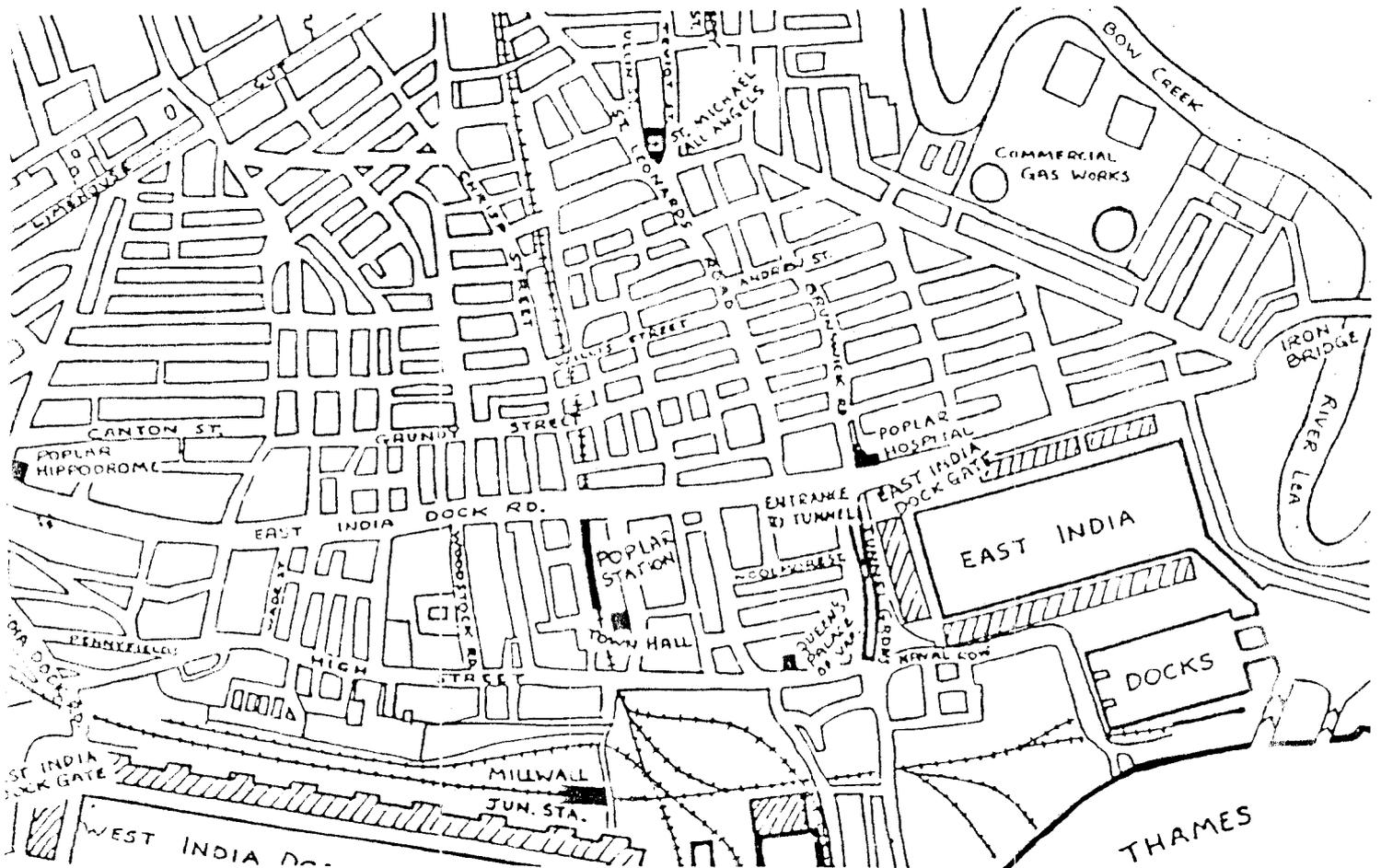

EAST LONDON HISTORY SOCIETY



POPLAR IN THE 1930s

NEWSLETTER

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1990

HACKNEY TOWER NEWHAM
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FIFTY YEARS AGO

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March 5, 1940

IT was revealed by the Government that one quarter of British school-children were receiving no education whatsoever because they had no schools to go to - a problem caused by evacuation.

March 10, 1940

TO LET, Unfurnished House, Ilford High Road, 6 rooms, bathroom, large garden, air raid shelter. Twenty-five Shillings per week.

March 11, 1940

MEAT rationing began on 11 March. The full meat ration was 1s. 10d (which is about 9p worth per week in today's terms). No coupons were required for liver, kidney, tripe, heart, oxtail, or for poultry or game. Sausages and meat pies containing not more than 50 per cent meat were not included.

Tuesday May 6, 1940

GEORGE LANSBURY died in his sleep at Manor House Hospital, age 82. He was leader of the Labour Party 1932-35. MP for BOW and BROMLEY since 1922.

Mr Lansbury entered Hospital the week before, after being taken ill with internal troubles.

May 25, 1940

VICTORIA PARK will lose its railings, and bandstand, to help the iron and steel shortage.

COMPILED by John Harris.

John would be grateful for any contributions from Members for his next list.

Please write to John Harris:

15 Tree Crowns Road
Colchester
Essex CO4 5AD

FOR THE RECORD

The East London Record for 1989 has been on sale for a few months and is going reasonably well. Twelve years ago, when we first launched the magazine, we received generous support from Tower Hamlets Libraries, including a substantial grant from its publications fund, and a guaranteed sale of 500 through its branches. This continued for a few years, but grants eventually stopped, so for some time the libraries' support has consisted of purchasing 500 copies from us for re-sale, as well as the use of photographs for illustrations. For the last two years 200 copies only have been bought for re-sale and I understand that even this is likely to come to an end for the 1990 issue, due out in October, because the libraries will no longer have a publications fund.

It is disturbing indeed that library economics have forced this situation on us. The guaranteed sale of 500 copies was an essential part of our viability, and we are going to have to struggle to survive without it.

It does seem extraordinary that a magazine which was seen by Tower Hamlets Libraries twelve years ago as being of great value for the promotion of local history should find itself struggling to survive at the very time when the study of local history is to become a compulsory element in history in schools under the new National Curriculum. Perhaps we should consider putting our case to the new Tower Hamlets Education Department?

Meanwhile, of course, we shall struggle on, but twelve years experience has taught us that a magazine like the Record just cannot survive for long without some kind of subsidy.

For those who haven't seen it, the first article in the 1989 issue is Dr David Leaback's study of the local context of William Perkin's discovery of synthetic mauve dye. The cover colour was the nearest we could find to the colour of the dye - but I omitted to say this anywhere in the magazine. Well done if you worked it out yourself! Other articles include Rev. Ken Leach's study of Anglo Catholic Socialist clergy in this area from 1870, Rosemary Taylor's history of the Old Five Bells in St Leonard's Street and Sam Vincent's memories of Bethnal Green - he was born in Alma Road in 1928. Besides, there are the usual reviews and lists. In all, a good bargain for £1.90 - add 30p for post and packing.

COLM KERRIGAN

CALENDAR 1991

Dear Friends,

Following on the success of the 1990 Calendar, the Committee have decided to go ahead with the publication of a Calendar for 1991.

As you are probably aware, the photographs used in the 1990 Calendar were borrowed from the Local History Library, Bancroft Road. This year, we thought you might like to see your own photographs in print. So if you have any photographs of the East End and would like to see them published, would you please send them to Brad Snooks. He will take good care of them, and return them once the selection for the Calendar has been completed. Photographs should reach him before the second week of May 1990.

Brad's address is as follows:

Brad Snooks
28 Pulteney Close
Armagh Road
Bow
London E3 5LJ

Tele: 01 980 9592.

GEORGE HILSDON (1885 - 1941)

Colm Kerrigan is working on the life of George Hilsdon, who was born in Donald Street, Bromley-by-Bow, in 1885. He attracted notice as a schoolboy footballer of exceptional ability at the turn of the century and was signed up by West Ham United in the season that club moved to its present ground (1904). He was given a free transfer to Chelsea in 1906 when his career really took off as a first class centre forward. He was capped for England on 8 occasions and was, arguably, the first Londoner to get to the very top at professional football (there had been many top-class amateurs before him). He returned to West Ham in 1912 and played there until 1915, when he was called for military service and was gassed in France. After the War he made a living in a variety of occupations in the East Ham area where he lived. In the Second World War he was evacuated to Leicester where he died in 1941.

Colm would be very interested to hear from anyone who either knew him or knew someone who knew him, or who knows anything about him apart from his playing career, which was well documented in the sporting press during the whole of his playing career.

Write to Colm at:

33 Ridgdale St,
Bow, London E3 2TW

GROWING UP BETWEEN THE WARS

Our Lecture By Robert Barltrop

Everyone had been looking forward to this meeting, as Mr Barltrop is well known as a lecturer, writes and draws in our local Docklands edition of the Recorder every week, and has written many local books. He is soon to publish a Dictionary of Cockney Slang, costing £28.00, although a paper back is promised as well.

Mr Barltrop spoke for two hours, then answered questions for another thirty minutes. We could have kept him all night, so interesting was the talk! We learnt about another way of life so different to our own.

On Saturdays as a young boy, Mr Barltrop would earn his pocket money helping his father on his green meat round, starting at six O'clock in the fields around Abridge, cutting three types of grasses, tying, stacking, then having to throw them up on to a lorry, with a pitchfork. This was done in all weathers for nine months of the year. They then delivered to large and small stables from Stratford, through Limehouse to Aldgate, Whitechapel, Bethnal Green and Hackney, seeing all kinds of lifestyles on the way.

To learn more about Mr Barltrop's lecture, and his life, I recommend three paper back books, all of which are on sale in bookshops around East London, Walthamstow, THAP bookshop at Whitechapel and the East of London Family History Bookstall which is held on the last Thursday of every month at Durning Hall, Forest Gate.

Books by Robert Barltrop:

My Mothers Calling Me

A Funny Age

The Bar Tree - A well written family history

The Muvver Tongue

A Cockney Dictionary

Stories and Essays of Jack London

Jack London, the Man, the Writer

DOREEN KENDALL

JEWS AND THE EAST END HOSPITALS

Lecture by Gerry Black

Gerry Black explained that it was Cromwell who officially allowed Jews to return to England (they had been expelled in 1290). Soon after in 1673, the synagogue began to provide a doctor for the Jews, but special provision especially kosher food, was needed for patients in hospitals. At its incorporation in 1758 the London Hospital allocated Jewish patients 'Twopence Half penny per day' instead of meat or broth. A Hebrew kitchen was set up in 1832. At the end of the nineteenth century the number of Jews in the East End rapidly increased. The London Hospital provided them with special wards. Their names such as Rothschild Ward shows that they were paid for by wealthy Jews.

Other hospitals made similar provisions for Jews notably the German Hospital in Hackney whose nurses could speak Yiddish. Even so there was a demand for a completely Jewish Hospital.

Early this century poor East End Jews began to collect the money to build one, but wealthy patrons were needed to complete the sum required. The London Jewish Hospital opened to outpatients in 1919 and inpatients in 1921. It was too late by then. Jews were leaving the East End. The majority of its patients were never Jews. Even so, Gerry Black concluded, the hospital provided a greatly appreciated service. (The London Independent Hospital in Stepney Green is built on the site.)

THE ORIGINS OF LONDON

Lecture By Charles Poulsen

Charles Poulsen began by outlining the legendary founding of the city. Aeneas had escaped with his family from the burning Troy to found Rome. His great grandson Brutus had been exiled from Italy for accidentally killing his father. But after many adventures Brutus had duly fulfilled the prophecy of the goddess Diana and founded a second Troy - London. Geoffrey of Monmouth narrated the story in the twelfth century and it was believed until the nineteenth century. In fact, the Thames and geography made the site of London a key one for Roman trade and communication. The banks of the Walbrook and Fleet rivers providing the firm ground on which to build the city in the midst of marshy areas. Finally, although London became a major Roman town the Roman names of its gates are still unknown.

DAVID BEHR

Isobel Watson, Chair, FRIENDS OF HACKNEY ARCHIVES, writes:

I trust you will have heard by now that last week the Council decided to reject the Director of Leisure Services' report offering the council the option of sacrificing the archives. If not, I know you will be delighted by the news. I am writing to thank you for your support, both moral and practical, in the rapid campaign that we had to mount. There was wide-ranging criticism of the proposal, and we are certain that the breadth and depth of feeling aroused caused considerable surprise and had the desired effect.

Thank you again.

NOTE:

The above letter is self-explanatory, but bears a cautionary tale, in that we can never take the amenities we have for granted. To give you a little background information, it was Doreen Kendall who alerted us of the proposal by the Director of Leisure Services in Hackney to close down the Hackney Archives as part of an economy drive. Jennifer Page, Bradley Snooks and Rosemary Taylor represented the ELHS at a meeting at the Hackney Archives, and Doreen Kendall joined in the demonstration of protest outside the Hackney Town Hall.

We are obviously pleased at the success of the campaign, and extend our congratulations to the Friends of Hackney Archives.

Bradley Snooks, from Bow, writes:

I am at present doing a study of the origin and meaning of road names in Bow, and at this point in time have almost come to a full stop.

My hobby started when growing up in Coborn Road. There was an argument one day as to who the road was named after. Somebody said it was the old time singer and Hollywood actor Charles Coborn, and someone else said it was the great philanthropist Prisca Coborn, who died in 1701. The latter is in fact correct, although interestingly enough, Charles Coborn took his name from the street!

The names I have been unable to trace are listed on the following page. If anyone does know of any of the meanings and dates, I would be grateful if they could let me know. There are a lot of names on the list, 182 in fact! But I have already traced up to 231 so far. I must admit I didn't realise there were so many (I don't think I would have started if I did), and don't forget, this is only in BOW!

STREET NAMES OF BOW

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(Some of these are no longer around)

Alma Rd	Ashwell Rd	Aberavon Rd	Albion Pl
Aibion St	Alloway Rd	Anniel Terr.	Argyle Terr
Armagh Rd	Atley Rd	Aukland Rd	Angel Rd
Barn Pl	Balmer Rd	Basebinder Lane	Baythorne St
Beachy Rd	Benworth St	Brantridge St	Brook St
Brewster Rd	Brokesley St	Bruce Rd	Charles St
Candy St	Carter St	Castell Rd	Caxton Grove
Chad St	Chisendale Rd	Chelton Rd	Clinton Rd
Collin St	Cottage Grove	Clark's Place	Cordelia St
Cordova Rd	Cross St	Coolidge Way	Cotterford St
Danbigh Rd	Devon St	Donald St	Eagling Rd
Eastward St	Edgar Rd	Edwards Rd	Edwards St
Eglinton St	Eliza Pl	(Bridge St)	(Wentworth St)
Egson St	English St	Eric St	Eton Pl
Ewing St	Eggleton Rd	Eglia St	Favonia St
Gainsborough Rd	Gawthorne St	Geneva Rd	Glaucus St
Gayer Rd	Grace St	Guelin Sq	Gudley St
Greatham Rd	Hall St	Hamilton Rd	Hartfield Terr
Haverfield Rd	Hawgood St	Headley Rd	Hinks Pl
Holden Rd	Hedworth St	Island Rd	Ireton St
James St	Jodrell Rd	Jean St	Joseph St
Kennelworth Rd	Kings Arms Row	Kings Head Yard	Kieks Pl
Lacy St	Lamprell St	Landwehr Rd	Lawton Rd
Lawas St	Leax St	Levene Rd	Libra Rd
Lockron St	Love Lane	Luska St	Lyal Rd
Lessada St	Lingen St	Maldman Row	Kaplin St
Marnier St	Naverton Rd	Melway Rd	Montieth Rd
Mintrose Rd	Norman Rd	Merrille St	Mostyn Grove
Nelson St	Norris Rd	Mave St	Olga St
Oliver Lane	Ordell Rd	Orwell Rd	Oswerd St
Otis St	Payne Rd	Peter St	Powis Rd
Portia Way	Prevet Row	Priscilla Rd	Prospect Place
Prospect Place	Perring St	Quickett St	(Montieth)
(Devon Rd)	Raverley St	Rayment Rd	Regents St
Rhodeswell Rd	Ripboth Rd	Robson St	Robert St
Roife Place	Rosebank Gdns	Rowden Rd	Rowell St
Regents Rd	Sarum Rd	Shelfield Pl	Shetland Rd
Shiloe Pl	Sheppard St	Sherwood St	Sherman St
Slane Castle Mews	Silas St	Sloan St	Sounding Alley
Spanby Rd	Stewarts Court	Stansfield Rd	Starch Lane
Stratfield Rd	Tidey St	Sutherland Rd	Thomas St
Tidworth Rd	Ternard Rd	Timothy Rd	Trellis St
Tryphena Place	Upper Charles St	Turners St	Totty St
Towchester Rd	Vivian Rd	Upper Montague St	
Violet Rd	Waybridge Pl	Venour Rd	Wendon St
Wannington Rd	Woodison St	Wilson Lane	Woolmers St
Wrensam Rd		Zeland Rd	

If anyone does have any information, please write to me:

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28 Fulteney Close
Armagh Road
Bow
London E3 5LJ

or phone 01 980 9592.

G E Dayres, Leigh on Sea, Essex:

Many thanks for sending East London Record. I find it always very interesting although I find it difficult to read because of my age. I am now 95 years old.

(Is Mr Dayres our oldest member? - Doreen Kendall would like to hear from any other members who can beat this record.)

John H Marlow, Chiswick, London:

It (The 12th edition of the East London Record) looks like another winner. I am particularly interested in Rosemary Taylor's article on the Old Five Bells as I lived very near to it and used to have my hair cut in a little shop about three doors away.

Thank you for sending me the publication and please accept my best wishes for Christmas and to the East London History Society for its continued success.

(Thank you for your good wishes, John!)

Colleen Richards, Hampshire:

(Colleen thanks Doreen for sending her a copy of "Eighty Years on Bow Common", the story of Clara Grant and the Fern Street Settlement, then goes on to say:)

My Grandmother Verlander lived at No. 49 Fern Street with my Uncle and Aunt. I have very good memories of Fern Street as we used to visit there quite often. In fact my grandmother was a very tiny lady and she used to get the bundles. I remember quite a few occasions when she would go into her bedroom and pull out an old chest from under her bed and give me bits of clothing. One time it was a huge pair of navy knickers. She saw the look of horror on my face. I then got a ticking off for being ungrateful. Mind you I am only 4 ft 11 in. now at 51 years of age you could imagine how small I was as a child. You could have got me and half a dozen others into them. I also have to this day a lovely bible she gave me.

Also as I said before my great grandfather had a builders business in Bow Common Lane until just after he died in 1913. I have been researching the name of Verlander now for fifteen years and belong to the "Guild of One Name Studies". Would you believe it but I also work with a lady whose maiden name is Gluntz. She is not sure who this warden of the settlement in 1960 could be, but she said they must be related somewhere.

(Do any other members have memories of the Fern Street Settlement?)

Mr A L Hellicar, Benfleet, Essex:

Thanks for the 1989 Record. I was pleased to see the "Old Five Bells" article, for it stirred my memory a little.

The Poplar and Bromley Tabernacle in its original form stood right next door to 219 Brunswick Road. I lived there with an aunt from the age of nine years until my marriage at 21. I attended Sunday School there and, occasionally, Sunday evening services. Revd. Tildsley and Sister Esther were popular figures in Poplar, as were Alfred Rogers and Mark Diamond. The latter was often seen with his Boys Brigade lads. The Tabernacle had a very good Silver Prize Band which I often followed around the neighbourhood.

The Tab was our cinema. Every Thursday, for one penny admission, we lads and lassies could watch Pearl White, Tom Mix and other favourite stars in their daring exploits. Kids used to become excited and shout advice to the characters on the screen, such as "Look out, he's behind yer."

Tildsley's son, Peter, in the 1920's was an actor and appeared under the name of Peter Haddon on the stage I believe, rather than screen.

I almost forgot! Later on Thursday evenings the films were shown again for adults and they paid fourpence. To soften the hard wooden seats many of the oldre patrons would take a cushion with them. during the adult film show my cousins and I would often climb our "back yard" wall and watch the picture from the back of the screen, through the rear entrance door of the building which was often left open during the show.

Jack Bucknall, mentioned in the article by Kenneth Leech, I seem to connect with St Michael's Church, St Leonard's Road, Poplar. He was, I understood, a "red" and criticised heavily by the "Tab" congregation, particularly as he was often seen drinking in the Bromley Hall Tavern opposite the building. I believe, too, he was usually strangely dressed, i.e. not conforming with the correct garb.

I was interested to read from the review of James Howson's book about Barking's Library service that readers were choosing books from the shelves in the early 1900's. Poplar's "open access" system came into being as late as 1926. Until then books were selected from a catalogue and then consulting a display case which showed the book number, either on a red or blue background. If blue was shown the book was available, if red it was already out on loan.

In my early days as a library assistant the issue of a book or books was not the simple matter it is today. One had to climb ladders often to find a wanted book, and assistants were glad of a sit down when possible. Can you imagine wearing new shoes too narrow for a broad foot, a corn on each little toe, and standing and walking for several hours without a rest? I still have to treat my corns with "Freezone", and every time I do so I am reminded of Bow Library, 1923 onwards.

Bill Fields, from Basildon, Essex:

Already a dedicated postcard collector, I was delighted and thrilled to receive a brochure, an advert for the 1990 Calendar and a brief message from Doreen Kendall.

The reason for my pleasure was the second card in the series: "Fairfield Works, Bryant and Mays Match Factory". My mother worked there in 1892. She was ten years of age, and walked 4 days a week from Canning Town, to the works, standing on a box at a machine for a 10 hour day! She told a lot of fascinating stories of those days, oh so long ago - but despite a hard life, and she was cruelly abused, by my father, who deserted her and his 5 children, of whom I was the eldest, she died, sadly in a pitiable state at the age of 91 - they were pure gold to women and girls that I remember. And sadly I lost my own dear partner 8 years ago today.

Now blessed with a wonderful daughter, a beloved son-in-law and two handsome and vigorous 25 and 26 year old grandsons, I cannot wish for more - but all times the memories tap on the shoulder. Me Muvver (Cockney y'see) would have loved that particular card.

Thank you for your attention. You don't have to reply to my little meandering, of course, just remembering, that's all. Do take care, am looking forward to the cards and could you please list my name and address for any future sets of cards. Although I'm in my 81st year - I'll hang on, I promise you!

(Thank you Bill, for your letter, which I shall cherish - Rosemary Taylor.)



Mrs Marian Chamberlain, Winchmore Hill, London:

My Great Gandfather James William Bourn (b. 1842 in Canterbury) came to Chapel Street m = Eliza Harriet Pettigrew (b. 1841 St Bride Fleet Street). They were married 1860 at St James Clerkenwell. They had eleven children. He (James Bourn) and his mistress also had about eleven children. He married his mistress in 1887. She could not cope with about twenty-two children so she sent for her neice, who had about eleven children by him -TRUE. I found them all at St Catherine's.

James William Bourn apprenticed all his boys at 9 - 11 Kingsland Road, just past the Railway Bridge. He was an Upholsterer and in his spare time did a little Taxidermy. He was very, very handsome and wore an ear-ring. I have given all this information to the Geffrey Museum.

Mrs Marie Simcox, Ringwood Hants, writes:

I read with great interest the article about St Paul's Church, Shadwell as being the 'Church of Sea Captains'. This may be the reason that the eighth son of Admiral Douglas Curry R.N. - mid 19th Century (whom I have been researching) was named Shadwell - the previous seven sons being named after various admirals with whom Douglas Curry had served.

I have traced my own family - Whitwell - to your area. Daniel Whitwell married Mary Whitechurch (from Great Eversden, Cambs) at St. Ethelburgas, Bishopgate in 1828, Daniel was the son of William & Catherine Whitwell of St Matthews, Bethnal Green and was, together with his brothers and sisters, baptised at Stepney Bull Lane Independent.

I would be most grateful for any advice or assistance which you might be able to offer in discovering more about these ancestors - or if there are possibly any descendants still living in the area. The only other clue I have concerning Daniel was that his occupation was given as chemist on the marriage certificate of one of his sons.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to tell me whether rent books, directories or photographs exist for the area.

Dates For Your Diary

7 April (Saturday) East End Festival 90 Begins. Check their programme for details of Workshops, Walks, River Day, East End Yesterdays etc.

14 April (Saturday) 2.00 pm Walk around Bow - Sylvia and Friends, led by Rosemary Taylor, starting from Bow Underground Station.

12 May (Saturday) ELHS Coach outing to St Osyth's Priory, Essex. See details in this Newsletter.

17 May (Thursday) at 7.30 pm AGM of Friends of Hackney Archives, followed by the Stanley Tongue Memorial lecture at 8 pm. Elizabeth Lebas will talk ofn "Film Production by local authorities, 1919-50". Community Centre, 1st Floor, Rose Lipman Library.

22 May (Tuesday) Queen Mary and Westfield College, day course on Rich and Poor in Dickens London, Tele: 01 975 5404 for details.

28 June (Thursday) at 7.30 pm Bethnal Green Library Lecture Hall Bob Holman will speak on George Lansbury. His book will be published shortly by Lion Press. GLOBE TOWN ANNUAL LECTURE.

4 July, 6.30 pm Walk led by Ann Sansom, starting at Tower Hill Station.

12 and 13 July, Queen Mary and Westfield College, two day course on Maritime London (18 and 19 Century), including a visit to the Isle of Dogs. Tele: 01 975 5404 for details.

15 July at 2.30 pm there will be a walk round Lower Clapton led by Jean Waite, Friends of Hackney Archives, starting at the old church tower, Mare Street.

Note:

Worth looking out for at your newsagent is:

ESSEX COUNTRYSIDE CLASSIC SELECTION Part I, Essex in London. it costs only £2.50 and among the articles are several on East London themes: Bow Bridge, Elizabeth Fry of East Ham, Bow Porcelain Works and Poplar Board of Guardians' residential school for orphans that was said to equal Eton or Harrow. It caused a furore which reached the House of Lords.

UNDER OARS by Harry Harris Paper Back. Price Approx 75p

This book was published in 1978 and has been out of print in the East End for years. The bookshop in Wood Street Arcade, Walthamstow has a few copies for sale.

Harry Harris recorded his memories of life and work on the Thames from Victorian 1894 to Edwardian 1909. His account was written in a large ledger book and kept until his son Bob Harris himself a lighterman, decided to get it published.

NOTE:

The little Arcade in Walthamstow is a gem, its like stepping back into another world, so tiny, with a shabby air. There you will find two secondhand bookshops, one local history bookshop, mostly of Essex and Walthamstow. Also a flower shop with lots of Make Your Own Baskets material etc, three Antique shops and an old Lace shop, lessons given in painting and finally a shoe shop call Agombars that sells modern and hard to find old fashioned slippers and school shoes. Worth a visit!

DOREEN KENDALL

Louis Behr, from Stepney, E1 sent in this snippet:

PURIM PLACE - Bethnal Green

'Not long ago, a Hebrew, who had a quarrel with his community about the manner of celebrating the Jewish festival in commemoration of the fate of Haman, called Purim, built a neighbourhood at Bethnal Green and retained the subject of his anger in the name which the houses bear, of Purim Place.' From D'Israeli - Curiosities of Literature.

Purim Place was built sometime during the period, 1809 - 1820.* It stood at the end of Dog Row (now Cambridge Heath Road), near Mile End Road. In fact, it stood near the entrance to Messrs Mann & Crossman's new yard. When this firm took over this property, had it renovated and the name removed. (Ref. from East London Antiquities.)

*Purim Place mentioned (? for the first time) in Bethnal Green Land Tax assessments in 1786: see Ms BG 114, 1st. Division f.19v.

POPLAR SONGS by Tony Phillips

Poems from the East End of London.

Published by the East London Writers Group. Price £2.99.

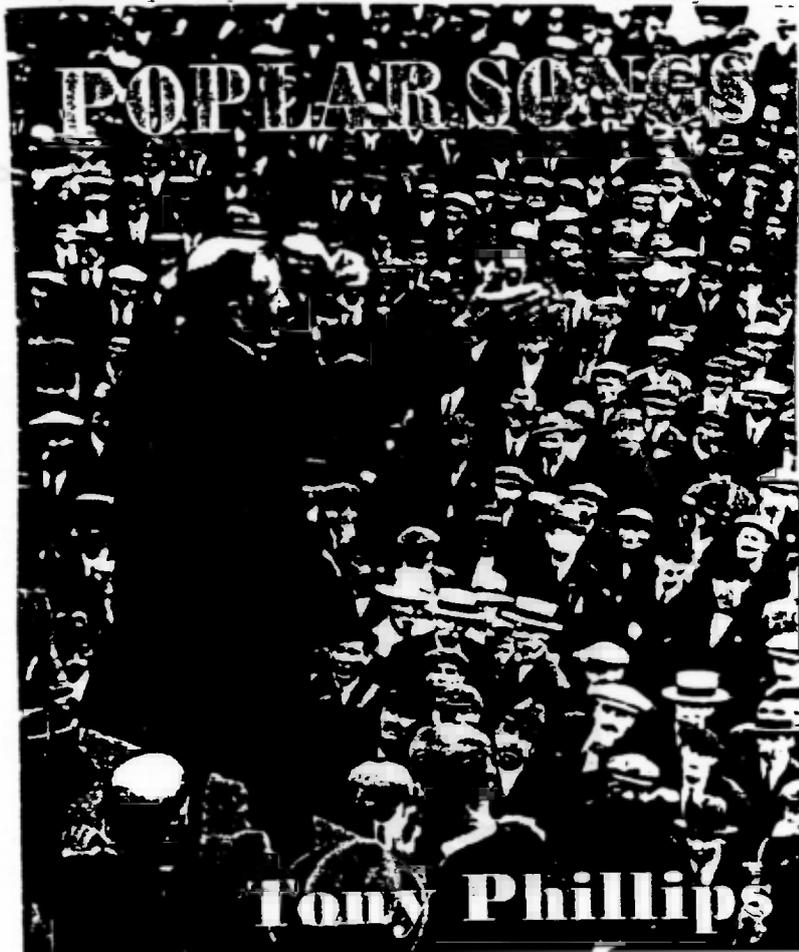
POPLAR SONGS is the first book of poems from Tony Phillips, whose other works, namely 'A London Docklands Guide' and 'Pubs of Tower Hamlets', have been well received by local history buffs.

The poems deal mainly with East End places and people, revealing the social realities of the area. Tony Phillips reflects on the multicultural nature of the East End, the conflicts inherent in rapid and often insensitive change and chronicles East End experiences, fears and aspirations. The book includes a shorter section with poems about other parts of Britain and Europe.

POPLAR SONGS is a powerful and original book which announces the arrival of an important new writer in the East End.

The cover photograph is of special interest. It is a 1921 photograph of Poplar Councillor Jack Wooster addressing the crowds, giving the reasons for Poplar's refusal to cut benefits to the poor. The councillors challenge to the Government resulted in their imprisonment for six weeks, but it did change the law.

Enquiries: Rosemary Taylor 01 515 2960 (evenings)



EAST END YESTERDAYS 1990

After the success of last year's East End Yesterdays, planning is going ahead for the next one in April 1990 as part of TEEF.

East End Yesterdays 1990 will be a celebration of the rich history and culture of people living in the East End.

Much has been written about the history of the East End from the outside. East End Yesterdays is a chance for the people who actually live or work in the East End to take matters into their own hands and record their lives in their own way. Don't leave it to the historians, help record your own history and the history of the East End by contributing to this exhibition. There will be exhibits by groups and individuals from around the East End, plus events for all ages - school days, days for older people and a kids fun day. There will be a day on the History of Health and a day about the River.

If you have anything to contribute - an exhibition, or your family photos, or a talk of local interest, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Don't forget:

History is about the lives of ordinary people too.

The East End is made up of many different communities. We hope they will all be represented.

What is happening today becomes the history of tomorrow.

For more information please contact:

MAGGIE HEWITT at Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London E2 6HG

Tele. No. 01 739 9001.



EAST LONDON HISTORY COACH OUTING

SATURDAY 12 MAY 1990

A date to mark in your diary!

Our Spring coach outing will be to ST OSYTHS PRIORY Essex.

The coach will take the route along the Stour Estuary, which has beautiful views and nature reserves. There will be a stop at Manningtree, to look at this attractive town, which has a large working Craft Centre.

St Osyths Priory is a privately owned house with very large gardens and an extensive Picture Gallery.

TICKETS : £6.00 for the coach fare. Extra for entry to St Osyths Priory.

Bookings please to Miss Anne Sansom, 18 Hawkdene, Chingford, London E4 7PF. Tele: 01 524 4506.

BOOKING FORM FOR COACH OUTING - 12 MAY 1990 ST OSYTHS PRIORY.

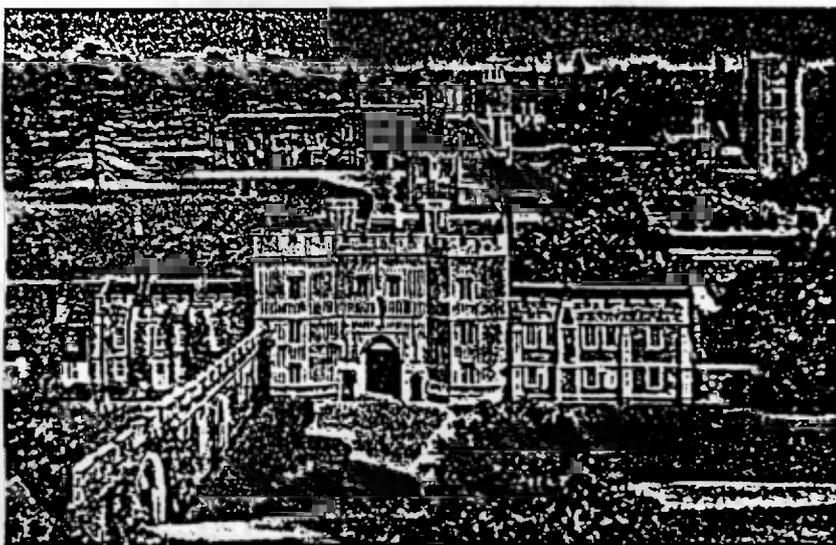
Please PRINT your Name and Address.
All Cheques should be made payable to E L H S please.

Tickets £6.00 each for the Coach only. Entry to St OYSTHS Priory payable on coach.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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Oil painting by Julian Barrow.

ST. OSYTH PRIORY

ESSEX

*The home of Mr Somerset and
the Lady Juliet de Chair.*

The Great Gate House ('unexcelled by any monastic remains in the Country' - Country Life) was built 20 years before Christopher Columbus sailed. Here Peacocks stroll on shady lawns, surrounded by buildings half as old as England's history.

London 65 miles. Colchester 12 miles. Frinton 8 miles.



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By popular demand, Rosemary Taylor will be repeating the Walk through Bow. - In the footsteps of Sylvia Pankhurst and her Friends in the East End.

The Walk forms part of the programme of the East End Festival (TEEF 90), which will take place from 7 April to 5 May 1990.

The date to mark in your diary is Saturday 14 April, and the meeting point will be outside Bow Road Underground station at 2 pm.

See you there!

