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- development of digital technologies
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# Local History Bulletin Board

Posted By: Danny Budzak <[danny.budzak@newham.gov.uk](mailto:danny.budzak@newham.gov.uk)>

Date: Wednesday, 11 August 1999, at 12:45 p.m.

The local history bulletin board has been set up to help people find out more information about the local area. Please use it to post messages or questions relating to the local area. We are hoping if your message is put on to the bulletin board, that other people will help to answer it or make a contribution.

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Sat, 12/01/2008 - 13:41 — Admin

**The Newham Story website tells the story of Newham and its people.**

You can share your memories, family stories, photos, and knowledge of Newham - as it is today and as it was in the past. Look round this site to see what other people have added.

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## W.W.Sherret in later years, with some unidentified Lady admirers!

Fri, 05/06/2009 - 06:16 — Terry\_Maker



The older W.W.Sherret in his club strip some years later, (actual date unknown), with some 'Admirers'!

My Grandfather passed away in 1957 at the age of 60 with a brain tumour, in the then Goodmayes Hospital at Ilford, (I was 11). I have little information regarding his club West Ham Argyll, save that being a Scot, it would follow that he played for a Scottish oriented club.

He lived for the greater part of his life in the family home in Marcus St, Later moving to 15 Turley Close, after being 'Bombed Out' during the blitz, (they were re-homed in Alexandra Avenue, South Harrow for a short period).

I know little of his working life, other than he was a packing case maker, working for an engineering firm near Stratford underground station, the name of the company escapes me, and as the last of my family, I have no-one to ask!

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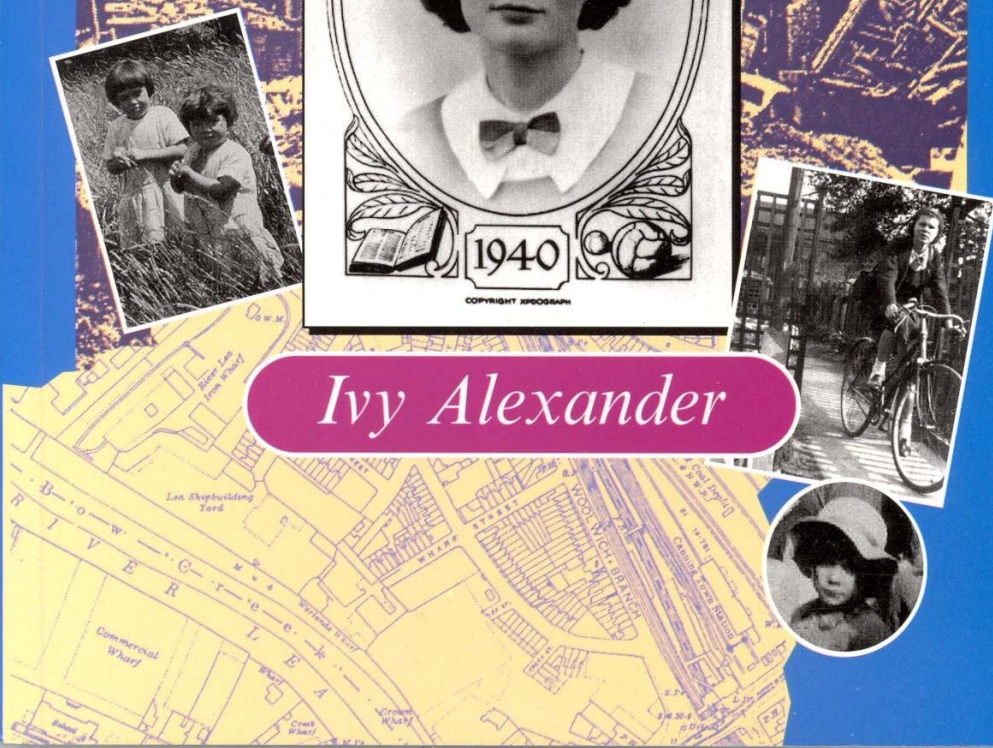
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# Maid in West Ham



*Ivy Alexander*





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# Abbey Mills Pumping Stations

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The original **Abbey Mills Pumping Station**, in Abbey Lane, [London E15](#), is a sewerage [pumping station](#), designed by engineer [Joseph Bazalgette](#), Edmund Cooper, and architect [Charles Driver](#). It was built between 1865 and 1868. It was designed in a cruciform plan, with an elaborate [Byzantine style](#), described as *The Cathedral of Sewage*. It has a twin, [Crossness Pumping Station](#), south of the [River Thames](#) at [Crossness](#), at the end of the [Southern Outfall Sewer](#).

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The original Abbey Mills Pumping Station (Station A)



## Purpose

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The pumps raised the [sewage](#) in the [London sewerage system](#) between the two Low Level Sewers and the [Northern Outfall Sewer](#), which was built in the 1860s to carry the increasing amount of sewage produced in [London](#) away from the centre of the city.

Two Moorish styled chimneys – unused since steam power had been replaced by electric motors in 1933 – were demolished during the [Second World War](#), as they were a landmark for [German](#) bombers on raids over the London docks.

The building still houses electric pumps – to be used in reserve for the new facility next door.

The main building is [grade II\\* listed](#) and there are many grade II listed ancillary buildings, including the stumps of the demolished chimneys.

## The modern pumping station

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The modern pumping station (Station F) was designed by architects [Allies and Morrison](#). The old building (Station A) has electrical pumps for use as a standby; the modern station is one of the three principal London pumping stations dealing with foul water.

One of world's largest installation of drum screens to treat sewage was constructed as part of the [Thames Tideway Scheme](#). The site is managed and operated by [Thames Water](#).

## Etymology

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Abbey Mills derives its name from the site of [Stratford Langthorne Abbey](#), which lay between the [Channelsea River](#) and Marsh Lane (Manor Road). The Abbey was [dissolved](#) in 1538. By 1840, the [North Woolwich railway](#) ran through the site, and it began to be used to establish factories, and ultimately the sewage pumping stations<sup>[1]</sup>.



An entrance to pumping station A





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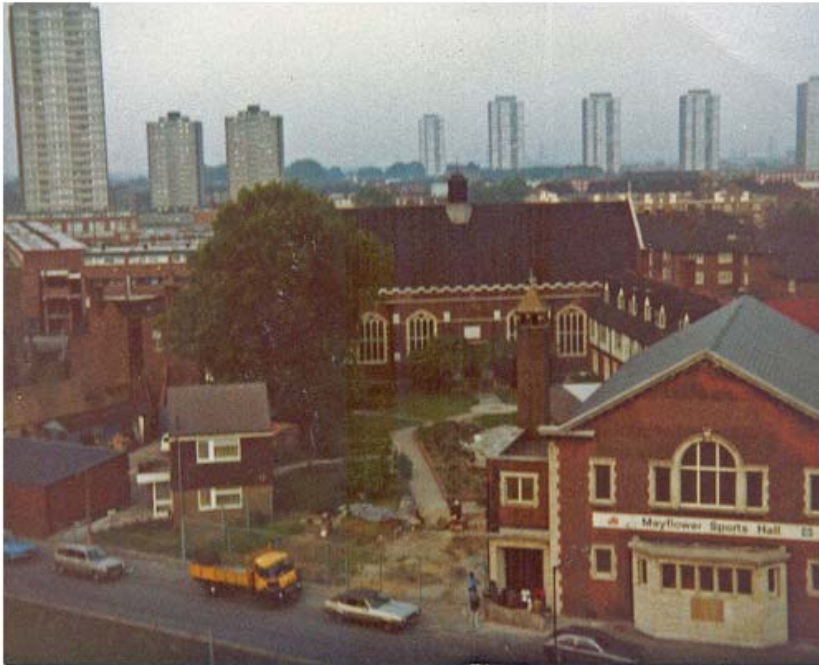


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## Canning Town 1982 (4)



From the balcony of my seventh floor flat in Rawlinson Point, Canning Town. You can see that I didn't have far to go to the sports hall or the nursery school next to it.

One of the tower blocks in the distance is the infamous Ronan Point which had been rebuilt after the 1960s explosion.

This photo has notes. Move your mouse over the photo to see them.

### Comments



[Jacqi B](#) pro says:

No, they rebuilt it and put people back in there. It wasn't demolished until 1986. They took it down bit by bit - I could see it from where I'd moved to in Plaistow and it was strange to come out of my house each morning and see it a bit lower than it had been the previous morning. As they took it apart they



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- lack of consensus
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# THE DOCKWORKER



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## 23,500 say you won't close PRESTON

Bob Light TGWU

The 1 day strike to save Preston docks was a fantastic success. In all 26 ports and docks stopped work. The only major ports to work were Grangemouth and Tilbury, and in Tilbury at least 200 men did not report for work. The official National Dock Labour Board figures show that 23,500 registered dockers supported the strike, which means over 80% of the registered dock labour force of this country.

In all, this was the most powerful national dock strike since the Portsmouth 5 shippings. And all this was achieved in the face of concerted attempts by full-time Union officers, and the Press and TV to discredit the National Port Shop Stewards Committee and to check support for the strike.

### Efforts

Tommy Cronin, the National Dock Officer of the TACWU toured ports throughout the country trying to undermine the strike. We know that it was Cronin's efforts that persuaded the Welsh ports to work we know that he did

the same in Cornwall, and we know that he tried the same manoeuvre in other ports.

Cronin's intentions in giving this interview are clear enough—he wanted to convince the Preston dockers that the strike call would never get off the ground. Cronin has been answered in the best way possible: 23,500 answers to be precise.

### Tune

Once it was obvious that ports throughout the country were supporting the strike, Cronin changed his tune, and claimed that he had never given that interview at all and that he had supported the strike all along. With friends like Cronin the Preston dockers are not short of enemies.

The Press and TV also tried desperately hard to kill the strike. We know from ship stewards in Southampton who have contacts with the Press Association, that the Press had instructions not to give any publicity to the strike. On the day of the strike itself the newspapers and

the TV put out deliberate lies to create the impression that most of the country was at work. In Scotland the Press claimed that all the Scottish ports were working normally. In Manchester North West TV reported that the whole of the port of London and Scotland was working. In London, there were constant reports on Capital Radio, on the BBC News, and in the mid-day papers that London was working normally, and that the strike was only getting half-hearted support nationally.

### Owned

The Press and TV KNEW they were telling lies, but as we revealed in Dockworker 23, most of the newspapers and TV stations in this country are owned by companies that have direct interests in the docks industry. In other words, they are owned directly or indirectly by port employers. And one thing the port employers want above all others is to get rid of the Dock Labour Scheme, and they know that if Preston docks is allowed to close, then the

Scheme will be in ribbons, and that is why the Press and TV were under orders to try and undermine the strike.

But as we know, the plot blew up in their faces: 23,500 dockers stood up and said: KEEP PRESTON OPEN. The strike was solid in ports that have never had any connection with the National Port Shop Stewards. It even involved dockers in non-registered ports like Portsmouth, Fish-hobbers, in Limerick, and the non-militant and the non-union dockers in the

National Port Shop Stewards Committee decided to maintain the campaign. There will be further mass meetings and a national leaflet to outline any developments. But at the moment, the National Port Shop Stewards will not take any more action until the National Port Council Report is published in late April.

But one thing was made plain: The National Port Shop Stewards will not relent until the future of the Port of Preston, and the Preston dockers is secure.

Ship Stewards will not report until the future of the Port of Preston, and the Preston dockers is secure. If the NPS Council or Government will not save Preston, then the National Port Shop Stewards Committee will.

### ROLE OF OBVIOUS THE PORTS WHO SUPPORTED THE STRIKE

Preston T & G Lighterage  
Glasgow OST Clerks  
Boston Sunderland  
South Shields  
Hull  
Portsmouth  
Leith  
Newcastle  
Methil  
Liverpool  
Rochester & Southampton  
Medway Dundee  
(NAS&D) Goole  
Members) Greenock  
Aberdeen Kilmory  
Runcorn Bristol  
Royal Docks Holts Wharf  
West India Docks Phoenix  
Comcarl Terminal  
Chobham Farm  
Barking Container Timber  
Base Wharf  
Dagenham Dock Pinn & Wheelers

We apologise to any port who supported the strike that we have omitted LONDON



## A PISSHOLE SPEAKS TO DOCKERS

Eddie Prevost TGWU

Apparently General Secretary Jack Jones and National Dock Secretary Tommy Cronin are quite upset.

They're upset with ship stewards and other rank and file dockers who had the temerity to occupy Transport House on the day of the national unofficial dock strike. We were protesting at the proposed closure, by the Tories, of the registered Port of Preston.

This kind of behaviour seems to be simply not cricket. If we want an audience with 'our betters', we should behave in the manner appropriate to our subordinate position.

It was arranged that one ship steward from each port present was to be allowed to meet Tommy Cronin. Cronin said he was in no position to interfere to call an official strike.

After an hour of this farce, those outside the boardroom burst in the hall and demanded to be heard. Cronin repeated all he

has said earlier. It was clear that he had nothing to offer. Cronin was then told in no uncertain terms to contact Jack Jones (Jones was at a meeting in the House of Commons) and tell him to get over here or else we would stay in the building for the foreseeable future.

Four dockers then accompanied 'brother' Cronin to the telephone where he contacted Jones, who arranged to meet us at 4.45pm.

We then proceeded to occupy Transport House in order to make sure we didn't lose possession of the boardroom. It was felt that if we did, Jones might take the opportunity of not seeing us. Shifts allowed people to get some food and drink during the few hours we had to wait.

When Jones arrived, it was decided to allow Teddy Gaters, a Royal's steward, to chair the meeting. 'Brother' Jack was reminded from the floor that during his term as General Secretary

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## Port strike call will fail

A DOCKERS' union chief has predicted that plans for a 24-hour national dock strike over the impending shutdown of Preston Dock would fail through.

Mr Tom Cronin, national dock secretary of the plant Transport and General Workers' Union, forecast that Britain's dockers would refuse to back any unofficial strike plan.

"Unofficial dockers would show a unwillingness to back any unofficial strike plan."

But Mr Cronin, who was speaking at a meeting of the union's executive committee, said that the union would not support any unofficial strike plan.

This report appeared in the February 25th edition of the Lancashire Evening Post and shows how much effort Tommy Cronin put in 'supporting' the strike

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- amateurs and professionals
- rich local language
- multiple languages
- fragmented content
- coverage – people, events, objects, places

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West Ham Speedway 1947

I was looking through a scrapbook, compiled by an older brother, of the 1947 season. One notice stated that "London season will open at New Cross on March 25, unless the use of electricity is banned by the Ministry of Fuel." The other clubs were going ahead with their opening meetings, but has made the provision to switch to daylight meetings if they were refused permission to use the lights! How far we have come since those post War days. The league consisted of Wembley, West Ham, Wimbledon, New Cross, Bradford, Belle Vue and Harringay(Thats the way it was spelt in those days.) The opening meeting at Harringay attracted 30,000 fans. I believe that there were 3 divisions plus a Scottish division.  
My real interest began when I was about 10 years old, with the arrival of the great Jack Young, although I was also a fan of Aub Lawson. Aub's trademark neck scarf, trailing out behind as he overtook another rider, will long remain in my memory.  
I lived a short distance from the Custom House Stadium, and I can remember, as a punishment, not being allowed to go to the meeting. I could hear the start of each race, and by the rise and fall of the engine noise, when they were in the straight or the bend, and finally the end of the race. What torture for a small boy! I cannot think of any worse punishment I suffered as a boy, than to be banned from watching the speedway team in action.  
Alan

27 May, 2009, 08:05:08 AM

#1


Robert Rogers


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Full Member  
Posts: 153

Re: West Ham Speedway 1947

Alan, Thought you would like the Photo of Aub, with my favorite, Tommy Price, Wembley and Englands first World Champion.  
  
Wembley won the 1947 League.




 Aub Lawson & Tommy Price.JPG (13.94 KB, 171x286 - viewed 9 times.)

27 May, 2009, 06:18:33 PM

#2

Limey

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Re: West Ham Speedway 1947

ALLAN  
I lived in Churchill Rd during those years and as a kid I still remember hearing those bikes, counting the laps, the smell of the dirt track and the cheers from the crowd when you knew the 'Hammers' must have won the race. 'Up the Hammers' 😊



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Mr & Mrs Hoolas



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## Exhibitions

### Jack Cornwell VC - Exhibition

Fri, 12/06/2009 - 09:34 — Newham Story Admin

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At the outbreak of war (1914) (1915), an exhibition was held at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley, London, to raise money for the British Red Cross. Jack Cornwell was one of the many young men who volunteered for service in the Gallipoli campaign. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery during the Gallipoli campaign.

Jack Cornwell was killed on the 25th of May 1915, at the age of 15, during the Gallipoli campaign. He was the youngest person to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

His body was buried in the Gallipoli Peninsula, but his remains were later moved to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in Little Ilford, Manor Park, where he is buried today.

Jack Cornwell's story is a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of the young men who fought in the Gallipoli campaign. His story is remembered and honored by the people of Newham and the United Kingdom.