

Welcome to the Nutter house!



Applegarth, where the two Miss Nutters lived

TWO Wanstead men appeared on BBC Greater London Radio (GLR) explaining the origin of Nutter Lane and the Nutter playing fields to bemused presenter Robert Elms.

Geoff Ince, 63, and his son Antony, 26, of Blake Hall Road, phoned up to talk about how the name came about, after the presenter laughed while reading it out in a traffic report.

They explained that the street is named after two young women called Nutter who lived in a house called Applegarth, which is now a listed building.

In 1921 the women left the adjacent

open land to the parish and insisted that it be used by the people of Wanstead for recreation and leisure.

The Nutters were also very generous to many churches in the area, providing them with much-needed funds.

Geoff, captain of the Drummond Lawn Tennis Club which is based in the playing fields, said: "The presenter couldn't believe that Nutter Lane existed and that there were two Miss Nutters!"

Mr Ince, who runs a family umbrella-making business in Bethnal Green, seized the opportunity to promote the club's open day on Saturday.