



The old Bryant & May factory on Fairfield Road

Manufacturing matches was big business in the days before mains electricity, but workers hours were long (14 hours a day) pay was poor, and conditions were worse; phossy jaw, a horrific bone disease arising from the use of white phosphorus in the match heads, was common. Annie Besant published an article about the industry called "White Slavery in London" which so angered the Bryant & May management they tried to get their workforce at their factory on Fairfield Road to sign a paper contradicting it. Their refusal triggered the first high-profile strike by unskilled women, 1,400 of whom were on strike by the end of the first day. Annie Besant was instrumental in the negotiations for their victory two weeks later. However, it was nearly twenty years and an act of parliament later before the use of white phosphorus was stopped.

The Bryant and May Match Girls strike

Stratford is named after the medieval abbey of Stratford Longthorpe, which owned over 1500 acres and was the fifth largest in England, and wealthy from supplying food to the city of London. After Joan Littlewood worked in the 1950's. Together with the walk route nothing now remains. Stratford has its own Theatre Royal, where East of the River Lee it has been part of Newham, which was created in 1965 and has the highest proportion of ethnic minorities of any London Borough, and also the highest proportion of young people of any local authority in the country.

Stratford and Newham

Dame Vera Lynn was born in Newham in 1917 where her father worked as a plumber. She adopted her grandmother's maiden name as her stage name, and first sang on radio in 1955, with her first record in 1936. It was the war which made her universally known, as she travelled to entertain the troops with songs such as "We'll meet again" and "The White Cliffs of Dover". Later, she had three entries in the first ever singles chart, and outside the Beatles to top the album charts in September 2009.

Dame Vera Lynn

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Please work with us to ensure that the 2010 walk generates more income to fund Unlock's vital work. You can do this by:

- Seriously and prayerfully consider how you can support Unlock's ongoing work.
- Sponsorship – get as many sponsors as you can, by explaining to them what you are raising money for; and ensure that they gift aid their sponsorship wherever possible.
- Promoting Unlock's work in your church or area - put up a display in your church, or write something for your church magazine*.
- Bring along some friends - encourage new people to join you for an Unlock London Walk experience in 2010.
- Through your Church – persuade your church to give funds to support Unlock as part of its regular missionary giving.
- Donations – you can make a personal donation to Unlock's work, either on a one off basis, or better yet, at regular intervals.

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- More copies of this map brochure & sponsor forms.
- *Resources to help you promote Unlock's work.
- Information about Unlock Local projects – real stories of real people.
- Unlock resources free to use.

don't forget >>>

- A-Z map of London (if you have one)
- Many of the churches on the route will provide refreshments
- A snack or picnic lunch (some food is usually available on the route too)
- We walk whatever the weather
- Look for things to pray about as you walk



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It used to be known as the Northern Outfall Sewer Embankment, on the underside of various bridges, such as when it crosses Abbey Lane. They take sewage from much of London North of the Thames to the pumping station at Abbey Mills. This was built in the 1860's by Sir Joseph Bazalgette and, together with its twin on the Southern Outfall sewer, held the largest steam pumps in the world. The pumps were replaced by diesel in the 1930's, but Bazalgette's pipes are still in use. There is now a new pumping station on the site; the original building has backup engines in case the main pumping station breaks down.

The Greenway and Abbey Mills Pumping Station

Not to be confused with Three Mills Island, scene of America's worst nuclear accident in 1979. Eight tide-powered mills were in use when the Domesday book was compiled, and the most recent mill, the largest tidal mill in the world, only stopped due to bombing in 1940. In the 19th century the mill produced about 150 horsepower, and could mill about 2 tons of maize and 5 tons of barley per tide, and 10 and 14 tons respectively on spring tides. The mill is now being restored. Much of the island is today used by Three Mills Studios, and films such as The Fantastical Mr. Fox and Lock, Stock and two smoking barrels have been produced here, as has Big Brother.

Three Mills Island

The unlock walk passes close to two major sporting arenas. Further South along Green Street is Upton Park. Thomas Ironworks, and has been at this ground since 1904. The team won the European Cup-Winners Cup in 1965, and fans claim that the next year it was really West Ham 4, West Germany 2 as the captain and both goalkeepers played for West Ham. Furthermore, all three men were born and brought up locally.

1966 and all that

London is the first city in the world to hold three Olympics, with 2012 following 1908 at White City and 1948 (it had been scheduled for 1940) at Wembley. The site for the 2012 games used to be old railway and industrial works - considering the size of the site it is remarkable how few businesses and homes needed relocating. The 80,000 seater main stadium is due to be completed in 2011. Also in 2011 tickets for the Olympic events go on sale and will include a free travelcard to encourage the use of public transport. After the games, the stadium will be reduced in size to 25,000 and is expected to be used for athletics, whilst much of the rest of the site will be turned into the largest urban park created in Europe for the last 150 years.

The Olympics

Newham & Tower Hamlets

2010 UNLOCK WALK NO. 27

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SATURDAY 24th APRIL 2010 9AM to 5PM
Newham and Tower Hamlets



TWIN STORIES

The aims of the Unlock London Walk are:

- To raise money for Unlock's work in deprived urban areas across the UK (see below*)
- To raise awareness of the issues of exclusion that Unlock exists to address
- To showcase the ministry of churches in urban areas - Come and see what God is doing in the city.
- To encourage churches in more affluent parts of the country to support the work of their fellow Christians in the inner city.
- To give 100s of people an opportunity for an unusual and enlightening day out in London

Unlock works by running local projects in UK cities, where a trained Unlock Development Worker, accompanied by a local support group, is employed to encourage and enable local people and their leaders to grow in faith and confidence by:

Unlocking real life stories of urban people
Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ
Releasing life changing skills & confidence

2009 walk sponsorship and donations have only reached £22,000. It was a great walk and there were plenty of people on it, but income is down £3,500 on 2008 and over £6,000 on 2007. Unlock relies heavily on income from the Unlock London walk to fund our work. We've been trying hard but it is very difficult to secure other types of funding, because we are directly engaged in Christian Mission. Please do all you can to maximise the returns from the 2010 walk. Unlock local projects are achieving great things, bringing the gospel to people that the churches haven't been able to reach; and we have more on the way! But we do urgently need your financial support in order to go on doing that.



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