



Your free August 2010 Newsletter

Dear 'Walthamstow Memories' visitor/contributor,

this newsletter is a bit late, but - as many of you know by now - I have been away for almost a month, visiting friends & relatives in Spain (I safely returned home after a 7000 km drive!).

On my return, I had to cope with over 800 emails decanting on my desktop (no, not all pertaining to this site!), so if I have missed out a reply, please let me know.

Now to the news on the site:

The **[Private reply] / [Public reply]** system introduced seems to have pleased the majority of you, so we've decided to keep it.

The **'Live chat'** does not seem to work as I expected (software-wise), so, unless you would feel hurt by its removal (let me know!), I shall consider eliminating it from the site.

In the July Newsletter, I suggested sending in a small picture of yourselves to create a 'visitors' **thumbnail-photo gallery**. I only had a few positive responses, so perhaps you do not like the idea?

Same applies to the page on **"Did you know? - Curiosities & facts on Walthamstow"**: I had little if no response at all - so, unless I hear from you, I shall give a minor priority to this.

Thanks to an agreement with **Dave Hughes**, one of our visitors, the **Local Bands** section will shortly include the Waltham Forest section of the world-wide **"Band & Venue Files" project**, which he developed over years of patient research. You will find brief info on loads of local bands, ranging from the '60s to now. Info on his project may be found on [this site](#).

We have been recently contacted by some visitors, which I would like to mention:

Alan Wills - has written a real witty book on his young days in Walthamstow and has sent in a few chapters, which you may enjoy reading in the **'Literature section'** ([click here](#)). I really like the way he tells his stories and I'm eager to buy the book as soon it pops out in the shops (the title is still quite uncertain, but should be "Cockneys are not that tough").

Colleen Morrison - has sent in a many pictures on the **Shead** family, who once lived in Walthamstow: it will take quite some time to sort & arrange them in a viewable form and we shall dedicate them a special page. Many, many thanks, Colleen!

Dave Tootill - has also sent in somemore family pictures which shall soon appear on the site.

Last but not least:

James O'Rourke - contacted John & me on a book he's writing to celebrate the **125th anniversary of Walthamstow market**. We shall post any further news on the site.

And now to a **'stop press'** bit of news:

A Call for a small gathering in Walthamstow:

If my plans work out smoothly, I shall be in Walthamstow on the afternoon of **Saturday, the 11th of September**. I thought it would be nice if those of you, who live near enough, could join "for a good pint" - (keep an eye on the home page of the site for the venue!). Bring in friends & family, but do let me know in advance, so I can make the necessary arrangements!! **Please E-mail me before Sept. 2nd** if you think you may attend. If this first meeting proves a success, we could plan something better organized next year, perhaps involving those who live elsewhere too!

Don't be shy: Send in your opinions & suggestions: John & I always welcome your comments and... critics too.

You may be a regular visitor or perhaps just occasional. In the latter case, we invite you to return soon and browse to see what's new and, possibly drop in your views. Why not [visit now](#)?

Kindest regards,

Daniel J. Quinn, Co-Editor

P.S. - This site is entirely run on a voluntary basis and greatly depends on the personal stories & pictures you so kindly provide us with... Please continue to [send them in](#)!

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