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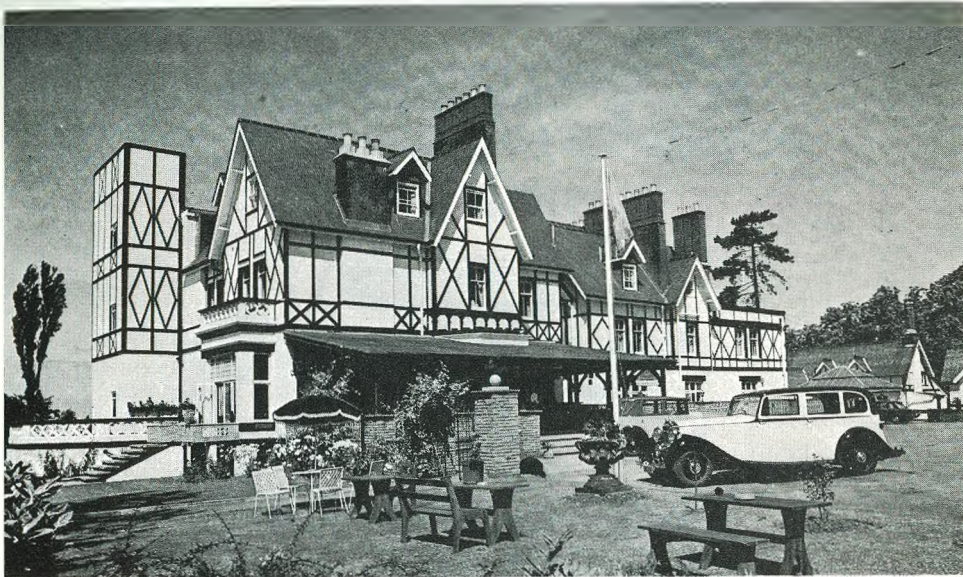
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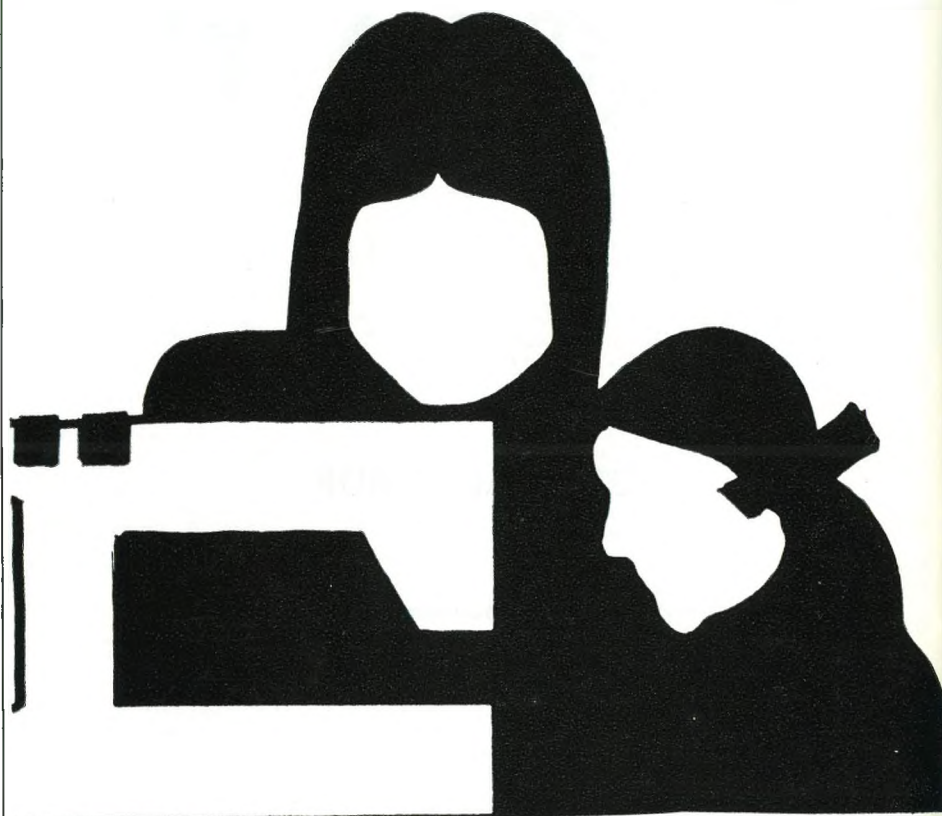
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The Borough Arms



Dexter The right-hand side of a shield (on the left to the spectator)

Sinister The left-hand side of a shield (on the right to the spectator)

THE SYMBOLISM OF ELEMENTS IN THE ARMS

The London Borough of Bromley was formed under the London Government Act 1963, from the amalgamation of the former Boroughs of Beckenham and Bromley and the Urban Districts of Orpington, Penge and part of Chislehurst and Sidcup.

The Arms of the new Borough, designed by the College of Arms, have three main features—the union of the five local government areas; links with the County of Kent; links with London.

The cinquefoil in the centre of the shield is a heraldic device based on a five-petalled flower or leaf denoting the unification of the five areas. The acorns refer to the Kentish oaks—characteristic flora of the County—and also represent the seed of the newly created Borough.

In the crest the crossed swords refer to London, and the escallop shell is from the Arms of the Dioceses of Rochester.

The supporters are the famous White Horse of Kent on the one side, and on the other a dragon, a heraldic link with London and similar to the supporters in the Arms of the City of London.

THE MOTTO

The motto, *Servire Populo*, means to serve the people.

THE BLAZON (the full heraldic description of the arms).

Vert a pierced Cinquefoil Argent within an orle of Acorns Or And for the Crest On a Wreath of the Colours Two Swords in saltire Gules ensigned by an Escallop Or.

Supporters: On the dexter side a Dragon and on the sinister side a Horse both Argent.

Glossary of Heraldic Terms used in the Blazon

<i>Vert</i>	<i>Green</i>
<i>Argent</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Orle</i>	<i>The narrow border of a shield charged upon the field of a larger shield but detached from the edge</i>
<i>Or</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Saltire</i>	<i>In the form of a cross from the figure known as St. Andrew's Cross</i>
<i>Gules</i>	<i>Red</i>
<i>Ensigned</i>	<i>Distinguished or ornamented</i>
<i>Escallop</i>	<i>The shell of a sea fish</i>



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The Mayor is elected by the Council at their Annual Meeting in May.

Bromley has four representatives on the Greater London Council and four Members of Parliament and is represented in The European Assembly by the member for the London South East Constituency (see page 19).

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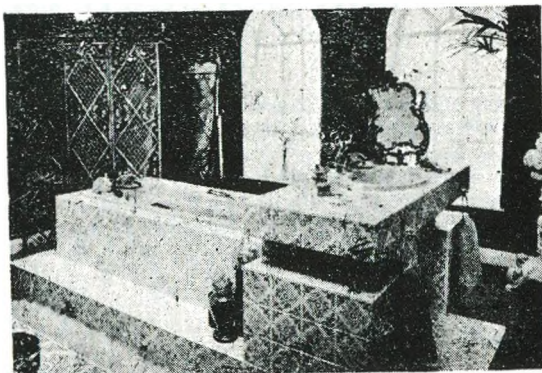
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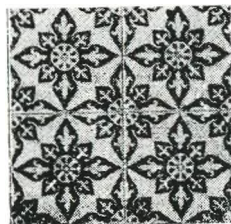


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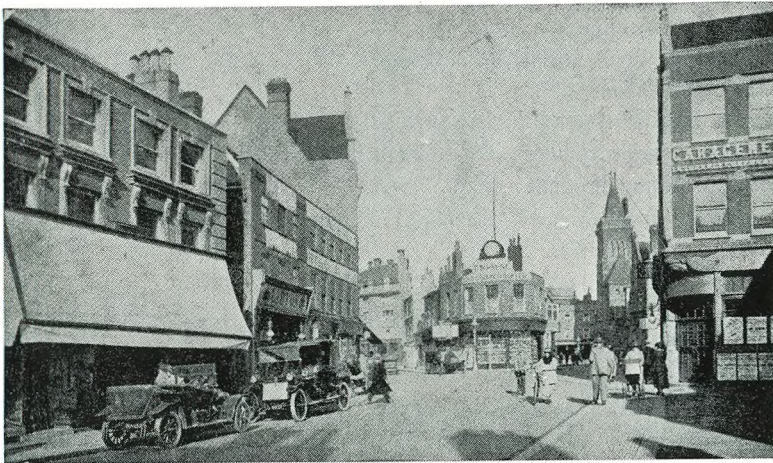
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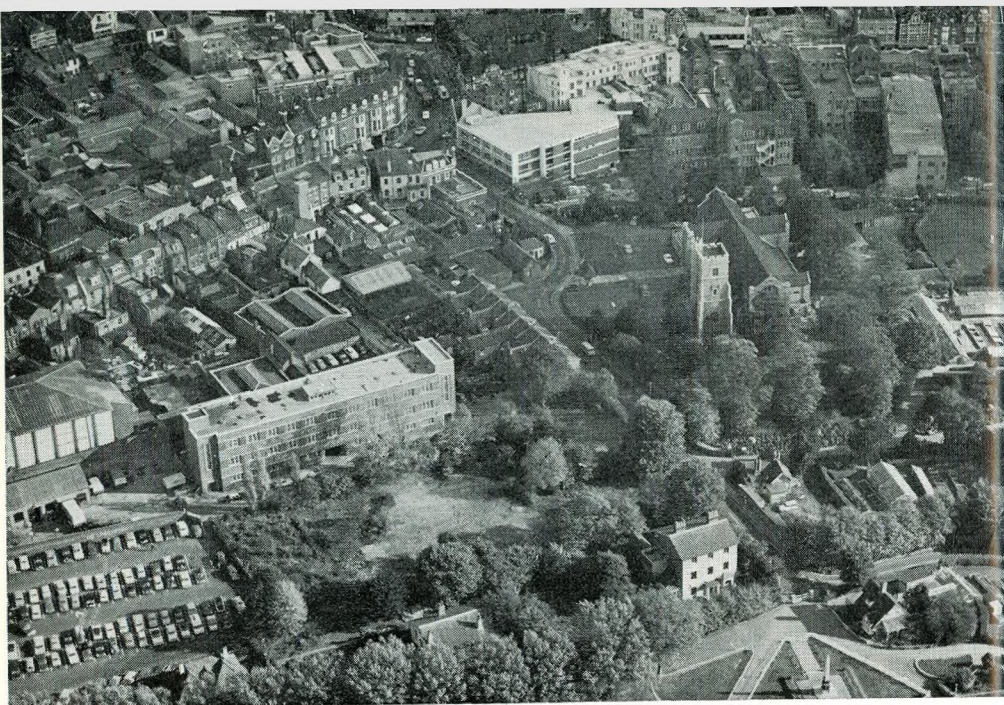
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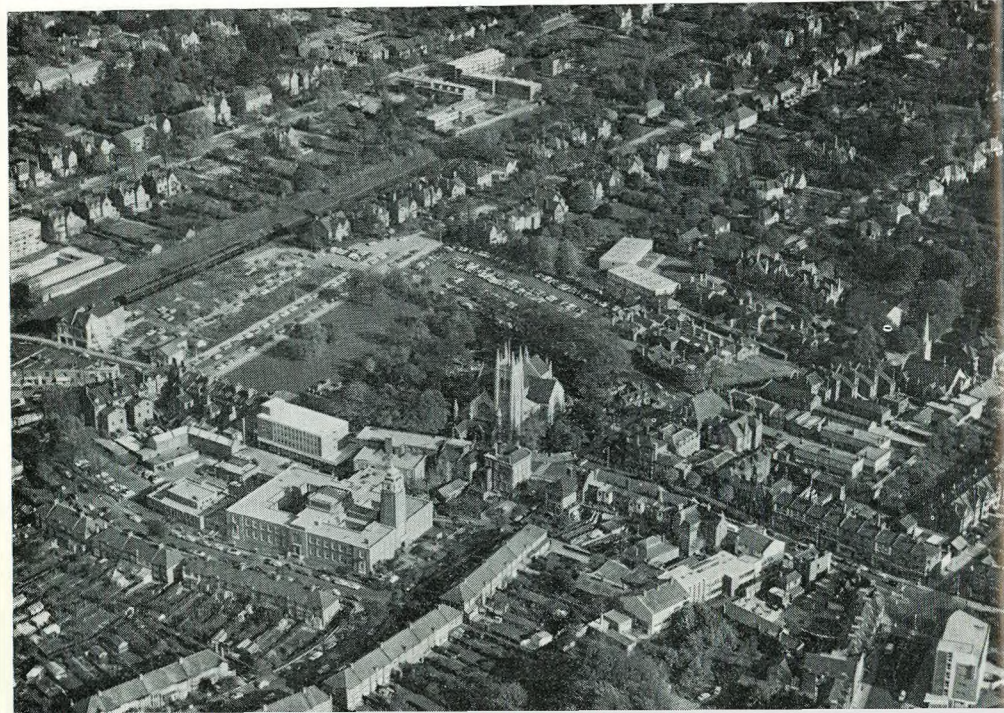
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Aerial View of Bromley



Aerial View of Beckenham

Introducing the Borough

Bromley is the largest in area of the 32 London Boroughs created under the London Government Act, 1963, and extends from Penge southwards to the ridge of the North Downs, providing not only urban facilities but also amenities of the countryside. It comprises the former municipal boroughs of Beckingham and Bromley, the former urban districts of Orpington and Penge and that part of the former urban district of Chislehurst and Sidcup lying to the south of the Sidcup bypass (the A20).

The borough is now highly urbanised in the north and west, but the unspoiled villages nestling in a large expanse of beautiful open countryside of farmlands, woods and rolling hills to the south-east recall the character of the whole borough little more than a century ago. The collection of hamlets, villages and a couple of small towns of those days has given way to the tide of modern suburban development started by the building of the railways in the 1850s and 1860s and further stimulated by the electrification and modernisation of those railways in the 1920s and 1930s.

The roots of the borough stretch far back into history. Traces of Iron Age settlements have been found at Orpington and on Keston Common, while most of the towns and many of the villages date back to Saxon times. The Romans settled here and though the area is rich in association with the country's history, for most part life continued serenely around the many ancient manors until well into the 19th century.

Even so, an indication of the future pattern is given in an 18th-century account of Beckenham, which, after describing it as "a town as delightful as it is salubrious", adds: "To the citizen and the courtier such a spot must be an invitation to repose from the bustling scenes of the capital: and hence it is that Beckenham has long been distinguished as the retirement of opulent merchants and persons of fashion".

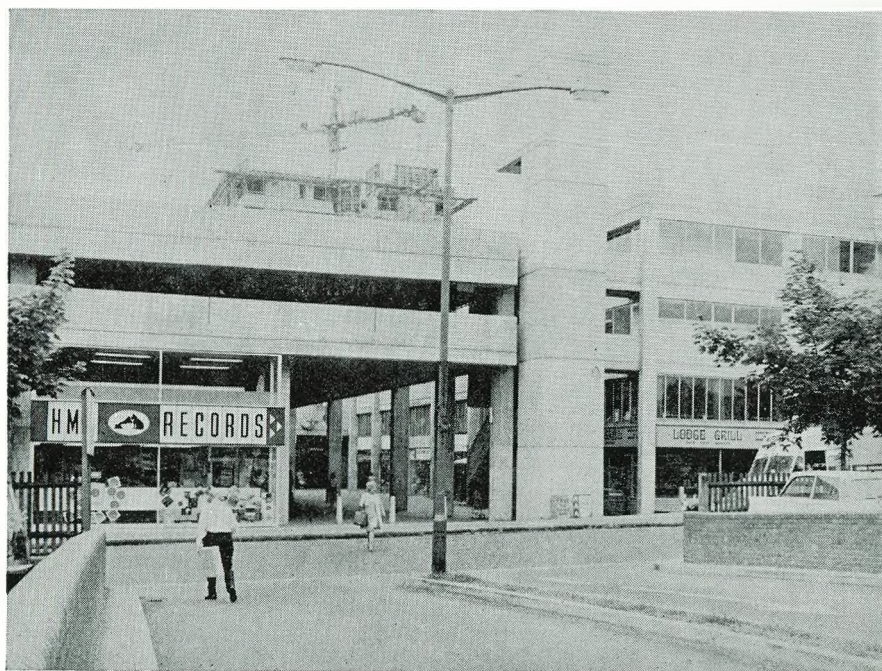
Although the outer areas retained their rural peace until much later, by the latter part of the 19th century urban development had linked Penge, Beckenham, Bromley and Chislehurst, though several large estates survived to form patches of open country.

A national gazetteer of 1866 describes Bromley as a small town on high ground commanding good views and with a rapid increase of fine residences. It had one railway station (Bromley South, opened in 1858), a post office, petty sessions, a new town hall, churches, a national school and a literary institute. Its property value was £28,565, it had 1,338 houses and a population, including the hamlet of Hayes, of 8,028.

Beckenham was much smaller with a population of only 3,500, but a property value as high as £40,000. It had two railway stations, a post office, churches, a national school and was, as the gazetteer put it, rapidly becoming a suburb. West Wickham, then referred to separately, had a church and a school, a post office, an



Bromley South Shopping Precinct



The Mall Shopping Precinct

Easter Monday fair and its 140 houses held a population of 737.

Penge was larger than its neighbours. Still in Surrey, on the borders of Kent, it was served by two railway routes and included new streets on what was formerly a common of picturesque oaks. It had a post office, numerous villas, the North Surrey District School, the Watermen's almshouses (still in existence today) and a rural asylum. It contained the Crystal Palace with its railway station, and Anerley Hotel and tea gardens with their station. Churches, chapels and schools had been built and the population was more than 13,000.

Chislehurst was a village with a Whit Wednesday fair, a post office, fine villas and a railway station. In addition to the church there were two schools and a total of 424 houses. The population was 2,287 and the property value was put at £10,973.

Orpington was described as a pleasant place with a post office and a fair on Holy Thursday. Hops and all kinds of fruit were grown and brick-making was carried on, but it was noted that the springs in and around the High Street (the head waters of the River Cray) were so numerous as to flood the village. There was a church and a British school. Property value was £6,142, there were 320 houses with a population of 1,726.

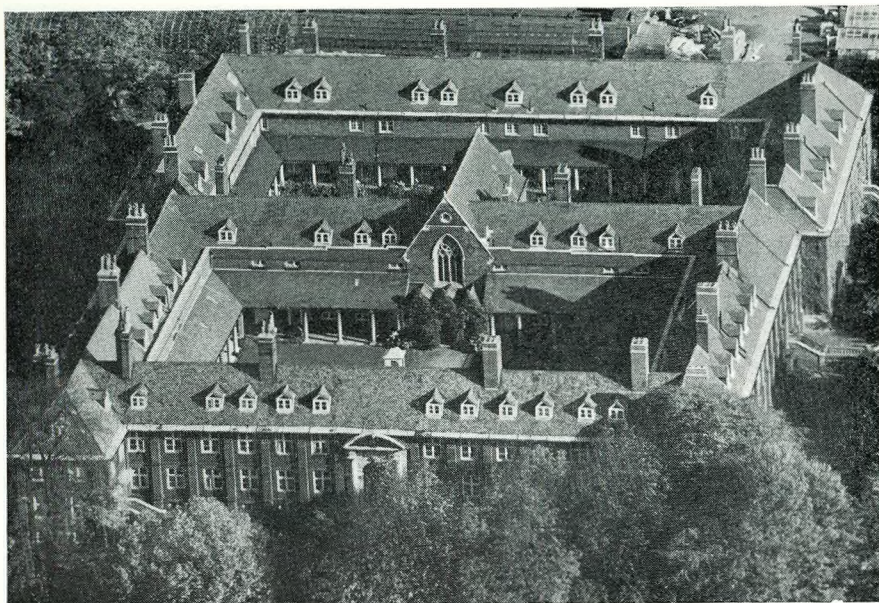
The closing years of the century saw further building with the improvement of roads and still more rail routes and stations opened. By the 1911 census populations had increased out of all recognition. Bromley by then a municipal borough, had 33,646 inhabitants, Beckenham 31,692 and Penge 22,330 but Chislehurst lagged behind with only 8,666, while Orpington was still too small and scattered to be mentioned separately.

The trend continued at an even faster pace during this century until, by the creation of the borough, the

population of its component parts, with the exception of Penge which had suffered a decline in the past decade, had doubled or even trebled. When the London Borough of Bromley came into being in 1965, Bromley had reached 69,910, Beckenham 78,230, Orpington (including its associated areas) 82,520, Chislehurst (including St. Paul's Cray and Mottingham), an estimated 40,000, and Penge 26,330, a total estimated population of 296,990. It reached a peak of 306,550 in 1972 but has now dropped to 290,700.

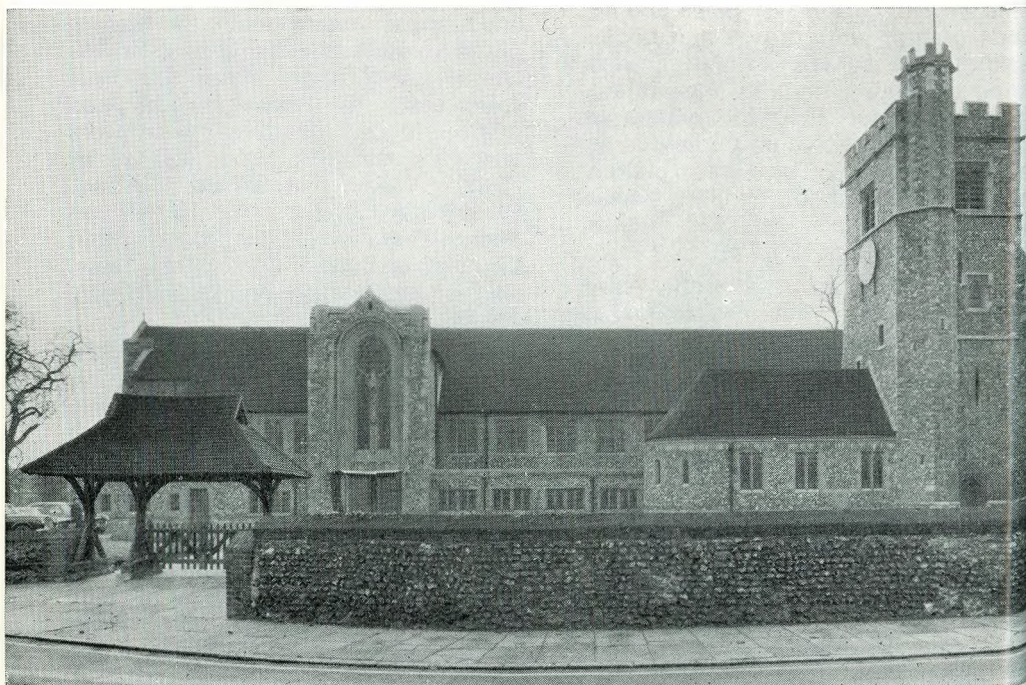
It was the foresight of the various County and local authorities which secured the preservation of the rural south-east as a permanent part of London's Green Belt, while, for the most part, residential development in the rest of the borough has been of a high standard and well planned. Particularly in later years, council and private building has produced attractively designed estates and pleasing homes, often set in tree-lined, grass-verged roads. A feature of the borough is its blend of town-in-country, for, apart from the rural south-east, the heavily urbanised portion is well endowed with parks and such delightful open spaces as Petts Wood, Elmstead Wood, Chislehurst Common and Hayes and Keston Commons. Few places within 20 miles of Central London can boast such an acreage of open leafy country as can Bromley.

Frequent electric services of the Southern Region of British Railways link all parts of the borough not only with the City and West End, but with resorts of the Kent and Sussex coasts. Within the borough are all the amenities of ideal modern living—an excellent range of state and independent schools and evening adult education centres, churches and chapels of all religious denominations and good facilities for sport and entertainment.



Bromley College

St. Peter and St. Paul, Bromley Parish Church



Bromley Arts Council was founded in 1965 to support the widespread cultural activities already in existence in the borough covering a wide range of interests including painting, photography, drama and almost all forms of music. But perhaps more important is the part it must play in the fight for better facilities (especially accommodation) in the sponsoring of new events and schemes and in providing a co-ordination point for local activities.

Although backed and supported financially by the local Authority, the Council is not merely an administrative body handing out grants to societies nor has it any wish to dominate local voluntary organisations.

The Council's first centre was established at Denmark Villas, Denmark Road. It is the focal point for a wide range of activities, and it is hoped to open similar centres in other parts of the borough. A Trust has been set up to raise sufficient funds to provide all centres of community within the borough with permanent accommodation for artistic activities.

In addition to the Churchill Theatre and Central Library, and Bromley Little Theatre, mentioned elsewhere

in the Guide, there are many flourishing dramatic and repertory companies and societies in the borough and presentations are given in local halls throughout the area. Several halls are available for dancing.

There are several excellent shopping centres, with Bromley itself as one of the very best in South London.

Although primarily residential, the borough has a flourishing agricultural community and a fair proportion of light industry, including several well-known firms. Among the activities carried on are chemical research, electrical and general light engineering the manufacture of food-stuffs, paint, paper, plastic goods, printing inks and telephone equipment. Factories are not widely spread, however, being mainly concentrated in the Cray Valley at St. Mary Cray and St. Paul's Cray and on well-planned estates at Lower Sydenham and Elmers End.

In short, the London Borough of Bromley offers ideal facilities for industry and residence within half an hour of Central London in a natural setting as unspoiled and beautiful as any on London's outer fringe.



Although it is now a part of the Civic Offices, this aspect of Bromley Palace, has changed very little in the last two centuries

Bowling Green and Pavilion, South, Hill Wood Park, Beckenham



A Tour of the Borough

Bromley

THROUGHOUT this century, Bromley has been one of the most favoured residential areas to the south of London. On all sides of the central part of the town attractive thoroughfares are lined by modern houses of character and style. The natural beauty of the town's setting has not been lost and the wealth of trees and open spaces is one of its most pleasing characteristics.

The central business and shopping area roughly lies between the North and South railway stations, though it does extend south to Masons Hill and north along London Road. Within this area is one of the finest shopping and commercial centres in the southern suburbs.

Despite all its bustle and new buildings, Bromley still preserves something of the air of the market town from which it evolved. Its first charter was granted in 1205 for a Tuesday market, to be changed 242 years later to a Thursday market. Under the later charter it was also granted two annual fairs, on St. James's Day and St. Blaise's Day, which were last held in 1862.

The line of London Road and the High Street forms the main thoroughfare with the central Market Square the focal centre, supplemented by the new shopping precincts at Bromley South and the Mall. In the 1930s a clutter of old and drab buildings in the heart of this central area was pulled down and a much needed road widening

carried out with modern shops and an attractive dual carriageway. It was in the course of these redevelopments that the house where H. G. Wells was born in 1866, 47 High Street, was demolished to make way for Medhurst's store. A plaque on the store front commemorates the fact. Further development has taken place in recent years and today Bromley offers the shopper a wide choice of department stores, multiple shops and long established private traders.

Also in this central area are most of the public buildings, including the Town Hall in Widmore Road, the Crown Buildings at Bromley South and the Central Library and Churchill Theatre in the High Street. The Library was opened in April and the Theatre in July, 1977, the latter replacing the New Theatre which was destroyed by fire in May 1971.

Bromley Town Centre has always been a congested area, partly due to the attraction of the shopping centre and partially the fact that at present the High Street is part of the A.21 London to Hastings Road. To relieve the congestion which was threatening to bring traffic to a standstill, a controlled parking zone was introduced covering most of the central area.

Bromley, however, still keeps many of its older buildings, the most notable of which are Bromley Palace and Bromley College. The former is linked with the town's earliest history, for in 862 Ethelbert, then King of Kent,



Bromley Central Library

Bromley Market, which was granted its first charter in A.D. 1205 as a Tuesday market, is now a well patronised shopping expedition for many residents every Thursday.



made a grant of land to form the Manor of Bromley. It came into the possession of the Bishops of Rochester early in the 10th century and was held by them until 1845. Soon after the Norman Conquest one of the Bishops built the Palace, which was rebuilt in 1775 and in recent years, with modern extensions, it has been the home of Stockwell College, a teachers' training college. At the time of writing the buildings are in the process of being adapted for use as Civic offices. In the grounds, filled with fine elms and limes, is the small trickling chalybeate spring which, dedicated to St. Blaise, brought pilgrims to Bromley in the past centuries to drink the waters.

Great events took place at the Palace and it was here that Bishop Spratt is said to have drawn up the forged Deed of Association to help restore James II. Bishop Atterbury was another notable figure in its history and guests he entertained there included Pope, Swift and Matthew Prior.

On the London Road, once in open wooded country, is Bromley College with 17th century wrought iron gates, and high brick wall over 300 years old. Recognised by the Wren Society as authentic Christopher Wren, it is a "protected building". The present Chapel is on the site of the original one and was completed in 1861. The building has been converted into flats with virtually no alteration to the external appearance. The Charity Commissioners have prepared a new Charter so that the College will be able to accept retired Anglican clergy couples as well as clergy widows, hitherto the beneficiaries under the original Will of the Founder, John Warner, Lord Bishop of Rochester. The College is the oldest building of its kind in England and continues its original work. Visitors are very welcome and the Chaplain is always ready to take parties on a "conducted tour".

To the west of Market Square stands the town's most ancient and notable church the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, which dates back to the 13th century. All but the 14th century tower was rebuilt of red brick in 1792. Although severely damaged, the tower survived when the church was completely destroyed by bombs in 1941. The foundation stone of a new church, a skilful combination of a fine new building and the old tower, was laid by Her Majesty the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, on 13th October, 1949, and the church was consecrated by the Bishop of Rochester on 14th December, 1957. The grave slab of Dr. Johnson's wife "Tetty" survived the bombing and now stands in the ambulatory of the church.

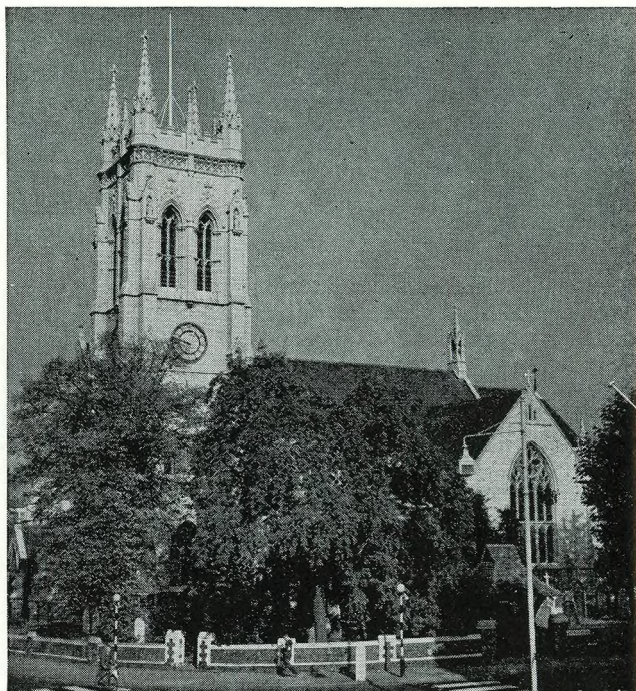
In all, eight Bromley churches were either destroyed or severely damaged by enemy action in 1941. One was the daughter church of the Parish Church, St. Mark's, in Westmoreland Road. It, too, enjoyed royal interest when H.R.H. Princess Marina (then the Duchess of Kent) laid the foundation stone on 3rd June, 1952 of a very fine new church. This, like the Parish Church, incorporated the original tower and was reconsecrated on the 18th July, 1953, by the Bishop of Rochester.

St. John's, in Park Road, has also been carefully restored. It was built in 1880 of Kentish ragstone and brick, well grouped and full of stern character. Distinctive, too, is St. Andrew's, to the north at Burnt Ash Lane, which was built in 1930 of brick in the Gothic Revival style. St. Mary's in College Road, is a church of great beauty with murals decorating the chancel and also some very fine stained-glass windows. It was built in 1863.

The Baptists' main church, opposite the Town Hall, is of note in that the foundation stone was laid in 1864 by the famous preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon. A handsome United Reformed Church in Widmore Road has

*St. George's
Beckenham
Parish Church*

*Exterior and
Interior views*



replaced the 18th-century building which was yet another casualty of the Second World War. The High Street Methodist community also have moved into an impressive modern style church in Holwood Road, having disposed of the imposing site in the High Street for redevelopment. One of the most interesting of the new churches is that of the Christian Scientists, an unusual septangular structure of great beauty in Widmore Road.

Bromley has long been famed for its trees and parks and in this respect the central area is not lacking. Quite close to the Market Square is the quiet oasis of Queens Garden, while alongside the library and theatre is Church House Gardens. They are of great beauty with stately trees, richly colourful rose beds and herbaceous borders, a tree-fringed lake, and a children's boating pool. Almost adjoining is Martin's Hill, a beautifully wooded pleasanace which slopes up towards the Parish Church, from which height one could formerly see across to the distant towers of Crystal Palace a view now dominated by the BBC's television mast. Other open spaces in the area include Queens Mead Recreation Ground, King's Meadow at Burnt Ash Lane, and the Widmore playing fields.

Shortlands

Between Bromley and Beckenham lies the attractive residential area of Shortlands which was largely developed between the wars. It adjoins the Ravensbourne valley, and like Bromley, is well endowed with trees and has an air of spaciousness. A feature is the ten-acre South Hill Wood, originally the grounds of a large house, where much of the natural woodland has been retained, though there are facilities for bowls and tennis.

Shortlands has its own compact shopping centre. Its church, St. Mary's, was destroyed during the last war. The new church has a magnificent

east window filling almost the whole of the east end.

Beckenham

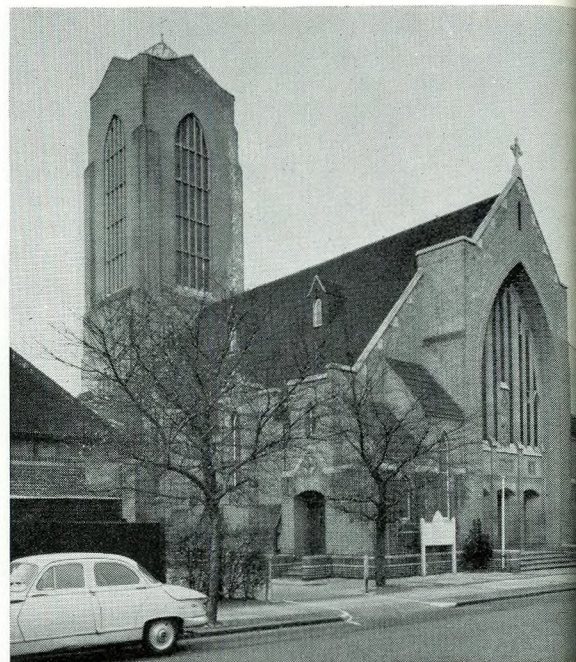
Beckenham for many years has been a favoured residential district, though the present well laid out and attractive town largely came into being during the rapid growth in the second and third decades of this century. It was an urban district until it received its municipal charter in 1935 and the first mayor was the late Sir Josiah Stamp, afterwards Lord Stamp, a noted economist and for many years chairman of the former London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company. He, with Lady Stamp and their eldest son, were killed in 1941 when their home was destroyed by a bomb.

Beckenham's history goes back to pre-Conquest times when it was referred to as "Beahha haema"—Beohha's settlement. In Domesday, it appeared both as Becheham and as Bacheham. The Manor was held for the King by the Rokele family and then by the LeBruns, the manorial lands covering not only the present area of Beckenham but also much of Shortlands. The manor house stood opposite the Parish Church and still survives in part as the Old Council Hall.

In the Middle Ages, when Beckenham was a rural community with roads leading to Hayes, Lewisham, Croydon and Wickham, the manor lands were split up and much of the village land was enclosed and granted to yeoman farmers. Many large estates, such as the Kelsey and Langley estates, dating from the 15th and 13th centuries respectively, were formed and developed into noblemen's properties of rank and style. These large estates and mansions have now been broken up and built upon and today few historic buildings survive.

The oldest surviving buildings are the 13th-century lych gate of the Parish Church, which is said to be

*St. Edmund's,
Beckenham,
Roman Catholic
Church*



*Below:
Beckenham
High Street*



the oldest English lych gate, the 17th-century Rawlins almshouses and the George Inn, an old coaching inn, in the High Street.

The Parish Church of St. George dates back probably to Saxon times. The immediate predecessor of the present building dated from the 14th century and its parish registers, a copy of which can be seen in the Public Library, date from 1558. The present church was built on the original site in 1885 and is a Gothic Perpendicular structure in the grand manner. Of Kentish ragstone, its great glory is its fine tower which, with its slender buttresses and crocheted pinnacles, was completed in 1904.

The Church was badly bombed during the war and the stained-glass windows destroyed. The interior has been restored with fine modern stained glass windows designed and made by Thomas Freeth of the Ravensbourne College of Art and Design. Among the memorials and brasses is one of 1552 to Sir Humphrey Style and several to famous local families of the days of the large estates. In the churchyard, close to the lych gate, is the grave of Edward King, author of "Munimenta Antiqua".

Most of Beckenham's other churches are of the late 19th century and are of little architectural merit. One, however, which is of considerable beauty is the Roman Catholic St. Edmund's, in Village Way, a traditionally Gothic building with nave and processional aisles, a fine west window above the entrance doors and a sanctuary capped by a square tower which soars to 106 feet.

Beckenham's spacious shopping and business centre stretches along the High Street and into Beckenham Road and offers a wide choice of private and multiple shops, almost all of which are modern buildings. Prominent public buildings include the very fine Town Hall in Church Avenue,

a short distance from the Parish Church. Completed in 1932, it is of brick and Portland stone and is surmounted by a tall, dignified tower. The Public Hall is of the 19th century and, with its steep roof and small dormer windows, has a Flemish touch about it. The Beckenham Baths and Public Library are close to Clock House Station.

Beckenham is residentially attractive. Parks and open spaces abound in both the central area and on the residential estates. Kelsey Park, in the heart of the town, is a beautiful expanse of woods, lawns and flower beds, with the River Beck flowing through it. The large lake in this park has a central island and swans, ducks and other waterfowl enhance the pleasant scene. Nearby are playing fields and the small, but quite charming, Crease Park. Also in the very heart of the town is Croydon Road Recreation Ground which, in addition to offering a wide range of facilities for sport, has a fine rose garden and some of the most colourful flower beds to be seen within miles.

Other open spaces in Beckenham include Cator Park, a delightful spot with lawns, woods and a stream; the Alexandra and Churchfields Recreation Grounds; and Beckenham Place Park, which is partly in neighbouring Lewisham. It possesses a golf course and much natural wooded land.

Two special features of Beckenham's sporting and social life merit mention. One is the annual Beckenham Open Lawn Tennis Tournament and Kent All-comers Championships, which have been held since 1886 and which, taking place a fortnight before Wimbledon, always draw an entry of international stars to Beckenham Cricket Club's ground in Foxgrove Road. The other is the Beckenham Festival of Music, Speech and Drama and Stage Dancing, which founded in 1928, is held annually in November.



*The Churchill Theatre and Bromley Central Library from Church House Gardens.
Both are well worth a visit.*



*A quiet corner of the lake in Kelsey Park, just five minutes' walk from
Beckenham High Street.*



The Rawlins Almshouses, Bromley Road, Beckenham, built in the 17th Century

Watermen's Almshouses, Penge



Penge and Anerley

The first parts of the borough to become a London suburb in the modern sense were Penge and Anerley, which lie to the west of Beckenham. They were the first to feel the benefit of the coming of railways and Anerley and Penge on the old South Eastern Railway, which ran from London Bridge through Forest Hill to Croydon and beyond, were the first stations in the borough, being opened in 1839.

The arrival of the Crystal Palace in 1854 was an additional attraction. Many fine, solid villas were built and it became a fashionable and highly desirable place in which to live in the 1860s. However, it suffered a decline through a notorious murder case in 1877, that of Harriet Staunton who was kept in close confinement by her husband and his associates on a farm at Cudham and died of starvation at their home in Forbes Road. The name of the road was changed to Mosslea Road, as it is today, but Penge never recovered from the stigma, though ironically, the actual house was not in Penge, but in Beckenham—the boundary between the two running down the centre of the road.

Anerley came into being in the early 1800s when the first house was built by a Scotsman, who gave it the name of Ainley, meaning solitary or alone, and it was from this that the district took its name. Penge, however, dates back to the 9th century and, as a detached hamlet of Battersea Parish, was in the county of Surrey until the end of the 19th century. The Saxon King Eadwig first referred to it when he granted it to one of his retainers. In 1067 it was given as part of Battersea to the Abbot of Westminster and in Domesday Book it is noted briefly as "a wood for 50 hogs pannage"—pannage implying that duty was paid to the manorial lord for the privilege of turning 50 hogs into the woodlands and, it is supposed, it was from this that the name—which was spelt in no

less than 14 different ways between 957 and 1677—was derived.

At the Dissolution, the Manor of Battersea with Penge was leased, as a Crown reserve, to Henry Reydon, the first of many owners. Penge remained through the centuries a small hamlet and even in 1821 the population was a mere 228. By the end of the century, however, there was very little land left for development and consequently today the area has an older look than the rest of the borough, although modern blocks of flats have done much to change this aspect in recent years.

Few buildings of historic interest remain, but still surviving are Queen Adelaide's Cottages in St. John's Road and the Watermen's Almshouses on the corner of High Street and Penge Lane. Both were built about 1840, the former by Queen Adelaide in memory of her husband, William IV, to provide a home for 12 widows of commissioned Naval officers. Queen Adelaide also took an interest in the Almshouses which provided homes for 60 aged men who had served at sea or as Thames watermen or lightermen and their widows. The Queen gave 100 gns. towards the project.

Not quite so old is the Parish Church, which dates from 1849, though it is thought to have been built on the site of an older building. The Town Hall, located at Anerley, is of the Victorian period and typical of the "municipal" style of architecture of that period, though it is made more distinctive by its turreted clock tower.

The principal shopping centre is Penge High Street, a busy thoroughfare with many modern shops. Apart from the Crystal Palace Grounds, the most important open space is Betts Park, at Anerley, in which is found the last remaining section of the old London to Croydon canal.

Crystal Palace

At the end of the Great Exhibition of 1851, the great glass palace which



Last section of old London—Croydon Canal, Betts Park, Penge

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre



housed it in Hyde Park was re-erected on a 200-acre hill site in the north west corner of Penge. Penge Place was pulled down to make way for it and it took 6,400 workmen two years to transfer and re-build the Crystal Palace. In its first year on its new site, 1854, it attracted 1,250,000 visitors and the extensive park around it, with its world famous collection of life-size models of prehistoric monsters, became one of the sights of South London.

Disaster struck twice however,. The Tropical Courts were destroyed by fire in 1866 and the great fire on 30th November, 1936, which destroyed the Palace itself, was one of the most spectacular of this century. Ninety engines and 500 firemen fought the flames which rose to over 500 feet. Only the tall end towers remained, to be taken down in 1941 because they afforded a land mark to enemy aircraft.

The extensive and beautiful grounds remained derelict until 1952, when the London County Council took them over and decided to create a centre for education and recreation and for the promotion of industry, commerce and art. They called in Sir Gerald Barry, of Festival of Britain fame, to advise on the project and the formation of the present sports centre—Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

The Centre, built by the London County Council (now the G.L.C.) at a cost of nearly £3 million, is managed by the Sports Council. It was opened in 1964 by Prince Philip and since then the Centre's facilities for training purposes have been used extensively with nearly one million attendances annually which have been supported each year by over 250,000 spectators.

The use of the Centre is divided between high quality training, particularly by swimmers, divers and athletes of international or potential international standard and by the community for recreational purposes. The

high level training and community functions are not incompatible as can be seen on most Sunday mornings when Crystal Palace is usually bursting at the seams.

The original concept of the Centre was a focal point for British sport and to provide a service internationally. It is here to serve the sports, educational and voluntary bodies of this country.

To a large extent it has achieved this aim. The Centre's hostel, which has 135 beds, has accommodated international teams from a wide variety of sports and from well over twenty countries, including Russia and the U.S.A. It has provided facilities for staging many hundreds of competitive events ranging from World, European and National Championships to the more humble, yet still important, club and school meetings. Spectators for these events have ranged from several thousand to a mere handful.

It offers to sports bodies and the community, high quality facilities for a wide range of sports including an avante garde sports hall which is probably the most multi-multi-sports hall in the world. But above all it provides especially for the training and competitive needs of the aquatic sports and athletics. For further details telephone 01-778 0131 or write to the Director, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Norwood S.E. 19.

Although not presently used as such the pre-war road circuit has been rebuilt for modern motor racing and on it all the leading drivers have competed. Tennis courts have been rebuilt, a restaurant added and the collection of prehistoric animals renovated. A delightful children's zoo in the public park attracts many visitors in the summer months, as does a beautiful rock and water garden where over 120,000 gallons of water an hour descend by a series of pools, cascades and weirs into the large boating and fishing lake. In 1961 a



*Left:
Life-size models of
prehistoric
monsters in
Crystal Palace
Park*



*Below:
Queen Adelaide's
Court, Council
Flats at Penge*

concert bowl was added, where leading orchestras play in an ideal natural setting alongside a small lake.

Elmers End and Eden Park

On the south side of central Beckenham, Elmers End and Eden Park were developed as pleasant residential districts in the early part of the century. Before it was built upon Eden Park was the home of Lord Auckland and bordering it on the east is the surviving open part of Langley estate, once the property of the Style family and, in later years, owned by the Raymonds and the Burrells who also owned Kelsey Park to the north.

Though much of Langley Park has been developed, a large part still remains as an attractive open space, with Langley Park golf course at the southern end and next to it the playing fields of the Langley Park Schools. Langley Court itself still stands amid trees near the River Beck and is nowadays used by the Wellcome Research Laboratories.

Elmers End Recreation Ground and Stanhope Grove playing fields at Eden Park provide facilities for sport and other outdoor activities.

Both suburbs are served by their own railway stations and Elmers End has a comprehensive shopping centre. Just south of Eden Park station is the well-known Bethlem Royal Hospital, whilst churches of interest include St. John the Baptist, built in 1936 at Eden Park, and St. James's at Elmers End, built as a chapel-of-ease to Beckenham in 1879 and twice enlarged, in 1924 and 1936.

West Wickham

Stretching south from Beckenham is the attractive residential district which has grown up around the old village of West Wickham, whose history is as long as that of Beckenham itself. It was a quite separate community until 1934, when it became

part of the former borough of Beckenham and, indeed, its major development as a residential area did not take place until the years between the two world wars.

West Wickham High Street, the focal point of the suburb, contains a good selection of modern shops as well as quite a number of houses which date back to the days of the village street. There is also another good range of shops half a mile away to the east at Coney Hall. At the lower end of Corkscrew Hill and in open country are the two chief historical buildings of the area—the Parish Church and, next to it, Wickham Court.

The church, still in essence a village church, was rebuilt at the end of the 15th century by Sir John Heydon who was then Lord of the Manor. The organ chamber and some of the church fittings are by J. D. Sedding who spent the last three years of his life in the village. Also of interest are some good medieval glass, a handsome rood screen and memorials to the former lords of the manor and their families.

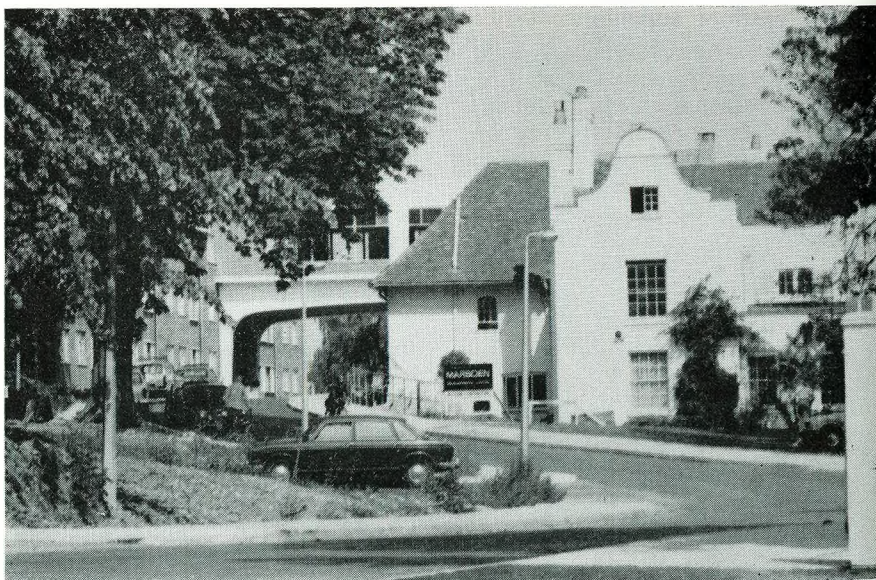
Wickham Court, which was long the seat of the Lord of the Manor, was rebuilt in 1480. Names associated with it were those of Huntingheld, Heydon and Lennard. The house is mixture of architectural styles and ages and, with its tall Tudor chimneys, castellated walls and round corner turrets it gives something of the appearance of a castle. After a few years as an hotel, it was used by Coloma College, a Roman Catholic training college for teachers, and a wide range of imposing modern buildings have been erected in the last few years. The College is now a Roman Catholic comprehensive school.

The modern buildings of West Wickham are not without interest and include the imposing Wickham Hall, which was opened as the Lecture



Aerial View of Elmers End

Ben Curtis Park, the Glebe Housing Association development off Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham, for elderly people



Hall in 1934, and the church of St. Francis of Assisi, which was built two years later. The foundation stone of the Church of St. Mary, in The Avenue, was laid in December 1953. In Woodlands Road is the Cheyne Hospital, formerly of Chelsea and Seven-oaks, which provides both treatment and schooling for child patients. Close to West Wickham railway station is a modern swimming bath which since its opening in 1967 has attracted record attendances.

Open spaces abound in West Wickham. Among them are the Blake Recreation Ground near West Wickham railway station; the McAndrew Playing Field at the top of Corkscrew Hill; and the extensive Coney Hall Recreation Ground, which is just across the road from the Grounds of Wickham Court. Nearby, too, are the 30-acre wooded area of Spring Park (belonging to the City of London) and the spacious Sparrows Den, with its many sporting facilities, while further east is Well Wood, a beautiful woodland sanctuary of over 40 acres. It is famous for its magnificent display of bluebells in the spring.

West Wickham Common, also owned by the City of London, is a strip of heathland at the east end of the village and forms one end of the much larger Hayes Common. On the southern side of this part of West Wickham are some 400 acres of open farmland which, being in the ownership of the local authority, form an effective natural barrier to further urban development at this point. Also in this area is Coney Wood in which is a celebrated group of oak trees that Millais depicted in his painting "The Proscribed Royalist".

Hayes and Keston

Both Hayes, a long modern suburb stretching south from Bromley to the northern edge of Hayes Common, and Keston beyond, have historic links. It was at the centuries old Hayes Place,

which stood opposite the Early English Parish Church, that Britain's only father and son Prime Ministers lived. William Pitt, Earl of Chatham died there in 1778, 20 years after the birth of his famous son William. A memorial to them is in the church, which also boasts some fine stained-glass and several brasses.

Much of modern Hayes, with its extensive shopping centre, schools and churches is built upon the site of Hayes Place which was demolished in 1934. Several of the roads on the estate bear names that have links with the Pitt family and their associates.

To the south is Hayes Common, a beautiful stretch of heather, bracken and gorse covering some 200 acres and merging at its highest point into the more wooded Keston Common. Here, below Westerham Road is a beautiful chain of three tree-fringed ponds, the head waters of the Ravensbourne and a favourite haunt of youthful anglers, ramblers and picnickers. The spring which feeds the ponds is known as Caesar's Well and was fitted out as a "cold bath" in the 18th century.

Nearby, and within the extensive Holwood Park, is Caesar's Camp, a surviving relic of an ancient British encampment. Remains of a Roman temple and burial ground at Warbank, Westerham Road, are preserved as an ancient monument, while, on both Hayes and Keston Commons, tiles, coins and other relics of the Roman occupation have been unearthed. Also in Holwood Park, which is thickly wooded and unspoilt in its beauty, is the stump of an ancient oak tree which was blown down in 1959. An inscription on a nearby stone seat records that, after a conversation under the tree with the Younger Pitt, Wilberforce resolved to introduce a bill in the House of Commons to abolish the slave trade. On Hayes Common there are also a series of earthworks,



St. John's, West Wickham Parish Church

St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, West Wickham



some of which at least, may date to the Neolithic period.

Keston village, on the west side of the common is unspoiled and still a rural retreat. Across the common on the main Bromley to Westerham road is Keston Mark, and nearby is Ravens Wood School for Boys with its playing fields bordering Colyers Wood. Amid the trees between the new residential roads is Hollydale Open Space, with its attractive children's playground.

Keston's charming little church is some way from the village at the southern end of Holwood Park on the Westerham Road. In typical flint and stone, it is a blend of Norman and Early English with a stone bellcote which, surprisingly for such a small church, houses seven bells. In the churchyard is the grave of Mrs. Craik author of "John Halifax, Gentleman", who died at Shortlands in 1887. Excavations at the church in recent years have brought to light evidence of pre-Norman work and it is thought the church was built on the site of a Romano-British cemetery.

Bromley Common and Bickley

Bromley Common extends south-east of Bromley along the Hastings road almost to Farnborough's outpost of Locksbottom, while Bickley is to the east of Bromley towards Chislehurst. The two areas are linked by Southborough which, in turn, through a spate of building in recent years, adjoins Petts Wood.

Both Bickley and Bromley Common are characteristic in that they combine the best of modern residential living; well-planned roads, modern houses and plenty of trees, parks and open spaces. Notably at Bromley Common is Bromley College of Technology. Sentinel on the main road is the handsome Gothic church of Holy Trinity, built in 1841. Bickley's Parish Church, St. George's, is a hundred years old and notable for its windows and monuments to local residents of standing. Befitting the new area it

serves, Southborough's St. Augustine's is in modern style and was consecrated in 1958.

Both parts of the borough are well served by sports grounds and parks, the oldest being Whitehall Recreation Ground at Bromley Common where also is the 56-acre Norman Park. It has football and cricket pitches, and modern pavilions. Almost as large is Parkfield Recreation Ground at Southborough, adjoining the Municipal Golf Course in Magpie Hall Lane.

Sundridge Park and Elmstead Wood

North of Bickley and north-east of Bromley is Sundridge Park and beyond it, extending across the railway to Chislehurst and Mottingham, are the 61 acres of Elmstead Wood. In both these areas high class residential development has taken place in the past 30 years or so, but without spoiling the natural charm of the area. It is one of the most sought after residential districts in the entire borough.

On the southern edge are the Bullers Wood School for Girls, St. Joseph's School and the Convent of the Holy Trinity. Adjacent to the last two is the handsome Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph's.

Sundridge Park, of course, is synonymous with golf and two 18-hole courses lie between the railway station and Elmstead Wood and adjacent is a playing field. On the golf links stands a beautiful 18th-century mansion built under the direction of Nash, Humphrey Repton and Wyatt and completed in 1799. An outstanding example of the architecture of the period, it possesses one of the finest staircases in southern England and some beautiful plaster work by Wyatt. It is now the headquarters of Sundridge Park Management Centre, an educational trust for the training of senior management personnel and the development of executive talent.



Priory Gardens, situated a few yards from Orpington High Street. At the southern edge of the Gardens are the 13th Century Priory, now a museum, and the 15th Century Priory Outbuildings which were restored in 1975.

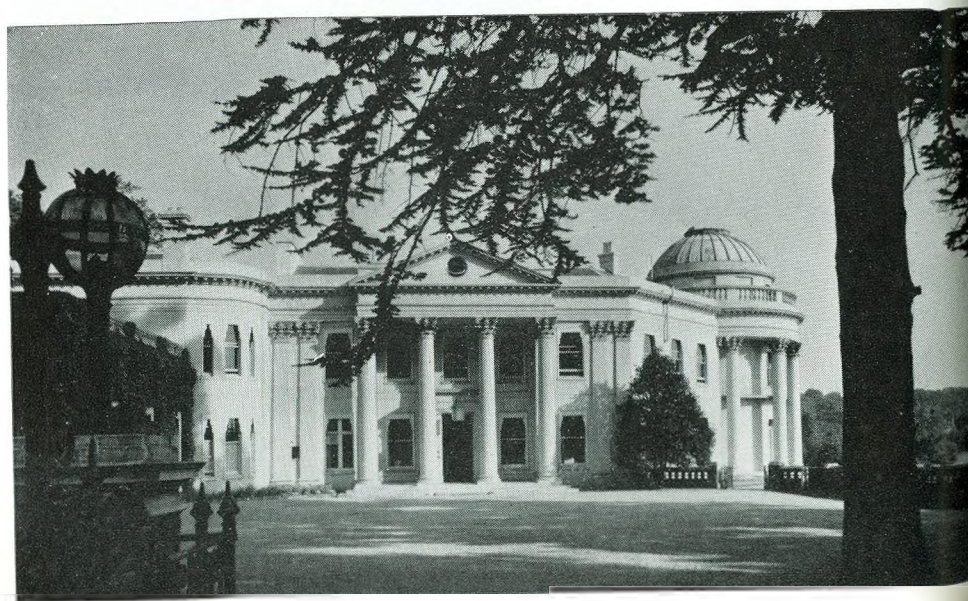


Downe, the most picturesque of the country villages in Bromley. Once the home of Charles Darwin, who lived at Down House, now a memorial museum to him.



left:
St. Mary the Virgin,
Hayes Parish Church

below:
Sundridge Park
Management Centre



Sundridge Park is also the home of a noted lawn tennis club which has produced many first-class players.

Elmstead Wood, one of the most beautiful open spaces in the borough, has been preserved since 1937 in its natural state. Fine trees alternate with open glades and attractive paths and rides allow access to every corner of this sylvan spot.

Mottingham

North-east of Elmstead Wood and north of Chislehurst, the peninsula of Mottingham juts out between the boroughs of Lewisham and Greenwich. It is wholly residential and was built in the 1920s and 1930s when, in addition to private housing, a large London County Council estate was built immediately north of Elmstead Wood.

Mottingham has something of the village in its character, for it has its own shopping centre, churches and school. A feature is the space given over to athletic and sports grounds, while the broad acres of Elmstead and Marvels Woods provide a pleasant green wedge on its southern fringe. On either side of Court Farm Road are recreation grounds, that on the west, the 30-acre Mottingham Sports Ground, being opened by the local authority in 1948 on land purchased from the Goldsmith's Company.

Grove Park Hospital stands on the Lewisham border and nearby is Eltham College, housed in buildings erected in 1856 on the site of Fairy Hill, Earl Bathurst's 18th-century mansion. It was the home for 20 years of the Royal Naval School before being taken over in 1911 by the College, which was originally established in 1842 at Walthamstow to educate the sons of missionaries. Today it is a public school with some 520 boys.

Mottingham was the home for six years before his death in 1915 of England's most famous cricketer, Dr.

W. G. Grace. A plaque marks his home at Fairmont, Mottingham Lane, and his grave is in the Beckenham Crematorium.

Chislehurst

Chislehurst, to the east of Bromley and regarded as being one of the choicest suburbs in south-east London, is as long established as its neighbours. Dating from Saxon times, it was mentioned in a charter of King Edgar as "Cyselhyrst", meaning a wood on gravel. It is aptly named, for the scattered township is centred round its lovely, wooded Common, which, with neighbouring Petts Wood and Whyte's Woodlands, formed part of an extensive forest in early years.

Because it was an appendage of the Royal Manor of Dartford, which was granted either to members of the Royal Family or to those in favour at Court, Chislehurst Manor was not mentioned in Domesday Book. It was not until Sir Thomas Walsingham, of nearby Scadbury Manor, bought it in 1611 that Chislehurst was separated from Dartford and it has been held jointly with Scadbury ever since.

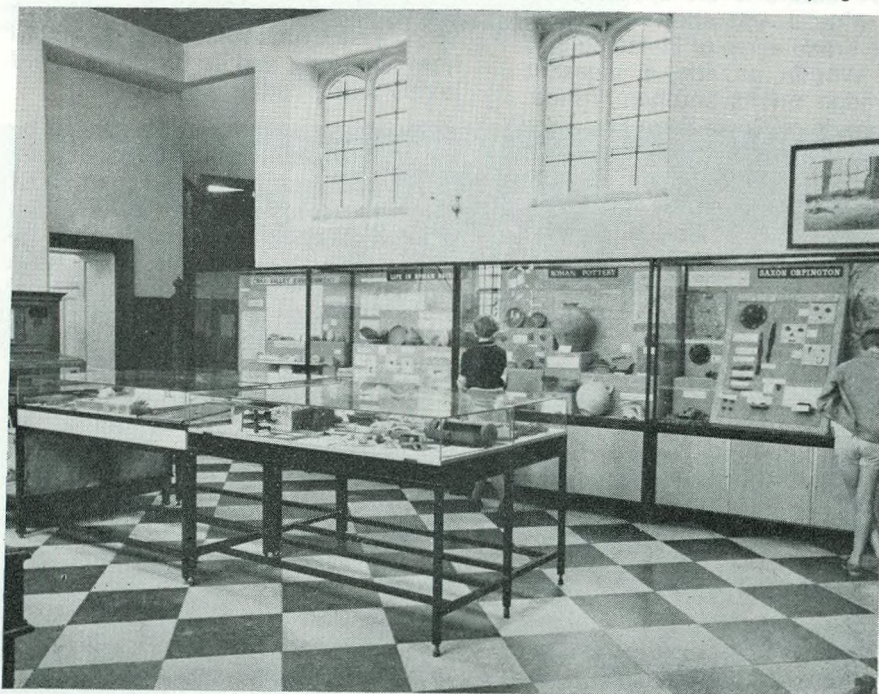
Scadbury, which was destroyed by fire on 17th January, 1976, dated back to Saxon times but is not mentioned much in records until the 13th century when it was held by the de Scathebury family. The Walsinghams, who were eminent soldiers and statesmen, fighting at Flodden and attending Henry VIII at the Field of the Cloth of Gold, came in 1424. In Elizabethan times, Sir Edmund Walsingham became Lieutenant of the Tower of London at the grimmest period of its history, and held the post for 22 years. Sir Francis, who was born at Scadbury, also served Queen Elizabeth as her Secretary of State and head of the espionage service.

Kemnal Manor, its northern neighbour, was bought by William of Wykeham in 1391 and was given to



Celtic Cross erected on Chislehurst Common in memory of the Prince Imperial, son of Empress Eugenie of France and Napoleon III

The Museum at The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington



New College, Oxford, in whose possession it remained for almost five centuries.

On the west side of Chislehurst Common is Camden Park, now a delightful natural golf course whose club house is in Camden Place, a mansion built in 1609 by William Camden, the antiquary. For six years the house was the home of Empress Eugenie of France and from 1871, until his death in 1873, Napoleon III also lived there. After their son, the Prince Imperial, was killed in Zululand in 1879, local inhabitants erected a Celtic Cross in a prominent position on the Common to his memory. Queen Victoria was a frequent visitor to the Empress at Camden Place and the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, was a pall bearer at the Prince Imperial's funeral.

Some years before, in 1813, a tragedy occurred at Camden Place when the then owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bonar, were murdered in their bedroom by their own footman who was caught and hanged in public at Penenden Heath later the same year.

Farther west, beyond the Common and adjacent to West Kent Cricket Club's ground, close to where Summer Hill leads to the railway station, are Chislehurst Caves, a labyrinth of underground passages which are entered from near to the Bickley Arms Public House. They are largely the remains of chalk mines, said to have been worked as far back as the Roman period, which extend beneath Camden Park. The Caves are said to have been used as places of refuge—as they were during the bombing raids of the last war—or for storing smugglers' hauls. They are opened to the public seven days a week during the summer and on Sundays only in the winter.

Also close to the Common is Chislehurst's Parish Church of St. Nicholas built in the Perpendicular style with a soaring spire and

approached by a fine avenue of yew trees. The stately church contains some good stained glass and, in the notable Scadbury Chapel, the tombs of the Walsingham family and the Selwyns and Bettensons, also of Scadbury Manor. Other tombs in the church include those of Sir Philip Warwick, who lived at Frogmal Manor at Sidcup, now the site of Queen Mary's Hospital; the Farringtons; and the Sydneys after whom Sydney in Australia was named.

In 1956, on the instigation of an American researcher, Calvin Hoffman, the Walsingham tomb was opened in the hope that it would contain documents proving Hoffman's theory that Christopher Marlowe was the true author of the Shakespeare canon. The tomb, however, contained only sand and a few tiles, but the controversy sparked off considerable interest in Marlowe and resulted in the formation of the Marlowe Society which now has an international membership.

Another church of interest is that of The Annunciation in the High Street. It is of handsome design with a free-standing tower and was built in 1873. When she lived at Camden Place, the Empress Eugenie regularly worshipped at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's, in Crown Lane, which was built by Henry Bowden in the early 1850s. The Empress had a side chapel added and when Napoleon III died he was buried in it, though he was subsequently re-interred at Farnborough, Hants.

On the Common close to the Parish Church is a rare surviving example of a village cockpit, the traditional centre of public rejoicing and sport. Cockfighting was prohibited from 1834 and Chislehurst's annual Whitsun Fair was last held there later in the century.

The shopping centre at Chislehurst is enhanced by the nearby Common with its ponds, while the shops of Royal Parade look onto a village sign of great merit which was erected



Village Sign, Chislehurst Common

Camden Place, Club House of Chislehurst Golf Club



in 1953 to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It shows Queen Elizabeth I knighting one of the Walsinghams who served her so well.

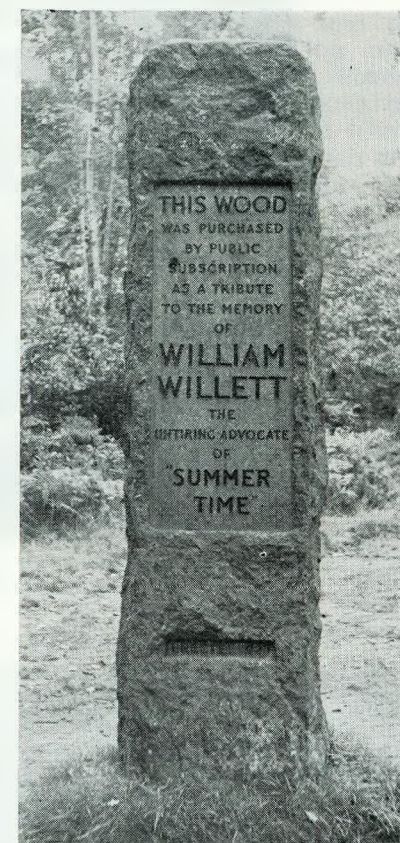
Many older buildings still survive, among them the Tiger's Head Inn, which derived its name from the Walsingham family crest; and the Bull's Head Hotel, which, dating from the 17th century, also took its name from a local family crest—that of the Nevills. Old Perry Street, the oldest named street in the district, also retains several old houses of note, some of them of typical Kentish weatherboarding. In Perry Street also is Farringtons, an independent school for girls with some 200 pupils. It was founded in 1911 and is run on public school lines. On the nearby site of the original Farringtons, a house built in 1820, stands the Beaverwood School for Girls.

Much of Chislehurst's attraction lies in its abundance of open spaces. The Common is protected by Act of Parliament and is administered by Conservators appointed mainly by the local authority. Whyte's Woodlands is also publicly owned and on either side of it are small but attractive recreation grounds.

Petts Wood

Petts Wood has a history of only 50 years but it has found a particular character of its own and it is to the credit of the planners and builders that many of the fine old trees of the former woods and farm lands have been retained in the roads and gardens. Fruit trees of the original orchards still blossom and bring a blaze of spring-time colour.

The name derives from the wood lying on the northern boundary and actually in Chislehurst. It was said to have been planted by the Pett family, the shipbuilders who figure in Pepys' Diary. It was through this wood, following the bridle path over Chislehurst Common, that William Willett



Willett Memorial, Petts Wood

rode on many a morning astonished that many of his fellows were still asleep while the sun shone. It is reputed that it was on one of these rides that he devised his daylight saving plan to give his stayabed fellows an extra hour's daylight each day.

The 77-acre wood was bought by public subscription in 1927 and handed over to the National Trust as a memorial to Willett, who lived at Chislehurst. In 1958 further acres were added through the generosity of the late Mr. Robert Hall. In the centre stands the Willett memorial sundial—telling the summer time, while his memory is also marked by two roads



Remains of Saxon Warrior of about A.D. 500 found at Fordcroft, Orpington in 1966 together with brooches and shield boss

View of St. Paul's Cray from the top of Horton Tower, Council Flats in St. Mary Cray



and a recreation ground named after him and the only inn is aptly styled the Daylight Inn. It was at a house in Birchwood Road, within walking distance of the memorial, that General de Gaulle, with Madame de Gaulle, spent the first months of his wartime exile after the fall of France in 1940.

The shopping centre lies on either side of the railway and the community hall, built by residents' efforts as a war memorial, is a model of its kind and serves to unify the two sections of the town which, at present, suffer from having no direct-road link over the railway.

As is to be expected in a place of such a short history, all things are modern here. The earliest church dates back only to 1935 when St. Francis' Church, a fine lofty brick building was completed. The equally modern style Roman Catholic, United Reformed and Methodist churches were all completed within the past 25 years replacing temporary buildings.

St. Paul's Cray

The River Cray runs through the north eastern portion of the borough and in its valley below Orpington lies the two Crays—St. Mary Cray and St. Paul's Cray—roughly separated by the main North Kent railway line which is carried across the valley on a high embankment and over St. Mary Cray High Street via a brick viaduct which is a conspicuous feature of the valley.

Though modern in appearance, St. Paul's Cray has an ancient history. Romans camped along the banks of the river and traces of them, in the shape of tiles and pottery, have often been found. Even earlier settlements are suggested by the pattern of the mysterious dene holes, caverns shaped in the chalk, which have been found on either side of the valley.

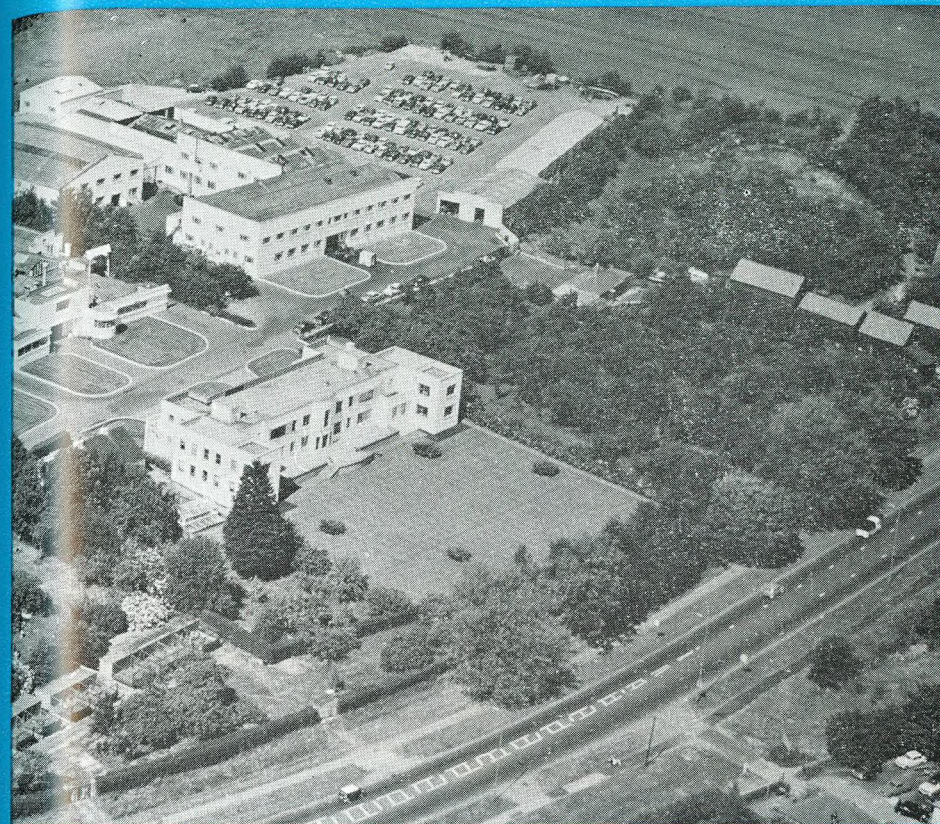
Sir Simon de Cray held the manor in the time of Edward I and was knighted for his part in the Scottish wars. From these earlier years date

the former Parish Church and the paper mills—the industry long associated with the valley. The Saxons built the church, which flanks the main road on which the old village stands, and some of the Roman tiles which they re-used can still be seen in the fabric. Most of the church was rebuilt in the 13th century and a feature are the carved heads of men and children found on the capitals of the nave pillars. At least 18 of these unique heads survive. In 1968 the roof and side chapel were severely damaged by fire. Since then the church has been rebuilt but is not used, the parish having been coupled with that of St. Mary's in St. Mary Cray.

While some development has taken place on the east side of the village, open country with a belt of woodland extends to the hamlet of Hockenden and the borough boundary. On the west side, a large housing estate to accommodate 10,000 of London's overspill has swallowed up farm and woodland. This new township which extends as far west as St. Paul's Cray Common adjacent to Chislehurst Common, has its own shopping centre, churches, schools and industrial estate.

St. Mary Cray

When neighbouring Orpington was still a small, sleepy village, St. Mary Cray was a bustling, thriving community with a number of industries to support it, the most famous of which were the 17th-century foundries of Hodson and Hull where several famous bells were cast. Until 1703, when the market hall was blown down, it had a busy market for the country around. It is still the main centre of industrial activity, though all but one of the original industries have gone and in their place are the modern factories of Cray Avenue engaged in a variety of undertakings ranging from paint and ink manufacture to bread and preserved foods.



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The 15th-century Priory Outbuildings, restored in 1975



The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington

The Parish Church, now known as St Mary with St. Paulinus, Cray, is of typical flint and stone construction with a graceful spire and peal of six bells. There is a chapel to the Hodsoll family and some fine screen work and brasses to the memory of families prominent in the village's long history. The fine large Italian style Temple Congregational Church, built in 1851 by the then owner of the former Cray paper mill, has been replaced and the Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph's is now a prominent landmark.

Considerable housing development has taken place since the war, but there is a fine stretch of open country to the east with a number of old manors and farmhouses including Kevington, Waldens, Sheepcote, Cockmannings and Crouch. Kevington, a fine Georgian house, is now a primary school, but for many years was the seat of the Berens family who succeeded the Mannings as Lords of the Manor.

St. Mary Cray suffered severely in the war-time air-raids and much of the village is the subject of substantial redevelopment which should remove the remaining signs of the ravages of war, though not the corner of the cemetery where several of the airmen of both sides who fought and died in the Battle of Britain were buried. In 1962 the German airmen were re-interred at Cannock Chase, Staffordshire. Some of the land laid waste by bombs lies along the east bank of the Cray and has now been developed as riverside gardens.

In the 1930s the farmlands of Poverest on the west side of the river were turned over to building and operations since the war have now linked with the eastern edges of Petts Wood, while towards the north is a cluster of office blocks beside the rebuilt railway station.

Orpington

There is plenty of evidence to show that Orpington has been inhabited

for well over 200,000 years. Hand-axes of the Old Stone Age and an extensive Iron Age settlement were discovered at Ramsden in 1957. Artifacts from the Middle Stone Age, the Neolithic period and Bronze Age have also been found and a Mesolithic site at Well Hill has been excavated.

Of more recent origin and little more than 2,000 years old, are the two Romano-British villas in Orpington, one off Crofton Road, near the Council Offices, found in 1927 and the other near Poverest Road, found in 1972. Apart from numerous Roman finds from the locality, an extensive pagan Saxon cemetery has also been excavated close to Poverest Road.

Written records go back to before the Conquest, King Offa giving land to Ufa in the 8th century and Domesday records that the Archbishop of Canterbury held the Manor of Great Orpington, which extended over the parishes of Hayes, Downe, Knockholt and St. Mary Cray. There was also the ancient manor of Crofton, which came to St. Thomas's Hospital in the reign of Edward VI, and the Manor of East Hall.

Despite its antiquity, Orpington was the last of the large centres of population in the borough to develop. It was still a village of a mere 3,000 inhabitants at the beginning of the century. The flood tide of houses and people came in the 1930s and in the 1950s, rocketing the population tenfold and twentyfold.

For all its modernity, many links with the past have been retained and there are two strikingly successful examples of blending the old with the new. There is the contemporary Branch Library linked to the centuries-old Priory and the beautifully designed enlargement of the tiny, 12th-century Parish Church.

The Priory, an excellent example of a pre-Reformation rectory house dating back in part to 1270, was the home of the Rectors of Orpington and St.

Mary Cray until 1600 when the office became a sinecure. It was bought for the town in 1948 and after careful restoration in 1961, its beautiful graceful rooms provide meeting places for local societies and a venue for exhibitions and displays and houses a growing museum. The attractively laid-out gardens are still used for the traditional May Queen ceremony and other functions are also held there, recalling the entertainments which were staged in the days of the last private owner.

Among the many interesting features of the old Parish Church are a fine 15th-century brass to Thomas Wilkinson and a tablet listing the vicars from 1254. In the churchyard stand two yew trees planted in 1630 and the Church Cross round which a service is traditionally held on Palm Sunday. Also in the churchyard, and scene of an annual service of remembrance by Canadian Frontiersmen and British Legion, is Canadian Corner where lie over 100 Empire Servicemen who died at the First World War Canadian Military Hospital. The hospital, in Sevenoaks Road, is now Orpington Hospital, though the original wooden hutted wards remain.

To make way for the enlargement of the church, the historic old house, Bark Hart, was demolished in 1957. Built by Sir Percival Hart, of Lullingstone, to whom the Manor of Great Orpington was granted at the Dissolutions of the Monasteries, it was said to have been named by Queen Elizabeth I, who is believed to have stayed there in 1573. Traces of an even older building were found when the house was being pulled down.

Orpington lost another of its ancient manors shortly before the last war when Mayfield, or Little Orpington, a fine Georgian house of about 1750 which stood on the west side of the High Street, was demolished. Records of a Manor Court, held at Mayfield until comparatively recent times, still exist. Not far away was the farm where

the Black Orpington hens were bred and the Buff Orpington popularised.

With records of meetings in 1667, Orpington Baptist Church has a considerable history and the original church, built in 1883, replaced Bethesda, converted cottages on the site of the present-day Aynscombe Angle. A modern church has now been built at the junction of Station Road and Tower Road. The Roman Catholic community began with an orphanage founded by the then Bishop of Southwark in 1893 and was followed by the building of the Church of the Holy Innocents, which, with the orphanage, nowadays a school, stood in extensive grounds opposite Orpington Hospital. Today many of the buildings have been demolished and the Church and what remains of the orphanage are being surrounded by a new housing development.

The first sizeable expansion of Orpington was the building of the Knoll estate on the west side of the High Street before the first war, to be followed by equally large development on the east which swallowed up farms, orchards and market gardens for which the area had long been noted. Since the last war extensive building has continued with major developments in the Tubbenden, Crofton and Ramsden areas. With all this, restraint has been exercised, the density of building has been kept down and many old trees and footpaths preserved in slipways which honeycomb the new estates.

The long, straggling village High Street has gradually given way to a modern shopping centre incorporating "The Walnuts" shopping precinct with a wide range of both private and multiple stores and new Civic Offices, though some of the old buildings still remain.

To meet the needs of the rapidly expanding population, several new churches of all denominations and

many new schools have been built in the past 20 years.

As with other parts of the borough, Orpington has many open spaces and recreation grounds, prime among them the beautiful Goddington Park.

Chelsfield

On the rising ground to the east and overlooking Orpington, the village of Chelsfield retains much of its old-world and rural charm. Beyond the village lies attractively wooded country rising to the hamlet of Well Hill and affords extensive views in all directions, particularly to the north over the Thames valley.

Chelsfield's long history, with its four manors of Chelsfield, Goddington, Hewitts and Norsted, is full of great names in English history, having been part of the vast estates granted by the Conqueror to his half-brother Odo, Bishop of Bayeux. In Tudor times the manor of Chelsfield was held by such nobles as the Earl of Essex, Francis Walsingham and the Earl of Wiltshire and, in the 18th century, by Sir Brass Crosby, a Lord Mayor of London who was imprisoned in the Tower of London for trying to establish the right to report the proceedings of Parliament.

Originally extensive, including most of Farnborough and from which two daughter parishes of Green Street Green and Goddington were carved in recent years, the parish of Chelsfield is one of the oldest in West Kent. The church, too, which is separated from the village by the main road to Sevenoaks, is among the oldest with parts dating back some 900 years. Among its treasures are a characteristic Jacobean alabaster mural monument to Peter Collett, Alderman of the City of London, and some fine brasses, including that of Alice Bray who died in 1510 and bequeathed land to the church for renewal of bell ropes. The land is still known as Bell Rope field.

Further to the south beyond open fields, is the comparatively modern district of new Chelsfield around Chelsfield railway station.

Green Street Green

The opening of Oak Brewery by Fox and Sons in 1836 was the first awaking of Green Street Green from a tiny hamlet on the old London to Hastings road. Village life centred round the brewery until 1909 when it closed down. Except for a brief period in the first war when it was used as a barracks, it was forsaken until it was turned into a plastics factory during the last war and is now a modern and important concern.

The first modern development was at Chelsfield Park in the 1920s, and intensive building, both council and private took place in the 1950s between the village High Street and new Chelsfield. It was during this period that the attractive old people's dwellings, Brittenden Close, round three sides of a square lawn with rose gardens and terrace, were built.

On the outskirts of the village on the old coaching road—coach horses used to be changed at the Rose and Crown Inn—stood one of the last gibbets to be used in England. Another oddity in the village are some of the iron posts which marked the boundary within which, under an early Act of Parliament passed in the reign of Queen Victoria, a levy was made on coal for the benefit of the orphans of the City of London.

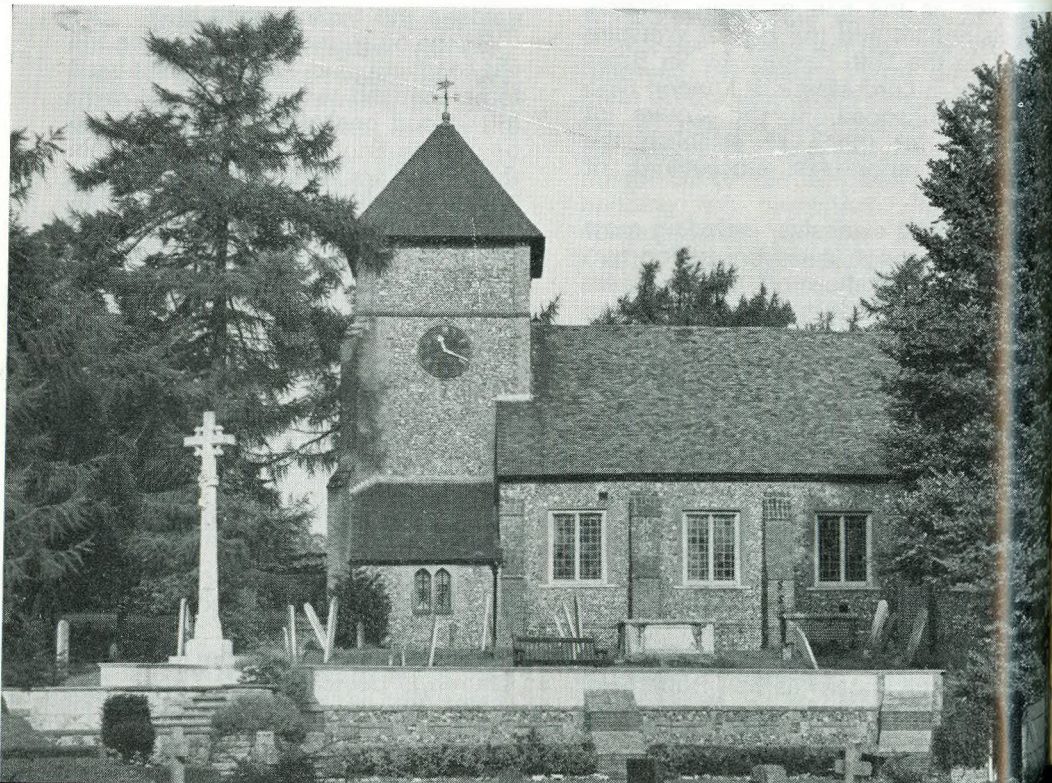
Farnborough

Two very old customs which are still observed indicate the antiquity of Farnborough, which, with neighbouring Green Street Green, marks the southern limit of the borough's urbanised portion. One is St. Giles' Fair, originally granted in 1220, and still held each year, but nowadays in July instead of on the Feast of St. Giles (1st September) to whom the Parish Church is dedicated.



Old People's Dwellings, Brittenden Close, Green Street Green

St. Giles the Abbott, Farnborough Parish Church



The second custom is also linked with the church. Four hundred years ago a George Dalton of Tubbenden left a bequest that a Rush Sermon be preached each year and his wishes are still fulfilled on the Sunday nearest St. Peter's Day.

The church itself has had a chequered history, dating from the 16th century when it was rebuilt following destruction by gales. In 1724 its steeple was blown down and again severely damaged in 1839. In 1949 it was once again damaged, this time by fire.

The village was a liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster, together with West Wickham, Chelsfield and St. Paul's Cray, and Courts Leet, to deal with any action under £2 in these districts, were held at Farnborough until the middle of the 16th century. The village lay astride the old coaching road to Hastings and the George and Dragon and the White Lion at nearby Locksbottom—the old hamlet of Brasted Green—were coaching inns. To-day Farnborough is a favourite starting off point for ramblers and among the many old footpaths and rights of way is that leading to Cuckoo Wood and down the famous, but now depleted Beech Walk on the High Elms estate where there is also a fine collection of unusual species of trees from many parts of the world. High Elms is also the setting for a very attractive 18 hole Municipal Golf Course.

One of Farnborough's most famous villagers was Phenomenon Young—Thomas Young the physician and Egyptologist—whose pioneer work on sound and light at the beginning of the 19th century is still of interest. It was also the home of the March brothers who designed and sculptured many famous war memorials and statues, including the Canadian national memorial at Ottawa and General Gordon's statue at Khartoum.

Downe

The most picturesque of the country

villages is Downe, a few miles beyond Farnborough, which has retained in large measure its old-world charm and character. Its attractions and the beautiful countryside around traversed by a multitude of paths, are rightly zealously guarded by the villagers.

Clustered around the village centre are the fine old church, a couple of delightful pubs, with mellow cottages and several big houses whose histories go back to the 13th century. The church contains a fine brass to Jacob Verzelini and his wife of Venice who became the Lord of the Manor in the 15th century, and a number of memorials to the Petleys and Mannings who held the manor in Tudor days.

Through its long history Downe has had many famous residents, among them Charles Darwin who came in 1842 to find a quiet retreat and here wrote his famous *The Origin of Species* published in 1859, and did much of his painstaking researches. His home, Down House, restored as it was in his day and now owned by the Royal College of Surgeons, is a memorial museum to him and open to the public throughout the year (Mondays, Fridays and Christmas Day excepted). Nearby is the Buckston Browne Experimental Research Establishment of the Royal College of Surgeons, on which the noted anthropologist, Sir Arthur Keith, spent the last years of his life.

At High Elms, on the outskirts towards Farnborough, lived Darwin's friend, Sir John Lubbock, the first Lord Avebury, who was noted for his popular scientific writings and to whom we owe Bank Holidays. This mansion was destroyed by fire in 1967.

Cudham

To the south of Green Street Green and Farnborough lies the borough's unspoiled countryside with its villages, farms and woods where it is difficult to remember that bustling London is



Memorial Chapel at Biggin Hill R.A.F. Station with a Spitfire and Hurricane in the foreground

Interior of the Memorial Chapel, with the Roll of Honour on either side of the Altar



but a few miles away. Cudham is on the attractive country lane from Green Street Green to Horns Green, a road which runs above and on the east side of a lovely deep dry valley in which 300,000 years ago we know that Palaeolithic people hunted, a large quantity of their tools having been found there.

The village, though straggling, mainly centres round the Parish Church which was mentioned in Domesday Book. Largely rebuilt in the 1890s, many interesting features remain including some good Norman and Early Pointed style arches, a 15th-century font, a fine medieval brass to Alys Waleys, a "devil's door" and lepers' window. The churchyard is dominated by two fine yew trees which may well pre-date the Norman fabric of the church.

Behind the church and near the superbly placed recreation ground is the Angas Home for Seamen, an institute of national repute.

Biggin Hill

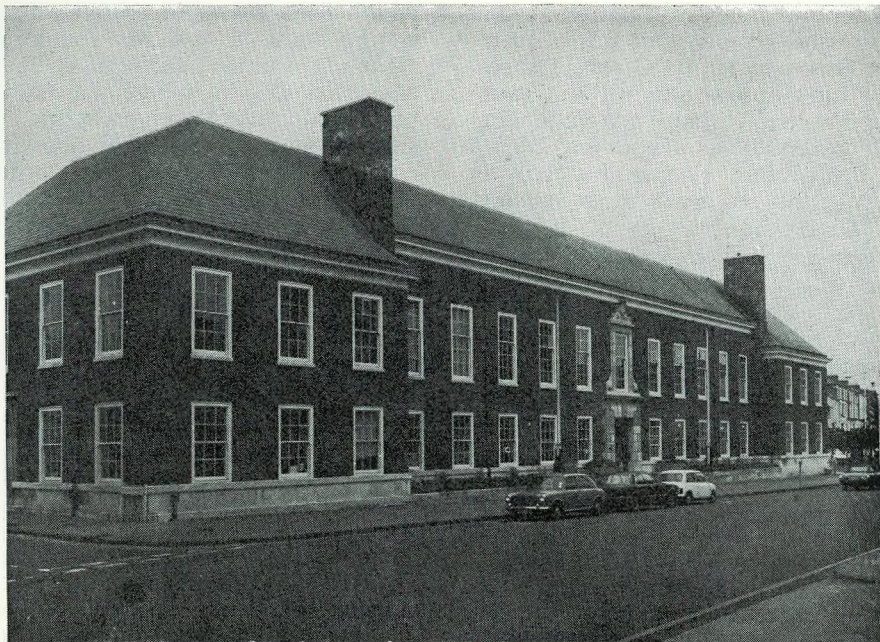
For many throughout the world the name of Biggin Hill is synonymous with the Battle of Britain, but it is also widely known as the home of "The Moving Church". Not only was Biggin Hill a vital R.A.F. fighter station in the defence of London in two wars, it was the scene of considerable experimental work in ground control of aircraft through radio and radar.

No longer an operational station, reminders of its past glory are the Hurricane and Spitfire fighter planes

which flank the main entrance to the station—now a selection centre for air and ground personnel—and the Memorial Chapel where 12 stained-glass windows commemorate the squadrons who flew the aircraft in combat. The airfield is now a busy civil airport for business and club flying at which an annual Air Fair is held.

St. Mark's, "The Moving Church", stands as a present-day example of the power of faith. A former Vicar, the late Rev. Vivian Symons, conceived the idea of using a derelict, war-damaged church as the source of materials to replace the totally inadequate temporary church built in 1904. During the late 1950s, All Saints', North Peckham, was painstakingly demolished and moved brick by brick to Biggin Hill and rebuilt largely by volunteer labour inspired by that of the Vicar himself, to a design by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. It was finally completed and consecrated in 1959.

The village takes its name from John Byggyn, who owned land at Westerham Hill in the 16th century. Formerly part of the more ancient parish of Cudham, it was a straggling, picturesque village set among hills and dells of undeniable beauty. With the sale of the old manor lands of Aperfield for building at the turn of the century, development at an ever-increasing pace has changed the village into a small township.



Bromley Town Hall, Offices of the Chief Executive

Beckenham Town Hall Offices of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor and Borough Planning Officer



Council Services

ADMINISTRATION

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive is head of the Council's paid service and as such he is responsible for the co-ordination of the many aspects of the Council's activities.

In addition to his co-ordinating role he also heads a department which provides central support for the Council's activities, including ensuring that decisions by the Council and its committees are made with all relevant information readily available and, when made, are implemented.

The Chief Executive is assisted within his departmental organisation by three Assistant Chief Executives who are Chief Officers and who are responsible for Law and Administration, Manpower and Land Resources.

Management

The Chief Executive also heads a Central Resources Team which comprises in addition to himself the three Assistant Chief Executives, the Borough Treasurer and the Director of Technical Services. This team advises on the Council's across-the-board activities and the use of the Council's resources.

There is also a Service Officers' Team which consists of Chief Officers and Heads of Departments whose task is to co-ordinate the development of the Council's services within the strict cash and manpower limits which prevail.

The work of these two teams is closely linked—the Central Resources Team concentrating on the problems of cash guidelines, overall manpower control and value for money, whilst the Service Officers' Team deals not only with the provision of the day-to-day services of the Council but also assists the Council to respond sensibly and sensitively to the changing needs of those services.

Law and Administration

Much of the work of the department is centred on meetings of the Council and its committees, sub-committees, panels and working parties. Meetings of the Council are held at 7-30 p.m. on a Monday, every seven weeks. Committees, sub-committees etc., also normally meet on a seven-week cycle.

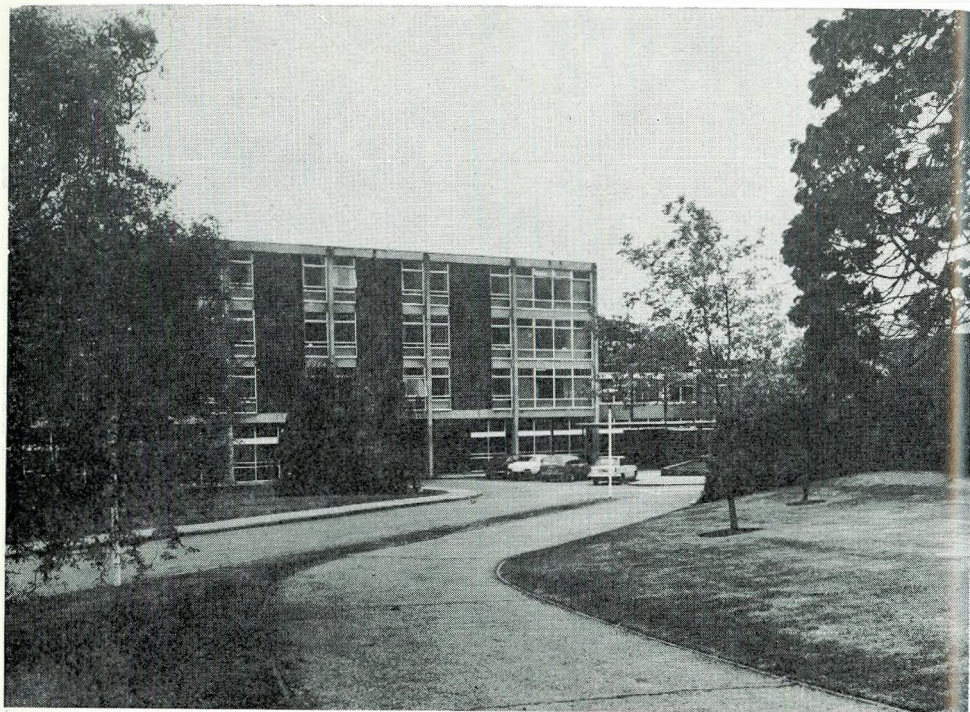
The powers, duties, responsibilities and obligations of the Council derive from Acts of Parliament and associated legislation and, to a certain extent, from Government circulars. It is essential, therefore, to ensure that the authority is acting within its legal powers and legal advice must be available to all committees and departments carrying out the various functions of the Council. There are a number of solicitors and legal executives in the department to assist in this work.

A considerable amount of work is also undertaken on the conveyancing of property; the preparation of contracts and a wide variety of other documents relating to all the Council's services; representing the Council in prosecutions and other matters before the Courts; presenting the Council's case at ministerial inquiries concerned with Town Planning Appeals and advising the public on certain legal matters such as tenancies under the Rent Acts.

The registration of electors, the trading standards service and the registration of births, deaths and marriages also form part of the work of the Chief Executive's Department.

The promulgation to the press and public of information about the Council's activities and the answering of related questions is undertaken centrally from the department.

The spread of the Council's offices throughout the Borough necessitates effective telephone contact for the public and staff alike and a reliable and prompt transmission of correspondence between offices.



Stockwell College of Education, which in 1982 will become Bromley Civic Centre, housing the Chief Executive, Borough Treasurer, Director of Technical Services, Borough Architect, Director of Recreation, and the Chief Environmental Health Officer.

Manpower

The Council's manpower is one of the most important of its resources and these are planned and recruited through the Chief Executive's Department. Staff training and welfare and industrial relations are also the department's responsibility. The support provided includes organisation and methods and work study operations to review the efficiency of the Council's services.

Land Resources

Another important aspect of the work of the Chief Executive's Department concerns all matters relating to its land resources, including acquisition and disposal, use and

management. Examples of the work include negotiations for purchase and leasing of all land and buildings required for the various purposes and statutory functions of the Borough; also the sale of surplus land and properties, the valuation of Council houses for sale and of property for which advances on mortgage are requested by members of the public, the estate management of three agricultural estates and the control of all land and buildings not in active use for any specific purpose.

Other functions include the participation in Town Centre development schemes involving Council owned properties, the development of light industrial estates, and the overall responsibility for the supervision of Biggin Hill Airport.

FINANCE

Borough Treasurer

The Council's operating expenses exceed £129 millions annually (including some £17 millions paid to the precepting authorities—G.L.C., the Metropolitan Police etc.) and are met from rates (£37 millions), government grants (£67 millions) and various rents, fees and charges. Additionally the Council may spend on capital projects—schools, houses and major road improvements for example—another £14 millions per annum. This is met principally from loans secured by bonds, mortgages and short-term deposit receipts.

Controlling and accounting for these large sums is the responsibility of the Borough Treasurer who is head of a department of some 280 officers located in Sherman House, Sherman Road, Bromley. There is also an office for cash collection at Orpington.

The Borough Treasurer is the Council's collector, paymaster, accountant, internal auditor and financial adviser. He is assisted principally by the Deputy Treasurer and three assistant treasurers who control divisions of the Department responsible to him for various aspects of this work.

As collector, the Treasurer collects and accounts for the income necessary to meet operating expenses and raise loans to finance capital projects. Rates are collectable on over 135,000 properties in the borough and in addition, some 30,000 demands for miscellaneous fees and charges are despatched each year. Raising loans on capital account requires particular skill and knowledge in dealing with the money market.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Director of Technical Services

The Council has decided to have a new Directorate of Technical Services comprising the existing departments of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, the Borough Architect and the Borough Planning Officer. This should be established in the near future and will affect the descriptions of these services as at present outlined in this guide.

Borough Engineer and Surveyor

The work of this department, housed in the Town Hall, Beckenham, affects the lives of the residents in several ways, as will be seen below:

As paymaster he makes all the Council's payments. These include salaries, wages and pensions for over 13,000 present and former employees and over 190,000 invoices each year from contractors and tradesmen for goods and services.

As accountant, he prepares the Council's annual budget and initiates long-term financial planning to evaluate future commitments and seek out the best methods to obtain value for money. Budgetary control is exercised throughout the year by the issue of interim cost statements and the provision of financial management data to committees and departments. The Treasurer also prepares the annual accounts and balance sheet of the Council for publication and audit by the Government's auditors.

As internal auditor he conducts a continuous audit of all the Council's transactions and advises on systems of internal check to promote accuracy in accounting and to maintain complete control.

As financial adviser he attends or is represented at all meetings of the Council and its committees to provide guidance on the financial implications of the policies which have to be considered and authorised.

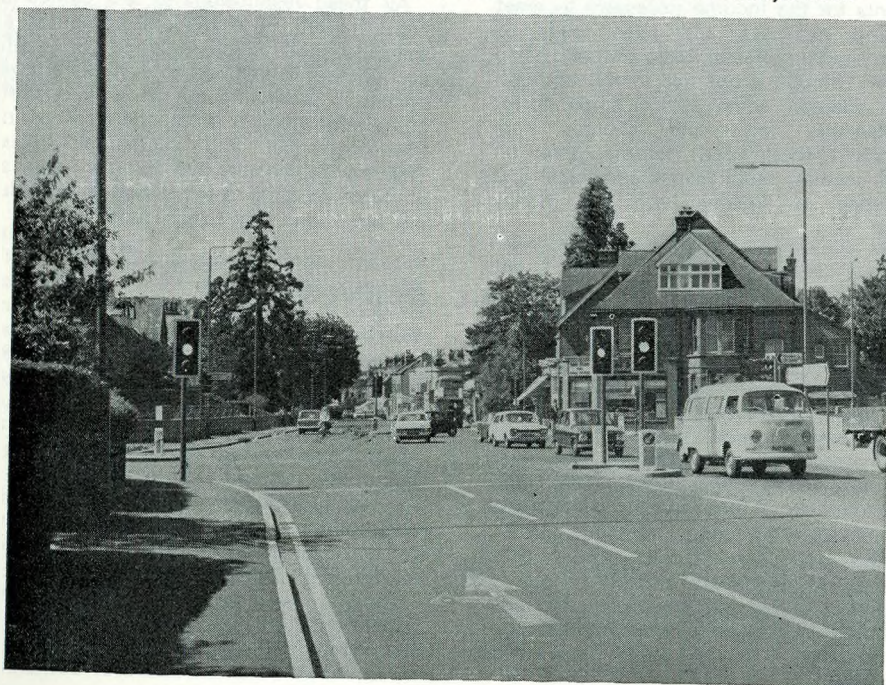
All these responsibilities are carried out with the aid of a modern computer and specialist staff which includes 16 qualified accountants in addition to systems analysts, computer programmers, machine operators and a large number of experienced administrative, clerical and secretarial officers. Training facilities are available for junior and graduate entrants to the department, including block and day release courses.

Works

The works section maintains 486 miles of adopted roads together with sewers and street lighting, and there are 42 miles of unadopted roads in which some sewers and street lamps have to be looked after. To do this a direct labour force exists to carry out the majority of maintenance jobs and minor constructions works. The total expenditure for these services in 1979/80 is estimated at £3,600,000, of which £1,200,000 will be recovered from other authorities and from fees, charges, etc. To control this work and the expenditure, the borough is divided into three Works Divisions based at Beckenham,



Masons Hill/Hayes Lane/Bromley Common before and after the improvement which has made such a vast difference to the movement of traffic at this junction



Bromley and Orpington, each under a Divisional Engineer, and a separate street lighting division. To improve these services, works study techniques have been applied and these will continue.

Services

The services section of the department deals with the collection of house and trade refuse, and householders' bulky household refuse is collected (at a charge estimated in advance) and this will continue provided it does not interfere with the statutory duty to collect domestic refuse. Arrangements for the disposal of cars abandoned on public highways have continued. This section deals with street cleansing and emptying of street litter bins; it empties cesspools, staffs and cleans public conveniences and administers markets, car parks and parking meters. The estimated expenditure on these services is about £2,993,000 per annum. This includes a sum of £497,000 in respect of car parks and meters, of which is recovered in charges.

Highway Planning and Design

A further responsibility is the planning and design of new roads, and the design and construction of all major improvements to existing roads; the department deals with traffic management and aids to movement and car parking on and off roads. It deals with the numbering of new streets under powers delegated by the Greater London Council.

Road Safety

The Section is responsible for conducting a programme of road safety training, education and propaganda in an effort to reduce the road accident casualty rate. Safety training is given to road user groups of all ages including practical training for cyclists, motor cyclists, horse riders, drivers and pedestrians.

Private Street Works and Estate Management

The private street works section is responsible for implementing the Council's priority programme for the making up and adoption of unmade streets. The section designs, makes up under contract and adopts on completion such streets under the Highways Act 1959 (Code 1892).

The estate development section advises on the highway aspect of planning applications in respect of new streets in council and private development and is responsible for the approval of the detailed design and supervision of the construction of such streets prior to their adoption.

Drainage

In addition to maintaining the statutory records of all public foul and surface water sewers and advising on drainage for development proposals, the section is continuously investigating the adequacy of the borough's drainage systems to meet present and future requirements. It is responsible for the design and construction of all new main drainage and major repairs as agents for the Thames Water Authority.

The management of certain streams and brooks is shared with the Greater London Council in accordance with a statutory definition of watercourses.

Structural Engineering

The department undertakes the design and supervision of construction of engineering and building structures for its own schemes and those initiated by other departments. It is responsible for regularly inspecting and appraising all highway structures and also inspects and appraises building structures on behalf of other departments.

Establishment

To carry out these functions, the department has a technical establishment of 213 including a section dealing with vehicle maintenance for this and other departments, and a comprehensive administrative establishment of 54.

Borough Architect

The administrative centre of the department is the Town Hall, Anerley Road, and is under the direction and control of the Borough Architect, who is responsible for all the Council's new buildings and the extension, maintenance and improvement of all buildings except maintenance of housing.

The aim is to provide a service with value for money in terms of building costs and professional fees, and at the same time achieve a high standard of architectural quality for all structures and the built environment.

The staff is multi-professional, with teams of design architects and supporting staff, landscape architects, quantity surveyors, building surveyors, heating and ventilating engineers, electrical engineers, clerks of works, together with administrative and clerical personnel, with a small emergency direct labour force.

The main bulk of the Council's building programme, designing and supervising contracts, is dealt with by the department. A



The Groves Estate, Penge

Sunnymead, Borough Education Offices, Bromley Lane, Chislehurst



project group deals with large-scale areas like the Walnuts redevelopment at Orpington, and works in close collaboration with other departments on comprehensive redevelopments. In recent years, the Council has looked to the multi-professional expertise within the Department of Architecture to undertake the energy conservation programme and considerable savings have been achieved.

Borough Planning Officer

The Planning Department is responsible for ensuring that all applications for permission to erect, alter or enlarge buildings, display advertisements, or change of use of land, are technically examined and reported to the Development Control Committee for a decision. This necessitates consultations and negotiations with many authorities and interested parties, and in those cases where permission has been refused it is often necessary to defend that action on appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment. Unauthorised development has to be investi-

gated and enforcement proceedings initiated where appropriate.

The department has also to carry out the necessary surveys and studies required in connection with the preparation of the Borough Plan and to prepare detailed schemes for the redevelopment and improvement of important residential, commercial and industrial areas. These proposals must be satisfactorily programmed so that proper use is made of all available resources, and the correct relationship established between the planning problems of the borough and those of adjoining districts and Greater London as a whole. Much of the information obtained is used by other officers of the Council to ensure that all functions of the local authority are properly integrated.

An important part of the work of the department is concerned with building control. All applications for permission under the building regulations are examined, and after approval has been granted the work is inspected during several stages of construction to ensure compliance with the regulations.

EDUCATION

Director of Education

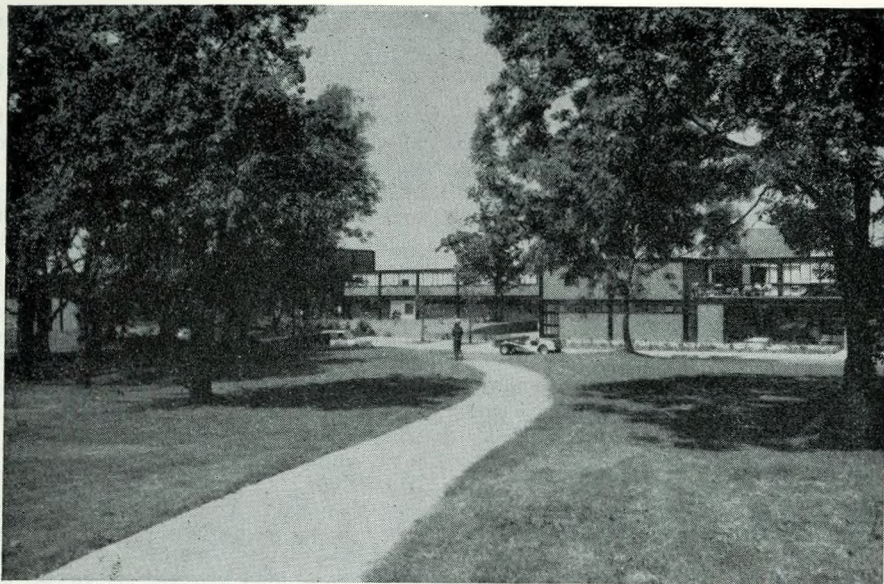
The Borough Council, through the Education Committee and its officers seeks to carry out the intention of the Education Act 1944 which states that "It shall be the duty of the Local Education Authority for every area, so far as their powers extend, to contribute to the spiritual, moral, mental and physical development of the community by securing that efficient education shall be available to meet the needs of the population of their area". In fulfilling their functions the Council spent during 1978/79 an estimated sum of £38.3 m. net out of a total budget for the borough of £72.5 m. net.

The Education Committee's task is to develop and maintain education in the borough through the Director of Education and his staff. Other Principal Officers, e.g. the Chief Executive, the Treasurer and the Architect assist the Education Committee with their specialist knowledge, and certain members of their staff devote their whole time to the needs of the Committee.

The main office of the Education Department is situated at Sunnymead, Bromley Lane, Chislehurst, Kent (Tel. 01-467 5561 or 0121) and all written enquiries should be directed to the Director of Education.

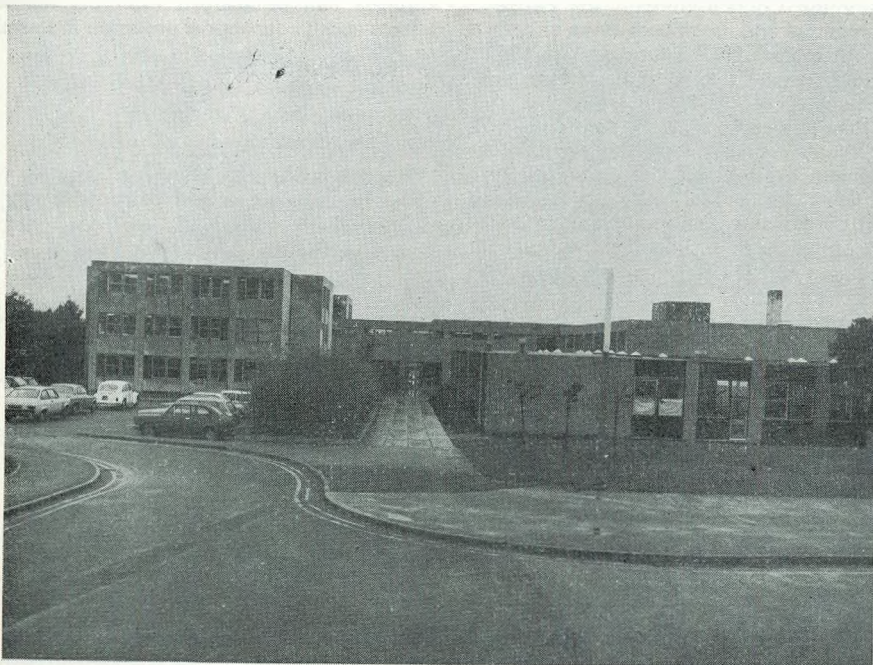
The extent of the committee's responsibilities can be gauged from the following facts about educational provision in Bromley:

Number of Schools	
Secondary	29
Primary	88
Day Special	6
Number of pupils in school—January 1979	
Secondary	22,582
Primary	24,240
Day Special	577
Number of full and part-time students in Bromley Colleges	6,200
Number of part-time students in Adult Centres	18,500
Number of students in receipt of Awards	3,890
Number of teachers and lecturers (excluding Further Education sessional teachers) full-time and full-time equivalents of part-time	2,615
Number of other staff (secretarial, school meals, cleaners, etc.)	3,200



Ravensbourne College of Art and Design

Charles Darwin School, Biggin Hill



The following is a brief summary of the services administered by the Director of Education.

Primary and Secondary Education

The committee is responsible for the establishment, maintenance and management of maintained schools in the borough. Under the Education Acts it must arrange for schools sufficient in number and of the right type to be available for the education of children between the ages of five and the statutory school leaving age of sixteen, together with facilities for those who wish to remain at school until the age of eighteen or thereabouts.

At the end of the primary stage of education (between the ages of eleven and twelve) secondary education of a type suitable to the pupils is offered in the appropriate schools. In each school pupils may take external examinations and, if the committee think it desirable, pupils may be transferred with parent's consent to another school to enable them to make the best use of their talents.

The responsibilities of the committee also include the school meals service. About 37,000 mid-day meals are served each day.

Special Schools

The Council maintains six Day Special Schools for less able pupils and also makes arrangements for placing maladjusted, physically or mentally handicapped pupils in suitable independent schools, or in schools maintained by other local education authorities.

Further Education

This heading refers to education provided for students over the age of compulsory schooling and covers a wide field. In the borough full-time and part-time further education is available at Bromley College of Technology, Ravensbourne College of Art and Design and at Orpington College of Further Education which are major establishments with their own governing bodies. Day and evening classes in non-vocational and recreational subjects are available at the Centre for Arts and Crafts and at three adult education centres organised by full-time Principals. Both the colleges and the centres have prospectuses published annually giving full details of their programmes of courses.

Further education provision also includes the making of grants and awards to enable

pupils to proceed to universities, colleges of education and other establishments of further education. The Council is not directly responsible for the initial training of teachers, but contributes to the national pooled expenditure for teacher training throughout the country. The in-service training of teachers is at present based on a teachers' centre situated for the time being at Burnt Ash Primary Schools.

The Youth Service is an aspect of further education and provides for the development of recreational, social and physical training facilities for young people. Bromley maintains eleven youth work projects, gives advice and financial assistance to a large number of voluntary youth organisations and clubs and assists in the training of youth leaders. Information about the youth service is available in a book which gives full details of the Borough's youth centres and of all registered youth clubs and voluntary organisations.

The Careers Service is also closely related to further education. This service helps young people leaving school to enter suitable employment and is available to give advice guidance and information on careers to all persons, adults, and young people attending all educational establishments including further education colleges of all types and also university students who wish to use it. Further information is obtainable from the careers offices at:

1. (Main Careers Office): Orpington College of Further Education (ground floor), The Walnuts, High Street, Orpington, BR6 0TE (Orpington 23360).
2. 75 Tweedy Road, Bromley, BR1 1TA 01-460 8971.
3. 24 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4LR. 01-650 1142.

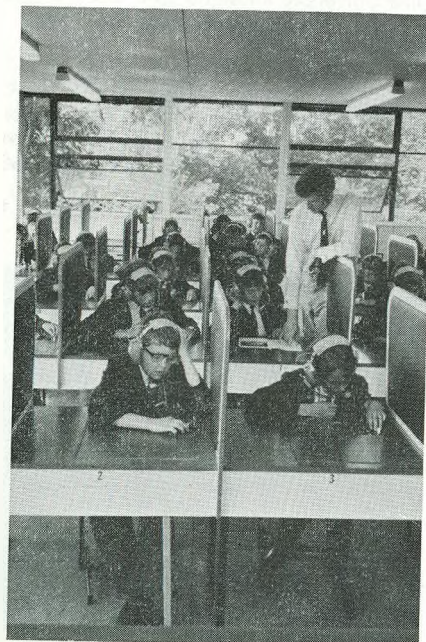
Full information about all aspects of further education is given to school leavers in a special booklet entitled *Your Next Move*. This booklet is also available free of charge to parents and members of the public on written request to the Director of Education.

Thus, the education service is a very varied and comprehensive one for the benefit of children and adults of all ages, though its objects cannot be fully achieved without the understanding and co-operation of the people for whom it is provided.



The Duke Youth Centre, St. Mary Cray

The Language Laboratory, Langley Park School for Boys



Children enjoying the adventure playground at Kevington Primary School



LIST OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS BY DISTRICTS

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

BECKENHAM

Borough Schools

Alexandra Infants'	Kent House Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 1JG.	01-778 4714
Alexandra Junior	Cator Road, Sydenham, SE26 5DS.	01-778 3961
Balgowan Primary	Balgowan Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3HJ.	01-658 6374
Bromley Road Infants'	St. George's Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 2JG.	01-650 5246
Churchfields Primary	Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QR.	01-650 5247
Clare House Primary	Oakwood Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 2PJ.	01-658 4633
Hawes Down Infants'	The Mead, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0BA.	01-777 4420
Hawes Down Junior	The Mead, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0BA.	01-777 4174
Highfield Infants'	Highfield Drive, Shortlands, Bromley, BR2 0RX.	01-464 7804
Highfield Junior	South Hill Road, Shortlands, Bromley, BR2 0RL.	01-460 2597
Marian Vian Infants'	Shirley Crescent, Elmers End, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4AZ.	01-650 2423
Marian Vian Junior	Shirley Crescent, Elmers End, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4AZ.	01-658 6524
Oak Lodge Primary	Chamberlain Crescent, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0LJ.	01-777 5697
Stewart Fleming Primary	Witham Road, Anerley, SE20 7YB.	01-778 5510
Wickham Common Primary	Gates Green Road, Coney Hall, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9DG.	01-462 4927
Worsley Bridge Junior	Also at Glebe Way, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9DG.	01-462 5544
	Brackley Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 1RF.	01-650 2977

Voluntary School

St. Mary's R.C. Primary (Aided)	Westgate Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 2DE.	01-650 2355
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BROMLEY

Borough Schools

Burnt Ash Infants'	Keedonwood Road, Bromley, BR1 4QR.	01-698 1768
Burnt Ash Junior	Rangefield Road, Bromley, BR1 4QX.	01-697 2441
Hayes Primary	George Lane, Hayes, Bromley, BR2 7LQ.	01-462 1769
Pickhurst Infants	Pickhurst Lane, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0HL.	01-462 3196
Pickhurst Junior	Pickhurst Lane, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0HL.	01-462 5867
Princes Plain Primary	Church Lane, Bromley, BR2 8LD.	01-462 2443
Raglan Infants'	Raglan Road, Bromley, BR2 9NL.	01-460 6558
Raglan Junior	Raglan Road, Bromley, BR2 9NL.	01-460 0282
Scotts Park Primary	Orchard Road, Bromley, BR2 2PR.	01-460 8899
Southborough Infants'	Southborough Lane, Bromley, BR2 8AA.	01-467 1566
Southborough Junior	Southborough Lane, Bromley, BR2 8AA.	01-467 2343
Valley Primary	Beckenham Lane, Bromley, BR2 0DA.	01-460 1121

Voluntary Schools

Keston C.E. Primary	Lakes Road, Keston, Kent, BR2 6BN.	Farnborough 58399
Parish C.E. Primary	College Road, Bromley, BR1 3NY.	01-460 0129
St. George's Bickley C.E. Primary	Tylney Road, Bromley, BR1 2RL.	01-460 4266
St. Joseph's R.C. Primary (Aided)	Plaistow Lane, Bromley, BR1 3JQ.	01-460 1976
St. Mark's C.E. Primary (Aided)	Mason's Hill, Bromley, BR2 9HA.	01-460 0524
St. Mary's C.E. Primary	Fairfield Road, Bromley, BR1 3QN.	01-460 2002

CHISLEHURST (including Mottingham and St. Paul's Cray)**Borough Schools**

Castlecombe Primary	Castlecombe Road, Mottingham, SE9 4AT.	01-857 1504
Dorset Road Infants'	Dorset Road, Mottingham, SE9 4QX.	01-857 3742
Edgebury Primary	Belmont Lane, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6BL.	01-467 4199
Gray's Farm Primary	Gray's Farm Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3BD.	01-300 5283
Leesons Primary	Leesons Hill, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2LS.	Orpington 25432
Mead Road Infants'	Mead Road, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6AD.	01-467 1730
Midfield Primary	Grovelands Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3EG.	01-300 6161
Mottingham Infants'	Ravensworth Road, Mottingham, SE9 4LW.	01-857 4181
Mottingham Junior	Ravensworth Road, Mottingham, SE9 4LW.	01-857 4022
Red Hill Junior	Red Hill, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6DA.	01-467 4223
St. Paul's Wood Primary	St. Paul's Wood Hill, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2SR.	Orpington 21678

Voluntary Schools

Chislehurst C.E. Primary (Aided)	School Road, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5PQ.	01-467 2993
Manorfields R.C. Primary (Aided)	Manorfields, Leesons Hill, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6QL.	Orpington 28208
St. Paul's Cray C.E. Infants'	Main Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3HQ.	Orpington 22548
St. Vincent's R.C. Primary (Aided)	Harting Road, Mottingham, SE9 4JR.	01-857 5134

ORPINGTON**Borough Schools**

Biggin Hill Primary	Main Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3BB.	Biggin Hill 72265
Blenheim Infants'	Blenheim Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9BH.	Orpington 31442
Blenheim Junior	Blenheim Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9BH.	Orpington 31343
Chelsfield Primary	Warren Road, Chelsfield, Orpington, Kent, BR6 6EP.	Orpington 25827
Chislehurst Road Junior	Chislehurst Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 0DF.	Orpington 22464
Crofton Infants'	Town Court Lane, Orpington, Kent, BR5 1EL.	Orpington 26320
Crofton Junior	Town Court Lane, Orpington, Kent, BR5 1EL.	Orpington 21716
Darrick Wood Infants'	Lovibonds Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8ER.	Farnborough 57278
Darrick Wood Junior	Lovibonds Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8ER.	Farnborough 57370
Downe Primary	High Elms Road, Downe, Orpington, Kent, BR6 7JN.	Farnborough 53916
Farnborough Primary	Starts Hill Road, Farnborough, Orpington, Kent, BR6 7AS.	Farnborough 53295
Footbury Hill Infants'	Perry Hall Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 0EF.	Orpington 20313
Green Street Green Primary	Vine Road, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent, BR6 6DT.	Farnborough 52781
	Also at High Street, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent, BR6 6BJ.	
Kevington Primary	Sweep's Lane, Blacksmith's Lane, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4EP.	Orpington 28099
Oaklands Infants'	Norheads Lane, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3XH.	Biggin Hill 74609
Oaklands Junior	Oaklands Lane, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3DN.	Biggin Hill 73963
Poverest Infants'	Tillingbourne Green, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2DQ.	Orpington 22886
Poverest Junior	Tillingbourne Green, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2JD.	Orpington 25147
Pratts Bottom Primary	Hookwood Road, Pratts Bottom, Orpington, Kent, BR6 7NX.	Knockholt 32225
Ramsden Infants'	Dyke Drive, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4LZ.	Orpington 30383
Ramsden Junior	Dyke Drive, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4LZ.	Orpington 29909

St. Mary Cray Primary

The Highway Primary
Tubbenden Infants'
Tubbenden Junior
Warren Road Primary

Voluntary Schools

Cudham C.E. Primary
St. Anne's R.C. Primary (Aided)
St. James' R.C. Primary (Aided)
St. Philomena's R.C. Primary (Aided)

PENGE**Borough Schools**

Anerley Infants'
Anerley Junior
James Dixon Primary
Malcolm Primary
Royston Primary

Voluntary Schools

St. Anthony's R.C. Primary (Aided)
St. John's C.E. Primary (Aided)

BECKENHAM

St. Nicholas
Woodbrook

CHISLEHURST

Grovelands
Marjorie McClure
Rectory Paddock

ORPINGTON

Goddington

Cheyne Hospital School**English Language Unit**

The Phoenix Centre for Spastic Children
Remedial Unit East

Remedial Unit West

Beaverwood School for Girls
Bullers Wood School for Girls

High Street, St. Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4AR.
The Highway, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9DJ.
Sandybury, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SD.
Sandybury, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SD.
Warren Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 6JF.

Orpington 26081
Orpington 27990
Farnborough 51653
Farnborough 56029
Farnborough 53798

Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3AX. Biggin Hill 72673
Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9JT. Orpington 21033

Maybury Close, Orpington, Kent, BR5 1BL. 01-467 8167

Chelsfield Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4DR. Orpington 26550

Anerley Road, Anerley, SE20 8AX. 01-778 2142
Anerley Road, Anerley, SE20 8AX. 01-778 7677
Anerley Park, Anerley, SE20 8ND. 01-778 6101
Malcolm Road, Oakfield Road, Penge, SE20 8RL. 01-778 4742
Franklin Road, Penge, SE20 7TQ. 01-778 7178

Genoa Road, Anerley, SE20 8ES. 01-778 7681

Maple Road, Penge, SE20 8HU. 01-778 5066

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Springfield Gardens, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9PX. 01-777 4633
2 Hayne Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4HY. 01-650 7205

Grovelands Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3EG. 01-300 7587
Hawkwood Lane, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5PS. 01-467 0174
Main Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3HS. Orpington 70510

Avalon Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9BD. Orpington 21205

SPECIAL UNITS

Cheyne Hospital, Woodland Way, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9LT. 01-777 3443
Raglan Junior School, Raglan Road, Bromley, BR2 9NL. 01-464 3187
Farnborough Hospital, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8ND. Farnborough 53333, Ext. 425
Hut 3, St. Paul's Wood School, St. Paul's Wood Hill, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2SR. Orpington 23583
244 Croydon Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4DA. 01-650 7738

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Beaverwood Road, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6HE. 01-300 3156
St. Nicolas Lane, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5LJ. 01-467 2280

Cator Park School for Girls	Lennard Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 1QR.	01-778 5917
Charles Darwin School	Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3LY. Biggin Hill 74043	
Charterhouse School	Charterhouse Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9ES.	
	Orpington 21347/22612	
Cooper School	Hawkwood Lane, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5PS.	01-467 3263
Craybourne School	Hearns Rise, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3NE.	Orpington 21993
Darrick Wood School	Lovibonds Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8ER.	Farnborough 50271
Elmfield Lower School	Church Lane, Bromley, BR2 8LD.	01-462 1305
Elmfield Upper School	Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR.	01-460 0010
Hayes School	West Common Road, Hayes, Bromley, BR2 7DB.	01-462 2767
Kelsey Park School for Boys	Manor Way, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3SJ.	01-650 8694
Kemnal Manor School	Sevenoaks Way, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 5AA.	01-300 7112
Also at:	Edgebury, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6JJ	01-467 1595
Kentwood School for Boys	High Street, Penge, SE20 7QR.	01-778 8424
Langley Park School for Boys	Hawksbrook Lane, South Eden Park Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3BP.	01-650 9253
Langley Park School for Girls	Hawksbrook Lane, South Eden Park Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3BE.	01-650 7207
Mottingham School for Girls	Ravensworth Road, Mottingham, SE9 4LW.	01-857 5472
Newstead Wood School for Girls	Avebury Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SA.	Farnborough 53626
Quernmore School	London Lane, Bromley, BR1 4HF.	01-460 7336
Ravensbourne School for Boys	Hayes Lane, Bromley, BR2 9EH.	01-460 0083
Ravensbourne School for Girls	Nightingale Lane, Bromley, BR1 2SQ.	01-460 1162
Ravens Wood School for Boys	Oakley Road, Bromley, BR2 8HP.	Farnborough 56050
Rock Hills School for Girls	Anerley Road, Anerley, SE20 8BG.	01-778 8510
St. John Rigby R.C. School	Layham's Road, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9HH.	01-777 8383
St. Olave's School	Goddington Lane, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SH.	Orpington 20101
Spring Park Upper School	Hawes Lane, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9AE.	01-777 4942
The Ramsden School for Boys	Gillmans Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4LB.	Orpington 31075
The Ramsden School for Girls	Tintagel Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4LG.	Orpington 21933
The Walsingham School	Chipperfield Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2QR.	01-300 1694/1258

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Ravensbourne College of Art and Design	Walden Road, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5SN.	01-468 7071
School of Vocational Studies	Wharton Road, Bromley, BR1 3LE.	01-460 4845
Bromley College of Technology	Rookery Lane, Bromley, BR2 8HE.	01-462 6331
Orpington College of Further Education	The Walnuts, High Street, Orpington, Kent, BR6 0TE.	Orpington 39336

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRES

Centre for Arts and Crafts	Bromley College of Technology, Rookery Lane, Bromley, BR2 8HE.	01-462 6900
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Bromley
Orpington

244, Croydon Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4DA. 01-650 4208
12 Palace Grove, Bromley, BR1 3HA. 01-464 5745
Newstead Wood School, Avebury Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SA. Farnborough 57706

TEACHERS' CENTRE

Burnt Ash Junior School, Rangefield Road, Bromley, BR1 4QX.

Teachers' Centre

BOROUGH YOUTH CENTRES

Castlecombe Road, Mottingham, SE9 4AT. 01-857 0047
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Orpington 27810

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The Duke

The Knoll
The Link

Knoll Rise, Orpington, Kent, BR6 0EL.
Midfield Way, St. Paul's Cray, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2QL. 01-300 6749
Parkfield Way, Bromley, BR2 8AE. 01-467 5802
101A Parish Lane, Penge, SE20 7NR. 01-778 3566
Hawes Lane, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9AE. 01-777 7938
Church Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3LB. Biggin Hill 74835

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Anerley, Beckenham and Penge Youth Service Buildings at rear of Alexandra Infants School, Kings Hall Road, Beckenham, Kent. 01-778 4451
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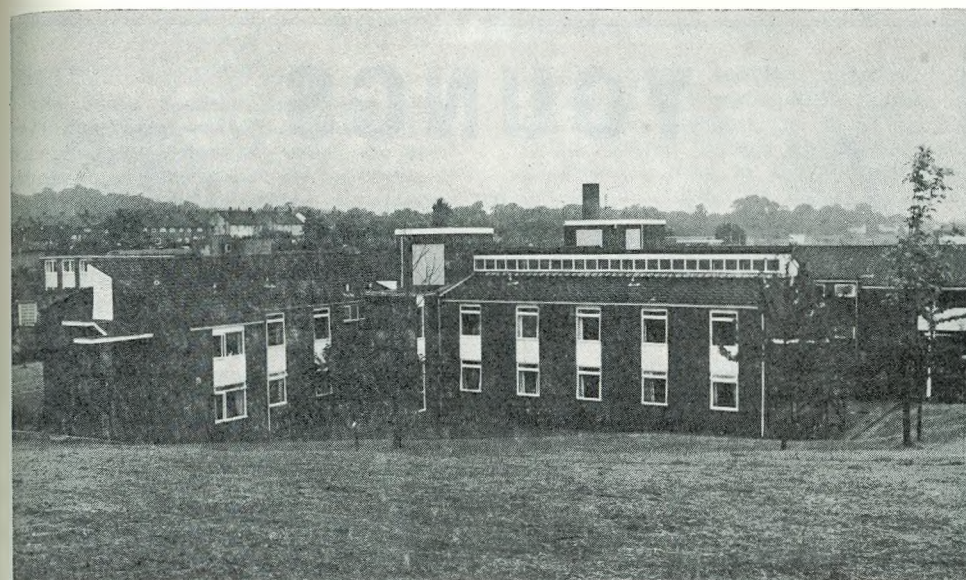


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HOUSING

Director of Housing

The Housing Department, with its administrative headquarters at the Council Offices, Crofton Road, Orpington, is responsible for all aspects of housing management, including maintenance of the housing list, lettings, rent collection, welfare of tenants and maintenance of properties. The department controls over 20,000 dwellings and some 2,000 garages.

At the 31st December, 1979, 343 properties were under construction.

Throughout the borough there are now twenty-one schemes which provide accommodation with warden service for older people, and in view of the increasing demand for this type of accommodation other schemes are being planned.

The Council operates a rent rebate scheme and rebates are given according to the size of family, income and rent paid.

District offices to deal with enquiries from tenants are situated at 77 Tweedy Road, Bromley, The Walnuts, Orpington and at 53 Croydon Road, Penge. Rents are received at Sherman House, Sherman Road, Bromley, The Walnuts, Orpington and 53 Croydon Road, Penge.

Repairs are in the main carried out by the

Council's direct labour organisation, operating from district maintenance depots at: Holbrook Way, Bromley; Mountfield Depot, High Street, St. Mary Cray; Oakfield Road, Penge.

Housing applications are accepted from persons living within the borough, but to qualify for full consideration on the housing list, applicants must have lived in Greater London for a continuous period of at least one year and shall have lived in the borough as a minimum, for the last six months of that period.

Allocation of all accommodation is made in accordance with the approved points scheme and this scheme takes into account the housing need of the applicant; thus those persons having the highest points and complying with the residential qualifications are the first to be housed. Tenants of council property have an opportunity to register for employment and housing in the New and Expanding Towns.

In accordance with their statutory powers, the Council make advances for house purchase and offer grants for improvement of the older type of house.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Director of Social Services

The Social Services Department, which came into being in 1971 is responsible for the provision of services within the community for the elderly, mentally and physically handicapped, deprived children and assisting families with their social problems.

The headquarters of the department is at Sherman House in Sherman Road, Bromley, and area social work offices have been set-up in Penge, Bromley and Orpington. By means of social workers and specialised officers, professional advice and practical assistance is given to those of all ages in need to enable them to lead as full a life as possible in their home surroundings. By the provision of day care, home help, support services, short-term residential care and holidays, the Council seeks to relieve the isolation of the elderly and lessen the strain on their families caring for them. Training centres, special education facilities and aids are available to enable the handicapped and disabled to enjoy life to the limit of their various handicaps.

Pleasant residential homes are provided for the elderly and disabled when the degree of frailty or disablement makes necessary long-term specialised care.

Children deprived of a normal home life are cared for in the Council's community homes or boarded out with foster parents. The department is also responsible for the running of an adoption agency.

Amongst the statutory responsibilities undertaken is that relating to the provision of intermediate treatment, i.e. individual and group schemes through which advice and guidance is given to children who have become the subject of Court Supervision Orders.

The work of the department is strengthened by the energy and enthusiasm of the many Voluntary Organisations who carry out various supportive work, e.g. special residential care facilities for children and the elderly, good neighbour services and an extensive meals on wheels service.

Every endeavour is made to provide assistance to people who require the services available and new areas of need are continuously explored, and where possible alleviated.

The department both seeks and welcomes co-operation with many agencies and other departments both statutory and voluntary, e.g. local doctors, hospitals, J.P.'s, local offices of the Department of Health and Social Security, also national and local voluntary organisations working in specialised fields, e.g. the mentally handicapped, blind, deaf, and elderly. It also welcomes and is grateful for the many occasions such organisations as Rotary and Round Table make practical contributions to the department's work, thus enabling more people in need to receive help which would not be possible otherwise.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Chief Environmental Health Officer

The Environmental Health Department deals with all public health matters relating to:

- (a) Environmental Pollution—Abatement of Nuisances, control of atmospheric pollutants including noise.
- (b) Properties—condition of houses and other buildings, slum clearance and overcrowding, drainage and caravan sites.
- (c) Health and Safety at Work in retail and wholesale premises.
- (d) Infectious diseases and food poisoning in conjunction with the Area Health Authority.

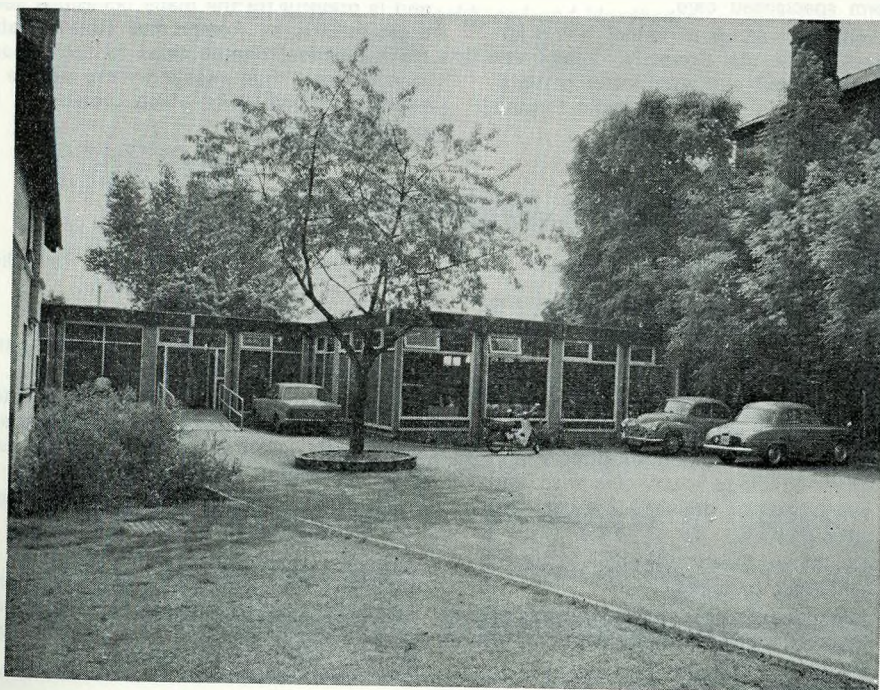
- (e) Purity of drinking water supplies, wells and swimming pools.
- (f) Public Mortuary.
- (g) Eradication of rodent and insect pests, control of foxes, etc.
- (h) Welfare in pet animal and riding establishments. Diseases of farm animals. Control of guard dogs and dangerous wild animals.
- (i) Food Hygiene and Food quality and advertisement.

Details of all services provided may be obtained from the Chief Environmental Health Officer, Environmental Health Department, Sherman House, 16 Sherman Road, Bromley, Kent. 01-464 3333.



Hospital Library Service

Anerley Library



LIBRARY SERVICE

Borough Librarian

The Borough is served by the new Central Library in Bromley High Street and a network of thirteen branches, large and small, supported by mobile libraries and a hospital and housebound readers' service. Together, they provide a wide range of facilities, meeting the educational, cultural, recreational and information needs of the local community. Books, records, cassettes, periodicals and a wide range of specialised materials are available. All subjects and interests are catered for, and trained staff are employed to exploit these resources and help the public find the books and information which they require. Sophisticated co-operative arrangements, developed over the years, provide Bromley library users with access to the library resources of the whole country and, indeed, to overseas resource centres.

The Central Library

Opened in April 1977, the splendid new Central Library, next to the Churchill Theatre, is the hub of the service. The public departments are located on the first and second floors and provide the full range of modern library services: adult lending, reference, children's, music and audio, local studies and archives, together with an extensive programme of exhibitions, record concerts and activities for children. There are also halls and a committee room available for hire.

One of the busiest libraries in the country, over a million books, cassettes and records are borrowed from this library every year, using a computerised loan system.

The Adult Lending Library has over 150,000 books available for home reading, and cassettes are being introduced into this department to supplement the bookstock, particularly in the fields of language courses and recorded literature. Other resources available include large print books for those with poor eyesight, Ordnance Survey maps, car manuals, playsets and adult literacy materials suitable for new adult readers.

The Children's Library also provides a wide range of material, with picture books for the very young, a good selection of fiction for all age groups and non-fiction books covering many subjects to help with homework, hobbies and other interests. A reference section is provided, with encyclopaedias, dictionaries and other books, and space for children to study. Cassettes of

children's literature are now being made available as well. Story hours are held during the school holidays, and other activities (library magazine, quizzes, competitions and films) are arranged from time to time.

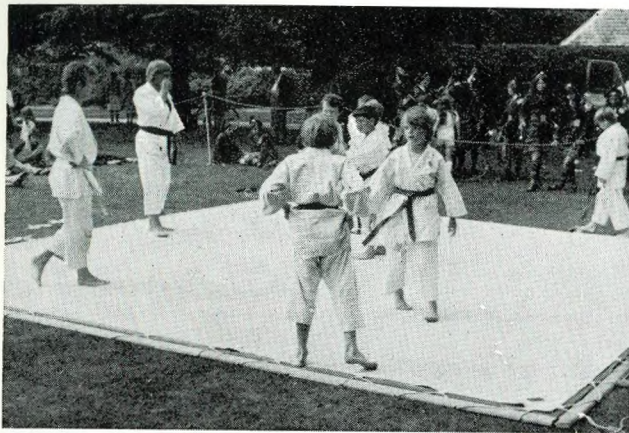
The Central Reference Library is the focal point for the reference and information services provided in the Borough's libraries. An experienced staff is able to help readers exploit its very considerable resources and to advise on the use of the vast range of other national and specialist information services which are available.

Directories, British Standards and much technical information are provided to meet the needs of local business and industry. The Central Reference Library keeps up-to-date with new sources of information, and access to the new teletext services provided by the BBC, ITV and the Post Office, including Prestel, is now provided. Photocopying facilities are also available.

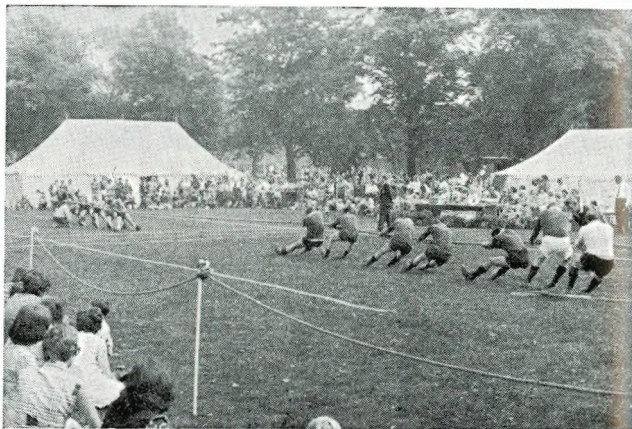
This department includes abstracts and files of serials, maps and plans, published and locally created indexes, a comprehensive collection of government publications, many periodicals, magazines and newspapers, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, reference handbooks and bibliographies.

The Central Library also houses the main Local Studies Library and the Borough's Archives, two divisions of the Reference Library administered by specialist staff. The former contains a large collection of books, pamphlets, theses, memoirs and notes, maps, plans, illustrations, local newspapers and other journals, microfilms and slides, relating to the London Borough of Bromley. The collection, built up over many years, contains a considerable number of rare items and is a very valuable resource centre for those wishing to research into the history of the Borough and to study all aspects of the thriving modern community. In addition, there is a more general collection of material on Kent and the immediate surrounding area, and special collections on H. G. Wells and Walter de la Mare. Some of the material in the Local Studies Library has been used as the basis for library publications: for example, the reproductions of old prints and the greetings cards, which are on sale to the public.

The Archives section includes the official records of the Borough Council and its predecessors, documents and papers relating



*Some of the attractions
at a Family Afternoon
at Croydon Road
Recreation Ground*



to local businesses, societies and other organisations, personal papers and a substantial collection of deeds of property throughout the Borough.

The Central Music Library offers a wide spectrum of recorded music, including the classics, folk, jazz and pop, in disc or cassette form. A hire fee is charged for the loan of audio items, though registered blind and partially sighted persons are entitled to use the service free of charge. Music scores of all kinds are available for instrumentalists, singers, teachers and students, with a supporting music reference and information service including music periodicals and publicity. Special facilities may be arranged for local choirs and orchestras. There are headphone listening facilities in the department and weekly classical recorded music concerts are held in the Large Hall on Thursdays.

The Branch Libraries

All Branch Libraries provide home lending facilities for adults and children, most have reference sections and study areas and all are staffed by qualified librarians who will make every effort to obtain the books and information requested by users.

Gramophone records are available from Petts Wood, Anerley, West Wickham and Chislehurst branches, and cassettes have been introduced at St. Paul's Cray, West Wickham, Shortlands and Hayes. Children's activities (story hours, displays, competitions etc.) are organised in many of the branch libraries and local teachers are encouraged to visit the library with their classes. Even the smaller branches have a certain amount of local history material, and in some cases

local histories have been produced and are on sale to the public. Areas covered so far are Beckenham, Mottingham and Orpington. A number of branches can provide halls or other accommodation for hire to local societies and organisations.

Mobile Libraries

The geography and rural nature of much of the Borough makes it impossible for every small community to have its own permanent library, but this problem is overcome by the operation of mobile library vehicles throughout the Borough. Regular stops of varying duration are made and leaflets giving all the details are available from all libraries and Council offices. A part-time branch is also run by the mobile library section at the community centre in Windsor Drive, Chelsfield.

Special Services

Disadvantaged people are not forgotten, and whether they are patients in hospitals, part of the communities in the residential old peoples homes, or just confined to their own homes, they can be supplied with a varied selection of literature. Much of it is available in large print editions.

London Borough of Bromley Museum

The Museum in The Priory, adjacent to the Orpington library, contains general exhibits covering all periods and articles from local excavations, notably from the Roman bath-house and Saxon cemetery in Poverest Road. Temporary displays and visiting exhibitions are regularly organised. Services include identification of objects, a Museum Club for children and a Museum Group for adults.

LIBRARIES—addresses and telephone numbers

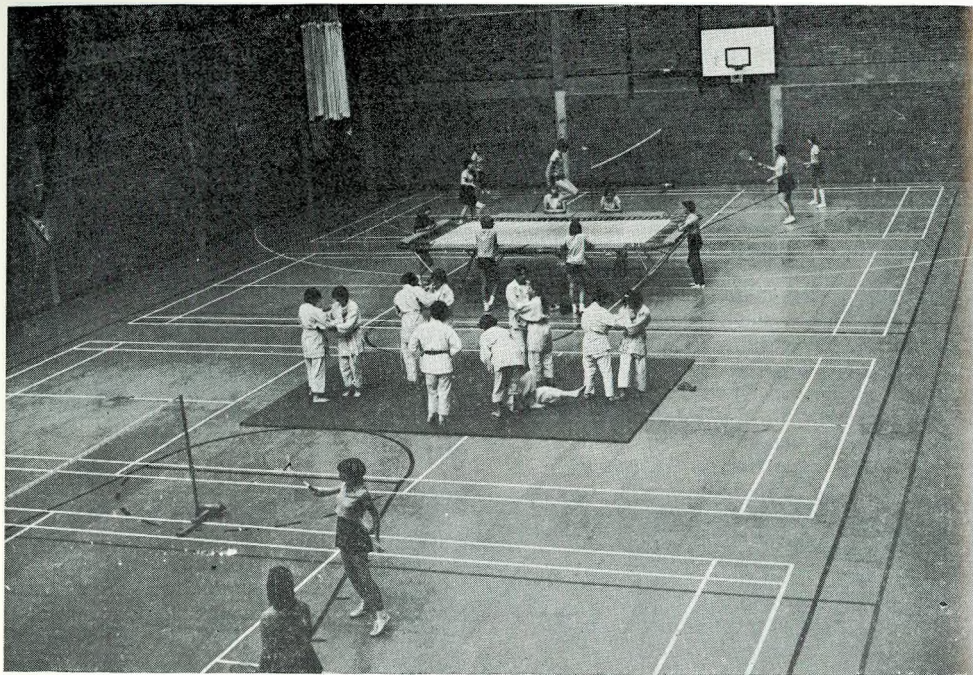
Central Library, High Street, Bromley

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Branches:

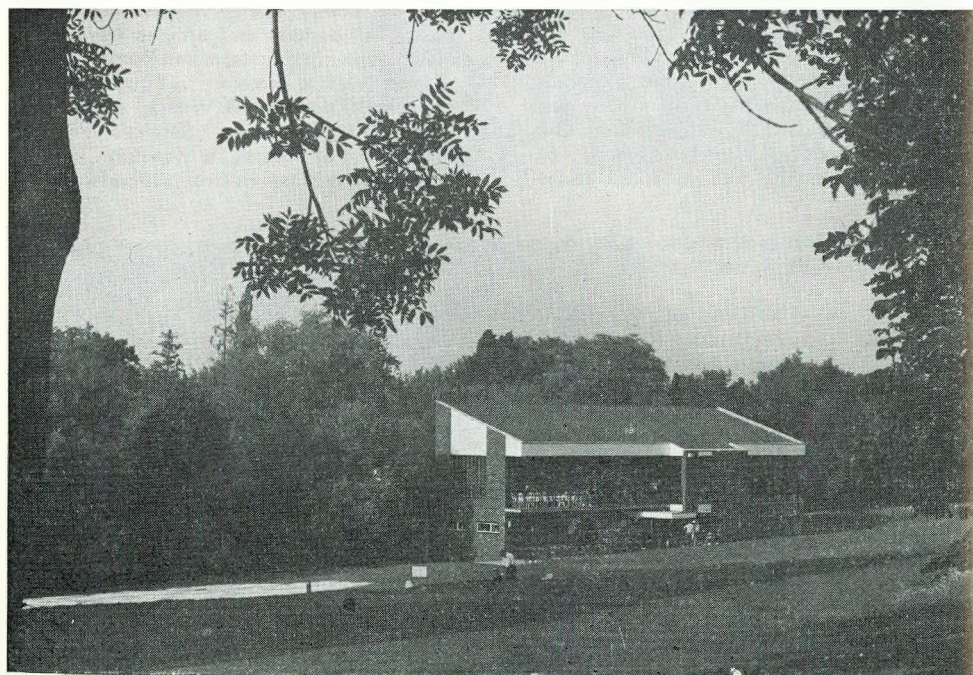
Anerley	206D Anerley Road, SE20	01-778 7457
Beckenham	Beckenham Road, Beckenham	01-650 7292
Burnt Ash	Burnt Ash Lane, Bromley	01-460 3405
Chislehurst	Red Hill, Chislehurst	01-467 1318
Hayes	Hayes Street, Hayes	01-462 2445
Maple Road	186 Maple Road, Penge, SE20	01-778 8772
Mottingham	31, Mottingham Road, SE9	01-857 5406
Orpington	The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington	Orpington 31551/2
Petts Wood	Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood	Orpington 21607
St. Paul's Cray	Mickleham Road, St. Paul's Cray	01-300 5454
Shortlands	110 Shortlands Road, Bromley	01-460 9692
Southborough	Southborough Lane, Bromley	01-467 0355
West Wickham	Glebe Way, West Wickham	01-777 4139
Museum	The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington	Orpington 31551/2

Mobile libraries also operate throughout the borough (see leaflet obtainable from Central Library)



The Main Hall, Orpington Sports Centre

High Elms Golf Course and Club House



RECREATION

Director of Recreation

The administration and maintenance of a Sports Centre, four baths establishments and two Golf Courses, 594 hectares of parks, open spaces, children's playgrounds and green belt woodlands, and the 136 hectares of commons, is the responsibility of the Director of Recreation, together with 78 hectares of allotments and seven cemeteries.

Parks and Recreation Grounds

The majority of parks and recreation grounds cater for some form of sporting activity, soccer, cricket, tennis and bowls being perhaps the most popular. Nevertheless, there are few parks which do not also provide quiet places near to colourful floral displays. Especially noted for their ornamental gardens and lakes are Kelsey Park at Beckenham, Priory Gardens at Orpington and Church House Gardens at Bromley.

For the children, playground equipment can be found in most recreation grounds and parks and paddling and model yachting pools are available. During the summer holidays, children's entertainments, play-leadership and family afternoons are provided on selected days in many of the parks. A wide variety of activities are included in the family afternoon programmes such as displays of archery, a tug-of-war contest, children's cinema shows and five and six-a-side football competitions. Musical entertainment takes many forms from that provided by the London Girl Pipers to that of the Caribbean Music and Limbo Dancers.

Golf

The golfing enthusiast will find ample scope within the borough. In addition to the wide choice of private clubs, there is a 9-hole public course at Magpie Hall Lane, Bromley and an 18-hole public course at High Elms, near Farnborough.

Partly in this borough and partly in and administered by the London Borough of Lewisham, is the 18-hole course at Beckenham Place Park.

Commons and Woodlands

The fine woodland areas are preserved in their natural state and afford many delightful and interesting walks. Good examples are High Elms Estate woodlands (90 hectares) situated between Farnborough and Downe which contains a famous beech walk; Well Wood (17 hectares) in Layhams Road not far from West Wickham; Elmstead

Wood (24 hectares) is in the north of the borough between Bromley and Chislehurst; and Petts Wood (owned and administered by the National Trust—54 hectares) is between Chislehurst and Petts Wood. Closely allied to these woodland areas are the commons at Hayes (84 hectares), Keston (20 hectares), Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray (71 hectares)

Sports Centre

The Council's first sports centre providing facilities for both dry and wet sports opened at the Walnuts, Orpington, in 1975. The centre has a main pool, a teaching pool, a sauna suite, two main sports halls, training rooms and three squash courts.

Baths

In addition to the swimming pools at the Sports Centre, there are four other baths establishments:

Beckenham Road Baths, Beckenham

This establishment comprises three swimming pools and facilities for private baths and showers, and Sauna Baths.

Darrick Wood Bath, Kovibonds Avenue, Orpington

This is a small indoor pool which offers limited use for public bathing, but is a useful instructional facility.

Southlands Road Lido, Bromley

Provides open-air recreational bathing throughout the Summer season, and is available daily, including Sundays and Bank Holidays. A paddling pool is also available.

West Wickham Bath

A two pool establishment, one swimming and one teaching, offering the most modern facilities for public bathing.

Particulars of all the baths service facilities available and the charges in force may be obtained upon application to any of the establishments, or to the Director of Recreation, 83 Tweedy Road, Bromley. 01-464 3333.

Halls

The Halls Manager deals with all applications for the hire of those owned by the Council with the exception of halls at libraries, baths and schools. Enquiries regarding the hire of school halls should be addressed to the Education Department at Sunnymead, Bromley Lane, Chislehurst, and at the establishment concerned for halls at libraries and baths.

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Industry in the Borough

Bromley may be mainly a residential Borough but it has always had, and still has, a surprisingly diverse range of industry with factories—some of them quite large—throughout the area but more especially at Bromley itself, at Beckenham, St. Mary Cray and St. Paul's Cray. Engineering, in various aspects, is the most widely based industry but others include printing, large-scale bread bakery and the manufacture of electrical appliances, scientific instruments, paper, paint, ink and colours, pianos, stationery sundries, fencing, soap, plastic goods, leatherware, joinery, brushes and foodstuffs of different kinds. Market and nursery gardening is also important, and, on the fringes of the North Downs, farming is carried on, one of the few London Boroughs where this is still so.

Details of some individual industrial firms (all advertisers in this guide) now follow, arranged in alphabetical order.

The old-established business of the **Bromley Brush Co. (Kent) Ltd**, dates back, through the family of the managing director, to the 18th century. In those days the factory was at Bermondsey and over 80 'pitch hands' were employed using reeds cut and dried from the Thames bank. At the Bromley factory now more modern methods of manufacture are used although the older pitch-setting and wire-drawing methods can still be carried on. Brushes, ideal for the food trade, are now made of man-made fibres and the most modern machines are used. Brushes are also refilled—from small vacuum sweeper brushes to road sweeping machine brushes.

The Chapman & Co. (Balham) Limited group of companies now comprises a formidable array of operations including designing and building envelope making machinery, a paper mill in Darwen, Lancashire which produces a high percentage of the national production of MG envelope paper, a carton factory and a waste paper company.

In its four converting factories, the largest of which is also in Darwen the envelopes division produces some 2,000 million envelopes each year ranging from the standard commercial types and sizes to highly sophisticated mailing envelopes in a wide variety of papers with multiple windows and printed in four colours.

All this began on 1st September 1898 when Mr. Charles Henry Chapman the founder and grandfather of the present Managing Director received the first order for his newly opened enterprises employing nine people and situated in Grange Walk, Bermondsey. This order was from George S. Smith & Co. Ltd. of Old Broad Street in the City of London one of the earliest pioneers in the Direct Mail industry and was for an unheard of 100,000,000 envelopes. This order is believed to be the largest envelope order ever given to a private firm and the original document is on display at the company's Head Office.

Between 1898 and 1909, the company expanded rapidly, moving first into a four storey factory in Bermondsey in 1904 and then, in 1909 to a large site at Balham. An engineering company was bought in 1918 for the purpose of building envelope making machinery.

Between the wars the company continued to grow and in 1937 a factory in Battersea was purchased and later in the same year The New Waterside Paper Mill at Darwen, Lancashire, was acquired. In 1947 the Croydon factory was opened and in 1967 yet another in Bromley. A milestone was reached in 1968 when, after 70 years of trading, Chapmans became a public company.

Within the past two years a carton manufacturing company and a waste paper company have been formed and on 3rd January 1978 the Groups' headquarters moved from Balham to a purpose built six storey office block situated alongside the Bromley factory. The old site at Balham still remains as the home for the engineers, printers, stock

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control, transport division, waste paper and carton companies.

So, from these small beginnings in Bermondsey 80 years ago, Chapmans have evolved as a major influence in the field of paper making and envelope manufacture. Highly sophisticated and versatile machines, designed and built within the group are installed in all the factories, but although methods have changed and all the trappings of a modern industrial undertaking bear no relation to those employed by the company in its early days, one thing remains unchanged: the policy laid down by the founder: the client's requirements are paramount — whatever the effect required.

Printing inks and paints are made at the St. Mary Cray factory of **Coates Bros & Co. Ltd.** This firm also has a synthetic resin division and a total of eight other factories in this country together with several overseas.

The **Elwyn Rees School of Motoring** was established in January 1953 by Elwyn Reed with one car in Bromley. It now has a large fleet of cars with branches at Bromley, West Wickham, Orpington and Beckenham. The Instructors are doubly-qualified in that they are RAC Registered as well as holding the the required ADI Certificate from the Department of Transport. The business has grown almost entirely from recommendation as great care has always been taken to understand the needs of all types of pupil. Many of the original instructors are still working for the firm. The School offers driving instruction in every standard from Learner to Advanced and has great experience with all types of disability. The firm is very proud of the reputation it has earned over the years.

At Prospect Place, Masons Hill in Bromley is the Motor Spares Dept: of **Eureka Engineering Co. Ltd.**, and the precision engineering works is at Rushmore Hill, Pratts Bottom.

At Farnborough is the very extensive and modern factory of **Farnborough Engineering Co. Ltd.**, who are makers of the Tranco poppet valves for internal combustion and compression ignition engines. Founded in 1938, the company now has over 150,000 square feet of floor space and employs several hundred people.

Probably the oldest manufacturers of precision weighing apparatus and certainly

the first commercial maker of the modern chemical balance as we know it today, is **Oertling Ltd.** Founded in London in 1670, originally known as De Grave.

At Cray Valley Works a completely new plant, opened in 1952, provides modern manufacturing methods allied to the traditional skills and craftsmanship used to produce precision instruments. A large new assembly department was added in 1967 in which ventilation, lighting, cleanliness and colour are maintained to higher standards than most modern offices. The Company's research department carries out fundamental work and has pioneered many improvements to precision weighing equipment.

Oertling balances are of very real importance to everybody, not only because they are to be found in almost every research and quality control laboratory but also for past contributions to every-day science. In 1894 the Russian physicist, Mendeleeff, visited the Oertling workshops and ordered from the Company a special balance for use in his work on the periodic table of elements. Another Oertling balance was chosen by Professor Poynting for the experimental weighings from which in 1878 he estimated the weight of the world.

Oertling also manufacture a special range of equipment for inspectors of weights and measures, and of special interest may be the South African Primary Standard Kilogram Weight and its official copies made in 1954 and the Pakistan Primary Standard 10 Tola Weight also made in the same year.

In 1970 H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh presented the Company with a Council of Industrial Design award for a Top Pan Balance and the famous "Guinness Book of Records" for that year listed "the most accurate balance in the world" as being an Oertling product of the Cray Valley.

At St. Mary Cray is the works of the **Petts Wood Printing Co. Ltd.** This company produces high-class colour and monochrome work with art leaflets, booklets and brochures as a speciality.

Electrical and mechanical engineering is carried out at the Bromley factory of the **Simmons Electrical & Winding Co. Ltd.** Electrical repairs and rewinds are undertaken and appliances manufactured include electric brakes, control panels, special purpose motors, coils, leadscrew limit switches, rotor and stator units.

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If you have never heard of Coates Brothers we are not really surprised; yet our products are in everyone's shopping bag, in every home, in the streets, in the schools, and in the offices and factories everywhere. Our products are found on every conceivable kind of surface—paper, board, glass, skin, metal, wood, textiles and the whole range of plastics - you see them on walls, floors, highways, airfields, on publications, packaging and many manufactured articles. Perhaps the reason that you have not heard of us is that our products are bought not by the general public but by commercial users and industrial companies and we are justifiably proud of our world-wide reputation as technological leaders in the industries that we serve.

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Entrance Requirements

We recruit some school-leavers at 16 years with 'O' levels in science subjects but the main intake is at 18 years after 'A' levels. The most relevant subjects are Chemistry, Physics and Maths, but other combinations are accepted.

Further Education & Training

Most of our young technical staff continue their education on day-release at technical colleges of their own choosing. A wide range of courses is sponsored, including O.N.C. and H.N.C. in Chemistry or Physics; City and Guilds courses in printing ink or paint technology; diploma courses in plastics or surface coatings. Many students are successful in obtaining degree equivalent qualifications such as L.R.I.C., A.P.I. and G.R.I.C. For those who have obtained basic technical qualifications and are reaching towards management or specialist positions, courses in business studies, marketing, export or management studies may be sponsored.

In-company training has been well developed for many years and is largely responsible for the company's leading position in the industry. Training is by practical experience on-the-job under expert guidance. Experience is structured by job rotation and is supplemented by relevant off-the-job internal and external courses.

Please apply to the Staff Officer:

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Telcon Plastics Limited, a member of the BICC Group, was formed in 1961, its production units being located at Farnborough Works, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent.

The company engages in the large scale processing of materials into forms suitable for further conversion and its customers are among the most important names in industry.

Products include polyethylene extrusion coated and laminated papers, boards, foils and textiles which have a wide variety of applications from the protective packaging of food and industrial products to the provision of a moisture barrier in insulated building boards and quality wall coverings.

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The first branded products to be launched recently are TELSPAR — a robust ranch-type fencing system and TELCLAD — a domestic and industrial wall cladding component.

One of the largest timber merchants in the Borough is **Youngs of Orpington Ltd.**, at Sevenoaks Way, St. Paul's Cray.

YOUNGS was first established in 1944 as a small family business, based in Orpington High Street. The Company moved to their present premises in Sevenoaks Way in 1947, and have continued to innovate and expand, becoming major suppliers, manufacturers and erectors of all types of fencing, gates, and sheds.

YOUNGS are happy to offer free estimates and deliveries to their customers, as well as the benefit of advice based on thirty-six years of experience.

Commerce

The Borough of Bromley grows in importance, too, as a commercial centre and details of a representative group of enterprises (based on advertisers) follow.

Close to St. Mary Cray Station and at the entrance to the new Orpington Trading Estate is the yard of **A2B Transport Ltd.** This firm has a fleet of vans from 18 cwt to 38 cwt and Luton transits are available for nationwide removal and transport work. The firm, who also act as an agency for heavy transport, have self-drive vans for hire and competitive rates are offered for contract hire or regular work.

Well known in the main streets of Bromley, Beckenham and Orpington are the shoe shops of **Ayling of Bromley**. One of the oldest of local firms it dates back to 1790 yet is still run today by descendants of the founding family—a family closely connected with Kent county cricket. The founder, William Ayling, became a shoemaker with a Bromley business and, with his brother, a keen player of cricket. Indeed William became a first-class batsman who played in the first two Gentlemen *versus* Players games. The Beckenham shop followed in 1887 and that at Orpington was opened in 1928. All three shops are thoroughly modern yet carry on that tradition of shoe making and retailing that was started 187 years ago.

At Addison Road, Bickley are the premises of **Bickleycars Ltd.**, a firm who offer chauffeur hire and chauffeur-driven care hire services.

Demolition is the concern of **Syd Bishop & Sons (Demolition) Ltd.**, an Orpington business who carry out work for such organisations as the Greater London Council; British Rail; the Ministry of Defence and the Department of the Environment. Site clearance excavation and demolition are all undertaken and the company has low loaders for hire and operates a rubbish container service.

The Crest Hotel in Blyth Road, Bromley is one of the leading establishments in the Borough and is R.A.C. approved.

With branches at Bromley, Beckenham, Orpington and West Wickham, the **Elwyn Reed School of Motoring** is an R.A.C. registered school with R.A.C. instructed and M.O.T. approved instructors.

F. L. Emery & Son Ltd. of Orpington have some 40 years' experience of fencing contracting. Fence repairs are carried out and all kinds of fencing can be supplied and erected by experienced personnel. Gates and sheds are also supplied and erected.

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Important each Thursday to Bromley residents is the *Bromley Times*, one of the newspapers of the **Kentish Times Newspapers** group. This weekly paper provides complete news on all aspects of Borough life.

"At Widmore Road, Bromley, is one of the towns' leading residential hotels—**The New Hackwood Hotel**. With 61 rooms and every modern amenity, the hotel is in spacious grounds and incorporates a restaurant and bar which is available to non-residents, caters for weddings and receptions and specialties in continental buffets. In addition to banqueting, the Conference facilities are well sought after".

At Petts Wood Road, Petts Wood are the premises of **Thomas Tubb & Son Ltd**, a business founded in 1923 and still carried on today as a family concern. The company continues to provide upholstery of a high standard and prides itself that it not only has some of its original staff but still keeps many of its original clients. There is no task that the firm cannot carry out in its work-rooms nor any idea that its staff of designers cannot tackle and resolve.

Amongst the leaders in the security profession is **Sentinel Security Service Ltd**. Established within the Bromley Borough over sixteen years ago the company has a reputation for the high standard of their manned services.

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Comfortable accommodation is provided by the **Villa St, Philomena Hotel** of Lansdowne Road, Bromley. Parking is available, a licensed bar is provided and the restaurant caters for weddings and parties.

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Petts Wood Printing



General Information

The information usually included under this heading is subject to constant change, particularly with regard to telephone numbers and addresses. Experience has shown that entries are often obsolete within a few weeks of publication.

To overcome this difficulty, only those items of general interest and subject to little change are listed below.

The full details are published in the Council's Information Handbook, which is updated and reprinted every six months and is available free from all Council enquiry offices and libraries.

Telephone enquiries concerning Council services should be made to the Information Office at Bromley Town Hall (01-464 3333).

Enquiry desks are situated at:

Beckenham—Borough Engineer's Enquiry Desk, Town Hall, Church Avenue, Beckenham BR3 1EX.

Bromley—Chief Executive's Enquiry Desk, Town Hall, Widmore Road, Bromley BR1 1SB.

Orpington—Area Offices, The Walnuts, High Street, Orpington BR6 0UN.

Penge—Borough Architect's Enquiry Desk, Town Hall, Anerley Road, SE20 8BQ.

A list of libraries and their addresses will be found on page 89.

Please note that where no address or telephone number is given, it will be found in the list of officers and their departments on pages 15 and 17.

Accommodation (Hotels)

Information is available at Town Hall, Bromley. 01-464 3333.

Airport: Civil

Biggin Hill—about 8 miles from Bromley Town Centre.

Flying Control. Biggin Hill 72277.

Estates Office, Main Road, Biggin Hill. Biggin Hill 71111.

Car Parks—Public

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Location

Capacity

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Station Road, West Wickham	76
*St. George's Road, Beckenham	154
Fairfield Road, Beckenham	107
Hospital Meadow, Village Way, Beckenham	144
*The Alders, West Wickham	150
Croydon Road, West Wickham	26
Lennard Road, Beckenham	45
High Street, West Wickham	138
Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham	171
Dunbar Avenue, Elmers End	67

CHISLEHURST

Red Hill, Chislehurst	38
High Street, Chislehurst	142
*Cotmandene Crescent, St. Paul's Cray	38
Hornbrook House, High Street, Chislehurst	75
Kimmeridge Road, Mottingham	20

BROMLEY

The Hill, Beckenham Lane	328
Queens Road	126
Lownds Avenue	115
Elmfield Road	357
Station Approach, Hayes	133
Station Road	75
Westmoreland Road (Multi-storey)	600
Burnt Ash Lane	108
Plaistow Lane	77

ORPINGTON

Memorial Hall, Petts Wood	52
White Hart Road, Orpington	10
Station Road, Orpington (Multi-storey)	842
Princess Parade, Locksbottom	221
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Plaistow, Burnt Ash Lane	01-460 0812
St. Luke's Magpie Hall Lane	01-462 1519
Chislehurst: Beaverwood Road,	
Chislehurst	01-300 2411
Orpington: Star Lane, St. Mary Cray	
	Orpington 20637
Biggin Hill: Church Road, Biggin Hill	
	Biggin Hill 73213

Churches

Information available at Information Office,
Town Hall, Bromley, or at Libraries and
Council Enquiry Desks.

Cinemas

A.B.C., High Street, Beckenham.
01-650 1171
Commodore, High Street, Orpington.
Orpington 20222
Odeon, High Street, Bromley. 01-460 4425

Clubs—Organisations etc.

Headings under which records are kept
by the Council. (For information regarding
these Organisations, etc., telephone: Informa-
tion Office 01-464 3333 or any Library or
Council Enquiry Desk.)

Aeronautical
Allotments
Amenity Societies
Animals
Antiques
Aquarist
Archaeological
Art
Arthritis
Astrology
Astronomy
Bee-keeping
Birds, Cage
Blind
Cactus
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
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Choirs
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Design
Diabetic
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Dyslexia
Educational
Estate Agents
Ex-Service Associations
Floral Arrangement
Friendly Societies
Geographical
Gramophone
Green Belt
Halls
Historical
Horticultural
Hospitals
Housing Societies
Languages
Law
Leukaemia
Life Belt Scheme
Lions, International
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Locomotive Preservation Society
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Squash, Swimming, Tennis and Weight-
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United Nations Associations

Veterinary Surgeons

Vivisection

Voluntary Services

Weight Watchers

Welfare

Welsh

Wine Making

Women's Organisations

Workers' Educational Associations

World Development Action Group

Youth

Courts

County Court: Court House, College Road,
Bromley, BR1 3 PX. 01-464 9727.

Court Office open Monday to Friday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Magistrates Court: South Street, Bromley,
BR1 1RD. 01-460 8822.

Crematorium

Beckenham Crematorium Ltd. (and Ceme-
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4TD. 01-650 0322.

Early Closing

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Biggin Hill

Bromley

Wednesday

Wednesday

Wednesday

Chelsfield	Wednesday
Chislehurst	Wednesday
Downe	Thursday
Farnborough	Thursday
Green-Street-Green	Thursday
Hayes	Thursday
Leaves Green	Thursday
Locksbottom	Thursday
Mottingham	Thursday
Orpington	Thursday
Penge	Wednesday
Petts Wood	Wednesday
Pratts Bottom	Thursday
St. Mary Cray	Thursday
St. Paul's Cray	Wednesday
West Wickham	Wednesday

It should be noted that many areas of the
borough now operate a six-day trading week
and many shops will be open on the recog-
nised early closing day whilst a few shops
will close on other than the recognised day.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS

24-hour service 01-464 4848

OTHER SERVICES

Ambulance, Fire, Police Dial 999

Bromley Area Health Authority:

Midwifery, Day-01-650 2213

Night-01-460 9933

Home Nursing, Day-01-460 9988

Night 01-460 9933

Electricity

South Eastern Electricity Board

Orpington 32181

London Electricity Board 01-778 7890

Gas

Contact your district office.

Beckenham, Bromley

Orpington and Chislehurst

Orpington 36936

Penge

01-778 6050

Water

Clock House, Elmers End, Kent

House and Penge 01-674 9888

All other Areas 01-692 0333

Halls (Council)

Director of Recreation (Halls Manager).

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ham, BR3 3QL. 01-650 0125.

Beckenham Maternity, Stone Park Avenue,
Beckenham, BR3 3LY. 01-650 2213.

Bethlem Royal (Psychiatric), Monks Orchard
Road, Eden Park, Beckenham, BR3 3BX.
01-777-6611

Bethlem Royal Day, Monks Orchard Road,
Eden Park, Beckenham, BR3 3BX.
01-777 6611.

Bromley General, Cromwell Avenue, Bromley,
BR2 9AJ. 01-460 9933.

Bromley Chest Clinic, Tiger Lane, Masons
Hill, Bromley, BR2 9JL. 01-460 2686.

Cane Hill (Psychiatric), Coulsdon, Surrey,
CR3 3YL. Downland 52221

Cheyne (Children), Woodland Way, West
Wickham, BR4 9LT.

Hospital 01-777 1955.

School 01-777 3443

Farnborough, Locksbottom, BR6 8ND.
Farnborough 53333.

Lennard (Geriatric), Lennard Road, Bromley,
BR2 8LW. 01-462 1254.

Orpington, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington,
BR6 9JU. Orpington 27050.

Queen Mary's, Sidcup. 01-302 2678.

Markets and Market Days

Bromley: Station Road. Thursday only.

Penge: Maple Road (High Street end).
Tuesday to Saturday, except Wednesday
afternoon.

Applications for stalls should be addressed
to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

Newspapers

Beckenham Journal, 5, Kelsey Park Road,
Beckenham, BR3 2LH. 01-650 0128.

Bromley & Kentish Time, Chislehurst &
Kentish Times, 21 Church Road, Bromley,
BR2 0EH. 01-460 0016.

Orpington & Kentish Times, 282, High Street,
Orpington, BR6 0LT. Orpington 25617

Beckenham & Penge Advertiser, Bromley
Advertiser, 73, High Street, Beckenham,
BR3 1AN. 01-658 5027

Biggin Hill News (incorporating) Farnborough
News, 152 Main Road, Biggin Hill,
Westerham, TN16 3BA. Biggin Hill 75079.

News Shopper (Orpington & Petts Wood,
Sidcup & Chislehurst, Bromley & Hayes),
88A, High Street, Orpington, BR6 0JZ.
Orpington 32441.

Beckenham & Penge Record, 88A High Street,
Orpington, BR6 0JZ. Orpington 36211.

Sevenoaks Chronicle, 54 High Street, Seven-
oaks. Sevenoaks 52303.

West Norwood News, 1 Gleneldon Road,
S.W.16. 01-677 8111.

West Wickham & Hayes News, 62A Glebe
Way, West Wickham, BR4 0RL.
01-777 8209.

Police Stations

Bromley: 48 Widmore Road, Bromley,
BR1 3EG. 01-697 9212,

Chislehurst: 47 High Street, Chislehurst,
BR7 5AF. 01-697 9212.

Orpington: Crofton Road, Farnborough,
BR6 8NE. 01-697 9212.

79 High Street, St. Mary Cray, BR5 3NH.
Orpington 73211.

Penge: High Street, Penge, S.E.20.
01-697 9212.

Police Offices (restricted hours)

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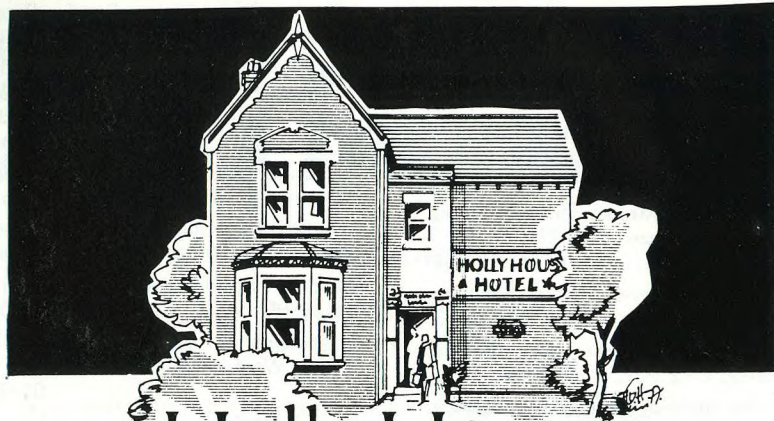
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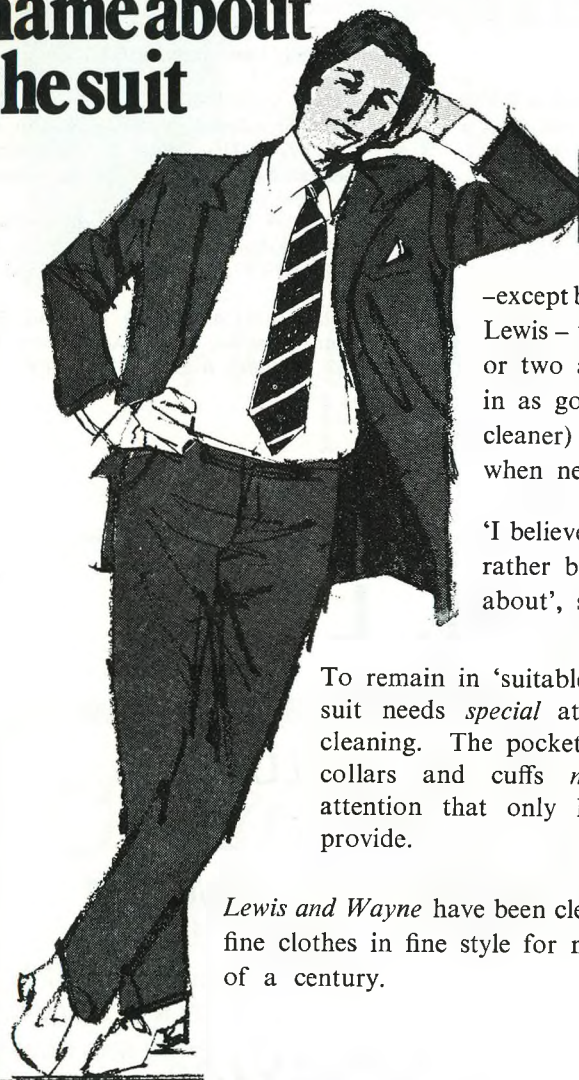
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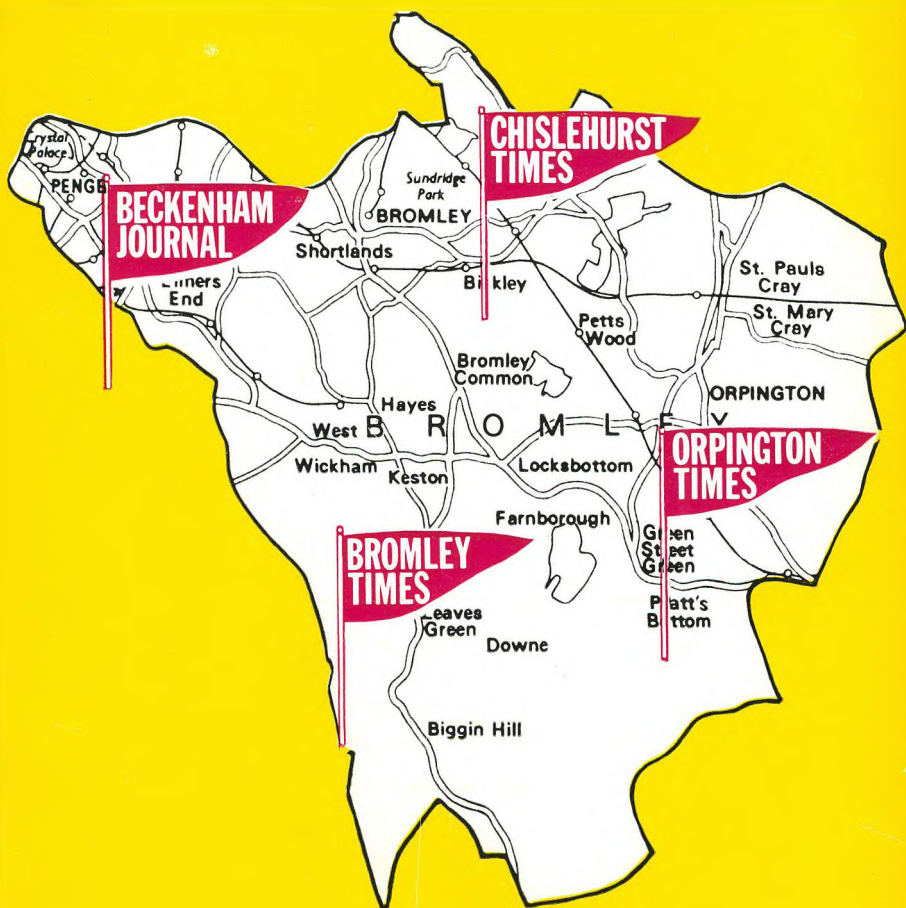
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