



Pinner Local History Society

ESTABLISHED IN 1972

The last remaining filling station in Pinner, the Shell filling station at Pinner Green, is also one of the earliest garages in the village. It developed from a coach building business owned by George Warren, who moved to Pinner in 1902. The business became known as Warren Garage. After Warren died in 1925, the garage was taken over by Albert Cartledge, a former publican who also ran a bakery in Pinner Green.

The next proprietor was Walter Purkis Bowles, who took over when Cartledge retired in 1956. Bowles had been a motor dealer in Edgware. Having obtained a pilot's licence in 1935, he served as an RAF flying instructor during the Second World War and after the war he settled in Pinner, living at Elm Park Court. He competed very successfully in aircraft racing, winning several trophies in the UK National Championships. He was one of a group of pilots known as the Throttle Benders because of the way they pushed hard on the throttle levers to squeeze



The Shell garage is one of the earliest garages in the village the last drop of speed out of their planes.

The forecourt was converted to self-service in 1974 and since 1994, has been operated by Shell. The latest addition is an electric vehicle charging station.

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