



An August Bank-Holiday in the East End.

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EAST LONDON HISTORY SOCIETY
LECTURE PROGRAMME - 1998-99
Thursdays at 7.30 pm

17th September 1998:

London's River Police, 1798 to the present (*Illustrated*)
Speaker Geoffrey Budworth

29th October 1998:

AGM of ELHS at 7:15 pm, followed by

Poor Journeymen; Huguenot weavers in 18th century Spitalfields
Speaker Mary Bayliss

12th November 1998:

Thames Foreshore Archaeological Survey
Speaker Rose Baillie

3rd December 1998:

Women's Clothing Industry in East London
Speaker Anne J Kersten

28th January 1999:

Wilton's and Music Hall in the East End - not like we remember!
Speaker Brian Daubney

25th February 1999:

The German Hospital, Hackney
Speaker Elizabeth McKellar

18th March 1999:

The Architecture of Charitable Organisations in the East End, 1880-1905
Speaker Danny Wells

29th April 1999:

The Story of Shadwell
Malcolm Barr-Hamilton

20th May 1999:

Members Open Evening
Don't Forget the Pigeons - East Enders and their Birds and Animals

Note:

The lectures are held on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Latimer Congregational Church Hall, Ernest Street, E1, - between Harford Street and WhiteHorse Lane, off Mile End Road (opposite Queen Mary and Westfield College). The nearest Underground Stations are Mile End and Stepney Green.
Bus No. 25.

The Arrival of the NHS - 50 Years Ago

John Harris

On 5th July 1948 the National Health Service came into force. Free medical treatment for all, including prescriptions, dental treatment, spectacles and maternity benefits.

This may not mean much to people who grew up with the NHS, but to an older generation it was a real lifeline, and to understand their feelings we have to go back to the "good old days."

For many years most of the hospitals in the East End were known as voluntary hospitals, this meant they did not get any money from the government but were supported by donations from dockers' unions, ship owners, most of the firms in the East End, and all the darts clubs in Millwall and Poplar.

Voluntary hospitals operated on a shoestring and they could not afford expensive medical equipment. The staff were very dedicated but were limited in what services they could provide. One way of raising money was to have a "Flag Day". This meant all the nurses out on the street with their collection boxes selling tiny lapel flags. Another method was "Hospital Sunday", when extra collections were made in all the churches for the hospitals.

Money was always tight in these hospitals but though treatment was free patients were asked if they could make some payment depending on their income. If you needed spectacles your doctor wrote a prescription which you paid for, you then went to the optician and were fitted with spectacles for which you also paid. Many people could not afford this. There was a less expensive way. Woolworths had a counter on which there would be a large

pile of spectacles and an eye chart. You then went through the pile trying on the spectacles, to find a pair that suited you.

The cost for these spectacles was 1/6d old money. To have a tooth extracted cost 2/6d. For a doctor to attend a birth at home would be between £6 and £7, which was more than a week's wages for some men.

The infant mortality rate in Bethnal Green in 1937 was high, the Medical Officer for the area stated that many of the infants' lives could have been saved if the doctor had been called in earlier. Many of the babies were suffering from diarrhoea and enteritis, but the doctor was not called in until the disease was well advanced. This was due to the expense of a doctor making house calls. In that year there were 235 cases of diphtheria reported in Bethnal Green. Throughout the East End in 1937 there was a great deal of unemployment, short time working, and low wages, which resulted in a low standard of living and poor health. In Bethnal Green alone 1205 children were receiving free milk and dinners.

When war was declared in 1939 it not only brought bombs to the East End, it brought one important benefit and that was the Emergency Hospital Service, which was set up for the treatment of air raid casualties. This service was later expanded to cover all patients including maternity services and infant care. The reasoning behind this move was that they could not have a patient in one bed with injuries caused by an air raid paying nothing, while a patient in the next bed with appendicitis who would have to pay.

The EHS was also responsible for the issue of free orange juice and cod liver oil for infants. They also carried out a large scale programme to immunise all children against diphtheria

which was a real killer disease around the East End.

The NHS was the natural successor to this wartime organisation, but it now covered dental treatment and opticians, maternity allowances and mental health. For many weeks after the NHS came into being the national press had a great time with stories of queues at the doctors for prescriptions, extra sets of false teeth and even for wigs, all very amusing, but not true. The real reason for the rush to the doctors was the result of years of medical neglect in places like the East End.

When Poplar Hospital was taken into the NHS system, it was still carrying a debt of £25,000 which tells us what a financial knife edge the voluntary hospitals were on.

A Pictorial History of Victoria Park,
published by the East London History Society.
Price £6.99.+p&p

A reminder for those who have yet to purchase their copy of the excellent book on Victoria Park, or if you are thinking about Christmas gifts (yes, it's that time again!). Copies are available at most East End bookshops, or send your order to Doreen Kendall, 20 Puteaux House, Cranbrook Estate, Bethnal Green E2 ORF. Tel: 0181 981 7680.

Postman's Park - the memorial plaques

Doreen Osborn

One of the least-known yet most poignant of monuments to 'ordinary' Londoners must surely be the memorial cloister, located in Postman's Park, in St. Martin's Le Grand - a stone's throw from St. Paul's Cathedral.

Postman's Park is actually made up of the former churchyards of St. Leonard's, Foster Lane and St. Botolph's, Aldersgate Street, the graveyard of Christchurch, Newgate Street and the later addition of some land bordering Little Britain.

It was designated a public park in 1890 and received its present name following the construction of the nearby Post Office HQ in 1895.

The idea of the memorial was conceived by the artist and sculptor, G F Watts and in 1900, the wall-mounted panel, containing 52 plaques was constructed, sheltered under a wooden canopy.

At the centre of the panel is a small, carved figure of Watts, together with a dedication to 'the heroic self-sacrifice' of those commemorated - all of whom died in the attempt to save the lives of others.

Of particular East London interest are the following:

GODFREY MAULE
NICHOLSON Manager of a Stratford Distillery, **GEORGE AND ROBERT UNDERHILL**, workmen, successively went down a well to rescue comrades July 12th 1901.

GEORGE STEPHEN FUNNELL, police constable, December 22nd 1899. In a fire at the 'Elephant & Castle', Wick Road, Hackney Wick, after rescuing two lives, went back into the flames, saving a barmaid at the risk of his own life.

ARTHUR REGELOUS, carman, ('Little Peter'), aged 25, who, with **ALICE MAUD DENMAN**, aged 27, died in trying to save her children from a burning house in Bethnal Green. April 20th 1902.

ELIZABETH COGHLAM, aged 26, of Church Path, Stoke Newington, died saving her family and house by carrying blazing paraffin to the yard. January 1st 1902.

HENRY JAMES BRISTOW, aged 8, at Walthamstow. On December 30th 1890, saved his little sister's life by tearing off her flaming clothes, but caught fire himself and died of burns and shock.

SOLOMAN GALAMAN, aged 11, died of injuries, September 6th 1901, after saving his little brother from being run over in Commercial Street
"Mother, I saved him but I could not save myself."

JAMES BANNISTER, of Bow, aged 30, rushed over when an opposite shop caught fire, and was suffocated in the attempt to save life. October 14th 1901.

JOHN SLADE, Private, 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, of Stepney. When his house caught fire, saved one man and dashing upstairs to rouse others, lost his life. December 26th 1902.

GEORGE BLENCOWE, aged 16, when a friend bathing in the Lea cried for help, went to his rescue and was drowned. September 6th 1880.

P.C. EDWARD GEORGE BROWN GREENOFF, Metropolitan Police. Many lives were saved by his devotion to duty at the terrible explosion at Silvertown, 19th January 1917.

WILLIAM GOODRUM, Signalman, aged 60, lost his life at Kingsland Road Bridge, in saving a workman from death under the approaching train from Kew. February 28th 1880.

FREDERICK MILLS, A. RUTTER, ROBERT DURRANT & F.D. JONES who lost their lives in bravely striving to save a comrade at the sewage pumping works, East Ham.

ELIZABETH BOXALL, aged 17, of Bethnal Green, who died of injuries received in trying to save a child from a runaway horse. June 20th 1888.

Central Stepney History Walk by Tom Ridge, price £1.00.

This is a detailed look at a variety of buildings and historic sites in the Stepney area. The route is clearly marked out and there is a wealth of information on the area, from Saxon times to the present day. This is an excellent publication, which has taken Tom several years to put together, it is well-produced in a large format, and is a steal at £1. Available at Bancroft Library and at Eastside Bookshop.

Members' Letters

Sam Vincent, 72 Southfields, Letchworth, Herts SG6 4NA:

I have been reading the current edition of the newsletter and find the letter of Chris Dixon very interesting, she has beaten me to a nostalgic trip to my roots and I feel quite envious reading her story of the visit.

Another article of interest was written by Stephen Sadler. Stephen and I have corresponded and he gave me some interesting information about teachers' names that I had forgotten at Sewardstone Road school.

I am sure Stephen and I spent some time in the same local air-raid shelter near St. James Avenue during the Blitz, he surely must remember my father snoring to the annoyance of the other occupants! There were bombs falling around which seemed to be the least of their worries!

Incidentally, the Bandon Road incident also caught my eye, at that time we had left Bethnal Green but my step sister Bess had moved into our old house at 4 Doric Road, her aunt was killed in that incident, she lived in Bandon Road. I would be interested to learn of any information relating to her death, her surname was Russell.

At that time (1944) our family, with the exception of sister Bess had moved to a safer refuge, Stotfold in Bedfordshire. When we were told that a V1 doodlebug had fallen on Bandon Road, we immediately set off for Bethnal Green.

Sister Bess had moved into our house in Doric Road after we had evacuated it at the latter end of 1940. On our arrival at Doric

Road we were confronted with damage sustained at number 4 and adjacent houses. Windows were broken, ceilings that had fallen in, dust and rubble everywhere. I well remember returning home after clearing what we could, feeling absolutely shattered both physically and mentally. The house in which I had seen the first light of day and spent my childhood, now stood in ruins.

The remaining undamaged furniture was removed from Doric Road at a later date. It was stored in a huge barn at the end of the garden, at our address in Stotfold.

Eventually at the cessation of the war my sister Bess and her husband Harry (who had just been demobbed from the Navy) returned with their son David to accommodation in Bishops Way until their departure to Chingford in 1946, a far cry from the devastation of Bethnal Green.

Editor's note:

Our tireless researcher John Harris has uncovered the following information from the Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green civilian war dead:

Annie Russell aged 87 of 3 Bandon Road, widow of George Samuel Russell, 26th June 1944 at 3 Bandon Road.
Elizabeth Margaret (Bessie), aged 42 of 3 Bandon Road, daughter of Annie and late George S Russell, 26th June 1944 at 3 Bandon Road.

Chris Dixon, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne:

Thanks ever so much for sending me a copy of *The Changing East End*. I have been looking through it for the past week, and it is fascinating. I really enjoy looking at old photos, especially of places that are familiar, as you seem to see

new things every time you look at them.

We recently came back from a few days in London, although we didn't get as far as the East End. We had a nice walk along the South Bank of the Thames from Waterloo up to London Bridge, calling in for a look at the Globe Theatre on the way. My family think it very strange that I had never been around Borough Market before, but I hardly ever used to go to South London. I don't know if things are different now but people didn't seem to cross the river very much years ago. I remember when I worked in the Employment Exchange at East Ham and I would try to get people to go for jobs in South London (bearing in mind that the Woolwich Ferry was about 10 minutes away), and the answer was usually, "Sorry, but I never go over the water."

I had set my video to record 'Maisie Raine' while I was away. I have watched the first episode, and recognised the entrance to Meath Gardens and the flats next to it. How long have there been allotments there, by the way? I don't remember them when I lived there. Also Bethnal Green Police Station, which I see from the press cutting which you sent me is no longer in use.

Doreen Kendall replies:

The old Bethnal Green Police Station is the location for the new BBC police drama *Maisie Raine*, starring Pauline Quirke. Apparently, it was broken into several times whilst the TV crew were on location filming the series!

The allotments in Meath Gardens, called "Prospect Place" also features in the series, as does Eastbourne House.

Murder Mystery

Louis A Llewellyn-Hodge, the Old Watch House, The Parade, Parkgate, South Wirral, Cheshire L64 6RW:

I am wondering if you or one of your members can assist me? I am looking for newspaper accounts of a World War II murder in the East Ham area. Tragically, one of those wartime stories of an unfaithful wife, discovered by her husband, who subsequently stood trial for murdering her. His sentence apparently was light with the Judge talking of 'great provocation'.

The soldier's name was **Richard Thomas**, probably '**Dick Thomas**.' I am sure this would have been reported locally in the local newspapers. If I had their name and address, I might get lucky if I write to their archivist. It may be that one of your older members may even have knowledge of the Case. Dick Thomas only served a short sentence and when released, emigrated.

Quite a task to find a 'local' murder in six years of war, but stranger things have happened. Hope you can start me off with the name/address of the East Ham 'local' paper.

Editor's Note:

Doreen Kendall has some initial suggestions as to the line of enquiry. First of all, a check at the Family Record Centre - Deaths, would provide a date for the wife's death (if we know the name of the wife). This would narrow the search down tremendously. The Local History Library, Water Lane, Stratford, would have copies of local newspapers, such as the

Stratford Express. Six years' papers is not really too much to trawl through, with time and patience. The incident must have been reported at the time of occurrence and again when the soldier stood trial.

Perhaps some of our members might have heard about this case. Do drop us a line if you have any clues!

Where is Diana?

The discovery of a photograph in a book "Greater London - it's growth and development through two thousand years" by Christopher Trent, published in 1965 has sparked off another hunt, for a statue of Diana.

A view of Island Gardens looking over towards Greenwich shows a statue of Diana the Huntress in the left foreground. The mystery is, when was the statue removed, and where is it now?

Do any of our members recognise the statue and do you have any recollections of seeing it in Island Gardens?

Princess Alexandra at the QVSR

Rosemary Taylor

In April of this year HRH Princess Alexandra paid a visit to the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest, in the East India Dock Road, Poplar. As its patron the Princess takes a keen interest in the Mission, and she clearly enjoys her visits to the East End, meeting the elderly seafarers and remembers many of the staff whom she has met on previous occasions. As a part-time secretary and researcher at the Mission, I was presented to her and when the Princess was told that I had recently

published a book on the East End, she immediately asked if she could buy a copy. I promised to send her one, which I did, and received the following letter from Buckingham Palace:

Dear Mrs Taylor,

*Princess Alexandra was delighted to receive a copy of your book **The Changing East End - Stepney, Bethnal Green and Poplar 1860-1960.***

Her Royal Highness has asked me to thank you most warmly for your kind thought in sending it. I know that the Princess will look forward to reading it when she has a quiet moment.

The Princess has asked me to send her best wishes.

*Capt. Neil Blair
Private Secretary*

Murder at the Bow Palace

John Harris

On the 14th November 1934, at 9 am, John Frederick Stockwell, aged 19, walked to the gallows at Pentonville Prison. He met his death with the same calmness that he displayed when sentenced at the Old Bailey by Mr. Justice Goddard.

Stockwell had been sentenced to death for the murder of Mr. Dudley Hoard, Manager of the Eastern Palace Cinema, which was situated in Bow Road opposite Bow Church. Stockwell had been employed as an attendant at the cinema.

That year August Bank Holiday fell on the 7th August, and the manager who lived with his wife in the flat above the cinema had placed the takings of three

days, almost £100, in the office safe.

Early next morning Mr. Hoard heard a knock at the door, he answered it and found Stockwell outside. He said he had left some money in the cinema and could he come in and collect it. Mr. Hoard let him in, but the moment he turned his back Stockwell pulled out an axe from under his coat and attacked him, striking him a number of times about the head. Mrs. Hoard came running out of the bedroom and she was also attacked. Stockwell then washed the blood from his hands and with Mr. Hoard's keys opened the safe and took the money.

He hid the axe behind the cinema and went home to his lodgings in Empson Street, Bromley by Bow when he sat down to breakfast. In the evening of the same day he took his lady friend (the landlady's daughter) to a West End cinema.

The next morning he took the train to Lowestoft where he stayed in a lodging house. But a few days later, he saw a photograph of himself in a daily paper and left the house.

Later some clothing was found on the shore. In the pocket was a post office savings book with Stockwell's name on it and a letter addressed to the local police. In it Stockwell confessed to the crime and stated that he was going to drown himself. But Stockwell did not drown himself, he went to Great Yarmouth and booked into a hotel under the name of J F Smith. The manager was suspicious of him and contacted the police. On searching his room a large sum of money was found and some bags marked Eastern Palace Cinema. Stockwell was arrested and taken back to London by car.

So ended one of the biggest manhunts in this country since Jack the Ripper. Mr. Hoard

died in St. Andrews Hospital on the same day he was attacked. His wife survived.

The trial was one of the shortest on record. Stockwell changed his plea of Not Guilty to Guilty, the jury were out for 30 minutes and returned a verdict of Guilty, but strongly recommended mercy, taking into consideration the parental guidance he never received.

Stockwell's father had been killed in France when he was very young, his mother died when he was eleven years old.

The Home Secretary refused a reprieve, and Stockwell went to the gallows. At the age of 19, he was the youngest person to hang for 12 years.

What became of some of the key players in this drama? Dr. Ralph Summers who was Divisional Police Surgeon for the East End and helped with the post mortem on the murder victim and gave evidence at the trial, died peacefully at his son's home in Woodford Green in October 1997, shortly after his 97th birthday.

Stockwell's solicitor was Mr. Edward Fail. In July 1944 a flying bomb landed close to Arbour Square Police Court where Mr. Fail was taking a case. He was badly injured and died five days later in the London Hospital.

Mr. Justice Goddard later became the Lord Chief Justice and in later years presided over the Derek Bentley murder case.

Empson Street was badly damaged in the September 1940 air raids. It was later fenced off and the ruined houses used as a battle training ground for the Home Guard. The Eastern Palace Cinema was later renamed the Regal Cinema. In the 1960s it was demolished and replaced by a block of flats.

Book Shelf

Three books by **James Page-Roberts**, published by the Mudlark Press. Enquiries to the Mudlark Press, PO box 13729, London W6 9GN.

Docklands Buildings Old and New. With 59 photographs this is another splendid value book from the Mudlark Press. The author takes you around London docklands north and south of the Thames with entertaining words and personal anecdotes to enjoy its history and buildings. It is a fascinating tour, seen with a perceptive and idiosyncratic eye.

Price £5.95

Canary Wharf and Sights from Docklands Light Railway. This handy guide is for those from home or abroad visiting London's docklands and travelling by Docklands Light Railway. With 2 maps and 36 coloured photographs, the booklet shows you the points of interest on a journey of discovery from the Tower of London to historic Greenwich.

Price £2.95.

Guide to a Dockland of Change. This is a present day, historical and (1949-1969) photographic guide to the riverside docks and wharves between the tower of London and the Limehouse of Pepys and Charles Dickens. There are 122 pages, 5 maps, 57 mono photographs.

Price £4.95.

The East London Record - issues 1 - 18

On numerous occasions there have been enquiries from members of the public as to whether the Society had produced an index of back issues of the East London Record. Now that the Record has appeared in its new format, I thought it was a good time to tackle this project. I hope members feel this is a worthwhile exercise and that its inclusion in the newsletter will prove to be of value. This has been produced on a database, and can be sorted in several ways. If any member would like a copy of this sorted in, for instance, keyword 2, I would be happy to oblige.

Note: It has become imperative that we reduce the quantities of Records in stock. Whilst many issues have sold out, Issues No. 7, 10, 11, 14, 17 and 18 are available and members can now buy back issues at a flat rate of £1 per copy, including p&p. Send your orders to Doreen Kendall.

Issue	Year	Article	Author	Keyword 1	Keyword 2	Area
13	1990	Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton Bt 1786-1845	Harold Finch	Politics	Biography	Bethnal Green
11	1988	George Howell - Trade Unionist And Reformer	Harold Finch	Politics	Biography	Bethnal Green
4	1981	Memories Of Bethnal Green	Francis Le May	Childhood	Reminiscence	Bethnal Green
6	1983	Memories Of Bethnal Green 1935-1945	Joyce Ayres	Childhood	Reminiscence	Bethnal Green
10	1987	Childhood Memories Of Bethnal Green	George E Bishop	Childhood	Reminiscence	Bethnal Green
12	1989	A Bethnal Green Childhood	Sam Vincent	Childhood	Reminiscence	Bethnal Green
7	1984	Around The Bandstand	D Greenhalgh	Childhood	Reminiscence	Bethnal Green
18	1996	The Victory Parade Of 1946	Doreen Kendall	War	Celebration	Bethnal Green
15	1992	The Bethnal Green Tube Disaster	Doreen Kendall	War	Family History	Bethnal Green
18	1996	George Webster Ltd - Horse Contractors And Carmen	Sue Winter	Carmen	Biography	Bow
18	1996	Down The Ground (Bow Cemetery)	Bradley Snooks	Graves And Names	Burial Grounds	Bow
10	1987	The Rise And Fall Of The Bow And Bromley Institute	G P Moss	Club	Leisure	Bow
17	1994/5	An East London Business	E J Erith	Factory	Building Trade	Bow
15	1992	A Childhood In Bow	Vi Short	Childhood	Reminiscence	Bow
16	1993	Memories Of Malmesbury Road Schools 1919-1925	Vi Short	Childhood	School	Bow
12	1989	The Story Of The Old Five Bells	Rosemary Taylor	Temperance	Religion	Bromley St. Leonard
1	1978	A Friend In My Retreat: Family Life In Bromley St. Leonard Between the Wars	Kingsley Royden	Childhood	Reminiscence	Bromley St. Leonard
17	1994/5	Old Canning Town	Ivy Alexander	Childhood	Reminiscence	Canning Town
9	1986	The Imperial Canning Town	C Demarne	Theatre	Leisure	Canning Town
11	1988	Memories Of Canning Town	C Heffer	Childhood	Reminiscence	Canning Town
6	1983	Joseph Priestley In Clapton 1791-94	Michael Gray	Writer	Biography	Clapton
2	1979	Tower Hamlets 1888	William Fishman	Poverty	Social History	East London
2	1979	Hopping Down In Kent	Ellen Kemp	Hop Picking	Holidays	East London
8	1985	Hop Picking In The 1930s	D Freeman	Hop Picking	Holidays	East London
2	1979	1832 Cholera Epidemic In East London	Robert Mcr Higgins	Disease	Medicine	East London

3	1980	The Cameras Eye: Photographing Tower Hamlets 1855-1939	Bernard Nurse	Photography	Leisure	East London
12	1989	Anglo Catholic Socialist Clergy In East London 1870- 1970	Kenneth Leech	Socialism	Religion	East London
4	1981	Popular Beliefs About Witches	R Higgins	Witchcraft	Religion	East London
17	1994/5	A Short History Of The Youth Service In Tower Hamlets	Harold Finch	Childhood	School	East London
3	1980	Achievers In The Ghetto	Irving Osborne	Children	School	East London
2	1979	Some East End Ballads	A Robinson	Songs	Leisure	East London
10	1987	Transport East Of London Bridge After 1825	E F Clark	Railways	Transport	East London
16	1993	The Volunteer Militia Companies	Clifford Gully	Soldiers	War	East London
5	1982	Women In Politics	Elizabeth Vallance	Women	Politics	East London
14	1991	Journeymen Bakers In Mid- Nineteenth Century East London	Edwin Dare	Breadmaking	Work	East London
14	1991	19th Century East End Children As Pavement Entertainers	John Ramsland	Childhood	Work	East London
16	1993	Juvenile Streetsellers And Traders	John Ramsland	Childhood	Work	East London
1	1978	The Coal Heavers Of East London	C Kerrigan	Coalheavers	Work	East London
18	1996	Agricultural Holdings, East And West Ham	W Bran Tyler	Land	Work	East/West Ham
13	1990	Dick Turpin In Hackney	Clifford Gully	Convict	Crime	Hackney
11	1988	Notes On The Agapemonites	M H Brooks	Church	Religion	Hackney
14	1991	The Knights Templars In Hackney	Clifford Gully	Medieval	Religion	Hackney
18	1996	Childhood Days In Hackney And Abbey Lane	George Berry	Childhood	Reminiscence	Hackney
17	1994/5	Hackney Schoolboy Football In The Thirties	Les Jolly	Sport	Childhood	Hackney
8	1985	Hackney Waterworks	K Fairclough	Health	Work	Hackney
6	1983	The British Xylonite Company Ltd of Homerton	A J Wait	Plastics	Factory	Homerton
9	1986	Vanished Church, Vanished Streets: The Parish Of St. Saviour's Hoxton	John Harwood	Church	Religion	Hoxton
5	1982	Memories Of The Isle Of Dogs 1912-31	Minnie Skeat	Childhood	Reminiscence	Isle Of Dogs
14	1991	On The Isle Of Dogs	Ellen Rae	Childhood	Reminiscence	Isle Of Dogs
15	1992	The Ingles Of Limehouse	Fred Wright	Family History	Biography	Limehouse
15	1992	Satan, Suffragettes And Salvation	Valerie Given	Politics	Religion	Limehouse
10	1987	From Ben's Limehouse	Ben Thomas	Childhood	Reminiscence	Limehouse
5	1982	The Story Of Limehouse	Alfred French	Seafarers	Shipping	Limehouse
1	1978	Richard Newman Of Mile End New Town 1778-1792	Bernard Nurse	Gentry	Biography	Mile End
4	1981	The Mile End Air Election Of 1916	H David Behr	Election	Politics	Mile End
9	1986	Mile End Old Town And The East India Company	D B Morris	Seafarers	Shipping	Mile End
8	1985	Records Of The Poplar Pension Fund	I A Baxter	Seafarers	Charity	Poplar

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3	1980	A Poplar Childhood	Lilian Hine	Childhood	Reminiscence	Poplar
6	1983	Hard Up And Happy	Jim Stuart	Childhood	Reminiscence	Poplar
13	1990	Mainly The High Bob	C Chisnall	Childhood	Reminiscence	Poplar
16	1993	Beyond The High Bob	C Chisnall	Childhood	Reminiscence	Poplar
7	1984	St. Paul's Industrial School Burdett Road	C J Lloyd	Training	School	Poplar
6	1983	The Democratic Revolution In The Company Of Thames Watermen 1641-2	Christopher O'Riordan	River	Work	River Thames
4	1981	The Road To Transportation	Ralph Bodle	Convict	Crime	Shadwell
12	1989	Discovery In The East End	David Herbert Leaback	Chemical	Biography	Shadwell
6	1983	H J Glover: High Class Lemonade: Celebrated Ginger Beer	Mike Sandow	Drinks	Manufacture	Shadwell
11	1988	Jane Randolph And Shadwell	C Ernestine Maitland	Politics	Biography	Shadwell
10	1987	C & R Light Ltd, Cabinet Makers Of Shoreditch	John Light	Furniture	Manufacture	Shoreditch
8	1985	Memories Of Spitalfields	S Diamond	Childhood	Reminiscence	Spitalfields
10	1987	The Jewish East End Celebration	H David Behr	Jewish	Celebration	Stepney
17	1994/5	Status Seekers In A Grand House: 21 Stepney Green	C J Lloyd	Medical	School	Stepney
3	1980	Concertinas In The Commercial Road: The Story Of George Jones	Frank E Butler	Instruments	Music	Stepney
7	1984	Faccini's Barrel Organ Depot	Anthony Bird	Instruments	Music	Stepney
4	1981	A Temperance Experiment In Wellclose Square	C Kerrigan	Temperance	Religion	Stepney
9	1986	Stepney Memories	M E Carrington	Childhood	Reminiscence	Stepney
9	1986	Copperfield Road Ragged School	T S Ridge	Charity	School	Stepney
8	1985	Stepney Jewish	Patricia Craven	Jewish	School	Stepney
4	1981	John Borlindor	A Robinson	Seafarers	Shipping	Stepney
13	1990	Stepney And Trinity House	Derek Morris	Seafarers	Shipping	Stepney
5	1982	Boxing Memories	Louis Behr	Boxing	Sport	Stepney
13	1990	F C Mills And The Broad Street Boys Club	Fred Wright	Boxing	Sport	Stepney
7	1984	Rescue Of The Crown Jewels In 1841	John Pierse	Police	Crime	Tower Hill
1	1978	Victoria Park By Charles Poulsen	A H French	Parks	Leisure	Victoria Park
7	1984	What They Died of in Wapping 1657-1661	David Cobb	Disease	Medicine	Wapping
14	1991	East London And Elizabeth Fry	Lella Raymond	Religion	Biography	West Ham
16	1993	A Century Serving The Deaf	Tony Clifford	Deaf And Dumb	School	West Ham
15	1992	Frederick Rogers: Bookbinder And Journalist	Harold Finch	Bookbinding	Biography	Whitechapel
17	1994/5	The Burial Grounds Of Backchurch Lane Whitechapel	Bruce Watson	Family History	Burial Grounds	Whitechapel
1	1978	The Parish Of St. Mary Whitechapel 1908-1916	Rev George Hanks	Poverty	Religion	Whitechapel
15	1992	They Carried The Banner	Ron Montague	Religion	School	Whitechapel
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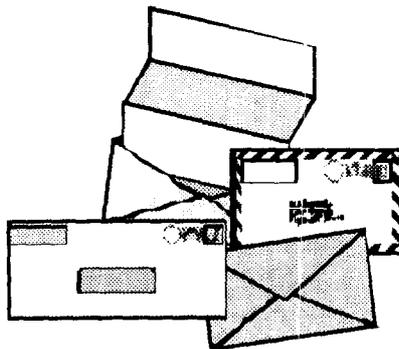
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Letters and articles on East End history and reminiscences are always welcome and we make every effort to publish suitable material. You may write to Doreen Kendall, 20 Puteaux House, Cranbrook Estate, Bethnal Green, E2 0RF, or to Rosemary Taylor at the new address below.

My new address from the end of August is:

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A Popular Gazetteer Proposed

An appreciation of the built environment, a sense of pride in local heritage and a broad cultural literacy are ingredients, all, for good citizenship and harmonious communities. Knowledge is the binding agent in this recipe.

Doubtless, each member of the Society would endorse the opinion that knowledge about Tower Hamlets should be made more widely available than is presently the case, given how few plaques or notices appear in our public places.

General interest in local history is often localized indeed, horizons fixed at the (perceived) boundaries of neighbourhood, estate or even street.

I should like to propose an initiative that takes account of this 'parochialism.'

The Borough's estates are currently managed by some 34 local housing offices. Research into the origins of the names of estates, of blocks and of the surrounding streets could be organised around these housing 'sectors' with the goal of producing a poster about each.

Information given would include local history connections, as well as more wide-ranging cultural and historical facts, for example, about the many poets and mythological figures whose names are on loan to familiar Borough landmarks.

The attractively-produced posters would be displayed in the windows of these offices, at other Council sites, including local libraries and schools - and reproduced as fliers for local people. It may be that *East End Life* can be persuaded to serialise the material. The project could also be the basis of an educational 'gazetteer' of Tower Hamlets in electronic format.

Would the Society be prepared to 'adopt' this scheme, and are there members willing and available to form a volunteer team of researchers? It's a lot of work, but the result would be a huge increase in public awareness and understanding of local heritage. If the Society's support can be agreed in principle, formal approaches can be made before the year's end to the Borough and funds sought.

Please send your comments and suggestions on the above to Rosemary Taylor, at the address below.

In the meanwhile, anyone prepared to research the Cranbrook or Digby/Greenways estates in Globetown by way of a pilot over the next few months should contact Steve Cook at the Institute of Community Studies, 18 Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PF.

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AUTUMN COACH TRIP

Saturday 19th September 1998
To Stowmarket

The Autumn Coach Trip will take place on Saturday 19th September 1998. We will be visiting the Museum of East Anglian Life, in Stowmarket, Suffolk. It is in the Town Centre, but occupies a spacious site. There are pavilions entitled 'East Anglia at work', 'The Farming Year', 'Domestic Display', and 'Travellers and Sporting Men', and a number of historic buildings, including a watermill, a windpump, a farmhouse, a smithy and a barn.

During the day of our visit there will be displays of 'Farming old and new' including ploughing, threshing and milling.

We will have a break when we first arrive to allow for lunch (own arrangements) and a look around Stowmarket, which is a busy market town. It has two fine mediaeval churches, and a number of other old buildings.

Tea is available at the Museum.

The coach fare will be £7.00, please send this with your booking. Entrance to the Museum is £3.35 (full rate) or £2.75 for OAPs. This will be collected on the coach.

The pick-up will be at Mile End, opposite the station, at 9.30 am.

Please send your bookings to:
Ann Sansom, 18 Hawkdene, London E4 7PF (Tel: 0181 524 4506)

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