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## HERNE HILL SOCIETY EVENTS

At Herne Hill United Church Hall, at **7:30 for 7:45pm**, unless otherwise stated.

### **Wednesday 12 November:**

“Lambeth Mediation Service” by Sonia Reid

What is mediation?

How and when does it work?

How LMS works in the community.

Success or failure?

### **Wednesday 10 December:**

“Music Halls of London”

by Chris Sumner, Chair of Waltham Abbey Historical Society

Join us in a seasonal treat as we explore the amusements of times past.

### **Wednesday 14 January 2009:**

“Astronomers and Oddities: The Royal Astronomical Society and its Library”

by Peter Hingley

The talk will include local references and items of interest, including some special telescopes.

### **Wednesday 11 February:**

“Black Cultural Archives” The history and development, including the move to Raleigh Hall. Speaker to be confirmed.

### **Wednesday 11 March:**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed by “Educating Ethel”, the story of education for girls

by Anne Ward, Lambeth Archives.

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## HERNE HILL FORUM SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The Forum held two successful events in September, the purpose being to encourage residents and traders to share their ideas of a vision for the future of Herne Hill. Members of the Society worked on both occasions as part of the Forum.

On the 11th there was an open evening meeting in the Baptist Church Hall in Half Moon Lane, attended by around 65 people, including local councillors and Council Officers from both Lambeth and Southwark. There was an inspirational speech and a ‘walk round Herne Hill’ on power point from local resident and Chair of the Civic Trust, Philip Kolvin.



### **The Railton Road Event on 13 September**

The second event was held in a marquee in the old wood yard in Railton Road on Saturday the 13th, where several hundred people dropped in during the day to chat and exchange ideas. This resulted in over a thousand post-it notes filled with ideas and suggestions.

Overwhelmingly people like Herne Hill but want it to be better: **cleaner** with, for example, a solution found for the large council waste bins cluttering the pavements, especially in Milkwood Road; **more exciting to shop at**,

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with pedestrian priority at the southern end of Railton Road and market stalls and there were several pleas for a book shop for adults; **safer**, with less traffic and noise and a cleaner and brighter solution for the tunnel under the railway.

The reduction in the Post Office service since the counter moved to Cost Cutters and the Sorting Office closed, as well as the loss of our last bank and its reliable cash point have been significant downward moves over the last few years. The question of the empty Lloyds Bank building on a prominent corner in Half Moon lane featured, as well as the uncertainty of what should be built on the old petrol station site, which together with the adjacent Sorting Office building remains open for development. This is an important opportunity for development for Herne Hill and the Society as part of the Forum will work towards the best solution for Herne Hill. All these items were raised and will be part of the 'master vision and plan' the Forum will produce as a result of this exercise.

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## HERNE HILL JUNCTION PROJECT

The project continues to progress, but rather slower than hoped. Expectations that work would begin this autumn have proved over-optimistic and it now seems that the New Year is the earliest it could start. I spent the whole day at the Herne Hill Forum's September event in Railton Road and was very impressed with the enormous support for the project from local people. I met only two people who were not fully in favour. The overall message was "Get on with it!"

At this late stage, the Friends of Brockwell Park committee has put forward an alternative design for the area round the Park entrance. They have sent their 'alternative' proposal to Lambeth and to the Mayor of London. Some 45% less Park land would be affected compared with the agreed scheme. However, it involves curving the slip road and exiting it some 16 metres closer to the junction. Evaluation has clearly shown that this proposal is inherently unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. In particular: sight lines are compromised with pedestrians being less visible, traffic speeds would be increased, there would be less protection for cyclists, there would be a greater danger of conflict between vehicles exiting onto Dulwich Road and those approaching from the right. The scope for attractive landscaping and tree planting would also be reduced and the pedestrian island would have significantly less value as a refuge for people attending large events.

Important progress has been made:

- Assurances have been received from Transport for London (TfL) that the £450k for work scheduled to be carried out in the current financial year has been ring-fenced. However, we are still waiting for final confirmation of the additional £1.1 million needed in 2009 for the remainder of the project – principally the improvement work in Railton Road.
- Traffic modelling has been completed. Discussions continue with TfL on some traffic signalling issues, principally whether the south-bound exit from Railton Road exclusively for heavy delivery vehicles should be signalled – we strongly believe it should not.
- The landscaping within the Park and the line of the Park fence have been agreed.
- Consultants have produced two alternative designs for Railton Road. One, the more expensive, has a completely shared space throughout (from Rymer Street to the junction). The second and preferred option retains much of the existing road surface, with 'shared space' outside the station. It can be achieved within the available budget.
- Negotiations on widening and improving Brockwell Passage are progressing.

**See centre pages** of this Newsletter for the latest and preferred proposals for the Junction, including Railton Road. Questions, comments and views are still welcome. Please send these to me at the email address on the back page of this Newsletter.

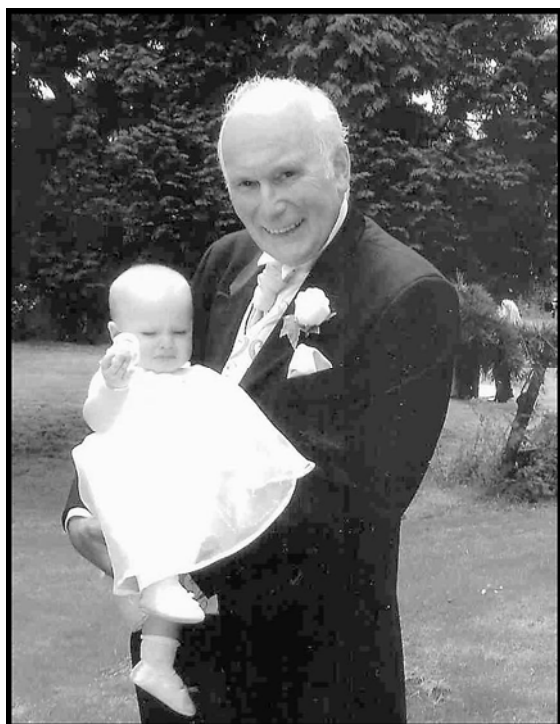
We will continue to regularly update the Society's website [www.hernehillsociety.org.uk](http://www.hernehillsociety.org.uk) with news of progress.

John Brunton

## DAVID PATIENT 1947-2008

Our former Treasurer, David Patient, sadly died on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the age of 61, after a long illness. He is much missed by his wife Jacqui and his family and friends.

David was born on 19th February 1947 in Camberwell and lived there with his parents and two brothers and sister, growing up in the fifties and sixties. He attended Comber Grove Primary School and then went on to William Penn School, Red Post Hill. After leaving school he decided he wanted to be a draughtsman, and so enrolled at the Brixton College of Building, and worked in the building trade.



**David with granddaughter Jessica**

He moved on to become a camera technician in the betting industry, which led on to a job working at a Microfilm Bureau, putting important documents on to microfiche. This was his job for many years until he was made redundant in the 1990s, after which he found a job at the Foreign Office, finally moving to the Financial Division, where he was working until a few weeks before he died.

David had many other interests, the chief being his family; Jacqui, his wife of twenty six years, was always a huge support to him, and cared for him lovingly throughout his illness. He was a proud father to three sons and doting grandfather to Jessica and Nathan.

David volunteered to be Treasurer of the Herne Hill Society in March 1988, and served in this responsible role for almost 20 years, until he stepped down in December 2007. During this time he worked as an Officer of the Committee with six

different chair people in a most conscientious, organised and committed way. As well as keeping a firm but fair hand on the financial matters of the Society, he also contributed in many other ways. For many years David and Jacqui organised our stall at the Lambeth Country Show, from customising and storing the tent and producing the displays, to ordering the publications and of course, counting the money. He famously had boxes of publications in the loft and every so often would find another box of books we could sell. Every month he created the poster for the main meeting and sourced the prizes and organised the raffle. He was proud that the raffle money each month paid for the hire of the hall.

David was a keen gardener and the cottage garden at the front of no 51 Casino Avenue was always a riot of colour. When he was not well enough, Jacqui told me that she did the gardening, but under instruction from David. I am sure it will continue to be a beautiful garden for David.

I pay tribute to this gentle giant who contributed so much to the success of the Society for twenty years, and was a good friend to us all.

*SN*

I first met Dave in 1982 when I joined the microfilm bureau in the City, where he worked. We soon struck up a relationship and would stop off for an after work drink on Friday evenings.

When my marriage broke up in 1988, I moved from Surrey, into London. It was in 1990 that Dave invited me to a Herne Hill Society meeting. I didn't really know where Herne Hill was, at the time. I recall Robert talking about the Pullman Grand Cinema. "Where exactly is the cinema" I asked. "Opposite Herne Hill Station", was the reply. I didn't dare ask where the Station was!

A year or two later, I urgently needed somewhere to live. Dave came to the rescue and put me in touch with his friend, Ted, in Stradella Road. I subsequently moved in with Ted and gained innumerable friends.

Although we all knew that Dave was unwell, his death was rather untimely. None of us expected him to go so soon, least of all, Dave himself. Had he known, he would have insisted on a good write up!

Dave and Jacqui have been truly good friends for over 25 years. Dave will be greatly missed.

*John Smallwood,  
Production Editor*

## TRANSPORT NEWS

### The "Way to Go" (or not)

The "Way to Go" is a consultation document issued by the Mayor of London setting out his far-reaching transport policy for the years ahead. It prioritises what he thinks possible and jettisons anything which he considers cannot be funded. In the latter category have tragically fallen the London (formerly Croydon) Tramlink extension to Crystal Palace and the widely-supported Cross River Tram. This would have linked Peckham and Brixton with Camden Town via the Elephant and Waterloo and would have provided an environmentally-friendly tram system capable of handling up to 40 million passengers a year plus a huge regeneration along its route. This is while Edinburgh prepares to open its new tram system in late 2011 and the Manchester Metrolink and Dublin ones are doubling in size.

At a packed and excellent People's Question Time, which I attended in Bromley, the Mayor explained that his predecessor had provided for consultation and development costs for the schemes, but had never put the funding in place to build them. In the current climate he saw no possibility of funding despite the fact that many of the GLA Members fully support these schemes.

The "Way to Go" is a consultation document and there is plenty of good news for cyclists plus bus, tube and train users. There is also, at last, an end to the persecution of motorists. The document is accessible via the Mayor of London website ([www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk) follow link to Way to Go) and all of us are invited to email the Mayor with our

thoughts and views during the next couple of months, after which a final Strategy will be released in the spring.

As south and south-east London are missing out entirely on the Olympics (which as a keen sportsman I support), and have virtually no tube lines, I hope HHS Members will push for the Tramlink extensions to be reinstated (Tramlink is currently carrying over 20 million people, with many people enticed from their cars).

Trains: the new timetables commence on 14th December and they contain the disturbing news that, from that date, owing to an increase in fast mainline services from London, almost all direct services from North Dulwich to East Croydon will cease (the 08.32 outbound will still operate). Travellers will have to change once or twice depending on the service chosen at either Crystal Palace/Norwood Junction or at West Croydon (and then a tram connection). This will not only lengthen the journey considerably but is a major inconvenience for those flying from Gatwick. The new timetables are firm and thus a fait accompli. Our local Councillors are making representations for the present good service to be reinstated.

Buses: The long-running (sic short-running) saga of the 42 bus continues. Latest news is that discussions about the extension to Sainsbury's Dog Kennel Hill, via Dulwich Hospital, are being re-opened. Sainsbury's have already made provision for a suitable bus stand. Also, from early January, because of major long-running works at Tottenham Court Road underground station, the 176 will terminate there and no longer continue to Oxford Circus.

*David Cianfarani*

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## MUSIC IN RUSKIN PARK

The final concert in a series of six took place on the bandstand in Ruskin Park on Saturday 25th October. Organised by Andrew Makower on behalf



**Ruskin Park bandstand concert**

of the Friends of Ruskin Park, the audience in some weeks has been as many as 150. Though this last concert was attended by around 50 people, bravely sitting on deckchairs in the rather fresh autumn wind. The band members produced a very lively sound with many familiar tunes in true Saturday afternoon concert tradition and were much appreciated by the audience.

Next year we hope to let you know about these concerts in advance, and will do our best to help publicise them more widely than notices on the gates of the park. The next concert will be on **Sunday 14th December at 2pm: Christmas Carols with the Salvation Army band** from over the road. I hope to see you there.

*SN*

## ANOTHER CONSERVATION AREA FOR HERNE HILL?

Earlier this year we reported on the Society's success at getting Lambeth to designate a Conservation Area at the bottom of Herne Hill and round the corner into Milkwood Road. We are now pleased to report that another Conservation Area is being considered for Herne Hill, this time on the Southwark side and covering the Sunray Estate (mainly Casino Avenue, Red Post Hill and Sunray Avenue). The Estate is of significant historical and architectural interest. The 292 dwellings were all built in the same style, between 1920 and 1922 by the then 'Board of Works'. This was a response to Lloyd George's call for "homes fit for heroes" for servicemen returning from the Great War.

A consultation exercise had shown that a majority of those responding supported the proposal for a Conservation Area. At its November planning meeting, the Dulwich Community Council (DCC) also expressed strong and unanimous support and agreed that Sunray Gardens should come within the designated Area. Views were divided on whether St. Faith's Church, the Hall and Vicarage should be included. Nevertheless, the DCC will be recommending that the Southwark Planning Committee ratify the proposal.

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## CONTROLLED PARKING IN HERNE HILL

### Herne Hill CPZ

As trailed in the last edition of the Newsletter, proposals for the Herne Hill CPZ have now been agreed. It was originally intended that a new zone, comprising the streets close to Ruskin Park, would be implemented this autumn. The area near Herne Hill station will not be part of the scheme. However, there have been delays caused by the failure of one company to supply the required equipment resulting in this having to be sourced from elsewhere. There has also been continuing opposition to the scheme and Lambeth Officers have had to deal with a petition and respond to over 70 letters of complaint. Most of these have concerned with the cost of permits.

It is expected that the scheme will now be in place in February 2009. Lambeth has written to residents with further details. The future of controlled parking in the area near to Herne Hill station will be reviewed over the next year.

### Tulse Hill CPZ

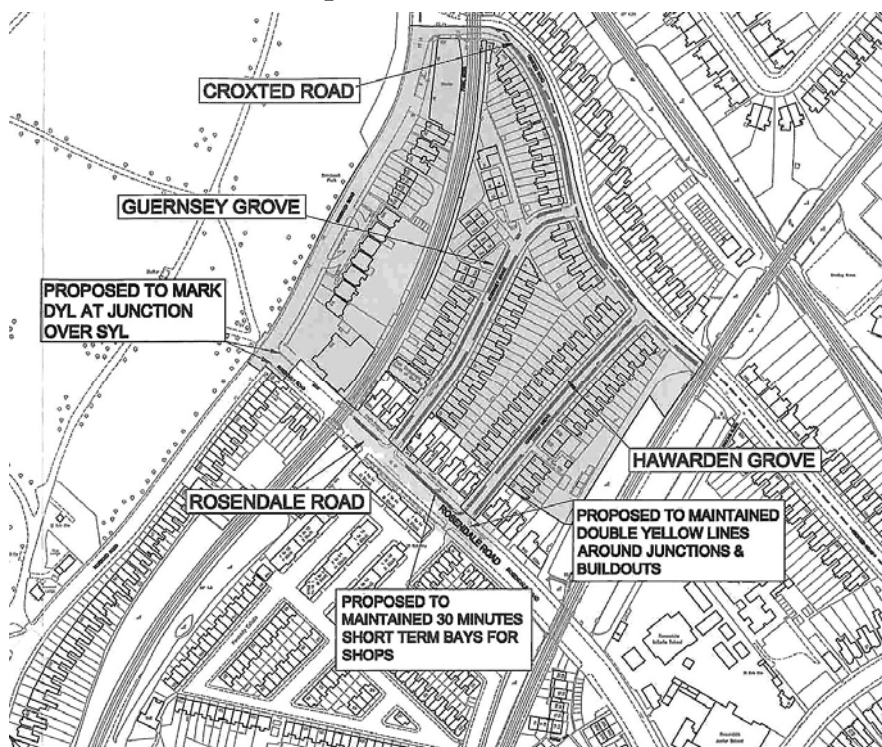
In November and December 2007, Lambeth carried out a consultation exercise over a wide area of Tulse Hill, going as far south as Lancaster Avenue. The aim was to take residents' views about the possibility of extending the current Controlled Parking Zone centred round Tulse Hill Station. The southern part of Herne Hill – bounded by Croxted, Rosendale and Turney Roads – was included in the consultation. The results showed that, in only a few of the streets consulted, did a majority of residents favour controlled parking. However, in Hawarden and Guernsey Groves, a significant majority supported a CPZ (74% and 71% respectively of those who responded).

Lambeth then carried out a second stage consultation on detailed plans for introducing CPZs in those streets where a majority had been in favour. The results still showed support for the proposals in Hawarden and Guernsey Groves as well as a majority (83% of responders) of people living in Croxted Road, between Hawarden Grove and Norwood Road. Most support was for restricted parking all day, Monday to Friday. There was also an identified need for short term shopper parking outside the Rosendale Road shops and the Croxted Road Garden Centre.

Surprisingly Brockwell Park Gardens, which suffers significant parking stress, voted against parking controls in the second consultation despite having been supportive in the first round.

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### Proposed CPZ for 'Groves' area



Plan of proposed CPZ for 'Groves' area

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Although subject to a final decision, in Herne Hill Lambeth plan now to introduce controlled parking in Hawarden Grove, Guernsey Grove, Rosendale Road and Croxted Road (numbers 295-261). Local traders will also benefit from short-term parking outside their premises. Final proposals are scheduled to be advertised in January 2009. Following a period for objections, construction work should be carried out in April/May and parking restrictions are planned to be in force in May/June.

JB

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Thanks to our successful application for funding from the Dulwich Community Council's 'Cleaner, Greener, Safer' programme, a community notice board will soon be erected in Half Moon Lane. It will be located on the edge of the pavement outside the Londis shop at number 14. The cycle racks currently occupying that site will be moved a little further along the road.

The Notice Board is in an attractive 'heritage' design in keeping with its surroundings. It will be available to all local societies and organisations to help bring their existence and their activities to the attention of a wider public.

## A HERNE HILL PCSO

My name is Kelly and I am one of your local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) from the



**Herne Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Herne Hill Safer Neighbourhood Police Team which, including myself, is made up of one Sergeant, two PCs and three PCSOs.

The Herne Hill Ward covers a large geographical area and is one of the biggest Wards in Lambeth. I conduct patrols in all areas of the Ward and have a micro beat within Herne Hill itself. Over the years I have gained extensive knowledge of the area, which covers Brockwell Park and all the surrounding side streets between Railton Road and Dulwich Road.

I have found that by focusing much of my time in one specific area it enables me to familiarise myself with community members and provide the consistency that residents want by seeing the same face on a daily basis rather than an officer they may only see every now and then.

As a PCSO my role in the community is key to the delivery of Safer Neighbourhoods. I provide visible, accessible and familiar community engagement, yet also support front line policing in non-confrontational roles. My day to day tasks are varied and people may speak to me for many different reasons from dealing with a community issues, maintaining order in public places, addressing low-level anti-social behaviour and tackling youth disorder; or to just stopping to have a friendly chat. But my main duty is to patrol the local streets either on foot or by cycle and provide reassurance and a visible Police presence for the many members of this diverse community.

Having been in the role for over three and a half years now, I have come to know many of the local business owners who are always friendly and inviting. I have a

great working relationship with the Park Rangers who do a fantastic job within Brockwell and Ruskin Parks and not to mention the many local residents who I visit and speak to on a regular basis.

This year I have been welcomed into the local school on Regent Road, St Jude's Primary, by both the staff, pupils and parents and have attended the school's first Summer Fair, School Sports Day and last term the fantastic Year 6 leavers' assembly. The input I have with the school is very rewarding and having a positive influence on the youth in the community is something I am very passionate about.

For the past three years I have taken part in the Junior Citizens' Scheme which has seen Year Six pupils from both St Saviour's Primary and Jessop Primary attend. I have been able to teach them about personal safety when out on the street and also safety when using the internet.

I thoroughly enjoy working on the Herne Hill Ward. No two days are ever the same and guarantee that there is always

something to keep me busy.

The Team contact details can be found on the internet at [www.met.police.co.uk/saferneighbourhoods](http://www.met.police.co.uk/saferneighbourhoods)

*Kelly Moseley, PCSO*

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## MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to new members who joined us during the summer: Chris Brown (Life member), Deirdre Coleman, Jane Holding, Nanna Lüneborg and Cleg Lerner, Tanya Shoop, Sheila Ward and Courtney Jewell.

Dick Tooze has renewed his membership but as a Life Member, for which we are most grateful.

Members who pay by annual subscription will find a renewal form with this Newsletter.

Please send me your completed forms by 31st January 2009. This will help us save paper by avoiding having to send out reminders with the Spring Newsletter.

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## BRAIN OF LAMBETH 2008

The Brain of Lambeth quiz took place at Lambeth Town Hall on Thursday 23rd October. In an exciting and close run competition, the Society's team came a close second to the Streatham Society, with the Green Party just behind in third place and the Lambethans coming fourth.

The Society team was Brenda Jones, Frances Lamb, Sheila Northover and Colin Wight.

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## BOOK AND MAP NEWS

As you may know, I have taken over the Herne Hill Society publications from our very good friend, the late David Patient, and I wish to pay tribute to him for all the work he has done in maintaining the book and map stock over many years, in addition to his outstanding contribution to the Herne Hill Society as our treasurer for even more years. He will be much missed by his family and his many friends in Herne Hill and beyond.

The list of old Ordnance Survey maps that we stock has been reviewed, and we now have copies of the 15 maps, for various dates, which cover the area in and around Herne Hill, plus the Crystal Palace. In response to a suggestion from Bill Kirby, I have asked Alan Godfrey Maps if they would publish the map of Brixton and Herne Hill for 1913/1914. This would cover the considerable area east of the railway line, between Milkwood Road, Herne Hill and Half Moon Lane, an area in which many of our members live. Alan Godfrey has replied by saying that he is as keen to fill this gap as we are, and that we should keep reminding him. I shall do so. We sell the maps at the very special price of £2 each, 3 for £5, and the full list is on the latest order form.

The book list has been trimmed to 25 highly informative books that cover Herne Hill, Brockwell Park, Lambeth, Southwark and special aspects of local history. No bookcase in Herne Hill is complete without copies of each of these fascinating books, so we have revised the HHS publications order form, in order to help you decide which books you need to buy. It goes without saying that they all make wonderful Christmas, birthday and wedding presents.

**SPECIAL OFFER** One highly recommended and very popular book is "Streatham in the Twentieth Century", by John Brown and Patrick Loobey. It is profusely illustrated and packed with interesting facts about Streatham. We have just six copies remaining, and these have been reduced to clear, from £15 to £10. Buy now while stocks last.

Among the books that I have recently ordered or re-ordered, I draw your particular attention to the following:

"HERNE HILL STADIUM TO HERNE HILL VELODROME: A History from 1891 to 2007" by John Watts. This excellent book was warmly reviewed by David Taylor a year ago in HHS Newsletter number 100. It covers the history of perhaps the most famous site in Herne Hill, the location of the cycling events in the 1948 Olympics, as well as the story of 100 years of track racing in London. It was the runaway (or should that be bikeaway?) best seller at this year's Lambeth Country Show, when we sold fifteen copies. The book is available at the very reasonable price of £5.

"OUT OF THE BLUE: A Celebration of Brockwell Park Lido 1937-2007" by Peter Bradley. This splendid book was also warmly reviewed a year ago

in HHS Newsletter number 100. It tells you everything that you ever wanted to know about the Lido. It is well written, beautifully illustrated, and a fascinating record of the deep affection in which this special amenity is held. Copies are available at the very reasonable price of £6.

"NO STONE UNTURNED: The Story of a Streatham Suffragette" by Anne Ward This is the story of Leonora Tyson, a strong and courageous warrior for the right of women to have the vote, who was active in the campaign in south London for many years. Anne's talk to the Society was also warmly reviewed a year ago in HHS Newsletter number 100, and the book is a very touching reminder of the bravery of the women and men involved in the Suffragette movement. It is available at the very reasonable price of £2.50.

"OBSESSION: A Life in Wireless" by Gerald Wells. This absorbing book is the autobiography of the founder of the British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum in West Dulwich. It is a fascinating read, full of interesting details and local colour, and it will be reviewed in a future edition of the HHS Newsletter. It is available at the very reasonable price of £6.

**ORDER FORM** A copy of our latest order form is enclosed. The cost of packing and postage should be added to the above prices, and all orders will be dealt with promptly, certainly in time for Christmas 2008.

I shall welcome your comments on any of the books on our book list. If you come across any other publications that you think might be of interest to our members, please let me know.

*Robert Holden*  
*robertjholden@btinternet.com*

### STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

I have just received the latest list of old Ordnance Survey maps from Alan Godfrey Maps, and would you believe it? In response to our request, the Brixton and Herne Hill map for 1913 is "due to be published in November 2008". I have ordered 30 copies, and wonder if that will be enough. You can be the first person in your street to have a copy, and you will then be the envy of all your neighbours and friends. Order your copy today.

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## OTHER SOCIETIES' EVENTS

Continuing to 18 January 2009

**Dulwich Picture Gallery:**

'What Are You Like?' Self-revealing Artworks from People in the Public Eye

**Monday 17 November at 8:00pm**

**Streatham Society:**

"You Lucky People" An A to Z of Streatham's entertainers by Tony Fletcher

at "Woodlands", 16 Leigham Court Road SW16

**Wednesday 19 November at 7:30 for 8:00pm**

**Clapham Society:**

"Clapham 1945-60" Illustrated talk by Peter Skuse on growing up in post-war Clapham, at Manor Primary School, Belmont Road SW4

**Thursday 20 November at 8:00pm**

**Norwood Society:**

"Kennington and Stockwell" by Jim Nicholson, Vauxhall Society. at Phoenix Centre, Westow Street, Upper Norwood SE19

**Saturday 22 November at 2:30pm**

**Friends of West Norwood Cemetery:**

"Indignities Suffered by the Famous Dead" Illustrated talk by Robert Stephenson at Chatsworth Baptist Church, Chatsworth Way SE27

**Wednesday 26 November – 15 February 2009**

**Dulwich Picture Gallery:**

'Saul Steinberg – Illuminations': From The New Yorker to cartography, from greeting cards to gallery art, the comic genius of modernism unmarks the 20th century.

£9, £8 Seniors, £4 Cons., Friends and children Free.

**Saturday 6 December at 11:00am**

**Friends of Carnegie Library:**

Winter Fair: "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"

Community stalls, cards, gifts, fun activities, costumes, seasonal refreshments; a visit from a red-suited Personage

at Carnegie Library and Gallery, 188 Herne Hill Road.

**Thursday 11 December at 7:30 for 8:00pm**

**Dulwich Decorative and Fine Arts Society:**

"Glory to the Newborn King: Depictions of the Nativity in European Art"

by Dr James Lindow, at JAG's School, East Dulwich Grove SE22.

£7, £1 Students, Members Free

**Monday 5 January 2009 at 8:00pm**

**Streatham Society:**

"Recent Local History Discoveries" by various speakers at "Woodlands", 16 Leigham Court Road SW16

**Thursday 8 January at 7:30 for 8:00pm**

**Dulwich Decorative and Fine Arts Society:**

"Rebels and Martyrs – The Image of the Artist in the 19th Century"

by Lois Oliver, at JAG's School, East Dulwich Grove SE22.

£7, £1 Students, Members Free

**Monday 2 February at 8:00pm**

**Streatham Society:**

"Octavia Hill: Her Work and Influence on Social Housing", by Len Reilly.

at "Woodlands", 16 Leigham Court Road SW16

**Thursday 12 February at 7:30 for 8:00pm**

**Dulwich Decorative and Fine Arts Society:**

"The Barbizon School and French 19th Century Paintings"

by Dr Kathleen McLoughlan, at JAG's School, East Dulwich Grove SE22.

£7, £1 Students, Members Free

**Sunday 22 February at 3:00pm**

**Peckham Society:**

"Recent Archaeology in Southwark" by Dr Christopher Constable.

at Goose Green Centre, St John's Church, East Dulwich Road SE22.



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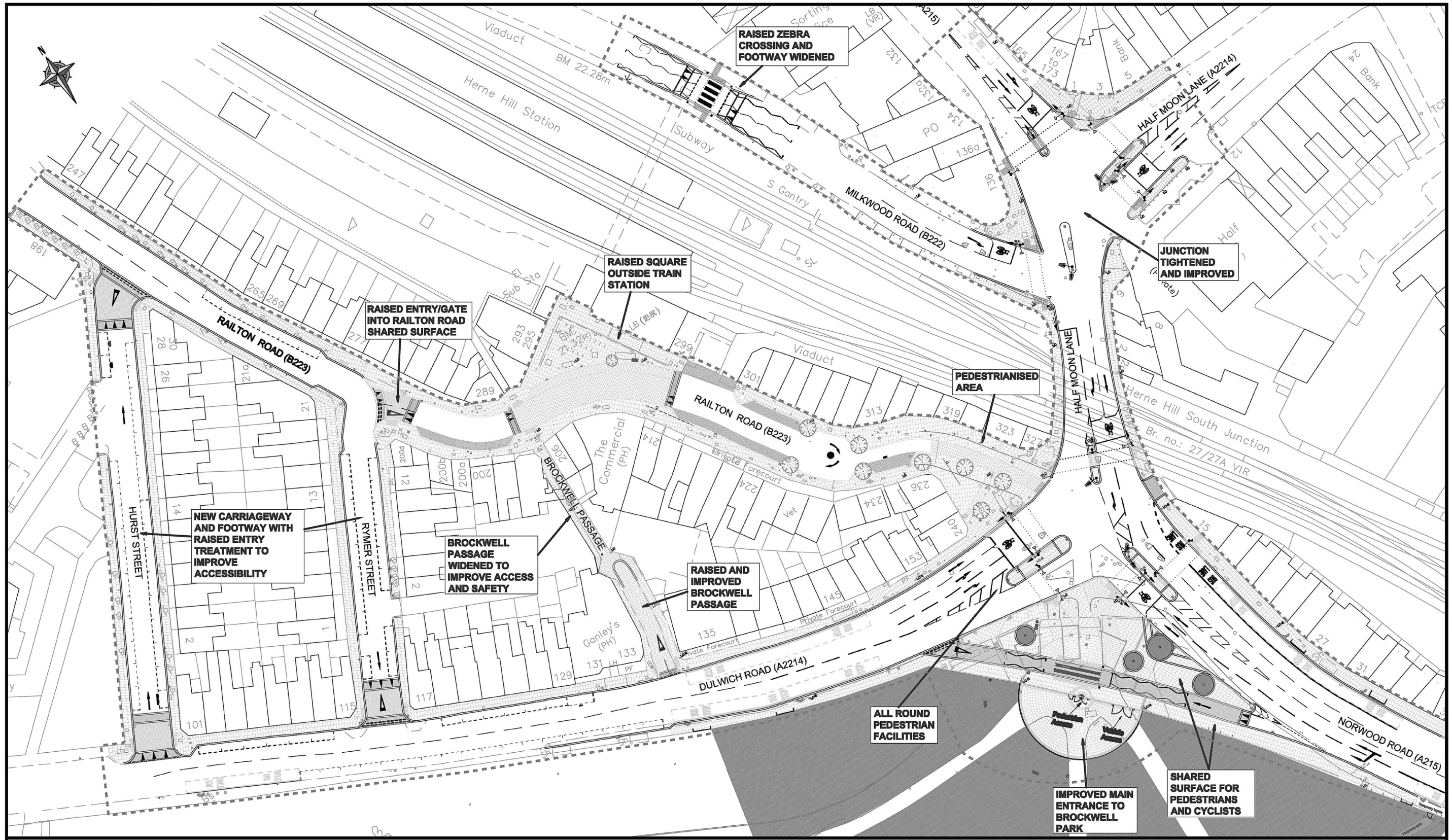


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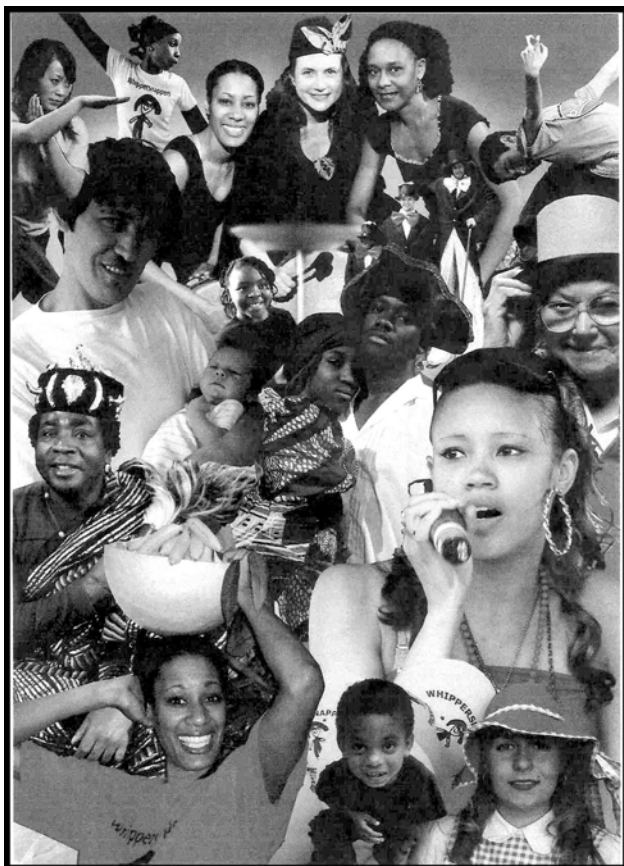
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## WHIPPERSNAPPERS

Since their foundation in 1994, Whippersnappers' mission has been to educate and entertain children and adults of all ages, needs and backgrounds through music, sports and the arts.

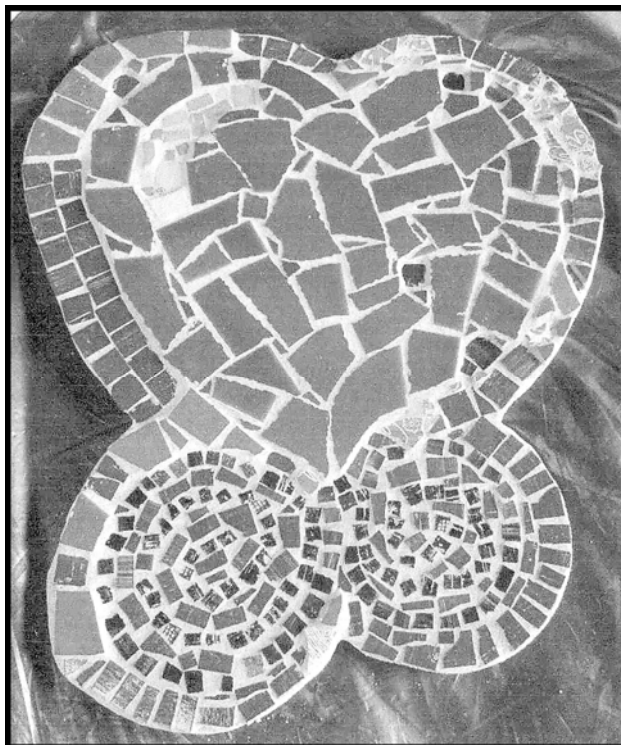
Whippersnappers' are based at Brockwell Lido but deliver London wide to primary and secondary schools, children centres, nurseries, museums,



community centres and theatres.

Children's activities at Whippersnappers include Classical Indian dance, Capoeira (an Angolan art form that ritualizes movement from martial arts, games, and dance), football, acrobatics, street dance, drama, Kung Fu, circus skills, under fives music and birthday parties. Whippersnappers also provide a performing arts youth club for 13 to 19 year olds and adults can sign up for African Drumming, Capoeira or Kung Fu classes. In fact there is something for everyone. The Elders' Tea Club has attracted over 60 members from the local area. The club offers Tai Chi, free lunches, arts and crafts and group walks to the Brockwell Park flower garden and green-houses. Violet, the club's oldest member, has shared her memories of playing netball in the 1930's on the site that is now the Lido. Other members have worked with The Brockwell Lido Users, contributing to the book 'Out Of The Blue'.

In July 2008 Whippersnappers invited 14 local primary and secondary schools to take part in the first swimming gala at Brockwell Lido since 1968. Clapham Manor Primary and Charter Secondary School won the 2008 swimming Trophies. Park Rangers, Brockwell Lido Users, the Herne Hill



Safer Neighbourhoods Team, pupils on work experience and local parents all helped to make the event a great success. Local Herne Hill businesses sponsored school gazebos; and Harry from "Olley's" Fish and Chip shop sponsored the medals.

Whippersnappers' other community outreach work includes working in partnership with the Herne Hill Forum delivering community Mosaic Art Workshops. A piece of public mural art is being designed and produced and is planned to be installed in the centre of Herne Hill in summer 2009.

Also in commemoration of Black History Month Whippersnappers have written and are touring a play entitled 'African Diaspora'. The play explores the heritage of young people of African and Caribbean descent helping them tackle issues of image and identity in 21st Century Britain.

Whippersnappers will be celebrating the end of 2008 with their annual Rasta Santa Christmas Theatre Production for all the family. As always they will be featuring local historical and geographical themes. If you would like any more information, please visit [www.whippersnappers.org](http://www.whippersnappers.org) or call Whippersnappers on 020 7738 66 33.

*Joko Fajara*

## DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY

The high point of Herne Hill's social calendar is rapidly approaching. The Friends of Carnegie Library will be holding our annual Winter Fair in the library on Saturday 6th December from 11am to 3pm.

Visitors to the fair in previous years had a great time and this year should be more fun than ever. Living Christmas decorations, twenty three of us at the last count, will festoon the halls, better known as the adult and children's libraries and art gallery. There will be a quiz to guess our identities and excellent chances of a prize. We will even allow children to help grownups with the answers if the children can be persuaded to leave their fascinating craft activities for long enough.

Santa is coming from Siberia and will be as attentive as always to your ever-so-reasonable wishes.

Community stalls will be selling cards and gifts for the season and a tempting range of arts and crafts. You can also try your luck at our ever popular tombola. Our famed home-made refreshments will be available for sale throughout.

Books to borrow and all other library services will be available as usual and anyone who is not already a member can join the library on producing proof of address.

*Stephen Carlill*  
Chair, Friends of Carnegie Library

## DO YOU KNOW THIS HOUSE?

We've had an enquiry through the Society's website from Dr. Peter Cattermole who lives in Somerset. He is looking for information about his Grandfather, George Frederick Ellyatt. George Ellyatt was an architect who, between 1900 to 1930, designed and built a number of arts and crafts influenced houses in Herne Hill and Dulwich. He lived at 10 Ruskin Walk (now probably number 18) from about 1905, when the house was built, until c.1909.



Dr Cattermole asked us whether the house in this watercolour painted by his Grandfather in 1910 could have been the Ellyatt home in Ruskin Walk. This is obviously not the case. However, he would be very interested to find out whether the house shown still exists and, if so, where it is.

If you have any suggestions about where this house might be, please do let us know and we'll pass the information on to Dr. Cattermole.

JB



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## PLANNING AND LICENSING

### 28 Acland Crescent

In commenting on an application to build a single storey extension at the rear of this property, that will involve a wall possibly up to four metres long and some three metres high, constructed along the boundary of the property, we have urged Lambeth thoroughly to investigate the possible impact of the proposed extension on neighbours' amenity before reaching a decision on this application.

### 181 Denmark Hill

An application was received by Southwark for the conversion of this former nurses' home close to the Denmark Hill junction with Red Post Hill into family houses with new houses in the back garden. The building, an attractive Victorian villa with a separate coach house has been vacant for some time and when an exhibition of plans was held on the site in the summer, several society members visited and in principle welcomed its refurbishment and the new development.

However when the detailed plans were submitted, it was felt that there were a number of problems. Firstly, because of the wish to keep the many mature trees at the back of the site, the new houses were located close to the existing buildings resulting in the houses in the refurbished building suffering from very small rear gardens. It was also felt that the access and

parking arrangements were unsatisfactory and could cause disturbance to the neighbouring property. The plans showed the demolition of the coach house to enable car access to the rear of the site but it was considered this as an attractive property in its own right and could be kept.

Although care had been taken to design an interesting scheme with attractive and unusual new house to make good use of the sloping site, we felt that the loss of this attractive secluded garden should be resisted and the new houses would affect the amenities of the adjoining house. The Society has formally objected to the planning application to the Council and a decision is awaited.

### 4 Dorchester Drive

An application was made for alterations that included a rear dormer and a part one/two storey rear extension. We objected on the grounds that the applicant had provided insufficient information particularly on the materials to be used; and that the design and size of the proposed rear dormer window was unsympathetic to the scale and appearance of the rear elevation of the existing property.

Lambeth has subsequently refused the application.

### 5 Dorchester Drive

Lambeth refused a revised application to erect a two storey family house and an enclosed garden, in the garden of this Grade II listed building. An appeal against this decision has now been made to the Planning Inspectorate. We have asked that, in considering the appeal, the Inspector take into account our earlier comments to Lambeth. These included the impact of the development on views of the existing house, replacement of any trees lost and the impact on local groundwater movements.

### 55 Dulwich Road

We commented on an application to build a two storey house in the rear garden fronting Milton Road. Our view was that the application would provide constructive use of land that will otherwise go to waste and that, on balance, the building proposed would be acceptable in this location. However, we had reservations about the bulk and design of the proposed wall fronting Milton Road.

Lambeth refused the application.

### 158 Lowden Road

We objected to a revised proposal to build a single storey ground floor rear extension. This was because the position of the proposed extension along the property boundary would still be likely to result in neighbours experiencing a sense of enclosure and loss of outlook, exacerbated by the extension's slightly elevated position.

Lambeth has approved the application.

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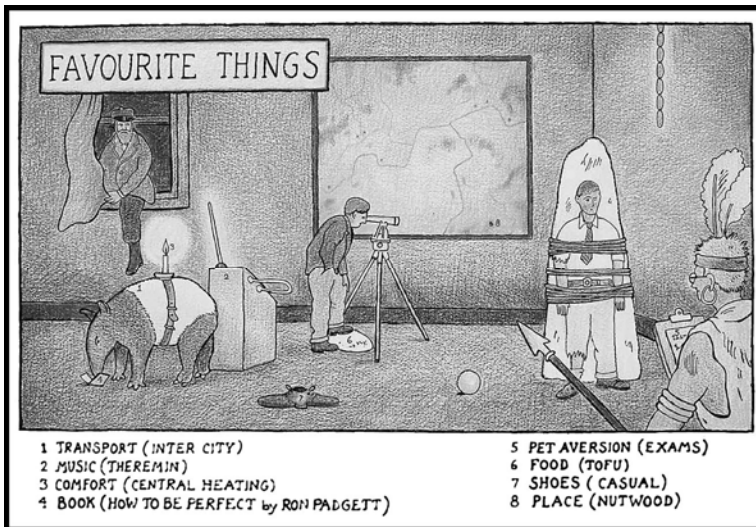
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## FUN AT DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY

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### Glen Baxter's Favourite Things

be fun. 'What Are You Like?' subtitled 'Self Revealing Artworks by People in the Public Eye' opened in September and continues to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009. The idea is taken from a Victorian parlour game in which players had to describe themselves in a series of drawings of their favourite things. Here, the *House of Illustration* asked forty-five people to illustrate eight favourite things from a list of twelve: animal, book, clothes, comfort, food, pastime, place, possession, music, shoes, weather and pet aversion.

Contributors include such widely diverse personalities as Andrew Marr, Quentin Blake, Brian Eno, Glen Baxter, Posy Simmonds, Peter Blake, Anna Ford and Eric Clapton. The artists' names do not appear on the artwork, so visitors can try to guess who created – or is depicted – in each work. A full list is available, but cheating is discouraged.

Approaches vary from separate panels to seemingly haphazard images to concentrated symbols or scenes



### Quentin Blake's Favourite Things

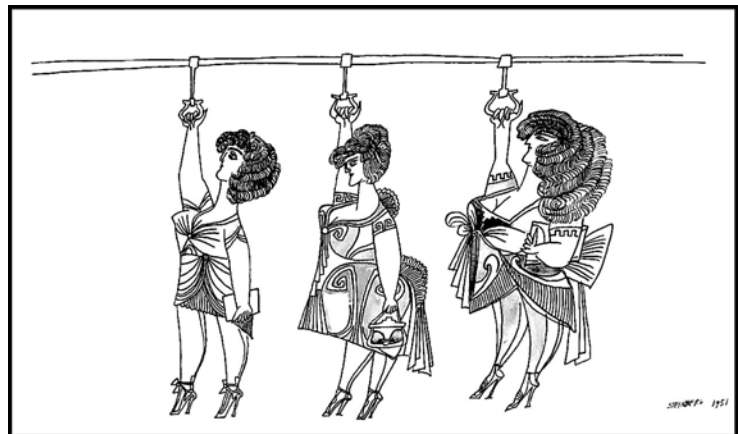
bringing the favourite things together. Descriptive words and phrases may be discretely listed, placed alongside each object or incorporated as part of the artwork. Each painting, drawing, sculpture or scrapbook is an intriguing self-portrait. Viewing the

collection will elicit many a smile, not a few laughs and the occasional nod of recognition and fellow feeling. You may be tempted to try it out yourself or even revive the game at your next party.

This exhibition is in the main gallery, so only normal admission charges (£5/£4) apply.

From 26<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> February, the special exhibition area hosts 'Saul Steinberg, Illuminations'. It is the first full scale retrospective of the career of this prolific American artist. Born in Romania in 1914, Steinberg studied architecture in 1930s Milan, where he gained early fame as a cartoonist. This blossomed in the USA after the War. For six decades, his comic works delighted readers of *The New*

*Yorker*; and he also excelled as fabric and card



### 'Three Liberties' by Saul Steinberg

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designer, fashion and advertising artist, stage designer and creator of copiously illustrated books.

The show features over a hundred drawings, collages and sculptures covering the whole range of his work, from murals to magazines, caricature to cartography. Go see the show, both to appreciate a 20th century genius and to wallow in his humour. You're sure to come out smiling.

Dulwich Picture Gallery is open Tuesday – Friday 10:00-5:00; weekends & Bank Holiday Mondays 11:00-5:00. Late opening 6:30-10:00 the third Thursday of the month. Gallery and Exhibition £9; Seniors £8; Conc. £5; Friends and children free.



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#### ***Planning from Page 14***

##### **Plot opposite 251-275 Milkwood Road**

We objected to an application to build a three/four storey building comprising 48 flats on this site - 41x1 bed, 4x2 bed and 3x3 bed units. Our grounds for objecting included: that the proposed development would be significantly out of scale with its surroundings and unacceptably dominate the local street scene; there would be unacceptably intensive land use and wildlife habitat loss; and current traffic problems and parking stress would increase.

Lambeth has refused permission for the development.

##### **17 Milton Road**

We objected to a revised application for an extension that would include a rear roof terrace on the second floor. Despite amendments to a design that was previously refused by Lambeth, our view is that the proposed terrace would still result in an unacceptable sense of overlooking and loss of privacy for occupants of neighbouring properties.

Lambeth has approved the application.

##### **37 Milton Road**

An application has been made to install a rear balcony and access platform at upper ground floor level, with a new spiral staircase. We have urged Lambeth to ensure that the proposed structure does not cause any unacceptable loss of privacy or cause a sense of enclosure to anyone occupying the ground floor of the property or to neighbours. We have also recommended that, should the planning Committee be minded to approve the application, a condition be

imposed to prohibit the platform being used as a sitting out area.

Lambeth has approved the application, with the condition that the platform and staircase not be used as a sitting out area.

##### **26 Rollscourt Avenue**

We objected to an application that included erecting a ground floor rear and side infill extension and a veranda. This was substantially the same as a previous application that Lambeth had refused on the grounds of over-dominance and being out of proportion with the existing property. We expressed agreement with Lambeth's former views and suggested that the development could result in a significant sense of overcrowding as well as unacceptable loss of garden space.

Lambeth has refused the application.

##### **45 Spenser Road**

In commenting on an application that included a rear roof terrace with railings, together with a glass screen, an external rear spiral staircase and an access door to the terrace, we pointed out the danger of that this will create unacceptable overlooking, disturbance and loss of privacy to people living in nearby properties; and that a proposed glass screen appeared awkward and out of keeping with the design characteristics of this and neighbouring buildings.

Lambeth refused the application.



## A VISIT TO MORDEN HALL PARK

On Saturday 2nd August an intrepid band of explorers, ranging in age from not-quite-four to well-matured, boarded a 201 bus at the station and were whisked away through the wilds of Streatham and Mitcham almost to the gates of Morden Hall Park. This was the summer outing of the Herne Hill Society, inspired by the enthusiastic talk given by Maureen Patel, Senior Park Ranger, at our June meeting.

On arrival some of us fell victim at once to the coffee shop, others set off to explore this beautiful 125 acre park. Originally owned by the Abbey of Westminster until the Dissolution in 1536, it then passed to the Garth family. Morden Hall in its present form was built in 1770 by the Garths, but the family eventually chose to live more fashionably in London, and the house was leased to a boarding school for boys. Finally, in 1867, it was bought by Gilliat Hatfield, of whom more later.



**Morden Hall**

The park is dominated by the river Wandle, running cool and dark under the trees alongside the entrance drive. On the bank two half-grown brown rats skipped about in the sunshine, oblivious to the row of young admirers above. On the other side of the drive old cow sheds house studios and workshops, sometimes open for viewing.

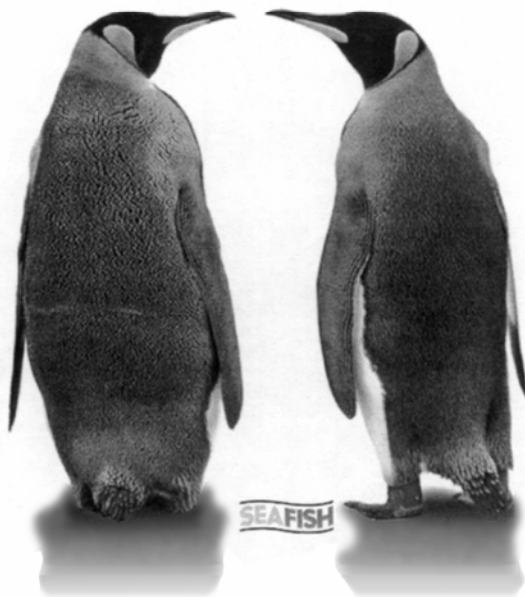
Morden Hall Park was pieced together from parcels of land acquired by Gilliat Hatfield. Areas of marshland were reclaimed and a deer park created. Cattle grazed on the water meadows, giving milk for the home farm. All are gone now and in June the meadow areas wave with feathery grasses and wild flowers. The magnificent avenue of chestnuts and limes planted by Hatfield's son Gilliat Edward has been thinned by recent storms.

Walking further into the park, we crossed the Wandle again, now wide and shallow, just right for Labradors to splash in. On our right was Morden Cottage with its castellated "Gothic" facade and behind it, wide lawns, rose beds sadly afflicted by black spot and many handsome mature trees. Gilliat Hatfield was born in the cottage. His father Alexander had married Anne Taddy whose family were snuff grinders. Alexander became a partner and the business prospered. The two snuff mills stand side by side to this day and the diverted waters of the Wandle still crash through the millrace, but the millwheels are skeletal and silent.

Strolling on in the pleasant sunshine we crossed and re-crossed streams by handsome bridges. We admired Morden Hall, a fine three-storied house with flanking wings, set behind closed modern gates. We

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### *Morden Hall from Page 17*

found a marshy area where yellow flag iris had bloomed in the spring, now edged with tall bulrushes. It is hoped this will be developed as a wetlands centre by the National Trust, now the owners of the Park.

We made our way back through the trees to the stables where once Gilliat Hatfield kept his hunters and trotting horses. He drove to the City every day in a carriage and pair. His son Gilliat Edward must have inherited his father's conservative nature. He never owned a car, though he did take the train to Town. Gilliat Edward was disappointed in love; his fiancée died and he never found another. Finding the Hall too large, he moved into the Cottage. Maureen in her talk had told us how generous he was. He loved to entertain local children and his parties were memorable, with swings and roundabouts, boating on the river, donkey rides, splendid teas in a marquee and always a goody bag to take home.

In WW1 the Hall became a convalescent home for wounded soldiers. Gilliat paid for all their care himself with food being supplied from the Home Farm.

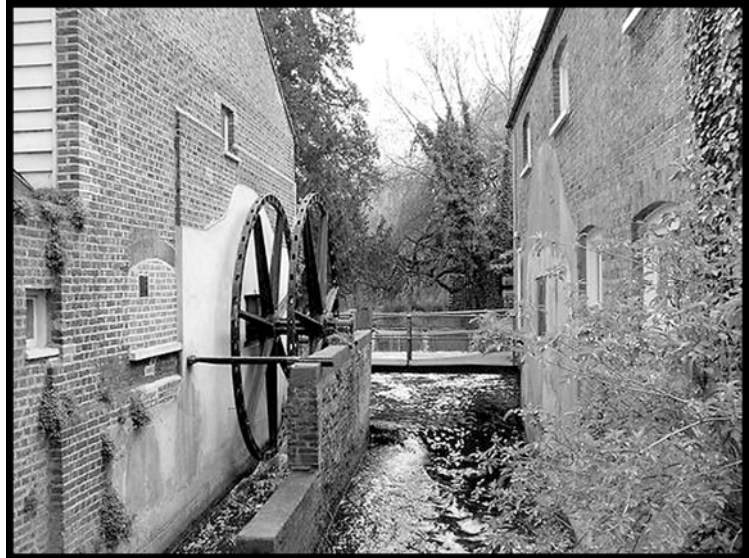
Gilliat Edward died in 1940 leaving Morden Hall Park to the National Trust. He is warmly remembered by local people for his many acts of kindness and generosity. From 1947 to 1952 Film Garden Parties raised money for children's charities. Each year some 25,000 people would buy tickets to meet their favourite film stars and buy autographs and photos. One local man remembers as a small

boy without the entrance fee, climbing over the wall and falling at the feet of Margaret Lockwood. She picked him up, dusted him off and gave him sixpence.

After our gentle ramblings, we enjoyed tea and cakes, not forgetting to visit the shop.

We shall remember the eccentric gentleman clad in bright green and a Robin Hood hat with feathers, who proved to be a Park Ranger, accompanied by two vast lurcher dogs of very amiable disposition. Missing members were prised out of the garden centre, and we made our sun-pinked way home, knowing a little more about Morden Hall Park and that good, kind, lonely man Gilliat Edward Hatfield.

DC



**The snuff mills**

### **SALVATION ARMY IN LOWDEN ROAD**



This photograph was taken in 1905. It was kindly lent to us by John Auger of Pickwick Road, Dulwich, and shows the Salvation Army in Lowden Road. A lady holding a baby can be seen at the window of number 21. She was Mrs Emily Wadey, the mother of John's Mother-in-Law (Mrs Bertha Burgess). The baby is Bertha's brother Walter Wadey.

The Wadey family lived at number 21 Lowden Road from the early 1890s until 1952 when Bertha moved to a house in Pickwick Road, Dulwich. Bertha celebrated her 100th birthday on 18th September.



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*South London Press, 9th November 1917*

*The list of those who would never return contained forty-nine names.*

## BRITISH LIBRARY

### CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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