

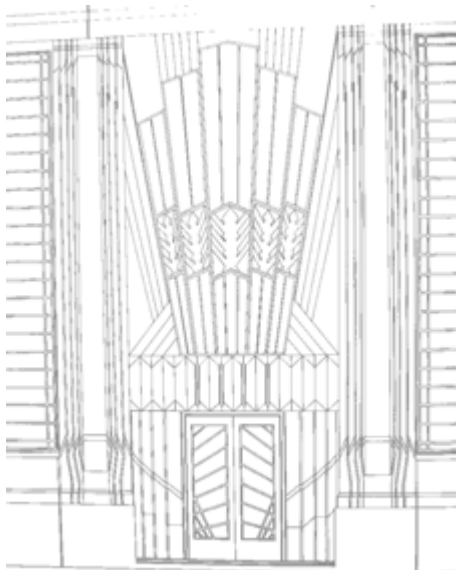


## Winter 2005

### The Ealing Civic Society Janet Millar Memorial Lecture

#### “Evolution of Twentieth Century Buildings in Ealing” Robert Gurd

Monday 9 January 2006 at  
7pm, Central Library, Ealing



Following last year's very successful, and over-subscribed, local history talks, Ealing Library Service is now launching a second series starting in January. The enclosed leaflet sets out the full programme running through until the end of February.

The purpose of this flier is to alert ECS

members to the upcoming lectures - which we're sure will be of general interest - but also to bring to your attention that the first of the series is of particular significance to the society. Bob Gurd, our chairman, will be presenting the ECS Janet Millar Memorial Lecture on Monday 9 January.

He will open his lecture with a quiz of familiar (and not so familiar) 20th century buildings and then move onto look at the evolution of some of the iconic buildings, including amongst others the Hoover building (pictured left), Bromyard Avenue government offices and Park Royal station. He will consider how they have fared over time and finally conclude on what factors helped to preserve them or led to their eventual destruction.

#### **Janet Millar (1908 – 2004)**

Janet Ferguson Millar, a past member of the Society who left a generous donation to the society in her will, was born on 10 March 1908 in Glasgow. She spent her early years in Scotland, moving during her teenage years to Bristol. The family moved to Chester Gardens in Ealing in the 1920s and Janet remained in the family home for the rest of her life until ill health forced her to move into nursing accommodation in 2002. She spent her working career in the Ministry of Health until her retirement in 1968.

She was a well-known figure in Ealing, having been a devoted member of St. Stephen's Church for all her adult life. She was a staunch supporter of the National Trust. She had a great many other interests chief of which were a love of music, animals and amateur dramatics. She died in Woking on 12 July 2004 and is survived by family in Scotland. Since Janet's life spanned most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, we felt it appropriate to devote this lecture to her memory.

### **Ealing Cinema's Heritage**

The Library lecture on 16 January on Ealing's cinema heritage is by Paul Fitzmaurice, also a member of the ECS executive committee. Judging by last year's interest these talks are likely to be very popular, and early booking is recommended.

The committee is currently putting together the next full Newsletter due out in March. In the meantime you might like to make a note in your diaries of the date of the Annual General Meeting fixed for April 25<sup>th</sup> (tbc), and the Society Annual Lecture, likely to be around the end of June.

### **Dickens Yard**

The future redevelopment of Dickens Yard comes a step closer with the announcement that St. George has been chosen as the preferred developer. A paper to the Ealing Council Cabinet meeting of December 6 (see the website [www.ealing.gov.uk/council/committees/cabinet](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/council/committees/cabinet)) sets out the criteria used in coming to the recommendation by the council's advisers Knight Frank. The proposals from St George and Helical Exemplar were in fact quite close, but St George was recommended as: "in broad

terms it appears to be the most financially robust ... as well as capable of meeting the objectives of the Brief". There will now follow a period of discussion/negotiation to firm up the details of the scheme, and ECS will of course be making representations. Look out for further information in the Spring newsletter.

### **Finally...**

Season's Greetings to all ECS members. The Executive Committee wishes you all a happy and civic 2006.

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