

# Southgate District Civic Trust

## Newsletter No. 209 July 2009



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### COMING EVENTS

#### HISTORY GROUP MEETING

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.30pm**

At Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, N21

#### “Woodcroft Wildspace”

Speaker to be confirmed

**ALL WELCOME**



#### OPEN MEETING

**Saturday 17th October 2009 at 2.30pm**

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

#### “Bee Keeping in Enfield” by Peter Burling

Peter is Chairman of the Enfield and District Beekeepers. He will be speaking on local beekeeping, in particular the contribution of bees to the environment and future threats to bees.



#### Dates for your diary:

Mon. 31st August

#### Guided Walk

A New River Walk led by Chris Royall  
(Venue to be arranged. Contact Janet Lane for details)

Wed. 1st November

#### History Group

“Secrets of Nature: how Percy Smith invented the nature film in interwar Southgate”  
by Tim Boon (Chief Curator at Science Museum)

Wed. 18th November

#### Annual Luncheon

at Southgate College (more details in October)

**NOTE:** If you have not yet paid your Trust subscription for this year, (which began on April 1st), there will be a RED SPOT in this box:



Please fill in the form at the back of the April newsletter and send it with your remittance to the Treasurer.

#### Contributions to the October newsletter should be sent by Friday 4th September 2009

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**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).

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 9th May 2009

The AGM took place at Walker Hall, Waterfall Road, chaired by our President, Audrey Kirby. Reports on the past year's activities were presented by the officers and Group leaders. These are shown below.

Officers and members of the Executive Committee were elected for 2009/10 as follows:

<i>President</i>	Audrey Kirby	<i>Vice President</i>	Chris Howell
<i>Chairman</i>	Geoff Bone	<i>Secretary</i>	Jane Maggs
<i>Treasurer</i>	Alastair Palmar	<i>Social Secretary</i>	Janet Lane
<i>Newsletter Editors</i>	Mary & Colin Barratt		
<i>Committee Member</i>	Irene Stone		

After the meeting, teas were served by Irene Stone and Janet Lane, followed by an opportunity to view the plans for the proposed development of Southgate College, and the photo competition from the May Fair.

### Chairman's Report

This is where I report on my actions during the past year, but I don't think there have been any! All the action has been by the members of the Executive Committee, which you will hear about from them. I would like to thank them all for their time spent on our behalf. Much praise to our Editors for the excellent newsletter and the team of organisers and distributors which keeps us up to date with developments in our area. You will be interested to learn that the Broomfield Historic Buildings Trust Ltd, the Company has now been dissolved owing to the unlikelihood of any positive action from the Council in the foreseeable future and the cash transferred to the Enfield Society to be held as a restricted fund for Broomfield House, to be used as and when appropriate. Our President Audrey will be able to give you more news about this later.

*Geoff Bone*

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### Secretary's Report

There have been four Executive Committee meetings during this year.

For a number of years now, the membership list has been maintained by Jim Haselden. Earlier in the year he decided to hand over to Colin and myself, who have since been maintaining the list. Any errors and typos are now my fault, so please do not hesitate to contact me to put them right. I would like to thank Jim for his work and for his user friendly database. I have started to add e-mail addresses to the database, but have not yet had time to set up a proper e-mailing group, but hope to during the coming few months. Any member who has not given me their details and would like to, please let me know.

As many of you know, the weathervane from the Weld Chapel in Southgate has, for many years, been on a garage in Palmers Green. This building is to be demolished, so the weather vane has been removed and will be retained by the owner. As this is of historical interest, I will be contacting the owner for more details.

As you know the SDCT, along with many other community groups is affiliated to the Civic Trust, a national charity. As many of you have seen the Civic Trust has been placed in administration. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April I received an e-mail from Philip Kolvin on behalf of the Civic Trust trustees. The key points are:

The Civic Trust's financial position has come under severe pressure since the loss of the Green Flag contract last summer. Despite this, the financial forecasts for the Trust have been that the Trust would maintain its solvency through the course of the current financial year. However, a number of recent events have caused a revision of those forecasts.

The Trustees have been examining ways of addressing this shortfall. It has become clear that severe funding constraints being imposed on local authorities and our other current and potential funders as a result of the credit crunch will mean that even our current, modest financial forecast for the next few months is unlikely to be achieved.

The Trustees considered a number of options for the Trust's future. They have with great regret concluded that the Trust will not be able to continue to operate on a solvent basis and resolved to place the Trust into Administration, after 52 years.

Many local societies contacted The Civic Trust, about the need for a national body to represent our interests and viewpoint as well as bringing people together to share information, experiences and ideas.

A number of the Trustees will be meeting with the administrator to explore options for continuing the support and membership services being providing for civic societies, including the possibility of setting up a new organisation.

As it is very likely that the Trust's existing IT systems could be closed down an e-mail account has been set up, to ensure that groups can be contacted.

I am sure you will agree that we need to have a national organization. As small individual societies we may well be powerless to resist changes that we feel will impact our environment, while together we can be stronger and more efficient.

I have registered the SDCT with the new e-mail account, but since then I have not heard any more. Once there is news I will of course include it in the next newsletter.

*Jane Maggs*

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## **Town Planning Group Report**

Since the last AGM, this group has dealt with approximately 100 applications. In the newsletters members have been kept informed on all the main developments that we received.

An update on some of them:

King Easton, Winchmore Hill Green, N21: This scheme has been refused permission.

Highlands Village, N21: A proposed block of 10 flats on land off Pennington Drive was refused permission by the council, but went to appeal and was granted.

Truro House, N13: There is a new development being considered that will bring the house back to residential use and provide flats on the site. We hope that this scheme goes ahead.

Southgate College, High Street, N14: They wish to close their Minchenden Campus (which is opposite) and enlarge the Southgate College Campus. Unfortunately, the proposal is compromising the setting of the listed buildings Nos. 107-117 High Street by totally surrounding them with roads and buildings that will be overpowering. The owners of No. 117 which is the nearest house to the side of the development have attended our meetings and we have obviously sent reports to the council with our concerns and objections when drawings have been made available. The last set of amended drawings were very disappointing, there was no significant change in the layout or height of the proposed buildings. The street scene of the High Street will be changed if this development goes ahead in its present form. A decision by the planning committee will be this month. The College is between two Conservation Areas but not in one, so we have only had outline planning drawings and photo montages, which were on display at the AGM.

In January members were notified in the newsletter that we had been asked to add the new Southgate Circus Conservation Area to our others and that we had agreed. This has of course meant more work for our group and there have been several applications, mainly for change of use or shop fronts and fascias.

New wooden standard style benches will soon be seen on Winchmore Hill Green and Southgate Green replacing the stubby plastic style ones that were put into the Conservation Areas without sufficient discussion with us or Southgate Green. All Conservation Areas will have these benches now and I have arranged for the plaque to Stan Smith to be moved to the new bench.

Our planning group works closely with the Conservation Advisory Group (CAG), so you will always notice some duplication when I report on both of them as our planning meetings are timed to take place a week before a CAG meeting, and monthly as is CAG. All our meetings are held at 6, Eversley Mount, N21 at 8.00pm, tel no. 020-8364-3500.

I end as always, giving grateful thanks to my group of regular members. They come in all weathers with the same good humour to look at lots of drawings and to discuss proposed developments in the hope that our input will make a difference to the areas we care about. They know that their opinions are taken very seriously by Enfield Council and my reports via planning officers and CAG are taken notice of. Our meetings are casual, but the reports of it are not and anyone who would like to be part of this important group of the SDCT would be very welcome.

*Irene Stone  
Group Chairman*

**Southgate District Civic Trust**  
**Statement of Accounts for Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>HALIFAX PLC</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Debit	Credit
Balance B/Fwd 31/3/2008		12,896.75
Gross Interest		297.50
Gross Bonus		64.49
Tax on Interest	59.50	
Tax on Bonus	12.90	
Balance C/Fwd 31/3/2009	<u>13,186.00</u>	<u>        </u>
	<b>13,258.74</b>	<b>13,258.74</b>

**PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT**

<b>ALLIANCE &amp; LEICESTER</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL BANK</b>	Debit	Credit
Balance B/Fwd 31/3/2008		3,757.72
Cash in hand B/Fwd 31/3/2008		4.74
Sales of The Walker Family (book 1)		1,915.34
Sales of Publications (other)		152.75
Sales of Chard Videos		13.00
Donations		1.50
Royalties		36.50
Printing of The Walker Family	2,845.00	
Stall Fees - Christ Church	45.00	
Archive Acquisitions	----	
Stock Acquisitions	45.50	
Expenses	16.92	
Transfer to General Account - Chard Videos	13.00	
Cash in Hand C/Fwd 31/3/2009	4.74	
Balance C/Fwd 31/3/2009	<u>2,911.39</u>	
	<b>5,881.55</b>	<b>5,881.55</b>

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

<b>ALLIANCE &amp; LEICESTER</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Debit	Credit
Balance B/Fwd 31/3/2008		3,344.26
Subscriptions and Donations		1,126.05
Purchase & Sales - Chard Videos	----	13.00
Teas at Meetings	16.23	50.45
Admin.	414.87	
Newsletters	----	
Affiliations	145.00	
Hire of Halls	337.00	
Insurance	380.00	
Sundries	16.89	14.00
Purchase of screen	51.00	
Speakers expenses	62.00	
Balance C/Fwd 31/3/2009	<u>3,124.77</u>	
	<b>4,547.76</b>	<b>4,547.76</b>

I have examined the Accounts of the Southgate District Civic Trust for the 12 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. I confirm that proper books of Accounts have been maintained. In my opinion the final Accounts give a true and fair view of affairs during the year.

Auditor: Molly Stanbridge  
Date: 26.04.2009

**Publications Sub-Committee Report**

We are well on our way to the publication of Oakleaves No. 4 and are in touch with the Heritage Lottery Fund, with a view to assistance in production. Ruby's book on the 'Walkers' has been entered for an award with LAMAS and hope this will follow Peter's success with his book on the 'Cresswells'.

We had a stand at the May Fair on The Green, Southgate, but the weather and our location wasn't very good. So we didn't have the financial success of last year.

*Geoff Bone*

## **Editors' Report**

For the past two years, we have been lucky in having the services of Raj Roprai, who has printed our newsletter in colour, allowing us to develop it to include more photos. Unfortunately, as we announced in the last edition, this has come to an end, and printing it in colour at commercial printers would be far too expensive. So we are back to black and white, but we will still be including photos, where possible.

We have gained experience in producing the newsletter in Publisher software, and handing over a disk with the pages laid out, ready for printing. This is not only easier for the printer, it results in better quality reproduction, and we will continue to do this. The last edition was actually emailed to the printers.

Last year, Jane asked members to let her have their email addresses. This was so we could contact people about hot topics. Another use of this could be to email the newsletter, instead of posting or delivering it. If there are enough members with email addresses, we may consider doing this, but that's for the future.

As we come to producing each edition, there is still concern that we are not receiving many articles from members, and it's often necessary to add items ourselves to make up the right number of pages for printing. We would prefer to have a mix of articles from different people, including topical subjects, so please let us have some. Even short pieces, such as comments about things which are happening in your area, or snippets about interesting buildings or people.

Our thanks go again to Diana Day, who plays a large part in putting the final newsletter together. We don't know how the previous editors managed to produce a newsletter in the days before word processing! Fortunately, those times are gone.

*Colin & Mary Barratt*

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## **Local History Group Report**

Over the past year, we've had a good series of speakers and subjects: Enfield in World War 1, The Mystery of Middle Row (High Barnet), Chase Farm School, The Recorder (Local Paper) and, just this week, the North Circular Road. There are a loyal number of members who come to most of the meetings, and others who are attracted by the subject. We are still getting around 20 to 25 each time, which is just about right for the small room.

We can't afford to invite expensive speakers every time, so we are limiting these each year. I am still trying to keep to subjects of local and historical interest, rather than general topics, but this isn't always easy. Over the years we've covered a lot of local history topics, but there are more out there. It's just a question of finding the right speaker to talk about them.

As there still seems to be enough interest from members in coming to these bi-monthly evenings, I will continue to scour the area for suitable subjects. As I've said before, if any of our members are willing to talk about a particular item of interest or research they are doing, I will be happy to invite them.

*Colin Barratt*

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## **Conservation Advisory Group Report**

The Conservation Advisory Group (CAG) is a body valued for its architectural knowledge and members give their views individually, but the decisions of the group are given collectively. They are an additional voice, only in an advisory capacity, to Enfield Council on new and existing projects.

Since our last AGM the CAG has been involved in the designation of four new Conservation Areas (CA) and this has resulted in new representatives from the Meadway and Grange Park. We were asked to take on Southgate Circus CA. The Crescent in Edmonton has been taken on by the Edmonton Study Group. We have waited a long while for this to be possible, 20 years ago we were making lists of areas that merited consideration. For some areas it is now too late, unsuitable alterations are only too apparent. Out of a long list and using a points system the four above were selected and it is hoped that this will be a beginning.

Residents of Conservation Areas often, for various reasons, try to ignore the fact of being within one when they wish to alter doors and windows or add extensions to their properties, whether it is their homes or businesses. By being in a CA means that they have to keep things existing, because a planning application has to be applied for and gives the opportunity for corrections.

CAG continue to strive to monitor the contravention of planning legislation for investigation by the Enviro Crime Unit, usually raised in Open Session at meetings. We have been asked to aid this by providing a pictorial means of knowing what each building within our CA is like at present, so any alterations in the future can be monitored and also providing a street scene. In order to help us provide this photographic history of our areas the council will provide a digital camera, a letter of authorisation and will print the results. As you know we have six CA's to deal with, so for me this is quite a task to fulfil by September. I do need help from anyone who can handle a camera and would be prepared to accompany me, using street maps and lists of the buildings with their numbers that have also been provided.

The changes in the street lighting have not been particularly well received in parts of the borough where we have seen extra lamp posts cluttering up the pavements. Conservation Areas are no different with regard to extra posts being necessary to get the required spread of light. All lamps will have British Standard S2 for improved illumination. However, where heritage posts and lanterns are existing we will have similar ones to replace them. I can show you the chosen style: a 6m Gainsborough Column with size 2 Victoria Lantern that you will see on Winchmore Hill Green, N21. Extra funding, we are told is necessary for Southgate Green, N14, where, for part of the area, it would be desirable to change to heritage columns, as they are not heritage at present. Following the outcome of a feasibility study, Fox Lane, The Bourne and the Animal Pound will be changed to the heritage style of lamp.

There have been many up-dates during the year from Council officers regarding trees, enviro crime, The Local Development Framework, Street Lighting, the Area Review and Architects have given presentations to explain proposed developments.

This is the end of the municipal year and our next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> June, where we will be voting for the chairman and vice chairman for 2009/2010.

*Irene Stone*

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### **Enfield Civic Environment Group Report**

There have only been two meetings of this group since the last AGM. One in September of last year that I was unable to attend and it was decided then to have a review of the area situation about six months later. In March of this year, we met again and learned that there are no longer town centre managers employed. We always had the current town centre manager on the group and he kept us well informed on everything happening in Enfield Town. A previous manager is still a member to the group so although he works elsewhere, his previous knowledge regarding Enfield is useful.

There is an Enfield Town Centre Action Plan Preferred Options report, due to be published for consultation later this year and will be for the Conservation Area, which will inform the preparation of the final version of the Enfield Area Action Plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. This we will be looking at. I have just sent our comments on Action Plans for the North Circular area around Bounds Green, including New Southgate, and one for Enfield. These are further consultations on preferred options for the final Core Strategy that will be part of the Council's Local Development Framework that will replace the existing Unitary Development Plan. I have these here if anyone wishes to see them.

There is another meeting later this month, so hopefully we will be able to continue our involvement with the council in all aspects of keeping the Town and its surrounding areas as a sustainable centre with good traffic management.

*Irene Stone*

## 'CAN'T SEE THE WOOD FOR TREES'



The new lampposts in Chase Side Southgate are from a street scene point of view very disappointing. The lamp standards and light fittings are of a very heavy traditional design, and are unnecessarily obtrusive.

One would have thought that with the use of more efficient and up to date light fittings there would have been less, but in actual fact the result is the reverse. Sadly, there are more than twice the number of lampposts that are of a large diameter, topped with very large hanging lanterns, the resulting appearance being much too heavy.

Worse still the lampposts are very high, and the lanterns are now all visible well up into the sky. It would have been preferable to have chosen the more slender modern lampposts and light fittings that are being used elsewhere.

As a result Chase Side has changed from a street of buildings into a forest of lampposts, and unfortunately the new installation has damaged the street scene.

*Chris Howell*

## WOODCROFT WILDSpace - DIRTY WEEKEND 7 JUNE 2009



The popular BBC Springwatch series this year asked people to get out and get their hands dirty, doing one thing for nature, in partnership with BBC Breathing Places, under the banner of the Dirty Weekend, on 6-7 June. Our local fledgling wildlife park, Woodcroft Wildspace, was among hundreds of groups around the country who held events to encourage everyone, and especially children, to give wildlife a helping hand. The weather was kind, and a lot of local people came to visit the area, to see and take part in what was being done there, like planting seeds of bee friendly plants, and just enjoy the space. (Note - someone from Woodcroft will be speaking to our History Group in September).



## **CIVIC TRUST UPDATE – Launch of Civic Society Initiative**

The SDCT has been sent information on this new initiative intended to support the country's Civic Trusts and Civic Societies. Below is the key information from the press release and briefing documents.

The civic society movement – one of the country's unsung treasures – was boosted by the launch of an initiative to strengthen its network of over 1,000 voluntary civic and amenity societies and 250,000 members.

The Civic Society Initiative was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> June by Griff Rhys Jones in London's Covent Garden. This follows the Civic Trust – which had provided the national voice for civic societies for 50 years - going into administration in April 2009.

The Civic Society Initiative is being funded and supported by the National Trust, North of England Civic Trust, Campaign to Protect Rural England, and Royal Institute of British Architects among others. It will work with local societies and other community groups to develop a strong champion for civic societies and a network of support that makes their collective voice stronger still.

Speaking at the launch and announcing a £50,000 appeal for funds, Griff Rhys Jones said: "The need for a vibrant civic society movement is greater than ever before and we are enormously grateful to the organisations that have rallied round with offers of financial and practical help. With the right support we can build a movement to support and champion community action for local places that is stronger than ever."

The Civic Society Initiative will be led by seasoned campaigner and community advocate Tony Burton. He said we urge all those who care for the place where they live to get involved and keep in touch at [www.civicsocietyinitiative.org.uk](http://www.civicsocietyinitiative.org.uk)."

There is a lot of other information, but the key points appear to be:

### **What is the Civic Society Initiative?**

The Civic Society Initiative is being set up to ensure the civic society movement has a strong national voice and an effective support structure. The thinking behind this is based on three assumptions:

- the civic society movement needs an independent champion
- the movement needs to be supported as a volunteer network where the voice of individual societies and local groups can be strengthened
- the future needs to be rooted in what societies want and they need to drive the way forward.

### **How long will the Initiative last?**

Common sense says that we should not rush to replace an organisation of over fifty years standing overnight. Instead, it should be the subject of considered debate and wide consultation. Therefore, it is anticipated this initiative will take up to twelve months to complete its review and put in place whatever structures are agreed to be necessary to provide both a national voice and support for the civic society movement.

### **Will civic societies have the chance to input into the new organisations?**

This is the fundamental purpose of the Civic Society Initiative. While there has been no decision as to whether a new organisation is even needed, it is essential that the solution meets the needs of the civic societies and other similar community groups.

### **What can I do to help/what can our society do to help?**

The initiative needs to raise £50,000 in the next few weeks to have a fighting chance of putting the civic society movement where it belongs - at the heart of community action for the places where we all live. The fund raising has already started with an aim to raise money from each society as well as individuals.

As this initiative continues, I will provide information to SDCT members. However, there is a lot more information available from the Civic Societies Initiative (above) or Civic Society Initiative, 3rd floor, 128 Southwark Street, London, SE1 0SW.

*Jane Maggs*

## **HISTORY GROUP – 100 Years of the North Circular Road**

Our speaker at the May meeting was Reg Hart, who has lived in Palmers Green all his life, close to the North Circular Road, and has taken an interest in it for many years. Although this road extends from Hammersmith to Barking, in this talk he covered just the section from Colney Hatch Lane to Chingford.

The concept of creating a trunk road which circled north London was first talked about in 1916, and it was gradually completed in sections. The last part was Pinkham Way, opened in April 1933, named after Sir Charles Pinkham, Chairman of the Middlesex Highways Committee. This required tunnelling through the large railway embankment, and building two bridges to support the lines, which at that time consisted of 15 tracks. (One of these bridges is now redundant, but has been built on by the Builders Depot.). The ceremony included planting a tree and plaque on the Colney Hatch Lane roundabout. This is now a busy flyover.

Schemes to improve our local stretch of the road go back to 1956! Reg attended the first meeting, which discussed a proposed development of the Bowes Road section, to relieve the bottleneck. There has always been a tension between road widening and housing. Many owner occupiers had to give up their properties, which were then left to go to rack and ruin.

Telford Road, named in honour of Sir Thomas Telford, the road builder, was constructed with wide pavements and grass verges, which would allow for widening, but when the Piccadilly Line was extended to Arnos Grove, the bridge across Telford Road was built with the support stanchions too close together to widen to its full extent. The continuation into Bowes Road, at Wilmer Way, is a sharp turn, which makes for a more awkward junction.

In Bowes Road, the Ritz cinema (now the Jehovah's Witnesses Hall) used to be a major attraction, and this, plus the shops along this side of the road, were also set well back to accommodate widening. In 1963/64 the main line railway bridge over Bowes Road was widened to include another span, in preparation for a dual carriageway, but this has never been used, and enquiries indicate that the current plans do not include it! The road level under this bridge was lowered at the same time, to increase the headroom. This caused a problem with the New River, which had to be diverted through a culvert under the road. To prevent blockages here, an automatic weed and debris collector was installed in 1966, which has worked tirelessly ever since.

In November 1933, at the junction between Bowes Road and Palmerston Road, then a crossroads, London's first vehicle controlled traffic lights were installed, which local children had fun with, jumping up and down on the sensors to fool the system! The row of houses on the north side of Bowes Road, between Palmerston Road and Green Lanes, were demolished in the 1960s, again to prepare for widening. This area of open space was quickly occupied by travellers' caravans. After unsuccessful attempts to prevent this by installing posts along the edge, the Council eventually built it up with mounds of earth.

Before the section between Bowes Road and the Cambridge Road was built, the main route through the area was via Tottenham Road, and the tollgate at Tile Kiln Lane. We were shown the sad view of the old employment exchange and toilets, opposite the Cock Inn, which had been closed and left derelict, to fall prey to vandalism. Further along, the Metal Box factory overlooked the road. This was a former perfumery, but became a major employer in the area. A sense of how much the road had changed could be seen in a view of the Cambridge Roundabout, and Cambridge pub, with hardly a vehicle in sight, and a policeman on point duty. An underpass was proposed here as early as 1966.

The original route continued along Silver Street, until 1980, when the new Stirling Way was constructed. An old view of Angel Corner brought back memories for many: the Angel pub, Regal Cinema and Brentford Nylons. The Regal also produced stage shows, and a poster proudly displayed the appearance of American star of the 1950s, Paul Anka, who had a local family connection in Edmonton. Along the Angel Road were many major industries: MK Electrics, BOC and furniture manufacturers. Our journey concluded at the River Lea, and the Cooks Ferry (the "Anglers pub").

The history of this road had provided many features and stories, but we were left with the conclusion that there had been a lot of money wasted on schemes and developments which had never materialised, and the disastrous effect this had had on people living near the road. We will have to wait and see what the current development plans bring.

*Colin Barratt*

## **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR DISTRICT?**

Not very well, it seems, if the entries to the Trust's competition at the Southgate May Fair this year are anything to go by. We asked visitors to our stall to identify from photographs 12 buildings still standing in the Trust's area, the winner to receive a Trust publication of their choice.

The contest proved challenging. The winning entry came from Keith Cunningham, to whom we offer congratulations. Some members asked that we should publish the answers in the Newsletter, so here they are, with the pictures to which they relate.



**1. Cannon House, Cannon Hill**



**2. Esther Doe Lodge, Paulin Drive**



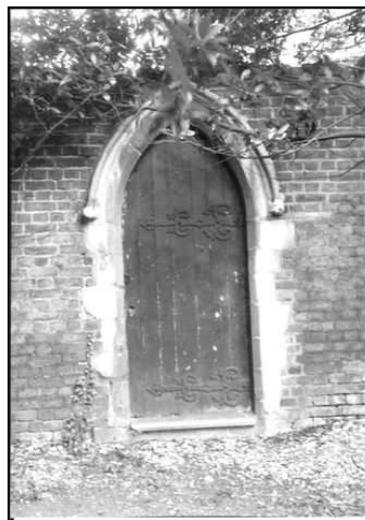
**3. Grovelands Priory Hospital (new wing)**



**4. Vicars Moor Lane (nos. 112, 110, 108)**



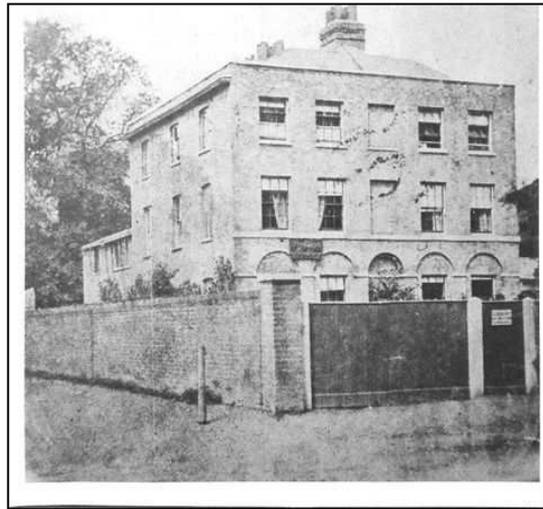
**5. Broomfield Park, Summer House**



**6. Waterfall Road, door in churchyard wall**



7. Corrib Court, Fox Lane (former school)



8. High Street (no.107), corner of Blagdens Lane



9. Arlow Road (no.36), corner of Haslemere Road



10. Grovelands Priory Hospital (window)



11. Minchenden Lodge, Blagdens Lane



12. Vicars Moor Lane (no.100)

The most widely recognised buildings were the Broomfield Summer House and Corrib Court. No one recognised the new wing of Grovelands or Minchenden Lodge. How would you have done?

*Peter Hodge*