

JACQUES COTTAGES

HIGH ROAD, WHETSTONE, east side (*Kelly's Directory of Finchley & Friern Barnet 1932*)

JOHN DALE FACTORY, BRUNSWICK PARK ROAD, N11

I used to work at John Dales, which was in Brunswick Park Road, from 1941-1977, when they closed down. During the War years we used to do Green Links for airmen and torches for the undersea sailors (*Carol Martin FB&DLHS*)

22 Jun 1977. Premises vacated by John Dale in latter part of 1976 (*Barnet Council*)

David Ansell worked there (John Dale) from 1957-1963 in the die-casting section working to improve their methods and machinery for the aluminium products they produced. When the representatives of an American company, Alcan, visited the works they told the John Dale team they were 30 years behind with their processing system. David says the area in which molten metal was worked was known as the "hot dog". It would appear there was a connection with the American company as in London Colney the firm was known as John Dale (Alcan). At one time the factory was the biggest employer in London Colney with workers coming from a few miles around. Its tall chimney for the foundry was a well-known landmark and would have been impressive when approached from Ridge Hill. Works opened approx 1939 closed 1988 (*Ron Kingdon FB&DLHS*)

18 Jul 1932. Plans for steel framed factory building for John Dale (*Barnet Archives. East Barnet Valley UDC. Box 81 Plan 1358*)

1934. Plans for new building (*Barnet Local Studies & Archives East Barnet Valley Box 46 Plan 1948*)

1938. Plans for new factory (*Barnet Local Studies & Archives. East Barnet Valley UDC. Box 51 Plan 4254*)

Nov 1938. Plans for extension to enamelling department (*Barnet Local Studies & Archives. East Barnet Valley UDC Box 52 Plan 4194*)