

THE MANOR OF SUTTON AWARD

The Manor of Sutton Award is unusual in that it is never competed for and the offer of it comes as a complete surprise to the recipient. Perhaps this is why it is so highly prized by those upon whom it is conferred. George Alcock, the founder of The Sutton & Cheam Society, has the fact that he was a recipient engraved on his tombstone.

The story of the award begins in 1962 when Robert (Bob) Smith, the local historian and a founder member of The Sutton & Cheam Society, reported that he had had a visit from the Lord of the Manor of Sutton, the REV. RONALD W. SHARPLEY, Rector of Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire, who had brought some documents for examination. By 1963, Mr Sharpley had become a member of the Society and had offered to present 'a trophy to be competed for annually'. Much thought was given to the acceptance of this offer and the conditions of what was to be called the MANOR OF SUTTON AWARD were published in the September 1964 issue of the Society's Newsletter. The Award was to be offered to the person or persons who, in the opinion of the Council of the Society should be deemed to have meritoriously contributed towards the improvement or preservation of amenities in the then Borough of Sutton and Cheam. No serving officer or members of the Society's Council was eligible for the Award.

The first recipient of the Award was appropriately Mr. Robert P. Smith. Bob Smith was then 87.

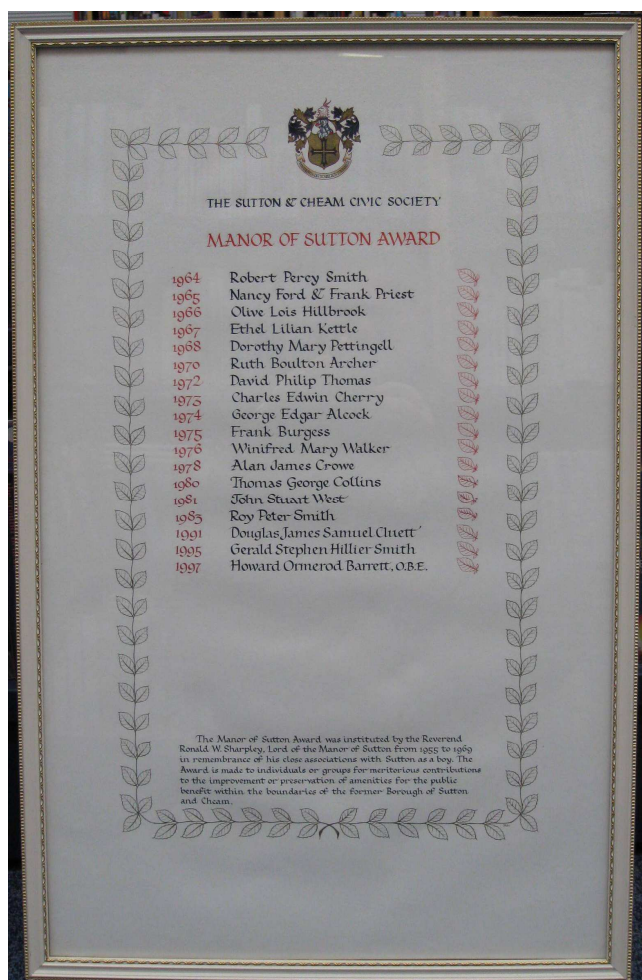
Mr Sharpley, besides endowing the Award for which a Trust was formed, continued to take a great personal interest in it and regularly made the journey to Sutton to present it until his death in 1969. No award was made in the year of Mr. Sharpley's death but it was to our great satisfaction that the new Lord of the Manor, his nephew Mr. Roger Lamplugh, also took a keen interest in the Award which his uncle had instituted. He made the presentation in 1970 and has done so ever since, making the journey from his home in the Isle of Wight to do so. In 1975 the Lord of the Manor honoured us by becoming President of the Society and by so doing increased his travelling time and our indebtedness to him.

Permanent records have been prepared of both the Lords of the Manor and the recipients of the Award and are kept in the archives of the Sutton Central Library

In 1978 the terms of the Award were re-formulated as follows: "The Award shall be made to such person or persons who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of The Sutton and Cheam Society shall have contributed by their initiative to the enhancement or preservation of amenity and cultural life within the Borough of Sutton and Cheam in the County of Surrey as defined at the first day of June 1964"

Recipients

1964 Robert Smith
1965 Nancy Ford & Frank Priest
1966 Olive Hillbrook
1967 Ethel Kettle
1968 Dorothy Pettingell
1970 Ruth Archer
1972 David Thomas
1975 Edwin Cherry
1974 George Alcock
1975 Frank Burgess
1976 Winifred Walker
1978 Alan Crowe
1980 Tom Collins
1981 John West
1983 Roy Smith
1991 Douglas Cluett
1995 Gerald Smith
1997 Howard Ormerod Barrett



THE SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS relating to the Scheme known as

The Manor of Sutton Award

1. The Award shall be a Certificate (or Testimonial) with Citation,
2. The Award shall be made to such person or persons who in the opinion of the Council of Sutton and Cheam Civic Society shall have meritoriously contributed to the improvement or preservation of amenities for the public benefit within the Borough of Sutton & Cheam in the County of Surrey as defined at the first day of June 1964.
3. The Award shall be made annually or at such other time as the Council of the Society may decide.
4. Recipients of the Award shall be individuals or groups of
5. Individuals as the Council shall decide except that no serving officer or serving member of the Council of the Society shall be eligible to receive an award while so serving.
6. The Council of the Society shall cause to be maintained a register of recipients of the Award.
7. In all other matters concerning the Award the decision of the Council of the Society shall be final.

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by
THOMAS ROGER LAMPLUGH in the
presence of:-

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by
JOHN PRIESTLEY INGLIS in the
presence of:-