

Remembering Marks Gate and North Chadwell Heath

COMMUNITY

ANGELA

"Around Tantony Green (...) always used to have a Fun Day. There was stalls and things going on for children - there was five-a-side football which my son always participated and my late husband was always the manager there. (...) It was a real good fun time (...) there was also a DJ, so it had all the music blaring around the area."

Throughout the years, Marks Gate and Chadwell Heath have formed distinct identities, but both have been home to hardworking tight-knit communities. The community hall hosted weekly discos, locals enjoyed pints at The Crooked Billet and the White Horse, and everyone came to watch the annual Fun Run, fundraising for Chadwell Heath Hospital.

JOY

[About Chadwell Heath Hospital]
Absolutely everybody knew everybody else, it was just like working in a village. (...) You didn't feel awkward going on to any wards or talking to a sister or the doctor (...) Everybody joined in. We used to do fetes and that used to be wonderful (...) Every ward had their own stall and the money they raised would just go to their ward."

Chadwell Heath Hospital was open from 1898 - 2001.

Annual garden party at Chadwell Heath Hospital, 1989.



Joy, Richard and volunteers at the Summer Fete, fundraising for Chadwell Heath Hospital outside Bryan Hall, 1992.

JOHN

"We had a youth club in Chadwell Heath which was St. Chads where we used to go (...) we had music bands."

Margret, Wally and Hazel raising money for the residents' club, Chadwell Heath Hospital.



Joan's Story

"There used to be a pub called the Crooked Billet, which was on the corner of Padnall Road (...) it was a very family pub, if your mum and dad or your mum, nan and dad went in there, then your children went in there.

I can always remember when it was the 1966 world cup 'cos I was only probably 17 and everybody congregated in there - and I can still remember that night!"

Fun Run raising funds for Voluntary Services at Chadwell Heath Hospital, 1988.



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