

# Southgate District Civic Voice

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*Happy New Year!*

## COMING EVENTS

**SPRING OPEN MEETING**  
**Saturday 28th March 2020 at 2.30pm**  
Walker Hall, 7 The Green, Southgate, N14 7EG

**“When the Walls Had Ears.... bugging  
Hitler’s Generals in WWII”**

**A Talk by Dr Helen Fry**

Continuing to bring fresh insight into the  
clandestine operations of British Intelligence.

(See page 7 for more details) **ALL are welcome**



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

Tues. 12th May 2020 Local History Meeting at Friends Meeting House (Details TBA)

Sat. 16th May 2020 Annual General Meeting, at Walker Hall (See page 7 for details)

**Contributions to the April newsletter should be sent by Friday 20th March**  
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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**).

## Civic Voice AGM & Sandys Lecture 21<sup>st</sup> January at Senate House

As members of Civic Voice you are invited to the 2019 *Civic Voice Annual General Meeting*, to be held at Senate House in London on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020. This was the AGM postponed from last year by the General Election.

It will be an opportunity to hear an update on Civic Voice activities and to be the first to hear about plans for *Civic Voice at 10*.

Register to attend the AGM here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/civic-voice-agm-2019-tickets-65693124905>

Following on from the AGM, will be the annual *Sandys Lecture*.

The Sandys Lecture recognises Lord Duncan Sandys' outstanding contribution to the civic movement across England. Each year a speaker is invited to consider challenges facing the movement.

The Sandys Lecture for 2020 will be delivered by *Ivan Harbour, Senior Partner at Rogers, Stirk, Harbour and Partners*.



Ivan began his career on Lloyd's of London and subsequently led the design of the European Court of Human Rights and Bordeaux Law Courts. He was made a director in 1993, a senior director in 1998 and a senior partner in 2011. In 2007 the name of the practice was changed from Richard Rogers Partnership in recognition of Ivan and Graham Stirk's contribution. Together with Richard, they are evolving the design-led practice for the future. Two of Ivan's projects - Maggie's West London (2009) and Terminal 4 Barajas Airport Madrid (2006) have won the most prestigious architectural award in the UK, the Stirling Prize. Projects designed and led by Ivan.

The event is open to all and you can register via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-sandys-lecture-ivan-harbour-tickets-86804379235?>

### Civic Voice Convention 2020

To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Civic Voice, the next Convention will return to Blackpool, the venue for the very first Convention. It will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

Southgate District Civic Voice has been a member of Civic Voice from the very beginning and we feel amazed that 10 years has passed since the first inaugural meetings. Some of our members will be attending this convention, where we can look back and celebrate, as well as plan for the future.

Booking details are not available yet, but will be passed onto members as soon as possible. [Have you considered joining a delegation from SDCV?](#)

Jane Maggs

Photo courtesy Civic Voice

## News from Civic Voice

### *Griff Rhys Jones honoured with an OBE*

President of Civic Voice, Griff Rhys Jones was honoured with an OBE for services to the National Civic Society Movement, charities and entertainment. Speaking after the presentation by Prince William, Griff Rhys Jones OBE said:



"I am so pleased that the citation for this award recognised, in good measure, my association with Civic Voice. I have been your president for ten years. That was an honour. This is a further honour. But I feel honoured again to be able to accept it on behalf of all the people who work within the civic movement - sometimes in the name of conservation, but also to manage change and to help create better places for communities to live and work. I have seen for myself how continuous and unflinching that work has to be. I do very little of that. You do.

If I am a figurehead, however, let me continue to say to all the members, this is for you and the good offices you perform. Not enough recognition is afforded to amenity societies. Many fail to understand the good work that they do. I have often said that I am proud to be involved in my own back yard. Who else should be, or would be? I don't think of it as a "yard". I think of it as a garden and one that needs tending, a bit of weeding and some regular slog - as every garden does. The members of Civic Voice do that very thing - in cities and towns and villages across England. And I hope that the citation for this award will help recognise that. My job is to publicise that and tell everybody about a success story. I want to continue to do that."

*Griff Rhys Jones OBE*



### *Laura Sandys awarded a CBE*

Laura Sandys Vice President of Civic Voice has been awarded a CBE in the 2020 New Year's Honours.

*Photos courtesy Civic Voice*

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Your subscription for the year 2020/21 is due on  
**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2020**  
and remains unchanged at £15 for the year.

A renewal form will be sent to you at the beginning of March 2020

## OPEN MEETING – OCTOBER 2019

### “Working with Natural Processes” by Stephen Haywood of Thames21



Before the talk, Jane Maggs gave an update on the proposed Southgate Office Village development. See page 6 for latest details.



Stephen Haywood was then introduced by our Chairman, Graham Davis.

Stephen first explained what Thames21 is all about. It's part of Keep Britain Tidy and was formed in 1998. It received charitable status in 2004 and in 2019 has 26 staff, with a turnover of £1.5 million. It organises volunteers to do litter picking and bottle and wet wipe counts, as the River Thames has much of both. It campaigns for change by the Government and is supported by various London organisations: GLA, City of London and Thames Water.

Thames21 creates strategies for sustainability, encouraging community involvement, (for example the Pymmes Brookers Group), and carries out education and training in schools. It also works with others in partnership.

It takes a catchment based approach, talking with local businesses etc. over their catchment areas. It recognises the increased risks of flooding, due to growing pressure on the drainage network, modified river channels and greater rainfall. To reduce these risks Thames21 has been involved in the installation of a number of sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS), such as the swale in Houndsden Road and the wetlands in Firs Farm, Broomfield Park and Enfield Town Park.



Their approach is to achieve natural flood management (NFM) by working with natural processes. Stephen showed some examples of this management: river and floodplains, run-off and woodlands. The aim is to slow down the flow rate by various measures, such as leaky dams and holding ponds, and to create “wet woodlands”, which can store water without harming the trees. They are also installing new woodlands, re-planting hedges and creating woodland pastures.

Water run-off can be reduced on farmland by the simple measure of ploughing across a sloping field instead of from top to bottom and planting cover crops over the winter. There are multiple benefits to all this work: improved water quality and habitat, climate regulation, lower flows and flood risk and better air quality.

Thames21 have been working with Enfield Council and the Environment Agency on Salmons Brook NFM. This is a more cost-effective solution than hard landscaping options. Many rivers have been artificially straightened in the past, which has increased flow rate and flood risk. Where possible the natural routes of some may be restored to reduce flow.

Under the heading of “Citizen Science” Stephen has been working with volunteers on various projects, to monitor the impact of our rivers on the local ecology. Monitoring stations have been built using everyday items, such as vehicle reversing sensors and mobile phones, (loaded with an app. for downloading photos of the effects of installations).

Stephen concluded by summing up the benefits of NFM (Natural Flood Management): reduced flooding, enhanced biodiversity, use of local skills, reduced run-off, improved soil structure, use of unproductive land and greater diversification.

This talk showed the advantages of working with natural processes, rather than trying to control them, and the resulting benefits to our environment.

*Photos courtesy Mervyn Maggs*

*Colin Barratt*

## IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS



The Executive Committee recently reviewed our policy on our financial reserves, taking into account guidance from the Charity Commission. The Committee decided that we should use some of our reserves for new projects. We invite you our members to suggest ideas for projects that would enhance the environment or contribute to the community of Southgate District.

Please send your ideas to me at

**[info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk)**

*Graham Davis*

## SOUTHGATE OFFICE VILLAGE - UPDATE

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our appeal for donations to help us employ a Professional Planning Consultant. We really appreciate all the support received for this campaign.

The SDCV Planning Group has reviewed a draft report that highlights concerns with the application in relation to various planning legislation and the precedent of other applications. We expect to have a final version before the Planning Panel meeting.



### SOV - Planning Panel

The date for this panel is now confirmed as **7.30pm** on **Thursday 23rd January** at **Highlands School**. If you can, please attend, so the Planning Committee can understand the range and depth of feeling about this application.

The Planning Panel is a key meeting for the community, giving us all an opportunity to raise our various views and be heard in a way that will not be allowed at the Planning Committee.

We expect that SDCV will be given time to speak, as well as local residents.

Southgate District Civic Voice Planning Group is currently considering how best to present the results of the community workshop and the consultant's report on the application. Any further information will be sent out by E-News. If you do not receive these e-mails, please let me know and I will add you to the mailing list.

*Jane Maggs*

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## NOTICE OF SOUTHGATE DISTRICT CIVIC VOICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 2.30 pm**  
Walker Lower Hall, Christ Church Parish Centre  
7 The Green, Southgate, N14 7EG

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 maybe 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 some of the Secretary's tasks? Could you help with the newsletter?

If you would like more information or a chat, please contact me via [jane.maggs@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.maggs@btinternet.com) or 074153 16818.

*Jane Maggs*

## SPRING OPEN MEETING 2.30pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

*“When the Walls Had Ears.... bugging Hitler's Generals in WWII”.*

*A Talk by Dr Helen Fry*

We are delighted that Dr Helen Fry will be returning to speak at the Spring Open Meeting in March.

Helen is best known for her work on the greatest deception of WWII: the bugging of Hitler's generals at Trent Park. However, she has written extensively on British Intelligence in WWI and WWII, spies and espionage, so continues to bring fresh insight into the clandestine operations of British Intelligence.

Due to her expertise in British Intelligence, she has been involved in a number of documentaries – including David Jason's Secret Service.

This will be a fascinating afternoon and everyone is welcome. Entry is free for members, and only £2 for non-members.

### **Time & venue:**

2.30pm Saturday 28th March 2020  
Walker Lower Hall, Christ Church Parish Centre,  
7 The Green, Southgate, N14 7EG



Photo: courtesy Helen Fry

# “THE GREATEST COLLECTION OF ATHLETIC TALENT EVER ASSEMBLED IN THIS PART OF NORTH LONDON”

## The Opening of the New Running Track in Broomfield Park in June 1950

### Part 2

*Part 1 of this article in the October 2019 newsletter gave a detailed account of the construction of the new running track in Broomfield Park and the international athletes who took part in the match which marked the formal opening on 28 June 1950.*

#### The Speeches

The *Gazette* article on 1.7.50 “*Running track ‘far less expensive than hospitals’*” reported the speeches which preceded the athletics meeting, starting with the comment of Alderman R S Pruden, chairman of the Parks Committee that “‘A track such as this, expensive though it is, is far less expensive than hospitals, and we hope it will do the work in a far better way’ ... Speaking by public address equipment, Ald. Pruden had as his audience, 10,000 sports lovers, including many of Southgate’s leading citizens”. He said that in contrast to opposition from the burgesses to the proposals for the original track infringing on their own park about 30 years before, this time there had been none; that the track was not solely for use by Southgate Harriers as some had suggested; and praised the Borough Surveyor Mr J T W Peat, Mr. J R Muggeridge, Deputy Borough Engineer and Mr Anderson for preparing the track.

In declaring the track open the Mayor, Councillor Arthur S Gray hoped that “for all time this track will embody the spirit of good sportsmanship which is so inherent in the spirit of the British people”. Mr Jack Crump, Honorary Secretary of the AA Board said that Southgate was “contributing nationally to the prestige of athletics”; Mr A D G White, president of the Middlesex AAA thanked the Mayor and the Council “for having the vision to take on a very big undertaking” and thought that Southgate would produce bigger and better athletes because of the improved amenities; Mr W Parkinson, president of Southgate Harriers expressed thanks for the “magnificent athletics arena you have brought into being”.

The article concluded by reporting that the Mayoress presented the medals after each event and that “Mr A Beverley Baxter, MP, who was accompanied by Mrs Baxter, presented the ‘Baxter’ Trophy to the AAA’s representative [as winners of the Inter-Team competition]; Mrs Herbert Wauthier, the ‘Wauthier’ Trophies and Coun. Mrs Ruth Winston the ‘Laurence Winston’ Trophy”. (Herbert Wauthier was a former Mayor and an engraver who specialised in war memorials and bookplates; his trophies were awarded for the Borough of Southgate Championships 100 yards under 14 and under 16. The Laurence Winston trophy, in memory of Ruth Winston’s husband, was for the winners of the annual competition between local grammar schools in the 440 yards (4 x 110) relay, on this occasion Queen Elizabeth’s School.)



#### Faint Praise

Not everyone was prepared to offer unqualified praise however; this edition of the *Gazette* also printed a letter under the heading *Running Track Opening: Mr Norris McWhirter’s thoughts on it*. Signing on behalf of General Committee, AAA, McWhirter said he had enjoyed the athletics match [in which he had taken part] and hoped his comments would be accepted as “being of a constructive vein”. He went on to criticise the Council for not charging a modest entrance of sixpence, yielding



£300, which could have been used for maintenance and to pay the Middlesex and Southern Counties AAA's fee for holding future events and also thought it "disappointing that the list of competitors (3d.) was not handled on a more imaginative scale. A really attractive programme supplying the background of the competitors, that was not forthcoming over the loudspeaker, would have been a more apt souvenir of a civic occasion". He finished by stating that the "over-capacious enclosure" for officials and councillors "deprived many of those 'without the pale' from sharing their unrestricted view of the arena, which had been so well laid out".



This is a surprising comment when the Planet film shows spectators on the bank behind the enclosure who must have been able to see the action and hundreds more people all round the perimeter of the track; and in relation to the souvenir programme, although including more information about the leading athletes who took part would have been of interest, its 20 small pages did provide a full list of the events and timing, details about the trophies awarded, the officials' and competitors' names, the world,

British and English record holders for each competition and space to enter the first four in the events and points gained, as well as the historical notes about the running track and extensive technical details about its composition.

Another correspondent, E Cushen was able to "look-in" at the athletic meeting "through the medium of a friend's television set" and passing through the park next evening had seen "several youngsters running on the track and practising the long jump" but as most had no real idea of running, "the AAA should arrange a rota of two experienced athletes to be in attendance each evening to teach promising athletes. Only by this means can youngsters make the grade". (The youngsters would have been in trouble going out by themselves on a Sunday as Southgate was the only Middlesex borough not to allow sports facilities in its parks to be used on the Sabbath and even when (as reported in the *Gazette* of 1 December) this policy was to be relaxed on an experimental basis there was a proviso that the running track could be used only for training purposes up to 1pm.)

The same page carried a notice that the Borough Council would be presenting on Wednesday 12 July as a part of its entertainment programme a baseball match at the track between the 1949 champion team Hornsey Red Sox and Hornsey Athletic, with "a running commentary ... broadcast in the American fashion".

### **"What is wrong with British sport?"**

Arthur Wint and E McDonald Bailey ("one of the world's fastest humans" as trailed in the *Gazette* (1.12.50)) returned to Southgate on 8 December with other leading sportsmen and women from various disciplines such as John Disley's future wife Sylvia Cheeseman, international sprinter and holder of the British women's 220 yards record and Vic Buckingham of Spurs, to take part in a meeting chaired by Norris McWhirter and arranged by Southgate Young People's Forum at Selborne Hall to discuss "What is wrong with British sport?" Some of the well-known people on the panel had local connections: Tom Haliburton, professional at North Middlesex Golf Club, Derek Leftwich of Southgate Harriers, Nanette Lucas, *Evening News* lawn tennis champion 1950, Beryl Stamper, London women's snooker champion and Tony Turner, captain of Saracens and Southgate CC.

At the meeting, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, McWhirter stated that sports facilities in this country were miserable, with there being only 29 public cinder tracks here, including Southgate's, compared to 800 in Finland and 500 in Michigan alone. Spurs manager Arthur Rowe (who lived in Southgate) in contrast spoke from the audience to say that "he could not

imagine any standard of football better than that being played today” following the introduction of a less restrictive off-side rule.

### **BBC Coverage**

As well as speaking at the opening as an official for the AAA, Jack Crump commentated on the event with Michael Henderson for the BBC television coverage, which was broadcast from 7pm to 8.45pm (via Alexandra Palace, which overlooks the park and running track from its hill to the south). The *Radio Times* programme listing for Wednesday 28 June 1950, *Athletics: Amateur Athletic Association v Middlesex and Hertfordshire* was accompanied by the brief synopsis, “A representative match on the occasion of the reopening of the Broomfield Park Athletic Track”. The two BBC cameras and their operators are a striking feature in the Planet film, although they were not new to Palmers Green, as 14 plays were broadcast from the Intimate Theatre between December 1946 and November 1949.

Armchair sports enthusiasts would have been in their element as the athletics immediately followed the third transmission from Lord’s of the fourth day of the England v West Indies test match (during which England made 218-4 in their second innings, with Cyril Washbrook scoring 114 not out against the ‘spin twins’ Valentine and Ramadhin, on their way to defeat the next day by 326 runs, the first time by these opponents in England and on the same day as England lost 0-1 to United States in the football World Cup). There was also an afternoon broadcast from the All-England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon (with “today’s pictures from the Centre Court” included in *Newsreel* at 9.45pm) and a fifteen minute instructional programme, *Better Cricket*. Children’s television that day included *Muffin the Mule*. (On a much more serious level, these local and national sporting events took place three days after the outbreak of the Korean War.)

### **Planet Film Society**

The *Gazette* of 14.7.50 noted that “At the official opening of the Broomfield Park track a unit of the Planet Film Society, with their cameras, followed the events”. Short sequences of each track and field competition were shown in the resulting film, *Southgate’s New Running Track*, with the exception of the relay heats and the pole vault, in which the only contestant L W Clark of Ponders End AC reached a record height of 9ft 6ins.

A copy of the film is held at Enfield Local Studies Library and Archive and can be viewed on the London’s Screen Archives website, with a detailed synopsis (and also on BFIPlayer). The film lasts 11 minutes 25 seconds and is silent but intertitles give the first three competitors in each event and the time or distance achieved. It also features the Mayor and the other speakers at the opening and the presentation of medals and trophies.



### **Intertwined Organisations**

The new running track is also seen in Edgar Chard’s *Southgate – A Glimpse of the Past* (1950) and the amateurs of Planet Film Society were back in Broomfield Park with their professional colleagues in Gateway Film Productions three years later to make *Southgate Celebrates the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II*. This shows action from the Grand Athletic Sports Meeting held on Coronation Day, Tuesday 2 June at 5.30 pm, with one of the annual Wauthier Trophy 100 yards races for under 14 and 16s and a throw from the weight (shot put) in the Cup Match between a combined Ilford Athletic Club-North London Harriers team and Southgate Harriers-Victoria Park Harriers, as well as scenes from the ‘Three Elizabeths’ pageant which took place in the Sports Arena, with the running track clearly visible (both films are issued as DVDs by Southgate District Civic Trust). The match also included the Laurence Winston Trophy 4 x 100 yards relay for Secondary Grammar Schools and a 4 x 100 yards relay for Secondary Modern Schools.



SDCT member Dennis West, who then lived in Shoreditch, competed for Victoria Park Harriers and took part for the combined side in the 5-lap steeplechase and also the shot put, javelin and discus (as not all the team turned up). Dennis retained from the event two enamelled competitors' medals in their presentation boxes, one of which he has recently donated to the Museum of Enfield. He ran against John Disley on one occasion and won the 1 mile for Islington in the All London Schools Championships at White City (1950), the 880 yards for Northern Polytechnic in the All London Technical Schools Championships

(1950), the 2 mile steeplechase at the RAF Group Championships (1953) and the 3,000 metre steeplechase at Hackney Borough Sports (1954). After illness ended his athletics career at the age of 24 Dennis coached men and women athletes and youngsters for many years.

The two organisations involved in making the running track and Coronation films were intertwined as Edgar Chard, director of Camera Craft at 446 Green Lanes was president of Planet Film Society and a director of Gateway, whose managing director was Hugh Baddeley, the establisher of the firm at No 470 in 1946; he was also chairman and production organiser of Planet Film Society, which he had co-founded in 1933 and so may have been one of those behind the cameras for *Southgate's New Running Track*. A report in the *Gazette* for 21.2.47 about the showing of their first three films to members of the Education Committee in the council chamber at Southgate Town Hall described Gateway Film Productions as "an offshoot of five members of the Planet Film Society". (For a short history of the firm see *Gateway: Film-making Across the World* by Graham Smart in *Oakleaves 4* (Southgate District Civic Trust, 2009).)

Local residents wishing to see *Southgate's New Running Track* at the annual Planet film show set for 24 and 25 November 1950 would have been disappointed as it was cancelled, perhaps because as reported at their AGM, held at the assembly room at the Cherry Tree on Southgate Green, they only made one film that year due to fluctuations in membership (*The flourishing Planet Film society, Gazette* 15.12.50). Neither was it among the eleven short films in the November 1951 show at Church House in Southgate (which did include however one shot in the park in 1950 and 1951 of the combined Southgate District Horticultural Society fete and Gymkhana). However it could have been shown separately or on a later occasion (the Coronation film was made for the Council and showings at least initially were controlled by them and perhaps this was the case with *Southgate's New Running Track* as both feature the Southgate Borough coat of arms in the title sequence and the latter also shows it at the end).

### **Roger Bannister at Broomfield**

Not all the speakers or athletes named in the programme actually appeared at the opening ceremony, such as Roger Bannister who was listed as one of the Achilles team competing in the relay or one of his future pacemakers in the four-minute mile race, Chris Chataway in the mile. However the already famous athlete came to the new running track in the year following its opening, when a friendly match attended by two to three thousand people was held between Southgate Harriers and a Swedish side on 30 June, as reported in the *Gazette* (6.7.51): "Several track records were established during the afternoon, and one of the thrills of the meeting was in the appearance of Roger Bannister, the famous Oxford 'Blue' whose name is being freely mentioned as the athlete most likely to achieve the coveted four-minute mile" (which of course he went on to accomplish on 6 May 1954, finishing in 3 mins 59.4 secs).

Running in the match 880 yards as a non-scoring competitor to help prepare for an overseas event that week, the "possibilities and pace of this great middle-distance athlete were at once seen when the race started. He went to the front at an early stage, completed his first lap in 57 seconds and raced away in the second lap to win by a considerable distance in 1 min 53.6 secs, a time which has

never been equalled in Broomfield Park”. The official winner left behind by Bannister was Gunnar Johansson. The *Gazette* also noted that Norris McWhirter won the 100 yards in 10 seconds, a track record.

### Local Memories

SDCT vice president Chris Howell and Ron Male, brother-in-law of former president of Southgate CC Peter Jouning were present at the Athletic Sports meeting which opened the running track and Peter may have been there himself. Later he was goalkeeper for Southgate Olympic FC 1st XI at their home ground within the track; Ron ran on the track himself and held Oakwood School’s 440 yards record for several years.

So the excitement and activity in Broomfield Park on a June evening nearly seventy years ago survives not only through the Planet Film Society record and newspaper accounts but also still in the memories of local veterans, giving one pause for thought when gazing out over the field which is now used for informal sporting activities and children’s games and the passive occupation of sun-bathing, when the weather allows.

*Images: stills from Southgate’s New Running Track – Councillor Mrs Ruth Winston presenting the Laurence Winston Trophy, Valdu Lillakas winning the 2 mile race and Planet Film Society logo – used by permission of Enfield Local Studies and Archive and with thanks to London’s Screen Archives; Coronation Day Grand Athletic Sports Meeting commemorative medals by Richard Purver, courtesy of Dennis West.*

*Richard Purver*

## SECOND CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL REPORT

In 2018 we were invited to take part in a Christmas Tree Festival at Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church in Palmerston Road, Palmers Green, as reported in the July 2019 newsletter.

The church repeated this in 2019 for groups who met at the church, both internal church groups and outside hirers, plus other local organisations, and we were invited to set up and decorate a tree again. I did this, using the same artificial tree and many of the decorations from last year, but with topical information on the board next to it, to publicise our organisation. This showed visitors examples of local news, (the Broomfield Park Wetland Scheme) and what we’ve done this year, (Community Planning Event on the proposed Southgate Office Village Development, Southgate Spring Clean and the restoration of the Minchenden Grammar School Roll of Honour).

*Colin Barratt*



## **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 the Trust or the wider community. Last year the well deserved recipient was Eileen Bostle.

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

As we do not have a Secretary at the moment, 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)	

## **CHANGES TO WEBSITE AND CONTACT DETAILS**

As you will know, we have changed to our new name. Among the various changes which also have to be made are our website, email, Facebook and Twitter addresses. We are gradually transitioning to the new ones, but it's taking longer than anticipated. Please continue to use the old ones, shown at the top of the front page until we announce the new ones.





