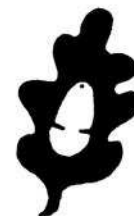


# Newsletter

Southgate  
District  
Civic Trust



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## COMING EVENTS

**HISTORY GROUP MEETING**  
**Wednesday 3rd Sept. 2008 at 7.30 pm**  
at Friends' Meeting House,  
Church Hill, N21

**“Memories of Chase Farm—Part 1  
(The Schools)”** by Frank Bayford



**OPEN MEETING**  
**Saturday 18th October 2008 at 2.30 pm**  
at Walker Lower Hall, Christ Church  
Parish Centre, 7 The Green, Southgate,  
N14

**“An MPs View on Southgate,  
Past, Present and Future”**  
by David Burrowes MP

David will be drawing upon his family's archives of life in Southgate over 70 years ago, reflecting upon his time as a local Councillor, and now MP representing the local area, and outlining some of the challenges and opportunities facing Southgate and its district in the future.

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs. 4th Sept. 2008 **Guided Walk**

A New River Walk led by Chris Royall  
(See page 8 for details)

Wed. 5th Nov. 2008 **History Group**

Local Snippets from “The Recorder” by David Cooper

Wed. 19th. Nov. 2008 **Annual Luncheon**

at Southgate College (more details in October)

**NOTE:** If you have not yet paid your Trust subscription for this year,  
(which began on April 1<sup>st</sup>), there will be a RED SPOT in this box:



Please fill in the form at the back of this newsletter and send it with your remittance to the Treasurer.  
If there is no form, you have already paid and received a receipt and diary card.

**Contributions to the October newsletter should be sent by Friday 5th September 2008**

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**Notice to Newsletter Distributors:-** We hope to deliver the next newsletter to distributors during week commencing 6th October 2008.

**Southgate District Civic Trust** ~ Established to conserve and enhance the environment in Southgate, New Southgate, Cockfosters, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Hadley Wood.  
(Registered as an amenity society with the Civic Trust).

## CHRISTCHURCH MAY DAY FAIR - 5<sup>th</sup> MAY



The weather was kind to us this year, and our new “foldaway” gazebo worked well and looked good, as shown in the left photo. We had lots of visitors to our stall, and sold a number of publications. The star attraction was, of course, the miniature train running down the middle of Waterfall Road, and rides were very popular. The decision to close the road this year was a good one; with stalls on both sides of the road it provided safe crossing.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 10th May 2008

The AGM took place at Walker Hall, Waterfall Road. Reports on the pas year’s activities were presented by the officers and Group leaders. These are shown below.

Officers and members of the Executive Committee were elected for 2008/09 as follows:

<i>President</i>	Audrey Kirby	<i>Vice Presidents</i>	Molly Stanbridge
<i>Chairman</i>	Geoff Bone		Chris Howell
<i>Treasurer</i>	Alastair Palmar	<i>Social Secretary</i>	Janet Lane
<i>Secretary</i>	Jane Maggs	<i>Newsletter Editors</i>	Mary and Colin Barratt
		<i>Committee Member</i>	Irene Stone

After the meeting teas were served by Irene Stone and Janet Lane, followed by an opportunity to view the Society’s archive books of photos, and purchase copies of Ruby Galili’s book on the Walker family.

### Chairman’s Report

Due to our excellent Newsletter, members are fully aware of our activities during the past year. So our thanks go to editors Colin and Mary, Diana, and Raj who arranges the printing. I also would like to thank the rest of the Executive Committee for their support and hard work on your behalf throughout the year. In particular, Irene continues to lead the Town Planning Group and in addition represents the Trust on the CAG and ECEG. Earlier this year, Irene, at a ceremony at the Civic Centre received a certificate in recognition of the number of hours devoted to improving the Borough. Alastair our Treasurer maintains our finances in good order. We are also most grateful to Jane Maggs for taking on the job of Secretary in place of Frances. I received an informal approach from the Enfield Society to discuss the possibility of combining together; such an idea has been rejected by the Executive Committee.

*Geoff Bone*

## Southgate District Civic Trust

### Statement of Accounts for Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNT Halifax plc

	£ Debit	£ Credit
Balance B/Fwd 31/3/2006		12,633.28
Gross Interest		266.18
Gross Bonus		63.16
Tax on Interest	53.24	
Tax on Bonus	12.63	
Balance C/Fwd 31/3/2007	<u>12,896.75</u>	
	<b>12,962.62</b>	<b>12,962.62</b>

#### PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank

	£ Debit	£ Credit
Balance B/Fwd 31/3/2007		3520.17
Cash in hand B/Fwd 31/3/2007		4.74
Sales of Oakleaves No.3		3.75
Sales of Publications (other)		192.00
Sales of Chard Videos		39.00
Donations		2.00
Royalties		215.00
Stall Fees - Christ Church	45.00	
Archive Acquisitions	21.45	
Stock acquisitions	91.00	
Expenses	17.75	
Transfer to General Account - Chard Videos	39.00	
Cash in Hand C/Fwd 31/3/2008	4.74	
Balance C/Fwd 31/3/2008	<u>3757.72</u>	
	<b>3976.66</b>	<b>3976.66</b>

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT Alliance & Leicester

	£ Debit	£ Credit
Balance B/Fwd 31/3/2007		2922.67
Subscriptions and Donations		1156.00
Purchase & Sales -		
Chard Videos	----	39.00
Coronation Videos	78.00	52.00
Teas at Meetings	6.82	5.65
Admin.	117.84	
Newsletters	56.05	
Affiliations	35.00	
Hire of Halls	413.50	
Insurance	---	
Sundries	73.86	30.00
Purchase of Gazebo	79.99	
Balance C/Fwd 31/3/2008	<u>3344.26</u>	
	<b>4205.32</b>	<b>4205.32</b>

I have examined the Accounts of the Southgate District Civic Trust for the 12 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. I confirm that proper books of Accounts have been maintained. In my opinion the final Accounts give a true and fair view of affairs during the year.

Auditor: Molly Stanbridge  
Date: 26.04.2008

#### Acting Secretary's Report

I have been acting secretary for five months, taking over from Frances Cook. Although she cannot be at the AGM, I would still like to thank her for all the help and advice she has given me in that time.

There have been four Executive Committee meetings during this year.

In the last edition of the Newsletter and on the renewal forms, we started asking for members e-mail addresses. Thank you to everyone who has provided these. There are times when we become aware of public consultations or other matters which we would like to bring to members attention, but cannot wait until the next Newsletter. Using e-mail will allow us to update more members faster. We appreciate that not everyone has e-mail, so I would like to reassure everyone that the Newsletter will remain the main means of informing SDCT members on matters of interest. I would also like to reassure everyone that as with addresses, e-mails will not be passed on to other groups and will only be available to members with a bona fide need.

As you know, the SDCT, along with many other community groups, is part of the Civic Trust, a national charity. The Civic Trust are currently asking individual members to register with them at their new Civic Societies website. This will give individuals access to their regular newsletters, which although they cover a wider range of topics than we are involved with locally, are certainly of interest. If you would like to register, please contact the Civic Trust on their website – [www.civictrust.org.uk](http://www.civictrust.org.uk) or directly at [www.civicsocieties.org.uk](http://www.civicsocieties.org.uk)

*Jane Maggs*

### **Publications Group Report**

The culmination of the year was the publication of the first volume of Ruby Galili's history of the Walker family. The launch and book signing ceremony took place in the painted hall of Arnos Grove, by kind invitation of the General Manager of Southgate Beaumont. We are well on the way to having enough material for Oakleaves No 4 due to the interest of a new member, Richard, who is interested in the past film and drama activities and characters within the Borough. The trust had a stall at the May Fair, using our new gazebo and what with the weather it was very successful financially, raising £217.95.

*Geoff Bone*

### **Local History Group Report**

Meetings have continued at bi-monthly intervals, at the Friends' Meeting House, Winchmore Hill, with a variety of talks by outside speakers as well as our own members. The programme for the rest of the year has been published on the events card.

We are getting a regular 20 to 25 coming to the talks, so the move to the smaller room at the beginning of last year has provided a better venue for this number, as its capacity is about 25 to 30. However, when I showed the films of the local area last September, we needed to move back into the main room, as we had about 35 turn up. As in previous years, I am finding it more difficult to arrange speakers on local topics without extending to those who demand a hefty fee.

If there are members who have been researching a topic of local history, or would be willing to talk about something of local interest, then I would like to know, so that I can prepare next year's programme.

*Colin Barratt*

### **Editors' Report**

Since we started editing the newsletter, we've wanted to add more photos, and possibly use colour. Last year we were offered the chance to do that, with the generous offer from a new member of the Trust to print the newsletter for us, and since last July's edition, we've been able to illustrate many of the articles with better quality photos, and some in colour. We have had good feedback from members about this development, and hope to continue with it.

Although it's now produced using Publisher software and digital photos, it still takes a lot of work to put the final version together on disc for printing and, as we said in the last newsletter, this is achieved with the considerable help and expertise of Diana Day. We also thank her and Frances Cook for delivering the bundles to our distributors and posting the other copies.

We took over editing the newsletter because we felt that it's important as a means of letting the membership know what's happening, and probably the only contact for those who have moved away, or are no longer able to take an active part. We are getting a good mix of articles from members, but it would be good to have more input, either as articles or letters.

With better reproduction of photos now possible, we introduced the Identify the Location feature to try to stimulate some discussion or correspondence between members, as well as help us pin down where some of our archive photos were taken. This has been only partly successful, as the response has been limited. However, each location so far has been identified.

We hope that each edition is an interesting read. Please use the newsletter to make your feelings known, or to tell us about issues in your district, or perhaps just to write about some interesting feature of our local history.

*Mary & Colin Barratt*

## **Town Planning Group Report**

In the past year this group has dealt with approximately 120 applications. This has covered all our Conservation Areas and even the smallest one, Vicars Moor Lane, N21 has had a few applications.

Hadley Wood, Barnet is also a small area, mainly Crescent East and Crescent West, but over the year has been very much to the fore in requesting extensions to what are already large properties, even the semi-detached houses.

Cockfosters Road is adjacent to Trent Park Conservation Area (opposite in fact), and although it is not one of our areas we are usually sent drawings for our comments, possibly because a row of cottages there were saved from demolition by the SDCT many years ago. This is a road where the original large houses have, over the years, been demolished to make way for more smaller houses on the same plot. A new road is to be constructed off Cockfosters Road. I can remember a long time ago when Andrew Cooke, Enfield's Conservation Officer at the time, suggested that Cockfosters Road with all the spacious houses and land should be designated a Conservation Area and it was refused.

Southgate Green never has a time when it is not included in our list, there are the small extensions or change of use from shops and the largest are blocks of flats. Recently, there has been one for 12 flats in two blocks behind Cannon Hill Mews, N14. The other is for demolition of 65-75 High Street N14 and a proposal for a block of five flats above three retail shops.

Highlands Village N21 still asks for conservatories and the most concerning application has an Appeal pending which I mentioned in the last newsletter regarding land off Pennington Drive. This is for 10 flats in a 2/3 storey block. This is including public open space and there is no room for any further development in the Village in our opinion.

Winchmore Hill, N21. The Green is the centre of this area and from where we have change of use, new shop fronts and some trouble from freestanding advertisements on the pavements. These are now in the hands of the Enviro-Crime unit to see if they are causing an obstruction to pedestrian's safety.

This report can only bring members up to date with the kind of drawings and decisions my group find themselves having to face every time we meet, which is monthly at 6, Eversley Mount, N21. If anyone would like to query any particular development or has a concern they wish to discuss with me or the group, then please telephone 8364 3500. Better still, come along to a meeting and add your own personal contribution to the evening.

I end, as always, giving grateful thanks to my group of regular members, I could not do without them. Thanks for their good humour and voluntary participation in trying to keep planning in our areas, as we would like to see it - not always being successful when the Council planners or the CAG do not agree.

*Irene Stone  
Group Chairman*

## **Conservation Advisory Group Report**

I will begin as I did last year by telling you the format of the CAG. It comprises six members of the Council and eleven representatives of local study groups. Its remit is to consider and advise the Council, particularly the Planning Committee, on the preservation and enhancement of heritage buildings, features and areas and to promote a greater awareness of architectural design quality in new and existing projects.

The applications for the Agendas are selected by the Conservation Officer, development control team leaders and CAG Chairman. They comprise cases which constitute significant development or have a major impact on the Conservation Area. Most applications are considered in detail and commented on by the relevant individual local study groups represented on CAG.

We now have guidance in place from the Conservation Character Appraisals and updated shop front and advertisement guidance.

A strong contribution is made to the proposals affecting street scenes in Conservation Areas and the whole borough. These include design and heritage issues such as PFI (public funding initiative) street lighting renewal and renewal of street surfaces, traffic management and highway planting. I have been consulted on the new lighting in all our Conservation Areas, which have in most cases meant unfortunately more lamp posts to get the cover of lighting that there now has to be. There has also been continuation with the Local Development Framework, which will form the planning framework of the borough for the next ten years.

This year the third bi-annual Enfield Design Awards were held. Stronger links with the Enviro-Crime Unit have been forged and we can monitor the outcome of investigations into breaches of planning control in Conservation Areas etc.

Throughout the year there have been updates on the new Enfield Town Library and I have the latest summary and design report, and the development proposals for Truro House, for you to see if you wish. We have been given updates by the Architect involved in Forty Hall, and the Conservation Plan has been completed and a Heritage Lottery Fund bid decision is awaited in September. There are landscape proposals and Forty Hall is due to reopen in 2012.

The Open Session is well used by all of us regarding anything we wish to have information on that is not on the agenda.

This is the end of the municipal year and we have been given the dates of the meetings in 2008/9. At the next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May there will be the election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

*Irene Stone*

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### **Enfield Civic Environment Group report**

This group has met on five occasions since our last AGM.

There are eleven members including the new Enfield Town Centre manager Mark Rudling who was introduced to the group at a meeting on November 2007. Mark had previously been the Southgate Town Centre Manager and grew up in this area. Craig Taylor the previous Manager is remaining a member of the group but will only attend occasionally and his knowledge of the new Palace Xchange will be most useful.

At these meetings we discuss virtually everything that has happened in Enfield Town and the surrounding areas and anything that we know that is coming up in the future. It includes road works, street lighting, CCTV and the times and dates of alterations that will affect residents in the borough.

Ian Bishop-Laggett was the Chairman but resigned at the last meeting in March so the position is vacant. Last year he attended a North London Town Centres Conference and was involved in discussion about improving civic environments, providing vibrant safe town centres with adequate entertainment and shopping facilities. This proves that there is a need for this kind of group in the community.

Together with Ian Cameron-Black and Chris Howell I hope to arrange an audit in the roads off of Chase Side, Southgate as soon as we can agree on dates. Our audit of Chase Side and Southgate Circus was well received and acted upon by the Council and is still brought forward regarding the works being done on

Southgate Station and the Circus, although we have persisted in our complaints regarding excess clutter around the station that is still appearing. This is of considerable interest to this particular group because it keeps us in discussion with the Council, which is an important factor.

*Irene Stone*

## **ARNOS GROVE AND THE WALKER FAMILY – THE BOOK LAUNCH**

The grand launch of Ruby Galili's book, which took place at the Southgate Beaumont on 25<sup>th</sup> April, was a great success. There were probably 60 to 70 attendees, including our MP David Burrowes, local historian David Pam, Graham Dalling and Kate Godfrey from the Local History Unit, and Edward Walker, a descendant of John Walker the subject of the book.

The Beaumont provided a generous buffet, and the manager, David Bullock, gave us all a warm welcome.



Edward Walker, Ruby Galili and David Bullock



Graham Dalling and David Pam



David Burrowes MP and Ruby Galili



Geoff Bone addressing the gathering

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD CONSULTATIONS**

The LBE has a draft policy on street trading and markets available for consultation. This covers items such as farmers markets, seasonal markets and tables and chairs on the pavement outside cafes and restaurants.

All comments should be returned by 22<sup>nd</sup> July, so that the Council can consider them at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The documents can be accessed from the LBE website at:

<http://www.enfield.gov.uk/council%20and%20demo/consultations/current.htm>

If you cannot access this or have any questions, contact Mark Galvayne, Principal Licensing Officer on 020-8379-4743.

*Jane Maggs*

## SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY ANCHOR FORUM MEETINGS

Some of you at the AGM may have seen Mark Barratt or picked up one of his leaflets advertising the inaugural meetings of the Southgate Community Anchor Forum. Partly out of curiosity and partly because I have seen Mark speak at other local meetings, I went to the second of the three meetings organised.

There were about 15 people there from all walks of life and age groups, most were local residents, some worked in the area and there was support from the church, who also provided the hall. The numbers were similar to those at the other meetings. After a brief introduction, everyone raised their concerns about Southgate. These inevitably included traffic, the lack of cleanliness of the streets, the slow demise of 'local' shops, local planning, lack of community, concerns about youths (lack of provision and increasing opportunities for drug related crime) and never knowing what other groups in Southgate are doing.

Inevitably, some of Southgate's problems go deep, with no quick fix. However, it became clear that there were a few areas that the majority wanted to be tackled first:

- Youth provision – this has already started with new youth groups based at the Alan Pullinger Centre and could be expanded to work with local all-faiths groups.
- Local market in Ashfield Parade, with local retailers and producers. This follows on from the successful Christmas market Mark organised. This would require approval from the Council.
- Local newsletter, which would give information on activities in the area. This is something we no longer seem to get from the local newspapers. The first edition is now in progress.
- Restarting 'lunch stop', a community lunch group previously run by local churches, synagogues and voluntary groups.

What impressed me is that here is someone with a huge amount of energy, ready and willing to work to make Southgate a real community again. Judging by the e-mails traffic, he is already galvanising people into action!

There will be a follow up meeting probably on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Anyone interested should either look at the website: [www.greenpeasouthgate.blogspot.com](http://www.greenpeasouthgate.blogspot.com) or contact me.

*Jane Maggs*

## WOODCROFT WILDSpace

In May last year, several members visited the Woodcroft Wildspace, in Woodcroft, Winchmore Hill, to learn about the work which the trustees have been doing, to make this a valuable "breathing space" area.

In spite of continuing vandalism, they are pushing forward to achieve their aim. This May, it was announced that the Secretary of State had given official approval for the land to be used for the community. The next stage is for the London Borough of Enfield to grant them the lease, so that they can carry out their plans to create an educational and recreational Wildspace for everyone to enjoy. Let's hope the Borough responds.

*Colin Barratt*

## NEW RIVER WALK

Chris Royall has again agreed to lead a walk along a stretch of the New River this year. After taking us through northern Enfield last year, he has suggested exploring the inner London section. Please meet outside Haringay Station (on the line from Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill) on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.** at 2pm.

The walk will follow the waterway via the reservoir towards Stoke Newington.

For further details ring Janet Lane on 8886 3303.



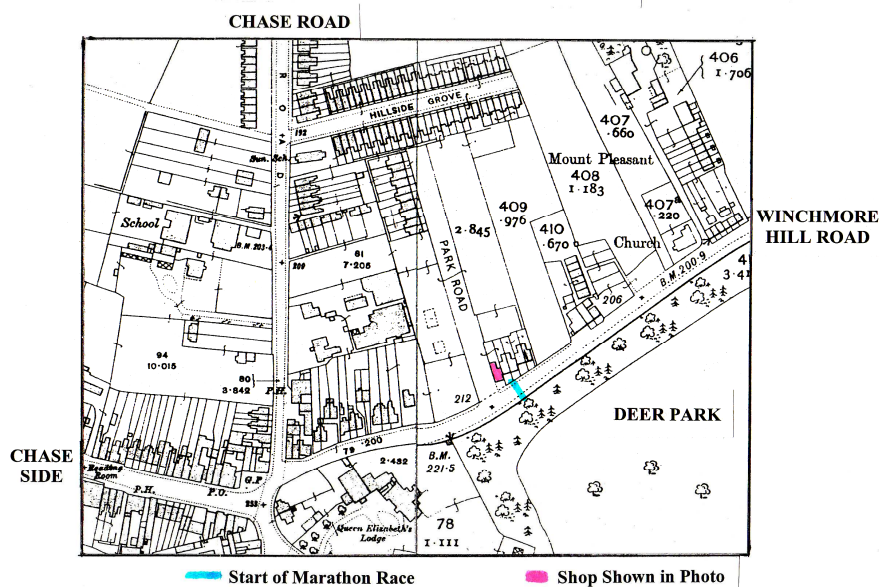
## IDENTIFY THE LOCATION

The photo in the April edition was identified by two people. Alan Jacobs remembers walking past these houses in the 1950s, and the shop, each day on his way to Southgate, and another person told us she used to live in one of the houses shown, and remembers the shopkeepers very well. Unfortunately, no one has told us anything about the marathon race itself.

However, we now know where it started. It was in Winchmore Hill Road, opposite the junction with Park Road, which used to be accessed from it. This map shows the area in 1911, and the houses can be matched against the marathon photo.

Incidentally, a church is also shown on this map, in Winchmore Hill Road. Alan said that this was a “Tin Chapel”, and was on the corner of the present St Thomas’ Road. Does anyone else remember this?

### MAP OF SOUTHGATE FROM 1911



The photo this time has information written on the back, which reads “Palmer’s Green Carnival 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1922”. So where exactly is this? It may be a side road off Green Lanes. Any ideas?

