

# Southgate District Civic Voice

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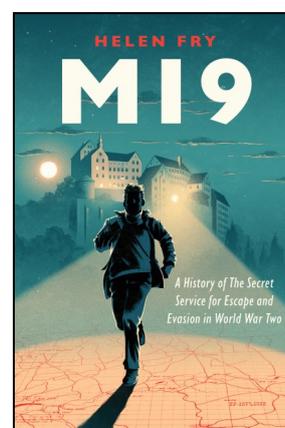


## COMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SAT. 8th MAY at 2.30pm Plus a talk given by Dr Helen Fry

Details of our AGM are on page 2. We have also booked Dr. Helen Fry, who will be speaking to us about her new book: **“MI9 - The Secret Service for Escape and Evasion in WW11”**

More details of Helen’s talk will be given in the April newsletter.



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### **Other Dates for your Diary:**

Sat. 27th March 2021 Spring Open Meeting - The 150th Anniversary of the Great Northern Railway Enfield Branch (**page 9**)

Thurs. 1st April 2021 Unveiling of plaque at Winchmore Hill Station (to be confirmed) for 150th Anniversary (**page 5**)

**Contributions to the April newsletter should be sent by Friday 19th March 2021.**

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**Southgate District Civic Voice** ~ 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**).

## NOTICE OF SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC VOICE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**This will take place on  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 2.30 pm**

Please be aware that due to current Covid-19 restrictions, it is likely that this will be a virtual meeting again. Further details of the AGM, agenda and details of the afternoon will be given in the next Newsletter.

The AGM is your opportunity to shape the future of SDCV and perhaps become more involved. If we want to continue our excellent work (which we do!), then we need you and a small bit of your time!

Do you have a project in mind that needs SDCV involvement and support? Have you considered joining the Executive Committee? Could you help with the newsletter?

If you would like more information or a chat, please get in touch via  
[info@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org).

### WE HAVE A NEW SECRETARY!

As you probably know, I have been Secretary to SDCV since 2008 and have for some time been trying to hand over the baton. So, I am absolutely delighted that Preenal Gondhea has offered to take on the role.

Preenal was recently elected to the Executive Committee, but has been a member of the Planning Group for a while. He provided invaluable help with the Southgate Office Village campaign, so I know he will be an efficient and effective Secretary to our society.

You can contact Preenal via the [info@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org) e-mail or on **07780 704146**.

Preenal will be updating members as needed, although for the time being I will continue to send out the E-news bulletins and update our social media. So, you will still see my name about!

*Jane Maggs*

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Your subscription for the year 2021/22 is due on  
**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021**  
and remains unchanged at £15 for the year.

A renewal form will be sent to you at the beginning of March 2021.



## CIVIC VOICE UPDATE

Over the last months of Covid restrictions, Civic Voice has arranged various webinar series on different topics of interest or relevance to the civic movement.

Those interviewed or presenting come from local communities, member organisations, or with an interest in planning, design, architecture, heritage and so on. They have been conducted via Zoom, lasting around an hour.

I have watched quite a few and they have been interesting and thought provoking. I have not always agreed with the speaker, but why should I? However, I always come away with something to think about. I had planned to write a report on some of the webinars, but there have been so many that were interesting for different reasons, that it became impossible.

So instead, as the webinars have been recorded, why not watch them in your own time. Just go to the Civic Voice web page for details at [www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/events](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/events). This link also gives details of future events.

Those that receive the E-news will know, that Southgate was due to feature in a webinar in December. Unfortunately, this had to be postponed at the last minute and has been rearranged for **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 1pm**.

The title of the event is: **Meaningful engagement with the wider community: Examples from Southgate and Abergavenny.** How can community panels and local design guides be used to effectively engage local communities?

Join this webinar with Ian Harvey, Jane Maggs from Southgate District Civic Voice and Dick Cole from Abergavenny & District Civic Society to consider how other civic societies can replicate these ideas elsewhere.



To book for this event follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-methods-of-meaningful-participation-civic-society-led-case-studies-tickets-129337643373>

I'm really looking forward to sharing our experience here in Southgate. The community workshop was quite an exciting day and it would be satisfying to think that what we achieved could be used to inspire other communities.

*Jane Maggs*

## PETER HODGE

We were very sad to hear of the death at the age of 77 of one of Southgate District Civic Voice's Vice Presidents, Peter Hodge in November 2020.

Peter moved with his parents to Houndsden Road in Winchmore Hill in 1952 and this became his life-long home. He attended Highgate School and worked in administration for British Rail until retirement. Among Peter's great interests were history, railways, architecture (particularly churches), music and poetry. He was a worshipper at St Paul's Church in Winchmore Hill and their archivist.

Peter became a member of Southgate Civic Trust in the early 1970s (Stephen Potter describes his meetings with Peter at that time in *A Teenager in the Southgate Civic Trust* in *Oakleaves 5*). He joined the Local History Group and was on the Executive Committee for several years, including a period as Secretary. Peter was part of the Publications Sub-committee from its foundation in 1976, bringing to the group his expertise in local history and the technical aspects of publishing as well as a supportive attitude towards less experienced colleagues. Peter managed the sales of publications until this was taken over by Elaine Tyler and helped run our stalls at the Southgate May Day Fair and the LAMAS annual local history conference. He also gave talks on local history.



Peter served as custodian of the Trust's archive with Stan Rondeau for many years and prior to its transfer to the care of Enfield Local Studies and Archive in 2019 drew up a detailed catalogue of the contents. These include oral history interviews on cassette, some of which were conducted by Peter.

The stimulus for starting the Publications group was the Trust's decision to publish Peter's booklet *The Hertford Loop: The first hundred years of a local railway*, which we are reprinting in connection with the forthcoming 150th anniversary of the line in April 2021. Although not published by SDCT, Peter returned to the railway theme with his book *The Steam and the Gaslight* (2010).

Peter was instrumental in organising the republication of Henrietta Cresswell's *Winchmore Hill: Memories of a Lost Village* in 1982 and went on to write the biography of the family, *The Cresswells of Winchmore Hill*, which was published by SDCT in 1999, winning a commendation from LAMAS. He was involved in the associated placement of the London Borough of Enfield / Southgate District Civic Trust blue plaque for Henrietta Cresswell at 16 Station Road in Winchmore Hill in 2000.

Peter also edited and contributed learned articles to the five editions of our local history bulletin *Oakleaves* from its inception in 1987 (including one about John Davies, the architect of St Paul's, in *Oakleaves 4*), taking great pains to ensure presentation and proof-reading of a high standard. *Oakleaves 5* was awarded the 2014 LAMAS Local History Publications Award for Best Journal, with Peter receiving the certificate at their annual conference on behalf of the Trust. Peter's last project for the Publications Sub-committee was supervising the reprints of *Oakleaves 1* and *2* in the summer of 2020.

The decision to place a Southgate District Civic Trust / Enfield Grammar School blue plaque for wildlife photographer and author Oliver Pike at 96 Green Dragon Lane in 2014 stemmed from Peter's article about him in *Oakleaves 3* (which was followed by another about his ancestors in *Oakleaves 5*).

Peter provided the text for the Trust's Southgate and Winchmore Hill walks leaflet in 1978, which was later incorporated into *Heritage Walks in the London Borough of Enfield*, published by The Enfield Society in association with SDCT, as well as assisting with our DVD, *Southgate – A Half Century of Change* (2000).

Peter was the recipient of the SDCT Graham Beech Memorial Award in 2017, which is given annually in memory of our former chairman to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to our organisation or the wider community.

My first point of contact when I joined Southgate District Civic Trust in 2007 was with Peter and with our colleagues I will greatly miss him and his warm and kindly welcome to the congenial meetings of the Publications group at Houndsden Road.

*Richard Purver*

## APRIL CELEBRATION

We have been asked by Dave Cockle, chairman of The Enfield Society to join with them and the present-day Great Northern company in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Great Northern Railway branch line from Wood Green Station (now Alexandra Palace) to Enfield on 1 April 2021.

As part of the celebration we will be placing a plaque at Winchmore Hill Station and The Enfield Society have commissioned a mosaic for Enfield Chase (along with a second for Robinson's Windmill which was located at the top of Windmill Hill). It is planned that the unveilings will take place on the day itself but due to the Covid situation the actual arrangements will be announced nearer to the date.

**In connection with the event Dave Cockle** will give his talk, '**One Hundred and Fifty Years of the Great Northern Railway's Enfield Branch**' at our Spring Open Meeting on 27 March (see page 9 for details) and as mentioned in the obituary for Peter Hodge we are reprinting Peter's booklet *The Hertford Loop: The first hundred years of a local railway*.

*Richard Purver*

## WALKER SCHOOL REBUILD



Works to rebuild The Walker School on Waterfall Road, Southgate have completed. The pupils were due to move over from the temporary classroom facility into the new school building on Tuesday 5th January however due to Covid lockdown this has been postponed.

The school was first opened over 60 years ago in 1957 and was built on land formerly used as tennis courts.

SDCV and Southgate Green Association worked closely with the school designers to ensure that the school integrated well within the local conservation area.

*Chris Horner*

## A MEMORIAL FOR THE GAS HOLDER

Following the demolition of the gas holder in New Southgate in September, my plans for a memorial have made progress since my report in the October edition of the newsletter. I've sent in an application for funding to the National Grid's Community Grant Programme and am waiting for a response.



**Finial on top of gas holder**

The community contact at National Grid had asked what artifacts we would like to save from the gas holder for use in a possible memorial. I suggested salvaging two complete finials from the top of the gas holder, so they could be mounted at one of the entrances to New Southgate Millennium Green, which is opposite the site. They agreed to this, and the finials have now been put into storage awaiting repainting and collection. The transportation will need to be done carefully, as each weighs 350kg and they are over 7 feet tall!



I also wanted to install two interpretation boards on the Millennium Green, one to give the history of gas production and the gas works at New Southgate and the other about the gas holder itself. I've designed the graphics and received quotes for the boards.

If I get the funding from the Community Grant Programme I hope to get the finials and boards installed on the Millennium Green by April or May 2021. However, I'm intending that this will just be phase 1.



**New development**

As I mentioned in the October newsletter, there are plans for a new development on the site of the former gas holder. The proposal is for a new residential development consisting of two tower blocks, creating a "landmark feature" at the junction between Pinkham Way (North Circular Road) and Station Road. These will provide 183 new homes, plus commercial and retail space. It would also include landscaping and a public square. I've had a meeting (online of course) with the company who are working on the development and I've requested that if their plans get approval the memorial is re-located into the public area there. This will make an interesting feature, will be seen by more people and be a legacy of the gas works on its original site. They were very responsive to this. Their planning application will be going in to Enfield Council shortly, so I will see how that goes.



**Proposed public square**

The adjoining former Homebase store will be reopening as an Aldi supermarket shortly, but this will only be temporary. Eventually, if approved, the new development will extend over this site as well.

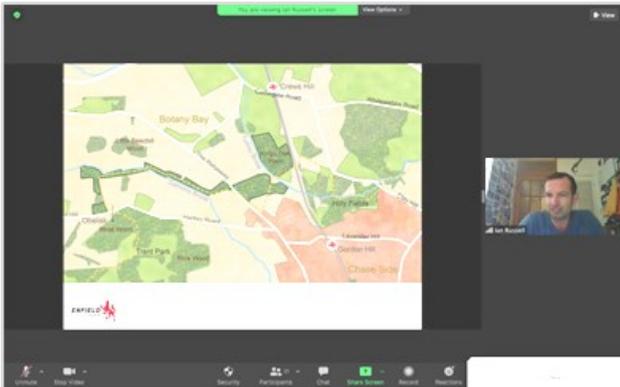
*Colin Barratt*

## SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC VOICE 2020 OPEN MEETINGS

As a result of the coronavirus restrictions, we were sadly unable to meet in person during 2020. However, we decided to hold a more limited programme of virtual meetings using Zoom. This meant we could still hold two open meetings, but we moved them to October and November. Below is a brief review of these meetings.

### Autumn Open Meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Ian Russell**, the Principal Engineer for Structures and Watercourses at Enfield Council talked about *Enfield Chase Restoration Project, creating woodland in Enfield.*



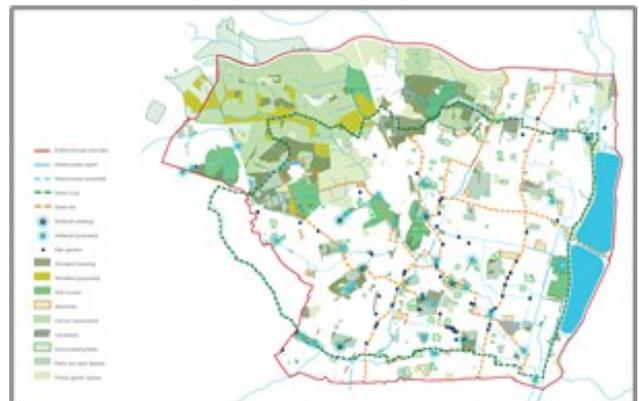
In a fascinating and well attended online meeting, Ian spoke about the ambitious new project with a vision to create a publicly accessible, sustainable woodland within the rural area of Enfield.

He started the meeting explaining how the various local streams, such as Salmons Brook, Pymmes Brook and Turkey Brook feed into the River Lea. Then outlined sustainable ways being used to manage local flooding and water pollution, including leaky dams, rain gardens and so on. I had not realised there are already 120 rain gardens in Enfield, with plans to extend this over the next

4-5 years. These are a welcome, attractive and practical addition to the street scene, so will be a great addition to our roads.

Ian emphasised that a large proportion of our borough is green belt, including parks, golf courses and of course farmland, much of which is owned by Enfield council. However, I was amazed to hear that 2-3,000 acres of this farmland remains inaccessible to local residents.

As Ian explained this project intends to restore woodland by planting trees on land previously part of Enfield Chase and now considered less than ideal for farming. The new woodland will help with water management to reduce the risk of flooding further down stream, as well as helping to off set Enfield's carbon impact. The newly planted areas will also create new accessible routes such as the Green Loop as well as enhancing access to the London Loop.



This new woodland will initially start in the Salmons Brook Valley, planting an amazing 100,000 trees over the next two years. The trees will be a mixture of native species. The images Ian showed of how the changes could progress were fascinating.



Not surprisingly, there were many questions after the talk both about this project and others across the borough. Rain gardens featured quite a lot, so Ian gave an interesting insight into how they work and the huge benefits to reducing both flooding and pollution. There were questions on wetlands, particularly in relation to the one proposed for Oakwood Park. We were pleased to hear that the consultation was very positive and hope to see this developed in 2021.

Finally, I should add that many of the trees in the scheme will be planted by volunteers through the great work of Thames21. You can find out more and the dates for tree planting events here: <https://www.thames21.org.uk/events/>. These events are being run in a Covid secure way, with fewer than normal volunteers and social distancing throughout.

You can follow the work of the Enfield SuDS team on Twitter: [@EnfieldSuDS](https://twitter.com/EnfieldSuDS). SDCV follows this account on Twitter and regularly retweets items of interest to our followers.

Ian gave us a really interesting talk on this fantastic project, which will impact not just us, but future generations. We look forward to hearing updates over the coming years – perhaps the topic for a future Open Meeting!

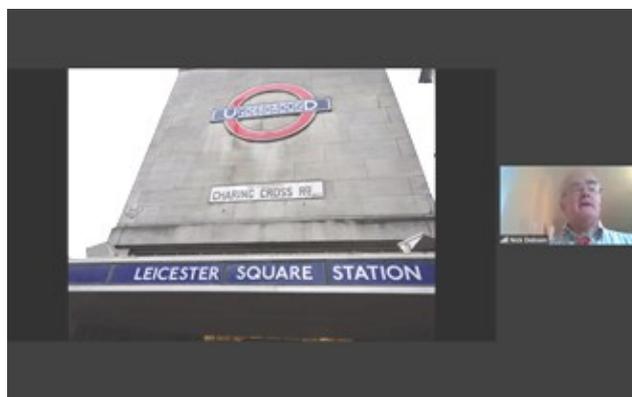
### **Winter Open Meeting: Saturday 14th November**

**Nick Dobson** gave us **A Virtual Underground Guide to Historical London**. In this tour of London a group of us from locations across the country followed Nick on a virtual tour, naturally starting at Southgate Station. We started with a reminder of it's temporary rename as 'Gareth Southgate' in 2018 during the World Cup – how could we forget! From there we crossed London stopping off to look at places of historical interest.

So, as this tour took us in search of London monuments and memorials, our first destination was appropriately Monument Station on the District and Circle Lines. Where we 'stopped' to hear about the Monument itself.

We then continued to cross London, stopping at other interesting places including Leicester Square, where Nick told us more of the history of the area. I had not realised that the park at the centre of the square was originally Lammas land (Lammas rights entitled commoners to pasture following the harvest, between Lammas day, 12th August, to 6th April, even if they did not have other rights to the land).

During the tour Nick stopped at so many interesting places, where he shared remarkable and informative stories as we went along.



We eventually ended up at South Woodford, where Nick could get on the Hainault Loop of the Central Line to Chigwell. We were reminded even at the close that Chigwell Station featured in Mike Leigh's 1983 film *Meantime*. From this station he had a five-minute walk to get home!

*Jane Maggs*

Picture credits: Ian Russell; Enfield Council; Nick Dobson

## SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC VOICE SPRING OPEN MEETING

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.30pm

*Dave Cockle* will talk on *'One Hundred and Fifty Years of the Great Northern Railway's Enfield Branch'*.

On 1st April 1871, the Great Northern Railway opened their *Wood Green - Enfield branch through Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill*. The coming of the railway had a profound impact on this area at the time and arguably continues to play a major role in many peoples lives.

Join us to hear more about this momentous local event.



This talk will be part of our commemoration of this 150-year milestone of the GNR's Enfield Branch.

At the moment it is still not possible to meet in person, so this will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. We are again using Eventbrite to manage our bookings and ensure we send out a meeting link to all interested in attending.

Link to Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sdcv-open-meeting-150-years-of-the-great-northern-railways-enfield-branch-tickets-134410107249>

This meeting is free to members, but £5 to non-members, who can receive a refund if they join SDCV.

All are welcome, so please pass this on to anyone who may be interested.

*Jane Maggs*

## SDCV ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING GROUP

In keeping with current sustainability and green thinking; SDCV have widened the scope of their planning group. The group essentially dealt with issues in the built environment but now encompasses the local environment as a whole; including green spaces, natural habitats for flora and fauna, resource sustainability and healthy living.

If anyone has interests in these areas please contact us, join our **EPG** to help to make Enfield Southgate a better and more sustainable place to live.

## BARBER CLOSE

John Thomas Barber (1880-1948) was a local politician who was first elected as a councillor for Southgate Urban District Council in 1913, was its chairman in 1919-20 and 1932-33 and Charter Mayor of the Borough of Southgate when it replaced Southgate UDC in 1933. He was one of its first Aldermen, the first Freeman of the borough in 1935, a Freeman of the City of London and a member of Middlesex County Council in the 1920s. He was also a Justice of the Peace and Honorary Secretary of Wood Green and Southgate Hospital in Bounds Green Road for 25 years. The 1939 Register records John T Barber at 'Swarbrick', Eversley Crescent in Winchmore Hill with his wife Gertrude. He was known to friends as Tom.

A large photographic portrait of John Thomas Barber in his robes as Charter Mayor, with the coat of arms of the Borough of Southgate in a disc attached to the top of the frame, can be seen in the Museum on the first floor of the Dugdale Centre in Enfield. There were photographs and detailed reports of Charter Day in the *Palmers Green and Southgate Gazette* of 6 October 1933 and Charter Mayor Barber is also shown carrying out his official duties with Prince George, who came to present the Charter of Incorporation for the new borough, in *Southgate Charter Film* on the London's Screen Archives website and in the brief Pathe website extract under the title of *Ex Glande Quercus* ("From Acorn to Oak", the new borough's motto). Mayor Barber's popularity was shown in the lead-up to the day when (as reported by the *Gazette*) he became unwell and received many messages of sympathy. He went on to open Minchenden Oak Garden in Southgate on 12 May 1934, as recorded on a small plaque at the entrance.

Following John Thomas Barber's death on 29 April 1948 at Wood Green and Southgate Hospital the *Gazette* of 7 May carried several tributes on the front page relating to his work with the council and the hospital, his qualities as a magistrate and connection with the Rotary Club as well as references to his leisure pursuits such as horticulture and bee-keeping. He also had a keen interest in motor-cycling.

### An Estate Named After Him

A great accolade was awarded to John Thomas Barber a few months before his death when with his wife, daughter [Ione], her husband Dr Gavin Thurston and their daughter Mary he attended the official opening of a newly constructed street, Barber Close in Winchmore Hill, on Saturday 4 October 1947. This made front page news in the *Palmers Green and Southgate Gazette* of 10 October with a photograph of him accompanying a detailed report headed *Alderman Barber's "Sporting Offer" to Parents / His Prizes for Babies / An Estate Named After Him*.



The article referred to Barber Close as "a delightful estate of three bedroom houses built under the direction of Southgate Borough Council" and said that "this short and pleasantly curved cul-de-sac has been named Barber Close in recognition of Ald. J. T. Barber's long and valued services as chairman of the Works and Highways Committee for 30 years". The street was opened by the current Mayor, Councillor E H Lake JP as part of Civic Week activities.

The event took place on a warm and sunny afternoon before a "considerable gathering" of people, with seating accommodation for the guests arranged before a small platform. The occasion was presided over by Deputy Mayor A E Lauder in the absence with a heavy cold of the chairman of the Town Planning Committee responsible for the estate, Alderman C W F Ridley. A commemorative stone in honour of Mayor Barber was unveiled by Councillor Lake in his robes of office and accompanied by Macebearer Walton. The Mayoress was presented with a bunch of chrysanthemums by a little girl living at 12 Barber Close.

In his speech Councillor Lauder paid warm tribute to Alderman Ridley and his persistence and energy in overcoming all the difficulties in building the houses and stated “The Borough Council have been reproached with not being energetic enough in providing houses but that reproach is undeserved. The Council have been pioneers for many years”.

Councillor Lake said that “when he first knew the site now occupied by Barber Close, it comprised a market garden and a space, nearer to Wades Hill, laid out as tennis courts occupied by a flourishing club [Winchmore Garden Sports Club]. The courts fell into disuse ultimately, and the owner of the land, public-spirited Mr A E Beer, offered it to the Borough Council on advantageous terms”. He had originally been in favour of a proposal for developing it as a sports ground, “but as the war drew to a close it became very clear that the urgent needs of housing must have precedence ... We are rather proud of the layout, which we consider to be artistic and effective. We are also proud of the houses. The whole thing was designed in the Town Hall by our own officers. We won’t say it is the best in the country, but we do consider the houses to be good ones, and we readily invite comparison with dwellings built by any authority in the country”.



He referred to the care which had to be exercised in the use of the small pieces of land available for housing development as Southgate was “rapidly filling up” with a population of 74,000 and they “had to think of the need for schools and other public buildings, including health clinics, and other spots for shops and churches”. A contemporary development on a much larger scale was Archer Court in Reservoir Road, Oakwood, which still has the Southgate Borough coat of arms attached to the facade of one of its three blocks.

Alderman Barber was “deeply flattered at the compliment which has been paid me in naming this delightful spot ‘Barber Close’” and to acknowledge it he wanted to make a “sporting offer to all the residents” of giving “a little birthday present” of ten 10/- Saving Certificates to the first child born on the estate between then and “this day two years hence” and to every other child born during that time five 5/- Saving Certificates, adding “I want to tell every father and mother and every potential father and mother that twins, triplets and even quads will not be barred”. He described the occasion as one of the high spots of his life: “to think that in the borough where I have lived more than half my life and the borough where I have served on the Council for just half my life, that my name should be perpetuated for ever”, going on to say that “the Council had created at Barber Close an oasis and a model to all the country”. (The *Gazette* of 7 May 1948 commented that “We do not think he had the pleasure of actually presenting one of those gifts”).

The report gave details of the site, which was of slightly more than two acres and cost £1950, with the average house price to buyers £1200 (excluding the cost of land and the road and sewers but including the cost of drains and the usual services). There was a density of houses of eight to the acre. An open grass space replaced the usual front gardens and was to be maintained by the council (although these have since been demarcated); the houses were semi-detached, with three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen-dining room with scullery adjoining and combined bathroom and wc, plus “an interesting feature of the lay-out”, a covered side entrance leading to an additional wc, fuel store and pram store.

The estate was designed by the Borough Engineer, Mr J T W Peat and his Deputy Mr J R Muggeridge with assistant architects Messrs G W Mitchell and C E Chapman and the contractors were Messrs Walker of Tooting. (Lucy Pettifer is quoted in Stuart Delvin’s *A History of Winchmore Hill* [1989] as saying that German POWs from a camp in Harrow, two of whom she and her family befriended, were involved in the building of Barber Close. The tennis courts previously on the site are referred to by Mrs I[rene] Wood in Delvin’s *Winchmore Hill Lives* [1991] and in an oral history interview she gave for Southgate Civic Trust in 1982, in which she recalled going there for a VE Day party.)

It is interesting to compare Barber Close with a recent one-street development in the borough, Dujardin Mews in Ponders End, designed by Karakusevic Carson and Maccreanor Lavington (2017) which is named after the Olympic triple gold dressage medallist Charlotte Dujardin (the first council-developed and managed housing scheme to be built by LB Enfield since the 1980s) and the terrace in Ordnance Road by the coincidentally-named Peter Barber (2018).

### Replacement of the Plaque



The commemorative stone was located at the foot of the garden wall of 53 Wades Hill on the left of the entrance to Barber Close. To the consternation of residents in the street it was destroyed in 2018 while the wall was being replaced and this came to the attention of the Highways and Heritage teams when a complaint was made to the council.

Sharon Phillips, whose parents Betty and Reg Smith have lived in Barber Close since 1960, worked on behalf of the residents with Marc Ellul from Highway Services in looking up records with the assistance of John Clark at Enfield Local



Studies and devising a replacement plaque which was placed in the summer of 2020 on a yellow brick plinth on the pavement to the right side of the entrance to the street. The lost stone with its inscription was a familiar object to the residents and they were able to provide an indication of the original wording.

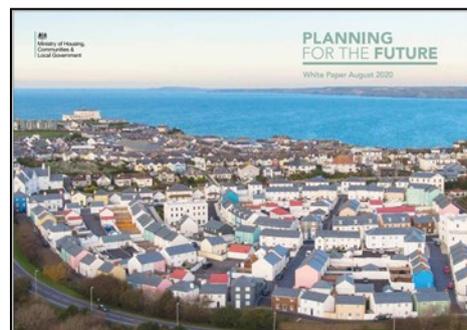
Sharon understands that the little girl who presented the bouquet to the Mayoress now lives in North America. Perhaps she still has memories of the day when the man after whom her street was named came to attend its opening all those years ago.

*Images: the newly-completed Barber Close and 1935 OS map of Winchmore Hill showing (top left corner) the area off Wades Hill on which the street was built, both courtesy of Enfield Local Studies Library and Archive; commemorative stone at the foot of the side garden wall of 53 Wades Hill (showmystreet.com); the replacement plaque on its brick plinth (R.P.)*

*Richard Purver*

## PLANNING WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION

In the last Newsletter, we included an article about the Government's Planning White Paper (PWP), which proposed a radical change to the planning system in this country. The consultation was in full swing at that time and the focus of much discussion within many groups including Southgate District Civic Voice, Civic Voice, London Forum, as well as civic societies across the country and local councils such as Enfield.



The *Southgate District Civic Voice Planning Group*, spent considerable time discussing and debating the PWP and you can see our response to the consultation in full on the Planning page of the SDCV website: <http://southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org/Planning/>.

In addition you can see the Civic Voice response here: [http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/uploads/files/Civic\\_Voice\\_response\\_FINAL\\_1.pdf](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/uploads/files/Civic_Voice_response_FINAL_1.pdf) and the London Forum response here: [https://www.londonforum.org.uk/reports/PWP\\_LF\\_Final\\_Response.pdf](https://www.londonforum.org.uk/reports/PWP_LF_Final_Response.pdf).

The PWP generated a considerable debate, so now that the consultation is over we wait to see how the Government responds. Given the concerns raised by MPs and others, it will be interesting to see what, if any changes are made to the proposals. In any event, it is clear that these proposals will have a huge impact on future planning decisions. We will continue to keep members updated as we hear more.

*Jane Maggs*

## **GRAHAM BEECH MEMORIAL AWARD**

Three years ago SDCV created an annual award in Graham Beech's name, as a way to remember him and his commitment to Southgate District Civic Trust.

As in previous years, the award will be presented at the AGM to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to SDCV or the wider community. Last year the well deserved recipient was Eileen Bostle.

Any member of SDCV can make a nomination for the award, however, please note, nominees cannot be members of the Executive Committee.

Nominations should be sent to me by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020, either by post: Jane Maggs, 108 Chelmsford Road, Southgate, London N14 4JL or by e-mail: [info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk).

The current Chair and members of the Committee will judge the nominations and the winner will be announced at the AGM in May.

If you have any questions about this please contact a member of the Executive Committee.

### **Nomination Form Graham Beech Award**

Your name:	
Contact details: (E-mail or tel number)	
Date:	
Name of nominee:	
Reason for nomination: (Use extra pages if needed)	