



The newsletter of The Enfield Society

From EPS to TES

This is the first issue of our newsletter under its new title, after the name of the Society was changed by the recent AGM (see page 5) and has now been officially registered with Companies House. A change of name always arouses mixed feelings, especially with the outstanding record of the Enfield Preservation Society in caring for our neighbourhood and environment over more than seventy years. We also have to look to the future, though, and we are keen to show that we are concerned with much more than preservation. Change is inevitable, and we do not oppose development, but do all we can to ensure that it enhances the character and atmosphere of the Borough, while not losing the best of the past. We share the pattern of our name with many other societies, from the Brighton Society in the south to the Wick Society in the north, and hope that it will encourage membership from many more people who share our new object: "the conservation and enhancement of the civic and natural environments of the London Borough of Enfield and its immediate surrounding area for the public benefit".

Leonard Will

Situations vacant

The following posts are all voluntary and unpaid, but important to enable the Society to fulfil its objectives for the benefit of the community. If you think you can help in any way in these areas, please do get in touch.

Secretary to the Society

We are still without a company secretary and we urgently need to fill this important, but not too onerous, post, which combines being the Company Secretary to the Society as an incorporated company and also the Secretary to the Trustees of the Society as a registered charity. Some organisational skills are required but experience in the field is not essential. For further information please contact Colin Pointer (020 8366 2406).

Evening meetings organiser

We need someone to obtain speakers for nine Thursday evening meetings per year at Jubilee Hall and to manage the arrangements, but not necessarily to chair the meetings. These meetings are a popular Enfield Society feature and provide pleasure and information for members. No previous experience is necessary. For further information contact Janet McQueen (020 8367 7374)

New lamps for old

The Public Finance Initiative for the replacement and upgrading of street lighting throughout Enfield and Barnet has reached the implementation stage. Vaguely Edwardian style posts are appearing along 'principal' routes. As the example in Winchmore Hill Road shows, they are very much taller than the existing columns and out of proportion with the buildings. Whether one likes the style is a matter of taste. In conservation areas a heritage style replacement is to be used, but I think the actual design is yet to be chosen. When in Clapham recently I thought the lamp posts on the Common would be very suitable as shown. The square lantern is more elegant than the over-small circular ones current in Enfield and it is fixed directly without the supporting brackets that allow the lantern to move when the post is shaken.

What is ironic is that at the same time permission has been given for lots of illuminated advertisements on lamp columns throughout Enfield, the same size as those on the ends of bus shelters, not very appropriate in a borough that is trying to reduce street clutter.

Chris Jephcott



New lamp post in Winchmore Hill



Lamp post on Clapham Common

The Planning White Paper

Planning for a sustainable future

I had intended to comment on the generally benign Heritage White Paper. But this new one is more important to cover, in view of its implications. Despite the short time since the last major reorganisation of the planning system, it envisages major changes. In summary, it has five key pillars :

- A new system to decide major infrastructure projects, with independent “expert” decision makers and new inquiry procedures
- Simplifying the local planning system to make it easier for householders to undertake home improvements such as extensions where there is little or no impact on neighbours
- A bigger role for planning in tackling climate change
- Ensuring the planning system continues to support vibrant (horrible word) town centres and the reuse of brownfield sites
- Changes to development plan and appeals systems

As always, the devil is in the detail. In particular, although the paper does address some real problems and gives much lip service to public involvement, the outcome of a streamlined service is likely to be more changes passed more quickly, by-passing public awareness till too late. Just when the standard of house improvements generally has become much more sensitive, with good local guidelines, it is proposed to sweep away the need for permission for house extensions and improvements, not only in the case of micro generation, for which there could be justification, but overall.

Another worrying feature is the intention to review the ‘need test’ by which proposals for out of town retail developments are assessed. This is likely to make it easier to provide these retail outlets, as whether or not an existing store meets the identified need will no longer be grounds for refusal.

The consultation period extends until 17th August via the Communities and Local Government website (access via Google)

Chris Jephcott

Enfield's choices

The Enfield Plan: core strategy

During the past three months the Society has submitted detailed comments on the new draft document *The Enfield Plan, Choices for Enfield*. The options are considered along the lines of a “triple arc” concept:

- **Green Enfield.** In the north of the Borough and along the Lee Valley corridor, to make more of its natural resources
- **New Enfield.** The south and east of Enfield, to be improved as needed to create distinctive, balanced communities
- **The Heart of Enfield.** The pleasant suburban townscape, to be retained and enhanced

Throughout the document opportunities are provided for comments and questions putting forward alternative options. All the comments can be seen on the Council's new on-line consultation system accessed through the following link:

<http://consultation.limehouse.co.uk/index.do?identifier=enfield>

I'm sorry it's so complicated, but there it is. It is becoming more and more necessary to be computer literate these days.

Likewise we have also commented extensively on the Area Action Plan for Enfield Town. This follows on from the Action Planning Day referred to in the latest Winter EPS News. The format is similar and generally we have found it a well presented and comprehensive document. Only the transport section has caused some concerns. It seems to us slanted towards reintroducing two-way traffic along Cecil Road. Again the comments can be found using the link above.

Chris Jephcott

Spurs at Bulls Cross

The public inquiry to decide Spurs' appeal against our Planning Committee's decision to refuse permission for a combined football academy and training complex will start on 20th November. It will take place in the Civic Centre, probably in the Council Chamber, and is scheduled to run for three weeks. We have now instructed Counsel to represent us at the inquiry and our witnesses are preparing their evidence. As we receive more and more advice and help from professional experts in all the fields relevant to this matter so our confidence grows that we will have a very strong case to present to the Inspector at the inquiry.

Also growing is our likely total cost; our appeal total, including Gift Aid tax refund, is close to £11,000 but we would welcome further contributions so that we

do not have to dig too deeply into our reserves - all donations will be gratefully acknowledged and should be sent to Jubilee Hall, with cheques being made payable to The Enfield Society.

We would like as many of our members as possible to attend the inquiry to give support to our team just by their presence and to add to the strength of our opposition to Spurs' proposals. The inquiry will open at 10.00am on Tuesday 20th November, will sit until 5.00pm every day, Tuesday to Friday each week. If any member can spare a few hours, half a day or longer to attend the inquiry, will you please leave a message on our telephone answering machine, 020 8363 9495, giving your name, telephone number and the day(s) and times when you can be at the Civic Centre.

Colin Pointer

Architecture and Planning Group

The Architecture and Planning Group have opposed the loss of two street trees and the design of the facade of a proposed development at 229-245 High Street, Ponders End for the erection of a three-storey building with two retail units and post office on the ground floor, with ten flats above.

The Group seeks additional members interested in this aspect of the Society's work. Members familiar with the Green Belt or the Bush Hill Park area would be particularly welcome. For further information contact John Davies (020 8363 7707).

John Davies

Diary dates

19th August, 10.00 am

Joint working party with Enfield Conservation Volunteers, Jubilee Park, Edmonton.

23rd August-28th October

Enfield and the transatlantic slave trade. An exhibition at Forty Hall to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Parliamentary Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. The exhibition will look at cultures in West Africa at the time of slavery using objects borrowed from the British Museum and will explore the Transatlantic slave trade and slavery in the UK, USA and Caribbean. The links to Enfield and the slave trade will be explored through African individuals living in Enfield in the 17th and 18th centuries and wealthy landowners who lived in the borough. The connection of local Quakers from Winchmore Hill with the abolitionist movement will also be explored. The legacy of the trade will be examined including racism, cultural legacy and the civil rights movement together with the issue of modern slavery.

Until 29th August

Ordinary people – extraordinary lives, an exhibition celebrating the achievement of individuals from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, ages and abilities who live or work in the borough of Enfield. Edmonton Green Library, Monday to Thursday 9 am-7pm, Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm

4th September

TES Trees Group inaugural meeting, with Andy Robinson to discuss ***Enfield Council's tree management policy.*** 7pm at Jubilee Hall. See "Trees group" on page 5.

8th-9th September

Enfield Autumn Show, Town Park. Visit The Enfield Society stand.

15th-16th September

Open House, London The capital's biggest annual architectural festival provides the opportunity to visit, free of charge, a wide range of old and new buildings, from Livery Halls to social housing. The ***Buildings guide*** contains full details and will be available from mid-August. It can be purchased on line through www.openhouse.org.uk or by sending an A4 stamped (65p) addressed envelope and cheque for £3 (payable to London Open House) to 4th floor, 297 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AQ. Heritage Open Days outside London take place from 6 to 9 September.

Until 24th February 2008

The suburban landscape – 200 years of gardens and gardening. An exhibition at the Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture, Cat Hill. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 2 to 5pm. Admission free.

27th October

Edmonton Hundred Historical Society Day Conference at Jubilee Hall. The theme this year will be local industries, firms and their processes.

Edmonton

Edmonton Group

There will be a chance for TES members from all parts of the Borough to contribute practically to the improvement of local parks by joining members of the Edmonton Group and Enfield Conservation Volunteers at Jubilee Park, Edmonton, on Sunday 19th August. There will be a variety of tasks suitable for all abilities. Meet at the Community Hall in Jubilee Park at 10 a.m. and bring a packed lunch, boots or wellingtons and gardening gloves.

Edmonton members have been trying for three years to get the gardens on either side of Silver Street Station properly maintained with little success. It is understood that Transport for London is responsible for maintenance but the Borough of Enfield for litter collection. It seems nothing has been done since April 2006 and the gardens are in a sorry state as can be seen from Irmlinde Adibe's photo.

There will be a joint meeting with members of Edmonton Hundred Historical Society in Edmonton on the History of the North Middlesex Hospital on 20th February 2008. Details will be given in our next newsletter.

Monica Smith



Overgrown gardens near Silver Street station Photo: Irmlinde Adibe

Roman beaker restored



This is an indented colour coated wine beaker with barbetine or piped decoration. It was discovered in a foundation trench of a house extension in the Leighton Road area of Bush Hill Park. It was probably buried as an offering to the gods to bring good fortune to the settlement which was close by Ermine Street. Unfortunately the foundation trench was being dug out by a machine which smashed the beaker into many pieces. It has now been totally restored and is on display in Forty Hall Museum. The beaker has been dated to the late 3rd or early 4th centuries by comparing it with one of that date found in a cellar full of pottery in St. Albans. It would have been an expensive item to buy and was possibly made in Oxfordshire. We are delighted to have been able to contribute towards the cost of restoring this important artefact.

Colin Pointer

Discovering historic buildings in Enfield

The London Borough of Enfield has a wealth of buildings from the 12th to the 20th centuries which are nationally listed Grade I, II* or II, or locally listed by the Council because of their architectural or historical interest, including churches, houses, public houses, schools and railway stations. This listing gives them some protection from demolition, unsympathetic alteration or the destruction of their settings. Many of these buildings are to be found in the Borough's sixteen conservation areas, established from 1968 onwards. The planning restrictions that come with conservation area status enable the Council to protect and enhance the special character and appearance of these areas.

Many of the historic buildings in the Enfield Town, Forty Hill and Clay Hill conservation areas will be illustrated in my talk at Jubilee Hall on Thursday 15th November, starting at 8pm. Interior as well as exterior views of St. Andrew's Church, Enfield Grammar School, Little Park and the Tudor Room in Gentleman's Row, Christ Church Chase Side, Forty Hall, Capel Manor and North Lodge (now St. John's Senior School) on the Ridgeway will be included. A second talk, concentrating on historic buildings in the Church Street Edmonton, Vicars Moor Lane, Winchmore Hill Green and Southgate Green conservation areas is planned for 2008.

Many of the slides to be shown there were taken on the routes of the Society's guided walks around Enfield Town and Forty Hill, or at the annual London Open House weekends (which will be on 15th and 16th September in 2007) when many places not normally open to the public may be seen free of charge. In recent years the Society has also arranged guided walks to see historic buildings in Edmonton, Winchmore Hill, Southgate, High Barnet and Monken Hadley, Highgate and Blackheath. A volunteer is, however, needed if further walks are to be organised by the Historic Buildings Group.

More information on Enfield's architectural heritage may be found in the well illustrated book *Treasures of Enfield* and the new guide to *Heritage walks in the London Borough of Enfield* both published by The Enfield Society.

Stephen Gilburt



The Hermitage, Forty Hill, 1704



Enfield Grammar School, 1590s, and Uvedale House, early 16th century



Interior, Forty Hall, 1629-1636

List of listed buildings

There are currently 495 buildings on the list for the London Borough of Enfield. There is a complete list, including those locally listed, on the Council's Web site. The direct address is very long, but it can be found by searching for "listed buildings alphabetical street index".

Trinity Church opens its doors

Trinity Church will be opening its doors from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September as part of this year's national Heritage Open Days scheme. Sitting on the corner of Gentleman's Row and Church Street for well over



one hundred years, Trinity Church is a well-known landmark in Enfield Town. Church members are inviting the local community to come and find out more about the church building, its history and its architecture.

During the three days there will be much to see including activities for children and a rolling programme of music and drama. Visitors will also be able to see a "Festival of Crosses", a display of many different interpretations of the cross.

Trinity will be open from 12noon to 4pm on Friday 7th September, 10am to 6pm on Saturday 8th September, and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday 9th September. Entry will be free. Special Sunday Services will also mark the occasion. More information about Trinity's event is at <http://trinity.webhop.org/>.

Sheila Dane

Architecture gallery at the V&A

Members who are unable to afford a walking tour of the Swiss Alps might like to visit the architecture gallery at the V&A. It is on the second floor, above the Cromwell Road entrance, and is reached by four flights of stairs (there is no lift access due to reconstruction in the basement).

The gallery contains several well displayed models including the 1951 Sea and Ships Pavilion, the original Gatwick airport terminal and a 1930s suburban house. There is a well displayed wall of materials and the side gallery has a display on the reopening of the Royal Festival Hall. Some captions are very badly lit but a large print gallery guide is available. The V&A is open 10.00 - 17.45 daily. The cafe is next to the original grill room which means you can sip a good coffee in the William Morris Room.

John Davies

The President's column



The Enfield Society it is. By a substantial majority, with only ten votes against, the AGM endorsed the change of name and adopted the revised object and aims of the Society. We have since heard from the DTI (of all places) that the change has been approved. This meeting was the last with Stephen Hoyer as our Secretary and we are grateful for the work he has done in this capacity over the past four years. It was also Stanley Smith's last AGM as a member of the Management Committee, a stalwart member of the Society over very many years.

The new planning system introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act in 2004 is resulting in a lot of draft documents for public consultation. Since the last EPS News we have commented at length on the new Enfield Plan and on the Area Action Plan for Enfield Town. The North Circular Road AAP is now available for comment.

Now, just as we are starting to get used to this new terminology of spatial strategies and local development frameworks, along comes the Planning White Paper,

proposing yet more changes. This followed on from the December 2006 Kate Barker Report advocating further streamlining of the planning system to mitigate the high costs faced by developers and businesses because of the slow, unpredictable and bureaucratic current arrangements. The Rod Eddington (formerly of BA) Report on major infrastructure planning has also been published, advocating a presumption in favour of developers for major infrastructure projects. The White Paper has picked up on these themes as considered in more detail elsewhere in the News.

But these same arguments have been going on for years. In 1977 Circular 71/77 set out the Government's determination to do all it could to create a planning climate in which industry and supporting businesses would flourish. In 1980 Circular 22/80 stated the planning system should be as helpful as can be to commerce and the development industry. There should be a presumption in favour of private housing development. Plus ça change...

But this is not to underestimate the threat that the new proposals pose. The threatened relaxation of control on small house extensions and increase of permitted development could see a speeding up of the steady degradation of the character of our towns and streets. Streamlining the development consent procedures for significant infrastructure projects, such as the strategic road network, airports and power generation, so that time from application to decision is less than a year is suggested. Despite all the fine words about improving community engagement, this is bound to reduce the chance of any effective public opposition in controversial cases.

It's true that the 2004 changes have proved complicated and inflexible. But we do not want the planning system to become like the NHS, subject to a major upheaval every second year.

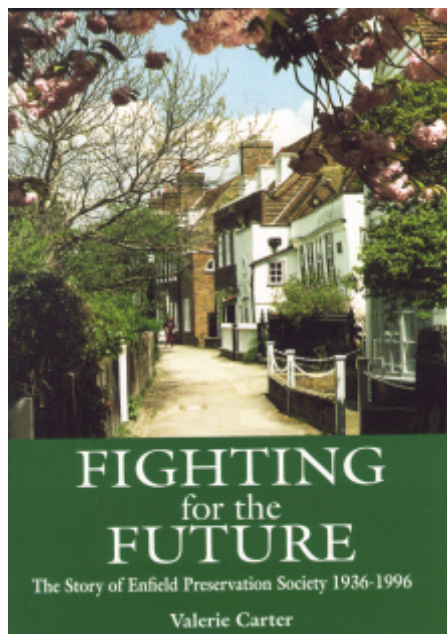
Chris Jephcott

The Enfield Society

Free book for members

Fighting for the Future, the story of the first sixty years of the Enfield Preservation Society and a social history of Enfield, was written by Valerie Carter and published to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee. It was awarded the top prize by the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies in its Media Awards competition. The Management Committee has now agreed to offer remaining copies, free of charge, to any members who would like one. You can collect a copy from the Sales Table at Jubilee Hall or one can be posted to you on receipt of £2.50 to cover post and packing. Either complete the relevant section on the enclosed Order Form or send your name and address with your cheque to TES (Publications), Jubilee Hall, at the address on page 8.

Monica Smith



Trees Group

We now have four volunteers, as the nucleus of a new Trees Group. As a start we have arranged a public meeting at Jubilee Hall, at 7pm on Tuesday 4th September. Andy Robinson, Enfield's Highways Arboricultural Officer, has kindly agreed to be there, together with one of his Heads of Section to answer your questions on tree management and policy.

Chris Jephcott

Our 71st Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM was again held at the Mount Carmel Centre on Tuesday 26th June. As expected we had a very good attendance. Special tributes were paid to Beryl Dorrington, who had retired from the Management Committee in January, to Stanley Smith, who retired from the Committee after this AGM, and also to Stephen Hoyer who also retired as our Secretary at the end of the meeting. On the formal business of the AGM all the ordinary resolutions were passed unanimously as was the first special resolution to approve and adopt the revised Memorandum of Association. The second special resolution proposed the change of name to The Enfield Society; this provoked a number of questions from our members some of whom were very much against any form of name change. Following a lively debate the motion was carried by 74 votes in favour, 10 against and with 1 abstention. After a break for refreshments we were entertained with a fascinating and humorous talk by Bryan Hewitt on the life and times of A.E. Bowles and his garden at Myddelton House.

Colin Pointer

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Ms S. Gahagan
Mr and Mrs R. Price
Mr M. Smith

Future walks

Note: Train details are correct at press date but The Enfield Society cannot accept responsibility for last minute changes. Please always check: for National Rail train enquiries and 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, Silverlink, Chiltern 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 but you must travel as a group, not separately.

Sat 25 August

Meet **2.15pm** at Watton-at-Stone Station (1.49pm train from Enfield Chase) for 3 to 3.25 hour circular walk including a visit to the Datchworth Church Flower Festival. *Leaders:* Carol Cope & Kinu Ohki

Mon 27 August

Meet **11.00am** at Ashwell & Morden Station (by Cambridge train from Finsbury Park at 10.11am or Potters Bar at 10.21am) for 8 to 9 mile circular walk via Therfield in an area of long distance views. By car via A10 to Royston then A505 westwards towards Baldock for about 5 miles. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Details 020 8360 0282. *Leader:* Roy Nicholls

Wed 29 August

London Loop. Meet **10.15am** Enfield Lock (at 121 bus terminus) for 4 to 5 mile linear walk via Sewardstone Hills and Epping Forest ending at Chingford. Return to Enfield by 313 bus. *Leader:* Monica Smith

Wed 12 September

Meet **10.34am** at Bayford Station (10.21am train from Enfield Chase) or **10.45am** at Brickendon Green for car drivers. 7 or 8 mile circular walk via attractive nature reserves and ancient woods and field patterns. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leaders:* Carol Cope & Kinu Ohki

Sat 15 September

Meet **10.48am** at Hemel Hempstead Station (10.04am or 10.24am trains from Euston) for about 9 mile circular walk through contrasting scenery with fine views. Shorter option of 4.75 miles. By car about 45 mins from Enfield via M25 (junction 20) & A41. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader:* Stuart Mills

Mon 24 September

Meet **10.15am** at front door of Forty Hall Mansion for 2.5 to 3 hour circular walk with interesting historical features en-route. *Leader:* Brenda Brown

Sat 29 September

Meet **10.30am** at Elstree & Borehamwood Station for 8 to 9 mile circular walk via Letchmore Heath, Elstree Aerodrome and Aldenham Country Park. Bring lunch or pub food possibly available. By public transport: 107 bus from High Barnet or Arkley (15 mins service taking 18 mins from Arkley). By car: A411 for 3 miles from Arkley, then turn right down Deacons Hill Road. *Leader:* Christine Fookes

Wed 10 October

Meet **10.18am** at Cambridge Heath Station (9.53am from Enfield Town) for linear walk of 3 hours (but with 2 shorter options) through varied and surprisingly green and semi-rural parts of the lower River Lea Valley in East London. All options end at convenient public transport points for return to Enfield. *Leader:* Ken Cooper

Sat 13 October

Meet **10.37am** at Hertford North Station (10.19am train from Enfield Chase Station) for 9 to 10 mile circular walk via Bramfield Woods, Watton-at-Stone (lunch) and River Beane Valley. Shorter option of about 5 miles by ending or joining walk at Watton. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details 020 8360 0282. *Leader:* Roy Nicholls

Mon 22 October

Meet **11.06am** at Crews Hill Station (11.01am train from Enfield Chase Station) for maximum 7 mile circular walk in Enfield's countryside with shorter options of 3.5 or 5.0 miles. Lunch stop at Whitewebbs House. *Leader:* Norman Coles

Sat 27 October

Meet **10.30am** at public car park on Honey Lane/Woodridgen Hill (A121) near Volunteer PH (but opposite The

Woodbine Inn) about 0.25mile east of M25 junction 26 towards the Wake Arms roundabout. Choice of full 8 mile figure of eight walk or an option of 4 miles by joining only the morning or afternoon walk. Lunch stop will be at start-point. Pub food available or bring lunch. Public transport: 250 bus from Waltham Cross bus station at 9.55am (or at 1.25pm for afternoon walk). Details 020 8364 0300. *Leader:* Colin Adams

Wed 7 November

Meet **10.15am** at the Odeon, Barnet (on 307 bus route) and discover part of Barnet's green belt countryside. Morning walk of 2.5 to 3 hours, followed by optional lunch stop and optional afternoon walk. Pub food available at lunch stop or bring own food. All options will end at convenient public transport points for return to start or Enfield. *Leader:* Ray Moss

Sat 10 November

Meet **10.00am** at Gordon Hill Station (W8 bus or 9.49am train from Enfield Chase) for about 9 mile circular walk on the borders of Enfield and Herts. Shorter option of about 5 miles by leaving or joining the group at the Goffs Oak lunch stop. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details 020 8366 2242. *Leader:* Dave Cockle

Wed 21 November

Meet **10.30am** at Green Park tube station for about 2.5 hour exploration of the Mayfair and St James's areas near Piccadilly in London's West End. *Leader:* Monica Smith

Sat 24 November

Meet **10.34am** at Welwyn North Station (by train either 10.11am from Finsbury Park or 10.21am from Potters Bar) for about 7 mile walk via a cluster of greens – not cabbages, but Harmer, Datchworth, Gover's and Bull's Green! Bring lunch or pub food available. By car: station is near Digswell about one mile east of A1M junction 6 or follow B1000 from Hertford. *Leader:* Brian Wragg

Stuart Mills



Green Flag Awards for Enfield parks

The Green Flag Award, managed by the Civic Trust, is the national standard for parks and green spaces in England and

Wales. To receive an award parks must be welcoming, clean, well managed and maintained and shown to be healthy, safe and secure. They must also have proper regard for conservation and heritage, sustainability, and community involvement.

111 parks in Greater London have been given the Green Flag this year: three of them are in the Borough of Enfield: Forty Hall Country Park, Grovelands Park, Southgate and Pymmes Park, Edmonton.

Monica Smith

Jubilee Hall meetings

Tuesday mornings 10 for 10.30 am

August – no meeting

25th September

My childhood in the Australian bush by Coral Cox, with slides.

30th October

Octavia Hill, Founder of the National Trust by Pam Wright, with slides.

27th November

Namibia, land of contrasts by Anne Johnson, with slides.

18th December

Annual quiz, with Joyce James

Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8 pm

August – no meeting

20th September

A tangled web: London's overground railways, by Peter Hodge, with slides.

18th October

A Costa Rican journey by Monica Smith, with slides.

15th November

Discovering Enfield's historic buildings by Stephen Gilburt, with slides

December – no meeting

Unfortunately, we have nobody to organise evening meetings after November 2007, so these meetings will stop unless a volunteer can be found. See the appeal for an evening meetings organiser in the "situations vacant" column on page 1.

Sales table

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a list of items currently available from the Sales Table at Jubilee Hall, from the Society's stand at the Town Show and from some retailers. If you would like to order any items by post, please send the completed order form with a cheque, made payable to The Enfield Society and including the specified contribution to postage, to:

TES (Publications)
Jubilee Hall
2 Parsonage Lane
Enfield
EN2 0AJ.

Please ensure you include your name and address.

Monica Smith

Christmas cards

The card this year is a reproduction of this painting of Trent Park House in a snowstorm by local artist, Emma Collins. The price for a packet of five of these cards with envelopes is £1.50.

Some packs of the following cards are available, also £1.50 for five of the same design with envelopes:

- Gentleman's Row
- Forty Hall
- New River Loop
- Town Park and New River
- St. Mary's and the windmill.

The text inside all cards reads "With Best Wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year". The cards are all about the same A6 size, 15 x 10.5 cm.

Mixed packs, containing four different cards, are also available, costing £1.00.

Monica Smith



Trent Park House, by Emma Collins



Gentleman's Row



St. Mary's and the windmill



Town Park and New River



New River Loop



Forty Hall

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Trees
[Vacant: see note on page 5]

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Possible paths for the future?

Western Enfield

Over many years residents in the Enfield Road/Slades Hill area have made use of what can be described as informal paths/routes across farmland to the north of the Enfield Road.

One route heads west from the remains of the gun-site (which is accessible from the track opposite the Jolly Farmers PH) and follows the north bank of the Merryhills Brook into Trent Park. Another goes eastwards to join The Ridgeway via Fairview Road, thereby creating a useful east to west link and direct access to Trent Park from The Ridgeway. A third links into Trentwood Side.

Although it must be stressed that *none* of these routes are official rights of way, it may be possible to so claim them if documented evidence of uninterrupted use can be demonstrated over a period of 20 or more years.

Western Enfield Residents Association's Membership Secretary (Dave Cockle) is keen to know about any use of these routes. Please ring

Dave on 020 8366 2242 if you have personally used any of these routes at any time or know of other persons who have used them.

Cuffley/Newgate Street Village

This Society has reviewed proposals concerning the possibility of creating a new path from the bottom of Carbone Hill opposite Home Wood to Newgate Street Village. The proposed route would allow walkers on the Hertfordshire Way/Chain Walk to avoid an extremely dangerous section of Carbone Hill.

Considerable research by Hywell Morris has established historic evidence for use of such an alternative route within old Northaw Parish, Hatfield Rural District Council and Hertfordshire County records dating from the 1930s to 1950s.

Hertfordshire County Council has shown interest in creating such a link and to help this process Hywell would be pleased to hear from anyone who recalls using off-road paths to avoid Carbone Hill. Please ring Hywell direct on 01707 888 957.

Stuart Mills



Houghton to St Ives, 28th April



Jubilee Footpath, Enfield, 16th December



HMS Belfast, 14th April



Hill Garden Pergola, Hampstead Heath, 14th July

Photographs from recent walks, by John R. Bourne