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High Road West

Haringey Council has published an interesting summary of the consultation responses received about this redevelopment. More information is here: <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/highroadwest>

The consultation appears to support the most radical of the three options proposed - i.e. total redevelopment of the Love Lane Estate and the High Road frontage that would face the new stadium. The Guardian covered the story as follows:

'Tottenham's chairman, Daniel Levy... called for the wider development to boost land values and investor confidence in the Tottenham project. The council, determined to bring regeneration to an area which is vibrant but deprived and suffered the riot of 2011, shares the club's belief that their investment will be a major "catalyst" to improve the area...

'A council housing tower block and rows of shops with people living above are to be knocked down to create a wide walkway for Spurs fans from a relocated White Hart Lane station straight to the new 56,000-seat stadium, with its shops, bars and food outlets; the council says on non-matchdays the walkway will be a "mini-town centre" public space.

'The council "masterplan", which proposes wholesale flattening of property behind Tottenham High Road West, to be replaced by the walkway, 1,650 new flats and houses, shops, cafes, a library and promised cinema, has been met with utter dismay from business people whose premises would be knocked down. Haringey council has said it has not yet discussed compensating or relocating businesses in line for demolition, because the "masterplan" is still only a proposal. The redevelopment could take 15 years to achieve, the council said, and Spurs point out that any money potentially made from it forms no part of the funding being assembled to build the new stadium itself.

'That, approximately £400m to build a 56,000-seat stadium, stores and a podium around it, will be raised by selling naming rights and bank borrowing. The Spurs spokeswoman said the club is now confident enough about securing the funding to envisage putting the construction out to tender in early 2014, and have "cranes on site", beginning to build the new stadium, by the end of next year.'

TCS members are concerned about the scale of the demolition and the loss of capacity for small independent businesses. From an architectural point of view, we are most concerned by the loss of a considerable chunk of the High Road 'Historic Corridor' from number 731 to 753. These three-storey Victorian properties are potentially very attractive, dating from the mid 19th Century, and in our view could be easily restored. North Tottenham contains - despite recent large scale demolition - an amazing collection of historic buildings dating back over 300 years. They are what gives this part of Tottenham its character and charm. We would strongly caution against ripping out large sections of the High Road, which risks jeopardising the human scale and long-term sustainable future of the neighbourhood.



Tottenham Ploughman

On Sunday 8 September a hugely successful 'Tottenham Ploughmans' event was held at Downhills Park. The event showcased some of the local artisanal produce – in particular beer, cheese and bread – that is being produced in Tottenham. Hundreds of people attended and drank the first barrels of beer dry, prompting a hurried rush to fetch more from the Redemption Brewery.

A winter event will take place on 8 December at Bruce Castle Museum and for information about future events please email: tottenhamploughman@yahoo.com. Picture below by Joseph Nicholas.



315 The Roundway

TCS members were very concerned when derelict buildings on this site were pulled down earlier this year. The picture opposite (courtesy of Rowan Kumar) shows a sandstone or composite capital from one of the single storey buildings that were demolished. Subsequently the rubble was cleared away and a couple of months ago, portakabins started to appear on the site.

Some may remember that it was controversy surrounding this site that first brought TCS into being, back in 2006. At that time a company called Circle Anglia wanted to build a very large block of flats on this corner of Lordship Lane and the Roundway, very close to Bruce Castle. The case eventually went to the Planning Inspectorate, and the developer lost.

Then to cut a long story short the bottom fell out of the housing market and the plans were shelved. The site is not in a conservation area, though it sits between the Peabody Estate conservation area to the west, and the Bruce Castle conservation area to the east.

It turns out that Kier Construction is using the site as a depot for work on other sites. TCS/ Tottenham CAAC members notified the council, who have determined that Kier must apply for planning permission. We may wish to object to Kier's presence, given that lorries and other construction vehicles may use the site, and it is a rather unsightly collection of temporary buildings in a sensitive place. How long is it likely to remain there? We still do not know what the long term future of this site is, but it is a key area, serving as a gateway to the Museum and the historic buildings down Church Lane.



The Old Library Building, Compton Crescent

Good news! Plans to demolish this handsome 1930s building and replace it by flats, which the Society had opposed, have now been withdrawn. There is a new planning application for change of use from B2 to provision of mixed use of 'Library, Members Club, Hiring Function Hall, Community Centre, Classrooms, Rear Area (DI) and provision of extractor flue ducting.' It appears that that the building will have a new lease of life as a community centre and social venue.

Proposed Development:

Land at Plevna Crescent & Ermine Road
HGY/2013/2377

This is a major proposal. We would encourage readers to view the plans online and to comment. Details from Haringey Council's website:
Proposal: Erection of 95 residential units ranging from 3 to 5 storeys in height (Plevna Crescent - 42 units comprising of 3 x 2 bed 3 person flats: 30 x 2 bed 3 person flats: 9 x 3 bed 5 person houses) and (Ermine Road - 53 units comprising of 17 x 2 bed 3 person flats: 36 x 2 bed 4 person flats), including 27 parking spaces at Plevna Crescent, 28 parking spaces at Ermine Road plus two disabled parking bays, 104 bicycle spaces and associated infrastructure and landscaping scheme 'together with the regeneration and enhancement of the existing ecological corridor'.

West Green Road Shop Front Improvement Pilot Project

We mentioned the consultation about this work in the last issue of Civitas. TCS welcomes any attempt to improve the shop fronts in Tottenham, so this is pilot project in West Green is good news. From the Council's guidance:

'The appearance of shop fronts has a considerable influence on the overall character of an area. They are an essential element not only of the buildings in which they are set but also the wider streetscape. A shop front that has been designed with the respect given to the architecture of the building and character of the surrounding area can add to the vitality of an area, making it attractive to shoppers and visitors alike. The shop front improvement pilot project aims to improve shop fronts in West Green Road between Seven Sisters and Lawrence Road only. This project is a means of supporting growth of local businesses, improving the street scene and raising the image of the area.

'Following a successful consultation with businesses and residents in early 2013, led by the West Green Road Street Scene Improvements Group, it was determined that shop front improvements are a priority project to enhance the public realm and to raise the aspirations of West Green Road.

'The total available for this work is £15,000. The project is funded by Haringey Council with High Street Innovation Funding. Additional funding will be available at a later stage from other sources. The fund is intended to benefit as many businesses in the area as possible. Tom Ebdon Architects and Make-Room, two local based companies have been appointed to work with the businesses to develop the designs and carry out the necessary works.'

For more information please contact:
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Enforcement Issues - Shops

TCS members are extremely concerned by planning enforcement within Tottenham. We have seen cases in the past where money has been spent on restoring shop frontages, but then this good work is undone by the amateur DIY subsequently undertaken by shop leaseholders, or contractors working in a heritage vacuum. Solid external metal shutters are one thing that we believe are very detrimental to the streetscape, and the Planning Inspectorate agrees. Here is a note by a planning inspector from a 2011 case in Tottenham High Road, which we thought deserved wider notice:

'The council's supplementary planning guidance for shopfronts, SPG 6a, explains that solid external metal shutters will always detract from the visual environment when closed and at night this promotes an unsafe environment. It sets out that acceptable alternatives are toughened security glass and internal open mesh roller grilles fitted behind the shop fascia. The appellant considers the shutters indispensable in the light of the damage caused in the vicinity during the riots in 2011. However, that occurrence was extra-ordinary and there is little to show that it will be repeated; as such this is not a justification in itself. He has also drawn attention to similar shutters on shops opposite, but I am unaware of the full planning circumstances of these and have considered this case on its individual merits. The security of the shop could be ensured by more attractive and better detailed means than those proposed, as advised in the council's guidance.'

The difference, as they say, is in the detail.

Bruce Grove Station Forecourt

A council officer writes: 'Network Rail are now in pre-planning discussion to agree the best approach to developing this space. Haringey Council is strongly advocating for a role as public space off the High Road, but to achieve this we do need to address the viability of the retail units that are available currently – so that trade can be effectively managed inside a unit. Therefore we need to discuss with Network Rail the extent to which they can expand these units, whilst retaining publicly accessible space outside the units.' Watch this space!

Lordship Rec gets 'Gold' award from London in Bloom

In September it was announced that Lordship Rec had received a Gold award from London In Bloom. Among the Haringey winners, the judges singled out Lordship Rec for acclaim, commending the new facilities and features, and the work of the user groups and the park staff. Their comments included:

A well-maintained site which was relatively litter-free and minimal dog-fouling. Good horticultural maintenance and well-designed balance between formal and natural planting. Loved the formal planting implemented at the gate entrances by the park staff. Excellent meadows, picnic areas and long grass maintenance with a nice variety of species throughout.

Excellent biodiversity initiatives and lots of examples of a variety of habitat management...Very good monitoring of species.

Excellent planting schemes and management of natural and formal features - the layout of the park really flows and love the transition from long grass to meadow, to formal cut areas for sports and recreation.

Back to Earth project is a real asset and incredibly beneficial to the community, lovely cafe with a selection of food to benefit all with vegetables grown from the garden.

This park is an excellent asset to the borough and clearly the funding that it has received has been spent well providing a wonderful place to relax, learn, play and have fun in. Really lovely team that showed me around who

really care about this open space and clearly understand how it works. Much appreciated and an absolute please to judge.

Well done, Friends of Lordship Rec and the others involved.

Moselle River News

On 2 November, a water quality training session was held for local people concerned about the quality of water in the Moselle stream, with the help of charity Thames 21. Visit: <http://www.thames21.org.uk/>. Friends of the Rec write:

'The Moselle in Lordship Rec always used to be a litter-filled, smelly and ugly ditch among the trees that few people went near. Our new river channel is over a year old, and its flower-lined banks are great for wildlife and look beautiful – see the info-board, between the bridges, designed by one of the Friends (Joan Curtis).

'Around half of the flow of the river still goes through the culvert (under the path) - which has been kept for flood control purposes. The rest goes through the new channel.

'In June 2013 the council arranged some maintenance works to the river channel, pond, and to the entrance and exit grills. Main works included de-silting the outlet structure, removing debris from the inlet structure, and removing debris from the water channel itself. Workers used a vacuum tanker, a skip, a boat and go inside the concrete culvert under the path! The plan is that such maintenance will happen on a regular basis, maybe every 6 months.

'Meanwhile the council and Thames Water are currently implementing a five year programme of action to address water quality issues. The problem is that many homes, businesses and other buildings have plumbing misconnections which mistakenly send foul water into the fresh-water drains - these drains then feed into Haringey's underground streams, including the Moselle. 50,000 Haringey homes have been written to and action is being taken to identify the individual sources of this pollution (417 properties identified so far) and to ensure property owners remedy the misconnections. cont/...

'It has also been proposed by the Friends that we try to get some aquatic plants for the pond at the western end of the river, which may help capture some of the debris before it floats along the channel.'

STREET ART



The photograph above shows the grey squirrel and acorn painting that has recently appeared in Portland Road, NI5. Apparently there is a fox in similar style near Turnpike Lane.

Wards Corner News

Wards Corner Community advises as follows: 'The WCC's application for a Judicial Review of Grainger's latest plan was refused by the High Court of Appeal for the final time. It's been a long process and the hearing today was the third time the case was presented to a judge. Sadly none of the judges properly engaged with the arguments brought by the legal team. WCC was challenging Haringey's decision to grant permission to the Grainger development on the following three grounds:

1. That when justifying their decision to grant permission for the development for which they had previously refused permission, Haringey unlawfully

ignored their own policy documents and instead used an independent report commissioned by Grainger.

2. That Haringey failed to fulfil their duty to assess the need for and carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment of Grainger's proposals.

3. That Councillors were misled about the likelihood of the reinstating of the indoor market in the Grainger development.

'Although this is the end of this attempt to bring a Judicial Review it is by no means the end of the WCC campaign.

'At the time of writing, the Community Plan for the Wards Corner Department Store has been submitted. It details a heritage sensitive restoration of the building, one that provides space for all the businesses already on the site and creates 1000's more feet of retail and community space. It also sets out the beginnings of a community-led model for the running and management of the site and provides a basis for our continued calls to the council and Grainger to collaborate with local people on a solution that meets everyone's needs.

'WCC is also still working to stop the Grainger scheme. Next Grainger will try to forcefully purchase the remainder of the site using Compulsory Purchase legislation. The people at Wards Corner still need your support to save the site, to defend their homes and businesses from demolition and to build a community-led future for Wards Corner. There are many ways you can support the campaign:

- Come to one of the weekly Monday meetings, 6:30pm at Pueblita Paisa Café, Seven Sisters Market (above Seven Sisters Tube)
- Help with fundraising, putting on events, publicity (leafleting, design or writing)
- Write to your local councillors, to David Lammy MP, and to Alan Strickland (Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Social Inclusion) about Wards Corner
- Donate to the campaign; find out how here: www.wardscornercommunity.org.uk/donate
- Follows WCC on Twitter @Wards_Corner, find us on Facebook and help spread the word!

MEMORIES OF LORDSHIP REC

Lordship Recreation Ground has been a public park for 80 years. In September 2012 a massive Community Festival was held to celebrate the new facilities and regeneration projects planned over many years by the Lordship Rec Users Forum in partnership with Haringey council and completed with a £4 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Tottenham Civic Society took the opportunity to ask people for their 'memories of the Rec'. The results give a fascinating insight into this important part of Tottenham's history.

Most people who responded were older and had been long term residents (including some who no longer live in Tottenham). We had wanted to capture the history of Tottenham's urbanisation from the late nineteenth century, as 'immigrants' came to Tottenham from other parts of London and the UK, then from the Commonwealth, followed by people from other parts of the world. Sadly we didn't manage to get responses from people who have come to the area in recent decades.

Six respondents came from families that moved into Tottenham before the first world war but most had families that moved to the area later in the century. Usually they came from other parts of London (including the East End) or elsewhere in England. One or two respondents had researched their families so Alan Swain told us his great grandfather William Swain moved to Spencer Road in the 1870s: his grandfather later lived in Tilson Road (the next street) where Alan's father and his eleven brothers and sisters were born.

We asked people what were the 'most important parts of the Rec' for them, giving a list which included the sports fields, children's playground, boating lake, cascades, model traffic area, Shell theatre, lido and the woods, and asking them to rank them. Perhaps not surprisingly, the model traffic area came at the top of most lists, although the boating lake, the cascades and the woods also got high scores.

Here are some of their memories of the Rec.

Mrs Jean McMahon, of Handsworth Road N17, wrote:

'I moved to Handsworth Road in 1935 when I was

two years old. Some of my earliest memories of Lordship Rec are of the model traffic area. We used to queue up waiting for a three-wheeler bike and some of the older children had two wheeled bikes. If you were lucky enough to have your own bicycle then you could ride around as long as you liked. We used to pay one penny for a bike. A man dressed as a policeman used to walk around and make sure you stopped at all the traffic lights and crossings and you got told off if you didn't.

At weekends our parents used to take us to the Rec on Sunday afternoons. There was a lovely cascade of about four paddling pools with four steps going down to the next pool and so on, down to the large pool at the bottom. The parents used to have deck chairs and we had tea or ice cream from the small café or sometimes a picnic. The playground was wonderful with a small and a large slide and double swings with two ropes in the middle to make you go high.

Sometimes we went on the boating lake. I remember once my mother took my brother and me out in a rowing boat. We got stuck in the middle and kept going round in a circle and a man had to come and row out to us and pull our boat in. When my father came home from work he did have a laugh.

There used to be a four-sided shelter at each end of the park, Higham Road and Lordship Lane - good if it rained. Every year they used to have firework night on the sports field behind the Shell theatre. It used to last about an hour or more: that was very good.

On Saturday evenings we used to go to the variety show at the Shell theatre. It used to be full up and sometimes we had to stand at the back. Behind the seats there was quite a large café for food and ice cream. In the school summer holiday they used to have shows on in the afternoon at the Shell theatre - variety, talent shows, Punch and Judy and pet shows. In the 1960s my son entered his budgie and got second prize and our longhaired hamster got third prize. The prize was a voucher to spend in the big pet shop in Lordship Lane and you had a pick of prizes.

We have all had good memories of the Rec, my grandparents, my parents, me and my children and it's so nice to see the improvements and all the hard work the Friends of Lordship Rec have put into it.'

Mrs Joan Le Vasseur, who now lives in south London, wrote:

'I loved playing in the MTA. We did not often have a penny to hire a bike but it was great fun to use the roads, crossings, traffic lights, etc. I nearly knocked my teeth out on the 'rocking boat' one day. It seemed such a large area. Summer time it was great to run up and down and play in the cascades.'

Maria Findley Bennett, who now lives in Essex, remembered:

'The boating lake where my brother fell in. The traffic area where we rode our bikes and the open air lido. My brothers and sisters and I used to spend every day of the school holiday here with our jam sandwiches and watered down squash and cakes for a picnic.'

Bob Rust, who also now lives in Essex, wrote:

'As a very small boy I remember going with my mum to the model traffic area. And using the little toilet block by the front gate. In post war years I remember going into the Moselle culvert and climbing over the mounds where the air raid shelter was bombed.'

Alan Swain, who now lives in Hampshire, wrote:

'For children growing up in the early post war years in Tottenham, the streets were your playground. However when you ventured a little further afield, we were most fortunate to have both Downhills Park and Lordship Recreation Ground on our doorstep. The Rec was by far the most popular with the model traffic area, boating lake and the cascades as my personal favourites. How I loved riding the hired bicycles around the MTA with the traffic lights, roundabouts and crossings. A truly wonderful amenity that was unique to the Tottenham area.'

We spent much of our school summer holidays at the Rec and on very hot summer days the cascades were very popular. As I recall they were not tiled but simply a series of concrete pools starting close to the Higham Road entrance and, as the name implies, cascading down toward the boating lake and Moselle river. I could not swim at the time but by walking forward on my hands beneath the surface I could pretend that I was swimming.

I can also recall playing football for one of the local boys' teams at the Rec. Another favourite pastime for boys was trying to jump across the Moselle brook at some of the narrow points along the stream's course. You would take a long run-up and hopefully jump from bank to bank without getting your shoes wet. There were also a few places where improvised rope swings had been made with once again the objective being to swing from one bank to the other.'

Gary Witham of Langham Road, NI5, described more recent times:

'I used to cycle at the track when I was younger. I walked that way to my school and I remember going to the tuck shop for snacks. I used to have my school Sports Day there and I won a medal. I also did cooking skills, woodwork and country western dancing.'

Ms J. Crisp now lives in Tower Gardens Road but as a child lived in Wood Green. She wrote:

'When I was a child back in the early 60s my mother would bring me here for the traffic area. It was I to hire a bike – I had so much fun. We lived in Wood Green. I thought it was an adventure coming so far.' All the respondents were very appreciative of the new Lordship Rec with comments such as 'glad to see it is well restored and looked after', 'I love the river Moselle being in the open', 'pleased that the MTA has been refurbished and restored to something approaching its former glory' and a cautionary 'very good – hope it stays that way.' One said that he was looking forward to when 'a memorial to the victims of the Downhills shelter tragedy is dedicated on the Moselle bridge.'

With thanks to all those who contributed.

Joyce Rosser

Small Grants for Parks

Grants are available from Haringey Council for community-led improvements to local parks and green spaces. To find out more go to:

www.haringey.gov.uk/parkssmallgrants

The Eagle Public House

Local historian Alan Swain writes:

'I have recently received a copy of a wonderful old photograph (right) that shows 'The Eagle' public house in Chesnut Road, which I understand was taken in the late 1890's. I received the photograph from a lady named Ann Gorwyn and she tells me that the man standing in the cart is George Bowerman, who had a dairy round and her mother always said he would take the milk round to all the pubs in Tottenham himself and have a drink in each one! Apparently George Bowerman {1846 - 1936} was her great-grandfather.

'I have discovered an entry in the 1882 Kelly's Directory for Tottenham that reads: Bowerman Stephen, Dairyman, Tottenham Hale. I understand from Ann that Stephen Bowerman was the brother of her great-grandfather.

'I also attach a more recent photograph of 'The Eagle'. If you look closely you can just about make out a few features that link the two photographs. The window sills are the same and you can just make out the recesses in the brickwork alongside the windows.

'By coincidence I have also recently received a photograph of another former public house, 'The Nags Head' (below), which was located at 880 High Road, Tottenham. The sender, Mike Smith,



informs me that the landlords were his grandparents. The following is from Mike's message: "My grandfather, John Smith with his third wife Dolly, for a time managed The Ship and Billet in Greenwich and The Seven Sisters, 37 Broad Lane Tottenham and then took a tenancy at The Castle, 42 Church Road Tottenham; They subsequently had tenancies at The Eagle, 275 Sumner Road Peckham; The Eagle, 49 Fore Street, Edmonton. They employed managers at the two "Eagles" and took a tenancy at The Nag's Head, 880 High Road Tottenham where they lived from 1938. John belonged to one of the older London Masonic Lodges while living at Edmonton and Tottenham. John died ... in 1954 aged 63."

176 Philip Lane

These two photographs show the sad demise of this building, on the corner of Mout Pleasant Road, derelict for many years. Local residents are

concerned about new proposals to pull the building down and replace it with a block of flats. The old photograph at the bottom shows how the shop looked in its heyday. The site has now been an eyesore for years. Images courtesy of Rowan Kumar.



Editor's Note: The former Eagle Public House (from preceding page)

Regular readers will remember that TCS and Tottenham CAAC opposed the total demolition of this building, which was proposed last year. It was intended to redevelop the site as student accommodation. To the rear of the original house is a hotch-potch of buildings constructed over the last 100 years, separated from the police station by a narrow alleyway. Following our opposition, the site owner withdrew the plans and the architect submitted new proposals, which would keep the historic facade of the building.





Britain From Above - 1935

Thank you to Alan Swain and Mustafa Suleman for telling us about the amazing images available on the 'Britain From Above' website - courtesy of English Heritage.

Residents of Tower Gardens Estate and others will be familiar with the streetscape above. The view is looking west. In the bottom right hand corner is Bruce Castle, and at the edge of the picture you can see All Hallows Church.

Lordship Rec is on the left hand side of the picture. Broadwater Farm estate does not exist yet, but you can see how the area of the farm is divided up into hundreds of little allotment plots.

Tower Gardens Park is in the centre of the picture, and shows how it was originally landscaped - a flat

piece of grass, surrounded by formal rose beds. Now it is much more naturalistic - undulating and full of trees and shrubs of many kinds.

The big road sweeping around in a big semicircle is, of course, The Roundway, but in the days before the western half of it was converted into a busy dual carriageway. In fact, there are very few cars visible in this photograph. On the south side of the road is a wide belt of grass. The central avenue heading north-south up to the Roundway is Waltheof Gardens - now largely occupied by various community buildings.

The open space to either side of White Hart Lane is still largely green - occupied by playing fields.

Visit the website and type in the search word 'Tottenham' to see other striking photographs.

The Plan for Tottenham – a controversial project

The major new plans for Tottenham are generating considerable discussion. In some quarters the plans are warmly welcomed, but there is also dissent. TCS members are encouraged to participate as full as possible in the debates as these continue, to ensure that the sustainable heritage-led regeneration voice is strongly represented.

Dave Morris, for the Our Tottenham organising group, writes, ‘Despite some good ideas and projects, the plans generally promote corporate-led and large scale urban development; increased rents and unaffordable housing; and the loss of some independent local shops, homes, community facilities and small businesses... the major effect of all this will be to over-develop Tottenham, to threaten its positive community-scale character in many areas, to promote profiteering at the community’s expense, and the forced displacement of thousands of local people who can no longer find or keep any affordable place to live.

‘Last April a well-attended conference saw the launch of an Our Tottenham network and a Community Charter for Tottenham. This was followed up by a lobby of the full Council meeting and negotiations with the CEO of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club calling on them to back the Community Charter. The network has also pledged to support the development of local community plans for sites and facilities that are under threat (e.g. the Wards Corner market and historic quarter at Seven Sisters and the Bull Lane Playing Fields in North Tottenham), and promote such positive community planning throughout all parts of Tottenham. In this way we are helping promote strong, thriving, healthy and just local communities.’

If you have a view about the changes proposed for Tottenham, please email the editor at:
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Medical Officer of Health Reports:

New material has been uploaded to the Wellcome Library website, covering London during the period 1848 to 1972. Visit:

<http://wellcomelibrary.org/moh/>

London Dashboard

A useful snapshot of London life in statistical form, from the Mayor’s office:

<http://data.london.gov.uk/london-dashboard>

Review of Grade II Buildings

All of England’s Grade II listed buildings are to be surveyed in a major project by English Heritage, which is calling for an “army of volunteers” to determine which of the 345,000 Grade II listed buildings in England are at risk from neglect. The process is part of the body’s annual Heritage at Risk survey. Simon Thurley, CEO, said “For the heritage sector, this will be a project in which we can all pool our expertise to best effect”. To find out more visit: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about/news/eh-mobilise-volunteer-heritage-army/>

Wind damage

A lot of trees were damaged in the recent storm, including some major trees at the front of Bruce Castle Park, which were blown down. Among the roots, Tudor bricks could be seen, though it is not clear whether these indicate part of an in-situ structure or displaced rubble from earlier times.

Parakeets

You usually hear them before you see them, but they are becoming an increasingly common sight in Tottenham. Parakeets are making their home in Lordship Recreation Ground and can often be seen flying overhead. They are bright green in colour, with a long narrow tail and rapid wing beats. You can read more about these birds on Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rose-ringed_Parakeet . Some ecologists are concerned that parakeets may compete with woodpeckers for breedings sites, as both favour hollow tree trunks.

Feedback

‘You asked for feedback so let me say how impressed I am by it and how much I wish we could produce something comparable for the west of Haringey. Some of the contents are by their nature depressing, but it is good that you and others keep up the pressure and show the way.’

- Colin Marr, Chairman, Alexandra Palace and Park CAAC. *Thank you, Colin!* (Ed.)

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To join this network, you need to follow the registration process and your membership will be confirmed by the group moderator. It's a great way to find out what's going on locally.

TCS is affiliated to Civic Voice, the new national charity that represents local civic and amenity societies. Visit their website at:

<http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/>

We are also affiliated to the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies - visit their website at:

<http://www.londonforum.org.uk/>