

Lockdown News: January 2021

2020 WHAT A YEAR THAT WAS.....let us hope that 2021 will be a happy and positive year for us all. We cannot at present enjoy the society as we would like but please sign into our zoom meetings if you can. Shirley has booked some interesting speakers for the beginning of this year.

The committee keeps in regular contact and we hope you have all kept well. Let us hope with the start of vaccines our country will become safe for us to have meetings again. Fingers crossed.

Thinking of you.

Denise Baldwin, Chair, Lamorbey & Sidcup Local History.

The next Society Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th January at 7.30p.m. on Zoom

Peter Daniel will be talking on “The West End Job - The Cato Street Conspiracy”

In 1820 a group of revolutionaries plotted to kill Prime minister Lord Liverpool and his cabinet in revenge for the Peterloo massacre. They were arrested in a barn in Cato Street, off Edgware Road, and executed for treason.

As usual, please would you let us know if you wish to join us on Zoom by emailing Jennifer [REDACTED]

The Friends of Waring Park

I have heard recently of the start of a new local group needing support. The Friends of Waring Park have been given permission to assist in planting and general care and maintenance to the park. If you are interested please contact Martin Brown on friendsofwaringpark@gmail.com.

Waring Park was part of Lord Waring's large estate, 13 acres of part farmland and woodland. In 1929 he gifted it to the community to provide a public park and playing field. It was designed with a raised terrace on the southern side and had two brick built shelters, toilets and store shed. The woodland was kept in parts and had paths going through. The whole design was by local architect Kenneth Dalghiesh. Most of the labour was by workers brought down from the north of England. In 1930 there were 2 football pitches, 2 hard tennis courts, 2 cricket squares, netball pitches, a children's play area and a bowling green. The total cost was around £1100 (about £70,000 now), a tidy sum, raised by grants and donations.

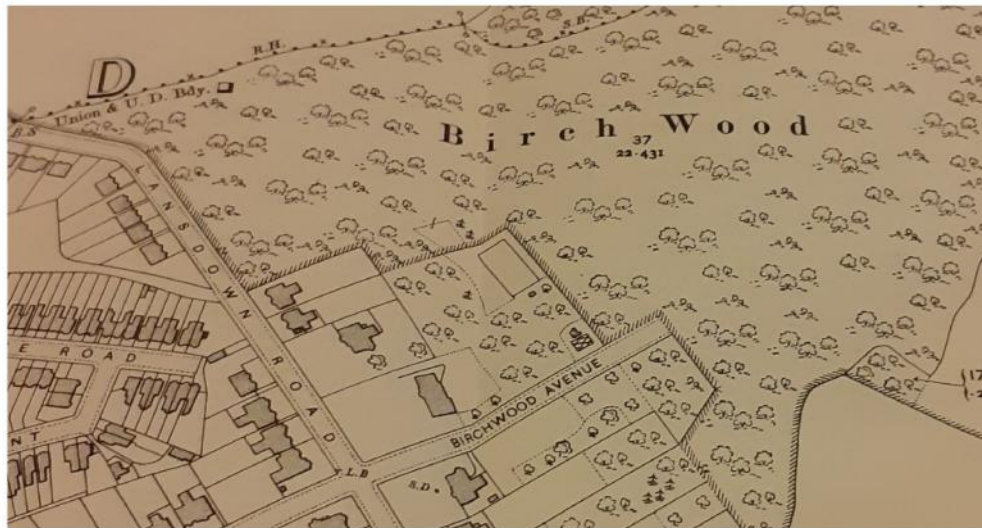
Lord Waring was an industrialist, public servant and a good benefactor to Sidcup. After his ownership of Foots Cray Place he became Kent County Commissioner for Scouts and opened up the grounds for several jamborees, one attended by Baden-Powell the chief scout. He donated money for various causes in particular for a spire for All Saints Church, Foots Cray. His wife involved herself in the local Guide movement and used the Laundry House in the grounds for meetings.

Denise

Photos of Waring Park



Waring Park in the early days. (Images from Carnegie UK Trust)



The area in 1908. Lansdown Road and the first part of Birchwood Avenue can be seen.

Old Bus Photos



This is one of K-type London buses when brand new departing from Buckingham Palace circa 1920. It is understood that the soldiers on board had been for an audience with King George V in connection with their Great War service.