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Wonts Farm

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Dicky Bird Ltd

Henry Browne and Son Ltd

## **Birds of Barking and Dagenham\***

Barn Owl

Blackcap

Cormorant

Firecrest

Heron

Herring Gull

Hobby

Kestrel

Lapwing

Linnet

Parakeet

Pigeon

Pintail

Sand Martin

Sandpiper

Skylark

Song Thrush

Starling

Woodpecker

Yellowhammer

## **Animals of Barking and Dagenham\***

Badger

Bat

Brown Hare

Harvest Mouse

Hedgehog

Water Shrew

Water Vole

## **Insects of Barking and Dagenham\***

Cinnabar (moth)

Damselfly

Dragonfly

Garden Tiger (moth)

Small Heath (butterfly)

## **Trees and Shrubs of Barking and Dagenham\***

Alder

Aspen

Bilberry

Bracken

Bramble

Buckthorn

Bugle

Butterbur

Chaffweed

Eyebright

Gooseberry

Gorse

Heather

Honeysuckle

Hop

Juniper

Mistletoe

Poppy

Charlock  
Cornflower  
Cranberry  
Cuckooflower  
Daffodil  
Daisy  
Dewberry

Raspberry  
Silver Birch  
Tansy  
Water Mint  
Wild Cherry  
Willowherb  
Wood Dock

## **Residents of the Borough who died in wars and Residents and Servicemen who were awarded honours**

Asser  
Bearman  
Beasley  
Beezley  
Bessey  
Bickers  
Bidgood  
Bones  
Bowles  
Brown  
Buck  
Burkitt  
Carver  
Chantley  
Coggins  
Cole  
Collard  
Convine  
Courtney  
Cox  
Craze  
Crookbain  
Curry  
Dobinson  
Dyster  
Evans  
Every  
Gearing  
Gregson  
Hackett  
Hymas

Haylett  
Hodson  
Hogg  
Horwill  
Hurren  
Huxtable  
Keegan  
Kiff  
Mollenhoff  
Murphy  
Neall  
Negus  
Pattle  
Pavelin  
Pearce  
Peaty  
Purkiss  
Sammons  
Scales  
Sharpe  
Sinstadt  
Snow  
Tassell  
Tobyn  
Torry  
Walker  
Walklin  
Waugh  
Wernick  
Wiles  
Wisher

## Miscellaneous

### Riverside

Sheeplees

Smuggler

Silver Pits

Hulk

Perch

Mackerel

Lobster

### Historic References

Firmaress

Prioress

Cellaress

Chantress

Conqueror

### Aeronautical

Moreing

Hanger

Airship

Weiss

Voisin

Pup

Deverall Saul

Gyroscope

# Information

## Local Women

### Enid Mort

Enid Mort was the daughter of a Kent based Vicar. She moved to Dagenham during World War I to serve as a nurse with the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD). She was based at the National Cartridge and Box Repair Factory at Dagenham Dock which had been formed by the Ministry of Munitions in 1916. Enid would provide medical care to the predominantly female workforce who were repairing cartridge cases and ammunition boxes retrieved from the front lines. Members of the VAD were all volunteers co-ordinated with the assistance of the Red Cross and the Order of St John.

### Lily Evans

Lily May Fernella Evans, born in 1892, relocated to Dagenham in 1926 where she joined the local Labour Party. Her strong personality made her a key part of the community. In 1929 she was elected as a member of the Dagenham Urban District Council. She became Chair of the Council in 1936 and served as Mayor of the Borough from 1942-1944. Evans was involved in almost all aspects of local life, having served on nearly every council committee. She chaired the Dagenham County High School Governors and was a member of local hospital boards.

### Susanna Mason

Susanna Mason served on the Barking School Board in the 1890s and became the first female councillor for the inaugural Barking Urban District Council in 1894. She was a member of the School Board and regular visitor to Gascoigne school, even during periods of fever, as documented by the school logbook. Tragically their eldest child, Marian, succumbed to croup at the age of seven, in 1896. Mrs Mason funded a set of stained-glass windows in the new Rippleside Chapel, one of which is dedicated to her and can still be seen today.

### Minnie Goodbun

Minnie Goodbun, who lived on Manning Street served as a nurse at a clinic run by the ARP on Ford Road, Dagenham during the Second World War. After the war she left the area to train as a midwife. When she had completed her training, she returned and practised as a domiciliary midwife for Dagenham Village and the areas around Rainham Road and the Rylands Estate. At that time, midwives typically travelled by foot, bike, or public transport, carrying everything they needed in a briefcase. This included enamel bowls, a douche can, a dilator, absorbent cotton wool and gauze, a mucus catheter, umbilical tape, and a pelvic measuring device. However, Nurse Goodbun was one of the lucky ones. She was the first midwife in the area to be given a car by the local authority, which she would have used to attend the births of over 400 babies between 1942 and 1958.

### Kathleen Timms

Mrs Timms house was damaged on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1940, when a parachute mine dropped on it in Boulton Rd. Her son was at home, but she stayed at her ARP Post in Homestead Rd performing her warden duties until she could be relieved.

### Violet Ryan

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 1940, an off-duty 19 year old Violet Ryan, rescued people trapped in a damaged Anderson shelter in Becontree Avenue, after it was hit by an oil bomb.

### St Ethelburga

St. Ethelburga was the first leader of a women's monastic order in England. After refusing a marriage arranged by her brother Erkenwald, she was banished to a nunnery. Embracing her new life, she dedicated herself to the work of God and became the first Abbess of the Benedictine Abbey in Barking, one of England's first religious houses for women. She is said

to have had a vision of a light "brighter than the sun at noonday," which inspired her to perform acts of compassion and care for others. During an outbreak of the plague in 664, she and her community risked their lives to care for the sick. Tragically, the plague claimed her life and the lives of most of her community.

### St Wulfhilda

Wulfhilda was raised at Wilton Abbey, where, it is said, the King sought her hand in marriage. Presents, and offers being of no avail, he conspired with the lady's aunt, who feigned illness and sent for her niece to attend on her. When Wulfhilda arrived, she found she had been entrapped, and alarmed by the King's fervour, she fled, leaving her sleeve in his hand, and escaped through the drains.

Immediately after this, the lady took the veil and the King, convinced of her enthusiastic goodness, "held her as a thing enskied and sainted" and appointed her Abbess of Barking. Wulfhilda bestowed upon it twenty villages of her own and founded another monastery at Horton. She governed with great ability and the monastery flourished. Despite being ejected by Queen Elfrida, she was later restored by Aethelred the Unready and died at Barking on December 10, around AD 990.

## **Local Sportspeople**

### Ethel Scott

Ethel Scott was born in East London in 1907 to David Scott, originally from Jamaica, and his wife Jane (née Pilgrim). As a young woman Ethel was a keen athlete and joined Middlesex Athletics Club. In 1930 in the face of various prejudices she became the first black female athlete to represent Great Britain on the international stage at the Women's World Games in Prague. She competed in the 60m sprint and the 4x100m relay, winning a silver medal in the relay. When not competing, Ethel worked for the Ministry of Pensions and later became a medical secretary. She lived in Ventnor Gardens, Barking for the last 20 years of her life and died in 1984.

### Jack Leslie

Jack Leslie was picked to play for the England National Team in 1925. He would have been the first black player to play for England, but when the selectors discovered his colour, his name disappeared off the team sheet. Jack had been a prolific goal scorer at Barking Town (now Barking FC) before a very successful career at Plymouth Argyle where he scored 137 goals in 400 appearances and was appointed club captain. He later worked as a member of the backroom staff of his local club, West Ham United, as the boot-boy. Jack died in 1988. In October 2022, he was awarded a posthumous honorary England cap by the FA. In February 2023 he was inducted into the National Football Museum's Hall of Fame.

### Jimmy Greaves

Jimmy Greaves moved to Ivyhouse Road, Dagenham, as a baby and lived there until moving to the Hainault Estate at the age of nine. Having played football for Southwood School and Dagenham schoolboys, he joined Chelsea at 17 in 1957 and later played for AC Milan, Tottenham and West Ham. A record-breaking goalscorer, he played for England 57 times. Following his playing career, he became an author and TV football pundit.

### Sterling Ladies FC

The WWI Munition Workers Ladies Football team (of the Sterling Telephone and Electrical Company, based in Dagenham) never lost a game between 1917 and 1919. Their unique record stands at 36 matches played, 34 won and only 2 draws over two full seasons, scoring 201 goals and conceding 14. During their first season, superstar centre forward Maud Smith scored 38 goals out of 103 scored by the team. They were known as the "Invincibles" and were recognised in 2023 for the first time at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day & with a play at the Queens Theatre

## Members of Sterling Ladies Football Team

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## **Local Writers & Musicians**

### Dagenham Girl Pipers

The Dagenham Girl Pipers, founded in 1930 by Rev. Joseph Waddington Graves, were the world's first female pipe band. Graves selected 12 girls from his Sunday school and hired G. Douglas Taylor (the former Pipe Major to the King's Own Scottish Borderers) to teach them piping, drumming, marching, and Highland dancing. After 18 months of training, they performed their first public concert in dashing Royal Stuart Tartan uniforms, quickly gaining popularity. In 1933, Graves turned the group into a professional organization, and by 1937, they had 400 engagements annually. Though the war limited their activities, they continued performing for Forces camps. Post-war, they resumed professional status, performing internationally and appearing on TV. In 1968, they reverted to amateur status, celebrating their 50th anniversary in 1980 and performing at the Royal Command Performance in 1991. Today, the band remains active, performing mainly on weekends.

### Edith Turnbull and Peggy Iris

Two of the original members were appointed Pipe-Major, the band's highest rank. They took on the training of the younger members, which by the time War was declared in 1939, numbered 53.

### Grace Richards

Grace was born in 1924 and was in the Dagenham Girl Pipers from 1937 to 1943. She later worked as Personal Assistant to Mr J.W. Graves, the founder of the DGP. Grace was Secretary of the DGP Veterans' Association from when it was formed in 1998 until her death in 2011.

### Joyce Reeland

Joyce grew up at 34 Osborne Square, Dagenham and went on to become the Drum Major of the Dagenham Girl Pipers during the Second World War. She joined the Women's Royal Army Corps in 1950.

## **Historic Places, Plants and Landscapes**

### Market Garden

Most of the borough was a market garden pre urbanisation. When the Becontree Estate was officially opened in 1935, it consisted of 27,000 new homes built on 3,000 acres of former market garden land.

### Holm Oak

The Valence Holm Oak is over 300yrs old, survived the great storm of 1987, is listed as one of the Great Trees of London and is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest tree of the species (*Quercus ilex*) in the UK.

### Moat

The historic moat in Valence Park was dug over 700yrs ago to encircle Valence House.

### Plumbtree Mead

Part of the Valence Estate in 1725.

### Black Pond Field

Part of the Valence Estate in 1725.

### Dampers Dock

A medieval dock on the Eastbury Levels just before Creekmouth.

### Wonts Farm

Farm in the mid-1800s situated to the east of Rainham Road South where The Eastbrook Hotel currently stands.

## **Barking and Dagenham's Industry & Manufacturing**

### Bolenium Co Ltd

William A. Smith started his industrial clothing manufacturing company on Green Street, West Ham in a surviving Tudor house called the Boleyn or Bolen Castle - hence the name of the brand - Bolenium. The company moved to Selinas Lane in Dagenham in 1940 to avoid the bombing in the East End and remained there until 1975 when it was rehoused in Seven Kings, Ilford.

Bolenium's reputation was based on production of high quality industrial super strong work overalls - with all garments that were labelled 'Bolenium' being guaranteed. From the 1950s until the 1970s, the Bolenium brand obtained international recognition when overalls made by the firm were adopted by the motor racing world and were worn by Formula One drivers such as Stirling Moss, Jackie Stewart and James Hunt.

### Hobbs of Barbican

Hobbs of Barbican, a well-regarded manufacturer of lightweight racing bikes, initially based at 34 Barbican, EC2, moved to Sterling Works in Dagenham during WWII. Hobbs gained a reputation for high-quality, hand-built frames such as the Blue Riband, introduced around 1948-49.

In Dagenham, Hobbs shared factory space with the manufacturers of the Sterling machine gun. By the mid-1950s, increased production of another gun, the Owen machine gun, forced Hobbs to cease frame building. The company continued as a retailer and wholesaler. Notable models included the Continental, Raceweight, and Criterium. Hobbs also marketed cycle components under the Lytaloy brand, known for their quality and craftsmanship. Despite ceasing frame production in the late 1950s, Hobbs saw a brief revival in the 1970s with a limited run of the Blue Riband. Hobbs' frames, distinguished by their ornate lugs and hand-built quality, remain highly valued by collectors.

### Dicky Bird Ltd

Dicky Bird's, a factory located in Alfred's Way, Barking, operated from 1937 to the early 1960s, producing a variety of products including ice cream, lollies, novelty Christmas crackers, and providing cold storage and oxy-acetylene welding services. The company gained popularity as ice cream became more widespread due to affordable refrigeration. Dicky Bird's was particularly noted for its delivery service, using three-wheeler box cycles and later motorcycles to distribute ice cream door-to-door across southern Essex.

### Henry Browne and Son Ltd

Henry Browne and Son Ltd, was a prominent British manufacturer of navigational instruments, such as compasses, sextants, sounding instruments, telescopes, signalling lamps, barographs, barometers, clocks and thermometers. The company initially operated in Brightlingsea, Essex, before moving to Station Works, Wakering Road, Barking around 1929. The Trademark brand Sestrel was used on all their equipment. Their "Dead Beat" compass, designed to reduce oscillation, was widely used on Allied ships during WWII. The company also supplied many aircraft compasses for planes like the Spitfire and Tigermoth, and lifeboat compasses for British Merchant ships. After a successful period in the 1970s, the company collapsed in the 1980s with the popularity of cheaper plastic compasses.