



## Spurs' revised plans for Bulls Cross

Spurs have resubmitted their planning application for a First Team Training Centre and Academy Facility on 23 hectares of Green Belt land to the west of Myddelton House at Bulls Cross. They have abandoned their initial plan to build also a community facility on Bulls Cross Open Space, presumably because they acknowledge that this is designated public open space. However the revised plans for the main site still show a massive building containing 12,000m<sup>2</sup> compared with the existing sports pavilion of 700m<sup>2</sup> which is to be demolished. There has been some reconfiguration and the footprint of the total complex has been slightly reduced, but the academy wing and the first team wing wrap around the south and east sides of the covered pitch and there is now a building mass with a length of 108m x 125m and a height varying between 8m and 9m. The maximum height of the covered pitch above ground level is 10.5m and with flood-lighting columns 15m high it is hard to accept Spurs' contention that the complex will not be visible to the public, especially from the elevated position of Forty Hall.

The proposed siting of this structure is on agricultural land, which forms part of the historic Forty Hall Estate (owned by the London Borough of Enfield), is totally within the Green Belt, is within the Enfield Chase Area of Special Character and is on land which formed part of the 16th century deer park of Elsyng Manor House. For all these reasons the Character Appraisal for the Forty Hill Conservation Area, commissioned last year by our Council from a highly respected specialist consultant, recommends safeguarding this area by extending the Conservation Area to include all the remaining land under threat from Spurs.

This is clearly inappropriate development in the Green Belt and conflicts with the protection provisions contained in our Council's Unitary Development Plan. There would be unacceptable destruction of the topography of this historic landscape, long term disturbance of the present wildlife habitat and so many negative impacts on the area that it is inconceivable that the proposals can be justified on any grounds. We continue to totally oppose Spurs' planning application.

*Colin Pointer*

## Enfield New River Loop

Despite all the recent expensive work on the River Front section, water is still leaking out. Just as worrying is the probability that for at least the rest of this year Thames Water will be unable to pump water regularly into the Loop on account of the current drought crisis. It is essential that all leaks in the Loop are made good and an independent water supply provided by the Council. We understand that all the revetments in the section between the Church Street and Gentlemen's Row bridges are now to be replaced. We are keeping a watch on the regular maintenance programme to ensure that the requirements of the Heritage Lottery Fund are being met under the agreed 10 year Management Plan.

*Colin Pointer*

## Walk around Enfield

Our annual walk around Enfield this year will take place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, starting at 7 pm. from the Market Place. After an introductory talk by David Pam, walkers will be divided into groups and taken by a guide to see historic places in Enfield. We are fortunate in that once again we will be able to visit St. Andrew's Church and the Tudor Room in Gentleman's Row by kind permission of the owners.

The walk will end at Jubilee Hall where refreshments will be provided: the sales table will be available for the purchase of EPS goods.

Tickets (free) will be available from the Central Library one month prior to the walk but please note that numbers are limited for this popular event.

*Sadie Isaksson*

The Society's publication *Heritage Walks no.2: Enfield Town* is available for those who cannot come along on the 21<sup>st</sup> or who want a reminder of some of the places they will see. £1 from the sales table at Jubilee Hall meetings or £2 by post.



**EPS 70th Anniversary Dinner - 10th March 2006 (see p.5)**

There are no new developments to report on Middlesex University at Trent Park issue. On the Spurs academy, a new application is just in, withdrawing the previous one, and Colin Pointer is giving our preliminary response on this. In Enfield Town the shape of the PalaceXchange shopping precinct is becoming clearer by the day, but the results are not any more pleasing. The lumpish, neo-50's blocks make no concession to their surroundings, either the earlier townscape or the existing Palace Gardens Phase I. Just published final proposals for landscaping the development do not look like softening the impact. Fewer trees are included than in the first draft and it is proposed to remove the planters in the square at the back of Pearson's, possibly to make way for some sort of eatery. At least the new traffic circulation appears to be settling down.

Pearson's have put in an application to change their shopfront. The Art Deco central feature will be carried right down to the ground, though not the similar features at each end as shown in their public handout – a pity. Also a pity is that the existing fascia will merely have a new and even deeper one stuck in front of it. Pearson's is such an important feature of Enfield Town, facing as it does the historic Parish Church and Market Place, but the application has now been approved despite our stated reservations.

Contrary to what I reported in the last News, Gentleman's Row is to be repaved in the standard grey ASP slabs, with grey blocks infilling the gaps.

*Chris Jephcott*

## Setback for Broomfield House

Following adverse comments from the Heritage Lottery Fund the Broomfield House Task Force decided to withdraw the application for a Project Planning Grant. This grant would have covered most of the cost of employing consultants to draw up various plans needed to support a subsequent major funding application to the HLF for the initial restoration phase. It is now proposed to reassess the funding requirements and the possible sources of funds; HLF money will be sought only for the final phase of the project

*Colin Pointer*



## A Tale of Two Cedars

The Public Inquiry took place last month into the proposal to redevelop for housing landmark 'Highlands', the house opposite to Chase Farm behind the fine cedar trees. Most of the grounds went years ago; this was for the remainder. At the last Conservation Advisory Group Mike Brown, the new Conservation Team Leader, announced that the house had been added to the Local List of historic buildings and now comes the good news that the Inspector has dismissed the appeal. Any rejoicing would be premature, though, as the developer has just served notice of his intention to demolish the property in a month's time. This he is perfectly entitled to do, as the accompanying picture of 'Cedar House' (or what is left of it) along Green Lanes illustrates. This attractive house, also Locally Listed, was to be incorporated in a residential

development. A new planning application will now be needed to regularise the situation, but Local Listing has no power to prevent demolition. What is the use of it you may ask?

All too often with planning applications the work is carried out first and planning permission sought afterwards. In the case of Vicarage Farm, which includes the vital stretch of Green Belt countryside between the development along 'The Ridgeway' and Trent Park, extensive works, including a farm roadway, stable yard and other buildings, and also separately to rebuild and suburbanize two cottages as one were carried out and applied for retrospectively. In theory this should make no difference to the eventual decision, but experience tells otherwise. The major changes were refused permission, however, and we have just learned that the developer has gone to appeal.

*Chris Jephcott*

## Heritage Link: Making Consultation Matter

Heritage Link has published the findings of its Why Bother survey, based on responses of nearly 200 heritage groups. This survey of voluntary sector experience of Local Authority planning consultation brings together comments from civic societies, CPRE groups, local archaeology groups and others. The overwhelming point was that heritage groups want to be involved in the planning process. They spend a great deal of time and effort responding to consultations on a huge range of proposals. They believe they can make a positive difference to the quality of lo-

cal and regional planning outcomes but confidence in the consultation process is variable. Effective participation is limited by capacity, poor communication, poor quality consultation documents and off-putting language. Consultations over Conservation Area matters are a particular concern. The capacity and resources of heritage groups often lags behind their aspirations and investment in these areas is critical to sustaining community involvement. Heritage Link will use the findings to draw up a strategy to improve the engagement process. Details are on its website [www.heritagelink.org.uk](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk).

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After an enjoyable and successful 70th Anniversary Dinner thoughts turn again to the future, more particularly on how is the Society to define its role in the face of changing circumstances? We have much to be thankful for. The EPS is involved in a wide range of activities and initiatives, with a substantial membership and a healthy bank balance. We have, at least in some quarters, a reputation for positive and balanced judgements. But there are some ominous clouds on the horizon. – The average age of our members steadily increases whilst membership numbers are static or slowly decreasing. A generation of activists are reaching the age when many will be looking to a younger one to take over their role but, in common with many societies, we are finding that younger people, whilst just as idealistically motivated, are

directing their interest to different aspects of the conservation movement or are just too busy working. For the first time ever we do not have anyone willing to undertake the role of Chairman. Our initiative to recruit corporate members met with very limited success. Only a limited number of our members play an active role, but this is the case with all societies and in fact our level of member participation one way or another is unusually high.

This leads to a number of questions. We have a very good website and a very informative newsletter and meetings at Jubilee Hall attract a wide attendance. But, are our efforts publicised sufficiently or to the right public? Do we project the right image? Should we as a Charity be looking at different initiatives or a new approach? Are we trying to do too much? Are there other ways to reach out to the

public, such as putting on exhibitions? Some things we should not change. We must remain free of all political bias. We must remain true to our basic aims and objectives. We must remain as rigorous as ever in criticizing the shoddy and mediocre and in opposing threats to our surroundings despite accusations of negativity. Tony Langston, who has himself sharpened the Society's focus on the street scene at a time when there is a growing awareness of its importance, has produced a paper looking at the problems as outlined and making some interesting suggestions.

It would be good to hear the thoughts and suggestions of members on this issue. The newsletter is always pleased to publish views, but we do get surprisingly little feedback.

Chris Jephcott

## Meetings

### JUBILEE HALL MEETINGS

**Tuesday mornings 10 for 10.30 am**

#### 27th June

Enfield past. A talk, with slides, by Stephen Sellick

#### 25th July

Crime and punishment A talk by Lilian Gibbens

*August – no meeting*

#### 26th September

The costume collection of the Museum of London. A talk by Mrs. Barbara Owen.

**Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8 pm**

*June no meeting (AGM on 13<sup>th</sup>)*

#### 20th July

Travelling Theatre – The murder of Dickens. A dramatic production by Geoff Hales.

*August – no meeting*

#### 21st September

China, the dragon awakes. A talk with slides by Stephen Gilbert.

## Edmonton Group walk

The walk round some of the historic buildings and areas of Edmonton will be repeated this year on Tuesday 11th July, starting from the gates of Millfield House at 7 pm and ending in the Church Street Conservation Area with light refreshments about 9 pm. All EPS members and friends are welcome. Tickets are not required.

Monica Smith

## Diary Dates

### Saturday-Sunday, 10th-11th June

Open Garden Squares Weekend  
More details are on page 4.

### Tuesday, 13th June, 7.30 pm

EPS Annual General Meeting at Carmel Centre, London Road with a talk on Enfield Archaeological Society's research

### Wednesday 21st June, 7.00 pm

Walk round Enfield

### Sunday, 25th June, 3.00 pm

The Ware Brass Band at Hilly Fields Bandstand

### Tuesday, 11th July, 7.00 pm

Walk round Edmonton.

### Sunday, 16th July, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm at Forty Hall

*Under your feet – the archaeology of Enfield*, a free family activity day to celebrate National Archaeology Week. Take your own finds for advice and identification. Further information from Enfield Museum Service – 020 8379 1468/9 or [www.enfield.gov.uk/museum](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/museum).

### Sunday, 16th July, 3.00 pm

The Skinners Rats Folk Band at Hilly Fields Bandstand

### Sunday, 6th August, 3.00 pm

Jazz in the Park with the Colin Peters Quartet at Hilly Fields Bandstand

### Sunday, 3rd September, 3.00 pm

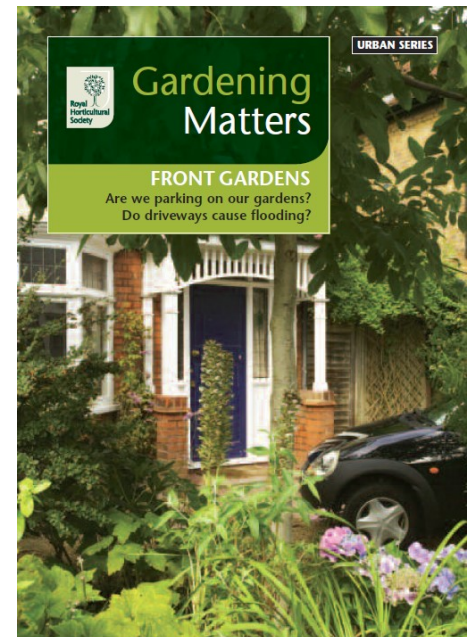
Salsa in the Park with the Merengada Band, Hilly Fields Bandstand.

### Saturday-Sunday, 9th-10th September

Autumn Show, Town Park.

### Saturday-Sunday, 16th-17th September

Open House London annual event.



## Blooming parking lots

Concerned at the loss of front gardens to parking, the Royal Horticultural Society has produced this leaflet, *Front Gardens*, giving advice on how to achieve green off-street parking and showing how to mix paving with plants. They point out that only two paved tracks, after all, are needed to take the car wheels. The advice also covers dustbin and recycling box enclosures. The 16-page leaflet is given in full at [www.rhs.org.uk/Learning/research/gardeningmatters/documents/FrontGardens.pdf](http://www.rhs.org.uk/Learning/research/gardeningmatters/documents/FrontGardens.pdf)

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## Future Walks

*Note: Train details are correct at press date but the EPS cannot accept responsibility for last minute changes. Please always check: for National Rail train enquiries/times ring 08457 48 49 50; for London area Tube, DLR and bus details, ring 020 7222 1234.*

*Reduced price train travel: GroupSave Cheap Day Return tickets allow 3 or 4 adults to travel together for the price of 2 adults on First Capital Connect or One Railway. Even for travel to the start of linear walks, GroupSave Day Return tickets are normally cheaper than buying a standard price single.*

### Tues 6 June.

Meet **7.30pm** outside St Luke's Church (corner of Browning Road/Phipps Hatch Lane) for 2 hour circular walk on a summer's evening. *Leader:* Colin Adams

### Sat 10 June

Meet **10.30am** at Ware Station (9.46am train from Southbury change Cheshunt for 10.10am train) for 8 to 9 mile circular walk via River Ash valley. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Note: new station car park at Ware is located on right after road bridge over railway (3 mins walk from station). *Leader:* Brian Frear

### Wed 14 June

Meet **10.30am** by ticket office at Manor House underground station for about 2.5 hour linear walk via London's longest nature reserve ending at Alexandra Palace mainline station. *Leader:* Norman Coles

### Mon 19 June.

Meet **10.25am** Hertford North Station (10.01am train from Enfield Chase) for 9 to 10 mile circular walk via Rib Valley. Shorter option of about 5 miles returning to Hertford by bus from Wadesmill lunch stop. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader:* Stuart Mills

### Sun 25 June

Theydon Bois Village Open Gardens Day. Meet **10.37am** at public carpark on Honey Lane/Woodridgen Hill (A121) near Volunteer PH (but opposite The Woodbine Inn) about 0.25 mile east of M25 junction 26 towards Wake Arms roundabout. Public transport: bus 240/250 at 10.23am from Waltham Cross bus station. The walk of about 6 miles will hopefully allow ample time to view majority of the 20 open gardens. Admission cost about £4. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader:* Stuart Mills

### Wed 28 June

Meet **10.22am** Theobalds Grove Station (10.16am train from Southbury or by bus to Waltham Cross and 0.5 mile walk) for 2 hour visit to Cedars Park, Theobalds Lane, Cheshunt. Discover the substantial remains and history of Theobalds Palace. Coffee etc. available. *Leader:* Brenda Brown

### Sun 9 July

Datchworth Village Open Gardens Day & Scarecrow Festival. Meet **10.30am** Watton-at-Stone Station (9.37am train from Enfield Chase but check for engineering work alterations) for 6 mile circular walk with lengthy lunch stop allowing time to view the many open gardens etc. £5 admission. Refreshments/pub food or bring lunch. *Leader:* Norman Coles

### Wed 12 July

Towards 2012. Meet **10.24am** by platform 1 Liverpool Street mainline station or **10.45am** at Leyton Underground Station (Central Line) for about 2.5 hour linear walk including accessible areas of the forthcoming Olympic site, ending at Bow Road. Optional lunch stop. *Leader:* Roy Nicholls

### Sat 15 July

Meet **10.32am** Bayford Station (10.19am train from Enfield Chase but check for engineering work alterations) or **10.50am** in Bayford Village for car drivers (please park considerately). 7 to 8 mile circular walk via Essendon. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader:* Roy Nicholls

### Fri 21 July

Meet **7.30pm** at The War Memorial, Chase Green, Enfield Town, for 1.5 to 2 hour linear walk following parts of the New River towards Winchmore Hill. *Leader:* Ray Moss

### Wed 26 July

Meet **11.00am** at the front door of Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane (210 bus from Finsbury Park Station) for a circular walk including some hidden and lesser known parts of the Heath and environs. Ending by about 4.00pm. Shorter options. Bring lunch or café/pub food available. *Leaders:* Carol Cope & Kinu Ohki

### Sat 29 July

Meet **3.30pm** St Margaret's Station (2.46pm train from Southbury change Cheshunt for 3.10pm train) for 4 to 4.5 hour circular walk with tea stop. Bring food/drink although there may be a pub stop. *Leader:* Ken Cooper

### Mon 7 August

Meet **10.14am** Bayford Station (10.01am train from Enfield Chase) or **10.30am** in Brickendon Village for car drivers. 8.5 or 9 mile circular walk through woods, heaths and byways. 5 mile option ends at the Hertford Heath lunch stop (with return by bus to Hertford Town). Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader:* Stuart Mills

### Wed 9 August

Meet **10.29am** Chingford Station (313 bus terminus) for 4.8 mile linear walk via London Loop to Debden. Shorter options. Optional lunch stop prior to return by bus to Chingford. *Leader:* Ray Moss

### Sat 12 August

Meet **10.29am** Harpenden Station (9.48am or 10.03am train from Kings Cross Thameslink for 7 to 8 mile circular walk in Upper Lea Valley via Wheathampstead. Bring lunch or pub food available. By car, about 45 mins via either St Albans & A1081 or A1M (Junction 4) & B653. *Leader:* Brian Wragg

### Wed 23 August

Meet **10.15am** outside Sainsburys New Barnet for 2.5 hour circular walk via Hadley Woods and Monken Hadley. Shorter option. *Leader:* Ken Cooper

### Sat 26 August

Meet **2.30pm** Cockfosters Station for about 3 hour circular walk in Enfield's countryside via Camlet Moat and Covert Way nature reserve. *Leader:* Monica Smith

### Mon 28 August

Meet **10.30am** Berkhamsted Station (9.54am train from Euston) for 9 to 10 mile circular walk in classic Chiltern scenery via Aldbury. Shorter option. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. By car, about 45 mins via M25 (junction 20) & A41. *Leader:* Colin Adams

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## Bargain for members

Thanks to a generous donation by David Pam, a Vice-President of EPS, we are able to offer members copies of his book, *The Royal Small Arms Factory and its Workers*, at the special price of £9 (usually £14). There is slight damage to the covers of these volumes but the text is complete. Copies can be purchased from the Sales Table at meetings or, if you would like a copy by post, please send a cheque for £11 (to include a contribution towards postage) to Publications, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ. Cheques should be made payable to the Enfield Preservation Society and please don't forget to include your name and address.

*Monica Smith*



# 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006

An occasion to mark the founding of the Enfield Preservation Society in March 1936. Seventy members with guests, Tony Dey, Deputy Mayor of Enfield, and Margery Dey, Deputy Mayoress, Joan Ryan MP with husband Martin Haggerty and Mike Rye, Leader of Enfield Council with his Partner Gill Owen, sat down to an enjoyable meal, with background music provided by talented local entertainer, Chris Saussman. Tony Dey regaled the gathering with details of quirky sporting achievements from 70 years ago before proposing the toast to the Society. In reply, President, Chris Jephcott, having earlier welcomed the guests, reviewed the work and

achievements of the Society from its early days to the present, starting with the campaign to prevent a new Town Hall on the Library Green though to the outstandingly successful New River Loop project. We had had our differences with Enfield Council over the years, but also valuable co-operation and support. He summarized the activities of the various Groups and the Society's string of successful publications, before paying tribute to the debt owed by the EPS to a number of former members, sadly no longer with us. These included our late President Valerie Carter, and Don Gresswell, who donated to the Society its headquarters, Jubilee Hall, well used as a

meeting venue. The President went on to emphasise the hard work put in by many current members to maintain a successful organisation and also had warm praise for Beryl Dorrington and the Publicity Group for organising such a splendid event.

In conclusion he touched on the challenges facing the Society over the next seventy years, starting with the present - for the first time no current Chairman and a static or slowly declining membership. Finally, he also had one detail relating to 1936 that Cllr. Dey had not mentioned, namely that the Royal British Legion Hall, in which the anniversary event took place, also dated from that year.



We are indebted to Clare Jephcott for these photographs of the anniversary dinner. The top table, left, shows Martin Haggerty, Joan Ryan, Chris Jephcott, Margery Dey, Tony Dey, Gill Owen and Mike Rye.



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## Bandstand events at Hilly Fields, 2006

The Friends of Hilly Fields are again pleased to announce their summer programme of concerts, at the bandstand in Hilly Fields, in Browning Road, EN2. Details as listed below. Everyone is welcome, and as the events are free, we encourage residents to be generous with their donations for the local charities that will be collecting at each event. Hilly Fields can be reached by the W8 or 191 buses. There is a car park at Whitewebbs Golf Course which can be reached by Beggars Hollow, next to the Rose and Crown public house. Please do not park in the surrounding roads. If the weather is inclement, the concerts will be held in St Luke's Church, Browning Road. The Friends welcome membership enquires or offers of help, details of which can be found on their website [www.hillyfields.info](http://www.hillyfields.info).

### Sunday 25th June, 3.00 – 5.30 pm

The Ware Brass Band, playing a range of popular and classical music. Collection in aid of the Wildlife Ambulance and Rescue Service (based at Trent Park).  
Sponsored by Enfield Council.

### Sunday 16th July 3.00 – 5.30 pm

The Skinners Rats Folk Band, plus children's entertainment with Colin the Clown, face painting, and charity stalls. Collection in aid of the Wildlife Ambulance and Rescue Service.  
Sponsored by Fairview New Homes Ltd.

### Sunday 6th August, 3.00 – 6.00 pm

Jazz in the Park, with The Colin Peters Quartet.  
Guest stars, Kelly Dickson and Digby Fairweather.  
Collection in aid of the Nightingale Community Hospice.  
Sponsored by Data Connection.

### Sunday 3rd September, 3.00 pm

Salsa in the Park, with the Merengada Band, with lead saxophonist Nina Jaffa. Collection in aid of the Alzheimer's Society (Enfield Branch)  
Sponsored by Enfield Council.

For your comfort, the British Red Cross will be in attendance at each event.  
Have a nice day.

*Tony Claydon  
(Chairman, Friends of Hilly Fields)*

## Open Garden Squares Weekend, 10-11 June.

This is the only weekend in the year when many of London's private squares and gardens open their gates to welcome visitors. As an added attraction this year, Loire Village Wines are offering free wine-tasting at selected gardens.

The event is in its ninth year but until now has focused on central London. However, with the sponsorship of the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage, a two-year development project is under way to expand the event and some gardens in the outer London boroughs will be open this year.

Tickets allowing entry to all participating gardens cost £5 in advance and £7.50 on the day. (Children under 12 free). Until 5 June, advance tickets can be ordered from any branch of Capital Gardens. A £5 discount voucher to spend at any of their garden centres is promised to everyone booking in advance. Our nearest branch seems to be in the grounds of Alexandra Palace. You can buy tickets in person or by phone at any branch of Capital Gardens and through their website at [www.capitalgardens.co.uk](http://www.capitalgardens.co.uk).

*Monica Smith*

### New members

*We warmly welcome the following  
new members:*

Ms C. Jephcott; Mr & Mrs R. Lindsay; Mrs. S. Lyne; Miss G. Maskens; Mrs. M. Preston; Mr. J. Smith; Miss L. Squires; Ms. A. Watts

### Mrs Joan Allen

It is with sadness that we heard of the death of Mrs Allen in March. Joan had been a member of EPS since 1984 and was once a keen walker with the Footpaths Group. For many years until this January, she provided the refreshments at the evening meetings. I am sure that the many people who knew Joan would wish to join in offering our sincere sympathy to Dennis.

### Apology

Due to illness and computer problems it is regretted that we have been unable to produce a bumper 70th Anniversary issue this time as promised in our last Newsletter.