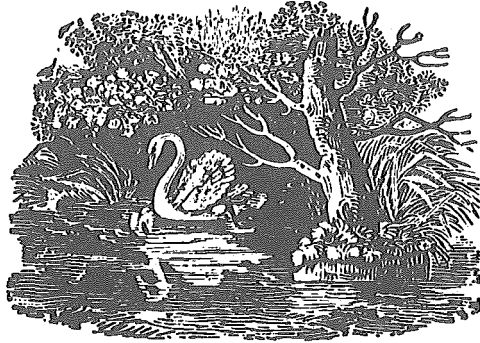


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The Dulwich Society

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS of the Dulwich Society 1981:

Friday 10 April: Annual Dinner, as announced in Newsletter 51.

Thursday 7 May, 8 pm in St Barnabas Hall: Miss Margaret Brookes from Dorset will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Adventures of a butterfly enthusiast'. Miss Brookes is a well-known writer and lecturer and the evening promises to be entertaining and informative. (At this meeting, final details of the venue on 17 May will be announced.)

Saturday 16 May: 3 to 6 pm: the garden of The Grange in Grange Lane will be open to all members of the Dulwich Society, by kind invitation of Mr Gerald Fairlie. Because of the dangerous bend in Grange Lane, cars should not be parked between the AA red triangle signs above and below the garden, but we have permission on this occasion to park a limited number of cars at the lower (lane end) car park of the Dulwich and Sydenham Golf Club at the top of Grange Lane.

It is regretted that the garden is unsuitable for small children, and no dogs can be admitted.

At this event, there will be a Bring and Buy Plant Sale in aid of the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, SW16. It will be of great help if members contributing supplies for the sale can deliver them to The Grange, with labels indicating variety, colour and suggested price, at any time up to 7 pm on Friday 15 May.

Sunday 17 May: Wild Life walk to hear woodland bird song. Watch local notice boards for time and place, or come to the meeting on 7 May when details will be given.

In May, the Ecological Parks Trust hopes to announce to the Press their plans for the Nature Park at Farquhar Road. See page 6.

Thursday 4 June: 8 pm at St Barnabas Hall. A Members' Meeting to which Dulwich residents are invited, if they are interested in joining the Society or helping its various activities. Please come along and help to make this a friendly social occasion.

Thursday 2 July: the always popular Trees Walk. Meet at 7.30 pm just inside the College Road Gates of Dulwich Park. See page 16.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1981 AGM was held in St Barnabas Hall on 5 March and achieved an unusually high attendance of over 100 members, because it was known that the main subject of discussion was likely to be the question of whether a car park should or should not be built behind the Crown and Greyhound public house in the centre of the Village. But more of that anon.

The Chairman opened the proceedings and welcomed two special visitors whom he had invited to attend in connection with the car park problem: Mr T. H. Peace, Chairman of the Estates Governors and Mr M. O'Brien of Ind Coope (the brewers). He requested permission of the meeting to change the order of the agenda to bring up the subject of the car park under Any Other Business early in order not to keep the visitors waiting overlong.

The Chairman then made a brief report of his first year in office, the major part of which had been devoted to negotiations with the Dulwich Residents Association, in an attempt to bring about a merger of the two organisations. For a variety of reasons these negotiations failed and at the EGM called by the Chairman on 2 October 1980 members voted overwhelmingly against the merger. As a result we both were going our separate ways but a spirit of friendly co-operation existed and we were continuing to co-operate in essential matters of planning, traffic etc. in which the interests of residents were common to both. He said that the final decision not to merge, but to carry on as before, had given him the opportunity to consider the future of the Society, as a result of which he had decided to slim down the Executive. In future the Social Sub-Committee and the Legal Sub-Committee would not be represented on the Executive Committee but representatives from both had agreed to be co-opted on to the Executive whenever special advice was needed. The Chairman mentioned the many years of long and devoted service which both Mrs Evans and Geoffrey Hall Clark had given the Society in an Executive capacity and thanked them both most warmly for all they had done in the past. Although neither would be continuing on the Executive he hoped that their advisory services would continue to be available for

many years to come.

The Chairman then invited the Chairmen of the Planning, Traffic, History, Trees and Horticultural Sub-Committees to give a brief account of the year's activity.

The Chairman then moved to any other business which, as he had correctly assumed, was entirely concerned with the question of the car park. Before allowing members to speak he took a few minutes to set the record straight. He explained that the car park proposals had been thoroughly investigated and discussed first by the Planning and Traffic Sub-Committees and later by the Executive. The Trees Sub-Committee had also done a full survey of the area to check which trees would have to go and which should be saved. The reports from all these Sub-Committees were to the effect that, provided a few obvious steps were taken to protect the interests of the public, particularly those living in the close vicinity of the area, no serious objection could be raised against the proposal. This view was adopted by the Executive Committee. The Chairman, sensitive to the views of local residents which were coming in to him by letter and verbally, had then arranged a meeting with the Chairman of the Estates Governors and a Director of Allied Breweries, managers of the house, to discuss the whole problem. As a result of this he had received a thorough briefing on the whole matter and had decided to invite Mr Peace and a representative of the brewers to attend our AGM. The Chairman then threw the discussion open to the meeting.

At this Mr Paul Harman, a member of the Society, who had already independently organised a protest meeting and a petition, came forward and put the case against the proposals. The main points of his objection were as follows:

1. Ind Coope do not want to install a car park. It will cost them £50,000 to £80,000 and they will want a return in the form of increased trade if they have to spend so much money.
2. The Village is a Conservation Area.
3. Children and old people will walk past and across the car park entrances and accidents will occur.
4. The amenity value of the present garden will be lost.
5. Nine or ten trees will be lost and pleasant shrubs cleared.
6. There will be an unacceptable level of noise and fumes behind the pub.
7. The Village zebra crossing will have to be moved, and yellow lines will appear in the Village. It will be the thin end of the wedge.
8. High density lighting in the car park will be ugly.
9. Sir Hugh Casson once said that providing car parks is like feeding pigeons. The more you provide the more they come.
10. We should be discouraging drinking in Dulwich, not encouraging it.
11. The car park may attract coach parties.
12. The objections are fully supported by the Residents Association.

Having stated his objections Mr Harman then moved that the provision of the car park be rejected. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Dowling in a brief pithy statement.

At this point Mr Peace, Chairman of the Governors, rose to speak. He first gave the background to the proposal which was that bad behaviour by patrons of the pub in the road in front had led to the Governors asking for a car park to be installed behind. When the lease came up for renewal the Estates Governors demanded a car park in order to test the reaction of the planning authorities. It is up to the Borough planning authority to decide whether a car park should or should not be allowed. The Chairman of the Governors informed the meeting that he had given the Chairman of the Society an undertaking that the Governors would reconsider their position at their forthcoming meeting on 14 March.

Mr Peace went on to say that the Estates Governors feel that the Crown and Greyhound is a nice pub and an asset to the Village, but that cars parked in front of it are not. It would be much better if they were tucked away behind. The garden behind the pub is tiny and most of the area which would become a car park is currently no more than overgrown jungle. All in all there are excellent reasons why the possibility of a car park should be investigated. He then made two further important points, first, that the lease specifically forbids a disco, and secondly, that double yellow lines in the area are pure speculation. No-one can say categorically that yellow lines will or will not be required, but it is known that the police would not support such a proposal at the moment. As far as he knew the brewers had no intention of changing the character of the pub whether a car park was built or not.

Mr O'Brien, of Ind Coope, then spoke. He said that the brewers have no intention of altering or upsetting the amenities of the area and gave an assurance that the Village pub will be maintained as it always has been. As for the car park, this has been demanded as a condition of the lease and this commitment will have to be honoured, unless of course turned down by the planning authority.

Both sides having been heard, the Chairman called for a show of hands by those against the proposal to build a car park behind the Crown and Greyhound, and members voted by a very substantial majority against the proposal.

The Chairman thanked Mr Peace and Mr O'Brien, who then withdrew, and the meeting adjourned for coffee.

When the meeting resumed the remaining items on the agenda were dealt with. The Treasurer presented the audited accounts and balance sheet which were approved (details of these follow). The Secretary spoke briefly and thanked those who had helped him during his term of office, particularly John Westwood for his work in producing the Newsletter each quarter, and the officers of the Society. These officers were then elected, or re-elected for a further term of office. (Their names are recorded in the Kalendar in the centre of this Newsletter.)

Before the meeting concluded the Chairman thanked, on behalf of all the membership, Colonel R. M. S. Maude for all he had done for the Society. The Chairman then appealed for members to come forward to help with the chores of the Society. At present we badly need a new Secretary, and help with the distribution organisation. Volunteers are asked to give their names to the Chairman, or to Mrs S. M. Low who is very kindly holding the fort as Secretary for the time being.

The 1980 Accounts of the Dulwich Society were tabled at the AGM and copies are available for any members who require them from the Treasurer (s.a.e. please). Subscription income was the same for 1980 compared with 1979, at £1082. Supplementary income of the Society amounted to £429, total income being £1511, an increase of £68 over 1979. Expenditure was up by £80 at £1430; the bulk of the expenditure arose from the printing of Newsletters and of the Broad-sheet which helps to recruit new members. There was a surplus of £81 compared with £93 in 1979. The net assets of the Society at year end are now £2123.

BRITISH RAIL RELENTS

British Rail has (according to statements in the national press on 4 March) bowed to pressure from the GLC and agreed to amend its June cuts plan by keeping nine suburban stations open later in the evenings and abandoning plans to close fifteen on Sundays.

The GLC said that its talks with BR were aimed at keeping stations open where there was no adequate alternative nearby.

They mean that Anerley and Lee stations, proposed for closure at 7.30 pm on weekdays, will stay open until 10 pm. Both stations, with West Dulwich, Bickley, Shortlands, Eltham Park, Lower Sydenham, New Beckenham, and Elmstead Woods, proposed for closure at 7.30 pm on Saturdays, will stay open until 10 pm.

West Dulwich, Albany Park, Elmstead Woods, Lower Sydenham, New Beckenham, Shortlands, Westcombe Park, Lee, Bickley, and the six stations on the Hounslow loop, proposed for Sunday closure, will be open.

THE CITY NATURE PARK AT FARQUHAR ROAD

The work of the Wardens of the William Curtis Park was reviewed in the Sunday Times on 1 March, and in the Sunday Observer Colour Supplement on 8 March.

Their plans for Farquhar Road should be revealed in May. The Dulwich Society is working closely with them, and our volunteer helpers' names have already been forwarded.

See blue pages in Newsletter 51. For information ring 699 0820.

THE DULWICH SOCIETY KALENDAR: 1981

Please detach these four pages, and keep them carefully for future reference.

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Miss Croyden Smith, John Westwood, Mrs E. T. Nash,
G. R. C. Fairlie, S. L. Alderman, and many others.

If you could spare half an hour or so every three months to help
with this essential work, please telephone the Chairman.
Your offer will be very welcome.

For distribution purposes, the area is divided into eight zones,
each controlled by a zone organiser:

Zone A: Aysgarth Rd, Burbage Rd, Carver Rd, Dulwich Village, Half
Moon Lane, Pickwick Rd, Turney Rd, Roseway, Village Way,
Stradella Rd, Ruskin Walk, Winterbrook Rd.

Zone B: Calton Avenue, Dekker Rd, Desenfans Rd, Dovercourt Rd,
Druce Road, Gilkes Crescent, Great Spilmans, Red Post Hill,
Townley Rd, Woodwarde Rd, Denmark Hill.

Zone C: Allison Grove, Court Lane, Court Lane Gardens, Dulwich
Common, Eastlands Crescent, Frank Dixon Close & Way, Ryecotes
Mead, Thurlow Park Rd, Eynella Rd, Lordship Lane.

Zone D: Acacia Grove, Croxted Rd, Lings Coppice, Lovelace Rd,
Pymers Mead, Rosendale Rd, Walkerscroft Mead, Carson Rd, Park
Hall Rd, Ildersley Grove.

Zone E1: College Rd, Breakspeare, College Gardens, Constable Walk,
Ferrings, Gainsborough Court, Hitherwood Drive & Court, Pond
Cottages, Stonehills Court, Tollgate Drive, Woodhall Avenue &
Drive, Fountain Drive, Hogarth Court, Great Brownings.

Zone E2: Crescent Wood Road, Peckarmans Wood, Sydenham Hill
(1-110), Rock Hill, Crouchmans Close, Woodsyre.

Zone F: Alleyn Crescent, Alleyn Park & Rd, Baird Gardens,
Farquhar Rd, Knoll Lowood & Glenhurst Courts, Little Bornes,
Lymer Avenue, Grenville Raleigh & Marlow Courts, Oakfield
Gardens, Rouse Gardens, Linley & Whitfield Courts, South Croxted
Rd, Tylney Avenue, Drake Court, Dulwich Wood Park, Kingswood
Drive, Giles Coppice, Rockwell Gardens.

Zone G: Little Brownings, Sydenham Hill (111 upwards), Sydenham
Rise, Frobisher Court, Tarleton Gardens, London Rd, Thorpewood
Avenue.

Members outside the area receive Newsletters by post.

TOWN PLANNING

Fernbank (Lapse Wood, Ambrook Wood)

A report has gone to the Libraries and Amenities Committee of the
Southwark Council on how the site might be used in the shorter term.
Public expenditure constraints dictate that a 'minimum cost'
approach be adopted, and we expect to see the official's report
soon for comment.

Hambledon House

The scheme proposed by Haslemere Estates has fallen through, appar-
ently because of objections from the Charity Commissioners. It is
now proposed to demolish what remains of Hambledon House: given the
very poor condition of the building following fire damage, this
seems the only practical course. Several schemes for development
are in prospect, and we shall look carefully at them.

Dulwich College Picture Gallery

An application has been made for planning permission to build a
tea room and classroom between the existing Gallery building and
the Old College. We think that this facility would benefit the
Gallery but feel that the arrangement of any building in relation
to the existing ones needs very careful consideration. We have
suggested that the plans ought to be submitted to the Royal Fine
Arts Commission for comment.

Other planning matters

The railway arches in Burbage Road: the British Railways Board
appealed against the refusal of the Council to grant planning per-
mission for the use of the arches for light industrial use. The
appeal was contested by the Dulwich Society, among others, and it
was rejected by the Secretary of State.

The Village Fishmonger's: the Chelsea Building Society, whose app-
lication for change of use in respect of the village fishmonger's
had been turned down, gave notice of intention to appeal. In the
event, they withdrew the appeal, and the refusal stands.

Crystal Palace Old High Level Station site: Abbey National have
now published plans for the 'new buyers' housing on their part of
the site. The houses will be two-storey. No firm proposals have
yet been made for the main (south) part of the site, which will
be used for a clinic and facilities for mentally handicapped
people, but it is likely that the buildings will be low pavilion-
type constructions. It looks as if the overall development will
be of suitable scale and density for the site.

WILD LIFE

Bird sighting report for 1980, by John W. Toler

During the year I received many fewer individual sightings, but I am glad to say that several people have started to send me their regular daily sightings lists each month. I should however be pleased to have many more contributions. You could keep a notepad in a room facing the garden, and jot down your day-to-day sightings, each with the time of day and date. Send me your list once a month (omitting the thirteen common species). Your report might be the only one to include a particular species in that month, or even for the whole year. If you are interested and wish to have more details, please telephone me or my wife on 693 6854.

During 1980, a total of 69 different species were seen in Dulwich, and of these 42 species were seen in Lapse Wood (Ambrook Wood). The list of species is given below; the actual location for each has been marked on the large Bird Map, which is often displayed at Dulwich Society meetings.

Blackbird, Blackcap, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Carrion Crow, Cuckoo, Dunnock, Stock Dove, Fieldfare, Spotted Flycatcher, Goldfinch, Goldcrest, Greenfinch, Black Headed Gull, Common Gull, Herring Gull, Heron, Jackdaw, Kestrel, Jay, Kingfisher, Magpie, House Martin, Nuthatch, Tawny Owl, Partridge, Wood Pigeon, Feral Pigeon, Redwing, Ring Ousel, Robin, Tree Sparrow, House Sparrow, Starling, Swallow, Swift, Missel Thrush, Song Thrush, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Long Tailed Tit, Tree Creeper, Pied Wagtail, Reed Warbler, Willow Warbler, Wren, Common Whitethroat, Lesser White-throat, Woodcock, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker. Also the following free-flying waterfowl: Coot, Moorhen, Mallard, Khaki Campbell Duck, Mandarin Duck, Tufted Duck, Common Pochard, Red Breasted Pochard, Canada Goose, Emperor Goose, Bar-Headed Goose, Snow Goose, Common Shelduck and Northern Pintail Duck.

In all, 110 different species have been seen between 1977 and 1980; these are tabulated, in order of BTO field list, and showing the years in which they were seen, as follows:

List of Bird Species Seen and Reported to the Wild Life Sub-Committee of the Dulwich Society

Section 1. Lapse Wood (Ambrook Wood, Fernbank)

1. Mallard: 79 80	7. Cuckoo:	77 78 79 80
2. Kestrel:	77 78 79 80	8. Tawny Owl:	77 78 79 80
3. Partridge: 79 80	9. Swift:	77 78 79 80
4. Woodcock: 80	10. Green Wood-	
5. Stock Dove:	77	pecker:	77 78 79 80
6. Wood Pigeon:	77 78 79 80		

11. Greater Spot-		41. Sedge Warbler:	77
ted Woodpecker:	77 78 79 80	42. Blackcap:	77 78 79 80
12. Lesser Spot-		43. Garden Warbler:	77
ted Woodpecker:	77 78 79 80	44. Warethroat:	77
13. Feral Pigeon:	77 78 79 80	45. Lesser White-	
14. Skylark:	77	throat:	77 78
15. Swallow:	77 78	46. Willow	
16. House Martin:	77	Warbler:	77 78 79 80
17. Carrion Crow:	77 78 79 80	47. Chiffchaff:	77 78 79 80
18. Jackdaw:	77 80	48. Wood Warbler:	77
19. Magpie:	77 78 79 80	49. Goldcrest:	77 .. 79 80
20. Jay:	77 78 79 80	50. Firecrest:	77
21. Great Tit:	77 78 79 80	51. Spotted	
22. Blue Tit:	77 78 79 80	Flycatcher:	77 .. 79 80
23. Coal Tit:	77 78 79 80	52. Pied	
24. Marsh Tit:	77	Flycatcher:	77 .. 79 ..
25. Willow Tit:	77	53. Dunnock:	77 78 79 80
26. Long Tailed		54. Pied Wagtail:	77 .. 79 80
Tit:	77 80	55. Grey Wagtail: 79 80
27. Nuthatch:	77 78 79 80	56. Yellow	
28. Treecreeper:	77 78 79 80	Wagtail:	77
29. Wren:	77 78 79 80	57. Starling:	77 78 79 80
30. Missel Thrush:	77 78 79 80	58. Greenfinch:	77 78 79 80
31. Fieldfare:	77 80	59. Goldfinch:	77 78 79 80
32. Song Thrush:	77 78 79 80	60. Siskin:	77 .. 79 ..
33. Redwing:	77 78 79 80	61. Linnet:	77
34. Ring Ousel: 80	62. Redpoll:	77
35. Blackbird:	77 78 79 80	63. Bullfinch:	77 78 79 80
36. Stonechat:	77	64. Chaffinch:	77 78 79 80
37. Whinchat:	77	65. Brambling:	77 .. 79 ..
38. Redstart:	77	66. Yellowhammer:	77
39. Black Redstart:	77	67. Reed Bunting:	77
40. Robin:	77 78 79 80	68. Tree Sparrow:	77

Section 2. Additional List of Birds Seen Within One Mile of the Nature Park in Farquhar Road, on Golf Course or in Gardens

69. Red Legged Partridge, 1978, S. end College Rd feed on lawn
70. Pheasant, 1978, on Golf Course
71. Jack Snipe, 1978, 118 College Rd
72. Heron, 1979, Sydenham Hill on pond in garden
73. Little Owl, 1976, Grange Lane
74. Wheatear, 1972/75/77/78, Golf Course & Grange Lane
75. Collared Dove, 1977, near Golf Course
76. Kingfisher, 1980, pond in Dulwich Woods
77. Hawfinch, 1978, Sydenham Hill Station

Section 3. Other Birds seen further away in Dulwich, including non-pinioned waterfowl.

78. Sparrow Hawk; 79. Golden Plover; 80. Snipe; 81. Whimbrel; 82. Common Sandpiper; 83. Sand Martin; 84. Hook; 85. Greenshank; 86. Turtle Dove; 87. Reed Warbler; 88. Meadow Pipit; 89. Tree Pipit; 90. House Sparrow; 91. Lesser Redpoll; 92. Little Grebe; 93. Teal; 94. Moor Hen; 95. Coot; 96. Mandarin Duck; 97. Muscovy White Duck; 98. Red Crested Pochard; 99. Khaki Campbell Duck; 100. Common Shelduck; 101. Tufted Duck; 102. Common Pochard; 103. Bar Headed Goose; 104. Canada Goose; 105. Emperor Goose; 106 Snow Goose; 107-110. Four species of gulls.

A DULWICH FOX by D. E. S. Barton

Like most Dulwich residents, I see foxes regularly. Perhaps I see even more than most for two reasons. First, my garden backs on to the Park and foxes like to take temporary refuge under the workshop in my garden. Secondly, I have two dogs which are regularly exercised in Dulwich Woods where foxes are fairly common. To be more precise about the dogs, I have a bearded collie dog and a black mongrel bitch which diligent enquiry, observation and veterinary endorsement (or lack of denial) is classified as a cross between a Border collie and a retriever.

The beardie - called Barmy - is an amiable animal, no great hunter but very fast: to see him overhauling a roebuck in a remote part of the English countryside is a superb sight, although one is hoping that he does not catch up with it - he can be curiously deaf but in any case is quickly out of whistle or voice range. He is a bumbler. He once joined the bitch in chasing a large rabbit and he over-ran it. His futile but highly amusing reaction was to sit down on the rabbit: my wife and I still speculate on which of the two was most surprised.

The bitch, Lulu, is gentle and affectionate but a dedicated hunter: squirrels, rabbits, rats, game-birds have been her victims. As a puppy she even snapped up slow-moving flies and butterflies for practice. She is not much interested in other dogs but lives for hunting. On country holidays, she will approach my wife and me and moan while raising a paw in supplication. When asked 'Do you want to go hunting?' her tail wags madly. Told 'off you go' she hurtles into the twilight like a cork from a champagne bottle.

This month, January 1981, the two dogs have put up a fox (or foxes) at least once a week in the woods. But yesterday (31 January) we had a most unusual experience. We were approaching the pond having entered the woods through the Grange Lane gate. Lulu had checked all known places where foxes lie up but to no avail although in places the unmistakable rank smell of a dog fox lingered in the air. Suddenly the bearded collie plunged into a small holly thicket barking excitedly and sonorously. Lulu came running at full tilt and followed her lord and master into the

holly, barking with the timbre which usually means that she is on to something exciting. I heard the sound of some other animal so immediately went over to investigate. To my astonishment I saw they had cornered a fox (or vixen). It was backed up against a stump and Barmy was covering the retreat to the rear. Lulu with retracted gums was darting at the fox trying to get at its throat: it likewise with retracted gums and mouth wide open was holding its head low and bobbing and weaving with its head while making a noise which I can best describe as a sort of menacing cough.

I was standing partly in the holly thicket about two to three feet from the fox which paid no attention to me, being too busy keeping my bitch at bay. Finding herself frustrated, Lulu nipped the fox (or vixen) in the backside presumably in the hope of getting it to expose its throat momentarily. If only the big bumbling Barmy had gone for the back of the neck, there would have been one fox less to act as a potential source of rabies in the future. This fox, even taking into account its crouching position, looked a bit plumper than normal and there was no rancid foxy smell. Its coat looked in perfect condition and it was smaller than the average dog fox. Could it be a vixen in cub? Unless I intervened, it seemed unlikely that the Lulu/Barmy combination would do anything other than flush it eventually on to the adjoining allotments or the golf course. It seemed hardly sporting to allow them to chase a pregnant vixen. We, therefore, called them off - no mean feat when they had the creature cornered.

To my surprise, the vixen did not run but crept up to the wire fence round the allotments. I showed her to a fellow dog-owner who had come along and then walked over to her to check that she had not received injuries of which I was unaware. She just stayed crouched watching me but she appeared to be all right. I moved away and she slipped through a hole in the wire into the allotments. I have a feeling that Lulu has still not forgiven me!

TREES

Some of our members regularly commute from North Dulwich Station, and late last year it was reported to the Trees Sub-Committee that on the opposite side of Red Post Hill to the station entrance a dead elm tree situated on railway property was causing something of a potential hazard to life and property. We wrote to British Rail on 28 November 1980 giving details of this matter and received an acknowledgement dated 2 December 1980. Within a week or so the tree had been felled and subsequently we received a further communication from the railway authorities advising us of the action taken and thanking us for drawing the matter to their attention. Since the diameter of this tree's trunk was roughly two to three feet near its base one hesitates to think of the damage which might have occurred had not British Rail reacted so promptly and efficiently to our letter.

The 'Trees Walk' in Dulwich Park on 2 July

All are warmly invited to join us on Thursday 2 July when we shall be meeting at 7.30 pm just inside the College Road park entrance.

Some six years ago we held our first Trees Walk in Dulwich Park: the response was so great (over 180 members and friends turned up!) that Mr Ted Storey, the then Chief Horticultural Adviser to the GLC, went back to County Hall with his colleagues and planned the first GLC Trees Trail publication. This was an immediate success; the stock of a thousand copies is now almost exhausted.

Mr Michael Cudd, who has kindly agreed to lead this year's Walk, tells us that study of the trees in the park has continued, and a new edition of the Trees Trail pamphlet may appear, if finances permit. The Trees Walk on 2 July 1984 will certainly be interesting and stimulating: get out your diaries, friends, and book the date!

Observers

Members of the Society who profess an interest in trees are occasionally invited to attend our Sub-Committee as 'observers', so that they may gain some idea of the range of matters with which we deal. Any members who would like to join us for an evening in this way should contact Alan Barnard on 693 6487 and he will try and accommodate them.

LOCAL HISTORY

Patrick Darby, following in his late father's footsteps as Dulwich historian, agreed to take over the chairmanship of the Local History Sub-Committee from 30 January, thus meeting the wishes often expressed at past Executive meetings that young blood should be encouraged to take an active part in the running of the Society. Happily, Bill De B. will stay on, having elected himself to the new post of 'Hon. Sec.!'

We are glad to report that our lengthy correspondence with Southwark Council since last May over the refurbishment of the finger posts has at last borne fruit. Members may note the new wrought-iron brackets: a break with tradition. Whether these enhance the appearance of the posts is a matter of opinion, but it is the Council's commendable attempt to stop vandals and/or souvenir hunters making off with the arms. We will be keeping an eye on this and if it is unsuccessful will suggest to the Council that these unhistorical additions be removed.

Bill De B's collection of old photographs has been increased by fifteen since the last Newsletter, and these will be shown at his next picture show.

Much time has been spent recently in researching the historical background of the Farquhar Road site, and this should in due course make an interesting article in a future Newsletter.