

NORTH WEST
CHAMBER

Treasured Memories

EASTBURY

Situated in the Eastbury Ward of Barking, East London, this community oral history project celebrates the voices and experiences of local residents who have long, and more recent connections to the area. The project aims to document and share participant's oral histories about living, working, and growing-up in the borough from the early 20th century to the present day.

Part of the project also included a collaboration with Eastbury Primary School to explore games from the past, and to share insights with the young people about how the area has changed.

This exhibition is the culmination of a series of workshops and interviews which took place from October 2018 until July 2019. The audio stories you can listen to here were collected as part of those sessions, and will be preserved at the Archive and Local Studies Centre at Valance House. All the material on display has been kindly copied and loaned by participants.

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Phyllis Johnson



Roman Bronka



Sandra Walder



Sheila Hughes

Sidney Westbrook

Sylvia Daly

Vera Mansfield



We are collecting your memories and experiences of the local area. Use this card to tell us a story with words or drawings.

I grew up in Barking.
we played by the river.
where we played cricket
is soon to be a new station
and many many new homes.
I later moved to a new
house with my mum, dad
and sister. My sister moved
to Dagenham and I moved
to a house (a two minute
walk from my mum and dad)
where I live with my
husband and daughter. It's a
community full of memories.
and the more we do together
the better it becomes. xxx

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Then they received a note down at Bunkoo. And they asked me to go and I thought I had to have a passport!
"I have been further than East Asia"

Vera and Fred Mansfield
Wedding day, 1959

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LONDON BOROUGH of BARKING and DAGENHAM

R.D. HAWES, F.I.H.,
Housing Manager,
Heathway, Dagenham, Essex. RM10 7SL

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This offer is being made subject to the satisfactory completion of the 'A' and 'B' items in my attached letter and as per copy form issued by my Estate Officer.

My Ref: JCB/BJG/2463

8th June 1982

Your Ref:

First Offer

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are allocated 472A Longbridge Road,
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which is a Two bedroomed flat on the first floor

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plus _____ per week
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Lynne Threadgill
Royal Bank of

Albert Gibb
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'My mother wrote to the prime minister that she's never gonna vote labour again, there's no homes for her. They wrote back saying they can't help her... two days later, there's a knock on the door with a set of keys.'

Kaye Parish



Maureen Jones,
Street party for the Queen's Coronation, 1953



Vera Mansfield
Beano coach trip to the seaside



Iris Brown
Great Yarmouth Beach, 1950s



Glynys Wadey
Holiday in Margate



Sheila Hughes,
Southend on Sea, 1990s



Chris Lancy
Barking carnival



Kaye Parish
Camping holiday



Joy Harris
Hop picking in Kent,
Mr and Mrs Nugent, Lived Lodge Avenue
Mr and Mrs Harris, Lived Rugby Road, 1952



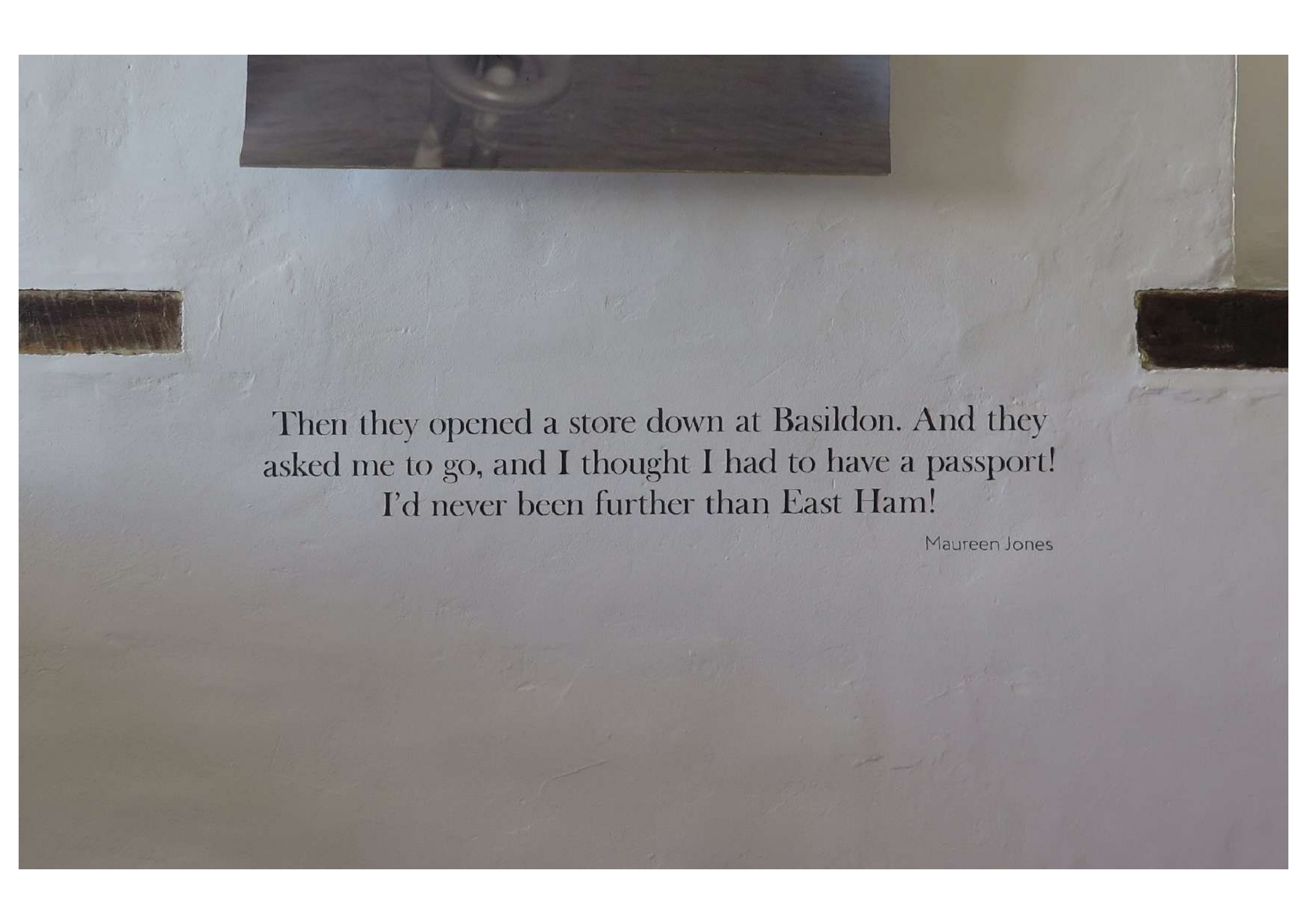
Chris Lancy,
Susan Lee, 53 Lambourne road, 1955



Dressmaking patterns
1950s



French Knitting



Then they opened a store down at Basildon. And they
asked me to go, and I thought I had to have a passport!
I'd never been further than East Ham!

Maureen Jones



Maureen Jones

Woolworths beauty counter
East Street, Barking, 1953

‘Once you was on strike it was hard to get back to work, because you had mass meetings up at the swimming pool up at Dagenham. And you’d go for the vote, a show of hands in those days, and you was hoping you’d go back, but nope... nine weeks is a long time to go on strike.’

Roman Bronka



Eric King

Ford Factory, Eric King's father with management,
Barking, 1975



Albert Gibbs,
Work party, Barking



The Queen's Coronation, 1953



Albert Gibbs
At work as a Milkman, Barking



Iris Brown
Outside Bryant and May match factory,
Barking 1950



Lynne Threadgold,
Royal Bank of Scotland, Regents Street, 1980s



Maureen Jones
Woolworths beauty counter
East Street, Barking, 1953



Eric King
Ford Factory, Eric King's father with management,
Barking, 1975



Albert Gibbs,
Work party, Barking



Micheal Threadgold,
Avenue cars 1973-2016

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Rosemary Stanisz



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JOHN HARRIS

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