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BROWN IS BEAUTIFUL

Bob Gilbert disagrees with a popular policy

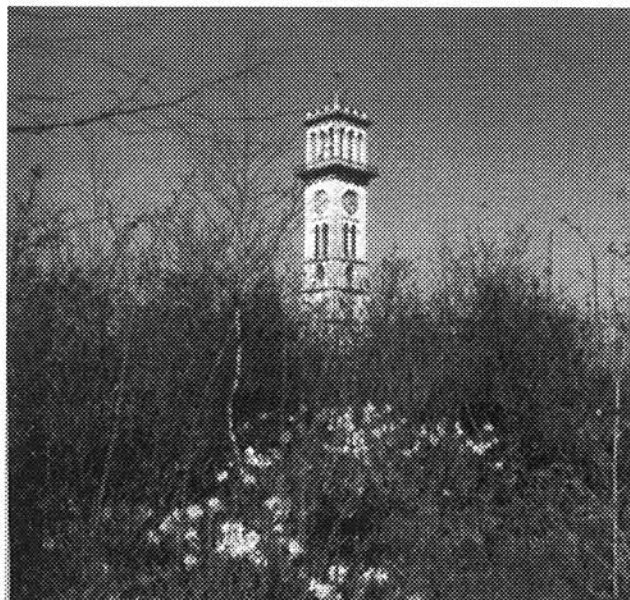
Four million new homes, it is projected, will be built in this country in the next twenty years: 1.1m in London and the south east. That is a lot of new building in the most crowded corner of an already crowded island but don't worry, we have a policy for it. 60% of it will take place on brownfield sites. New homes on old sites, a win-win situation in which we cut down on the use of "greenfield" sites, whilst simultaneously expanding the housing market. Here is that rarest of creatures: a policy that pleases everyone. Except me.

The brownfield site policy, the drive to develop the so-called urban waste lands is, I would say, based on a wrong assessment of their ecological value, a wrong assessment of their aesthetic value and an under-estimate of their social and environmental significance.

Take the ecological argument. Brownfield sites are not in fact barren urban deserts but rich and diverse ecological communities. Don't take my word for it: look around you. The derelict site in Laycock Street, for example, close to Highbury Corner, has colonised in just a few years with poplar, willow and birch; with strands of rosebay willow herb, evening primrose, bristly ox-tongue and bird's-foot trefoil. Plans such as these provide a rich feeding ground for bees and butterflies and a wide range of invertebrates. Before Galt Brothers turned it into a temporary cable depot, the best place for butterflies in Islington was the Lough Road development site. It was alive in summer with dozens of small tortoiseshells, red admirals, painted ladies, commas, holly blues, meadow browns and large and small skippers. According to a report from English Nature, well in excess of 15% of all our scarcest insect species are found in brownfield sites. And what applies to insects also applies to birds. The black redstart, for example, one of Britain's scarcest breeding birds, has made

its current national stronghold on derelict riverside land in Greenwich land which will disappear under Dome-associated developments. In Islington, this same bird had bred only on brownfield sites: abandoned railway sidings at Drayton Park and Kings Cross.

The irony is that such supposed wasteland is ecologically richer than the greenfield sites it is being sacrificed to save. The swathes of chemically-maintained wheat fields or improved pastoral greenlands around London, visually dull and ecologically degraded, are the real deserts. The urban sites by comparison are exciting, diverse and



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dynamic ecological
communities.

So why do we consistently get it wrong? One reason lies in the way we are trained to see things. Take the terms we are using here: waste lands, back lands, brownfield sites, all negative and perforative. It is no wonder that we ever see them in a blinkered and predefined manner. And to compound matters, we are comparing them with a false and romantic notion of the countryside: one based on a rural idyll which indeed if it ever existed, was already out of date some 50 years ago. Both of these factors mean that we fail to see the true attractiveness of the urban countryside, the forms of nature that are already staring us in the face. Nature, it seems, can only exist when we allow it, or where we deliberately and painstakingly manage it.

The open spaces of the city, in all their variety, from wild areas to formally maintained gardens, are a facility for leisure, for exercise, for relaxation, for play and for education. But they are also something much more than this, at a deeper and almost unquantifiable level. Just as

society as a whole needs art for the sake of its soul or a country at large needs wilderness areas for the sake of its spirit, so a city needs open spaces for the sake of its corporate health. They are the pores in the fabric that allow it to breathe. They reduce noise, moderate temperature, filter pollution, lessen the impacts of overcrowding and generally act as a salve to the pressures of modern urban living. To fill every space that becomes available with built development, however badly needed, will have consequences far beyond those which can be easily costed or measured.

This is not a Luddite plea against all development. Innovative and thoughtful development provides opportunities for positive environmental enhancement. It is a plea that, in making difficult political decisions and in balancing competing demands, we recognise the real value of the brownfield sites. And despite the consensus that would have us thing otherwise!

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Suggestions of local topics to be covered and articles to be considered for publication in ISLINGTON news may be sent to the Editor at the above address. Local organisations are asked to send notification of activities and events they would like to be listed.

Letters to the Editor are welcome.

A SUSTAINABLE ISLINGTON FOR THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY

Jeremy Corbyn's vision of a brave new Islington held the "congregation" at the Society's agm spellbound. He called for less atmospheric pollution, lower fuel consumption, fewer cars, more resources for public transport and social housing. He showed how the present system positively encouraged over use of fuel generally, and particularly in cars, while assets such as our railways and canals were allowed to go to waste.

His speech was well reported in the Highbury and Islington Express and amusingly illustrated with drawings of crowded canal buses and streets given over to happy pedestrians, cyclists, and open-air coffee drinkers.

Spare copies of the article can be obtained from Harley Sherlock. Please send a stamped, addressed envelope.

development control

HARLEY SHERLOCK PONDERES A RECURRING PROBLEM

It is difficult for the Council's Development Control Committee to resist the conversion of "City-fringe" offices to residential use. There are, after all, a lot of jobs available at all levels in the City; and it seems better that senior staff should walk to work from Clerkenwell than travel from Brighton every day. But loss of commercial premises in the rest of the borough is more worrying. We surely do not want small firms driven out of areas like the Angel, Nag's Head, Archway, Finsbury Park, Caledonian Road, etc: thus turning the borough into a dormitory with no local jobs. This would be the very opposite of the sustainability that Jeremy Corbyn was calling for at our agm.

On the other hand under-used scaffold yards, and the like, in the back gardens of residential streets are not only detrimental to the area but also a waste of much sought-after "brownfield" land.

The Council has had to deal with a number of applications to turn such land into residential use: some of them skilfully planned with the help of local residents, others thoughtlessly presented in the teeth of local opposition. Considerable efforts have been made by councillors, advisory members and planners to improve the poorer schemes: usually with some success, but seldom to the satisfaction of all the occupants of

surrounding properties.

An all-too-common downside of making maximum use of urban land is the desire among house-owners to extend their properties to such an extent that they lose the very character that led them to purchase the house in the first place. Excessively large back-additions often darken the main rear rooms and block light from the staircases completely. The advisory member nominated by the Islington Society invariably opposes such extensions in Conservation Areas. But it is difficult for planning authorities to lay down hard-and-fast rules for back-additions and many unsuitable ones get approved.

CHANGES COMING TO THE ROYAL MAIL

The Planning, Conservation, and Transport Committee was concerned to read some alarming reports in the press about the future of the Royal Mail facilities in Islington. The outgoing committee chairman and the incoming Society chairman were sent off to the Northern District Office to find out what was really happening.

The Royal Mail consists of two operations: collecting mail in and sorting it, and delivering it out. The latter will continue to be done from relatively small units, N1, N.5, N7, etc. but the collecting in and sorting has been concentrated on fewer sites in recent years. In the last reorganisation, the Almeida Street site effectively became the North West District office as well as the Northern district office.

The good news is that the possibility of one or two mega offices for London, which might have involved a location close to or outside the M25, has been rejected. The Royal Mail has determined on a preferred option of three sites covering north of the river, and one covering the south. If all goes to plan the new system will be in place by 2005. However, it is conditional on identifying and acquiring suitable sites, and on conditional finance.

More good news is that

there is no threat to the 9pm collection from somewhere in N1. If there is any change it might be slightly later. However, it is too late for more distant destinations and the slogan *Post Early and Often* still holds good. There will still be an office in N1 for the collection of recorded delivery or unpaid items of mail.

Mount Pleasant remains part of the long term plan. Although the land value is high its proximity to the origins and destinations of so much mail outweigh the sale value. In the master plan it would be demolished and rebuilt, with a temporary closure. The effect of this is that Almeida Street would decline, then go back up though not to its present volume, before becoming surplus to requirements for collection/primary sorting purposes.

The outlook for the Post Office Railway is less hopeful. However, it was unclear whether there would be more or less impact on the roads. The chances are that vehicle movements in Islington would reduce, although in part this could be because larger vehicles would be used.

The employment consequences are of most concern, perhaps more so to Islington as a community than to the current

workforce. The reduction in mail centre jobs can be contained within existing wastage rates, but the jobs that are left are likely to be in outer London and therefore less attractive to residents of Islington. The Royal Mail argues that, if it does nothing the increased volume of mail will result in higher unit costs, because the present mail centres are at maximum capacity. Moreover, to meet anticipated competition and preserve the larger number of delivery jobs, the Royal Mail needs to reduce these costs.

The loss of jobs in Islington could be tempered if the planning brief which the Council produces encourages mixed use of the Almeida Street site and not total conversion to residential (as immediate neighbours would prefer).

ANDREW BOSI

ISLINGTON LIBRARIES - THE FUTURE

ISLINGTON SOCIETY MEETING

At the well-attended meeting on 30 March the strongest view, expressed by people from all sections of the community and all areas of the borough, was that libraries must be accessible, and therefore local. A high quality reference library was also needed.

Everyone present valued their libraries far more than neighbourhood offices. Many thought that the two services should be combined as libraries were more competent at dealing with information than neighbourhood offices and this would release money to improve the library service.

Although many welcomed the growing availability of IT in libraries, most people were very anxious to maintain the level of expenditure on books, which were their main requirement.

REVIEW OF SERVICE

The review mentioned by the Borough Librarian at our meeting as being due to finish by mid-May [although the consultants had not then been appointed] is now being undertaken by the consultants KPMG, and the report will go to committee on 8 July. It will then go out for public consultation for about weeks.

Once again our council is offering public consultation during the two dead months of the year when many people are away and local societies have their summer break from meetings.

ISLINGTON LIBRARIES NOW

THE CUTS

The savings of £347,000 scheduled for this year are going ahead and will be achieved by what are described as minor shortening of opening hours, freezing vacant posts, and reduction in the stockfund. They will be announced later in June.

SEE IT -HEAR IT

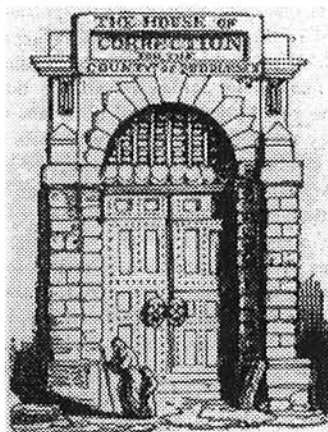
Islington's Welfare Librarian, Alan Issler, has scored another first for the service. The Right Honourable David Blunkett came on 11 May to launch the only public library Accessible Internet Service with Magnification and Sound. The service offers to visually handicapped people a huge advance in access to information and communication, and it has been designed in consultation with local visually

handicapped users.

Direct telephone support in using the service is available from visually impaired IT specialists. The National Library for the Blind is involved and the project has been grant-aided by Ulverscroft Large Print Books
LOOKING FOR MONEY
Islington Library and

Information Service has put in a bid for Finsbury Park Single Regeneration Budget money to provide improved services in that area. It has also, as part of a consortium which includes UNL, Kingsway College, and another borough, applied to the Wolfson Fund for a grant for a learning network.

TO CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING



National Year of Reading

ISLINGTON IN WORDS

As he went through
Cold-Bath Fields
he saw a solitary cell;
And the Devil was pleased,
for it gave him a hint for improving
his prisons in Hell...

The Devils Thoughts

by Samuel Coleridge and Robert Southey · 1799

THE GEOFFREY GRIBBLE AWARD

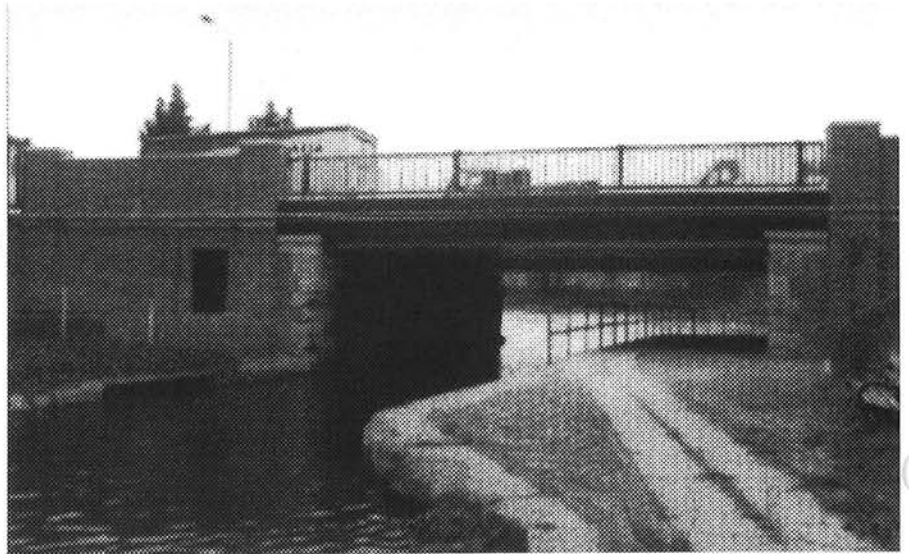
NEW FACES IN THE SOCIETY

The momentous event of the Society's 1999 agm was the retirement of our active, effective, and high-profile chairman, Harley Sherlock. So powerfully did Harley's detailed magnanimous care for the Islington Society pervade every aspect of its life that it seems the end of an era much longer than three years

Nevertheless there was a warm welcome for the unanimously elected new chairman, Andrew Bosi, who writes on this page. Also newly elected to the executive committee were John Newland and Steven Barnett who becomes chairman of the Transport, Conservation, and Planning Committee in succession to Gordon Wigglesworth .

We are very grateful to Gordon for his term of office and for the wealth of experience and expertise he so generously made available to the Society.

Avis Baldry volunteered to serve the Transport, Conservation, and Planning Committee.



The 1999 winner of the Geoffrey Gribble Award, announced at the end of May, was

Maiden Lane Bridge, York Way
by LB Camden Engineering and Traffic Services.

The judges considered this reconstruction of a road bridge over the Regent's Canal a positive improvement to the environment. The design reflects the industrial heritage of the canal with brick and natural stone abutments. The open balustrade provides good views of the waterway to traffic on the bridge; and the standard of construction is exemplary, satisfying all the demands of modern road traffic engineering.

The bridge is half in Camden and half in Islington. A bronze plaque commemorating the Award will be fixed to the abutment.

Highly commended were

Venus, 1a Elfort Road
by Chance de Silva Architects

and

Coexistence, 62 Cross Street
by Rivington Street Studios

The Award is for the best new building or refurbishment in Islington. It is given annually by the Islington Society in memory of the late Geoffrey Gribble, Islington Conservation Officer.

SAM MORRIS CIVIC PRIDE SHOPFRONT AWARDS

The 1999 awards, announced by the Mayor at the Society's annual general meeting, featured new and old businesses, an address in the north of the borough, and a trade not usually noted for its visual impact. The winner was the new **Flower Store** in Seven Sisters Road, N4, while second came the long established funeral directors **Thomas Treacy** in Chadwell Street, EC1. Also highly commended was **Angel Flowers** of Upper Street, N1.

LOOKING FOR A PIANO

Like the exuberant young characters in Salad Days our new chairman is looking for a piano. For Andrew the piano must be in a pub, A pub with good beer, of course, where he could indulge his fondness for community singing with like-minded members.

If anyone can find one please let Andrew know.

the new chairman writes

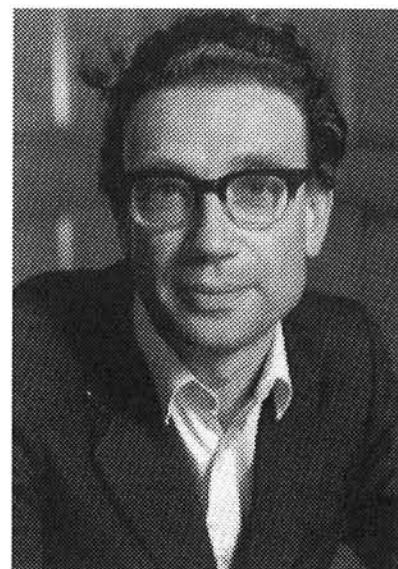
Thank you for electing me to the daunting task of succeeding Harley as your chairman.

Harley's contribution to the Society, and more importantly to Islington itself, has been and continues to be immense. I suppose the thirty year rule must apply to the story of how he saved our town centres from the fate of many elsewhere. In thirty years' time the wisdom that underlies *Cities are Good for Us* will be still better understood. Too often we all agree on the direction environmental policy needs to take, only to become bogged down in the detail of the impact of traffic calming one street on another.

Harley's approach, to take what is on offer provided it is moving in the direction we all want, is not something I want to change. Nor do I want the Society to lose its reputation for promoting a high standard of debate on matters dear to us, including our libraries particularly now that FOIL has joined us. And Harley has established the idea of mixing these business meetings with straightforwardly social events - something I intend

to build on as we look to reach a few more of the 170,000 potential members who have not yet joined.

Harley will continue to be our nominee to the Council's Development Control Committee. For all his kind



remarks about my own contributions to that committee, most of what I learned came from Harley both as a member and before that from the public gallery. Because of the fundamental changes proposed to the way local government is run this committee and the one for licensing may soon be the only opportunity to learn anything from the public. This is a subject to which the Society will return in the coming months.

THE ISLINGTON SOCIETY / HIGH AND I DEBATE

The debate, chaired by Roger Blitz, editor of the *High and I* concerned COMPACT URBANE CITIES OR GARDEN CITIES FOR THE 21st CENTURY. It was not surprising that Nicholas Falk, our urbanist speaker, wanted resources

concentrated on our existing cities; and that Mervyn Miller, our garden city protagonist, wanted resources concentrated on new settlements. What was surprising was the similarity of some of their ideas for sustainable living: a high enough density to keep local

facilities viable, including public transport, without the need to house families in tall buildings.

The two speakers' illustrated arguments provoked an interesting debate with contributions from a large proportion of the audience.

The text of Mervyn Miller's address is available from Harley Sherlock—please send a stamped, addressed envelope.

Nicholas Falk's ideas can be explored more fully in the recent book *Building the 21st Century Home* by David Rudlin and Nicholas Falk, The Architectural Press, 1999. ISBN 0 7506 25287.

the islington society

was founded in 1969. It works to safeguard and improve the quality of life in Islington. Its special concerns are

- the built and general environment
- libraries, schools, health, and recreation
- public transport and priority for pedestrians,

The subscriptions are -

- £20 for a corporate or business member
- £15 for a local society
- £10 for a couple or family
- £8 for an individual

In the last few months our activities have included the *High and I* debate, our meeting on libraries, and the agm with speaker Jeremy Corbyn, all noted elsewhere in the journal. There have also been the Sam Morris Civic Pride Shopfront Awards and the Geoffrey Gribble Awards: as we go to press we are about to attend the presentation of awards by the new Mayor, Councillor Jenny Sands, at the London Canal Museum and a visit to the winning bridge. Many members also enjoyed a splendid annual dinner, this year at the Old Dairy in the north of the borough, last year's Gribble Award winner; and some accompanied the former chairman on a spring walk with a visiting society.

For the next few months we look forward to the varied events in our calendar on the back page.

New members are welcomed. Please send the appropriate subscription to the Treasurer, Adam Bower, 12 Cloudesley Square, N1 0HT. He would also be glad to hear from existing members whose 1999 subscriptions are outstanding. Inquiries may be made to 278 7663 during office hours.

MODERNISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The London Forum has arranged a special meeting to investigate both Government intentions and London boroughs' restructuring of their democratic process. Speakers are Michael Gwilliam, Civic Trust; Councillor Nicky Gavron; London Planning Advisory Committee; Tony Blake, Local Government Association.

The meeting is at 6pm for 6.30pm Wednesday 14 July at the Gallery, 77 Cowcross Street, EC1. [5 members, 7 non-members] Inquiries to Fred Trollope 0181-699 8197.

CYCLING ON THE PAVEMENT

your response

David Gibson's article in the last issue offering his personal view that sometimes it was all right for him and his children to ride on the pavement met with a wave of disapproval. For example -

Councillor Ed Featherstone David Gibson's article is little short of incitement to break the law. He is against other people riding on the pavement while considering that he is responsible to do it himself. He flouts the Road Traffic Act and shows his children how to do the same.

If we are to convince the non-cycling public that it is a good idea to spend their Council Tax to provide a network of safe cycling routes throughout the borough then we must all be scrupulous in observing the law as it is.

Brian Pattenden, N5 The Highway Code is quite explicit about riding cycles on the footway - MUST NOT - in bold capitals. The code also refers to the Highways Act of 1835 [we have known about it for quite a long time].

It is very comforting to read of such a courteous and concerned cyclist [there are not so many of them] but he is a law breaker nonetheless and by riding around as he does must give encouragement to others.

Peter Powell, N1 I am shocked by David Gibson's admission that cycles on the pavement and allows his children to do so. It is unfortunate that neither the police nor the council seem to make any effort to curb this ever growing danger.

Hazel Hartland, N5. It is the proliferation over the past years of this silent menace that has prompted the call for enforcing the ban on cycling on pavements. If current trends continue, where exactly do pedestrians walk safely when the pavements are clogged with cyclists? It is against the law after all.

CAR SHARING

A group of people who live in the Amwell Street area are trying to set up a scheme whereby instead of each household owning one car or more, a small number of cars is shared by a larger number of households. Similar schemes in other cities suggest that as many as five households can share one car without inconvenience. The ratio depends on how many people join the scheme.

Christopher Elrington would be glad to hear of anyone who might like to join. Call 837 6308 or 837 4971.

Why not follow a good example and set up something like this in your own neighbourhood?

DON'T CHOKE ISLINGTON

A local event to celebrate Don't Choke Britain, Don't Choke London, National Bike Week, and Green Transport is being staged on Monday 14 June. It is an Islington Commuter Race, participants travelling by bus, car, tube, or bicycle from Archway to Old Street. It begins at the Archway Tavern at 8.15am with coffee and croissants: the race begins at 8.30am. The leading cyclist will be Jeremy Corbyn MP. People are invited to enter by any means of transport. Inquiries 753 3186, 359 9674, 690 9896.

SUSTAINABILITY

Education for sustainability is the subject of the next Islington Agenda 21 meeting on Wednesday 16 June at 7pm at St Mary's School, Fowler Road, N1. Speakers are specialists in sustainability, teachers, and Islington's Director of Education, Andy Roberts. Jeremy Corbyn MP will be in the chair. Everyone is welcome.

ISLINGTON EVENTS

All telephone numbers for inquiries 0171

JUNE

Tue 01-05 HARD TIMES by Charles Dickens. Tower Theatre 7.30pm 226 3633

Sun 06 A HERBAL WALK. Islington Ecology Centre at 3pm. 354 5162

Wed 09 FOOTSTEPS IN THE SKY: trekking in the Himalayas. Talk. Islington Ecology Centre at 7.30pm. 354 5162

Thu 10 THE REGENT'S CANAL. Alan Faulkner. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm. 713 0836

Sat 12+15-19 ARCADIA by Tom Stoppard. Tower Theatre 7.30pm + Sun 13 3pm

Sat 12-Sat 26 ISLINGTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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Sat 12-Sat 26 EXHIBITION OF COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECTS. Islington Museum Gallery

Sat 12-15 Aug ANDALUCIA AND SLEEPING BIRDS. New works by Avis Saltsman at Oregano, Albion Mews N1. 359 6294

Sun 13 NEW RIVER ADVENTURE TRAIL: family event. Meet at South Library at 2.30pm. 354 5162

Mon 14 ISLINGTON COMMUTER RACE. Archway Tavern at 8.15am. 690 9896

Thu 17-15 August CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL BASKETMAKING. Crafts Council gallery.

Fri 18 A BAT WALK. Parkland Walk at 9.30pm. 354 5162

Sat 19 MUSICAL MIDSUMMER WITH THE ANGEL BAND. Barnsbury Wood at 6pm. 354 5162

Sat 26+29-3Jly STEAMING by Nell Dunn. Tower Theatre at 7.30pm +Sun 27 at 3pm.

Wed 30 HEALING HEDGEROWS: a herbal walk. Islington Ecology Centre at 6.30pm. 354 5162

Wed 30 THE SCHUBERT ENSEMBLE. Christ Church, Highbury Grove at 7.30pm. 609 1401

JULY

Sun 04 BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES. walk. Islington Ecology Centre 3pm 354 5162

Wed 07-05 Sep. ISLINGTON SUMMER SHOW; local sculptors and painters. Islington Museum Gallery. 354 9442

Thu 08 THE CANALS OF BIRMINGHAM. Talk by Arhtur Farrand Radley MBE. London Canal Museum. 713 0836

Sun 11 TOM JONES by Henry Fielding in Barnsbury Wood 2.30pm and 6pm. 354 5162

Fri 16-18 FLOWER FESTIVAL at St John's Gate Church, Clerkenwell

Sat 17 LIVE AT THE BEETROOT CAFE. blues, folk, world music, and organic food. Islington Ecology Centre 7pm

Sat 17+20-24,27-31 SAIL AWAY by Noel

Coward. Tower Theatre at 7.30pm +Suns
18,25 and Sat 31 at 3pm.

Sat 24 SPONSORED WALK AGAINST
WORLD POVERTY. Parkland Walk 11am.
354 5162

AUGUST

Thu 05 LONDON'S TREES. Talk and walk.
Crouch Hill Community Centre 7pm. 354
5162

Sun 08 SWIFTS AND SUMMER FLOWERS.
Walk. Islington Ecology Centre 3pm

Sun 15 A SCULPTURE WORKSHOP.
Islington Ecology Centre 2pm

Sun 15 BAT WALK in Parkland Walk.
Crouch Hill Community Centre 9pm. 354
5162.

Fri 20 WORKING IN WOOD. Watch artist
in residence, Friedel Beucking. Islington
Ecology Centre 11am - 4pm.

Thu 26 ISLINGTON UNDER OUR FEET: a
geological trail with Dr Eric Robinson. Meet
at Islington Town Hall 6.30pm. 354 5162

Thu 26-30 Oct AWARD WINNING
FURNITURE DESIGNERS. Crafts Council
Gallery

SEPTEMBER

Thu 02 THE KINGS CROSS CUT: a street
safari with Bob Gilbert. Meet Kings Cross

Station taxi rank 6.30pm.

Tue 07 SIGNS OF SUMMERS END. Walk.
Islington Ecology Centre 6pm

Sun 12 GILLESPIE PARK FESTIVAL 2pm -
7pm

Wed 15 CONSERVATION OF
ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL
ARTEFACTS. Talk by Val Munday. IAHS.
Islington Town Hall 8pm 226 4500

Wed 15-21 Nov THE PEOPLING OF
ISLINGTON. Islington Museum Gallery. 354
9442

Sat 25 WAYFINDING ON THE WALK.
Orienteering on the Parkland Walk. Crouch
Hill Community Centre 11am

OCTOBER

Sun 10 MIGRANTS ON THE MOVE. Walk.
Islington Ecology Centre 2.30pm

Sun 17 FUNGAL FORAY. Walk. Crouch Hill
Community Centre 2.30pm

Wed 20 IMMORTAL LONDONER: a look at
interesting London statues. Talk by Valerie
Colin-Russ. IAHS. Islington Town Hall
8pm 226 4500

Sat 23 TREES, MYTHS, AND MAGIC.
Walk. Barnsbury Wood 2pm

Fri 29 WORKSHOP ON AFRICAN
CULTURE. Islington Museum Gallery. 354
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THE ISLINGTON SOCIETY CALENDAR

At Islington Town Hall unless otherwise stated

Wednesday 16 June at 7.30pm
ISLINGTON'S PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF CRICKET
Stephen Green, Curator at Lord's Cricket Ground
Joint meeting with the Islington Archaeology
and History Society

Friday 9 July at 6pm
BILL MANLEY MEMORIAL PUB CRAWL
Led by Andrew Bosi
Meet at the Artillery Arms, Bunhill Row, EC1

Wednesday 14 July at 7.30pm
THE BUILDINGS OF NORTH LONDON
Bridget Cherry, Editor, *The Buildings of England*
at Middlesex Sessions House, Clerkenwell Green

Sunday 18 July
CLERKENWELL FESTIVAL SUNDAY MARKET
Bookstall

Sunday 5 September
ANGEL CANAL FESTIVAL
Bookstall

Wednesday 22 September at 7.30pm
ISLINGTON'S FIRE SERVICE
Senior Divisional Officer Ron Dobson

Wednesday 27 October at 7.30pm
Speaker to be announced

Wednesday 24 November at 7.30pm
JAMES OGILVY-WEBB MEMORIAL LECTURE

BOOKSTALLS

When FOIL came into the Society the pleasant custom of running bookstalls at local festivals came with it. Our presence at these events raises the profile of the Society and can bring new recruits. Members are asked to volunteer to spend a couple of hours on our stalls at the Clerkenwell Festival on Sunday 18 July and/or the Angel Canal Festival on 5 September. Books for sale are also wanted. Please telephone John Newland on 0171-607 6445 if you can help in one or both ways.

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