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## COMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 7th May 2016 at 2.30 pm

Walker Lower Hall,  
Christ Church Parish Centre,  
7 The Green, Southgate, N14

Please come to the AGM, and tell us what you think about the Trust, and its work. More details are on **page 2**.

Please also consider our request on **page 3** for help on the committee.



### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that the annual subscription of £15 became due on **1st April**.

Please send payments with the membership renewal form on **page 15**.

### HISTORY GROUP MEETING Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 8.00pm Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, N21

#### “Can You Remember?”

by Bernard Ecker

Recalling places and things of the past, including local cinemas, cigarette brands, British dance bands of the 50s and 60s and much more. Memories from members will be welcomed.

**ALL WELCOME**

#### Dates for your diary:

Mon. 2nd May      Christ Church May Fair      (see **page 2** for details)  
Sat. 9th July      Southgate Summer Fair  
Tues. 12th July      History Group Meeting, Friends Meeting House - Enfield Trams & the Piccadilly Line

#### Contributions to the July newsletter should be sent by Friday 10th June 2016

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**Notice to Newsletter Distributors:-** We hope to deliver the next newsletter to distributors during week commencing **11th July 2016**. Emailed copies should be available for members w/c **4th July**.

**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 **Civic Voice**).

## **SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 2.30 pm**  
Walker Lower Hall, Christ Church Parish Centre  
7 The Green, Southgate, N14

The AGM is essential to the successful functioning of the Trust. It is the time when you elect the officers and committee for the coming year.

Please come and support your Executive Committee and help plan the coming year and the Trust's future strategy and campaigns.

### **ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016/2017**

The following positions are elected at the AGM:

President  
Vice-President  
Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Can you spare a few hours to help with the running of the Trust?

For more information on any of the positions please contact one of the Committee or Jane Maggs on [jane.maggs@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.maggs@btinternet.com).

Social Secretary  
Newsletter Editor  
Publicity Officer  
Committee Members (6 in total)

To stand for the committee, please complete the nomination form in this Newsletter on page 15.

### **AFTER THE AGM**

This year the formal business of the AGM will be followed by a selection of local history films showing our area. We are hoping this will include some which were unavailable at the last History Group meeting.

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## **CHRIST CHURCH MAY FAIR Southgate Green, Waterfall Road, 2nd May 2016**

The Trust has booked a stall at the Fair again, and we are taking all opportunities to publicise the Trust, its projects and publications. We will need help from members to put up and man the gazebo throughout the event. If you can help, even for an hour, please contact Richard Purver (8882 0123).

## WE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR MEMBERS TO FILL COMMITTEE VACANCIES!

At the 2016 AGM in May, a number of committee members will be standing down and it is **vital** to the running of the Trust that these positions are filled. Without a full committee Southgate District Civic Trust will be unable to function properly or build on the great work of the last few years.

The positions for which the present members are standing down, with a brief note on the main aspects:

**Chairman** – following the sad death of Graham Beech, this position is vacant. Elaine Tyler kindly stepped into the breach and has done sterling work, but unfortunately, she will be unable to continue in this role.

[The Chair sets the vision for SDCT and works with the rest of the committee to achieve our goals.](#)

**Treasurer** – after 13 years Alastair Palmar has decided to step down. He has done a terrific job over the years skilfully guiding SDCT through various changes.

[The treasurer maintains our accounts, keeps accurate accounts, pays our bills and works with others to keep us financially viable.](#)

**Membership Secretary** – for reasons lost in the dim past, Alastair has combined this role with Treasurer for many years. There is no reason to keep these roles together and this is a good time to simplify the committee structure.

[The Membership Secretary welcomes new members, keeps records of members, ensures subs are paid and that members are added to the mailing lists.](#)

**Social Secretary** – for many years Janet Lane has organised a range of extremely successful and varied activities for us. Sadly she has decided that it is time to step aside.

[The Social Secretary arranges visits, walks and social events for members.](#)

**Publicity** – this post has been unfilled for many years and only partially covered by other members of the committee. Now that we are involved in so many more campaigns and projects, we need to raise our profile and broadcast to the world what we are doing.

[The Publicity Officer publicises the work and activities of the Trust, working with the web master and others to create appropriate material for social media, posters and advertising.](#)

### **Can you help run your Civic Trust?**

**These are all key positions and without them filled, it will be difficult to build on the momentum of this year.**

In addition to these positions, we would also like a volunteer to join the committee as [Minutes Secretary](#). This would assist the Secretary hugely and only involve a few hours work for each of the six committee meetings spread through the year.

For more information, a ‘job description’ or to discuss the roles with no obligation, please contact Jane Maggs on [jane.maggs@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.maggs@btinternet.com). If you are interested in standing, please complete the nomination form in this newsletter on page 15.

*Jane Maggs*

## FREDDIE GICK, CHAIR OF CIVIC VOICE VISITS SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST

At the Civic Voice Convention last October, we discovered that Freddie Gick had never been to this far-flung outpost of London straddling suburbia and the green belt. So Southgate District Civic Trust (SDCT) promptly invited him to spend a couple of days with us, speaking to our members, other local community groups and to see first hand the challenges specific to an area like ours.

Southgate is home to one of only six Grade II\* listed London Underground stations. This station shows the challenges faced by heavily used and functional listed buildings, and SDCT were able to show the continuous battle to overcome the lack of care and respect. Around the station, this town centre and the others in the area are trying to improve and grow, but we explained how the community is frustrated that changes to permitted development legislation are undermining this by allowing betting shops to take over prime locations and offices to be turned into flats. It is not an exaggeration to say that turning offices into flats has the potential to destabilise the community and overwhelm the local infrastructure.



From Southgate, SDCT took Freddie on a wet and windy 'grand tour', where members could show him some of the key sites in the area. These included war memorials in Broomfield Park, Christ Church and at Walker Sports Ground; historic local mansions like Grovelands and Arnos Grove (now The Beaumont) and Trent Park all converted for new uses; community gardens such as Minchenden Oak Garden, as well as the revamped library in Palmers Green.



Southgate District Civic Trust also took him to the Ritz Parade, where he could stand by the side of the busy, noisy North Circular Road which, following extensive road development, is now the site of intensive house building. The North Circular and the nearby site for the Crossrail 2 station are areas of fast redevelopment, so we explained they present many opportunities, but also the challenge to retain and improve local facilities and social centres.



In such a diverse area there is inevitably bad and ugly, but we were able to show him how SDCT are working to improve what we can and try to keep the good outweighing the rest.

In between all the visits, we made sure there were a few stops for refreshments. Freddie was made very welcome everywhere we went.



Southgate District Civic Trust were delighted to be able to spend time with Freddie Gick explaining their issues and hearing a different point of view. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time and helped to make the two days into such a great success, particularly Chris Horner, Jane Maggs and Elaine Tyler.

You can see more photos on our Facebook site: ([www.facebook.com/southgatedistrictcivictrust](http://www.facebook.com/southgatedistrictcivictrust)).

*Jane Maggs*

Photos by Chris Horner & Mervyn Maggs: Freddie Gick at Southgate Station; Christ Church WWI exhibition; Broomfield Park Garden of Remembrance; Minchenden Oak Garden; Claud W Dennis for coffee; Walker Sports Ground for tea.

## WAR MEMORIALS WORKSHOP

Southgate District Civic Trust is working with Civic Voice on the First World War Memorials Programme. This project, part of the national commemorative events, will help conserve and protect our local war memorials for the long term.

### WORKSHOP

SDCT have arranged a one-day workshop to train volunteers to assess the condition of memorials and then decide how to go about preserving them.

The workshop will be led by [Anna Wilson](#) from [Civic Voice](#) and be held at the end of April.

### Are you interested?

The workshop is open to anyone who has an interest in preserving our memorials. To register attendance contact [Elaine Tyler](#) via e-mail to [info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk).

As soon as we have confirmed the date and venue further information will be sent out to members by e-mail, added to Facebook and to the website.

You can find more information at: [www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials/](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials/)



*Elaine Tyler*

## OPEN MEETING - WED. 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016

### **Civic Voice and the Civic Movement** **A talk by Freddie Gick, Chair of Civic Voice**

On a wet and windy evening in March, SDCT held the March Open Meeting in the beautiful building of Arnos Grove, now called The Beaumont Home. The audience included members and visitors from a range of different local civic, resident and community groups.

The evening started with Chris Horner explaining about Civic Day and how SDCT plan to expand Civic Day into a Civic Week. Chris gave an update on the plans, the groups involved and the various events already planned.

Joe Studman then introduced the first of our speakers, Ruby Galili, author of '*Arnos Grove and the Walker Family*'. She gave us a fascinating insight into the history of the building and the characters that had lived there.



Then Joe introduced our main speaker for the evening. Freddie Gick spoke powerfully about the history of the civic movement, and then explained the work and aims of Civic Voice. He talked about the challenges civic societies face as well as those of a national body like Civic Voice. It became clear how important it is to us that there is a national body speaking on the behalf of ordinary people to Government at the select committees, hosting the All Party Parliamentary Group for Civic Societies and responding with our views to consultations. He outlined the concerns raised by groups like SDCT, that Civic Voice has been raising.

Freddie also spoke about the various major projects Civic Voice are involved in, which includes War Memorials, BIMBY and the annual design awards. He outlined future projects such as conferences on planning matters and surveying heritage at risk. These are some of the areas that SDCT plan to work on with support from Civic Voice.

After Freddie's talk there was a lively debate, with the audience raising even more points of concern and interest. Southgate District Civic Trust were extremely pleased to achieve one of our aims with the visit, in that we managed to bring together a wide range of groups. We plan to continue this collaboration in the future. We did notice one group that was missing from the meeting were our local councillors. Although some let us know they could not attend, it seems a pity that no one was available to take part in this fascinating debate, which directly impacts the lives of their constituents.

After the talk, we were delighted that Freddie was able to give an award to Irene Stone a longstanding member of Southgate District Civic Trust, Chair of our Planning Group and a tireless campaigner for the enhancement and improvement of the environment. It was a fitting and uplifting end to an interesting evening.

*Jane Maggs*



Photos by Mervyn Maggs: Chris Horner; Joe Studman; Ruby Galili: Freddie Gick; Freddie Gick presenting to Irene Stone.

## **PLANTING OF A MEMORIAL TREE FOR GRAHAM BEECH**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. a ceremony was held in the community orchard in Arnos Park, organised by the Friends of Arnos Park, to plant a tree in memory of our Chairman and active member of the Friends, Graham Beech. It was attended by a large group of the Friends, plus Jane Maggs and Colin Barratt from the Trust, Graham's brother John and his brother in law Graham Rogers. Alison Lister, on behalf of the Friends, spoke about Graham's work and dedication to the orchard and the park.



John Beech and Alison Lister



Appropriately, the tree itself was a beech, and people were invited to add soil to the prepared hole in his memory. A plaque had been produced, which was placed at the foot of the tree.

*Colin Barratt*

## **BOROUGH OF SOUTHGATE BOUNDARY SIGN: THE BACK-STORY**

Newsletter 235 carried the announcement by Chris Horner of the reinstatement on the wall of the pavilion at the Walker Ground (where he is a trustee) of a Southgate Borough coat of arms associated with the Trust which had been held in storage for some time, as part of the refurbishment carried out prior to the reopening on 6 December 2015. When I heard about this I stopped by at the clubhouse to have a look at the sign, which has been placed prominently at the top of the stairs leading from the side entrance into the bar and lounge area. I was told the club was pleased to put the sign back up (apparently it was very heavy!) as part of the refurbishment.

The painted enamel coat of arms (or strictly speaking the 'achievement', that is the coat of arms and its adjuncts) is set on an oblong metal panel and framed by the words Borough of Southgate picked out in gold. A plaque below has the inscription PRESERVED BY SOUTHGATE CIVIC TRUST / AND PRESENTED FOR SAFE KEEPING / TO RECORD THE OLD BOROUGH OF SOUTHGATE 1933-1965.

I was curious to know where the sign came from, to whom exactly it was presented and when. Peter Hodge looked in the Trust archive at my request and found several relevant references, which I followed up at Enfield Local Studies.

This municipal borough boundary sign had become surplus to requirements with others when Southgate, Edmonton and Enfield amalgamated in 1965 to become the London Borough of Enfield. A newspaper article from Summer 1967 in a local history scrapbook compiled by Peter, *A farewell to arms* gives the background to the story:

Boundary signs that formerly separated the boroughs of Edmonton, Enfield and Southgate are being shipped abroad – as a gift from the London Borough of Enfield ... One is going to the City Corporation of Enfield, South Australia, one to the City Council of South Gate, California, one to the Council of the City of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and one to the town of Enfield, Connecticut ... Before being packed up for the long sea journey each sign was given a "face lift" by workmen in the borough engineer's department at Southgate Town Hall ... The respective history of each coat of arms [was] inscribed on vellum, similar to an illuminated address. These were designed and produced by Mr. Charles Prior, a senior administrative assistant on the Council staff at the Civic Centre, Enfield ... All the signs were taken down when the three boroughs became amalgamated in April, 1965. Southgate Civic Society has one and there are others which will be kept for posterity in the museum at Forty Hall, Enfield.

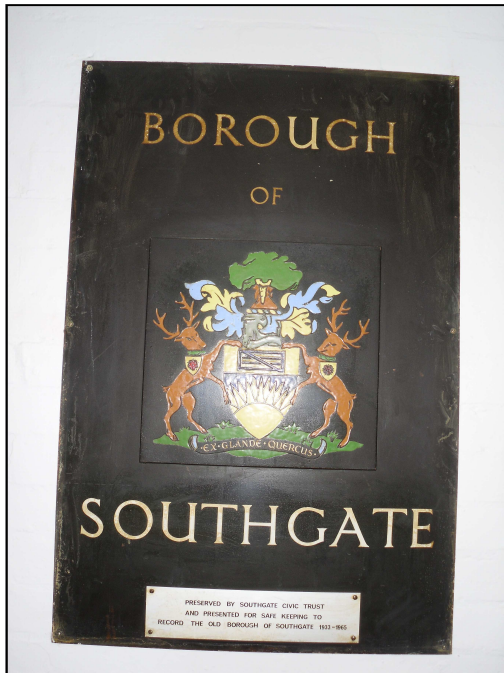
The article is accompanied by photographs of the old signs and the new Enfield sign, and goes on to give the derivation of the devices on the latter, including the head of a stag to represent Southgate.

It was in this context that the Southgate Civic Society Executive Committee minutes of 15 April 1966 reported that Mr Faith had written to the Borough Engineer about the Southgate boundary signs and on 4 June that a letter had been received saying there would be no further action until the new coat of arms [for Enfield] had been approved. On 4 November Audrey Lennox reported that the sign would be handed over to the President by Councillor Merrion on Saturday 12 November at 3pm at the Old Town Hall, Palmers Green. It was hoped Mrs Lennox, Mr Rule, Mr Bone and Mr Faith would be present and the Gazette informed. There was discussion about the eventual home of the sign and it was agreed that it should be presented to Southgate Cricket Club.

Mr Bone is of course one of our vice presidents, Geoff Bone, who retired as SDCT chair in 2010 and he features with Audrey Lennox and other colleagues in two photographs in the archive which were taken when the sign was received from the council.



## Press Coverage



One of these photographs appeared in the *Palmer's Green and Southgate Gazette* on 18 November 1966 with an article headed *Sign of the (old) times*, showing Councillor L.C. Merrion MBE, chairman of the Highways Committee, the president of the Civic Society Mr E.S. Noakes, the chairman Mr G.T. Bone and the hon. secretary Mrs A.M. Lennox JP with the sign.

The article explains that “One of the handsome signs which once marked the Southgate Borough boundary has found a new home with Southgate Civic Society” and reports Councillor Merrion’s speech, in which he said that with such a long history it was natural that “Southgate people should cherish their heritage and wish to preserve all that was best in their lovely district ... ‘Indeed, although we are now one borough the names of Southgate, Edmonton and Enfield will still live on and will rightly be cherished by their people’ ... Because they recognised the value of this sentiment, he and his colleagues were particularly pleased to have the Society’s request which had directly led to the decision to preserve in the Museum the boundary signs from each of the old Boroughs”.

Also present at the ceremony (and pictured in the other photograph we have) were Mr A.J. Ballantyne (first president of the Society), Mr F.A. Rule (former Southgate councillor), Mr G.L. Faith and “the oldest member of the party” Mr George C. Parr, in whose honour the old people’s dwellings in Vicars Moor Lane were to be named [George] Parr House.



Geoff Bone remembers that the sign was rather battered and was handed back to the council after the ceremony. This could have been to allow for it to be renovated along with the other signs and to provide it with a home for the time being.

Borough signs for Edmonton and Enfield are still in the Museum collection, with an enamelled metal coat of arms for Southgate which looks as if it was originally part of a sign (this is currently displayed in a case in the conference room at the Civic Centre as part of an exhibition devised for the London Boroughs 50th anniversary celebrations).

A note in the minutes of 2 December indicated that arrangements were being made for a ‘handing over’ ceremony in the near future with Southgate Cricket Club of the old Southgate Borough boundary sign which Mr Faith had written to the council to request on behalf of the Society. However a clarification was included in Matters Arising on 3 February 1967 with the heading ‘Home of the former Southgate boundary sign’ which states that it was agreed that the earlier wording “presented to the Southgate Cricket Club” was misleading and the decision was recorded that “The Southgate Cricket Club had agreed to display the Boundary Sign on behalf of the Society, and it was unanimously agreed that this offer be accepted. The sign to be accompanied by a suitable plaque recording its presentation by the Council to SCS”. The eventual wording on the plaque “presented for safe keeping” conveys the intention that the sign would remain in the Trust’s ownership.

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## **Tenth Anniversary Celebrations**

However it was over five years before the sign was actually put up at the clubhouse. The Trust celebrated its 10th anniversary with a Social held at the Walker Pavilion on 14th April 1972 (as mentioned in Stephen Potter's article *A Teenager in the Southgate Civic Trust* in *Oakleaves* 5 and still remembered by veteran Trust members), having previously organised one there in February 1971. The Trust newsletter reported the event: "Southgate Borough's old Coat of Arms had been installed, thanks to the efforts of Mr Glennie, on the wall of the Walker Pavilion, where we met [for the celebrations]. Audrey Lennox made a graceful speech about it all, and about the Trust's ten years; and a press photographer did his stuff, as you will have seen in the *Gazette*".

The *Gazette* carried the story on the front page of the 21 April 1972 edition, underneath a photograph of Mrs Audrey Lennox, former secretary and now a vice-president of the Trust with Mr Norman Stonard, borough planning officer and Mr N.C. Dowell, borough architect, "pictured admiring the sign at the social held in the Walker Ground pavilion". The article states that "A handsome boundary sign of the former Borough of Southgate occupied a pride of place on Friday when Southgate Civic Trust celebrated its tenth anniversary ... The new Enfield Borough Council presented the plaque [sic] to the Civic Trust in 1966 to commemorate the former Southgate Borough. It was felt that the sign should find a permanent home in the area of the historical centre of Southgate and the trustees of the Walker Ground agreed to give it safe keeping in their new pavilion ... During the week of the social the trustees mounted the sign on the wall of the pavilion".

A full account was given of Audrey Lennox's speech about the first ten years of the work of the Trust:

Mrs Lennox thanked the trustees before about 100 old and new Trust members and went on to remark that the battle for the environment was constant and never ending. She recalled that the society had come into being fighting and was unpopular with the council of the day for representing public feelings. But the Trust recognised early on "that brick walls require more than fire and fury to breach them; it is essential for a civic society to be professional in everything it does – public inquiries, studies, reports, letters and so on". Mrs Lennox said the Trust should also be responsible, vigorous and consistent and above all should remember that it was one small part of public opinion and should keep the public informed and aware at all times of its activities. The Civic Trust in Southgate, said Mrs Lennox, was and must remain totally committed to a constructive, rational planning and environmental attitude and must avoid taking a political stance on controversial matters.

It's pleasing to note that Audrey certainly showed fire and fury in *Gazette* reports around this time of her forthright condemnation of the activities of the Valentine Poole charity trustees during the ongoing battle to save the Georgian cottages at Southgate Green: she was "flabbergasted and disgusted" by their attitude and said "they have just been stringing us along". The eventual success of the campaign is commemorated by the plaque on the wall of the cottages which proudly proclaims **SAVED FROM DEMOLITION BY SOUTHGATE CIVIC TRUST**.

The Trust made the front page again on 5 May 1972 with a photograph of our other vice president and founder member Chris Howell and the announcement that he had been elected chairman at the AGM the previous week.

At the kind invitation of Chris Horner and the Walker trustees the Executive Committee were able to welcome Freddie Gick, the chair of Civic Voice to the pavilion for tea and cakes when he came to give his talk at the SDCT open meeting at Southgate Beaumont on 9 March and our current secretary Jane Maggs is making plans to hold some future events there, enabling us once again to be able to toast the Borough of Southgate boundary sign the Trust played a key role in preserving.

Many thanks to Enfield Local Studies and Museum staff for their assistance with my research for this article.

*Richard Purver*

## OSIDGE – THE LATEST

In a decision on the future of Osidge published on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, the Charity Commission have agreed *‘on the trustee’s application, to make the scheme to give the trustee power to dispose of the property.’* Following the various representations the Commission *‘decided that the scheme should be made, but with modification.’*

They went on to say: *‘The revised purposes still require the charity to hold land. That means that when the property has been disposed of, the trustee must give proper consideration to using the proceeds to provide a replacement property in which to carry out the purposes of the charity. If this would not be feasible (such as if the proceeds of sale were not sufficient to allow this) or would not be an effective use of the property, the trustees will be required to apply for a new cy-près scheme.’*

(A cy-près scheme is the legal document which provides for the transfer of an asset intended for one charitable purpose to another charitable purpose which is as close as possible to the original. (Cy-près is a term drawn from Norman French and means “as near as possible”).

SDCT have seen proposed plans by Formation Architects for Lipton House, which appear on their website. This states that *‘Formation Architects assisted London Square in their successful bid to acquire the Sir Thomas Lipton Memorial Home...’*

*‘The site poses a number of challenges derived from the existing heritage asset and a large number of mature trees within the grounds. The proposal seeks to bring the main house back into residential use through a careful refurbishment and features a number of new buildings sensitively placed within the established parkland.’*



The development shown is a screen shot from the Formation Architects website, for 15 houses and 7 flats.

A planning application has not yet been submitted. However, SDCT are working with East Barnet Residents Association to monitor this proposed development.

*Jane Maggs*

## TRENT PARK UPDATE

The second public consultation on the future of the mansion and grounds took place between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, again at Southgate Cricket Club, Cockfosters. Berkeley Homes had produced display boards to show their updated ideas and the responses from the first consultation. Visitors were asked for their views on various styles of housing and again there was a questionnaire to fill in. The results of the consultation were promised, but haven't been published yet.

The third and final public consultation will be a four day event held between Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016. It will take place within part of the Mansion House ground floor at Trent Park. Details of the timings and programme of events will be released shortly.

## HISTORY GROUP MEETING MARCH 2016

### “Newly Discovered Local Films and Photos”

Following the meeting last September, when I showed various short films and clips with local connections, I was reminded by a member about the project run by London Screen Archives (LSA), who are encouraging people in the outer London boroughs to uncover any interesting films taken in their area, and give them to the LSA, who would digitise them and put them online for all to enjoy.

After this, I arranged for several reels of 8mm film, taken in New Southgate, Friern Barnet and Finchley in the 1960s and 70s, to be given to the LSA for digitising at the London Metropolitan Archives. I had hoped to show some of these at the March meeting. Unfortunately, they were not ready in time, so instead I showed some examples of films which were already listed under Enfield on the LSA website. The first was a scene from the Enfield Charter Day celebrations in 1955, and the second was part of the Enfield Festival in 1972.



I did manage to obtain some photos from Enfield Local History Unit, which had recently been passed on to them by the Borough Planning Dept. They were taken in New Southgate in the mid 1960s, and showed buildings and the area just before or at the beginning of demolition, when much of the central part of this district was re-developed. I showed a selection of these views, which are now a valuable historical record of these areas, some of which changed beyond recognition.

End of Friern Barnet Road,  
during demolition.

*Colin Barratt*

### MEET THE TRUST!

You are invited to an informal meeting of Southgate District Civic Trust members new and old on:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at the Walker Sports Pavilion, Southgate Green at 8pm.**

Bring your ideas, questions or just come and introduce yourself.

At the formal meetings, it is not always easy to talk, as there are so many other distractions. This is an opportunity to just chat, catch up, discuss what the Trust is doing, should be doing, as well as float various ideas.

**All are welcome.** This is your society and we want to meet you.

*Jane Maggs*

(NB: there is no step free access to the Walker Pavilion)

### CROSSRAIL 2 – AN UPDATE

The Government recently announced that the Crossrail 2 project has been given the go-ahead, although the details have still to be finalised. My article in the January newsletter covered the plans to run the line through to New Southgate. However, there is pressure from politicians to reduce the project costs, and I have now been told that the whole branch from Seven Sisters to New Southgate has been scrapped. Whether this will be a final decision I don't know.

*Colin Barratt*

## CIVIC WEEK

This year Southgate District Civic Trust will be participating in Civic Voice's National Civic Day set for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016. But, as there is so much to do in the area, the day will be stretched to a whole week from **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016**.

All sorts of groups will be organising Community focused events during Civic Week, to raise the community's awareness of their local environment and the facilities available.

The list of events is changing daily, so as we get nearer to Civic Week, we will be adding more and more details. So keep checking the website for more information.

**Do you have an event you would like included, or would you like to organise one? Then contact Chris Horner via [info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk) .**

### **The events so far, but in no particular order:**

Open Allotments Day where residents will be able to visit their local allotments and ask for green-fingered advice.

Open Day at Woodcroft Wild Space.

Parks various Open Events.

Teddy Bears Picnic for young children and their parents in the secret garden at the back of Christchurch on Southgate Green.

Cricket Matches at Walker Cricket Ground.

Southgate District Civic Trust Photographic competition, held in collaboration with Southgate Photographic Society, award of prizes at The Walker Ground.

Photographic Exhibition at The Walker Ground.

Southgate District Civic Trust art competition

Art Exhibition.

Southgate District Civic Trust Building Design Award to the Best and the Worst Building Design in the district.

Friends of The Parks Litter Picking and Ground Force Morning in Southgate Parks.

Dinner & Jazz Event at Church House.

Local guided walk around Old Southgate by Blue Badge Guide, Joe Studman. Starting at Southgate tube station and finishing at The Cherry Tree for refreshments.

Open Air Performance in the Minchenden Oak Garden of a Short play about the Oak Tree, and an historical re enactment by Knights with swords, a musical recital and a choral performance.

## APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) FOR CIVIC SOCIETIES

The APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) for Civic Societies event will host their next meeting in Parliament on Tuesday, 19th April 2016, 10am - 11.30am. The event will be themed around the role that communities can play in protecting war heritage and commemorating the First World War.

The meeting is free and you can register at the following link: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/appg-for-civic-societies-engaging-communities-in-first-world-war-heritage-tickets-23090760085](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/appg-for-civic-societies-engaging-communities-in-first-world-war-heritage-tickets-23090760085).

This APPG for Civic Societies meeting will hear from Dr Andrew Murrison, MP for South West Wiltshire and the Prime Minister's special representative for the Centenary Commemoration of the First World War. Representatives from Historic England, Institute of Historic Buildings Conservation and War Memorials Trust will be present.

For more information see Civic Voice ([www.civicvoice.org.uk](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk)).

APPG meetings allow MPs and members of the public a chance to discuss ways in which communities can commemorate the First World War.

These meetings are an opportunity to see our politicians respond to matters of interest to civic societies. Members of the SDCT committee will be attending the meeting, and will be happy to meet up with anyone else who is going.

The last APPG meeting in early March, concerned Cathedral Cities. Although not specifically relevant to this area, it raised some interesting points that impact all communities. You can see a video on YouTube which is worth a viewing: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=nssOSmh8s\\_w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nssOSmh8s_w).

*Jane Maggs*

## OTHER PHOTOS FROM EVENTS

### Memorial Tree Planting



John Beech, Graham Rogers and Jane Maggs at planting ceremony (report page 7)

### Freddie Gick's Visit



Freddie with Elaine Tyler and Jane Maggs outside Trent Park Mansion (report page 5)

**NOMINATION FORM – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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