

Think Loughton



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News from Loughton Town Council

Wild West draws in the crowds

DEBDEN Day just goes from strength to strength! This year, the fourth annual Debden Day, the theme was 'A Wild West Celebration'.

The weather added to the Wild West atmosphere, remaining hot and sunny throughout the day.

Record numbers of people attended dressed as cowboys, Indians and showgirls and 'wild west fun' was certainly had by all!

Town Council Chairman, Cllr Roger Pearce, dressed as a cowboy, enjoyed a turn on the stagecoach which gave free rides, courtesy of Markfield Funeral Directors.

The Town Council was pleased to have its own stand at Debden Day this year.

Children's attractions included a wild west slide, face painting, a wild west adventure playground, a bouncy castle,

Clint the Giant Cowboy and shows by Magic Ian and Betty Banana.

Meanwhile, the adults were entertained by the Three Valleys Singers, Turkish belly dancers, an Old Tyme Music Hall, the Vineyard Gospel Choir and a John Wayne shoot-out competition – all helped along by 'bangers and mash' and beer at £1.25 a pint in the Winston Churchill pub.

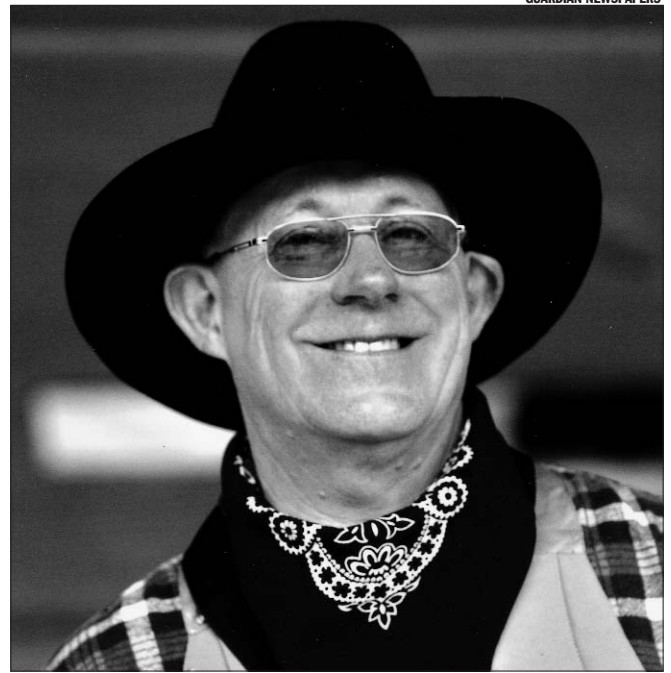
Also on offer were free one-hour 'taster' sessions of relaxation, reflexology and Indian head massage at Epping Forest College.

In the evening, there was a special performance of 'Stags & Hens', an adult comedy by Willy Russell and dancing to the country and western group, Hillybilly Express.

Loughton Town Council once again donated £500 towards the cost of the day and many, many local organisations, shops

and churches gave generously of their time and money, helping to make the day the great success it was.

Howdy pardner: Town Council Chairman Roger Pearce gets into the Wild West spirit



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Editor's notes

AS the nights draw in, we hope the lives of residents in the York Hill Conservation Area will be brightened by new lamp posts.

The old concrete posts have been replaced by a new design more in keeping with this historic area's appearance as part of an environmental improvement project run by Epping Forest District Council.

The Town Council was asked to put forward ideas

for improvements throughout Loughton. A number were suggested which were not possible for a variety of reasons, but the York Hill proposal found favour.

It has been implemented in two stages, and we hope it will be fully completed by the time you read this, although there could be some delay while the electricity company connects the supply.

■ The Government has launched a "QUALITY councils" initiative in which town and parish councils must satisfy various tests to prove they are competent,

efficient and effective, and that they are in touch with their local communities.

The panels which will award QUALITY status are being set up, and we intend to apply as soon as the details are released.

■ It is sad to report yet more instances of vandalism to Town Council property.

The Roding Valley Recreation Ground changing rooms have been subject to several attacks, including one which wrecked the building interior, and safety surfacing on the play areas has also been targeted.

Putting this damage right is a waste of time and money and, in the end, it is local people who are the victims.

■ Those of you who have an interest in our finances might have noticed that we have not yet published the accounts for 2002/03. This is because new regulations required that we presented them in a different way to that which was used before. We have had to seek professional help to do this, but we hope that the information will be available before too long.

Louise Fuller
Town Clerk

Town opens Grove memorial to war fallen

HUNDREDS of people witnessed the Millennium Remembrance Grove's opening ceremony, pictured right, on 7 June.

The Grove has two interpretation boards which explain how the scheme came about and the theme of the planting. A plan of the area shows the tree groupings and the continents they represent.

Cllr Roger Pearce, Chairman of Loughton Town Council, welcomed everyone and outlined the work which had been done to turn what began as an idea from the Royal British

Legion into a reality that people can enjoy for years to come.

Rev Nigel Howarth spoke about peace and war and invited those present to join him in prayer.

Buglers from the 4th Battalion Essex Regiment Comrades' Association played the last post as the Royal British Legion Standard Bearer dipped the colours. After a one-minute silence, 'rouse' was played.

Capt Youles, of the 4th Battalion Essex Regiment Comrades' Association, paid tribute to those who had made the ultimate sacrifice and hoped people would reflect on the past



and on a peaceful future.

Refreshments were later served in the Council Chamber and everyone had a chance to look at the Millennium Remembrance Grove Book of Dedication, in which people can remember loved ones.

Town Clerk Louise Fuller said: "The Grove is a fitting

tribute, looking back to those killed in wars and looking forward to the beauty of the trees."

Entries in the Book of Dedication and subscriptions towards the Grove's maintenance can still be made. For details, contact the Town Council.



Cllr Roger Pearce shows off the interpretation board

Planning booklet phone number

IN an article by Planning Committee chairman, Cllr Tom Owen, the telephone number to obtain the CPRE booklet *Responding to Planning Applications* was incorrect. The

correct number is 020 7981 2856. The CPRE has now changed its name from Council for the Protection of Rural England to the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

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Book wins history society award

■ LOUGHTON & District Historical Society has won an award for its contribution to local and county history.

The award was made at a reception at the Essex Record Office at Chelmsford on 29 April, when the Essex Book Awards 2003, sponsored by Essex County Libraries and the Friends of Historic Essex, were announced.

The Loughton society received the Friends of Historic Essex award for the organisation that had made the most significant contribution to Essex history through its recent publications.

These included a biography, *William Waller – Loughton's Historian*, *The Coffee House at*

Woodford – the story of a Victorian family who ran a temperance coffee house behind the Castle at Woodford Green –

and *The Powells in Essex*, the history of the Baden Powells, who lived in London and Essex in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Quiet Matthew's a shining example

MATTHEW Wixey is Epping Forest Volunteer Bureau's Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Matthew, 16, has volunteered at South Loughton Cricket club for two years. A qualified level one cricket coach who regularly works with young members of all abilities, he is the club's assistant secretary.

Club colleague Andrew

Shields said: "It's rare to find such leadership qualities, diligence and tenacity in anyone, not least in a quiet and unassuming teenager. His commitment is invaluable."

High Sheriff of Essex Mark Thomasin-Foster and Epping Forest DC chairman Cllr Stephen Barnes presented Matthew with an engraved crystal trophy, sponsored by

The society received a cheque for £200 and a certificate. More than 90 books were submitted for the award categories.

The Loughton society's secretary Richard Morris said it was an honour to receive such a prestigious award, and good to see south west Essex's contribution to the county's heritage was recognised.

For details call Richard on 020 8508 4974, or email verdmorris@btinternet.com.



Higgins Group, at the bureau's Volunteers' Lunch at the Britannia Sports & Social Club.

Call 01992 564254 to find out how you can be a volunteer.

■ Pictured, from left are: bureau manager Jacqui Webb, Matthew, Mark Thomasin-Foster, Volunteer of the Year Colin Green, and Stephen Barnes.

Town government's roll of honour

SOME while ago, Cllr Suzanne Harper noticed a gilt-lettered wooden board at the open day of Epping Forest District Museum's Langston Road store.

The board contained a list of the chairmen of the Town Council's predecessor, Loughton Urban District Council, which existed from 1900 to 1933. The council was then merged in the larger, and less local, Chigwell Urban District Council.

Loughton Urban District Council is important because it was the only truly local council Loughton had before the current Town Council was established in May 1996. The council was formed in 1900 out of the old parish council.

After talks with the museum, it was agreed that the board could be loaned to the Town Council to hang in the council chamber. This put the board back into its proper context and means that it is visible for all to see, instead of languishing in a dark store.

When I saw the board, I was surprised that all but one of the names were familiar to me.

Loughton society was then very polarised between church and chapel, Conservative and Liberal, but all the councillors



Council Chairman Cllr Roger Pearce with the Chairmen's board

stood for election without overt party labels.

JW Maitland (1900-01) was rector and squire of Loughton and a prominent Tory. He had the sumptuous Loughton Hall built, at a cost that would have built no fewer than 300 cottages in Smarts Lane or Forest Road.

JH Gould (1901-02 & 1906-08) The Goulds were non-conformist landowners, proprietors of the Albion Granaries, and Liberals. Their 'seat' was Brooklyn, a mansion pulled down in the 1960s for Loughton Library.

CS Foster (1902-04 & 1908-09) The Fosters were builders, responsible for The Uplands, High Beech Road etc. Sir Frank Foster, who latterly

lived at 37 Alderton Hill, was knighted for services to Essex County Council.

Arthur 'Shotty' Leech (1904-06 & 1925-26) was a prominent Liberal and Methodist. He ran the post office stores at Goldings Hill.

Sir Joseph Lowrey (1909-10), knighted for services to salvage in World War I, lived in Upper Park. He was also a non-conformist and a notable benefactor to the town.

Henry G Sharp (1910-12 & 1926-27) ran the corner shop at 27 York Hill and lived in Queens Road.

John Herd (1912-14) and **Duncan Davey (1914-16)** were self-made builders. Davey built the lych-gate at St John's Church.

Dr Berthon Pendred (1916-18 & 1927-28) was one of Loughton's GPs, the more 'progressive' of the two. He lived at Holmdale, 199 High Road (now Brown's motors).

Percy Thompson (1918-1920) was a local historian, who lived at 62 The Uplands. His collections of material, owned by the Loughton &

District Historical Society and the Guildhall Library, are very important.

Charles Jacobs (1920-22 & 1928-29) was a magistrate who lived at 26 Stony Path (this was the one I knew little about).

Bernard Farmborough Howard (1929-30 & 1932-33) lived at 30 Albion Hill, where his family ran nationally advertised operatic performances in the garden just like Glyndebourne.

William Nelson Wyles (1931-32) was a Methodist solicitor who lived at 18 The Drive.

Cllr Monty Juniper (who has lived in Loughton all his life) knew many of the chairmen. "You had to doff your cap to them", he ruefully remembers.

If you have personal knowledge of these people, please write to us with your recollections for the next issue of *Think Loughton*.

The Town Council would like to thank the Waltham Abbey museum for loaning this fascinating link with its history, which is currently hanging in the Town Council chamber at Buckingham Court.

Cllr Chris Pond

Help the heart and walk for life

EPPING Forest District Council's Jenny Filby introduced the Lifewalks scheme to the summer Community Forum meeting, at Buckingham Court.

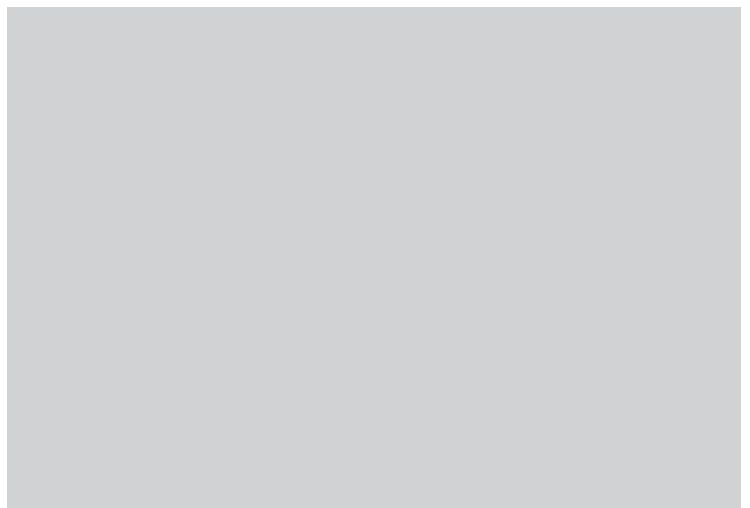
The scheme, launched in 2001 with Epping Forest Primary Care Trust, the Countryside Agency and the British Heart Foundation, encourages walking for health.

A starter pack, which includes the routes, a map, written

instructions and photos of the routes, costs £3 and can be obtained from Epping Forest DC Leisure Services.

Essex Police Insp Andy Loveridge also took questions from the floor. Subjects raised included vandalism of bus shelters, telephone boxes, the Roding Valley Recreation Ground and the Broadway.

There has been a rise in the crime across the district and he said the chief constable has set up a project team to study why.



Dates for the diary

■ **21 Sep, 11am-3pm:** St Clare Hospice Autumn Madness family fun day. Entry £1 (under 14s free) at St Clare Hospice, Hastingwood Road, Hastingwood. Contact hospice on 01279 413590.

■ **4 Oct, 7pm (for 7.30pm):** Voices for Hospices, a global musical event. Cantate Youth Choir at The Abbey Church, Waltham Abbey. Tel: St Clare Hospice on 01279 413590.

■ **11 Oct, 10am-1pm:** Wesley Hall, Methodist Church – Loughton & Woodford branch Royal National Lifeboat Institution Table Top Sale. Contact: Mike Evans 020 8502 1788.

■ **12 Oct, 2pm:** St Clare Hospice 'Tea Shop Challenge', great family day out. £3.50 per person; £5 per couple (includes refreshments). Contact: 01279 413590.

■ **9 Nov, 10am-3pm:** Christmas Craft Fair. Entry £1. St Clare Hospice Hastingwood Road, Hastingwood. Contact: 01279 413590.

■ **15 Nov:** Wesley Hall, Methodist Church – Loughton & Woodford branch Royal National Lifeboat Institution Winter Bazaar. Contact: Mike Evans, 020 8502 1788.

■ **Every Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday:** Walk with the West Essex Ramblers. New walkers always welcome (sorry no dogs). Contact: Pat or John Juchau, 020 8502 1628.

■ **Every second & fourth Thurs, 8pm:** Debden House Quilters, details: 020 8508 4873.

■ **Alternate Thursdays, 7.15-10.15pm:** Friends of Light and Healing meetings,

Kingsley Hall, Austen Close. Everybody welcome. Enquires: 020 8508 3266.

■ **Alternate Fridays, 7.45pm:** Loughton & Epping Forest Amateur Radio Society meets at The Old Rectory, All Saints' Church, Chigwell Row. Details: 020 8502 1645.

■ **Every Sunday, 3.30-5.30pm (term time):** Kidz Club for children aged 6-12. Details: 020 8502 0695.

■ **Every Sunday, 7.30-10.30pm:** Dance – ballroom, Latin and popular sequence, Victory Hall, Hainault Road, Chigwell. Admission: £3 + refreshments. Details: 020 8508 0313.

■ **First Sunday of month at 3.30pm:** Church Service, St Michael's Church, Roding Road, Loughton. Friendly, informal service, welcomes people with learning difficulties and their friends. Lasts about half an hour.

■ **First Sunday of month (until Dec), 9am-2pm:** Farmers' Market, Centric Parade, High Road. Contact: Suzanne Harper on 020 8508 4770.

■ **Every Monday, 7.15-9.15pm:** Roding Players Orchestra rehearses at Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, Loughton. New players welcome. No audition. Call Miles Harwood on 020 8505 4329 for details.

■ **First + third Monday, 8pm:** St John's Wives Group, St John's Parish Hall, Church Lane.

■ **Every Monday, 8-10pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir meets at Epping Methodist Church Hall. New members welcome, especially tenors and basses. Details: 020 8508 3539.

■ **Every Monday, 9.30pm:** Loughton Mountaineering Club, Victoria Tavern, Smarts Lane, Loughton. All hill walkers and climbers welcome. Call Jeff Harris 020 8508 2888.

■ **First Tuesday of month, 8pm:** Royal British Legion Branch and Club meetings, 118 Church Hill, Loughton.

■ **Second Tuesday of month, 7.30pm:** Forest Philatelic Society meets, Centenary Hall, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Details: 020 8508 1244.

■ **Every Wednesday (term time), 9.30am-11.15am:** Trinity Toddlers, Mannock Drive. Contact: Isobel Jackson on 020 8508 3317.

■ **Every Thursday, 12.45pm:** Rotary Club of Loughton meets Roebuck Hotel, North End, Buckhurst Hill. Call: 020 8504 6367.

■ **Second Thursday of month, 8pm:** Loughton Historical Society, Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton. Guest visitors welcome on payment of £1.50.

■ **Every Friday 7.30pm** Kingsley Spiritualist Church, Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road

MONTHLY COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES:

First Saturday (Labour):

■ **9.15-10.15am:** Oakwood Stores, Longcroft Rise

■ **From 10.30am:** The Broadway shopping parade (under the walk-through)

Second Saturday (Labour):

■ **9.30-10am:** outside Londis, Valley Hill

■ **10.30-11am:** outside the former Mother Hubbard pub, Valley Hill

First Sunday (Loughton Residents' Assoc)

■ **9am-1.30pm:** at the Farmers' Market, Centric Parade, High Road.

Deadline dates

EDITION	COPY DEADLINE
Winter	20 October
Spring 2004	19 January

Next issue covers December to early March.

Call 020 8508 4200 to add diary entries. Further copies of Think Loughton may be obtained from Loughton Town Council at 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, or from Debden or Loughton libraries.

Please note that we will not accept unattributed articles for publication.

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sept	3	Community
	8	Planning
	17	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	22	Planning
Oct	6	Planning
	8	Finance & General Policy
	15	Council
	20	Planning
	29	Community
Nov	3	Planning
	12	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	17	Planning
	26	Finance & General Policy
Dec	1	Planning
	10	Finance & General Policy
	15	Planning

All meetings at 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton, at 7.30pm.

Christmas comes early

AFTER a beautiful summer, here we are looking forward to Christmas again!

Our two Christmas competitions become ever more popular, and we have decided to run them again this year, so now is the time to start thinking about your entries.

Decorated Christmas Window: By decorating their windows with a Christmas theme each year, many Loughton shops and businesses not only add to the Town's festive feel, but also attract customers.

If you have not entered our Best Dressed Window competition before, why not fill in a form and find out how a decorated Christmas window helps to bring customers into your shop. You never know, you may be one of our prizewinners!

There are two categories of entry: local/independent shops and businesses, and multiple/chain stores (three or more branches).

The closing date for entries is 21 November.

Complete the entry form printed here, or pick one up from the Town Council's office and other outlets.

All entrants receive a certificate to display in their window and the winning entry in each category receives a certificate, an engraved cup to keep for 11 months (it will be awarded again next year) and a

£100 donation to the charity of their choice.

Last year, the two winners were Bird & Fairley Ltd in the High Road, whose nominated charity was Fight for Sight, and Sense, also in the High Road, who nominated the Sense charity for the £100 prize.

Christmas Card Competition:

This competition is open to everyone – nobody is too young or old.

The winning design will be used as the Town Council's official Christmas card, so if you'd like to see your name in print it's time to start designing.

Complete the entry form printed here, or pick one up from the Town Council's office.

Designs can be portrait (upright) or landscape, colour or monochrome, illuminated script, drawing, photograph, picture, illuminated poem or any other artistic style, but please remember that the winning entry must be suitable for reproduction.

There are five age-related categories and the winner in each class will receive a £20 gift token. The best entries will be displayed in Loughton and Debden libraries during the run-up to Christmas.

The closing date is 27 October. Last year's winner was junior-school entrant Laura Bishop, 10.

You never know, this year the winner could be you!

Best Dressed Window Competition 2003 ENTRY FORM



Shop: Manager/contact:

Address:



..... Tel:

Class: (please tick as appropriate)

Local/independent []

Multiple/chain store (three or more branches) []

Please state the name and address of the charity you would wish to receive the £100 donation from the Town Council should you win

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COMPETITION RULES

- 1 Eligibility** All shops and businesses within the Town Council's boundaries may enter.
- 2 Classes of entry** Entrants will be split into two classes, as above. All entries must be on the Town Council's official entry form (photocopies are acceptable). The closing date for entries is 21 November 2003. Window displays must be in place for judging by 1 December 2003.
- 3 Judges** will be carried out by a panel consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Community Committee, and Chairman of the Town Council (or substitutes if circumstances dictate). Judging will take place during the period 1 to 21 December. Results will be announced the following week. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 4 Theme** Entrants may base their display on any Christmas theme.
- 5 Judging criteria** The window displays will be judged on a range of criteria, including:

- Overall impression/visual impact
- Creativity/ideas
- Artistic merit
- Inventive use of materials
- Effort

Window displays relying primarily on considerable expenditure to achieve their impact will not be favoured in the judging. There is no maximum or minimum size for the display.

6 Prizes All entrants will receive a certificate indicating their participation in the competition. The first prize-winner in each class will receive an engraved cup to retain for 11 months (to be awarded again the following year) and a certificate to keep. A £100 donation will be made to the charity of their choice. The runner-up and highly-commended entries in each class will be awarded a certificate.

ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO:

Loughton Town Council, 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton, Essex IG10 2QZ.
Tel: 020 8508 4200 Closing date for entries: 21 November 2003

Christmas 2003 Card Competition ENTRY FORM AND RULES



Name:



Address:

..... Tel no:

Class: (please tick as appropriate)

Key Stage: 1 (infants) []

2 (juniors) []

3 (years 7/8/9) []

4 (years 10/11) []

Adult []

I live in Loughton []

I attend school in Loughton []

I work in Loughton []

COMPETITION RULES

- 1** The competition is open to those who live, work or attend school in Loughton.
- 2** Photocopied entry forms are acceptable.
- 3** Entries not in accordance with the rules will not be judged.
- 4** Size of paper used must be A5 (148mm x 210mm).
- 5** Designs may be landscape or portrait orientation.
- 6** Colour or monochrome, illuminated script, drawing, photograph, picture, illuminated poem or any other artistic style may be used.
- 7** A 1cm-wide plain white border must

be left around the design edge.

- 8** Entries must be suitable for copying and printing.
- 9** Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged and no responsibility for entries is accepted.
- 10** The overall winning entry and its copyright remain Town Council property.
- 11** Entries will not be returned unless they are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
- 12** The judges' decision is final.

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Closing date: 27 October 2003

LOUGHTON SPORTS CENTRE

Light up a Life at Christmas

THE Christmas lights on the Town Council's tree on Kings Green will once again be the focus for the Light up a Life scheme run by St Clare Hospice whereby local people can sponsor a light in memory of a relative or friend.

"Turn on" day this year has not yet been set, so telephone the Town Council on 020 8508 4200 in early November for information.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a light should telephone St Clare Hospice on 01279 413590

Poet 'magician' plaque

**FOSKETT MARR
GADSBY & HEAD**

LOUGHTON Town Council has erected a blue heritage plaque in honour of poet George Granville Barker who was born on 26 February 1913 at 116 Forest Road.

George Barker was a prolific poet "of outstanding gifts, an enchanter of souls, a verbal magician with a pot of gold beneath his tongue".

Barker's highly dramatic poems were often concerned with themes of remorse and pain. His published works include:

- *30 Preliminary Poems* (1933)
- *Eros in Dogma* (1944)
- *News of the World* (1950)
- *The True Confession of George Barker* (1950)
- *The View From a Blind I* (1962)

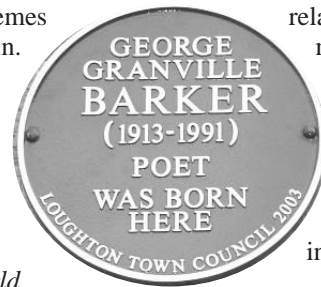
- *Thurgarton Church* (1969)
- *The Alphabetical Zoo* (1972), and
- *Collected Poems* (1987).

He continued to write and publish poetry throughout his life, although his reputation declined after the mid-1950's.

Unusually, he made his living writing poetry, only occasionally supplementing this with some teaching work.

His private life was unconventional and his relationships with men and women were often convoluted.

He travelled and taught in Japan and America, and died in 1991.



■ A full-scale biography, *The Chameleon Poet, the life of George Barker*, by Robert Fraser, was published by Cape in February 2002.

**DIRECT TRADE
WINDOWS & DOORS**

Don't let your age hold you back

EPPING Forest Older People's Services are looking to sign up recruits to a new forum.

The Epping Forest Older Peoples Advisory Groups (OPAGs) are to be launched during Eastern Regions Active Ageing Week, from 15 to 19 September.

The OPAGs, run by older people for older people, will be partners of the Epping Forest

Joint Management Team, and will assist service planning and implementation across the district. The groups will also become involved with the Eastern Region OPAG, which is already having an impact on national policies and services.

The launch will take place at the Britannia Club, Bank of England Printing Works in Loughton on 16 September, at 10am. After hearing from

Eastern Region OPAG speakers, there will be lunch at 12.30pm, followed by workshops and formation of the five groups for Epping Forest an hour later. The event is due to finish between 4pm to 4.30pm. Transport can be provided if required.

For more details, contact Emma Thomas-Lambert, Older People's Services Manager, on 01992 564178, or by email at epping.cvs@virgin.net.



Alex joins the team

THE Town Council welcomes Alex Wilson, who was appointed Parks & Amenities Warden at the end of June.

Originally from Scotland, Alex has been living in and around London since 1968.

He will spend a lot of his time on the Roding Valley Recreation Ground, monitoring users and helping with maintenance.

Alex will carry out regular inspections of the Town Council's playgrounds and other open spaces, identifying areas of concern.

If you see him, stop and say hello.

Chris's Victorian Society tour of duty

ON a hot June day, Town Cllr Chris Pond showed 25 Victorian Society members and their director Dr Ian Dungavell some of south Loughton's Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

Starting at the station, they walked round Hetton House (amid much displeasure that it is likely to be demolished) and along Station Road where Alan and Sheila Witts kindly showed the visitors the interior and garden of their house, built by local architect Horace White for his own occupation.

They then walked past the Egan-designed Lopping Hall and Loughton Nursery to Ollards Grove, with its fine houses, many unchanged, and via Forest View Road to the Shaftesbury Retreat and through

the forest to Forest Way. Here, a resident kindly offered to show the party round her 17th century cottage, then in the process of renovation.

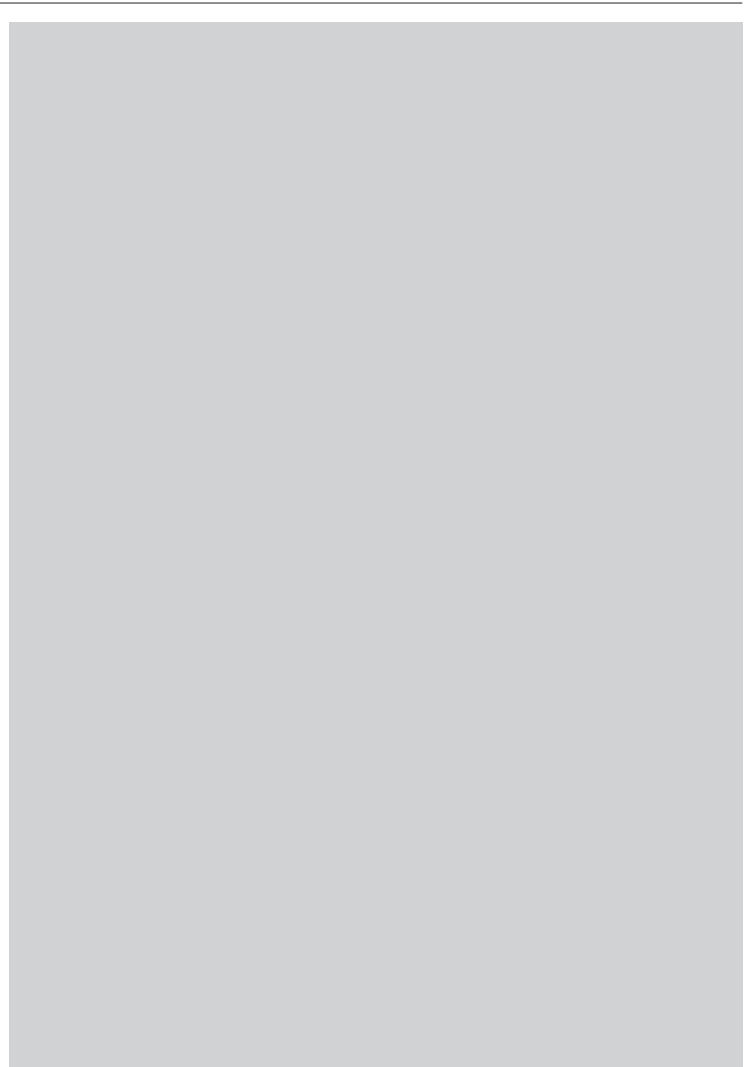
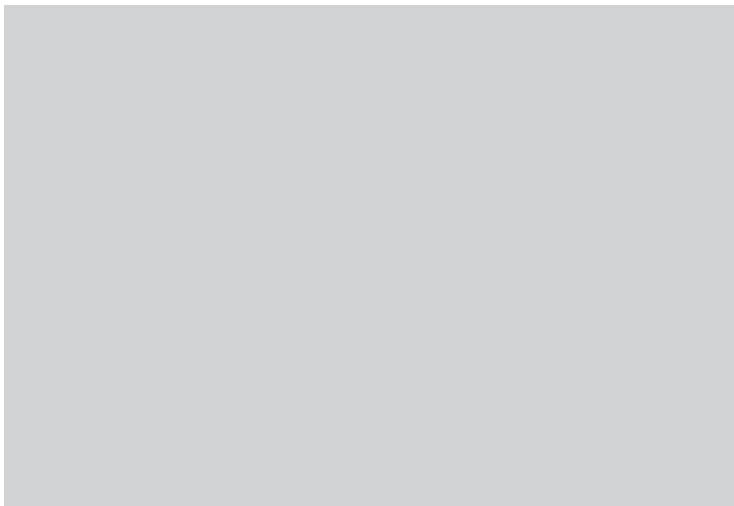
They then admired the exterior of MH Baillie Scott's Woodbury Hollow, the only house in Essex by that exciting architect, and the view from the Gardeners' Arms.

After looking at the original Victorian exteriors of Staples Road, including Cubitt's schools of 1888 and 1891, tea was served in the garden of Forest Villa, and parties taken up into the belvedere.

St Mary's churchwarden Colin Westbrook then opened the church, with its stunning carving, and a very weary party returned to the station after three hours of seeing Loughton's delights. A return

visit to the north of the town is being arranged for 2004.

■ Chris's book, *The Buildings of Loughton*, is available from the Book Shop in the High Road, for £5.



Contacting us

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Loughton & District CAB

OPENING TIMES

■ St Mary's Parish Centre, Loughton High Road: Mondays to Fridays.

■ Buckhurst Hill Information Centre: Tuesday mornings.

■ Chigwell Health Care Clinic, Limes Avenue: Monday and Friday mornings.

Advice and further details of opening hours are available on 020 8502 0031.

Viewpoint

Reap the rewards of foster caring

ESSEX County Council launched this year's foster carer recruitment campaign during Foster Care Fortnight in May.

The campaign Be Someone Who Cares is aimed at dispelling myths about the types of people that can become foster carers.

Many people who would make excellent foster carers sometimes do not come forward because they think they will be turned down.

Fostering is not just for couples with children of their own.

Single people, those without children and people whose

children have grown up and left home are also needed.

Carers can be working full time, part-time or not at all.

There is no upper age limit to becoming a foster carer – as long as you are in good health.

Phil Miller, a foster carer from Colchester, said: "As a disabled person, I initially thought it might be difficult for me to become a foster carer due to other peoples' attitudes.

"After calling the Essex Adoption & Fostering information line and talking through the issues with a social worker, I realised it

would not be the battle I had thought it might be.

"I expect that many disabled people will probably think they can't foster, but I am proof that they can!

"All they need to do is pick up the phone and call the freephone number.

"As far as I am concerned, fostering is definitely one of the most rewarding things I have ever done."

Essex CC is looking for more carers in the Loughton area to be able to offer a service to local children, to increase their chances of returning home and enabling them to maintain links with

friends, family and school. Foster carers look after children of all ages from babies to teenagers.

There is a particular need for carers who can look after children aged 8 years and above, children who need long-term placements, children with disabilities, and for brothers and sisters who may need to stay together.

Foster carers provide a variety of care ranging from a few days each month, to a few weeks or months and sometimes longer.

Essex CC offers support and training to foster carers and there are also fee-paid schemes with very competitive rates and training opportunities.

All carers receive an allowance that meets the cost of looking after a child.

Be someone who cares and call the freephone number 0800 801 530 today.

Putting children first

Fostering

Be someone who cares



Foster carers are always needed for children. Most are aged 3 or older, many need to stay with their brothers and sisters, some may have special needs.

Fostering can be full or part time. There are good financial incentives plus training and 24 hour support.

Be someone who cares and call

0800 801 530

Beacon Council 2002-2003 Adoption

Essex County Council

Round-up

■ JELLYTOTS, the parent and toddler group run by Epping Forest Community Church, is celebrating its 10th Birthday in September. The group, which started in September 1993, has been meeting in Grosvenor Hall, Grosvenor Drive, for the past 10 years and has seen many changes.

Jellytots meets on a Friday morning during term time from 10am-12 noon. "The group is very popular and a lot of people stay for quite a long time," said Jellytots co-leader Helen Seaman.

"We are so thankful to God for blessing this group and as such, we are holding a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 28 September at 10.30am. It would be great to see present and past Jellytots parents and toddlers again."

For details, call 020 8502 0695

■ CAROL Harris gave a very interesting talk about ladies fashions in the 1920s and 30s to the wives group at St John's Church, Loughton. She showed clothes from undergarments to top coats, hats and accessories.

The next meeting for the group will be a cheese and wine evening when a cheque will be presented to the Haven House Foundation. After the summer break, meetings will commence on 1 September.