



Pinner Local History Society

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Councillor J.E.Clark (centre) with his team in the 1920s

The first purpose-built fire station in Pinner was built in 1903 between the old Red Lion and the junction with Love Lane.

The Pinner Volunteer Fire Brigade had been formed around 1881, using a manual horse-drawn fire engine belonging to The Hall in Uxbridge Road (the site of Old Hall Drive). Charles Bird, son of the owner of The Hall, was the first captain.

It was a successor, Alfred Marshall of The Towers (the site of Lloyd Court), who was responsible for the building of the new station and the purchase of the first steam-powered engine.

The picture shows the fire station and brigade much later, in 1928, with its motor fire engine, under the command of councillor J. E. Clark (centre).

The station was superseded in 1938 by the Harrow Fire Station in Pinner Road. The six remaining auxiliary firemen (part-time volunteers) who had not been appointed to the permanent staff of the Harrow Fire Brigade were formally presented with cheques representing £1 for each year of service.

It was intended that the old fire station should be used for the storage of fire brigade equipment. However, the site became a car park for the Red Lion, which was demolished in 1963 and was replaced by Red Lion Parade.

At our next meeting, David Ray will talk about the history of Ruislip Lido and its railway. This will take place at Pinner Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday, November 7. Visitors very welcome. Suggested donation is £3.

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