

## BLUE PLAQUES GROUP 2020/21

Events/activities achieved since 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

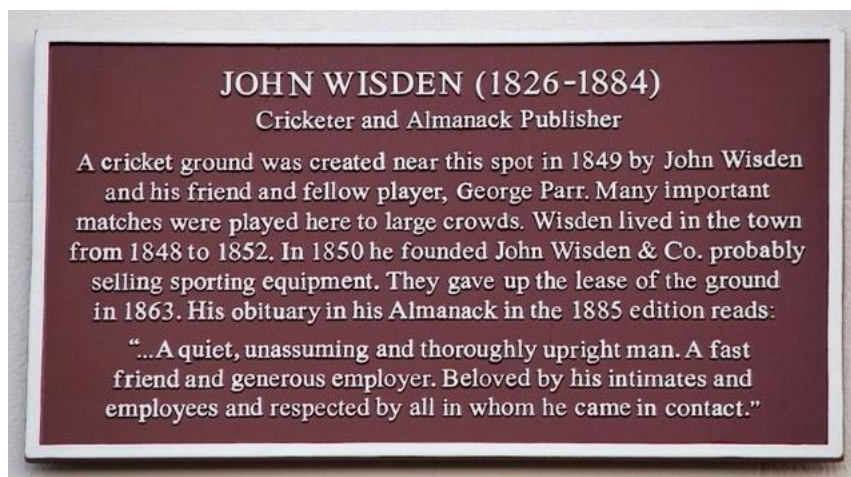
Group activity update - The group last met in person on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The group did not meet again until Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 when it met via Zoom for the first time. Attempts were made in both October and November to arrange a socially distanced meeting at the Town Hall but both fell victim to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions. One member is unable to participate in virtual meetings so he is receiving the agendas and minutes in the post and has been contacted on the telephone three times to ensure he is kept informed.

Current Plaques - A Blue Plaque to Eddie Hapgood (former England footballer) had been agreed previously by the group and the owner of the property in question had given written permission to have the plaque there.

The wording had also been previously agreed as:

“Eddie Hapgood  
1908-1973  
England Footballer  
Lived here”

and the specification and cost are to be obtained from the supplier. A Special Interest Plaque was agreed to Woodbine Studios/The Specials at 27 Woodbine Street. The owner of the property has given permission and is part of an interest group who has offered to pay the costs of the creation and installation of the plaque. This would be a plaque like this one to John Wisden:



This interest group has been asked to suggest wording for the plaque to be discussed by the Blue Plaque Group at their next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The owner of the property has asked if the Plaque could be mounted on her front wall rather than her house as she has concerns about people entering her property to read it (this to be investigated).

Other nominations - Two further nominations had been received since February 2020 and were discussed by the Group:

Mrs Amy Daly had been nominated by Emma Dodd – Mrs Daly was commandant at The Warren VAD Hospital on Lillington Road during the First World War and received an MBE in 1918 for her services. It was agreed this nomination warranted further inquiries.

Mrs Florence Angle had been nominated by James Keeping – Mrs Angle had survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 with the loss of her husband in the disaster. It was not felt that Mrs Angle sufficiently met the required criteria for further consideration.

Female nominations – There are currently six women on the list of possible plaque recipients who are being investigated for further details about their lives:

1. Mary Louise Vellacott – Suffragist
2. Margaret Maitland Fowler – Philanthropist
3. Eleanor Doorly – Children's author
4. Helen Brotherton – Conservationist
5. Marjorie Chandler – Paleobotanist
6. Amy Daly – Commandant of The Warren Auxiliary VAD Hospital, WW1