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New publications

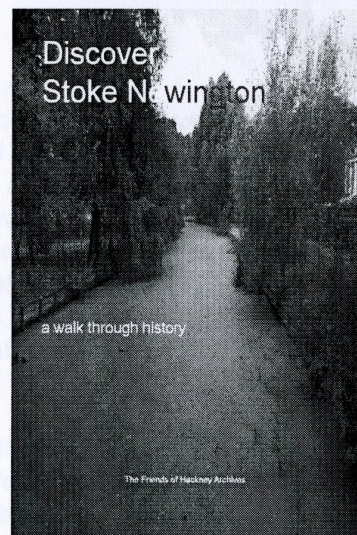
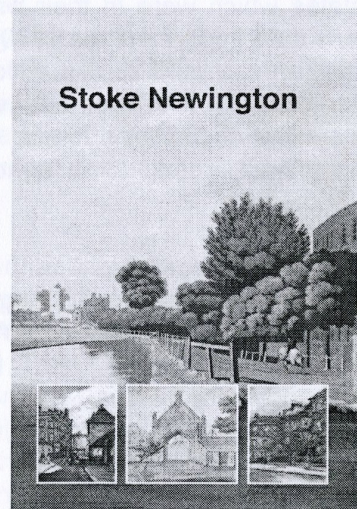
The Friends are pleased to announce two completely new publications and the re-issue of others, in addition to *Hackney History 14* which is circulated with this newsletter.

'**Stoke Newington**' is the title of a new video from Bill Hall, in DVD format. It runs for approximately 2 hours and ranges widely through the history of the village, starting with the Romans who in effect defined Stoke Newington's later boundary with Hackney, and the creation of the manor house by the scholar William Patten in Tudor times. The film takes five themes – the development of the village; historic buildings; Stoke Newington as a haven for those unable to accept the teachings of the established church; local literary figures Daniel Defoe, Anna Sewell and Edgar Allan Poe; and transformation into a Victorian/ Edwardian suburb.

Simultaneously, Bill's three earlier films are re-issued as two DVDs. **Four Hackney Houses** brings together two one-hour films formerly available in VHS format. One deals with Brooke House, and the other, 'Three Hackney Houses', looks at Balmes, Shacklewell manor house and Barbers Barn. **Church Street Hackney: the Narrow Way** runs for an hour and looks at the northern end of Mare Street and the ancient heart of Hackney village.

Also just off the press is a guided walk in the form of a full-colour 68-page booklet '**Discover Stoke Newington: a walk through history**'. The text, by David Mander and Isobel Watson, is accompanied by 140 illustrations (including many from the Archives), and 3 maps. The walk follows a circular route from Stoke Newington Station via Abney Park, Church Street, Clissold Park, Albion Road, the High Street, Stoke Newington Common, Manor Road and Windus Road. Processing costs for both the booklet and the new DVD have been assisted by grants from the former Save the Reservoirs fund and from Stoke Newington First, for arranging which we are particularly grateful to Penny Crick.

Each DVD costs £6.95. 'Discover Stoke Newington' costs £4.95. Copies of all are available from Hackney Archives Department. An order form (see also page 4) is included with this Terrier.



New accessions – plans, plans and more plans

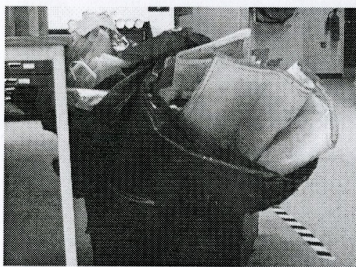
As you may have gathered from the title, the last few months have been rather successful for acquiring new plans and maps to add to our archive. We have three new collections in all, each fairly large.

Maps of Shoreditch estates

The Shoreditch Trust have kindly given us about 300 plans of various Shoreditch housing estates which were in their possession. The plans date from about the 1940s to the 1980s. They are actually copies which were made specifically for the Trust, but as far as we are aware the originals no longer survive. These should be a useful source for house-historians in Shoreditch.

Springfield House basement

Springfield House, in Springfield Park, is currently being refurbished. As a result we have been



given a number of plans found in the basement. We assume that these are plans of Springfield House itself, but we have not yet been able to look at them

in detail – as you'll see from the photo, they weren't in the best condition when we received them! The plans are currently in the hands of our conservator, Jacqueline Bradshaw-Price, and we hope to put some photos in a later *Terrier* showing what they look like after she has given them a little TLC.

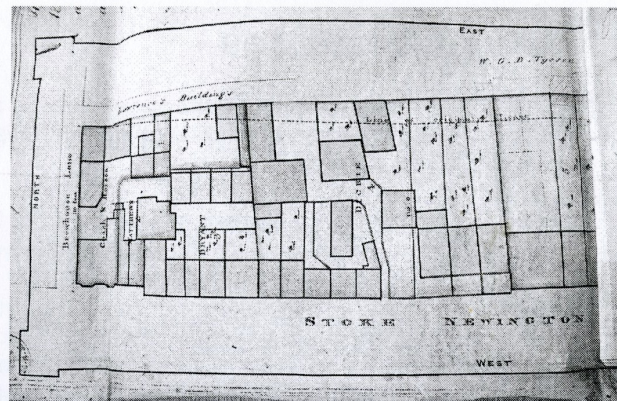
Maps from Stoke Newington Library

We have been given fifty or so maps and plans of London which were being stored in one of the back rooms of Stoke Newington Library. A lot of these are duplicates of maps which we already

have in the collection, but there are a few which fill in gaps, including several Ordnance Survey sheets for Stoke Newington.

Friends in deed

Last, but not least, the Friends of Hackney Archives have bought a very interesting addition for our collections. It is a deed which dates from May 1835 and was drawn up prior to the marriage of Harriet Caroline Hopkinson and



John Robert Daniel Tyssen. Its object was to ensure that Harriet would be financially provided for once she was married, but it is of interest to a Hackney historian for several reasons. Harriet's yearly income was funded by a large block of properties on the east side of Stoke Newington High Street, and the deed includes a detailed schedule describing the buildings (including the Coach and Horses pub) and listing the occupants. It also fits in with the title of this article by including a very nice plan of the buildings, part of which is illustrated here. Harriet's prospective husband is also worth noting. J.R. Daniel Tyssen was a younger son of the lord of the manor of Hackney, and for some years acted as manorial steward for the estate. He was an enthusiastic antiquarian, collecting material on the history of the area. In 1882 he donated his collection to the parish of Hackney, and in 1908 it was transferred to the new Library on Mare Street. It is now one of the central collections in Hackney Archives.

Siân Mogridge
Archivist

Recent additions to the local studies library

Walking across London: exploring all sides of the capital in ten unique and fascinating walks (Capital Travel, £9.95, ISBN 978 0 955953 70 5) was donated by author Patrick Hamilton who used Hackney Archives as part of his research. Walk five, 'A taste of eastern markets', stretches from Walthamstow to Petticoat Lane via Hackney and Shoreditch and offers plenty of historical and architectural details to keep the walker entertained during the journey. Shelved at 902.4 AS.

People in place: families, households and housing in early modern London by Vanessa Harding (Centre for Metropolitan History, Institute of Historical Reserach, ISBN 978 1 905165 22 3) is a well-illustrated booklet outlining the approaches and results of a three-year project studying parts of Clerkenwell, Cheapside and Tower Hill between 1550 and 1720. More about the project can be found at <http://www.history.ac.uk/cmh/pip/index.html>. Shelved at 090 AS.

The Clapton cookbook: recipes, ruminations and a remarkable tour of Clapton's kitchens, food stores and restaurants as told by the people of Clapton (Time and Place Projects, £4.99) is packed full of foodie fun and tasty tips from old favourites like shepherd's pie and carrot cake to the wonderfully named local temptation of 'Clapton lady's thigh kofte'! Shelved at 300.11 SR.

Another local cookbook has been donated by the Friends. *Moro East* (Ebury Press,

£25.00, ISBN 978 0 091917 77 7) by husband and wife restaurateurs Sam and Sam Clark, records a year in the life of Manor Park allotments in Hackney Wick. The Clarks, known for their Moroccan food, find inspiration from the local

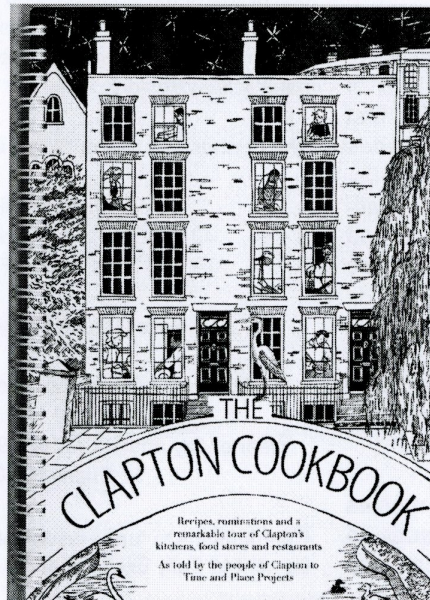


Turkish and Cypriot community. Beautifully illustrated with images both of food and place, the book is a valuable record of the allotments which have since been bulldozed to make way for the 2012 Olympic development. Shelved at 300.11 AS/OS.

The Friends very kindly purchased Edward H. Milligan's *Biographical dictionary of British Quakers in commerce and industry 1775-1920* (Sessions Book Trust, £30.00 ISBN 978 1 850723 67 7) for the library. Containing some 2,800 entries, this is an invaluable source for anyone researching any aspect of Quaker history, something especially relevant to the Stoke Newington area of Hackney. Shelved at 261 AS/OS.

Another acquisition relating to the Society of Friends has been the two volumes of David M. Butler's *The Quaker meeting houses of Britain* (Friends Historical Society, £25.00, ISBN 0 900 469 44 7). This comprehensive work describes 1,300 meeting houses and 900 burial grounds, including Hoxton Hall and Yoakley Road in Stoke Newington. Shelved at 720.261 AS/OS.

The third edition of *The Encyclopaedia of London* (Macmillan, £50.00, ISBN 978 1 405 049 24 5), purchased by the Friends, has been extensively revised and updated by John and Julia Keay, with contemporary images being



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added to the 500 illustrations of the last edition. Packed full of information on the city's colourful history, geography, events and institutions, this immensely readable book claims to contain everything anyone could possibly want to know about London. Shelved at 909 AS.

The Friends have also very kindly acquired an original copy of *A true patriot*, a sermon preached in 1790 by Samuel Palmer in Hackney on the death of prison reformer John Howard. Palmer was minister at St Thomas Square Chapel in Mare Street, whilst Hackney-born Howard lived for many years in Stoke Newington. This item is a very valuable addition to our collections relating to both men. Shelved at 825 PAL SR.

The Friends have also purchased a copy of the journal *Interiors for architects & designers* from June/July 2000, as this contains a very useful illustrated article on The Light bar, a former Victorian power station in Shoreditch High Street transformed by architects Waugh Thistleton into a vibrant social venue. Shelved at 720.900 P.

Sally England
Local Studies Librarian

Bargain books

A stock of the reprint of *Glimpses of Ancient Hackney and Stoke Newington* by Dr Benjamin Clarke, previously thought to have been completely out of print, has recently come to light. The content first appeared (under the pseudonym 'FRCS') as a series of newspaper articles, then as a book, in the 1890s. Copies of the 1986 paperback facsimile edition, with notes by David Mander, as well as illustrations and an index, are now available from Hackney Archives Department.

David Mander's *Late Extra! – Hackney in the News* (published 2000), an original exploration of Hackney as seen through the local press since the early 18th century, is also on sale at a reduced price.

Each title can be purchased for £5 at Hackney Archives Department, or for £6 each post free (cheques to London Borough of Hackney, please). You can use the order form included with this *Terrier*.

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Winter and spring lectures, 2009

8 January – Hospitallers and Templars in Greater London and beyond

Pam Willis, curator of the Museum of the Order of St John

19 February – AGM and presidential address

LAMAS's new president is Professor Caroline Barron

12 March – Forging the Railway

Andrew Westman of the Museum of London Archaeology Service on archaeologists' investigations of stations, viaducts and other railway works

16 April – Friends in the City

Dr Simon Dixon of Queen Mary, University of London, on Quakers in 17th and early 18th century London

The Friends of Hackney Archives are affiliated to LAMAS and you are welcome to attend lectures. All lectures except the AGM are on Thursdays at 6.30 p.m in the Terrace Room of the Museum of London. The AGM begins at 6 p.m. and is on a Wednesday. Refreshments are available half an hour before each meeting.

The Friends of Hackney Archives

constitute an independent charity (no. 1074493) dedicated to supporting the Borough's archives and promoting local history in the area. Membership is open to all. The subscription is £10 in the UK (plus £2 for each additional member at the same address) and £20 sterling overseas. The subscription runs for a calendar year and includes at least three issues of the *Hackney Terrier* and a copy of the journal *Hackney History*.

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The HAD searchroom is open to the public on -

Tuesday (9.30 - 13.00, 14.00-20.00)

Wednesday and Thursday (9.30 - 13.00, 14.00-17.30)

Friday (9.30-13.00)

Contributions to future issues of the *Hackney Terrier* should be sent to Sally England at the above address.