

Commemorative Seats

We are all aware that there are three commemorative seats, two in Quinton and one in Preston Deanery. These were placed there in 1980 to remind us all of our local fight against London's third airport being sited at Yardley Chase. We all know that the airport was finally built at Stanstead and we were very thankful that it was not built near to us, even though we would not have had to travel far to join a flight to the popular holiday destinations, if the airport was just a few miles down the road!

When these three seats were in place a member of the our committee agreed to purchase plaques to be placed on them, to remind us all as to why the seats were purchased. This was never done as the person moved from the locality.

It was agreed by the helpers and myself at the Garden Party held at Rookery Lodge last August, that the first thing we would do with the money raised would be to purchase commemorative plaques so that we are reminded how we worked in the local area to fight the proposed airport.

You will by now have seen the plaques and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Stewart Mawby of Preston Deanery who kindly fixed them to the seats for us.

There is some money remaining from the total raised last August and that will hopefully soon be used on another village project. The cost of the plaques was £180, £60 each certainly not cheap, but well worthwhile as they should be there to remind future generations for many years to come.

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