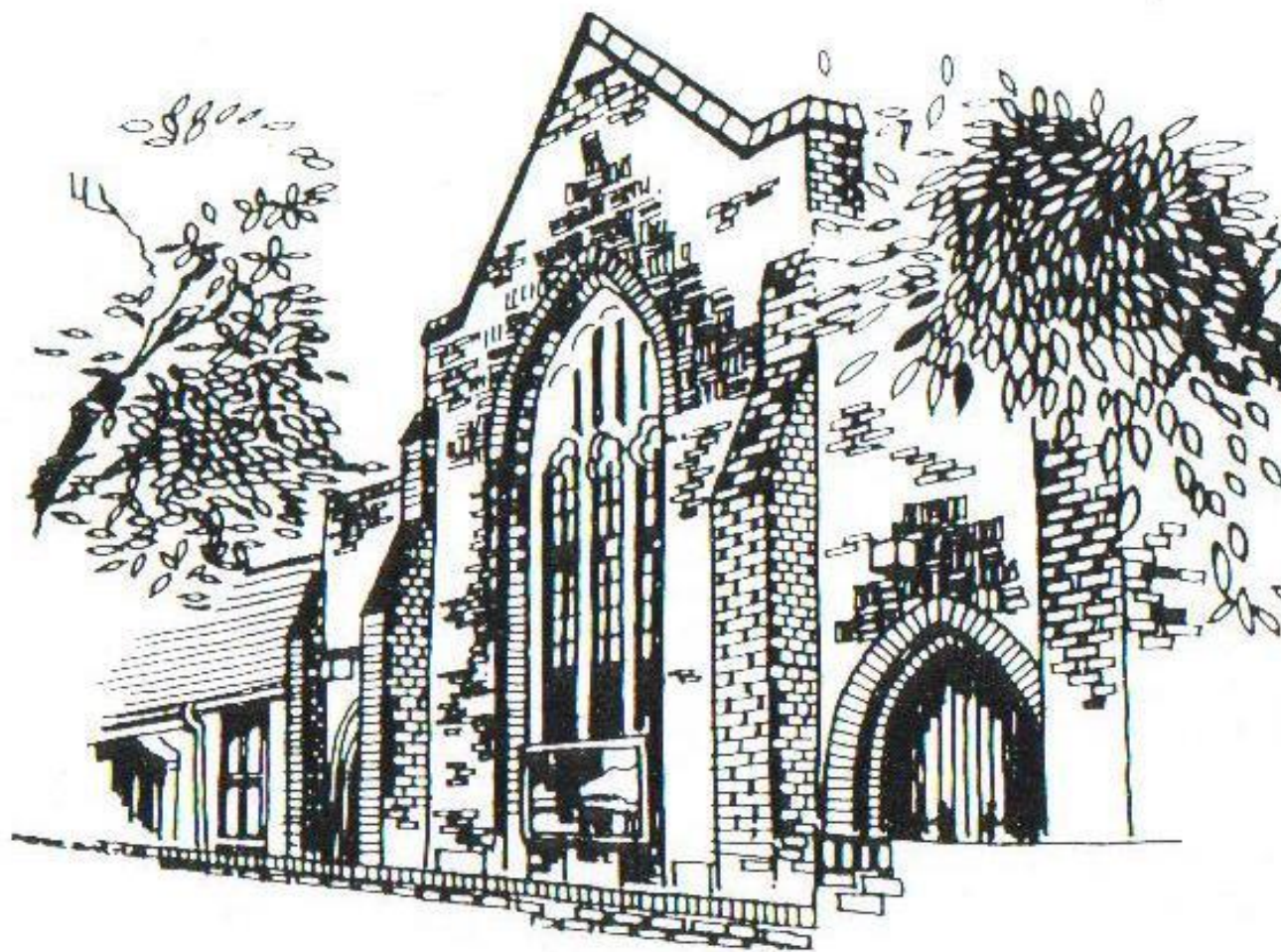




The Magazine
of
**Highams Park Baptist
Church**

Cavendish Road, E.4.



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CHURCH PROGRAMME



SUNDAY SERVICES: 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (including a crèche and groups for children and young people)

Holy Communion is conducted regularly within the Services. We invite all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour to eat and drink in Communion. Please see the Church Diary (at the back of the magazine) for details.

Monday Gathered Prayer 10.00 – 11.00am at the Church
An opportunity to pray for the life and work of the Church and for the local community

Friday: Boys Brigade and Girls Association:

Anchors (For boys and girls in school years 1-3) 6:00 - 7.30 pm
Juniors (For boys and girls in school years 4-6) 7.00 - 8:30 pm
Company Section (For boys in school years 7+) 7:30 - 9:30 pm

* Please note that these days and times may be amended. Please contact staff for details.

Cell Groups: The cell groups are small groups of people that meet together every other week for friendship, support, Bible study / application. It would be great if you wanted to try one of the groups.

Sunday Cell Group : 7.30 - 9.00 pm at 21 Falmouth Avenue, contact Margaret on 8527 3544

Thursday Cell Group: 2.00 – 3.30pm at 212 The Avenue, contact Sheila on 8531 5480

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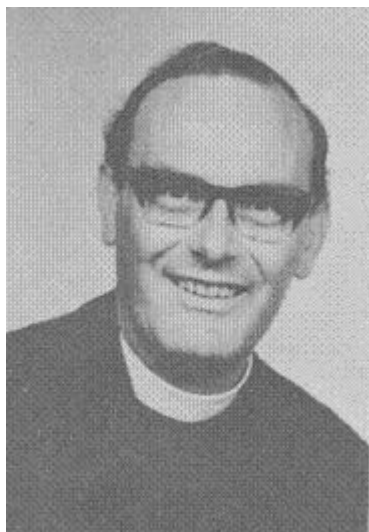
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Following the first magazine letter from Michael Walker in the last issue, we now bring you H. Alan Smith's first letter. He came almost exactly two years after the departure of Michael and both he and his wife Marian are fondly remembered by many of our readers. One of his attributes which stick in our minds is his rapport with children - never more so than on Christmas morning when he enthralled them with his storytelling whilst they were gathered around him...

My Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe that, as I write, it is only a fortnight since the inspiring occasion of my Induction. We seem to have been here in Highams Park for months – and that is a measure of the great welcome you have given to us. Since the day we moved into the Manse you have made us feel completely at home.

Your kindness in so many ways has been overwhelming, and my wife and I want you to know how grateful we are. We already feel that we belong, and we look forward so much to getting to know you all better as the days go by.

A local reporter asked me after my Induction; 'What are your plans for Highams Park?' I pointed out that, as I had only just arrived, I had not had time to formulate any plans! When a Minister comes to a Church it is important that he takes time to feel the pulse of the fellowship and to discover the situation in which the Church is set. I hope in these first few months to look, to listen and to learn what the situation is.

But of course I have hopes for the future, and I intend to share with you some of my thinking at the Church Meeting in November.

Then in the New Year I hope that we can be involved together in discovering God's will for us as we seek to proclaim the Gospel and serve the community in Highams Park.

Do please let me know if I can help you in any way. I am here to serve you in the name of Christ, and will be happy to do so. I will be available every day – except that we hope to have time off on Mondays for relaxation. I should be grateful if you would leave me free on Mondays and arrange any meetings at which you want me to be present on some other evening of the week.

My wife joins me in sending warmest greetings to you all.

Yours sincerely
H. Alan Smith.



At this time of year many of our young people are facing changes to their lives - some are starting school for the very first time, or changing schools. Others are facing the prospect of going into further education or starting their careers. This can be a daunting and perplexing time for them. At our children's senior school each pupil was given the following prayers after their exam results were received:

'O Lord who hast done so much for me, grant me one more thing... a grateful heart'

'Help me to remember Lord that nothing's going to happen today that you and I can't handle together.'

Cavendish Circular



Regular readers may have noticed that this issue has been somewhat delayed, for which we apologise. A particularly busy time at Church during the last few weeks has meant that we have only just been able to prepare this issue - hopefully you will find it worth waiting

for! While the Summer season usually means we can take it easy for a few weeks this has definitely not been the case at HPBC! While we seek God's will to find a new Minister we have also been busy refurbishing the Church where possible and undertaking necessary repairs and investigations to bring our fabric up to date and efficiently and safely run. You can read more about these activities later in the issue.

The BBGA has enjoyed a busy and fun-filled summer season and have just returned from their annual camp in the Bristol area. We thank Toby Player for his report on this special week. From September there will be changes to our Brigade work which will be reported in our next issue. Meanwhile we thank all those who have so faithfully served the young people of our Brigades week by week, in some cases for many years. May God's guidance be a very real presence in every decision that is made for the future of this work.

Our Youth Worker, Chris, has also been very busy during the Summer organising drop-in sessions for youngsters in August and preparing, with Sarah Raymond, creativity ideas for Sunday Services during September. He also has projects in the pipeline, liaising with other local Churches. We are so grateful to him and all our Junior Church staff for their enthusiasm and hard work during the year.

We continue to remember in prayer those of our fellowship who are unwell or in need of treatment. Some weeks ago little Lucas Jones suffered a serious burn to his hand which needed a skin graft. We are pleased to report that he is now making good progress and certainly seemed to be enjoying our Summer social!

It was good to see Lynda Lewis-Azayear at Church once again recently after a prolonged time of ill health. She is still suffering from these issues and awaiting a further hip operation. Geoff Norris has attended Barts Hospital once more due to a low blood count and we ask for God's

care over Geoff and Margaret as they deal with their various health issues. A number of our fellowship continue to be confined to home including Mavis Grint and Joan Ashley who, while unable to worship regularly with us, remain very committed and interested in our Church life and who are valued members of our fellowship. It is so important that we continue praying for these and all those in especial need at this time - as we know, PRAYER WORKS!

Many thanks to our friend Jenny Cove who recently donated some smart new mugs to the Church which we have already enjoyed using! You can see them in use further on in the magazine.

We welcome our friend Jan Smithers safely back from her latest trip to Ghana where she has once again been doing voluntary teaching work. We have followed this work with great interest and will no doubt hear more in the coming weeks.

We continue to be grateful to all those who are assisting us during this time of Pastoral transition, not least our Moderator, Rev. Gareth Wilde who has been such a wise counsellor and friend, not only to the Church Council but to the fellowship as a whole. We have gained great support and encouragement from him as we progress through this time. Our thanks also go to Phil, our Secretary, who bears much of the administrative work involved and also those who have led our Services during these past months.

We recently enjoyed a table top sale and Summer social, ably organised and run by Mandy Edwards, whose idea it was to raise funds for next year's Spring Harvest. Although numbers were small, due to the holiday season, there were a number of fully laden tables, and later we enjoyed some delicious jacket potatoes with salads, followed by equally scrumptious gateaux! Our thanks go to Mandy and Rob, the extended Dorrington family, and all those who helped with the catering and clearing up. Mandy has reported on this event later on.

JL



Boys Brigade camp

It was my first time at Boys Brigade camp and I had an amazing time. The guys were kind and helpful to me. They wanted to

learn how to sign to talk to me. We enjoyed playing my board games. They enjoyed playing Gruffalo cards, as much as I did. It was lovely to be accepted. The activities were so much fun.

I was a star on the low ropes and the hammer hulk throwing. I tried everything although I did not get very high on crate stacking (but mum wimped out altogether). My favourite activity was swimming and go-karting. I also loved eating sausages.

Thank you for letting me come and believing in me. Also thanks to Jason for organising such a great week full of laughter and fun (and Rain.)



From: Toby Player

Summer Fun and Fellowship

We had mixed success in our fundraising venture on Saturday 5th August. There were several reasons that I

wanted to organise a Spring Harvest Fundraiser. In the traditional Baptist way it comes in threes 🤔.

Firstly to enhance the ability of the Spring Harvest Fairy to support those who otherwise would find it extremely difficult or impossible to come to Spring Harvest, secondly as outreach work, making connections with our local community and thirdly as a social event for our church, a time to get together, chat and enjoy each other's company.

I was pleased in the response to people wanting a table, the hall was full and half the tables were taken by people from people outside of our church (plus one other who would be interested if we did another). The down side was we did not have enough buyers come through the door. Despite leafleting the surrounding roads, putting posters in shops and advertising on Facebook we only had a slow trickle of people come through the door. So we all ended up taking lots of things home that we were hoping to rehouse. But, we did have a slow trickle of people, new people coming through our door. Sometimes the first step over the threshold is the hardest and maybe, just maybe they will be encouraged to see that we don't have claws and two set of sharp teeth and won't eat them if they get the courage to come back on a Sunday morning.




So maybe I will think about doing another one but I will have to have a rethink on how we are going to get people to come and find us, maybe involving the PTA at Selwyn and the TRA on Aldriche way might be worth a try.

In the evening, although we were small in number due to it being the holiday period, I think everyone had a good time. The children certainly did in the paddling pool! and we were blessed with the sun coming out so we could sit and chat in the garden till the sun disappeared and we retreated inside to eat some gorgeous gateaux to finish off the evening.

A big thank you to everyone who helped during the day, those that made teas and coffees during the sale, those that helped prepare and serve food and those that helped clear up. A special mention to Emma, and her family who stayed right till the very end helping to clear up, it was a long day for us all.



But the best news is that the hard work was worth it  as we raised £196 for the Spring Harvest Fairy. We are planning another fun evening in the autumn, more details to follow.

Mandy



Fabric...

What do you think of when the word 'fabric' is mentioned? Would it be the material that your clothes or perhaps curtains are made of? This is

perhaps the more common usage but there is another - defined in the Oxford Concise Dictionary as:

'structure or framework, especially the walls, floor and roof of a building' and comes from the Latin *fabrica* 'something skilfully produced.

Why should this be of interest to you, our reader? Well our Church building comes under the heading of fabric and as such, like the fabric for a garment, will wear out in time. Over the last few months, for various reasons, there has been much work on the fabric of HPBC. Some has been due to wear and tear, some due to the requirements of our Insurance Company and some for reasons of Health and Safety.

You may have noticed that all the radiators now have covers to avoid people being burnt, or that some of the lighting in the Church has been changed to more efficient types of lamp. Much of the electrical wiring has needed updating to current rules and regulations. The locks on the many doors in all the building have been changed to limit access to parts of the building. This means that groups and people using the Church for non-Religious purposes cannot gain access to the Sanctuary. Less obvious have been problems with drainage - an inspection by a remote camera has highlighted some faults caused by age and, perhaps, by the original laying of the pipes when the building was constructed. There was also a damp problem in the vestry toilet which has been resolved. You may also



remember that some time ago we had to have some brickwork repairs carried out to protect the outside of the building.

Newer readers may be unaware that some years ago in July 1993 we had a fire in the roof above the welcome area and Fellowship Hall. The

fabric was definitely looking the worse for wear then!

As is often the case, the damage was made worse by the water that had to be used to extinguish the fire. The wooden floor was in a sorry state. However, with a united effort we made the Church usable again. News of the fire warranted only a few lines in the magazine of the time (and there

were, of course, no pictures - so they are appearing for the first time!). Help came from many people including Leslie and Jean Durant and the Humphrey family (into Fabric even then!)



Much of the remedial work has been carried out to make the fabric suitable for the twenty-first century. Some is still left to do and some which meets all current requirements will stay. An example of this is the Baptistry whose emptying after use requires a good deal of arcane knowledge and reliance on the power of prayer!

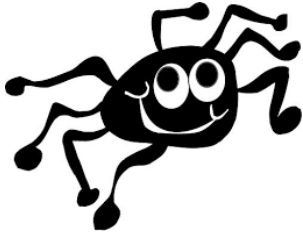
You can assist in keeping the Church in good shape - every so often there is a 'Church Work Day' where jobs such as painting and cleaning are carried out. Help is always gratefully received - watch out for announcements in the future.

All this work has had to be carried out to meet requirements in several different areas and is costly and time consuming. We have two excellent overseers of our fabric - Jason Close and Sheila Humphrey and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their time and energy spent on our behalf.

It is sometimes said that a Church is not the building but the people who use it. This may be true but surely we owe it to God to keep His house in good order for future generations, and also to attract new people to it.

DL

Samson's view from the web



Hello Samson, do you have any wisdom to offer us as a church from your spiders web in the organ loft?

Well Ed, I have been hearing about ministers coming to preach with a 'squint' or a 'peep' and I don't really understand why it takes so long to get a new minister to fill the pulpit?

Well Samson, we have to go through the process laid down by BUGB and it is intended that both church and minister discern God's will and know there is a 'call' by the church membership and the minister should know that they are 'called' by God to be the minister of our church too.

Well Ed, it all seems far too long and drawn out to me because all I have to do to catch a fly is weave a web that they can't see and hope that one day a fly will get caught up in it!

Thanks Samson, I'll let the Church Secretary know so that he can put it on our website so any prospective minister doesn't get caught up in it!

P T Slaney - in the tradition of Sam the Spider by A S Fugler

We are very grateful to Jenny Cove who has very kindly donated a number of china mugs to the Church. Somehow drinking out of a china mug seems more satisfying than out of a glass cup! With no saucers they cut down on the washing up too...



A 'mug' shot of the usual suspects!

Up, Up and Away:



Hopefully our readers will remember the article in a previous magazine about the releasing of 100 balloons to mark the Church Centenary. But what happened to them?

At the time Geoff Norris received news of one of the balloons...and wrote in the magazine:

One reached a village in Derbyshire - the lady who found it e-mailed Jonathan and they had a chat. She sent a message of congratulations and greetings to HPBC and assured us that her local Church would be praying for us. Another was discovered at Hope Village in the Peak District of Derbyshire. News of the balloons found its way into the local Anglican Church Bulletin and the balloon itself was picked up by a friend of Dr. James Burton. He saw the name Highams Park Baptist and contacted us by email. We corresponded and I found that James and his brother had lived in Wickham Road. He was a member of the 17 South Essex BB and recalls marching behind the BB band. He left Highams Park aged 18. He and his brother, now a Barrister, were at Selwyn School (where HPBC started). He reminisced, after he found that we were both medics. With regard to Doctors he recalled Dr J Mackie, Dr Gilbert, Dr Cuddon-Large - all local GPs - and Mr Mason, a local orthopaedic surgeon at Whipp's Cross.

He also remembered Highams Park Bachelors football team. which had apparently started at Highams Park Baptist, but could not be sustained. The lads were left with lots of shirts with HPB on the back, and so The Baptist became Bachelors. Are they still going? James seemed to think so! He also recalled our Minister Rev Stephen Winward.

All above memories from a balloon ! Was it the one you let go?

This was a letter received recently by Geoff Norris which prompted the following reminiscences!:

'Dear Geoff, You may remember this correspondence that we shared 9 (Ed's note it was actually 4) years ago when the balloon came down from HPB into the Peak District of Derbyshire, 180 miles away.

We are just about to return to Sheffield after 20 yrs in the Peak District as we feel we need to be nearer facilities, so we have bought a house in the area we lived in before we moved here. We were in the same area for 30 yrs whilst we both worked as doctors. Today I called on a neighbour in Sheffield, 3 doors from our next house asking for her decorator's details. 'Come in she said and I will get the address' Whilst I waited in the doorway, I was admiring the pictures on the hall wall, one was of Old church Chingford. I said 'you don't come from Chingford by any chance ? 'Actually Highams Park', - so did I.

I told her and recounted the experience of the HPB church - 'you must be the balloon man - I was there' she said. She introduced herself as Phyllis - same name as my wife and said 'this is Richard , my husband, He used to sing in the Sheffield Bach,' as did my Phyllis and said his brother Alan used to be their organist. I knew Alan well from my association with him at the University where he was a lecturer in music, going back to the 60s when I first saw him after he left Cambridge. I recognised his walk and asked him if he came from London - 'yes HP' he said. She lived in Beech Hill Rd, we on Wickham Rd. off Winchester Rd, the Browns on Coolgardie Ave, where my friend Colin Prime also still lives.

What a small world, full of coincidences. As we left the house I said 'You are a lace maker - so is my Phyllis' and we admired some of her handiwork.

I thought you might be interested in the story Geoff. I hope you are keeping well and enjoying retirement !

Best wishes,

Jim Burton

Some weeks ago, Dave, somebody I have known since our Junior School days, rang to ask if I would give a short speech on the occasion of his 50th wedding

anniversary. Since I had been his Best Man at the wedding (and he at mine) and unaccustomed as I was at speaking in public I am sure it was not the best oratory ever heard. Thus I thought that I would have a second go!

He did not specify what the speech should be about, and, after some thought, I realised that 'Friendship' would be a good topic. After all we are still friends after much more than 60 years. Admittedly we do not see each other too often - he and his wife have moved to Suffolk - but it is the sort of friendship that means you just take up where you left off. I have to say that I am indebted to him and, especially his wife (also named Jackie) as it was she who brought Jacquie and I together.

As we gathered for the celebration it was a reunion of people we have known for a long time and much catching up took place. There were three speeches; from me, from someone they have known since their move to Suffolk and their daughter. Totally without collusion we had all taken as our theme 'Friendship'. This perhaps highlights how important this is to all of us.

Who knows what it is that attracts one person to another enough to call them 'friend'? There are hundreds of quotations about it and yet it is like electricity - you cannot see it but you know it is there. You can have different groups of friends and yet the number does not matter - the power of friendship expands to include all.

Perhaps the phrase which expresses the lengths to which friendship will go is:

'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

And of course as the hymn says ' What a friend we have in Jesus'

DL



The following article was circulated by the Highams Park Society and is printed here with their permission.

World War One Commemorations in Belgium 2017



The 17th Pals' Battalion Band pay their respects to the fallen in Ypres, Tyne Cot Cemetery and The Menin Gate.

The 17th Pals' Battalion Band was formed in 2015 to commemorate both the 17th Waltham Forest Boys' Brigade, which is based at Highams Park Baptist Church, and the 17th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, which was more commonly known as the Footballers' Battalion during the Great War.

The reason for the joint tribute is due to the vast majority of the members of the band being former boys in the 17th Waltham Forest and Steve Jenkins, the band master, also being an avid and passionate Leyton Orient supporter,

The Borough's only professional football club led the way during the early months of the Great War when a total of forty-one players, staff and supporters of Clapton Orient (the Club's name at the time), joined up to the 17th Middlesex in December 1914. The O's were the first football club to enlist en masse.

Three Orient players lost their lives during the Battle of the Somme in 1916: centre forward William Jonas, centre-half George Scott and star striker Richard McFadden.

A number of the band members are also Leyton Orient supporters and the general interest in the Club's service and sacrifice had led the band to join up with the forthcoming O's trip which Steve Jenkins has organised for this June.

This year in June, the Pals' Battalion Band and the Leyton Orient Supporters Club went to Ypres and as part of the visit, the band had the honour of playing at the Menin Gate.

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Ed's Note: We hope to bring more on this in an article from Steve Jenkins in the next issue.

Highams Park Snippets

In past issues we have told of the progress of the rebuilding of Selwyn Avenue School. We now give an update:

The very tall crane that was in use is no longer in position - as can be seen from the picture the building has reached its eventual height and the crane is no longer required.



We hear from GallifordTry - the builders - that the project is now over five weeks ahead of schedule. We will keep you aware of progress as it happens.

Those of us who were boys at Selwyn School in the days long ago (60 years and more in my case) will remember the board which was sited in the main hall on which were listed old boys who had become nationally known. One of these was Doug Insole, who died aged 91 in August. He had a long career as both an England cricketer and then as Chairman of the Test Selectors. It is to be hoped that the honours board has survived the demolition of the original school building.

DL



We have heard interesting news on the future of the Regal Cinema - it was sent to the Highams Park Planning Group. By the time you read this the Consultation meeting will have taken place. We hope to bring you more news later.



EMAIL FROM CLEAR ARCHITECTS TO LOCAL COUNCILLORS - HEADLINE PROPOSALS:

"We are delighted to advise that we have been working on a mixed use scheme with Curzon cinema on the site of The Regal. The scheme includes 3 screens, a restaurant and 34 flats. It is a beautiful design that makes reference and homage back to the original REGAL building which we feel is vitally important. We are still working up the final designs ahead of the planning submission in September however will be holding a public consultation in August.

To advertise this, we have installed a hoarding on the site that advertises the Consultation on August 21 at Hale End Library.

We are truly excited to be involved in such a scheme that we hope will bring further prosperity to Highams Park.

Kind Regards

Melanie Clear BA (Hons) Dip (Arch) RIBA SBID
Managing Director"

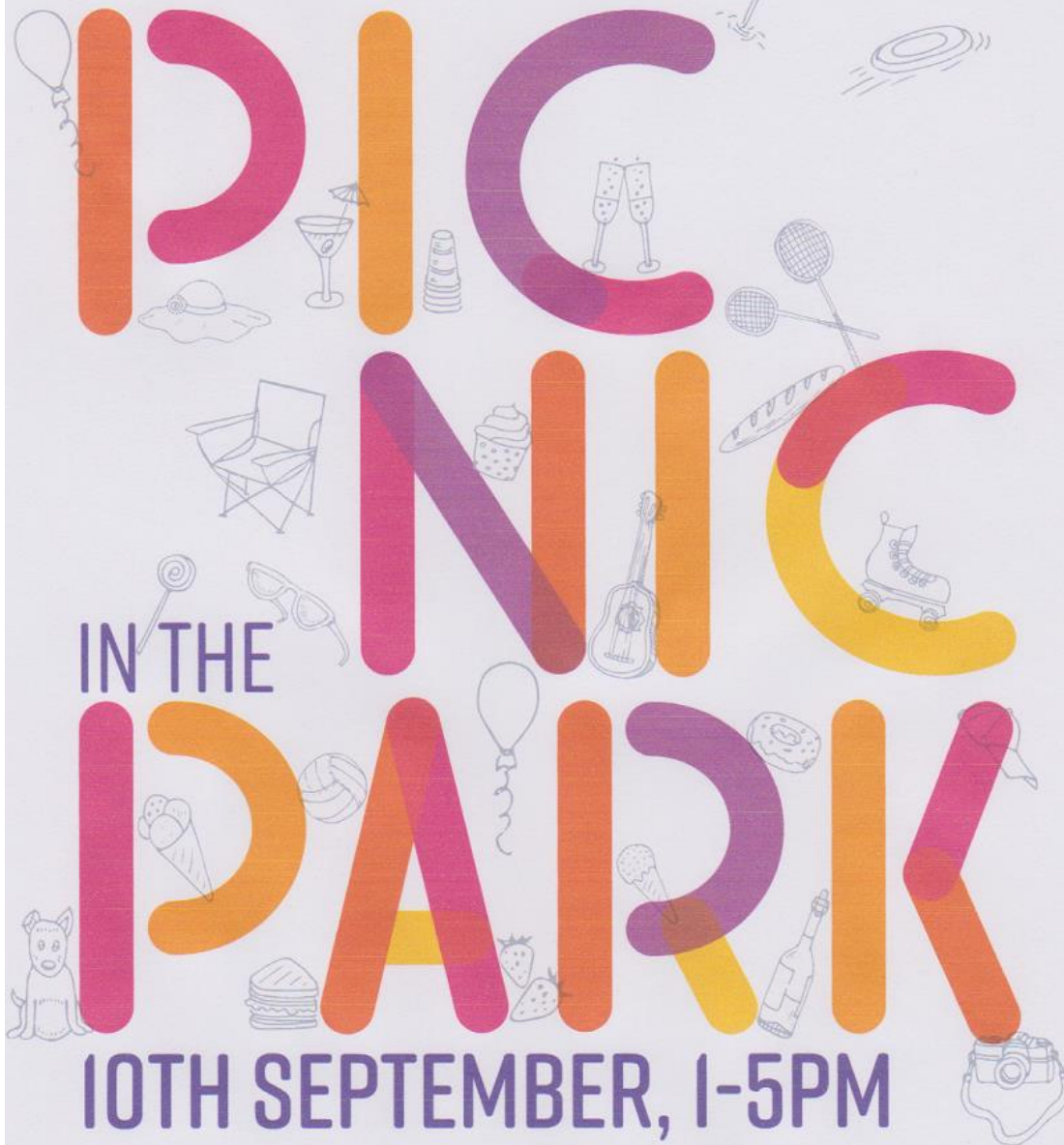
We are told that the existing listed frontage of the building will be retained and restored with a high quality of design and materials.

The architect Melanie Clear has said:

"Paying homage to its origins the new design is a statement to bring life back to the once iconic Regal again"

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The Halex Bowls Club was part of the once large industrial complex of Halex Company (formerly Xylonite) and is the only remaining link with the former factory site.

The firm made table tennis balls, washing up bowls, combs and costume jewellery using a plastic called Xylonite created by inventor David Spill in 1877.

After the war, the company set up a sports facility for its workers. "Employees were provided with facilities so they could play football, cricket, tennis and bowls.

While football and cricket are still played in Rolls Park, bowls is the only one with the Halex connection.

Club members will soon be celebrating the club's centenary and is keen to attract new members to keep it going but unfortunately not many people know it exists because it is overshadowed by the new businesses on this old industrial site. However, one of the benefits is the quiet pretty location situated in Rolls Park itself tucked away behind Shurgard self storage site."

The club lost its last Halex employee a couple of years ago as he went to live with his son at the age of 93.

Today the club is mixed in both age and gender and members compete at local, Essex County and national level. The club has several county bowlers who would be able to coach any new members.

New members are always welcome and there are members playing most afternoons who would be able to introduce them to the club.

To join the club or to find out more, call 020 8505 0033 or email maureen@gonebowling.co.uk

CHURCH DIARY

August

Sunday 6th	10 am	All Age BBGA Service led by Gemma Player
	6pm	Care Commissioning Service at Winchester Road Methodist Church
Sunday 13th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Rob Foster
Sunday 20th	10 am	Morning Service led by Tony Aylward
Sunday 27th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Phil Slaney

September

Sunday 3rd	10 am	All Age Service led by Gemma Player
Sunday 10th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Jason Close
Sunday 17th	10 am	Morning Service led by Revd. Rosemary Eaton followed by lunch and Q & A Session in Fellowship Hall
Sunday 24th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Phil Slaney followed by Church Members meeting

October

Sunday 1st	10 am	All Age Service led by Jason Close
Sunday 8th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by TBA

Note all services and events take place at the Church unless noted.

Refreshments are served after the Morning Service every Sunday.