

# ISLINGTON *news*

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## A NEW SETTING FOR ST MARY'S

There has been a church or chapel on the site of St Mary's in Upper Street ever since Norman times. When all of Islington was one parish St Mary's was its only church: as the population increased over the centuries other churches were built as its chapels of ease.

St Mary's has been a landmark for many centuries. Now there are exciting plans to make its surroundings worthy of the church building; give a more elegant look to Upper Street; and to make the garden into a beautiful green space for the use of the church and the people of the area.

The forecourt will be level and paved with York stone. The railings will be removed, and the boundary with Upper Street open but delineated by traditional Victorian parish bollards between large trees.

The path to Dagmar terrace will be retained and improved, and a new path made to St Mary's neighbourhood centre; in the future these paths will not be closed at night.

The garden will be landscaped to provide both play and sitting space, and will be planted with specially chosen Victorian plants.

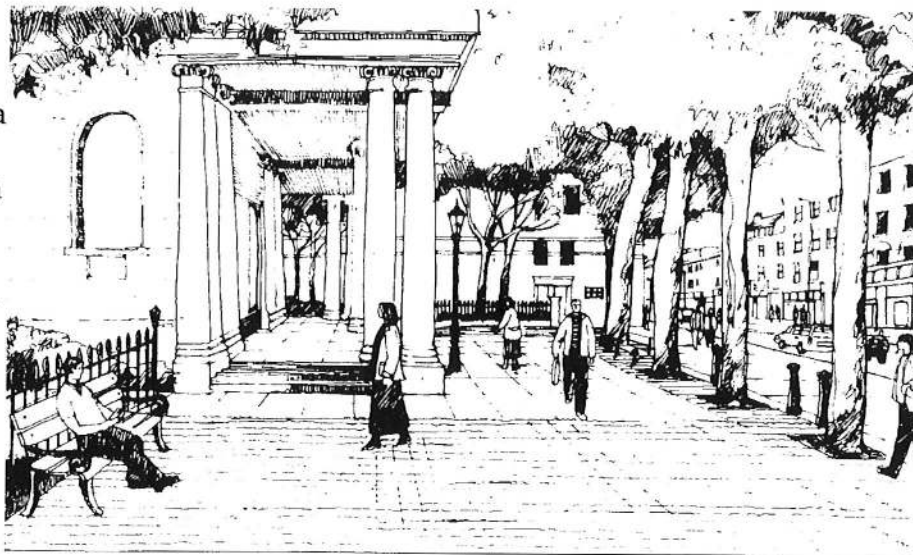
In the south east corner there will be a quiet area, a circular garden of remembrance to be known as the Daniel Wilson Memorial Gardens. This will remind us of the well-known father and son, the Revd Daniel Wilson who was Vicar of Islington for eight years from 1824 and then became Bishop of Calcutta, and the Revd Daniel Wilson who succeeded his father in 1832

and served the people of Islington for several decades.

A special feature will be the refurbished tomb of the benefactor Ricard Cloudeley who died in 1517. All the Anglican churches in the old parish of Islington are still being grant-aided by his charity.

Most of the strange porous rock known as tufa will be removed but a sample will remain because it was brought to St Mary's by a Miss Garrett, a sister of suffragist Dame Millicent, and doctor Elizabeth.

The magnificent trees are, and will remain, the garden's great treasures. They have recently been joined by one of the Millennium Yews for churchyards provided with lottery funding. It was planted last month by Associate Vicar, the Revd Rosie Fairhurst.



The new forecourt open to Upper Street

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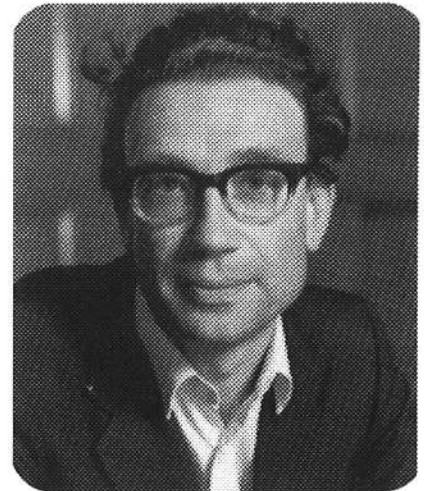
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THE CHAIRMAN PONDERES ON  
THE YEAR 2000

I find it increasingly irritating that so many refer to the last of the old millennium and the beginning of the new when it is manifestly untrue. The present millennium began on 1 January 1001 and therefore has been running for just over 999 years when you read this. However, more irritating than this obsession with jumping the gun, and wanting to celebrate something before it happens, is the obsession with a millennium itself. It has obscured a much more significant anniversary, the end of the century. Because millennia come round less frequently than a 19 bus, it is tempting to regard them as more significant than centuries. The century on the other hand has some meaning touching all our lives. We knew parents or grandparents who were alive and aware at the turn of this century, we were educated in buildings which looked



much as they do now at the turn of the century. Even the so called millennium bug is in reality a centennial problem because had computers been developed 100 years earlier the problem would have confronted us on 1 January 1900. By now you may well be fed up with millennial hype. The Islington Society will be marking only genuine anniversaries, beginning with our own 40th. The Annual Dinner is a special opportunity to celebrate which I hope many of our members will wish to share.

ANDREW BOSI

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## TRAFFIC [AGAIN]

As members will know, the council carried out a consultation among all residents in the borough on its emerging transport strategy. Full results will be presented to the new Environment and Conservation committee in March, but officers have been able to give some preliminary analysis of the 1300 responses received so far.

The pervasive sense throughout the borough that "something must be done" about traffic volumes is certainly supported by those who responded. There was support for reducing traffic from 86 per cent of respondents, and 79 per cent supported the principle of reallocating roadspace to bus lanes, cycle lanes, and pedestrians. Over two thirds agreed with extending residents' parking throughout the borough, and even the most controversial measure - the introduction of congestion

charging - attracted support from just over half of respondents. These were particularly significant results, given that a disproportionate number of responses were from car-owning households. Congestion charging was the only measure which did not have a clear majority of car owners in favour.

There has, naturally, been some debate over the weight that should be attached to the responses of a very small proportion of residents (around two and a half per cent of those consulted replied). We need to remember that the results were by no means a foregone conclusion, and on CPZs in particular it was quite possible that we would find a majority opposed. It is clearly gratifying that such large majorities supported the key planks of a sustainable strategy, but such support was by no means guaranteed.

Most important of all, every resident has now had the opportunity to give feedback on the broad thrust of local transport policy. Those who feel strongly either way have, presumably, had their say and it is now possible to state with some conviction that there is borough-wide agreement that traffic must be reduced and priority must be given to pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport. There will, of course, be debates over individual schemes: and on CPZs in particular we have seen recently that consultation on specific proposals will not always generate support. Progress may be slow (not least because of funding constraints), but at least members and officers can now be confident that there is a broad consensus about the direction in which the borough needs to move.

STEVEN BARNETT

## MORE POWER TO PEDESTRIANS

We now have the newest branch of the Pedestrians Association in the borough.

The Islington branch will campaign against narrow poorly maintained footways, dangerous crossings, and pavement cyclists. These matters have been among the concerns of the Islington Society for many years. It will be good now to have a specialist group to put its whole effort into fighting for the interests of pedestrians.

The association has already made good progress. In only two months good relations have been established with relevant Islington councillors and officers, and with the Transport Round Table. An early success has been achieved in persuading the council to widen a narrow pavement in Corsica Street in front of a new development.

The Islington Society knows the PA well, and we welcome an Islington branch, especially as it promises to be so effective.

Inquiries may be made to Gillian Comins 020-7278 4734 or Christine Mabey 020-7359 0609.



## THE PLANNING SCENE

Since the Liberal Democrats took control of the Council there has inevitably been speculation about how this will effect the pretty good record of the Development Control Committee (in future to be known as the Planning Committee). The answer, one suspects, is not much; because, since the municipal elections in May 1998, there has been close co-operation between Labour and Lib Dems on planning issues.

The one change that will take place is the abolition of advisory members, which means that the Islington Society will no longer be able to nominate Harley Sherlock to sit on the committee in an influential but non-voting position. Neither will the Conservation Advisory Committee be able to nominate David Gibson. It seems, however, that Richard Heseltine, chair-elect of the new Planning Committee and

long-standing member of the Islington Society, will not want to lose completely the benefit of the Society's comments on environmental issues. The new Council will also have, in George Allan, a strong environmentalist (and friend of Society) as chair of the new Environment Committee. Before becoming a councillor George had been the founder, and for many years the chairman, of the Smithfield Trust. HS

## THE ANGEL TOWN CENTRE

Bringing together the business community and the local authority, through a Town Manager or Town Centre Management Board, always was a good idea. It took off in the United States following the threatened collapse of "downtown" in the 1970s, brought about by out-of-town shopping; and it spread to this country in the 1980s and 1990s.

The Angel has never been threatened with the total collapse suffered by downtown areas in the States; but, since the 1980s and the closure of most clothing stores, it has certainly lost its "balance". The setting up of the Angel Town Centre Partnership several years ago was therefore welcomed by the Islington Society which was represented on the board. The conference organised by the Partnership at Sadler's Wells on 11 November

represented the culmination of a lot of hard work, not just by the Council and Chamber of Commerce, but also by organisations such as ours representing Islington residents.

The conference was chaired by Roger Blitz, then editor of the *Highbury and Islington*



*City Road/Pentonville Road junction*

*Express*, and the keynote address was given by Chris Smith MP, who appropriately reminded us that culture was as important to the Angel as shopping. He also reminded us that, as well as the flagship development necessary to

revitalise an area, it was just as important to get the small things right.

Councillor Jennette Arnold, then chair of the Regeneration Committee, and Steve Mason, Regeneration manager, both emphasised the need for a safe and pleasant environment for people living, working, or visiting in the area; and businessmen such as Jack Morris and Lou Segal (Frederick's restaurant) expressed enthusiasm for the Angel, while acknowledging that there was still much to be done. At the workshop session on markets there was lively interest in the Islington Society's chinese-dragon-like shelter for Chapel Market. No-one could understand why it had not been pursued, and Harley Sherlock had to explain that the street traders had given it a big thumbs down about ten years ago.

## THE LIBRARY SCENE

In late January first soundings indicate a rather better outlook. The new administration has halved the savings the library service was required to make in 2001-02, and has scrapped the plans for a three tier service which would have made some of the branches mere skeleton libraries.

The Liberal Democrats have brought the libraries into the education service because they see them as vital to the concept of Lifelong Learning. The Education Committee now has a vice-chair [libraries], Barbara Smith.

A pilot scheme of Sunday opening at Central Library will run initially for six months.

'We are looking for radical ways to make libraries central to their communities and to encourage people to use them more often,' says Barbara Smith 'We need to look at the pattern of provision in the borough. Neither Finsbury Park nor the Angel has a library. *A library for the Angel* lacks the punch of *An angel for Angel* but is every bit as important.

'We want to explore partnerships with business. Why should the local library not have a book shop or a coffee shop? We must maximise the use of our library buildings for the good of community life.'

We wait in hope.

## WEST LIBRARY - A NEW LIFE ?

West Library's well-loved Edwardian building built with Carnegie money in 1907 is in poor repair. The roof is leaking and the plaster is coming off the ceilings. The fabric of the building will continue to deteriorate unless

Grade 2 Listed Buildings can be expensive.

Islington Play Association, one of the two voluntary organisations using offices on the first floor, has obtained funding from the King's Cross Partnership and the Charities

charitable trust that could work with Islington Council to create new management arrangements for running the building and raising the funds for renovation; and develop a viable business plan, which would retain and improve the library facilities, retain office space for the voluntary groups already there and improve under-used parts of the building to make them useful and so generate further rental income.

Gary Butler, a local architect specialising in historic buildings and Antonia Benedek, fundraiser and community development consultant, have just begun work on the feasibility study and want to hear your views. Please send any comments you may have to Steve Macarthur at the IPA, West Library, Bridgeman Rd, London N1 1BD by 15 March.



a lot of money is spent on it.

The library needs better access for people with disabilities and for parents with little children in buggies. It needs lavatories for the public and nappy changing facilities. But changes to

Aid Foundation to commission a feasibility study to estimate the cost of renovation and creating disabled access (including a lift to all floors).

The study is looking at the possibility of creating a



The Islington Gazette's plan for the installation of an angel in Islington High Street is gathering momentum. The Islington Society is represented on the Steering Group by Harley Sherlock and David Gibson. There are also representatives from the council, and from local businesses - Jack Morris for the BDC, Katherine Lemmon for M&S and Louis Segal for Frederick's.

The Gazette may well be running a competition for artists soon.

In the meantime, students at Central St Martin's School of Art are working on their own project for a landmark for the area under the guidance of course director, Don Gray. They have the task of exploring the history and culture of the Angel before designing a work of art - maybe even a sculpture - that would reflect the identity of the area and serve as an icon for the area for years to come. They are arranging an exhibition of their work in the exhibition space next to the Islington Museum from 26 February to 5 March. Comment. The 50 students will be showing some refreshing ideas. It will be a powerful focus for the *Angel for the Angel* campaign.

# THE ISLINGTON

## THE GEOFFREY GRIBBLE AWARD

Nominations are invited now for the best recent building in Islington. A nominated building should have been completed within the last two years; it should be of high architectural quality, with good details, and be well-built.

it can be a large scheme or a small improvement

it should make a positive contribution to Islington

it should fit well into its surroundings

it can be a new building or an adaptation of an existing building or a restoration of an old building.

Last year's winner was the Maiden Lane bridge over the canal at York Way. The bronze plaque is fixed to the abutment parapet.

The award honours the memory of Geoffrey Gribble, who was Islington's Conservation Officer for many years until his death in 1988. He was passionate about the quality of buildings in the borough, very knowledgeable about local history, and tireless in promoting conservation.

## LONGSTANDING MEMBERS

Many of our valued members who have been with us for several years are still paying their subscriptions at the rate in force when they first arranged their standing order.

That means that a significant proportion is paying a lot less than it costs to service their membership.

Organising meetings, defending the public interest in municipal matters, and producing and distributing a journal all cost money.

The last time the subscription changed was at the annual

general meeting in 1997 when members voted for an individual rate of £8 a year, and £10 for a couple or family.

Please be kind enough to check if you are paying at a former rate, and reimburse the Society accordingly.

Some other members, too, still owe for 1999, and 2000 subscriptions are now due.

If in doubt about the state of your payments please telephone 0171-278 7663 between 10am and 5pm weekdays.



# THE ISLINGTON SOCIETY

## 40

This year the Society celebrates its 40th anniversary. Its creation in 1960 was spurred by the threat to demolish 19th century streets and squares in favour of tower blocks. The first chairman was Leslie Wood: among his distinguished successors have been James Ogilvy-Webb, Marion Harvey, and Harley Sherlock, a founder member.

The Society has always campaigned for the borough's environment and amenities and continues to do so. Recently we have helped sponsor a leaflet on traffic [see page 9], and given written evidence to a parliamentary inquiry on libraries.

Our meetings have also been a feature. Recently we have heard an engaging talk on the history and future of Islington's Fire Service; and a lecture by Steven Norris on the outlook for London's traffic.\*

We look forward to the High and Low debate on 23 February on *Is there a future for a Mayor of Islington?* The present Mayor, Jenny Sands, will say YES. Who will be brave enough to say NO?

We hope many members will want to come to our Ruby anniversary dinner [see right]

\* Longer accounts of these two meetings may be obtained from the Editor.

## OUR RUBY DINNER



The Society's 40th anniversary dinner will be on Wednesday 29 March, 7.15 for 7.45pm. Our choice of restaurant this year is Las Brasas at 63A Clerkenwell Road, EC1.

The cost per person is £25.00 for three courses, wine, and coffee, inclusive of service. Vegetarian dishes will be among choices on the menu. Las Brasas is a Mediterranean restaurant just off the south side of Clerkenwell Green; buses 4, 17, 56, and 153 pass nearby.

Application for tickets may be made to the Secretary on the form below.

### ISLINGTON SOCIETY 40th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

7.15 for 7.45pm Wednesday 29 March  
Las Brasas, 63A Clerkenwell Road, EC1

Please send me .....ticket[s] at £25.00 each. I enclose cheque for ..... payable to the Islington Society.

NAMES [as they should appear on place cards], *block letters please*

Member[s].....

Partner/guest [if any].....

Address of Member{s}.....

.....Telephone.....

Signature.....Date.....

To: Donald Mitchell, 63 Cloudesley Road, London N1 0EL

## ATTACKING POOR HEALTH

**ACTION ZONE** Last year the Camden and Islington Health Authority area was named as one of the twenty-six areas in the country to be the new Health Action Zones. These are zones which have areas of deprivation, poor environmental and social conditions, and people's health is significantly below average.

Government funding is given to make a concerted attack on these problems. The agents are health authorities, all relevant departments of local authorities, and voluntary organisations which must co-operate closely to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The newly appointed director of Camden and Islington HAZ is Gail Findlay.

The Islington lead officer in the HAZ is Paul Curran, head

of social services; and the Lib Dems have set up a health sub-committee.

The HAZ's next meeting is at 6.30pm on Thursday 2 March at Islington Town Hall.

Members of the public are welcome.

**AGENDA 21** Frances Balfour of the Society's Planning, Conservation, and Transport Committee attended a recent meeting of Islington Agenda 21 on our HAZs. She reports:

Jeremy Corbyn MP said that the Camden and Islington HAZ would concentrate on such work streams as early life, social inclusion, older people, cancer, heart disease, and regeneration programmes. Under the theme of 'early life' the main topics are parenting and information for children

The HAZ will build on, and make more efficient use of, existing resources; bring groups into contact with one another, including the voluntary sector and the community; and enable partnerships to work more effectively.

Professor Andre McLean, chair of the Camden and Islington Health Authority's working party on Environment and Health, described the high incidence of drug addiction and HIV infection in the areas.

He spoke of the many factors contributing to poor health: the critical indicators are economic status, education, and social conditions. He cited some research on civil servants which found that the mortality of the higher grades was only one third of that of the lower grades. Although the higher grades often had high levels of stress, they have control over their lives while the lower grades have little autonomy. He concluded that the two key factors which can lead to improvement are education and the formation of community groups. Education gives people access to the necessary information. Community groups are a vital resource to help people to take control and combat the problems leading to ill-health - bad housing, inadequate cooking facilities, lack of opportunity for exercise, noise stress, bureaucratic stress.

Pressure from below can be effective, but people need the support of neighbours.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES

*Ten generations* is the title of a project to record and make electronically available the story of local life in north London.

A bid for finance is being made to the lottery's New Opportunities Fund by a consortium consisting of public libraries, museums, and archives in the boroughs of Islington, Brent, Camden, Hackney, and Westminster, with the Bishopsgate Institute.

*Ten generations* will provide an online social history digital resource comprising text, images, video, and sound, and will explore local life over

the last 300 years.

It will focus on specific periods. Initially these will be 1810-1830, 1860-1880, 1910-1930, and 1960-1980. It will enable users to walk through streets and alleyways, look inside houses and shops, and meet people who lived and worked there. There will be a time travel element and an interactive element.

The Society supports Islington libraries in the bid for this resource which will benefit and be available to the public and many learning and interest groups. If it succeeds we hope to be involved.



## CAMPAIGNING FOR CPZs

For the first time, the Islington Society has combined with three other local bodies to take a more proactive campaigning role: the issue is Controlled Parking Zones

However much we might support the principle of residents' parking as part of the solution to our traffic problems, no scheme can be implemented without the support of local residents.

Unfortunately, consultations on individual schemes usually achieve only a 10 per cent response, primarily from car owners or those more likely to oppose such plans.

Our aim has been to produce a leaflet which lays out the advantages of a CPZ for all residents, and encourages everyone to take part in the consultation exercise even if they feel the issue is irrelevant to them. Interestingly, the current issue of *Walk*, the journal of the Pedestrians Association, makes precisely this point:

"Pedestrians must speak up. Anyone who walks should welcome controlled parking".

That is the argument we are trying to promote in association with Islington Alert, Islington LA21, and Islington Friends of the Earth. The leaflet was a piloted in two roads which have recently been re-consulted as part of the Highbury CPZ - Battledean and Framfield Roads. We will be watching the results - and the response rate - with interest: we then plan to extend the exercise as further consultations arise.

STEVEN BARNETT

### 5 Good Reasons for a Controlled Parking Zone

- less commuter parking in your local streets
- safer streets for pedestrians & children
- cleaner air
- safer roads for cyclists
- less noise from traffic

1886 Woolwich

1913 Highbury

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The possible move by Arsenal Football Club to the "Ashburton Triangle" bounded by Hornsey Road, Holloway Road, and the main line railway from King's Cross is a main topic of discussion in the borough. The triangle is a site less hemmed-in by residential areas than is the site of the present stadium, and it would be every bit as well served by public transport; but it would mean the loss of Islington's only large industrial area. Whether the firms based there could be moved elsewhere in Islington at similar rents is problematical. If it turned out not to be possible, Islington's largest concentration of industrial jobs would be lost. At the last meeting of the old Development Control Committee on 11 January the Ashburton Triangle was made the subject of a draft planning brief for public consultation. When the public's views have been taken into consideration, a final brief for the site will be issued as a guide to Arsenal Football Club or any other potential developers.

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Proposals for the move to the triangle can be seen at the exhibition *The Gunners* now at the Islington Museum Gallery.

## SAM MORRIS CIVIC PRIDE SHOPFRONT AWARDS

It is time for the Sam Morris awards again. The frontages need not necessarily be of shops: restaurants, cinemas, and pubs have been successful in the past. Nominations are invited and should be sent to Peter Brades, 12 Charlton Place, N1 8AJ before the end of February. Inquiries may be made to him on 020-7226 3884 [day] or 020-7490 1588 [home], or to Ian Lloyd on 020-8341 9072

## EVENTS IN ISLINGTON

Dial 020 before all numbers for inquiries until 22 April

**FEBRUARY**

until 19 March **RIPE**. Exhibition of work by three modern craftsmen. Craft Council Gallery 7278 7700

until 26 March **THE CROYDON CANAL**. Exhibition. London Canal Museum. 7713 0836

until 20 April **THE GUNNERS: Arsenal FC** now and in the future. Islington Museum Gallery 7354 9442

Thu 03 **THE ICE AGE**. Lecture. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm. 7713 0836

Sat 12+15-19 **KINDERTRANSPORT**. Tower Theatre 7.30pm + Sun 13, 3pm 7226 3633

Fri 25 and Sat 26 **EXPLORING CONTEMPORARY TAPESTRY**. Workshop. Crafts Council Gallery 10.30am-4.30pm. 7713 0836

Sat 26+29-4 March **ANOTHER COUNTRY** by Julian Mitchell Tower Theatre 7.30pm + Sun 27, 3pm 7226 3633

Sun 27 **MAYOR'S CHARITY PERFORMANCE** of "Another Country" Tower Theatre 7.30pm 7527 3113

**MARCH**

Thu 02 **HOTEL BOATING**. Lecture. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm. 7713 0836

Sat 04 **DON GIOVANNI** A concert performance of the Mozart opera by the Haydn Chamber Orchestra in aid of the North London Hospice. St James's Church, Clerkenwell 7.30pm 8446 2288

Sat 04 **IN STEP WITH SPRING**. Guided stroll round Gillespie Park. Islington Ecology Centre. 2-3pm. 7354 5162

Sat 11+14-18 **THE CEMETERY CLUB** Tower Theatre 7.30pm + Sun 12, 3pm 7226 3633

Tue 14 **FOOTSTEPS IN THE SKY**. Talk on mountaineering. Islington Ecology Centre 7.30-9pm. 7354 5162

Sat 25+28-1 Apr **AS YOU LIKE IT** Tower Theatre 7.30pm + Sun 26, 3pm 7226 3633

Tue 28 **GILLESPIE PARK** annual general meeting .Islington Ecology Centre 7-9pm

Fri 31 **FOXES IN THE CITY**. Illustrated talk. Crouch Hill Community Centre 7-8.30pm. 7354 5162

**APRIL**

Thu 06-4Jun **TECTONIC**: the relationship between craft and architecture Crafts Council Gallery 7278 7700

Thu 06 **RESIDENTIAL BOATING**. Lecture. London Canal Museum at 7.30pm. 7713 0836

Sat 08 **CATKINS, CELANDINE, AND COW PARSLEY**. Walk in Barnsbury Wood 3-4pm. 7354 5162

Sun 09 **HANGING BASKETS FOR BUTTERFLIES**. Pot up a beautiful basket guided by tutor. Islington Ecology Centre 2.30-6.30pm 7354 5162.

Tue 18 **ENERGY BUGGY WORKSHOP**. For children 9 to 13, with an adult. Islington Ecology Centre 2-4.30pm. Book on 7354 5162

Thu 20 CELEBRATING SPRING. Activities for children 5 to 8. Islington Ecology Centre 2-4pm 7354 5261

Sat 22 SPRING FLOWERS ON THE WALK [Parkland Walk] Meet Crouch Hill Community Centre car park 3-4pm 7354 5162

Sun 30 PUPPET WORKSHOP For children 7 to 11. Islington Ecology Centre 2-4pm 7354 51622

### **MAY**

Sun 07 YOU CAN GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE. Walk and talk. Islington Ecology Centre. 7354 5162.

Sat 13 HERB AND FLOWER ESSENCES DAY. Islington Ecology Centre 10am-4pm. Book on 7354 5162

Thu 25 BATS ALONG THE WALK. Walk. Meet Crouch Hill Community Centre car park. 9-10.30pm booking essential 7354 5162

Sat 27 THE DAWN CHORUS. Very early walk. Islington Ecology Centre 4-5.30am.

Sat 27 THE DARLING BUDS OF MAY. Walk in Barnsbury Wood 2-4pm

### **JUNE**

Thu 01 STORY TIME FOR UNDER FIVES. Islington Ecology Centre 2.15-2.45pm and following summer Thursdays. 7354 5162

Sat 03 HERB WALK AND MAKING REMEDIES DAY. Islington Ecology Centre 10am-4pm. Book on 7354 5162

Tue 06 MAGICAL MEADOWS WALK. Islington Ecology Centre 7-8pm

Sat 10 FROM HAWS TO HAZELNUTS: a tree walk. Meet Crouch Hill Community Centre car park. 2-4pm 7354 5162

Sat 17 MUSICAL MIDSUMMER WITH THE ANGEL BAND in Barnsbury Wood 6-8.30pm 7354 5162

Sat 24 FAMILY ADVENTURE TRAIL. Islington Ecology Centre 2-4pm 7354 5162

## **ISLINGTON GARDENS AND WINDOW BOXES**

Islington Gardeners is holding a gardening competition in early July open to all Islington residents. Its focus will be gardens seen from the street, and categories will include areas; front gardens; window boxes, balconies, and hanging baskets; and communal and public gardens including schools.

Entry forms will be available in May from libraries, garden centres, and from the Highbury and Islington Express.

### **COUNCILLOR MILTON BABULALL**

The Society mourns the recent untimely death of Councillor Babulall, a friend to so many people in Islington. Our chairman will pay tribute to him in the summer issue of *Islington news*

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## THE ISLINGTON SOCIETY CALENDAR

At Islington Town Hall unless otherwise stated

Wednesday 23 February at 7.30pm  
THE ISLINGTON SOCIETY/HIGH AND I DEBATE  
In the chair, Ross Lydall, Editor, High and I  
IS THERE A FUTURE FOR A MAYOR OF ISLINGTON?  
with the Mayor, Jenny Sands

Wednesday 29 March 7.15 for 7.45pm  
ISLINGTON SOCIETY 40th ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
at Las Brasas, 63A Clerkenwell Road, EC1  
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Wednesday 3 May at 7.30pm  
ISLINGTON SOCIETY annual general meeting

Wednesday 31 May at 7.30pm  
THE STORY OF ISLINGTON FILM STUDIOS  
Scenes from Gainsborough films 1927 - 1949  
shown by John Huntley of the London Film  
Archive Trust.

Wednesday 21 June  
THE GEOFFREY GRIBBLE AWARD PRESENTATION  
at the winning building [tba]

Friday 23 June  
BILL MANLEY MEMORIAL PUBCRAWL  
Led by Andrew Bosi

## THE CHAIRMAN LOOKS FOR IDEAS

I would welcome ideas  
for marking the turn of  
the century. Perhaps a  
shopfront of the century  
as part of the Sam  
Morris Civic Pride  
Awards, a tree planting,  
or a street party.  
Anniversaries are a time  
both for looking  
forward and reflecting  
on the past. Islington  
has a rich past and  
promises an excellent  
future: let's go for it!

ANDREW BOSI

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