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COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 28th April 2018 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. Details are on **page 2**, which include changes to the process. There are also two motions to be voted on, which are shown on **page 4**. **NOTE** - This includes a proposal to change the name of the Trust.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

Please send payments with the membership renewal form, or electronically. See **page 15** for details.

HISTORY GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 8th May 2018
at 8.00pm

Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, N21

**“Life Before Death: Stories from the
Parish Churchyard”**

by John Philpott

(See page 14 for details)

SDCT MEMBERS FREE, VISITORS £2.00

Other Dates and reminders for your Diary:

Sun. 29th April

SDCT visit to the reed beds at Slopers Pond Farm (see **page 7** for details)

Mon. 7th May

Christ Church May Fair (see **page 12** for details)

Sun. 2nd Sept.

Palmer's Green Festival

Sat. 27th Oct.

SDCT Open Meeting: A History of Mr Punch (see **page 7** for details)

Contributions to the July newsletter should be sent by Friday 15th June 2018

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

SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 28th April 2018 at 2.30 pm
Walker Lower Hall, Christ Church Parish Centre
7 The Green, Southgate, N14 7EG

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is essential to the successful functioning of the Southgate District Civic Trust (SDCT). It is when our members elect the officers and committee for the coming year. (See **page 14** for nomination form). It is also an opportunity to talk about our projects, help plan the coming year and SDCT's future strategy and campaigns.

Please come and support your Executive Committee working hard on your behalf.

This year we want to try a *different* approach to the AGM, to make the whole process more interesting and quicker, without losing oversight by members. This year the number of reports will be reduced, as we have realised that a great deal of what is reported at the AGM has already been shared in the newsletters, so is just a repetition. The remaining reports will be distributed by e-mail *prior* to the AGM rather than being read out in full at the meeting. For members without e-mail printed copies will be available at the meeting. These changes will give the majority of members an opportunity to read the reports in advance, so the meeting can focus on any questions or important decisions.

After the formal business of the AGM, there will be a presentation of the *Graham Beech Memorial Award*.

After a break for tea or coffee and cake, we are delighted that we will have a talk from *Joe Studman*. He will be telling us about two 20th century Southgate Women: **Edna Clarke Hall & Eileen Younghusband**.

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018/2019

The following positions are elected at the AGM:

President	Treasurer
Vice-Presidents	Newsletter Editor
Chair	Public Relations Officer
Vice Chair	Committee Members (6 in total)
Secretary	

We would particularly like to invite nominations for the positions that are currently vacant:

Public Relations Officer (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 broadcast to the world what we are doing.

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

Committee member

[A committee member attends the Executive Committee meetings helping to shape and drive the various projects undertaken.](#)

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

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Can you help run your organisation?

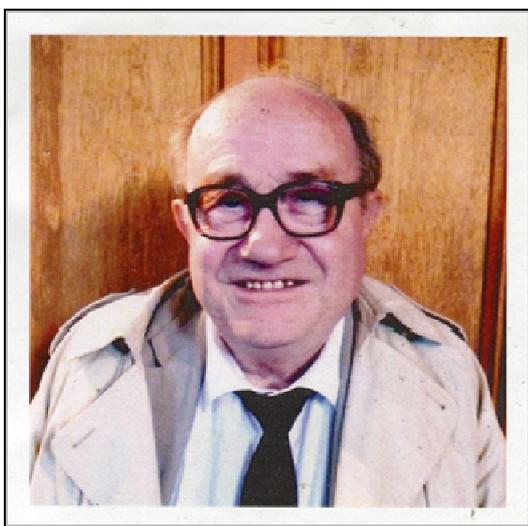
I am sure you will have noticed that in recent years, the SDCT has been very active on a variety of projects. It is vital that we continue to ensure our voice is heard.

However, to do that we need volunteers to help. You may not want to join the committee, but could you help with the Newsletter, Planning Group, marketing, website, organising talks or visits.

For more information or to discuss the roles with no obligation, please contact Jane Maggs on jane.maggs@btinternet.com. If you are interested in standing, please complete the nomination form in this newsletter on **page 14**.

Jane Maggs

(See page 4 for Motions for the AGM)



DONALD SMITH 14th October 1945 – 1st January 2018

It is with real regret that we have to write about the unexpected death of Donald Smith on New Year's Day. He was a member of Southgate District Civic Trust for many years, having served as Secretary in the 1970s and later as Chair of the History Group. He remained involved with our work, regularly providing information on local changes that we should all know about.

Donald was often found sitting at the back of the Open Meetings, wearing his characteristic large spectacles and iconic light coloured mackintosh. He would ask interesting questions and was always able to provide information on some key point.

At any public meeting, it was Donald who was the person who had looked at all the documents in detail and would hold councillors and council officers to account. Such persistence and dedication are extremely rare, but vital to ensure that our community is properly served. Whenever I met him in the street, I always came away better informed or with something to consider further.

A service in memory and celebration of his life was held at the United Reformed Church in Fox Lane on 22nd March. There were a large number of people there, including a number of our members.

What came across was that this intensely private person was incredibly well regarded by people from all parts of our community. We have lost someone who tenaciously held our council to account on our behalf. The best legacy to his memory would be for all of us to step up and become the next generation of Donald Smiths.

Jane Maggs

MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 28 APRIL 2018

Section 1: NAME shall be amended:

From: *The name of the Society shall be the Southgate District Civic Trust.*

To: *The name of the Society shall be Southgate District Voice.*

This proposal will take time to implement and the Executive Committee will determine the time of the final switch once all practical measures have been resolved. This has the advantage of requiring no immediate change to our website address or other documentation.

Background

I proposed a change of name in our newsletter in January 2018. I received no comments from members of Southgate District Civic Trust. My proposal was endorsed by the Executive Committee on 12 March 2018.

Reasoning

Southgate District Civic Trust (SDCT) hardly trips off the tongue as a name for our organisation. The new name would have the following advantages:

one word shorter.

retains the geographical area of our organisation which is Southgate District as opposed to just Southgate.

removes the words “civic” and “trust” which have little obvious meaning. Moreover, we are not a trust.

Voice gives the idea that we speak for the community.

Voice links to the national organisation to which we are affiliated, Civic Voice.

Graham Davis
Chairman

Section 15: NOTICES

From: *Any notice required to be given by these Rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member last notified to the Secretary.*

To: *Any notice required to be given by these Rules shall be deemed to be duly given if sent by e-mail, left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member last notified to the Secretary or Membership Secretary.*

Background

Since the Constitution was drawn up in 1993, there have been huge changes in technology. Partly for speed of informing members and in the interests of cost the preferred method of communication for SDCT is now e-mail. However, we recognise that not all members have this facility, so via the newsletter or post will still be used where appropriate. This motion is to bring the Constitution in line with current practice.



IMPROVING THE WATER QUALITY IN PYMMES BROOK



In last October's newsletter I reported that a local community group had been formed, working with Thames 21, to develop proposals for improving the water quality of Pymmes Brook. Since then I have attended a number of meetings of the group, where we learned about the project, which has involved using data from measurements of the level of pollution in each section of Pymmes Brook, and its tributaries, taken over many years, and assessing the effect of placing constructed wetlands along its length.

Wetlands have been found to be a very effective filter of pollutants. Tests on water before and after it has been filtered through wetlands, has found that these can remove 65% of nitrates, 68% of phosphates, 69% of ammonia and 78% of faecal bacteria. Computer modelling software is being used by Thames 21, which can assess which locations for wetlands would have the greatest effect, and the overall improvement likely at the outfall of the brook.

Some funding is available for this work, but the first stage is to explain the project to local groups who have an interest in Pymmes Brook, such as SDCT and Friends of the various parks the brook passes through. It will then be necessary to present the benefits of the project to other potential organisations who could fund this work. This will be done over the next few months.

Introducing nature-based solutions will not only improve water quality but also reduce flood risk for neighbouring properties by creating water storage areas, and it will improve the look of our local river and provide better habitats for the wildlife it supports.

The award-winning Firs Farm Wetland is an example of a large scale project of this sort, developed by Thames 21 and Enfield Council, which takes the flow from the Moore Brook, between Firs Lane and the A10. This has created a new park, which is regularly used by locals and wildlife.

I will report on the progress of the Pymmes Brook project in later newsletters.



Colin Barratt

CIVIC VOICE & WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

We are delighted to see that Sarah James from Civic Voice is on Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Women of Influence list for 2018. Having worked with Sarah for a number of years, I can definitely say this is a well-deserved award.

The Women of Influence list, released every year on International Women's Day, aims to highlight the breadth, depth and quality of work that women do in planning and the built environment.

Significantly the list is compiled from suggestions sent to the RTPI. To see more about this years list and the amazing women included see: <https://www.theplanner.co.uk/features/the-planners-women-of-influence-2018>.

Jane Maggs

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

In May this year, there will be a significant change to the Data Protection law. This new legislation impacts all organisations that hold personal data, so I am sure, like me, you have been contacted by other organisations.

This article briefly explains how we are managing the personal data you have given to Southgate District Civic Trust (SDCT).

SDCT hold physical data in the form of completed paper or electronic membership application and renewal forms. These forms are kept securely by our Membership Secretary and only accessed by the Membership Secretary and Treasurer. A digital version of the data is held as an Excel spreadsheet by the Membership Secretary on his computer and in a secure cloud facility (Dropbox). This data is accessed and updated by the Membership Secretary and Treasurer for accounting purposes. The Secretary and Chair can also access and update this data for the purposes of managing SDCT and communication with members. The Newsletter Editor can access this data and additionally holds a copy as an Access database on his home computer. This database is used to generate distribution lists for the newsletter. Newsletter distributors only see the names and addresses of the members to whom they deliver.

Your data is used for the purposes of running SDCT, with access limited to only those having a genuine need to use the information. The Executive Committee determines access to the data.

We will not share your details with any third party for any purposes unless agreed by you. We will only use your data to manage your membership and related benefits, or to arrange meetings and visits.

We only hold the personal data that you provided in your membership application, or subsequently provided.

If you have supplied an e-mail address, we will use this as our preferred method of communication. If you have not provided an e-mail address, we will normally communicate with you by post or occasionally by phone, if you have given us a telephone number.

As part of your individual rights under this legislation, you can enquire what data we hold and its accuracy, be informed of any data security breach and erase any data we hold, if your membership ceases, unless we need to retain it for legal requirements.

We are continuing to review our obligations under the new act and will update members with any additional information as soon as possible.

Jane Maggs

REMINDER OF SDCT VISIT TO THE REED BEDS AT SLOPERS POND FARM, STAGG HILL EN4 0PX

Sunday 29th April at 10.30am

We have been given an interesting opportunity to visit the reed bed being established on Slopers Pond Farm, a working farm on Enfield's Green Belt run by Robert and Elaine Hayward. For more details on the work being done, see the last newsletter.

Please note this visit will involve walking across uneven open farmland. As a result it is **not** suitable for anyone with difficulty walking.

The visit is open to all, but you must register in advance, with the number of people included, preferably by e-mail to: info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk (with subject: Reed Bed Visit) or you can call me on: 074153 16818.



Jane Maggs

OPEN MEETING – 2.30pm Saturday 27th October 2018

A History of Mr Punch – a talk by Geoff Barrett

Mr Punch can be traced back to Pre-Roman times and has a fascinating history across Europe. In this talk, Geoff Barrett will talk about the history of Mr Punch and how he changed from a live actor to a glove puppet.

Geoff has been performing Punch and Judy shows in and around Barnet and Hertfordshire for over 40 years. He originally trained in Three Dimensional Design at Cardiff College of Art and has been teaching ceramics to adult students since 1970.



Photos: courtesy Geoff Barrett

He continues to teach ceramics at Barnet College as well as performing Punch and Judy shows. He makes all his own puppets and equipment.

Geoff's talk promises to be lively, enjoyable, and with some audience participation!

Time & venue:

2.30pm Saturday 27th October 2018

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

PALMERS GREEN & SOUTHGATE LIFE: SPRING 2018

Look out for an article about SDCT and '*The Great Conservation Conversation & 50 years of Conservation in the Southgate District*' in the Spring edition of Palmers Green & Southgate Life.

ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR CIVIC SOCIETIES

Meeting on 13th March: Debated the question 'Will the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Review deliver the homes the country needs?'

The speakers at this meeting were Richard Blyth, Head of Policy, RTPI (Royal Town Planning Institute); Paul Bedwell, Civic Voice Trustee; Matt Thompson, Head of Planning, CPRE (Campaign for Rural England) and Griff Rhys Jones, Civic Voice President. The meeting was chaired by Craig Mackinlay MP.

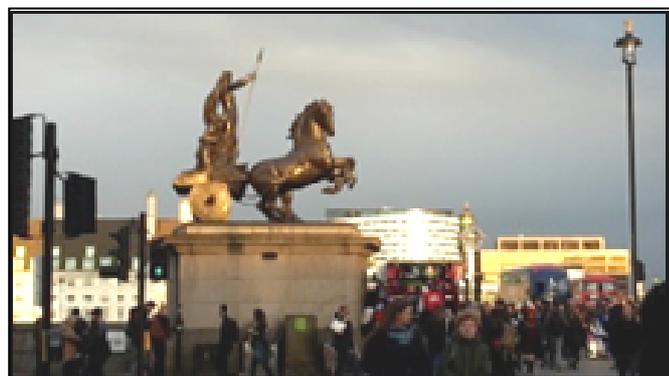


All the speakers were interesting, focused and well informed. The discussion that followed raised a number of key points. There were particular concerns raised about how the number of homes needed had been calculated, as well as how affordable housing would be incorporated. We were also reminded that despite all the debate, homes were needed and that people are suffering through a lack of housing they can afford.



However, what came out loud and clear from the various comments is that a 'one size fits all approach will not deliver the homes the nation needs'. The other key message was how important to solving this crisis are strong, active community groups and well resourced Local Authority conservation/planning depts. Sadly, it looks like the changes to the NPPF will still allow permitted development rights to continue to destroy our town centres, despite the fact that the key to a thriving community is a mixed economy town centre.

After the meeting I had an interesting talk with someone from AMS (Ancient Monuments Society) who monitors Twitter feeds from a wide range of civic groups. She complimented SDCT on our Twitter account, saying our Tweets were interesting, relevant and that we had a good balance of different types of material. Really good to be told that, as it means we must be getting something right! What do you think?



Coming out of Portcullis House after the APPG, it was wonderful to see Boudicca in all her glory. I posted this on our social media, but sadly I was a bit late for International Women's Day!

Next meeting – 8th May: Future of Conservation Areas

The next APPG meeting will take place on 8th May, with the majority of places being reserved for Civic Voice members as we unite together to say 'My Conservation Area Matters'.

This event ties in with the launch of a new consultation by Historic England. This revised guidance sets out how to manage change in a way that conserves and enhances historic areas through conservation area designation, appraisal and management. Civic Voice would like our thoughts on this new guidance. (Continued over)

Civic Voice are piloting their Conservation Area Audit, which will allow an alternative audit capable of identifying the issues and providing real examples of the factors putting Conservation Areas at risk. More importantly, it will identify how we can help manage change in these areas. Civic Voice will be launching this tool at the APPG for Civic Societies meeting alongside a new report called **The Future of Conservation Areas** and a new Big Conservation Conversation website.

SDCT are currently working with Enfield Council on a review of Conservation Areas, so will be evaluating this tool when we look at the areas in detail.

The APPG is free, but you need to register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/appg-for-civic-societies-future-of-conservation-areas-tickets-44510417858>.

Photos courtesy Civic Voice and Jane Maggs

Jane Maggs

The Conservation Conversation: Celebrating 50 Years of Conservation in the Southgate District

Spring Open Meeting – Saturday 24th February 2018



The spring Open Meeting in February allowed us to celebrate 50 years since the enactment of the Civic Amenities Act, enabling the formation of Conservation Areas and the 50th anniversary of the creation of *Southgate Green* and *Winchmore Hill Green* Conservation Areas.

To mark these milestones our meeting was a bit of a departure from normal, as we had two speakers and invited other local groups to display information about their organisations. This idea seemed popular as the meeting was well attended and some of the audience were even persuaded to join SDCT!

We were extremely fortunate in our two speakers **Bridget Pereira**, Conservation Officer, London Borough of Enfield (LBE) and **Ian Harvey**, Executive Director, Civic Voice, both of whom were excellent.

We started by hearing from Bridget Pereira, who explained the organisation of the heritage team for LBE. She went on to talk about how the team worked and their remit. This covers a surprisingly wide range, including: planning for the historic environment; providing information and expertise; heritage at risk and local designation; planning decisions; enforcement and prosecutions as well as the care of local authority historic properties. Naturally, the team works closely with other statutory and community groups, some of whom were present that afternoon.



Bridget gave us a potted history of conservation, taking us back to the Romans, ancient Greeks and even the Tudors. Then focused on the more recent legacy of the Civic Amenities Act and in particular it's relevance to us in Enfield.



In Enfield we have 22 conservation areas, of which 10 are in the SDCT area of interest. In addition the LBE Heritage Team are involved with the 263 Locally Listed Buildings, 5 Ancient Monuments and 308 Listed Buildings. When you start to consider Enfield as a whole, there is a lot of history and heritage for this small team to protect.

Bridget gave an upbeat assessment of the current state of local conservation, before going on to discuss the future challenges and opportunities. Not surprisingly these came down to the continuing reductions in public sector funding, the possible impact of Brexit, as well as the skills crisis. Alarming, the number of apprentices and trainees in heritage-related crafts has dropped 78% between 2005 and 2013-14. Coupled with this there is the increasing demand for housing and the possible impact of CrossRail 2. It is clear that we have a lot to consider.

In contrast Ian Harvey focussed on the national picture, although he started with an uplifting poll of members of SDCT, other societies and how many of us are living in or near conservation areas. He went on to give an entertaining potted history of civic societies, starting with the first group Sid Vale Association in 1846 and the most recent one in Great Yarmouth launched last year. He then spoke about the history of the Civic Trust and Civic Voice. It was particularly fascinating to understand how Civic Voice came to be launched in 2010 and the major part Ian played. This was especially interesting as SDCT was present at some of those initial meetings that resulted in Civic Voice being set up.



What Ian emphasised is that we are an incredible movement across the whole country. He stressed the importance of the community lobbying our local politicians as well as holding local conversations. However, he also outlined the key role of a national body. Civic Voice is a grass roots led organisation using evidence from the member groups to feed into their discussions with MPs and Government Ministers. They organise the All Party Parliamentary Group meetings, where our members have taken the opportunity to directly question MPs. One point that was emphasised is that Civic Voice members decide the campaigns.

Ian's talk focussed on the national picture and the real concerns we share when learning that last year 47 Conservation Areas were added to the Heritage at Risk Register. This makes a total of 512 conservation areas at risk nationally.

What is striking is that both speakers emphasised the benefits of conservation areas to the local economy, but the clear risks they face. We are very fortunate in our team in Enfield, but it became clear that we cannot afford to be complacent. Our conservation areas and conservation officers remain at risk. It is up to groups like SDCT to engage both locally and nationally to keep what we consider to be important.

Ian rounded off his talk with a look at what is needed for the future. Civic Voice is helping more communities become involved, including developing a structured training backed by national support and programmes. He also suggested incentives for local authorities, such as Conservation Area Awards to recognise good management, an idea the audience supported. He also wants greater national attention/campaigning to increase funding and highlight the issues. His presentation included a link to the Civic Voice survey, which is included here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GYMZLC2>. Please add your views.



We had a really interesting afternoon, with our two expert speakers. It was lively and thought provoking, with conversations about the issues raised continuing for some considerable time. Finally, a quote shown during the afternoon that we should bear in mind: "History matters because it reminds us who we are, what we've done and what we might do better." Bill Bryson

Jane Maggs

(Photos: Mervyn Maggs)

SOUTHGATE STATION AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

In late 2017 members of Southgate District Civic Trust met with Cllr Dinah Barry (Cabinet Member for Enfield West) and Steve Ingall, the Area Manager for Transport for London (TfL) to discuss the various issues around Southgate Station. The aim on all sides was to decide what needed to be done and between us what we could do.

Not surprisingly, we came up with a long list of issues!



While TfL owns the whole area of the tube station, bus station and shops, the management falls under different parts of the organisation, making resolving some of the problems more tricky. However, we are pleased to report that Steve brought together his TfL colleagues, so they spent a few hours walking around the station listening to our concerns. Although it was an absolutely freezing cold day, we had a very productive discussion.

I am pleased to report that since our last meeting progress is being made on the list we drew up.

Clutter:

This is destroying the original Holden design and the views of our iconic station. High on our list of problems were the four decrepit and broken telephone boxes immediately outside the station. BT reported that these boxes are no longer used and agreed to remove them. Although it was slightly more complicated than originally thought, we are pleased to see that all four have finally gone. Their removal has really opened up the space, so outside the station is beginning to look better already!



Road works

The 'bus station' part of Station Parade has been resurfaced. This puts an end to the displaced kerb stones, potholes and generally uneven surface as well as making it look a little smarter. A comment received after the work 'It was lovely to have [the bus] pull up with ease and not thump down into the big hole that has for so long been next to the stop.'

Litter & general rubbish

This has been discussed with both TfL and Enfield Council, who are now taking various actions to tackle the problem. Progress has been made, but we are continuing to monitor the situation.

Tesla coil on top of the station

No one knows why it was painted black, rather than gold during the last refurbishment.

We have high hopes that the gold is coming back!

The picture shows how it looked just before going black.

There is still work to be done, but due to great teamwork by SDCT, Cllr Dinah Barry and Steve Ingall from TfL, the clean up Southgate plan is progressing. Everyone involved is clear that we cannot let this iconic Grade II* building decline further.



Jane Maggs

(Photos courtesy: Cllr Barry, Steve Ingall and Mervyn Maggs)

SDCT VISIT TO BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE & SPITALFIELDS: 30th January

After the popular talk by Stefan Dickers at the Open Meeting, we arranged for him to give members a tour around the Bishopsgate Institute.

So, in January a group gathered at this unusual Grade II* listed building in Bishopsgate. Stefan showed us behind the scenes of the Institute, telling us in more detail about the building, its history and some of the events that had taken place over the years.



We also saw more of the collections and learnt about some of their current projects. We were all particularly taken by a donated collection of books and ephemera to do with Jack the Ripper, as well as an amazing collection of diaries given to the Institute by all sorts of people. The diaries give a rich insight into the lives of people living and working in this part of London.

It was a fascinating morning, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

After lunch in a nearby local's pub, Stan Rondeau showed us the Spitalfields area from the perspective of the Huguenots.

As many of you know, Stan's great-great-great-great-great-grandfather Jean Rondeau was a Huguenot immigrant who came to Spitalfields in 1685. It was interesting to gain a better understanding of the area in the present and at the time Stan's family were living there.



We then wandered to the spectacular Hawksmoor designed Grade I listed Christ Church, Spitalfields. Stan's family played a large part in the life of this church and he was able to show us areas of historic importance not always seen.

We all had a fascinating and convivial day listening to stories of Spitalfields from two of its well-known people.

Stan helps at the church most weeks, so you can find him there on a Tuesday. For more about his association with church, I've included the link from the last newsletter to the Spitalfields Life article: (<http://spitalfieldslife.com/2010/08/13/stanley-rondeau-huguenot/>).



Jane Maggs

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHGATE MAY FAIR - Mon. 7th May 2018 Southgate Green, Waterfall Road, N14

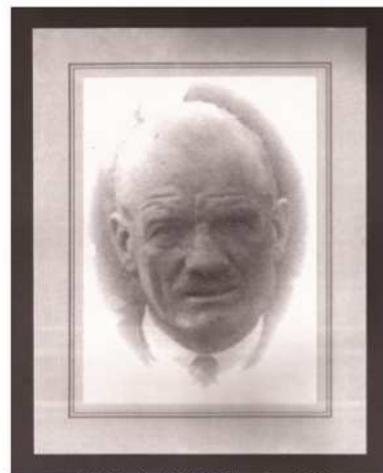
The Trust has booked a stall at the Fair again this year. We will be taking the opportunity to publicise the Trust, its projects and publications. We will need help from members to put up and look after the stall throughout the event.

If you can help, even for an hour, please contact Richard Purver (020 8882 0123 or via info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk).

SELBORNE'S BEGINNINGS

A warm sunny afternoon; the gentle clink of wood upon wood (well, actually, it's usually a plastic composite material these days) and the sight of Selborne bowlers enjoying an afternoon of green bowls on what used to be a weed infested paddock at the back of Ye Old Cherry Tree Pub in the heart of Southgate.

Have you ever wondered how it all began? Well, let's take you back all the way to 1912, when Bert Plumb, mine-host at the Cherry Tree Inn, gathered with a few friends to discuss the formation of what is now SELBORNE BOWLING CLUB. The 1912 season's subscriptions were set at 10/- and it seems that even in those heady, carefree, pre-WWI days, a few members had to be reminded to pay their subs. Bowlers all over the borough will be envious of the cost, as in today's money, they would be paying just over £56 for the season.



Bert Plumb – Landlord of The Cherry Tree pub 1912

In those unenlightened days, bowling was very much the preserve of the men and although women were not allowed to play, they were invited to the inaugural dinner, at the close of the season, for the price of 3/6d per ticket. (£19.61 today) However, storm clouds were looming and at the end of the 1914 season, it was decided that it would be inappropriate to host the annual dinner, therefore Bert Plumb's wife was asked to present the prizes at the close of the AGM instead. During 1915, special social events were held, to help raise funds for the Roseneath Voluntary Hospital in Vicars Moor Lane, Winchmore Hill. In 1916, a bowling match was arranged to entertain wounded soldiers and although we have no idea if any were Selborne members, it must have been a very traumatic time for everyone.

The great British spirit was strong and in 1919, when the war was finally over, the club sent a cheque for 10 guineas to the English Bowling Association in support of the St. Dunstan's fund for blinded soldiers and sailors. Raising money to support worthy causes is an aspect of the club that continues to this day and a wide range of charities have benefited from Selborne's fundraising efforts. Following the war, the club suffered some financial difficulties yet still felt able to make the following resolution in 1922, that is.....'That ladies do not play on Selborne green now, or at any future time' and 'No Sunday play to be allowed'. It was to be 51 years later in 1973 before female bowlers would grace the green.



Selborne Ladies & Gents 2011

During WWII, Selborne mourned the loss of Bert Plumb and his wife, Jessie, but the tenancy was kept in the family when his brother James and daughter Jane, took over the reins until Bert's son, Harry returned from the forces. As the years passed, Selborne saw many changes but one thing has remained throughout and that is that the club continues to be a welcoming haven, set in a veritable sea of tranquility. Sitting on the veranda, drink in hand, watching a game of bowls in the shade of the summer sun is one of the most pleasant experiences. To think that for over 100 years, bowlers have been doing exactly as we do each summer long: playing, coaching, socialising....in other words, having great fun and keeping fit at the same time. Why not come and take a look? Our entrance is at the bottom of the Cherry Tree car park and we're always delighted to welcome people into our club, or why not ring our secretary on 07513 075239 for further information.

*Elaine Hall-Freeman
(Publicity Office, Selborne Bowling Club)*

HISTORY GROUP MEETING 8th May 2018
Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, N21

Life Before Death: Stories from the Parish Churchyard



The church of St James the Great, Friern Barnet, although rebuilt and enlarged in the 19th Century, dates back to Norman or, possibly, Saxon times. Generations of Friern Barnet residents lie in its churchyard, countless in graves now unmarked, around 700 with extant gravestones, the earliest surviving from the 17th Century. In this presentation, the lives of some of those commemorated will be described, and their connections with local or national events.

NOMINATION FORM – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 28th April 2018

To: The Secretary,
Southgate District Civic Trust,
108 Chelmsford Road,
Southgate, N14 4JL

From: _____

I wish to nominate _____ for election as:

- An officer of Southgate District Civic Trust, in the post of _____
- A Member of the Executive Committee

(Delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I agree to be nominated for the above position.

Signed: _____

Address:



Southgate District Civic Trust

Membership Renewal

I/we would like to renew membership of Southgate District Civic Trust:

Your subscription for the year 2018-2019 is due on **1st April**. The subscription remains at £15 per household for this year.

Name _____

Address _____

Email address: _____

Tel No: _____ Date: _____

I enclose my 2018/19 Subscription: £ 15.00

I also enclose a donation of: £ _____

Total: £ _____

We rely on our members for all our activities.

Can you help with:

Administration work

Conservation work

Newsletter delivery

Publications

Publicity

Social events

Would you like to be involved in the activities of our groups:

Conservation & town planning

Local history

Publications

Publicity

Civic Week

How to pay:

1. **Cheque** made out to **Southgate District Civic Trust**, sent by post with your form to the membership Secretary at the address below.
2. **BACs** to **Southgate District Civic Trust**
Account: 28328603 & Sort: 09 01 55
Reference: YOUR SURNAME & INITIAL

Confirmation with this electronic form to be sent by e-mail to
info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk.

3. **Standing order** payable on the 1st April each year using the account and reference details for BACs payments. Confirmation details by e-mail.

If any of your details have changed during the year, please let us know, so we can keep in touch.

We will naturally be pleased to receive any additional donation to the Trust that you may care to give. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Joe Studman, Membership Secretary
Southgate District Civic Trust, 15 Calder Close, Enfield, EN1 3TS

