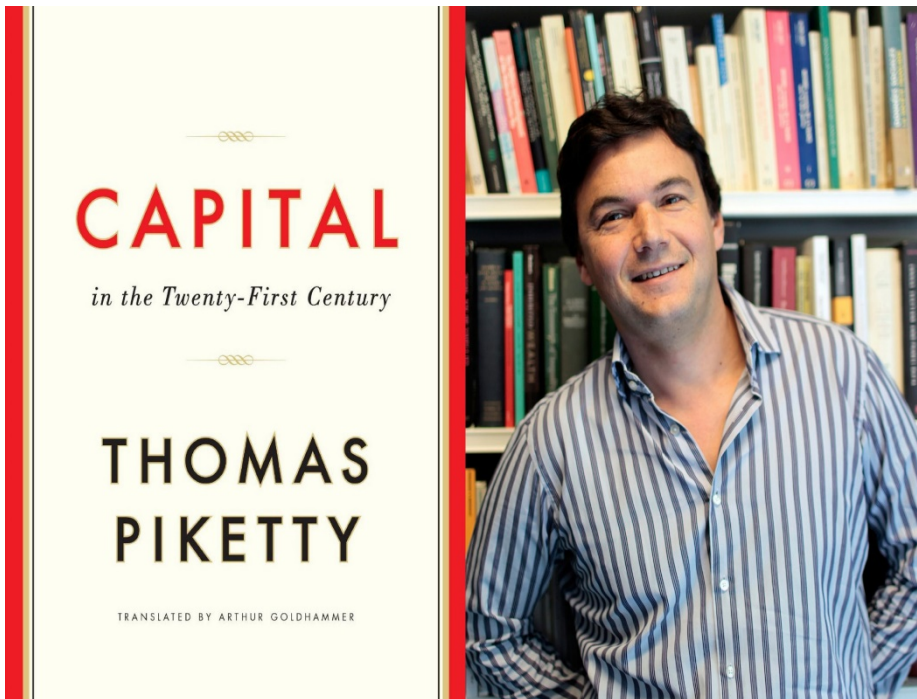


# Intrinsic qualities of 'new' Alpha Territory

“Intolerance of blemishes”

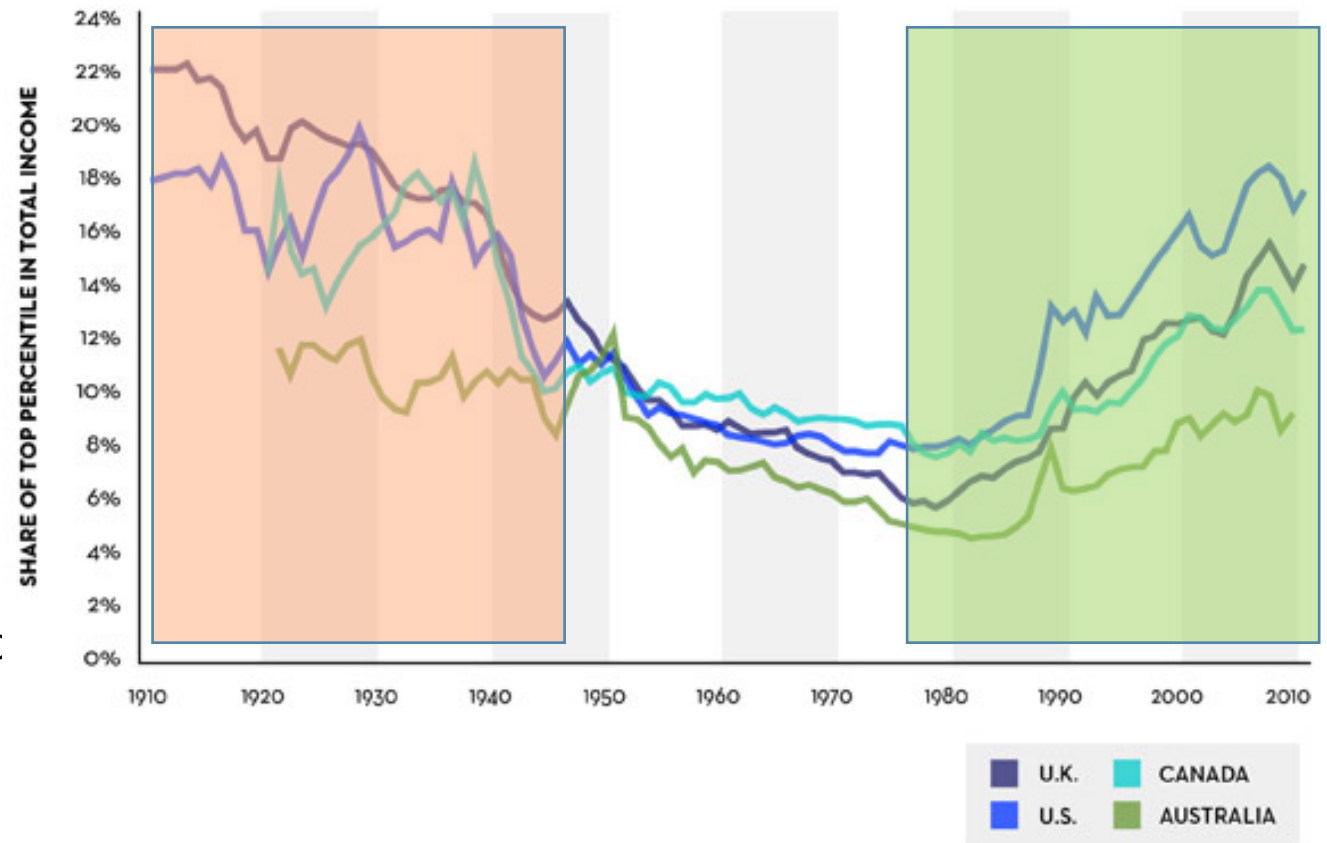


# Re-emergence of the super rich



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INCOME INEQUALITY IN ANGLO-SAXON COUNTRIES, 1910-2010





# Sources of wealth

• 1914



• 2014





# Servicing





# Leisure



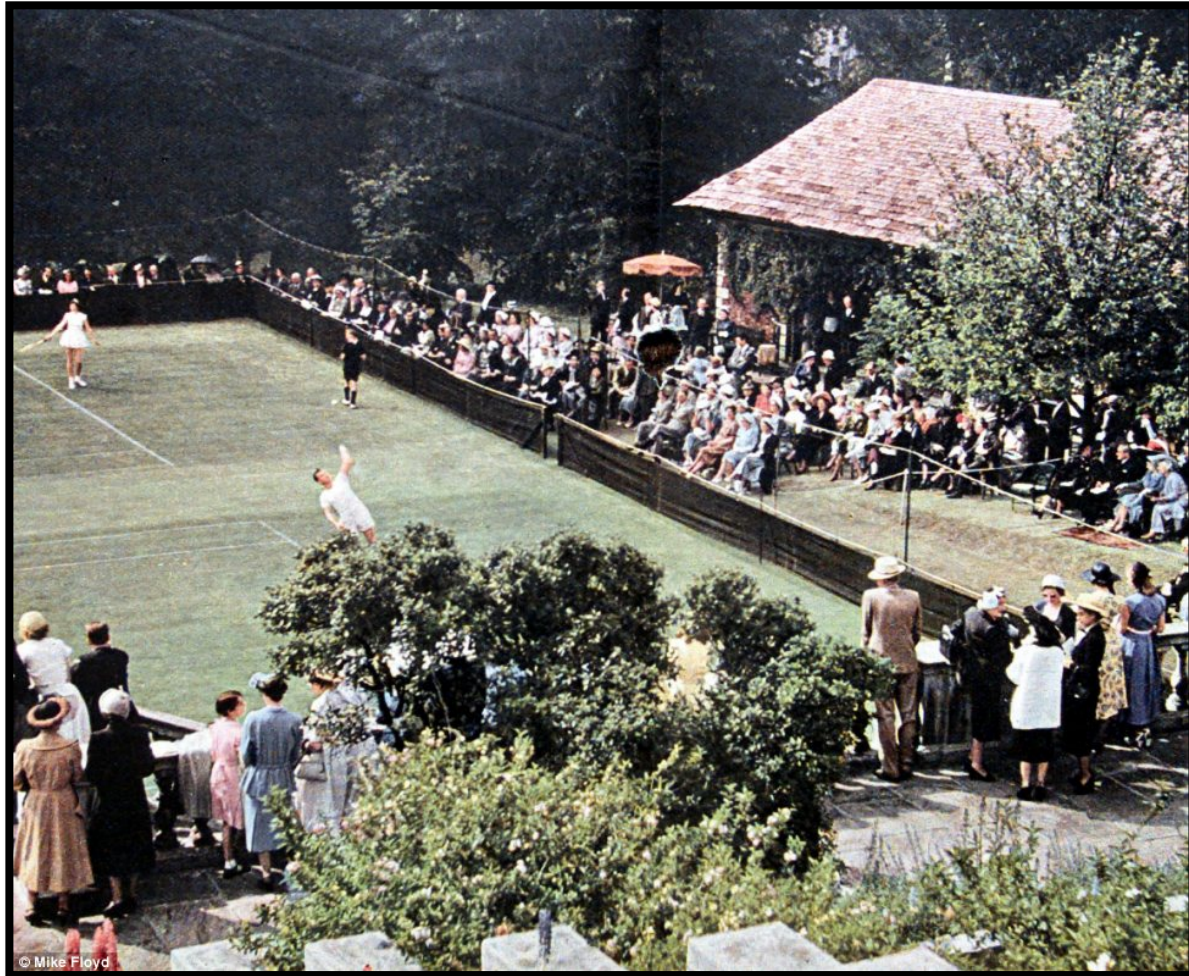
Domini Crosfield



Alisher Usmanov



# Lady Crosfield's tennis tournament



© Mike Floyd





# In the Hebrides with the Levers

## *If a Tip or Two for Fishing.*

**I**f a tip or two for fishing,  
As a novice you would glean,  
And you're feverishly wishing  
You may not return home "clean";

If you mean to do your duty  
And are full of frenzied zeal,  
Ere you set out for the booty,  
Well equipped with rod and creel,

Just a hint, or a suggestion,  
May assist thy gentle art,  
And save many a cruel question  
If the saumons will not dart:

First, the patience of a stoic.  
You have got to cultivate,  
And a cheerfulness heroic  
No ill fortune shall abate.

If the blustering, wild, wet weather  
Leave you soaking and bedraggled,  
As you plash through swamp and heather,  
What a disappointment will befall you!

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AT CASTLE LEWS.  
SONG

Words and Music by Sir A.H. Crosfield, Bart.

*Piano Moderate*

*Voices*

*At Castle Lews the board is spread, And brightly*

*shines the flagon red, And a jovial crew The re past in view And that in merriment, Near sports men missed, to the*

*Piper list, to the Piper list! Of hunter and chaff an ex-a-bonance, Freely poked at each pole expense, by pipes and*

*cranks and Heaves knows what, Dear to the heart of the Saxon or Scot, Like pagans who worship the sportsman's*

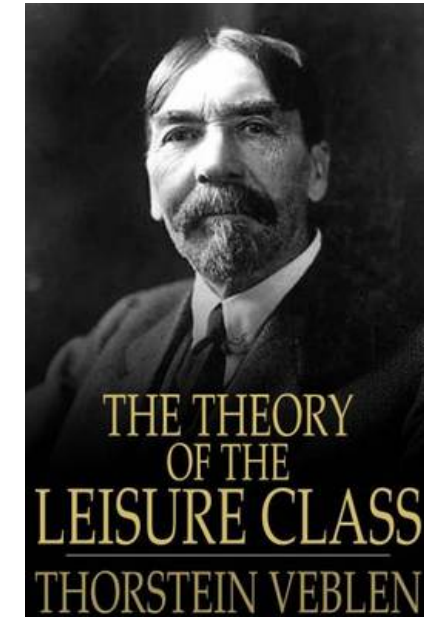
*lot. And here all ills of life forgot, They sing the praise of the skilful shot, Or the golfer's*

*drive what lies on the put Or the fisherman's saumon fresh for the pot, And hard to his yams, but believe them not, Be*

*LEWS.*

*verases I to 4*

*Leave them not!*



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*At Castle Lews the board is spread, And brightly*



# The epitome of Elective Belonging?

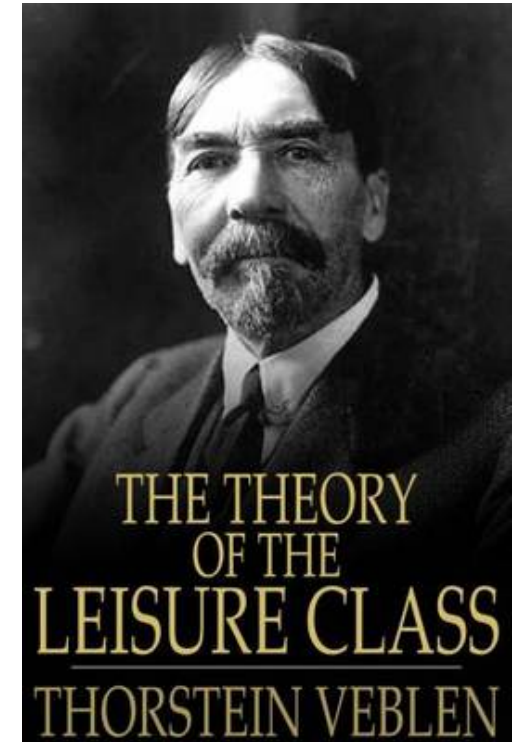


## The Highgate Literary and Scientific Institute vs Highgate Society Annual Quiz

### Round 8

#### Music, art and literature

1. What do the following have in common: Bear, Hen, Oxford, Clock, Military
2. What is Tosca's first name
3. What is the name of Edgar Rice Burroughs' hero
4. Which 1900 Elgar oratorio is based on a poem by Cardinal Newman
5. From which Shakespeare play is the quotation "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown"
6. In which city is the Whitworth Art gallery
7. Which female entertainer did a celebrated banana dance
8. Which house did Ibsen's heroine "Nora" leave







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