

## **History**

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when the Royal Court of George III was often based at Kew, the King's brother had a residence called Gloucester House built on our site. This house was near to Kew Palace (still in the Royal Botanical Gardens) and other royal houses around Kew Green. When Queen Victoria moved the Royal Court to Buckingham Palace the house ceased to be a royal residence and by late Victorian times the building was used as a girl's school. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Gloucester House was demolished and in the 1930's the present Gloucester Court was built by an entrepreneur called William Stern.