

# Southgate District Civic Voice

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## Celebration Lunch

**Sat. 8th October 2022**  
**At Church House, Southgate  
Green**

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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**).



**SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC VOICE**

**Celebrating 60 years**

**Past Present and Future**

join us for a

# **CELEBRATION LUNCH**

on

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**12:30pm**

**Church House  
Southgate Green  
London N14 7EG**

Join SDCV members, their families and friends in  
marking our achievements over the years.

**Memories**

**Awards**

**Images**

**Publications**

An afternoon to celebrate, enjoy and inspire!

**Tickets £30 per person.**

**Commemorative Tree  
Southgate Green  
Noon**

Before the lunch there will be the unveiling of a commemorative plaque on Southgate Green. This will mark the site where a tree will be planted in November to leave a legacy for future generations.

**Celebration Lunch  
Church House  
12:30pm**

A celebratory drink on arrival.

A catered three course lunch.

Starter, a choice of:

Parsnip soup

or

Pear and cheese tart

Main, a choice of:

Vegetable stew with dumplings

or

Chicken Normandy with vegetables

Celebration Cake

Coffee & Tea

**There will be presentations, including the Graham Beech  
award for outstanding service to SDCV**

**Guided Walk  
Southgate Underground Station  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

At 2pm Joe Studman will lead a guided walk from Southgate underground station to Southgate Green.

**New Publication**

SDCV will be publishing Reflections 1962 – 2022

This is a new publication giving a snapshot of Southgate District Civic Voice over 60 years.

**To book please complete the attached form.**

# SDCV 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch Booking Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the SDCV 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch  
on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at £30 each.

Total cost £ \_\_\_\_\_ paid by \_\_\_\_\_ (*Direct Payment/Cheque*)

## Menu Choices

Please indicate how many of each:

Starter: Parsnip soup: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pear and cheese tart: \_\_\_\_\_

Main: Vegetable stew with dumplings: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken Normandy with vegetables: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any dietary requirements:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please send a completed copy of this form by 17 September 2022 to:

e-mail: [sixty@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org](mailto:sixty@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org)

and pay direct to our bank account:

Name: **Southgate District Civic Voice** (*a business account*)  
Sort code: **09-01-55**  
Account No: **28328603**  
Reference: **60LUNCH** [*plus your postcode*] (*essential to identify payment*)

OR

Post: SDCV, 24 Ashurst Road, BARNET, EN4 9LF

or a Cheque made payable to "Southgate District Civic Voice".

SDCV 60<sup>th</sup> LUNCH FORM 2022

# SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC VOICE

## Annual General Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The AGM was held at the Walker Hall and it was good to finally see everyone in person.

After the formalities of the AGM Colin Barratt hosted an excellent local history quiz, which was won by Jane Maggs.



Thank you to Elaine and Eileen for providing the refreshments after the AGM.

### ELECTIONS

Elections to the Executive Committee 2022 / 2023

The following members were elected as officers and members of the executive committee:

President	<i>vacant</i>
Vice-Presidents	Audrey Kirby, Chris Howell
Chair	Graham Davis
Vice Chair	Jane Maggs*
Secretary	Preenal Gondhea
Treasurer	Elaine Tyler
Membership Secretary	Joe Studman
Newsletter Editor	Colin Barratt
Publicity Officer	<i>vacant</i>
Committee Members (up to 6 members)	Chris Binns Eileen Bostle Jane Maggs Richard Purver John West

\*Jane Maggs was elected as Vice Chair at the subsequent Executive Committee meeting in her absence. She was not elected as Vice Chair at the AGM.

## REPORTS OF THE AGM



### **Chair – Graham Davis**

Our AGM this year will be the first time that we will have been able to meet in person since our AGM in April 2019. It will be good to get together again.

Over the past year SDCV has kept going via Zoom. We had an Open Meeting in January with a presentation by Alex Henry about the Italian Experience of the Second World War. Alex is also the historian for the Trent Park Museum which is due to open in Spring 2024.

The Executive Committee has met via Zoom. We have been involved in two main projects: Southgate Office Village (SOV) and SDCV's 60th Anniversary celebration to be held on Saturday 8 October 2022. The Planning Inspector's decision to uphold the SOV appeal and to grant permission for the towers to be built on the site at 286 Chase Road N14 was very disappointing. We can, though, be pleased with our efforts on behalf of Southgate residents to put to the Inspector an alternative vision for a lower rise development. I remain convinced that it is important to put forward the views of local people on planning proposals. What is needed is for the Government to give more weight to local points of views in planning decisions.

Preparations are in hand for our 60th Anniversary celebration events and lunch. Please reserve the date. More details will follow soon.

At present we have three sub-committees. New members are always welcome to join the sub-groups or indeed to start other groups.

Richard Purver chairs the publications sub-group. Richard worked with the Enfield Society and the Great Northern Company to arrange the installation of a plaque at Winchmore Hill station to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Hertford loop railway line.

I chair the Environment and Planning Group which has submitted comments to Enfield Council on behalf of our members about planning proposals including land in Seaforth Gardens adjoining Grovelands Park and at Southpoint House near Southgate Circus. We also submitted comments on the draft local plan.

Chris Binns is leading the sub-committee planning our 60th Anniversary. I am grateful to the other members of the Executive Committee who keep SDCV active.

Our vice chair Jane Maggs is involved in many of our activities including sending out publicity material and managing the website. Jane is also influential at national level as a trustee of Civic Voice, the organisation to which SDCV is affiliated.

Preenal Gondhea, our Secretary, is responsible for our administration and has organised and managed our meetings.

Elaine Tyler has been our Treasurer for six years and has managed our finances very efficiently. Elaine wishes to stand down as Treasurer. I hope that another member will volunteer to take over this role. The work is important but not onerous. Please contact us if you would like to discuss what is involved. I am pleased to report that Elaine is willing to continue to assist with managing our website.

Joe Studman has continued as Membership Secretary, maintaining membership records and organising renewals.

Colin Barratt organises the local history meetings and is editor of the newsletter.

From time to time, rather satisfyingly, we receive encouraging comments for the work we do for the Southgate area. Local community groups like ours are important to channel local views and to maintain awareness of the history of the area. In order to continue to flourish we need active members. Do consider participating in our activities and committees.

### **Secretary – Preenal Gondhea**

Since our last AGM there have been 4 Executive Committee meetings all of which have been held on zoom. During the year we have discussed many items and become involved in a number of local issues, which have been reported to you in the Newsletter.

We have renewed our membership with Civic Voice and for further information on the organisation I would recommend members log onto their website which will provide the latest news and campaign updates.

[www.civicvoice.org](http://www.civicvoice.org)

Our insurance broker Lockton advised us that our current insurance provider Royal & Sun Alliance will not be renewing their insurance policy with Civic Societies from 1st May 2022. After some research and assistance from Civic Voice we have put in place a new policy with Zurich Insurance with the new policy effective from 1st May 2022. Our new insurance policy was straightforward to set up and more cost effective than our previous policy with Royal and Sun Alliance.

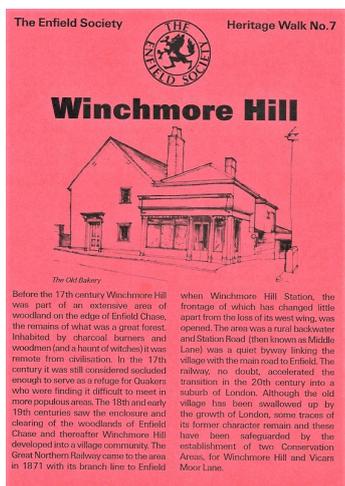
The essential features of the new insurance policy with Zurich are as follows;

Public Liability	£5,000,000 minimum any one event
Products Liability	£5,000,000 minimum for all claims in the aggregate during and one period of insurance
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000 any one event inclusive of costs

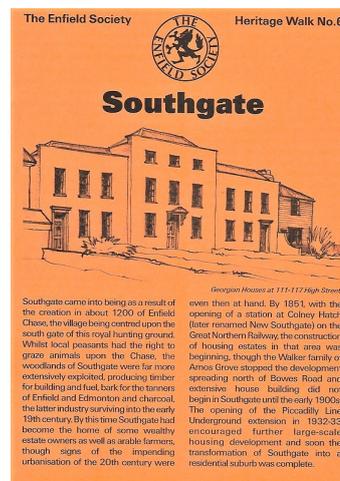
Open meetings are held twice a year and the meetings are an opportunity for us to become more informed of something that impacts us in some way. The attendance at these meetings is quite variable and I would be interested in your views on the type of topics or speakers you would like to see.

# ENFIELD SOCIETY HERITAGE WALKS FOR SOUTHGATE AND WINCHMORE HILL

In 1978 the Local History Group of Southgate Civic Trust, steered by Peter Hodge, produced a booklet, *Walks in Southgate and Winchmore Hill* with illustrations by Peter A J Brown and two fold-out maps. The walks were reissued separately in 1989.



Peter Hodge provided revised versions of the walks on behalf of Southgate District Civic Trust for the Enfield Preservation Society book *Heritage Walks in the London Borough of Enfield* (2007) with maps by Geoffrey Bone and the original illustrations by Peter Brown. They have now been reissued with the co-operation of Southgate District Civic Voice as Nos 6 and 7 in the Enfield Society Heritage Walks series. Peter's illustrations and Geoff's maps (in fold-out format) have been used again, with the texts revised by myself to include buildings added to the national and local lists and other snippets of new information. A5 format with 10 pages, cover price £2.50, available from the Enfield Society website store.



*Richard Purver*



## QUEEN'S JUBILEE STREET PARTY

Local Southgate roads Mayfield Avenue and The Close arranged a street party on the Jubilee weekend. One of the organisers asked me if SDCV could lend them some old photos for a local history exhibition at the party. I provided over 30 old photos of the Southgate area, plus some display boards and a folding table,

I was told that the photos received a lot of attention and the neighbours were very interested, as apparently were the local police!

I've since been asked if I can give a local history talk for the neighbours. We may even get some new members out of it.

*Colin Barratt*

## LOCAL HISTORY MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

### JOE STUDMAN – “A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR”

Records of hospitals in Enfield go back to 1625, when a Pest House was built on Chase Green, due to a plague, and there are suggestions that there was a plague pit behind the current houses. A workhouse was built on St Michaels Green in Chase Side Enfield in 1719, which was rebuilt in 1827. This became a children’s workhouse and school, a home for “privileged paupers”. In 1930 this was turned into a home for the old and infirm. It was later demolished and the present Magnolia Unit was built there.

Edmonton had set up a workhouse in 1837. This later had an infirmary and in World War 1 became Edmonton Military Hospital until 1920. It then became a Poor Law hospital,

#### **The large local hospitals we know today started more modestly:**

In 1886 a new children’s school was opened at Chase Farm, with a 500 capacity. This included a nursery. It remained a children’s home until the 1930s and in 1939 was turned into a hospital. This site has become a major hospital, expanded and been rebuilt over the years.

North Middlesex Hospital opened in the early 1930s, and is now a University hospital.

Highlands was another well known site, built as an isolation hospital, with South Lodge hospital next to it. Both have now gone.

#### **There were a number of smaller hospitals around the area:**

A cottage hospital was opened in 1875, opposite St Michael’s Green. This was later rebuilt and became the War Memorial Hospital.

Southgate Isolation Hospital “Greentrees” was off Tottenham Road, Palmers Green. This closed in 1988.

Claverings Hospital was a temporary smallpox hospital in Picketts Lock.

St David’s at Millfield House was an epilepsy hospital. This closed in 1971.

A cottage hospital in Bounds Green was opened in 1895, called the Passmore Edwards hospital, later the Wood Green and Southgate hospital. This closed in 1983.

Grovelands House became a hospital during WW1 and later was taken over by the NHS. This is now the Priory Hospital.

Joe showed us how Enfield and the surrounding area has a long history of hospitals of various types, which has developed into the work of the present NHS.

*Colin Barratt*

# THE DUGDALE ARTS CENTRE

## EXHIBITION

A FUN AND FABULOUS ARTS VENUE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF ENFIELD TOWN THAT'S PACKED WITH A MUSEUM, CAFÉ-RESTAURANT, THEATRE AND VARIOUS ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOPS!



### LOCATIONS & DATES

6th June to 27th June

**ENFIELD TOWN LIBRARY GREEN**

27th June to 18th July

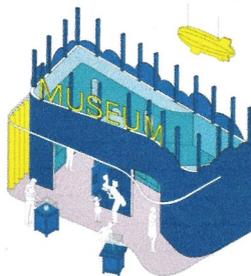
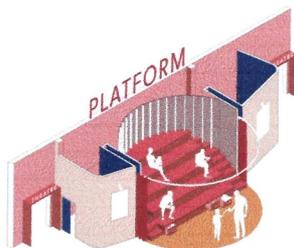
**EDMONTON GREEN SHOPPING CENTRE**

18th July to 8th August

**BROOMFIELD PARK, PALMERS GREEN**

8th August to 29th August

**SOUTHGATE GREEN, SOUTHGATE**



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DUGDALE, ITS ORIGINS AND WHAT'S TO COME AHEAD OF ITS MAJOR WINTER 2022 REOPENING

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OF ENFIELD



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# OAKWOOD PARK WETLANDS

Enfield Council have announced that construction of the wetlands will commence on 25th July and will last 6 - 8 weeks

