

# ISLINGTON *news*

The Journal of the ISLINGTON SOCIETY incorporating **FOIL folio**

## WHERE NEXT FOR OUR LIBRARIES?

As we were preparing our June issue the magic date was 8 July when the expensive report of the consultants KPMG on restructuring and severely cutting the cost of Islington library service was to be presented to committee.

The report when received was rejected and KPMG asked to do further work on it: presentation was postponed until the autumn. The document has been seen by very few people, not published, and not commented upon.

Meanwhile in the summer a political decision was taken not to close any libraries, and a public consultation announced.

There are now green cards in our libraries bearing on the front the words *It's your library. Have your say.*

We understand that substantial cuts are still to be made but this has not been confirmed. Inside the card all is optimism -  
...we want our libraries to be truly excellent..  
...lively centres of learning, information, and leisure..

...we will not close any libraries. We will improve computer access and invest in new books..

and other options, all needing more expenditure.

The only reference to cost is -  
...but we must get value for money. That means making choices.

The choices include Internet access in every library; staying open through lunchtime and more time for pre-school children.

A report on libraries to the European parliament\* says that new technology and the information explosion has brought a much greater area of commitment to libraries while their cultural and other longstanding responsibilities have not diminished. The recommendation is that the larger task and wider range of

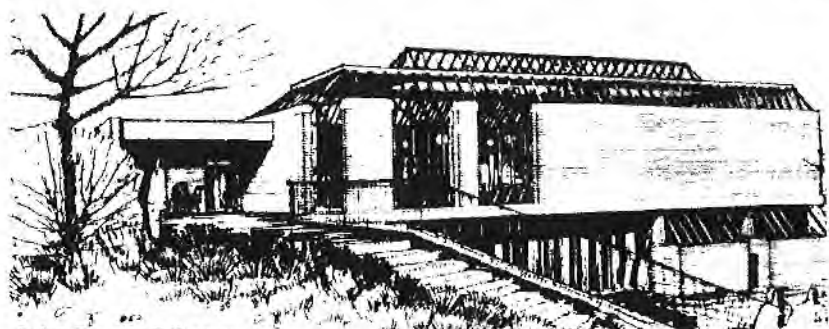
skills demand increased budgets. The European working party is right.

The Society thinks our [Labour] council should put pressure on our [Labour] government to find some money for its much proclaimed priorities. The Prime Minister says *Education, education, education!* The Secretary of State for Education and Employment is dead keen on literacy. The Secretary of State for Culture, our own Chris Smith, talks of street corner universities and castigates poor library services.

Funding is essential. The large proportion of our Islington population which is deprived and poorly educated needs its libraries - and so does everybody else.

The consultation period ends on 18 October. We understand that the results will go to committee on 1 November. We hope that members will complete and return the cards,

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John Barnes Library

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## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

In the last issue of Islington News I pondered the recurring problem of bit-by-bit house extensions which, added together, eventually change the character of the house concerned: usually for the worse.

The last Development Control Committee was taken-up almost exclusively with such applications, most of which were approved, to the consternation of several members of the Society's Planning Conservation and Transport committee.

It was decided that the Society should renew its plea to the Council to revise its policy on house extensions, so that the effect of back-additions can be more carefully scrutinised and the Council's arm strengthened when rejection of an application seems appropriate.

Without a declared change of policy the inspector at any planning inquiry would inevitably side with the applicant on the grounds that such extensions have been

permitted in the past.

The Society will also press for greater consistency on permissions for roof extensions. It seems that applications for new rooms in mansard roofs have sometimes been rejected when they might have been permitted; and in other cases permission has been granted when it should not have been.

The latter cases have usually been the result of applicants taking advantage of present Council policy which allows almost anything to happen if it cannot be seen from the street.

Such cases should surely be viewed on their merits: allowing good modern design, where appropriate, provided that it does not damage any historic building of which it is a part, and provided that it relates sympathetically to its neighbours.

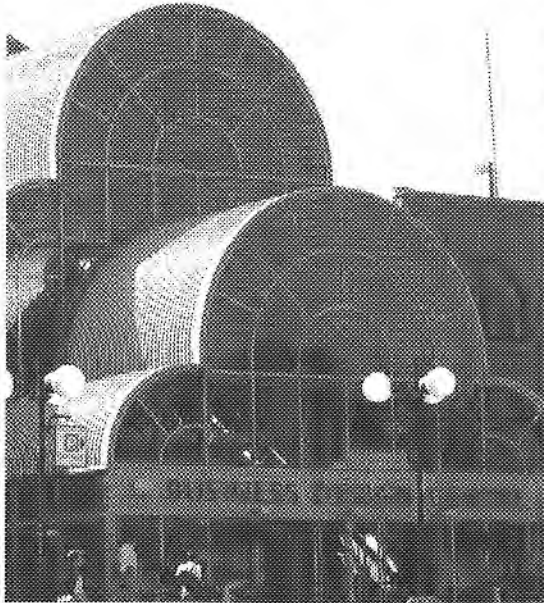
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## ISLINGTON MILLENNIUM CAROLS



Christian denominations in Islington have together organised a united carol service to greet the year 2000 AD. It will be on Saturday 18 December at 7pm in the splendours of the Business Design Centre, made available and adapted for the evening by generous Jack Morris.

Islington people of all traditions and cultures, any faith or none, will be welcome at this community event. There is room for 3,000.

Carol singing will be led by a band of Islington musicians and singers, and there will be a children's choir of 400 from the Islington Music Centre

A children's Christmas poem competition is being organised by the Highbury and Islington Express and will be judged by the Poet Laureate, Andrew Motion. There will be a great deal of publicity nearer the time.

The chairman of the organising committee, the Islington Churches' Millennium Group, is the Revd Margaret Evans, 0171-359 4343.

## SAFER PAVEMENTS

We welcome the Home Office regulations which came into force on 1 August which allow police to impose an instant £20 fine on anyone cycling on the pavement. A similar fine can be levied from people driving vehicles on the pavement.

If this new provision is put into effect it should make life much more comfortable for pedestrians, but as we go to press Islington Police cannot tell us how many fines have been imposed.

## HAPPIER WALKING

The Department of Transport, Environment, and the Regions commissioned Crime Concern and Social Research Associates to undertake research into the problems [and their possible solutions] that make people feel unsafe while walking, or deter them from doing so..

The report Personal Security Issues in Pedestrian Journeys of course cites familiar concerns such as poor lighting, uneven pavements, beggars, drunks, and subways as well as some less familiar ones. More interestingly the consultants identify from their dozen or so case studies examples of good practice, not all of them expensive, which could well be copied elsewhere.

It will be good news if our local authority, police, and others act upon the recommendations.

It is good news that the report is available to anyone interested from the DETR Mobility Unit on 0171-890 6101. There is no charge - just ask.



## KING'S CROSS -3

*Gordon Wigglesworth concludes his series with an assessment of progress on the CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK*

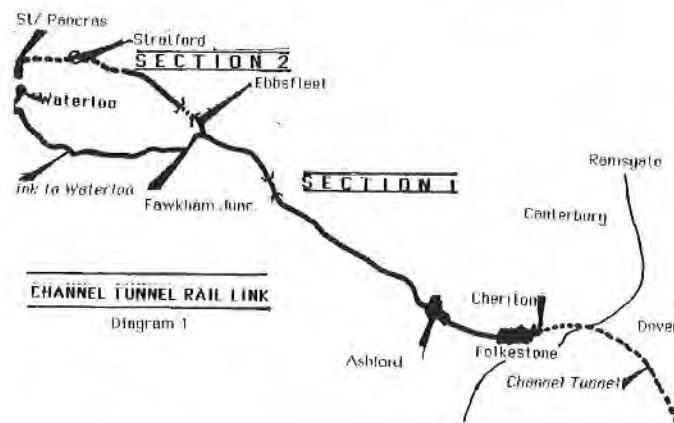
In July 1987 Mrs Thatcher and M Mitterand met at a ceremony to mark ratification of the Treaty between the two countries, allowing construction of the Tunnel. The French started tunnelling work in 1986 towards Britain and the British in the same year towards France. By 1994, services were running between the two countries: on the French side using new tracks with high-speed trains: on the British side, on existing tracks, because no decision on a high-speed route had yet been made, although it has been agreed as early as 1986 that the terminal in London would be at Waterloo. The line from Ashford to Waterloo was thus to run on existing tracks while the high-speed route was being settled, designed, and ready for building. By 1994 these decisions had been made and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill became an Act. The new Terminal at Waterloo was completed in 1994 in time for the opening of the tunnel and line in that year.

The fast-track route was included in the 1996 Act after much controversy.

It has always been intended that if the CTRL and Tunnel were to benefit the rest of Britain it would need to be extended to the Midlands, North, and Scotland, for passengers as well as freight and that these additional routes would have to be

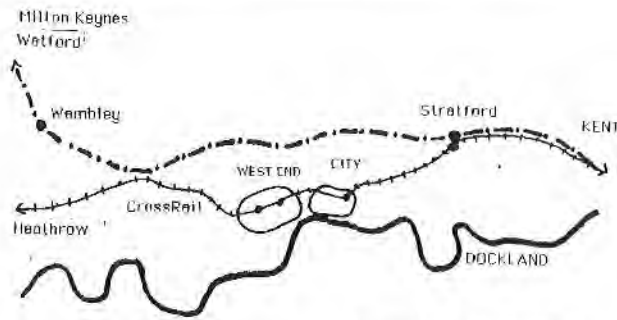
integrated with the CTRL route from Tunnel to London bearing in mind technical, environmental, and conservation matters. In addition, the route should take into account the opportunities to assist areas where there was high unemployment needing investment and regeneration. An important decision was also included in the Act, namely that the London Terminus would be at St Pancras, making it easier to link up with routes to the

Continental Railways (LCR) whose plan it was to begin work at the end of 1997. The first stage was from Cheriton (in Folkestone), where the track emerges from the Channel Tunnel, to Fawkham Junction. On 3 June 1998, John Prescott made a statement to the House of Commons in which he said "In January of this year, it almost collapsed; the company (LCR) could not fulfil its contract. This was to build the entire 68 miles of railway from the Channel



North. This would mean that Fawkham would be a junction serving Waterloo as well as St Pancras and Stratford then became an important possible alternative Terminus to St Pancras. At this point the future Crossrail line should have had an important bearing on the argument of whether St Pancras or Stratford should be the London terminus. In March 1996, the development agreement to build the CTRL was awarded to London and

Tunnel to St Pancras in London, via Ebbsfleet and Stratford, in accordance with the 1996 Act. Having won the contract on the strength of more optimistic estimates of use than their rival bidders, LCR admitted in January 1998 that these had been over-optimistic and that they could not meet their contractual commitment. The financial position was serious for the government which was being asked by LCR to provide an additional £1.2 billion on top



**CROSSRAIL CONNECTION**  
CROSS-LONDON LINKS  
Diagram 2

of the £1.8 billion already committed.

After four months the Government had reached a financial arrangement in which it took a shareholder stake in LCR and a new partnership made up of Railtrack and a consortium appointed to run the Eurostar service. The financial plan includes incentives to complete the whole link and the private sector will take a greater share of risk.

Mr Prescott said in his statement to the House of Commons "the link will be built to the same route, the same specification and the same high standards as before. There will be the same environmental and heritage safeguards, and the undertakings and assurances given during the passage of the 1966 Act remain"

He sets out a timetable as follows: construction would begin towards the end of 1998. The stretch from the Channel Tunnel to the turn-off in Kent to Waterloo was planned to be completed by 2003 (Phase 1), and services from Waterloo will then benefit from the new high speed line. Construction

beyond that point is expected to begin in 2001, with the line through Ebbsfleet and Stratford to St Pancras to be completed by 2007.

This deal was made possible by the involvement of Railtrack, which was cash rich (some would say because it had neglected maintenance for three years). The cash for Phase 1, with an option to build Phase 2, restored its monopoly of heavy rail tracks and strengthened its negotiating hand in future discussions with Government about regulation or public subsidies for the wider network. There has been much argument as to whether Phase 2, particularly that part from Stratford to St Pancras, will be built. These include financial problems, overloading of the St Pancras/Kings Cross area with its many underground railway lines and bus routes both in terms of congestion and engineering complexities. Another more cogent argument against St Pancras is that a railway network in a major city like London, where railway termini are located at the edges of the central areas, are less efficient today than

linkages feeding built-up areas as a whole. This proposal was set out in a paper in 1996 written by Alan Baxter and Associates, consulting engineers.

The nub of the proposals is to make Stratford the terminus, linking up with Crossrail and providing stations along the line in City, West End, and Heathrow. Such a solution would allow, as Baxter claims, that both the high speed link and CrossRail can be taken forward as independent projects.

We shall see.

The author warmly thanks the following for their help. Judy Sugg of Kings Cross Partnership; John Mason, Alan Baxter, Consulting Engineers; Andrew Bosi, Chair, King's Cross Railway Lands group.

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and also tell the leader and other councillors of your concern for the quality of the library service. The consultation should not be used as a "cop out". Should the green cards produce a huge demand for more popular paperbacks this will not make our libraries the centres of learning and information the Council is talking about.

We are glad that there are not to be closures. At our public meeting in March, participants' main demand was for libraries to be accessible. They also wanted good reference facilities and an undiminished supply of books.

\* the Ryynnänen report

## OUR CARNEGIE HERITAGE

Councillor Pat Haynes has been studying the history and development of the four fine early twentieth century libraries which were the gift to the borough of the millionaire philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie.

The first to be opened was not Central but North Library in 1906. The architect was Henry T Hare, a well known designer of libraries and other public buildings. Almost immediately there were 10,000 registered readers, and police were required to marshal the queues. In the children's reading room there were separate tables for boys and girls.

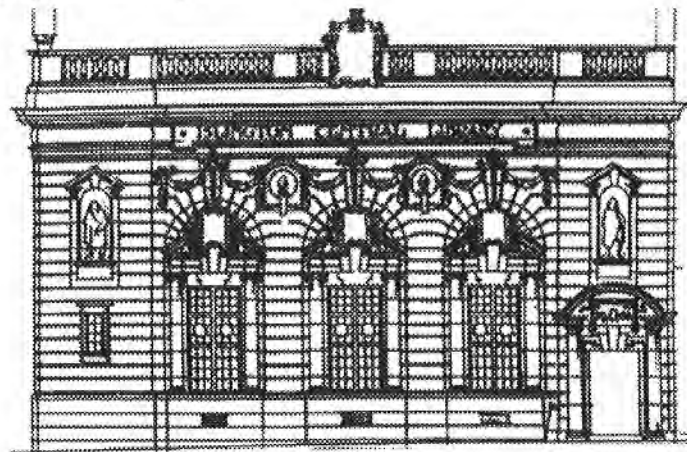
Next came West Library at the corner of Thornhill Square in July 1907 with

Professor Beresford Pite's eye-catching cupola and grand curving staircase. Central Library was third in September 1907, again by Henry T Hare: there was a very grand opening ceremony. The Essex Road library was last, it was finished in 1913, but did not open as a library until 1920.

All these libraries had large newspaper reading rooms

with mahogany furnishings. They were open until 9pm on all weekdays except one, and the foyers were unlocked at 7am for people to look at the job advertisements from the day's papers.

Pat Haynes's pamphlet is full of fascinating detail. It is available from the Islington Museum Gallery, price £3.



## PLANS FOR LESS TRAFFIC

We now have the fruits of the Council's sustainable transport round table: a borough-wide strategy for reducing traffic, improving public transport, and making travel in Islington easier and safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and children. The next two stages are consultation and, we hope, implementation.

The consultation stage, which will be a major Council-run exercise, will tell Islington residents what is behind new transport initiatives. There will be leaflets and questionnaires for

every household, and officers are arranging public meetings and seeking to meet local groups. This is your chance to present your views.

The process of consultation is particularly important given the opposition to recent proposed controlled parking schemes. The Islington Society has long taken the view that CPZs are an essential tool for deterring commuter traffic and reducing other traffic, especially in a borough where most households do not own cars. The borough-wide

consultation should encourage more participation from residents who tend not to take part in CPZ discussions because they believe it is relevant only to car-owners.

The Council is shortly exhibiting proposals in seven venues around the borough. Transport policy manager, Steven Wood, 0171-477 2730, will advise on dates and times. He will also be glad to hear from people who would like a meeting for their own group.

STEVEN BARNETT

## TREES IN THE STREET

The Society has written to the leader of Islington Council asking that its programme of planting street trees and replacing those that have died should not be abandoned. Our secretary went on to point out the many visual, environmental, health, and economic benefits trees bestow on an inner city area.

Councillor Sawyer replied that tree planting is to continue, and that there had been planting on the Bemerton estate in April. He also spoke of a forthcoming "Trees for London" scheme under which there would be projects in Islington.

Unfortunately, too few people are aware of the Council's tree sponsoring scheme whereby if residents will find the money for trees, the Council will obtain, plant, and maintain them. Neighbours in Elfort Road have recently come together to pay for a number of trees for their street.

*The Society's treasurer, Adam Bower, tells of the success of the scheme in Cloudesley Square:*

Twenty years ago there were three substantial plane trees in the churchyard in the square, but only one tree in the pavements.

A collection held by the residents raised enough money for eight trees under the Council's scheme. One cold November day they arrived. The sorbus trees did

not like our square and all but one had died by the end of the first summer. The next year the Council provided seven replacements. Greater care was taken in planting and we provided water in dry weather - they thrived.

Today we have sixteen trees in the pavements. In spring the opening leaves cheer us up. In summer they provide housing for blackbirds, blue tits, and the squirrel. In autumn for three weeks or so there is an attractive variety of yellows, browns, and greens. Twenty years ago our square was blackened by soot, and the pavements were bare. The trees have played a substantial part in brightening things up.

Islington's arboricultural officer is Vincent James, 0171-527 4946.

In Barnsbury Square, where mature trees are in abundance, a resident is funding bird boxes: the Council has agreed to get, fix, and maintain them.



## AVIS BALDRY URGES US NOT TO IGNORE ANDERSON S SQUARE

Members of the former Anderson's Yard Campaign Group, now part of the Society, spent a Monday lunchtime in early September enjoying some of the fruits of their ten years work. Andersons Square is a delightful garden in the centre of the housing development which is open for public enjoyment just as the campaign intended. We were invited to the party to unveil the Angel on the Green statue commissioned from sculptor John Roberts, which is combined with imaginative planting, running water features, benches, a gazebo, a pool with waterlilies, and even dragonflies. The developers could not have been responsible for the dragonflies: they were showing their approval.

I am asking that Society members, friends, and neighbours should use this walk from Islington Green along Collins Yard to Gaskin Street which, as Grove Manor Homes says, is 'a new urban square, emulating the existing squares in Islington and providing a further link in the green chain from Islington Green to the New River walk and beyond'. An agreement through the Council ensures that this square is for public use, just as other squares. Although there are gates preventing cars from venturing along the path, there is a door for pedestrian use in the gate at the Collins Yard end and the one at the Gaskin Street end is always unlocked.

# THE ISLINGTON SOCIETY

Incorporating **FOIL** FRIENDS OF ISLINGTON LIBRARIES

was founded in 1960. 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 Society provides advisers to several of Islington Council's committees, and is constantly in touch with it over planning, environmental, and other matters.

Over the summer we have enjoyed illustrated talks on *Cricket in Islington* by the Curator at Lord's Cricket Ground, *The Buildings of North London* by architectural historian, Bridget Cherry delivered at Middlesex Sessions House], and *Islington's Fire Service; past, present, and future*.

We have also indulged in our annual Bill Manley memorial pubcrawl; and run bookstalls at the Clerkenwell and Angel Canal Festivals.

*We look forward to our first autumn talk later this month. Islingtonian Dr Charles Clarke, renowned neurologist and mountaineer, will tell us about his recent expedition to Tibet with Chris Bonington, about high altitude medicine, and about Tibetan paintings of traditional medicine from times past.*

*November brings the James Ogilvy-Webb memorial lecture; former minister Steven Norris will discuss transport in the new London - when we have the Mayor and GLA.*

*For the first time for some years we have an event in December.. The chairman has organised a Christmas social at pub-with-a-piano, the Artillery Arms in Bunhill Row. Singers and listeners both welcome.*

In 2000 there is the High and I/Islington Society debate in February, the annual members' dinner in March, the Society's agm in early May, and more .....

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

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.

## THE 43 BUS

At the agm adverse comments were made about the new low-floor 43 buses . They differ from 55/56 buses in that they have a window at the back. This gives more light inside, making passengers feel safer and increasing the chances of a travelcard holder making a quick change. For this reason they have been well received by the "specialist" press.

However, two stipulations made by London Transport (Buses) arouse some controversy. The dual entrance/exit, not used outside London, seems to this writer a refinement well worth having

The second stipulation is the straight staircase This avoids steps tapering away to nothing, but most people wary of such steps stay downstairs anyway. The straight staircase reduces the space downstairs. Low-floor buses on the 55/56 (operated by Stagecoach East London) were ordered before this edict and their layout , compared with that of the 43 gives testimony to the folly of LT(B). Leg-room inside the 43 is poor and few seats are comfortable for someone over 6' tall.

I think we should welcome the new low-floor bus, especially the rear window; but press LT(B) to relax the rule on straight staircases.

ANDREW BOSI



## *Our former chairman recalls a memorable member -* ROY VINJEVOLD

I still cannot get used to the fact that I no longer have to deal every morning with a note written in a spidery hand, telling me what the council is up to and what I need to do to stop it. I cannot even get used to not having to curse Roy every morning for refusing to get himself a telephone.

But, in spite of the relief at not finding myself most days with an unexpected chore on my hands, I have a sneaking feeling that, with no Roy to do the prodding, some of us will not be doing those things which we ought to be doing, and that Islington's environment may suffer as a result.

Roy's perseverance could almost be described as obstinacy, and his strange sense of humour was almost indistinguishable from serious-mindedness; yet the points he made were usually good ones and, if you really wanted to know what was going on in the Town Hall, Roy was the person to consult. Furthermore, the

convention that it was improper for the Council's Development Control Committee meetings to start until Roy was in his accustomed place at the back of the public seats, was rather more than a joke.

However, over and above his very important role as a self-appointed watchdog, Roy was for several years chairman of the Islington Archaeological and History Society, and of the Environment Committee of his local Neighbourhood Forum. He was also an active member of Islington Alert, as well as of our own Planning, Conservation, and Transport Committee.

Above all however, although I sometimes dreaded receiving another of Roy's long difficult-to-read questions or instructions, the prospect of meeting him in the pub, to put Islington (and the rest of the world) to rights, was always one I looked forward to.

I will miss him not only for all the work he did on

environmental issues but also as a friend and companion one could talk to on any subject.

He died at St Joseph's Hospice at the end of January after a short illness, following the discovery of a brain tumour. But he remained Royish to the end. Only a week before he died, the ever-patient staff at the hospice were complaining that he was always shooting off to concerts or to meetings at the Town Hall without telling them.

Roy had remained loyal to his Norwegian roots, and was a regular worshipper at the Norwegian church in Rotherhithe, where his funeral was conducted. He had also kept in touch with his relations in South Africa, where he spent the early part of his life.

Thank you Roy for your significant, unique, and never-to-be-forgotten contribution to life in our small corner of the planet.

HARLEY SHERLOCK

## A MINOR VICTORY

An application to convert the Drapers Arms, Barnsbury Street, into residential accommodation was rejected by the Council's Development Control Committee in March. Not only is the pub one of the few listed nineteenth century buildings to have been originally designed as a pub, it was also carefully placed to complete the vista looking north from Lonsdale Square.

The building owners appealed against the Council's decision; but following the public inquiry in August, the inspector rejected the appeal, supporting the Council's view that conversion to residential use would involve substantial changes to the building which would be damaging to the Barnsbury conservation area. The Society supported the Council with both written and oral evidence.

The case for retention of the building as a pub was also supported by Islington Society member Lisa Pontecorvo, acting in a private capacity.

## EVENTS IN ISLINGTON

All telephone numbers for inquiries 0171-

### OCTOBER

until 21 November THE PEOPLING OF ISLINGTON. Exhibition Islington Museum Gallery 354 9442

Sat 02+5-9 THE CHERRY ORCHARD by Anton Chekhov. Tower Theatre at 7.30pm + Sun 03 at 3pm. 226 3633

Thu 07 PADDINGTON BASIN RISES AGAIN. Lecture. London Canal Museum at 7.30. 713 0836

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

Thu 14 -9 Jan ONLY HUMAN. Figurative crafts exhibition Crafts Council Gallery

Sat 16 DEALER'S CHOICE by Patrick Marber. Tower Theatre at 7.30pm + Tower Theatre week. 226 3633

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

Wed 20 IMMORTAL LONDONERS: 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 BLACK HISTORY DAY. Islington Museum Gallery. 354 9442

Sat 30 SKYLIGHT by David Hare. Tower Theatre at 7.30pm + following week. 226 3633

### NOVEMBER

Thu 04 WILDLIFE IN LONDON:II. MAMMALS. Bob Gilbert. Crouch Hill Community Centre at 7pm. 354 5162

Thu 04 ROSES, CASTLES, AND CANVAS. Lecture. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm. 713 0836

Sun 07 AUTUMN ABLAZE IN GILLESPIE. Guided walk. Islington Ecology Centre at 2pm. 354 5162

Sat 13 SURVIVING WINTER IN THE WOOD. Dominic O'Neill. Barnsbury Wood at 3pm. 354 5162

Sat 13 THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN by Martin McDonagh. Tower Theatre at 7.30pm + following week. 226 3633

Wed 17 ICE WELLS AND ICE FACTORIES. Malcolm Tucker. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm 713 0836

Sun 21 SURVIVING WINTER IN THE GARDEN. Ray Busfield. Islington Ecology Centre. 354 5162

Sat 27 A DOLL'S HOUSE by Henrik Ibsen. Tower Theater at 7.30pm + following week 226 3633

Sun 28 BUDDING NATURALISTS. A winter tree walk. Richard Meyers. Crouch Hill Community Centre. 354 5162

### DECEMBER

Wed 01-24 CHRISTMAS CRACKERS. A selling exhibition of arts and crafts. Islington Museum Gallery 354 9442

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Wed 01 THE UNCOMPLETED NORTHERN LINE EXTENSION. IAHS. Islington Town Hall at 8pm 226 4500

Thu 02 BRINDLEY'S LEGACY. Dr Roger Squires. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm 713 0836

Sun 05 PLANNING FOR WILDLIFE AT GILLESPIE. Ray Busfield. Islington Ecology Centre at 2pm

Sat 18 ISLINGTON MILLENNIUM CAROLS. Business Design Centre at 7pm

Sat 18 ALADDIN. Tower Theatre until 08 Jan. 226 3633

**JANUARY 2000**

08 THE CROYDON CANAL. David Delaney. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm 713 0836

19 -2 April MILLENNIUM MILESTONES. Mementos of Islington people's lives, and their stories. Islington Museum Gallery 354 9442

20 -19 March RIPE. Contemporary crafts exhibition. Crafts Council Gallery

## POPPY DOUGHTY

We are sad to report the death of one of the members of the Society's executive committee. Poppy Doughty was a founder member of FOIL and for many years its committee chairman. She was

a true Islington woman; born in the borough, attended Highbury Girls' School, lived here all her life, and was active in the local community. She was a member of her neighbourhood

forum, vice-chairman of Disability Action in Islington, and an active member of the Pensioners' Forum. At one time she had been an acting member of the Tower Theatre.

Her career in social work was in LB Hackney where she also played a leading role in the community work of Prideaux House.

It is unfortunate that she became ill so soon after FOIL merged with the Society that there was hardly time for us to benefit from her being with us.

Most members are likely to have come across her, and she will be much missed.

There will be a memorial service at Prideaux House, 10 Church Crescent, London E9 on 11 November [her birthday] at 3pm.

## FOIL MEMBERS

When FOIL merged with the Society last year it was agreed that all FOIL people would become members of the Islington Society for a full year from 1 July 1998, and that a half-year subscription would be payable for July to December 1999. After that, annual subscriptions would become due each 1 January..

Islington Society personal annual subscriptions are £8 for an individual, and £10 for a couple or family

FOIL members are asked to pay the appropriate amount, £4 or £5, either with the form below, or just send to the treasurer. If members would find it convenient to pay the 2000 subscription at the same time, please do so.

Inquiries may be made to 0171-278 7663 during office hours.

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Name/s.....

Address.....

.....Telephone.....

I/we enclose .....for [period].....

## THE ISLINGTON SOCIETY CALENDAR

At Islington Town Hall unless otherwise stated

Wednesday 27 October at 7.30pm  
HIGH MOUNTAINS AND MEDICINE  
Climber Dr Charles Clarke

Monday 22 November at 7.30pm  
TRANSPORT FOR THE NEW LONDON  
Steven Norris  
*JAMES OGILVY-WEBB MEMORIAL LECTURE*  
*Please note change of day*

Wednesday 8 December at 7.30pm  
An ISLINGTON SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL  
at the Artillery Arms, Bunhill Row, EC1

Wednesday 26 January at 7.30pm  
To be announced

Wednesday 23 February at 7.30pm  
The ISLINGTON SOCIETY/HIGH AND I DEBATE  
In the chair Roger Blitz, Editor, High and I

Wednesday 29 March  
ISLINGTON SOCIETY MEMBERS' DINNER  
Venue to be announced

Wednesday 3 May  
ISLINGTON SOCIETY annual general meeting

## TWO- BOROUGH BRADBURY STREET

Another little noticed landmark has passed into history with the redevelopment of a property in Bradbury Street, London, N16. This building, which as the address suggests, stands in the London Borough of Hackney, has been in a state of decay for some time and was razed to the ground over the summer.

Its significance is that until 1899 it was in the Metropolitan Borough of Islington, and it included a stone marking the parish boundary and dated 1873. The stone was inscribed with the names of the 1873 Church Wardens of the Parish of St Mary, Islington, three in number, discernable only as "James", "Thomas F B Noton", and "W T Smith".

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