

TWO SPOONS

Tales Of Honor Oak Volume II

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INTRODUCTION

Since arriving in Honor Oak in 2017, we've been fascinated by the neighbourhood's rich history and uniqueness.

This is our second volume of cocktails and in it, we celebrate Honor Oak, it's people, culture and history. Researching, digging out legends and finding out what makes the area tick has been a huge amount of fun.

We hope that you enjoy this collection of stories and cocktails as much as the last. Maybe you'll find out something new about Honor Oak, too.

So, sit back, relax and enjoy!



SACRED HEART CONVENT

During World War II, the Women's Voluntary Services was at the forefront of helping refugees locally. The Sacred Heart Convent on Honor Oak Road housed many displaced people.

A letter from Mrs Dorothy J Fuller addressed to Lewisham's Town Clerk, from January 1941 read:

Dear Sir, as you know they had the 36 French children and 4 Nuns,
refugees and other people who have been bombed from their homes,
well Sir I wonder if something could be done by way of some Bunks,
I know Sir they would be a great help. All the time we put them up on the floors.

It must have worked, as a memo from the Borough Engineer to the Town Clerk a month later confirmed that '14 sets of children's bunks to accommodate 42 children and 7 sets of bunks to accommodate 21 adults have now been delivered and erected.

Mrs Fuller wrote back:

I can assure you the...bunks are very comfortable.
I have slept in one myself when on Duty so can prove what I say.



AND SO TO BED

FRUITY & HERBAL

Almqvist Rejmyre Akvavit, Sauvignon Blanc,
Pear Brandy, Apple Liqueur, Green Tea Cordial

14

Available non-alcoholic



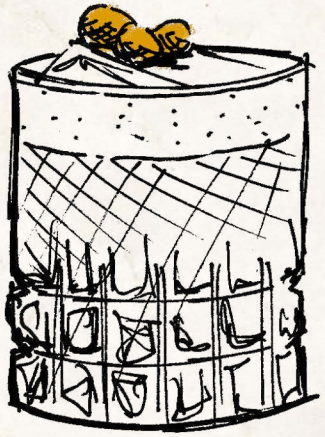
TERENCE ALAN 'SPIKE' MILLIGAN KBE

Terence Alan 'Spike' Milligan KBE lived at 22 Gabriel Street in Honor Oak from 1933-1937 then to Riseldine Road. He loved jazz and learned to play the cornet. In WW2 he served as a signalman and a troops entertainer, later returning to civilian life.

His big break came with the The Goon Show, He later played a full role in the series, both writing and voicing characters – the show later moving to television, catapulting Milligan to full blown fame.

He is perhaps better known for his poetry, most being in the style of Edward Lear: A Silly Poem:

Said Hamlet to Ophelia,
I'll draw a sketch of thee,
What kind of pencil shall I use?
2B or not 2B?



SPIKE

SPICED & NUTTY

Bourbon Whiskey, Turmeric, Crème De Banane, Hazelnut Syrup, Egg White

12.5

Available non-alcoholic



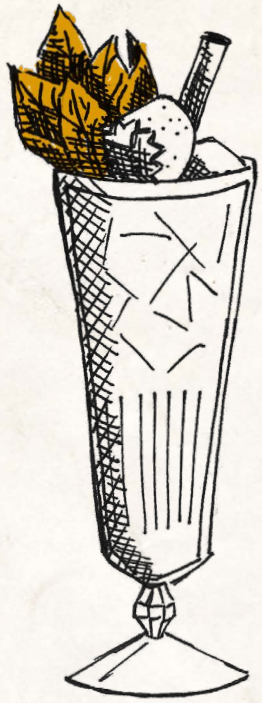
DESMOND DEKKER

Desmond Dekker, an Honor Oak resident during the 80s and 90s, had a very successful career in reggae music.

His best-known hits include "007 (Shanty Town)", "You can get it if you really want it" and "The Israelites" a song which has arguably the most mis-heard lyrics ever! Try these for size:

"Get up in the morning, baked beans for breakfast
Sold out to every monk and beefhead
Oooooooh, me ears are alright!"

In the 80s, Maxell cassette tapes ran an extremely popular ad campaign based on this, which is still loved today.



ME EARS ARE ALIGHT

FRUITY & TROPICAL

Cachaça, Dark Rum, Campari,
Mango, Olive Oil, Lime, Grenadine

12.5

Available non-alcoholic



THE ONE TREE HILL ALLOTMENT

The One Tree Hill Allotment Society was likely formed during the early part of World War II as part of the Dig for Victory campaign.

During the war, local authorities could requisition unoccupied land for allotments, and later convert parks and playing fields. Around this time, the land near the allotments was home to Joseph Wells and Son's "Albert" fireworks factory, established in 1876. The factory, employing 50 people, produced fireworks, ships' signals, and rockets, closing in 1947 and relocating to Dartford.

The site then became a council horticulture depot. The beautiful adjoining hill is now home to over 100 thriving allotments (still digging!).



THE ALLOTMENT

HERBACEOUS & CITRUSY

Rosemary Tequila, Bergamot Liqueur,
Earl Grey Tea Syrup, Lime, Lavender Bitter

12.5

Available non-alcoholic



HONOR OAK & FOREST HILL GOLF CLUB

Honor Oak & Forest Hill Golf Club was founded in 1893, starting life as a 9-hole course and was, by all accounts a popular course. By 1888 the course had increased to 18 holes, expanding eastwards to Trodds Lane, land was leased to the club by the Rt Hon William Hillier, 4th Earl of Onslow (pictured), to Mayor William Pontifex and others of the Committee for an annual rent of one shilling paid in half yearly instalments!

Golfing & Cycling Illustrated' June 10, 1897 said:

"Few followers of the game can lay claim to a prettier or more truly sportive green."

The club fell into disuse during WWII and the land was acquired by the local authority during the 1950s and turned into the park we know today.



A HOLE IN ONE

HERBAL & NUTTY

London Dry Gin, Lime,
Apricot Brandy, Strega Liqueur, Passion Fruit

12

Available non-alcoholic



PROVINCIAL BANKING CORPORATION

This branch of a tiny (by modern standards) banking group stood between the Honor Oak station and number 78, Honor Oak Park.

Formed in 1864, the Provincial Banking Corporation grew steadily over the following decades, taking over some rival banks. It mainly catered for small tradespeople and private customers with limited means. Confining itself to the London Suburbs, Wales and Eastern Counties.

In the following decades the banking world started to get smaller and it was acquired by Barclays in 1918. One of its former branch buildings is still standing in Newington Green, Haringey.



CAPITAL IDEA

RICH & EARTHY

Cognac, Suze, Pommeau De Normandie,
Crème De Figue

12

Available non-alcoholic



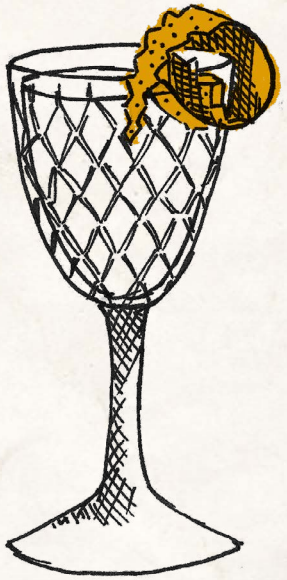
72 HONOR OAK PARK

In 1910, 72 Honor Oak Park was home to Horey Brothers who were pianoforte makers and dealers.

Pianos had been produced commercially throughout the 1800s and piano study was encouraged for both genders, but mainly for girls. Women were considered more attractive and desirable if they could play the piano as it was a symbol of good social status.

For Victorian families, using the piano for leisure and pleasure was extremely popular and a way to form a centrepiece for entertaining guests.

The rise of radiogram (or wireless) in the 1920s meant that sales of pianos dropped sharply and dealers started moving onto other things.



THE PIANO

CITRUSY & SPICED

London Dry Gin, IPA Syrup, Lemon Juice, Falernum, Orange Bitters

12

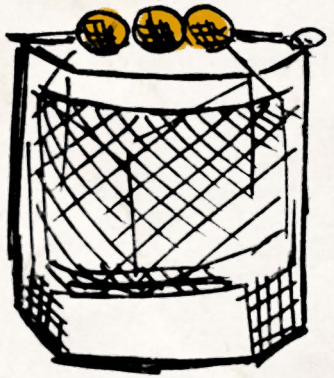
Available non-alcoholic



"THE BLITZ"

During "The Blitz" London was massive target for German bombers.
The 'Luftwaffe' mainly flew at night, sending people into their night shelters to sleep.
London was targeted relentlessly, and were it not for the Luftwaffe's poor
intelligence, versus the doggedly determined British spirit,
things could have been much worse.

Locally, bombs fell on Walters Way, Honor Oak Road, Forest Hill Road,
and most notably an incendiary bomb fell on 24 Codrington Hill,
during the evening of 7 September 1940, causing extensive damage
on the first floor.



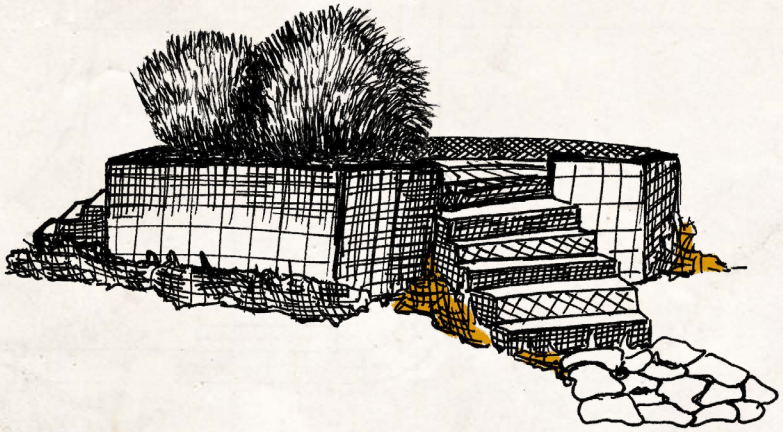
THE SHELTER

FRUITY & COMPLEX

Calvados, Pisco, Rinquinquin Peach Aperitif,
Ratafia, Peychaud Bitter

13

Available non-alcoholic



NAVAL STRONGHOLD

Not the most obvious place for a naval stronghold, but One Tree Hill, Honor Oak was an important anti-aircraft placement during the first world war.

The excellent views over London allowed naval volunteer reservists to spot zeppelin airship raids and protect local targets in Woolwich Arsenal, the Thames Docks and Waltham Forest.

The men who would have staffed the gun station would have been local, working in a range of different jobs as well as being part of the Anti-Aircraft Corps. Their service meant that the vital sites around London were protected.



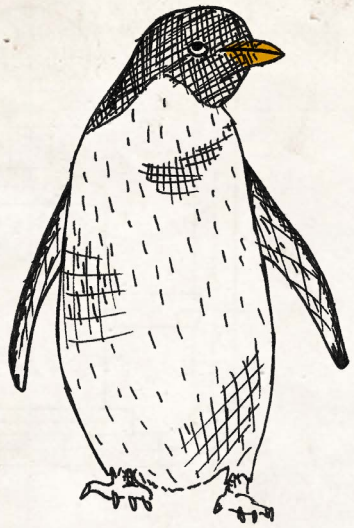
NAVY LARK

HERBAL & REFRESHING

Navy Strength Gin, Elderflower Liqueur, Lemon Juice, Basil, Cider

12.5

Available non-alcoholic



PENGUIN POLAR RELAY

Local girl, Rose Agnew, was chosen to take part in the Penguin Polar Relay in 1997. Part of an all-female expedition to the North Pole, the group were sponsored by – amongst others – McVitie's Penguin chocolate bars.

The Team was given six biscuits each per day – as well as a supply for their families at home – the great (and little known) advantage of Penguin biscuits is that they do not freeze in extreme temperatures!

20 women, ranging in age from 21-51 had no Arctic experience, were keen to encounter the ultimate adventure holiday and prove that anyone could trek to the Pole.

What makes this expedition special is that before this, no woman had ever made it to the North Pole without a man. Rose helped make history!



NICE WITH ICE

BITTERSWEET & REFRESHING

Dry Sherry, Dry Vermouth,
Amaro, Lemonade

13

Available non-alcoholic


COFFEE • BRUNCH
TWO
SPOONS
KITCHEN • COCKTAILS