

House Hunting in Sidcup

Once Sidcup was in Foots Cray
Great mansion halls were seen.
Landed gentry knew the course
When all around was green.
A farm life set the scene.

Vast estates like Marrowbone
And rotund Footscray Place.
Country seats and rich retreats
Sought out a slower pace.
A time of favoured grace.

Up on The Green a large estate
Would one day house the Law.
Shott Farm changed to Place Green
Then The Manor name it bore.
A school until the War.

Sidcup Place and Frognal House
Still here in modern guise.
The Star Fort now a feasting court
While Frognal hosts 'Sunrise'.
A change to stop demise.

Lamorbey and Halfway Street
Two Hamlets in the past.
Housing Hollies Childrens Home
Much loved it did not last.
A legacy now vast.

While in the park the Sparrows
Lived life at Lamienby.
Many families came and went
Setting new scenery.
A stage for all to see.

The grand old houses of Sidcup
For some the Bell did chime.
Hotels, Schools and Hospitals
Providing in their prime.
A well earned place in time.

Sally.H

