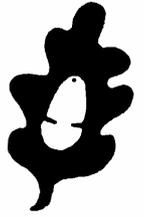


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COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 9th May 2009 at 2.30 pm

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

The AGM is essential to the successful functioning of the Trust. It gives members an opportunity to question the outgoing committee and to express their views, also to elect officers and the committee for the next year. The nomination form for the new committee is on **page 7**.



PINKHAM WAY, JUST BEFORE ITS OPENING IN APRIL 1933

HISTORY GROUP MEETING Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 7.30pm

At Friends Meeting House,
Church Hill, N21

“100 Years of the North Circular Road”
by Reg Hart

(Details inside)

ALL WELCOME

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that annual subscriptions became due on 1st April.
Please send payments with the membership renewal form on **page 5**.

Dates for your diary:

Mon. 4th May
Wed. 1st July

May Day Fair
History Group Meeting

Southgate Green
Subject TBA

See **page 2** for details
Friends Meeting House

Contributions to the July newsletter should be sent by Friday 12th June 2009

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Notice to Newsletter Distributors:- We hope to deliver the next newsletter to distributors during week commencing 13th July 2009

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

MAY DAY ON THE GREEN

The **Christ Church May Fair** will once again be held on Southgate Green,
On **Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May**
From 11am to 4pm.

As usual, the Trust will have a display and sales table, with our publications available. We hope this will attract a good deal of interest. Please come along to support us. Proceeds from the fair will go to Christ Church and another charity, yet to be decided.

HISTORY GROUP – 6th MAY

Members may be aware of Reg Hart who, until recently, wrote a regular column in the local paper on local history. Reg has lived in this area all his life, close to our local trunk road, the North Circular, and will be talking about the infamous thoroughfare, from its conception 100 years ago, through its construction in the 1930s, its affect on the districts and communities it passes, and the plans for expansion in the future. All are welcome to this meeting.

INTIMATE MEMORIES

There will be articles about the Intimate Theatre, Palmers Green in the forthcoming edition of *Oakleaves*, including one by Geoff Bowden, author of the history of the theatre, *Intimate Memories*.

Geoff will be giving his illustrated talk about the Intimate Theatre to the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society on 16th April, 7.45 for 8pm start, at Jubilee Hall, Parsonage Lane, Enfield.

Guests welcome, £1 entrance.

BACK TO BLACK & WHITE

For the past couple of years, the Trust has been fortunate to have the services of Raj Rooprai to print our newsletter. He was able to produce it in colour, at no cost to the Trust. Unfortunately, this facility has come to an end, due to the economic situation at his company, so we now have to return to printing the newsletter at a local printers. This will mean that, although we will continue to add photos where possible, they will be in black and white, except perhaps, on occasions, the front page will be in colour.

The editors would like to thank Raj for his work in providing us with an enhanced newsletter, which received many complimentary comments from members during this period.



OPEN MEETING – 7th March 2009

Phil Mason – Every Action Counts

Every Action Counts came out of a consultation held by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), with a range of Voluntary Sector Organisations. The purpose of this was to explore how these groups could contribute to securing a more sustainable future.

It's designed to help local community groups, clubs and societies take action together to:

- protect the environment
- create a fairer world
- improve quality of life

Phil is a local Every Action Counts Community Champion. The Community Champions are volunteers who give up their free time to help groups like the Southgate District Civic Trust make Every Action Count.

During his talk he encouraged us to look at 5 areas of our activities, where we can easily impact the environment by reducing our CO₂ emissions:

Saving energy: This topic generated a discussion on energy-saving, ranging from energy saving light bulbs, which can easily be installed and come in a variety of shapes and sizes for every situation; increasing the insulation in our homes and double glazing. It then widened into solar energy, wind farms and solar water heating. The bonus here is that some of these easy-to-do changes not only reduce our carbon footprint but will save us money as well!

Travelling wisely: Ideas here were of course to reduce our use of cars, car sharing, using public transport more and fly less. Many members also raised the health benefits of walking or cycling more.

Shopping ethically: The main discussion centred around reducing the use of plastics, reducing the number of carrier bags by taking our own bags shopping, reducing the distance our food has come – so called food miles – which saves the energy needed to transport our food to us.

Saving our resources: Recycling and reusing valuable resources – Phil supplied a number of statistics on what goes into our council waste collection, but more importantly how much more is now being recycled. Apparently, the local Edmonton Eco Park will deliver compost free, but regrettably only 15 tons at a time, which made it a little impractical for most of us! However, there was a very interesting discussion on the benefits and practicalities of making your own compost.

Caring for your area: Whilst this was one of the areas for discussion, there was not enough time to cover this one at the meeting. Still the SDCT is already doing good work in that area.

The talk was interesting and informative. Many of the ideas were probably not new to members, but it was an opportunity to stop and consider how our actions impact the environment. It's too late to stop climate change, but at least if we do our bit, we can help to slow it down and protect the coming generations.

Jane Maggs

Contact details from the groups mentioned during the Open Meeting:

Every Action Counts

33 Corsham Street

London N1 6DR

Tel: 0845 241 0957

www.everyactioncounts.org.uk

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TOWN PLANNING REPORT

Since last December, when we had the mammoth number of 18 Town Planning Applications in the one month, it has quietened down.

This year, so far, we have had a varied selection of 14 applications and although a few were for large buildings the largest development was Southgate College, High Street, mentioned in the January newsletter. The Council Planning Committee is expected to hear the outline planning application for this development in April. There were 14 different reports for the scheme by the Architect, delivered to us for me to read through and the group to consider at our February meeting, when once again we were joined by the owners of No. 117, High Street, which is the nearest listed building at the side of the site.

There is no doubt that this development as proposed will compromise the setting of the listed buildings and create a high mass of buildings and roads around them, plus the removal of trees in order to accommodate it. There will be an excessive use of hard surfacing where soft surfacing exists and that will change the frontage of grass and trees which we see now.

Two of our group attended a local public meeting and I had already brought it to the notice of the Conservation Advisory Group in December, so it was placed on their Agenda and we had a presentation from the Architect in March. This was sufficient for the CAG to agree with all the local groups and be concerned for the future setting of the listed properties, both at the side and rear of the properties, as well as the street scene. Following this meeting we are hoping to see some amendments and more information added to the outline planning application at the next CAG in April before it goes to the Planning Committee.

Residents will see a change of lamppost styles on Winchmore Hill Green when the new Heritage style posts replace the existing ones. It is happening in order to provide the strength of light required by new regulations but will mean that more posts will be needed. We have tried to reduce the numbers but unfortunately could not. It may have been noticed where replacements on local streets have occurred there are more posts. Where there are existing Heritage lampposts in Conservation Areas it will be a straight change to the new Heritage style.

Our new Conservation Area Southgate Circus has given us quite a few applications to consider, mainly change of use to further eating outlets, but a tattoo and piercing studio in Crown Lane has been granted planning consent.

I have to apologise for the telephone number error in the last newsletter report. It is 8364 3500.

These reports for the newsletter are obviously limited in what can be included, but if any member would like any information or would like to join us at a meeting, you now have the correct number to ring.

Irene Stone,
Group Leader

NEWS FROM THE CIVIC TRUST

Civic Trust Awards: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Civic Trust Awards, Griff Rhys Jones, President of Civic Trust, presented the inaugural President's Choice Award to Fort Dunlop, Birmingham.

Griff Rhys Jones said: "The Civic Trust is here to encourage imaginative solutions to built environment challenges. We need good restoration, imaginative new building and proper regard for the spaces we all share. The Civic Trust Awards are a terrific opportunity to recognise the good work that is being done, and I congratulate the winning schemes, which look good, feel good, and enhance their local communities."

A full list of winners is available on www.civictrustawards.org.uk where the winners' brochure is also available for download.

Civic Trust review of 2008: For over 50 years, the Civic Trust has acted as a conduit to and from national Government, promoting the views of members, distilling Government initiatives and feeding back their effectiveness on the ground.

During 2008 they have:

- Produced policy briefings and updates.
- Responded to 10 consultations, on subjects ranging from the Planning White Paper, Housing Green Paper and Tree Preservation Order procedures.
- Played an active part in a national coalition of charities and organisations campaigning for changes to the Planning Bill.
- Developed a draft standard for the management of towns and city centres; Purple Flag Accreditation will be launched in 2009.
- Joined other charities in campaigning for the cutting of VAT from 17.5% to 5% for all home improvement and maintenance work, which will encourage renovation of existing properties.

More details can be found at www.civictrust.org.uk.

Civic Trust new address: On Monday 16th February 2009, the Civic Trust moved to 14 - 16 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6DG. The telephone numbers will remain unchanged.

IDENTIFY THE LOCATION

In the January edition, we printed the photo shown by David Burrowes MP at our October Open Meeting, hoping that someone would recognise where it was taken. Unfortunately, no one has responded, so this still remains a mystery. Please contact us if you think you know where it is.

Mary & Colin Barratt,
Editors

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009/2010

The following members are willing to stand again:

President	Audrey Kirby
Vice-Presidents	Chris Howell
Secretary	Jane Maggs
Treasurer	Alastair Palmar
Social Secretary	Janet Lane
Newsletter Editors	Mary and Colin Barratt
Committee Members	Irene Stone

There are currently no nominations for the following positions:

Chairman, Vice President, Committee Members.

Please consider if you can help the Southgate District Civic Trust and stand for these positions or join the Committee.

We urgently need to have more members involved on the Committee. Not only will this help to spread the load, but SDCT can then get involved in local projects, proposals, or issues that are of interest or concern to members.

If you would like more information about what being on the Committee involves or these open positions, please contact Jane Maggs (020 8882 4253 or jane.maggs@btinternet.com) for more information.

Please use the nomination form on the next page.

NOMINATION FORM – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7th May 2009

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

From: _____

I wish to nominate _____ for election as:

A. An officer of the Trust, in the post of _____

B. 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

Your subscription for the year 2009-2010 is now due, and it will help if you can please use this form, and send it with your payment to the Treasurer as soon as possible. At the same time we will be pleased to receive any additional donation to the Trust that you may like to give. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

THE AMOUNTS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE:-

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To: Alastair Palmar
Treasurer
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