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COMING EVENTS

OPEN MEETING

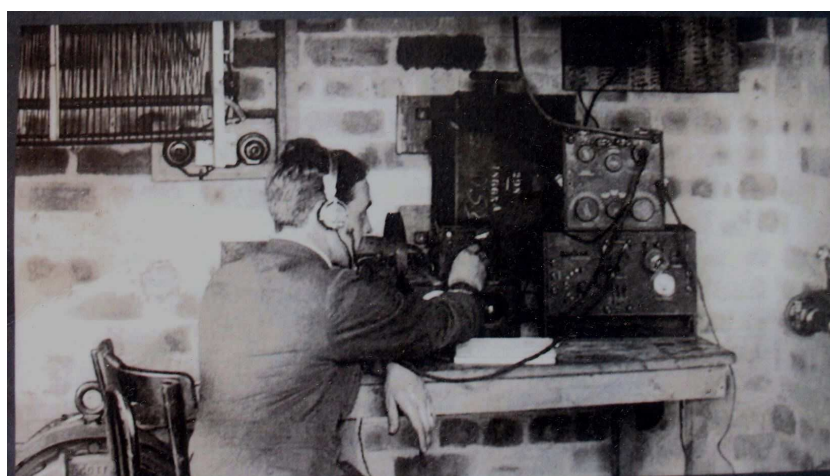
Saturday 15th Oct. 2016
at 2.30pm Walker Lower Hall,
Christchurch Parish Centre,
7 The Green, Southgate, N14

**“Bugging the Nazis in WW2
- A Very Secret War”**

by Dr Helen Fry

See page 6 for details

ALL WELCOME



HISTORY GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 8th Nov. 2016

at 8.00pm Friends Meeting House,
Church Hill, N21

“Do You Remember?” by Bernard Ecker

ALL WELCOME

This is the talk postponed from May. Bernard will be recalling places and things of the past, including local cinemas, cigarette brands, British dance bands of the 50s and 60s and much more. These will be illustrated with photos and items from the past.

Memories from members will be welcomed.

Other Dates for your Diary:

24th November

Annual Luncheon

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE (See page 11 for details)

Contributions to the January newsletter should be sent by Friday 2nd December 2016

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Notice to Newsletter Distributors:- We hope to deliver the next newsletter to distributors during week commencing **9th January 2017**. Emailed copies should be available for members w/c **2nd January 2017**.

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**).



Civic Voice Update

150 years of Blue Plaques

2016 marks 150 years of the English Heritage London blue plaque scheme. Over 150 years English Heritage has erected over 900 plaques on buildings across the capital to honour notable men and women who have lived or worked in them.

SDCT also has a plaque scheme and has raised these to mark notable local residents including Dame Flora Robson and Oliver Pike.

You can read more about blue plaques on English Heritage's website:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques/

London Mayor supports Summerstown182's blue plaque initiative to commemorate young war hero



Courtesy of Civic Voice: London Mayor Sadiq Khan shows his support.

At 2pm on Saturday 24th September a blue plaque will be unveiled on a little Victorian house at 934 Garratt Lane, SW17. This was once the home of Sidney Lewis, believed to be the youngest soldier to serve in the British Army in the First World War. One hundred years ago this summer he was thirteen and fighting in the Battle of the Somme. A sobering tale, but one with a happy ending. Sid's mother sent the military authorities his birth certificate and once his true age was established he was sent packing back to Tooting.

The plaque has been raised by local historians and paid for by a combination of cake sales, tin rattling and a very successful crowd funding campaign called 'A Quid For Sid'. The plaque has been erected on a building on one of the busiest roads in South London; to be seen by the hundreds who pass it every day who can pay their respects.

Mayor of London, and former MP for Tooting, Sadiq Khan has expressed his support for the Summerstown182's initiative to get the boy commemorated with the blue plaque. He said "Sidney Lewis was a true Tooting boy and a brave war hero. I am delighted to support the campaign for him to be recognised, a hundred years after the battle of the Somme in which he fought, aged just 13. The plaque will inspire young and old. It is testimony to the generosity of the people of Tooting that the money needed was raised in just two weeks".

Sid's 83-year-old son Colin is to unveil the plaque. His grandparents lived in the house for almost fifty years and he visited often and has many memories.

Investigation into house building on London's Green Belt



Courtesy of Civic Voice

A report published in September, shows how government housing and planning policies have led to an unprecedented scale of threat to London's Green Belt. The report from CPRE London shows that government policies and sanctions appear to be forcing councils to release Green Belt land for development.

Drawing on local evidence provided by CPRE branches in Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent,

London and Surrey, the report demonstrates that the London Green Belt is likely to be under greater threat than ever. There are now plans for 203 sites within the London Green Belt including proposals for 123,528 homes. Within the 42 local planning authorities that were surveyed covering nearly 84% of all London Green Belt land, the majority of the proposed homes (94%) are on sites allocated by councils in their Local Plan documents. SDCT note that the report includes the Enfield Road site where campaigning against development continues.

John Croxen, Chair of CPRE London, said: "With the new government under Theresa May and her new Secretary of State, Sajid Javid, saying the Green Belt is 'absolutely sacrosanct' there is now an opportunity for government to change direction. We must keep up the pressure to ensure real protection for London's Green Belt."

The report can be found at www.cprelondon.org.uk/resources/item/2339-safe-under-us.

The Big Conservation Conversation!



SDCT archive: Southgate Circus Conservation Area

The concept of conservation areas was introduced in England, Wales and Scotland by the Civic Amenities Act 1967 through a private members bill led by Lord Duncan Sandys. Civic Voice now holds the annual Sandys Lecture in his name.

When conservation areas legislation was introduced there was widespread public concern over the pace of redevelopment in our historic towns and cities. Today there are over 10,000 conservation areas in the UK, reflecting the popularity of this legislative tool in identifying and protecting our most valued historic places.

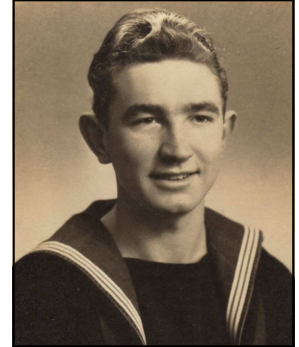
In 2017 and with the support of Laura Sandys, the civic movement will be raising awareness of conservation areas.

The SDCT area of interest includes a number of conservation areas. Through the work of the Planning Group and our presence at CAG we continue to monitor changes to our local area.

GEOFF BONE

As announced in our July newsletter, our friend and colleague Geoff died peacefully in early August. He was 90. Geoff was an active member of the Trust from its beginning. He had been Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Publications sub committee for many years, and was a Vice President. He always supported our stalls at local fairs, and enjoyed talking to people about the area, especially its buildings.

Geoff grew up in the area, and went to Minchenden School. He was also a member of the Scout group at Palmers Green Baptist Church. In 1943 he joined the Navy as a cadet, but the following year spent over a year in hospital with TB. After leaving the Navy in 1946 he studied architecture, and became an Associate of the RIBA, eventually becoming Chief Architect for the Thames Water Authority. Like many architects, he was a skilled artist, and regularly exhibited his work. Some members may remember drawings he made of local buildings, including Broomfield House. For some years he also acted as a guide on the Open House weekends at Grovelands House.



Another interest for Geoff was golf, and he was a member of Bush Hill Park Golf Club. He and his wife June also enjoyed outings to the cinema, theatre, concerts and exhibitions. He was a music lover, particularly the guitar, as those who attended his funeral discovered. He was a devoted father and grandfather, and was adored by all his family. He was also a valued colleague to those of us in the Trust. We will miss his support and gentle yet strongly held ideas.

Colin Barratt

THE ENFIELD SOCIETY: 80 YEARS OF ACTION



This exhibition, celebrating the past, present and future of The Enfield Society in protecting local buildings and green spaces since 1936 and their many activities (including an ongoing series of talks and walks), opened on 25 May and runs until 8 January 2017 at the Dugdale Centre. Our new chair Graham Davis attended the launch on 24 May with Irene Stone, Joe Studman and myself.

Southgate District Civic Trust was kindly invited by The Enfield Society to take part in the exhibition with a panel of information and images, provided by Jane Maggs, and a display case, in which we chose to show our prize-winning *Oakleaves 5* and the LAMAS award certificate, along with a sheet with photographs and brief descriptions of the blue plaques arranged by the Trust and various partners.

Richard Purver

PLANNING GROUP REPORT

This has been a time when apart from our usual applications there have been large schemes that have taken our group's interest, although not all in conservation areas that we cover.

One that includes a Grade 2 listed building is not in a conservation area and is in the Borough of Barnet, is without doubt a site that should be conserved for the public. This is "Osidge", Thomas Lipton's House in Southgate N14. Originally a residential home for retired nurses, the house and site has been sold by the Trustees for development. The SDCT has tried to contact all the parties involved and have objected, but were unable (together with others) to stop this happening. Having looked at the proposed development and drawings for flats in the house, town houses and new blocks of flats in the grounds, we have sent a letter of objection to Barnet Council. We are not alone in this and it remains to see how Barnet react to it all.

Another site is the New Avenue Estate Regeneration Plan by Enfield Council, N14. This is not in a conservation area but covers a large site and will have an impact on the surrounding area. This development will demolish properties in Beardow Grove, also Shepcot House, Oakwood Lodge and Coverack Close plus garages nearby. There will be construction of a new road to provide 412 residential units in flats and houses. It will be covering an area that can certainly be improved and will be a mixed development, with a community centre and a nursery and formation of play areas. We will be monitoring the continuation of this development.

Berkeley Homes at Trent Park is a development that has had several public meetings and has given a 3rd presentation to the Conservation Advisory Group. This included in more detail their proposals for various house and apartment types. Residential uses in the Mansion House are at part ground and upper floors and public access at part basement and part ground floor for a museum, cafe and events space. A planning application is expected in Autumn 2016. **(See also page 13 of this newsletter).**

Regarding Broomfield House, there is a Conservation management Plan and Options Appraisal now complete and on the Council web site. The Options Appraisal shows that restoration will cost approximately £5m, restoration of the Stable block buildings approximately £2m. No decision has been reached on possible viable uses. A grant or other funding is needed. Stabilising works to House and Stables are complete. Work to identify any potential commercial partner organisations, as required by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will be taking place between now and the end of this year.

The Local heritage List Review is now complete and a public consultation will commence 5th September until 30th November 2016. The draft list is on the council web site. Approval will be sought in Winter 2016/17. **(See also page 12 of this newsletter).**

If there are any queries about our future group meetings please contact me. Tel: 0208 364 3500.
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Irene Stone
Group Chairman

OPEN MEETING – Saturday 15th October 2016
Bugging the Nazis in WW2: A Very Secret War – Dr. Helen Fry

As reported in the July newsletter, we are delighted to announce that Dr. Helen Fry will be the speaker at our next Open Meeting in October. She is a nationally recognised historian and has spoken to numerous groups about her research of the Second World War and Trent Park.

During the Second World War, British Intelligence bugged the conversations of over 10,000 German Prisoners-of-War at three clandestine stately houses. Trent Park was reserved for Hitler's Generals where they were housed in luxurious conditions. However, it turned out to be one of the greatest deceptions of the wartime.

Lulled into a false sense of security, the Generals relaxed and became unguarded in their conversations. They inadvertently began to give some of Hitler's most closely guarded secrets. For over 60 years the secret listeners who bugged the conversations never spoke about their work, not even to their families. Historian Dr Helen Fry sheds light on one of the little-known, but greatest deception of WW2.

Helen has written numerous books on the Second World War as well as British Intelligence and espionage. Her book *The M Room: Secret Listeners who Bugged the Nazis* has been optioned for a feature film, and was the subject of the Channel 4 documentary *Spying on Hitler's Army*. Helen has appeared in numerous TV documentaries and in live interviews with Huw Edwards in Normandy for the BBC's coverage of the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Her new research is focusing on espionage, WW2 and the Cold War.

As well as her historical research, she has been a driving force behind the project to set up a museum at Trent Park, as part of the Berkeley Homes re-development, to recognise the important work done there in WW2, and we hope she will give us an update on the progress of this.

This meeting is open to **all**, so please invite your friends and family.

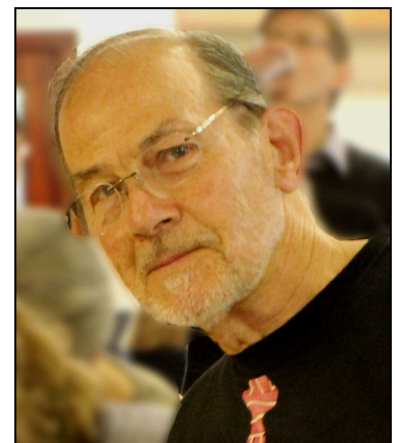
Jane Maggs

Graham Beech Memorial Award

Following the untimely and unexpected death last year of our Chair Graham Beech, the SDCT Executive Committee wanted to find a way to remember him and his commitment to Southgate District Civic Trust.

We are pleased to announce the creation of an annual award in his name to be given to a member of the Trust who has made an outstanding contribution to the trust or the wider community.

Any member of the Trust can make nominations for the award, however, please note, nominees cannot be members of the Executive Committee. The current Chair and members of the Committee will judge the nominations, with the winner of the award to be announced at the AGM.



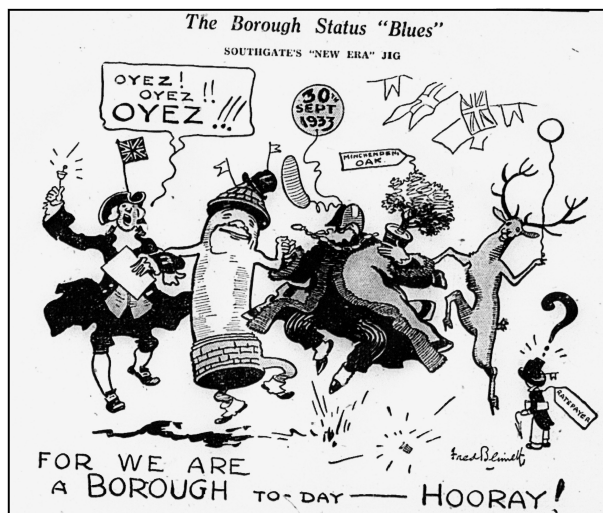
Nomination forms and more details will be included in the next Newsletter. In the meantime if you have any questions about this please contact a member of the Executive Committee.

SDCT Executive Committee

BOROUGH OF SOUTHGATE COAT OF ARMS

In preparing my article *Borough of Southgate Boundary Sign: the Back-story* for Newsletter 236 I became interested in the coat of arms on the boundary sign (or more accurately the ‘achievement’ of which the coat of arms or shield is a part) and the events surrounding the creation of the municipal borough of Southgate for which it was devised. This led me to look out for surviving examples and researching the background to cartoons with a relevant theme hung on the wall of the bar at the Southgate Club in Chase Side, where we had our stall at the Christmas Fair in December 2015 and which has been used for Trust meetings in the past.

Fred Bennett's Cartoons



The three framed original cartoons (in black ink with some blue colouring) are by Fred Bennett and satirise the incorporation of the municipal borough of Southgate on Charter Day, 30 September 1933. I found in researching at Enfield Local Studies that these were from a series of four which appeared in the *Palmers Green and Southgate Gazette* in September and October 1933. The third in the sequence shows the Mayor carrying the Minchenden Oak (in a little pot) and one of the Southgate stags from the coat of arms (while the other holds a balloon), the Town Crier and a pillar with conical tiled top from outside Southgate Town Hall with features and arms and legs, dancing around together in celebration of the new borough.

In the fourth the characters have collapsed at “The end of a strenuous week”; a stag is now munching on the Minchenden Oak, ‘Ye South Gate’, also from the coat of arms, is featured and a small figure labelled ‘ratepayer’ is seen quizzically observing events.

The former was reproduced with an article in the *Gazette* of 26 September 1958 commemorating the Silver Jubilee of the Borough of Southgate, giving some biographical details about Fred Bennett and stating that “He had never liked what he called ‘the pepper pots’ that had been built into the wall in front of the Town Hall and it was therefore not surprising that he included one of these in this joyous and robust cartoon”. They appeared in each of the four cartoons and three large and two smaller ‘pepper pots’ can still be seen outside the building.

Charter Day

The *Gazette* had articles about the devising of the coat of arms and the preparations for Charter Day and covered the ceremonies extensively in the edition of 8 October 1933, particularly the visit of H. R. H. Prince George (the future Duke of Kent) to present the Charter of Incorporation at Arnos Grove (then known as Northmet House, now as Southgate Beaumont) and his tour of the borough.

Pathe made a film of the events which was shown soon afterwards in the presence of the Mayor at the Capitol Cinema, Winchmore Hill. Entitled *Southgate's Charter Day*. The film is viewable at Enfield Local Studies and two different sections (one silent and one with sound) can be found on the London's Screen Archives website, as well as film of Edmonton's Charter Day in 1937 and Enfield's in 1955. A short preview of the Southgate film with the title “*Ex Glante Quercus*” (*From Acorn to Oak*) is on the Pathe website. A nice connection here for us is that the Trust's oak leaf and acorn logo represents the Minchenden Oak and echoes the *Ex Glante Quercus* motto, which Prince George refers to in his speech in the film.

The emblem for Southgate Urban District Council was the Minchenden Oak behind a low fence with a gate at its centre. As recorded in the council minutes of 25 July 1933, the armorial bearings which replaced it were devised by Mr Russell, the Lancaster Herald (of the College of Arms), for a fee of £76 10s, “with an additional £55 for supporters”. This was agreed in principle, subject to the addition of a crest.

The blazon or description of the Southgate coat of arms and its additions, as granted on 15 September 1933, uses the specialist heraldic vocabulary:

Arms: Azure issuant from the base a Sun in splendour on a Chief Or a four-barred gate of the first.

Crest: On a Wreath of the Colours an Oak Tree fruited proper pendent therefrom a Bugle-Horn and a Quiver of Arrows Or.

Supporters: On either side a Stag each gorged with a Chaplet of Oak proper pendent therefrom an Escutcheon Or charged with a Rose Gules.

Motto: ‘EX GLANDE QUERCUS’ – From the acorn, the oak.

A *Gazette* article of 18 August 1932 was accompanied by an illustration of the coat of arms and explained (in everyday language) that:

The Coat of Arms, though of simple and direct design, has striking features. The shield shows the Gate with the sun shining from the south – Southgate, blessed by the sun in light and health.

The famed Minchenden Oak forms the Crest, with the huntsmen’s horns depicting the chase, and emphasising the days when sportsmen roamed through the great forest of Middlesex.

The two bucks, as supporters, are wearing chaplets of oak leaves with red roses (as we are in the Duchy of Lancaster) on the shoulders.

We believe the Borough Coat of Arms will be appreciated for its delightful components. Southgate’s story is told in the beautiful design.

Once the coat of arms was adopted it was used in a variety of settings over the years, for example official regalia, the front of the programme brochures produced for Southgate’s Charter Day and the Coronation in 1953, bound volumes of Council minutes and various guides to the borough and as seen currently in an exhibition devised for the London Boroughs 50th anniversary celebrations in the conference room at the Civic Centre, on illuminated addresses and programmes recording the conferring of the freedom of the borough.

The exhibition also has an enamelled metal coat of arms for Southgate which may have been part of a borough boundary sign, an impressive two-tier wooden inkwell from the Mayor’s office at Southgate Town Hall with a carved coat of arms situated between the numbers 19 and 33 and four metal stamps with which to print the coat of arms onto stationery. (The Enfield Borough coat of arms is prominently displayed on the wall of the conference room and in a larger version nearby on the stairs leading down to reception and there is a royal coat of arms by the entrance, outlined in red on marble, to commemorate the opening of the Civic Centre by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on May 6 1975.)

The Southgate coat of arms also appears, richly painted and apparently made of wood, behind the titles in the Gateway film *Southgate Celebrates the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II* and on the cover of the embossed book which introduces and ends Edgar Chard’s 1951 film *Southgate – A Glimpse of the Past* (both reissued on DVD by Southgate District Civic Trust). The depiction of the south gate and the Minchenden Oak on the coat of arms is specifically referred to in the Trust’s millennium DVD surveying changes in the borough since the latter was completed, *Southgate – A Half Century of Change*.

Surviving Examples

The Southgate Borough coat of arms in stone has been saved and set against the new blue brick of the lift block at the refurbished Palmers Green library (with the arms of Middlesex County Council still in situ above the main entrance) and a small coloured version has been replaced on the facade of the adjacent old Southgate Town Hall, recently redeveloped for housing as Prytaneum Court. (The Skinners' Company coat of arms, embowered outside Skinners Court in Pellipar Close off Fox Lane makes an interesting local comparison with its fearsome wild cat (known as a 'lizard', ie lucern or lynx) and marten as supporters, with a second wild cat on the crest.)



The brochure for the Coronation events in Southgate in 1953 gives a description of the new Commemorative Entrance to Broomfield Park in Aldermans Hill which was then under construction to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second and the fiftieth anniversary of the acquisition of the park by the Council, with a sketch in which the coat of arms is discernible on each of the Coronation Gates and on the wrought iron fence on each side. These became the four golden medallions embossed with the coat of arms which are still in place, accompanying a series of 13 golden crowns along the top of the fence.

The painted coat of arms on a small wooden panel placed above the interior of the north door at Christ Church, Southgate indicates the association with the old Borough and it is included on the plaques on the wall on each side of the nearby entrance to Minchenden Oak Garden, as well as those on the pillars flanking the main gates to Arnos Park in Morton Crescent.

The Southgate coat of arms has also survived in a large version attached to a balcony of Block A at Ashridge Court in Reservoir Road in Oakwood. This was a major post-war housing development which is seen in the tour of the borough in *Southgate – A Glimpse of the Past*, where the three blocks of flats are described as an “example of Borough Council enterprise ... and quite handsome they are” (though as “utilitarian” in *Southgate – A Half Century of Change*).



Sports Clubs and Schools

Across the road from Christ Church and the Minchenden Oak at the Walker Ground, apart from the coat of arms on the Borough of Southgate sign retained for safe-keeping in the pavilion on behalf of the Trust, the badges of the various sports teams based there incorporate elements from the coat of arms: the Minchenden Oak for Southgate Cricket Club, a stag for Southgate Adelaide CC, the sun, south gate and stag for Southgate Adelaide Hockey Club and a stag alongside the three seaxes and the Saxon crown of Middlesex County Council for Southgate Rugby Club.

The team badge for all disciplines at local friends and rivals Winchmore Hill Sports Club is an adapted version of the coat of arms, replacing the sun and south gate as charges on the shield with a chevron pattern while retaining the two stags as supporters, the helmet and mantling and the Minchenden Oak, underlined by the motto *Per Amicitia Ludos*.

At Cockfosters Bowling Club, the gate, sun and hunting horn are shown, the latter crossed with a red and green forester's hat which with the accompanying cock gives “cock foresters” (Cockfosters). The bird also features at Cockfosters Cricket Club, supported by two stags.



Other examples include the gate, sun and Middlesex crown and seaxes on the stylish Arnos Bowling Club badge with its strong use of red, black and yellow, and the gate above the crown and seaxes (supported by two leafy branches) for the bowls and football sides at the Broomfield Club in Hedge Lane. On the sign at the now-closed Southgate Bowling Club in Broomfield Park half of the disc is a sun-like yellow and the other blue, with a flowing line representation of the Minchenden Oak behind a low fence and gate reminiscent of the Southgate UDC emblem.

Walker Primary School has the Minchenden Oak on its badge (in the form of a green tree against a red background) as did Minchenden School (in a design similar to the UDC emblem, quartered with the crown and seaxes). This was later to be replaced at Southgate House (and at the linked new building across the High Street) by the logo of Southgate College, which included a version of the gate above the rays of a sun (pointing downwards in this instance).

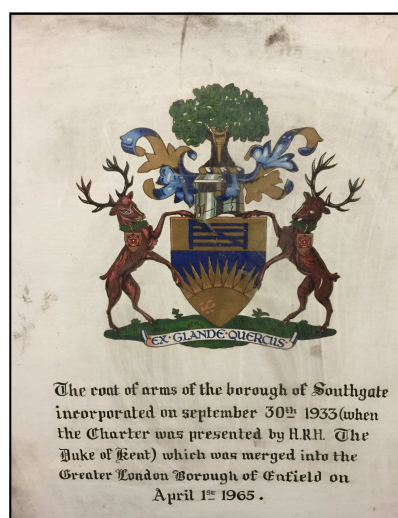
Charter Way dates from 1933 and in its naming is associated with the incorporation of the Borough of Southgate and further down on the opposite side of Chase Road the boldly-coloured signboards for West Grove Primary have a resplendent yellow sun rising above (rather than below) a red-brown south gate against a royal blue background. The badge is particularly appropriate given the school's location near the London Borough of Enfield plaque on South Point House at Southgate Circus commemorating the site of the South Gate to Enfield Chace, across the road from which the White Hart pictured on the pub sign picks up the general theme. An elegant reclining stag represents Grange Park Primary and a stag's head is the crest above the supporting Enfield heraldic animals at Southgate School.

At Winchmore School the 'School Arms' or badge prior to the 'Tree of Life' devised about 10 years ago was based on "various references to the area's history [which] had been researched. Wynche, it is claimed, was a Saxon Lord. The Badge shows him, staff in hand on his moor. Behind is the four barred gate, the South Gate (of The Chase), and the pointed sun of the Borough of Southgate's emblem" (see *Winchmore School: One Hundred: 1914-2014*, compiled by David Firth, 2016).



Oakwood Station

One of the set of Southgate coats of arms which were located on each side of the piers supporting the platform roof at Oakwood Station is now in the Transport Museum. In an article in the *Gazette* of 10 November 1967 found for me in his scrapbook by Peter Hodge, the retiring station master claimed the coat of arms was that of the Sassoon family of Trent Park. This was disputed in two letters of 17 November and 8 December by John Ballantyne (who as A.J.B. had written an informative series of articles for the *Gazette* about the progress of the Piccadilly line across the borough in 1932-3 and became first president of Southgate Civic Society and secretary to the Southgate Club).* He considered it still a query as to how the Borough coat of arms came to be put there, as he remembered that its use "was jealously guarded ... I was, however, able to get a stencil of the crest (in delightful colouring) which, with permission, was framed and with an appropriate caption was accepted by the committee of



The coat of arms of the borough of Southgate incorporated on September 30th 1933 (when the Charter was presented by H.R.H. The Duke of Kent) which was merged into the Greater London Borough of Enfield on April 1st 1965.

Southgate Club Ltd., for exhibition in the club's premises in Chase Side". This is still in their possession, thanks to the action of the Club's current director Marek Pospieszalski in rescuing it after he found it put out as an unwanted item.

Although I have not traced an actual agreement between the parties on the issue, it was certainly in the council's interest for the location of the station in the Borough of Southgate to be emphasised by the multiple placing of the coat of arms along the platform, as they took the view from its opening that the original name Enfield West was inappropriate and would confuse strangers travelling to the area.

After meeting a deputation of three councillors led by Alderman Wauthier, Frank Pick, chief executive of the London Transport Passenger Board, conceded an amendment to Enfield West (Oakwood) from May 1934 and agreed to consider renaming the station "if in the course of time the district surrounding the station becomes known as 'Oakwood'". Councillors on the Works and Highways Committee felt there was every reason to suppose this would happen "within a very short period" and the station was renamed as Oakwood in September 1946.

Figures derived from the coat of arms appear in the drawing on the cover of the booklet giving the history of the church constructed nearby during the development of the area by the municipal borough, *Forty Years On: Parish Church of St Thomas, Oakwood, Southgate 1939-79*: a stag leaps over a wooden gate with the church in the background, evoking its setting within the former area of Enfield Chace.

'The Enfield'

The once-ubiquitous Southgate coat of arms was one of twenty-six municipal borough and urban district arms or seals in the County of Middlesex. The eponymous red heraldic beast from the Enfield arms within that group (with the head of a fox, the chest of a hound, the talons of an eagle, the body of a lion and the hindquarters and tail of a wolf) has survived, via incorporation into that of the London Borough of Enfield, to take its place as the logo which appears everywhere on council street signs, buildings, vehicles, livery and publications today, and as the emblem of The Enfield Society.

Pleasingly, the Southgate coat of arms made a reappearance recently next to 'The Enfield' (and in proximity to the Southgate District Civic Trust logo) on the events leaflet for Southgate Civic Week (12-19 June), which grew out of the National Civic Day on 18 June promoted by Civic Voice.

* John Ballantyne advised Herbert W. Newby in compiling "*Old Southgate* (1949), in which is reprinted a Fred Bennett cartoon from 1912 caricaturing members of Southgate Cycling Club (including both of them), held on their behalf by Southgate Club Ltd.

Images: thanks to Enfield Local Studies Library and Archive for the Fred Bennett cartoon (Palmer's Green and Southgate Gazette, 29 September 1933); Arnos Bowling Club and Winchmore School for their badges; Marek Pospieszalski for the coat of arms at the Southgate Club. Southgate coat of arms at the Coronation Gates, Broomfield Park and Ashridge Court, Reservoir Road N14 by R.P.

Richard Purver

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

For the last few years we have arranged an annual lunch in November, at various venues. This year it will be held at **The Queen's Head**, 41-43 Station Road, Winchmore Hill, N213NB.

The date will be **Thursday 24th November**, 12.30pm for 1pm. There is a varied menu. (Note the change of date).

Please contact Christine Davis before 17th November, either by emailing Chrissiedavisstar@yahoo.co.uk or phoning 0208 364 0480, if you wish to attend.

Note also - Southgate District Civic Trust are planning on hosting a **dinner** in the New Year. More details later.

THE FOX PUB – WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?



The owner of The Fox Pub, Star Pubs & Bars, is considering development proposals for the pub. In their latest communication they state they want to ‘continue to operate in Palmers Green, and our development proposals will ensure that the original pub building is retained and refurbished, whilst providing us with the much needed opportunity to re-position the pub’s offer to ensure that The Fox continues to be a valued community pub, enjoyed by locals for years to come.’

Star Pubs & Bars have appointed Lateral Property Group to work up suitable proposals for the property. They are arranging to talk to local community groups including SDCT, before engaging with the wider community. SDCT is particularly interested in plans for this pub as we successfully registered The Fox as an Asset of Community Value in 2015. This distinctive building is also included in the draft Local Heritage Listing for Enfield. So we very much hope that the value to the community of this historic building is respected.

SDCT will be co-operating with other local groups and is engaging with the developers. Members will be updated as new information becomes available.

Jane Maggs

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING – DRAFT LIST



SDCT is pleased that the comprehensive heritage survey of the whole of the borough by local volunteers, including Trust members is now complete. Enfield Council has produced a draft list of items considered worthy of Local Heritage Listing.

There are 251 entries on the list, regrettably considerably fewer than the over 600 that were nominated by the volunteers. We understand that the details of those not selected for the list will be preserved for future reference, so they can be reconsidered at a later date.

The draft list can be found at: www.new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/heritage-conservation-and-countryside/listed-buildings/planning-information-draft-enfield-local-heritage-list.pdf

Public consultation on the draft Local Heritage is open for public comment until **30 November 2016**. Following this the draft List will be presented to Cabinet for approval.

Jane Maggs

HISTORY GROUP MEETING – 13 SEPT.

My intention for this meeting was to show two amateur films of the local area, which had been shot in the 1960s and 70s. These include many scenes which I thought would generate some feedback in an interactive session. These have been digitised by London Screen Archives, who were sending them to me on a DVD. Unfortunately, the DVD hadn't arrived in time for the meeting, so instead I showed clips of some other local films from the same period, which also resulted in comments and discussion.

The first was a film made by Friern Hospital, (formerly Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum), to celebrate their centenary in 1950, which showed the staff, the grounds and sports activities.

Next Bethune Park in Friern Barnet in the 1960s. It showed the park facilities at this time, such as the pitch & putt and running track, which have now gone, and a cricket match, which still continues.

The third film was made by Edgar Chard of Cameracraft, (who also made the films we now have licence to sell on DVD of Southgate and the Queen's Coronation). He recorded the building of Southgate Methodist Church in 1929, the adding of a hall in 1937 and Guides and Scouts leaving there for camp in 1950. The early scenes showed Bourne Hill and Southgate Circus as they were soon after the building of the Underground extension, and included views of the houses being built in Wynchgate and Meadway.

The final film was shot in 1964, and takes the viewer from Alexandra Palace to Muswell Hill Broadway and down Colney Hatch Lane to the North Circular Road. Then along Pinkham Way and up the footpath to New Southgate Station. The biggest changes since then have been the flyover at the NCR and the widening of Pinkham Way into a dual carriageway.

As it happened, this last CD also contained photos which had been taken at the Garden Party the Trust held in 2004 at the home of our member Ian Cameron-Black. Some members watching could see themselves at this party, while others in the photos are sadly no longer with us.

These local films add to the record of our area, and show how it's changed.

Colin Barratt

TRENT PARK – FORMER MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Berkeley Homes plan to submit their planning application to Enfield Council mid September with the anticipation of a decision in January. Currently the application will include 263 homes comprising;

Restoration and Conversion of the Mansion House into a Museum and apartments. The primary large state rooms on the ground floor and part of the basement together with the rear terrace will be given over to The Trent Park Museum Trust. The Stable Block and The Dower House will form restored residential accommodation. A group of informal Eco Homes will be formed to the West of the Mansion House in a woodland setting. Contemporary designed houses will be built in the walled garden. Two stepped apartment blocks will be built in the place of The Gubby college buildings running towards the daffodil lawn.

Snakes Lane access issues appear to have been resolved and enlarging/improving the Hockey Club car park is being discussed. The open air heated swimming pool and the tennis courts are to be restored and there will be a degree of public access.

The next Public Event will take place late October/early November to exhibit the final plans. The website www.trent-park.com will have details of location and timings as soon as they are confirmed.

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Southgate District Civic Trust continue to be represented on the Trent Park Community Council and the Conservation Advisory Group.

Fourth Public Consultation
The fourth public consultation event took place on 6th-8th July 2016 at the West Lodge Park Hotel. It was a successful event with nearly 400 people attending.

Our proposals included:

1. Restore and refurbish the Mansion House to its former glory
2. Open up the setting of the Greenbelt and Mansion House by removing c.255,000 sq ft of 1960s/70s former university buildings
3. Create public access for the first time in its history to the most historically significant areas of the Mansion House with a long-term sustainable museum, cafe and events space
4. A landscape-led masterplan that restores 30 acres of historic landscape, including Lime Tree Avenue and Wisteria Walk
5. Provide long-term public access across an unregulated site with 3.5km of walking/cycling routes
6. Restore and re-use c.60,000 sq ft of built Heritage assets
7. Provide a courtesy shuttle bus to Oakwood Station which would be open to the public
8. Secure the long-term viable future of the site through the delivery of 257 homes that are sensitively located, of a high quality design and contextually appropriate to the setting.

Key Summary of Public Feedback from the Event

- 93% agree that Berkeley has effectively engaged with the local community to date
- 96% support Berkeley's public access proposals to the Mansion House
- 83% support Berkeley's masterplan vision, 10% held a neutral opinion
- 69% agree (22% held a neutral opinion) with Berkeley's highways strategy
- 87% agree that the character area perspective view images are an improvement upon the existing site views
- 82% support the proposals overall (14% held a neutral opinion) for the redevelopment of the former Middlesex University Trent Park campus
- 97% found the public consultation event useful

We are taking on board all comments received and continue to meet with the Council, the GLA, other stakeholder groups and local community groups prior to submitting our planning application in mid-September 2016.

Community Benefits Update
Mansion House Museum, Cafe and Events space
Our proposals for public access now include all three entrance rooms on the ground floor, additional space in the basement and the rear terrace. This is an increase of 176 sq m (68% of community space from 405 sq m to 581 sq m).

Tennis Courts
We propose to restore the six tennis courts to the east of the site and return a number of these to public use.

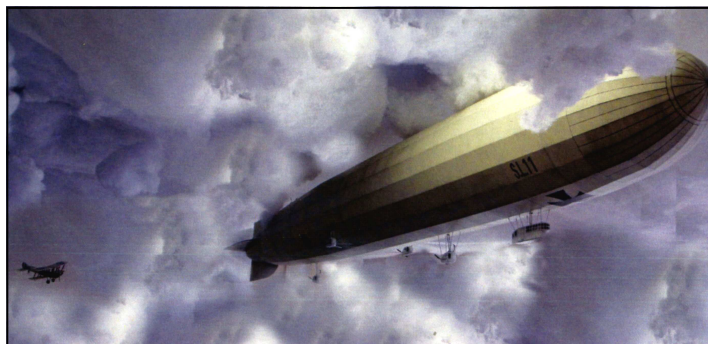
Orangery Swimming Pool
We intend to open the swimming pool for public use at set times throughout the year.

Next Public Event
We will be holding a two-day event in late October/early November 2016 to exhibit the final plans that will be submitted to Enfield Council in mid-September 2016. It will be an opportunity to ask any questions about the submission. Details of the location and timings will be confirmed and advertised shortly on our website www.trent-park.com, via distributed invitations and adverts in the local press.

Logos for 'vision' and 'Berkeley Designed for life' are at the bottom.

CENTENARY OF THE CUFFLEY AIRSHIP

During the First World War, England was subjected to air-raids for the first time when German airships dropped explosive and incendiary bombs on London and other places, causing deaths and injuries.



Government and military authorities failed to find a way to combat the raids until the night of 2nd - 3rd September 1916. On that memorable occasion airship SL11 dropped most of its bomb-load on Enfield, including three incendiaries which fell at Oak Lodge Farm, part of which is now Oakwood Park. The airship was then intercepted near Turkey Street by a small plane piloted by Lieutenant William Leefe

Robinson of the Royal Flying Corps. Using a new type of incendiary bullet developed at Eley's Cartridge Factory in Edmonton, Robinson ignited the hydrogen which kept the airship aloft and it crashed in flames just over the Hertfordshire border at Cuffley. Robinson was awarded the VC.

On 3rd September 2016 Cuffley commemorated the event's centenary, beginning with a brief ceremony at the memorial on the East Ridgeway, near the place where the airship fell. A memorial stone was laid outside the village hall, and this was followed by a church service remembering the loss of life of the airship's crew as well as the heroism of William Leefe Robinson. In the afternoon there was a performance by the Cuffley Operatic Society of the musical drama "The Cuffley VC", composed and directed by David Luck. The day's events were attended by a number of distinguished guests, including the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, a member of the German Ambassadorial staff, local Mayors and members of William Leefe Robinson's family.

During the following week there was an exhibition at Cuffley Village Hall of artefacts relating to the incident, including fragments of the airship, newspaper cuttings, and many postcards and other souvenirs that were produced at the time. The exhibition and events were superbly organised by Peter Dace of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council, assisted by an excellent Committee and many other people. Professional advice and support was provided by Jan Metcalfe, Museum Officer at Enfield Museum.

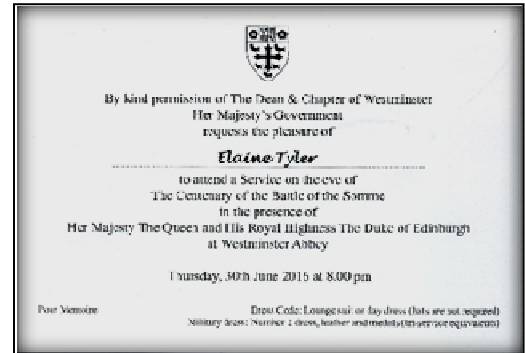
The book *Enfield's night to remember: the airship raid of 2nd - 3rd September 1916* is available priced £6 from Enfield Local Studies and Archive at the Dugdale Centre. Please phone 020 8379 2724 for details and opening times.

Eileen Bostle

THE FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIALS PROGRAMME

On the evening of 30th June this summer I had the honour of representing Southgate District Civic Trust at the Service held at Westminster Abbey on the eve of the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. A moving and special experience.

The invitation to attend came as a direct result of my involvement with Civic Voice and the First World War Memorials Programme.



I quote from the July War Memorial News:

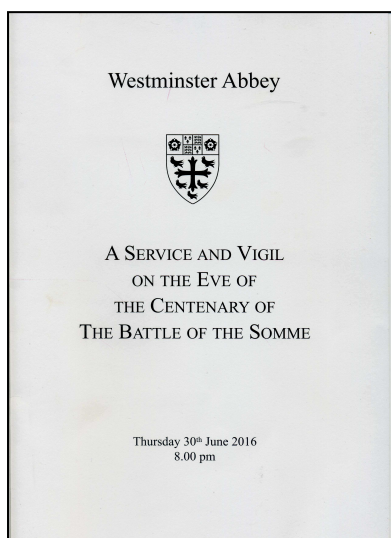
“The country comes together to remember the Somme...

Volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the First World War Memorials Programme were invited to attend the service. Cheltenham, Coventry, Southgate and District, and Worcester Civic Societies were represented. At the Abbey, they joined members of the armed forces, relatives of those who fought in the First World War, members of the British Legion, the Western Front Association, MPs and programme partners to remember those who fought in a very moving service. This was followed by an overnight vigil around the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

Many of the volunteers who attended the events noted that they felt very honoured to have been invited and said it is something they will never forget for the rest of their lives.”



Volunteers outside Westminster Abbey



I have scanned the booklet presented to me on the day and hope to make it available on our website shortly. It contains an historical note, information about the grave of The Unknown Warrior and the Order of Service.

Elaine Tyler

