



The newsletter of The Enfield Society

Heritage strategy – preserving and enhancing Enfield

The position regarding possible new conservation areas is exactly as in the last News – we have the names of them as provided by Leader Mike Rye, but no further information. Meanwhile the Council has brought out another paper for consultation, a Heritage Strategy. Unfortunately, though much of it has been written by consultant Paul Drury, always good for informative and pertinent comment, the document also takes many pages to make the basic point that heritage is about culture and shared experience as well as the built environment. Local authority policy documents are useful when they lead to positive results but not as an end in themselves, which is what seems more and more to be the result of central government pressures.

We have been shown revised sketch plans for the Evangelical Free Church on the temporary car park site off Cecil Road, more compact and a step in the right direction, though difficult to evaluate without a site plan. We still have no information about the possible layout of the rest of the site, though it appears that prospective developers of the residential element have been provided with a development brief.



Silver Street in 1968

Together with members of the Conservation Advisory Group we were given a preview of preliminary designs put forward for flats over shops in the vacant car park site next to Lloyds Bank in Silver Street - too high, the mansard roof too steep, too regular and not

picking up the scale of the varied frontages along Silver Street. We are fortunate to have obtained a slide showing the previous buildings before they were pulled down in the 1960s. Possibly the building nearest to the present restaurant was already partly demolished. Modest, in scale, an example of unselfconscious infilling that is exactly right.

We were also shown detailed plans for the new flats on the corner of Shirley Road and Windmill Hill with samples of the materials, red facing brick and stone dressings to match the adjoining former court house. Otherwise these plans were unfortunately less informative and satisfactory than the approved indicative designs, so it is a case of back to the drawing board.

The Archers Wood planning application (See last TES News) was withdrawn by the applicants.

In May we received the result of the Chase Farm Hospital appeal against Enfield Council's refusal of permission for the Barnet and Hospitals NHS Trust to redevelop the former nurses and staff housing for private housing, with some affordable key worker flats to the east of Hunters Way. The Inspector dismissed the appeal because of uncertainty about the future configuration of NHS provision in Enfield. In no uncertain terms the Inspector made clear his views on the state of dilapidation and disrepair of much of the whole Chase Farm site. We supported the Council on planning

grounds.

In view of this result I was able to argue at the recent appeal against refusal to rebuild Arnold House Care Home on Green Belt land to the rear of the present building after planning permission for

residential use of the current site had been granted. We argued that it was clear at the Chase Farm Inquiry that the option of rebuilding the home on the Chase Farm site had not been properly



"Mandeville", 50 Village Road

explored and quoted the Inspector's report. The Arnold House application had made clear that in looking for an alternative site it was necessary to **maintain existing relationships** (their bold type) with Enfield Hospitals etc., so where better than on the hospital campus?

Our attention has been drawn to a possible intention to redevelop Mandeville, No. 50 Village Road, the former home of Ross McWhirter, one of the last interesting houses remaining in the road and a good example of 1920s architecture. We have written to the Council's Conservation Team for their views on listing it as a building of character and of literary interest.

Chris Jephcott

The London Borough of Enfield: Enfield heritage strategy – 'A Living Landscape' (Consultation draft) / The Paul Drury Partnership, Stuart Davies Associates. – June 2008. – 36 pages. Available for consultation at local libraries and for download from

<<http://www.enfield.gov.uk/heritage>>. Comments on the heritage strategy are invited, and may be sent by email to <planbrief@enfield.gov.uk>.

Civic environment



The last edition of the Newsletter reported on the 'pollarding' of old and unsafe lampposts. At the time we suspected that the story was not complete and so it has proved. The example shown was cut down in mid March, a replacement was erected in mid May, but not connected. In mid July the replacement was connected but the stump left in place. It would be nice if the stump were removed and the pavement reinstated, perhaps by September!

Tony Langston



In our newsletter two years ago, we expressed concern that the council were cutting back greenery in order to improve visibility. The Highways Services department then said "The street is opened up by reduction in height of the shrubs and pruning of the trees. The street will become safer for everyone." That seems strangely at odds with the decision now to allow large new advertising and telephone panels which obstruct the pavement. This one, in Chase Side, causes a blind corner by blocking the view to the right for vehicles emerging from Manor Road.

Leonard Will

Conservation and planning

Oakwood Station lift

Oakwood Station is one of the most complete and least altered of all the listed Piccadilly line stations, and the planning application to provide for a lift between platform and street level was opposed by the Twentieth Century Society, who reported in May 2006 as follows:

"Oakwood Station is a case that presents a real challenge – the platforms are at lower level, covered by an elegant concrete canopy with built-in timber benches, and the ticket hall sailing above. Currently access is from the ticket hall onto the platform via a staircase. Tube Lines who manage the station, have applied for a bridge link on stilts with a lift at platform end to create stepless access. This could be an important precedent of how to deal with access and we are keen to see it done right. So far the design, heavy handed and overstructured, falls short of the exemplary solution that is needed, and we hope that we can negotiate a better design."

<http://www.c20society.org.uk/docs/casework/2006_tubes_pools_etc.html>

The Conservation Advisory Group agreed with the Twentieth Century Society, but English Heritage supported the scheme.

The overbridge does seem overwide and overhigh, but views of it from the platform are restricted. The lift shaft does break through the concrete canopy but has little impact on the symmetry at platform level.

John Davies

The aims of the Twentieth Century Society state: "The Twentieth Century Society exists to safeguard the heritage of architecture and design in Britain from 1914 onwards. One of the Society's prime objectives is education, with education comes appreciation. With conservation, another prime objective, comes the continued opportunity for extending our knowledge about those buildings or artifacts, whether important or humble, rare or commonplace as the red telephone kiosk, that characterise the Twentieth Century in Britain." More information about the society is given on its web site at

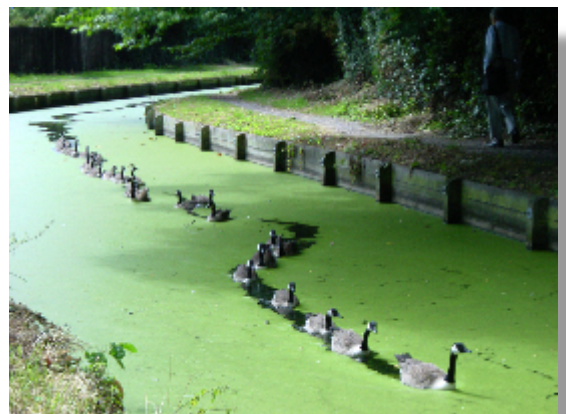
<<http://www.c20society.org.uk/>>

Enjoying the outdoors



A group of members take a rest during a Footpaths Group walk on the Ashridge Estate, Berkhamsted, on 14th June . . .

. . . while other local residents preferred to take a guided tour by water on the New River Loop on 23rd July.



Spurs

We have now received a substantial payment from Spurs, as directed by the Secretary of State, to compensate the Society for costs we incurred as a result of the late withdrawal by Spurs of their planning appeal. The Council lease to Spurs has not yet been signed, partly since the appeal against the Council's refusal to confirm a right of way across the land at Bulls Cross has not yet been decided. We have also been told that the draft lease is being referred back to Cabinet. We pointed out that the original Cabinet decision in January 2005 was to grant a lease to Spurs for 75 years, to be non-assignable with no sub-lettings allowed, and was tied in with Spurs' agreement to provide a community sports complex on Bulls Cross Open Space. The lease now drafted is for a term of 99 years, does not prevent assignment or sub-letting, and of course there will be no sports complex built by Spurs. The Council's elected members have never considered whether it would be appropriate to grant a lease in those materially changed circumstances.

The Society has already taken the first step towards a possible Judicial Review of the Council's decision to grant Spurs planning consent. Whether or not we now apply to the High Court will probably depend on the outcome of current developments.

Spurs have now taken possession of the Whitewebbs Sports Centre, which is to be incorporated into their development, and we are told that the Centre's 100+ young footballers have not been found alternative accommodation for their future matches despite assurances from Spurs that this would be provided.

The very generous donations from our members to support our Spurs' Appeal Fund totalled just over £11,000 when the Gift Aid tax refund is included. This sum is being transferred to a new designated reserve account "Green Belt Defence Fund". (See also the following article.)

Colin Pointer

Further threats to the Green Belt

Rupert Murdoch's News International has applied to Broxbourne Council for consent for a proposed new 3 storey high storage facility on their Park Plaza site just north of the M25, on what was formerly Green Belt land. The newspaper publisher claims that the new building has been designed to "act as a visual shield to the mass of the large scale print-works beyond". The revised plans will generate a third more vehicle movements with more than 2 vehicle movements a minute in the peak one hour period before midnight!

Large areas of existing Green Belt land in Broxbourne are also under threat. Council officers are apparently eyeing up land opposite the Park Plaza print works and land to the north of Lieutenant Ellis Way to provide a strategic employment site. This would create a continuous swathe of development from North Cheshunt to the M25. If this comes about there would be even more potential development pressure on our own remaining Green Belt land in the north of the Borough up to the M25.

Colin Pointer



More Green Flags

Six Enfield parks have been awarded Green Flag status by the Civic Trust this year: Pymmes, Forty Hall and Grovelands have received it for second year running and Enfield Town, Oakwood and Jubilee (Edmonton) Parks now join the list of the best green open spaces in the country.

Monica Smith

Until 2nd November

The Shell Guides: surrealism, modernism, tourism an exhibition at the Museum of Domestic Design & Architecture, Middlesex University, Cat Hill, EN4 8HT. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 am. to 5 pm., Sunday 2 to 5 pm. Admission free.

3rd-28th September

Annual Exhibition, Enfield Camera Club, at Forty Hall. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m to 4 p.m., Admission free.

6th-7th September

Autumn Show. Town Park, 10 am to 6 pm. Visit the Enfield Society stall.

20th-21st September

Open House. London Annual Event. See below.

10th February 2009, 8 pm

Industries of the Lea Valley. Joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society, Charity School Hall, Church Street, Edmonton.

Open House, London, 20th-21st September

The Capital's biggest architectural festival provides Londoners with the chance to visit, free of charge, over 600 sites, including contemporary homes, pre-fabs, Livery Halls, government buildings, City banks and Ambassadors' residences. Open House is an architecture education charity committed to raising the standard of London's built environment. It aims to open people's eyes and minds to good design through dialogues, learning and direct experience of excellent spaces and places.

The Buildings Guide for 2008 with full details of places open this year is available from mid-August through <www.openhouse.org.uk> or local libraries.

Monica Smith

Historic buildings

Visit to Walthamstow Village

“Walthamstow is a delightful village in the hundred of Becontree. Country seats, farms, houses and cottages are so blended together – and the paths encompassed with trees and hedges are so beautifully romantic – that no surprise can be manifested that so many opulent and respectable families reside in this healthy district.” (Pigot’s Directory of 1839).

Later in the 19th century William Morris, who was born in Walthamstow, remarked that it was “once a pleasant place enough, but now terribly cocknified and choked-up by the jerry-builder”.

On 21st June Mick Coe led a most interesting and informative walk, starting at Walthamstow Central Station and ending over three hours later at the William Morris Gallery. In the Walthamstow Village Conservation Area we saw the medieval parish church of St Mary, built between the 12th and 16th centuries, a 15th century hall house, 16th and 18th century almshouses and the 18th century Vestry House, which incorporated a workhouse. This is now a museum selling booklets including “Walthamstow Village” and “Some Old Walthamstow Houses” published by the Walthamstow Historical Society. The 19th century former Town Hall, various school buildings and public houses (exteriors only) and several of Walthamstow’s grand Georgian houses as well as humbler Victorian villas and cottages were also pointed out.

Mick has agreed to lead a walk next year, exploring some of the historic buildings in Hackney. Details will be available in TES News nearer the time.

Stephen Gilbert



The Ancient House – a 15th century timber-framed building composed of a central hall with wings – restored in 1934. The east wing has retained its 18th century weatherboarding.



The Historic Buildings Group visit to Walthamstow

Enfield Grammar School

2008 marks the 450th anniversary of the founding of Enfield Grammar School in 1558. The occasion was celebrated with a series of concerts, including a visit from Harry Christophers and The Sixteen, piano, lute and choral recitals and jazz and world music concerts.

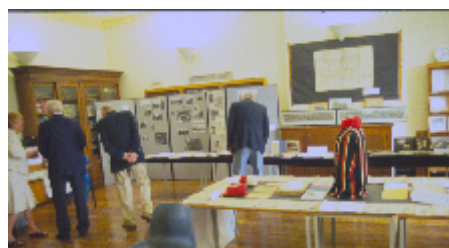
On 22nd May a Thanksgiving Service was held in St Andrew’s church, followed by a programme of events at the Lower School including a cricket match and an interesting exhibition of artefacts from the school’s history, including photographs, magazines, school play programmes, punishment

books, trophies, uniforms and films. In June and July a fuller exhibition was shown in the Upper School Tudor Hall, which dates from the 1590s.

A brief history of Enfield Grammar School has been published, and a DVD has been produced showing Enfield

Grammar School films made in 1933, 1938 and 1966, lasting a total of 1 hour 30 minutes. The booklet and DVD are available from the Upper School Office, costing £3 each or £5 for both.

Stephen Gilbert



Exhibition at Lower School



Enfield Grammar School – Tudor Hall interior, 1590s

The Enfield Society

Annual General Meeting

At our 72nd AGM on 18th June the Management Committee Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007 were adopted. David James, Tony Langston, Peter Perryman and Leonard Will were re-elected as trustees of the Society and David Cockle was elected as a new trustee, having been co-opted onto the Management Committee during the year. At the end of the formal business the 61 members present enjoyed an entertaining and informative illustrated talk by Frank Bayford on "A nostalgic walk around Enfield".

Has membership increased?

At the AGM a member asked if membership had increased following the change of name as the Management Committee had anticipated when proposing its adoption at the AGM last year. In the year up to the 2008 AGM 95 new members joined; the numbers for the previous 3 years were – 58 in 2006/2007, 90 in 2005/2006 and 77 in 2004/2005. Not very conclusive perhaps, but the trend is in the right direction.

Colin Pointer

The President's column



With our involvement with the Spurs application drawing to a close there remains the question of how to deal with the sums contributed to our appeal £8,969 in all. So far not one donor has requested repayment in response to our explanation to them of the current position. There remains the question of what use the money should be put to, as it was obviously donated for a specific purpose. The Management Committee has now decided it should form the basis of a special "Green Belt Defence Fund".

It looks as though the fund may soon be needed, if recent press reports about the intention of Broxbourne Borough Council to redraw its Green Belt boundaries are to be believed. Their Local Development Framework consultation document states that the East of England Plan has

identified the Borough as one where a local review of the Green Belt boundary should be considered as part of the Local Development Framework. It states that in previous reviews of the Local Plan the Council has proposed changes to the Green Belt to meet housing targets. All in all something to worry about, especially as the newspaper article refers to land to the west of Cheshunt and north of Goffs Lane. This may be outside our borough, but it is very much on our doorstep and a valid concern for Enfield. Green belts are not elastic. Once open land is built on it cannot be replaced in the vicinity.

A warm welcome to Richard Stones, our new Secretary, and to Olive Sharman who is taking over from Pat Atkins as Membership Secretary.

Chris Jephcott

Sales table

Books

Books of local interest are often welcome Christmas gifts, especially to people who have moved away from the district. There are three additions to the books we have on sale since last year. They are: "**The Enfield book**" by Graham Dalling, price £14.50, "**Enfield Town from village green to shopping precinct**" by David Pam, price £4, and "**Arnos Grove and the Walker Family**" by Ruby Galili, price £9.95.



Enfield Society badges and other small items can be useful stocking fillers. Full details of all items available will be found on the Order Form which is enclosed with this newsletter.



Christmas cards

The Dining Room of Forty Hall, decorated for Christmas, is the subject of this year's card. The price remains as for many years, £1.50 for a pack of five cards and envelopes. (The message inside is "With best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year")

The only packs available of previous years' cards are Forty Hall exterior and Trent Park House. All have the same message as this year's card.

Packs of four different cards are on sale at £1, including envelopes.

Monica Smith



Forty Hall Dining Room at Christmas



Trent Park House



Forty Hall exterior

Future walks

Note: Train details are correct at press date but we cannot accept responsibility for last minute changes.

Enquiries: for operating train companies' enquiries and times ring 08457 48 49 50; for TFL London area Tube, DLR, London Overground 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, London Midland, Chiltern or National Express East Anglia. 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.

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes – trainers are not usually suitable, even for London parks.

Sat 16 Aug. Herts/Essex Border. Meet **11.15am** Harlow Mill Station (10.14am train from Southbury Station, change Cheshunt for 10.55am train). About 7 mile circular walk via High Wych, Sawbridgeworth, Pishiobury Park and River Stort. Shorter option of 4.5 miles. Bring lunch or food available. By car, suggest A10, then A414 into edge of Harlow and follow A414 past Harlow Town Station for about 1.25 miles. *Leader:* Norman Coles

Bank Holiday Mon 25 Aug. Tewin. Meet **10.38am** Hertford North Station (10.19am train from Enfield Chase) for 8 to 9 mile circular walk in an attractive part of mid-Herts. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader:* Roy Nicholls (for Brian Frear)

Sat 30 Aug. Lea & Ash Valleys. Meet **2.20pm** St Margaret's Station (1.44pm train from Southbury Station change Cheshunt for 2.09pm train) for 5.5 mile circular walk via Amwell and the scenic Easneye Estate. *Leader:* Christine Fookes

Wed 10 Sept. Hampstead Heath. Meet **11.00am** outside the front doors to Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, NW3 (38 mins by 210 bus from Finsbury Park Station) for 2.5 hour circular walk over the Heath. Afterwards, optional lunch available at Kenwood and an opportunity to view house interior/collections, gardens etc. Suggest car drivers use nearby roads to park. *Leader:* Ken Cooper

Mon 15 Sept. Greater London & Surrey Border. Meet **10.55am** East Croydon Station (ticket office). Fast trains from either London Bridge or Victoria Stations or travel with Stuart from Enfield Chase Station on **9.34am** train. As a group, we then take a short tram ride to start the walk from the Addington Hills. The walk has splendid views and includes an historic garden, ancient woodland, nature reserves and unspoilt chalk valleys. Shorter options (including returning to Croydon by bus after 4 miles at lunch). Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader:* Stuart Mills

Wed 24 Sept. Capital Ring. Meet **10.47am** Platform 1 Finsbury Park mainline station (10.29am train from Enfield Chase) for about 6 to 7 mile linear walk following interesting and varied sections of the Capital Ring path via Clissold and Springfield Parks, nature reserves and the River Lea. Ending at Hackney Wick (return to Highbury & Islington station in about 15 mins by London Overground line). Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 8366 2242 or 07948 204025. *Leader:* Dave Cockle

Sat 27 Sept. Herts Border. Meet **2.15pm** Potters Bar Station (313/298 buses from Enfield/Southgate) for 3 to 3.5 hour linear walk to Cuffley Station via Gobions, Leggatts Park and Northaw. Options to end at edge of Potters Bar and at Northaw. *Leader:* Martin Langer

Wed 8 Oct. Remote Chiltern Downland. Meet **10.57am** Hitchin Station (10.21am train from Enfield Chase or 10.11am train from Finsbury Park) for about 7 to 8 mile walk in very scenic countryside including the Pegsdon Hills Downs. If you have one, please bring your National Bus Pass as we will use a local bus to better access the walk. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader:* Stuart Mills

Sat 11 Oct. Waterways & Historic Parkland. Meet **10.48am** Tring Station (10.00am train from Euston) for 9 to 9.5 mile circular walk via Grand Union Canal, SSSI reservoir paths and Walter Rothschilds Tring Park estate. Lunch stop in Tring town with option to visit the extraordinary Zoological Museum and also to end walk. Bring lunch or food available. By car about 55 mins from Enfield via M25 (junction 20) & A41 to first Tring exit, then B4635 into Tring and follow signs to station. Details: 8364 0300. *Leader:* Colin Adams

Wed 22 Oct. Regent's Canal (Part 2). Meet 10.30am The Angel Station (Northern Line), Islington, for about 2.5 to 3 hour linear walk following the eastern half of this interesting waterway and ending at Limehouse (where option for lunch stop). Return by DLR to the City. *Leader:* Monica Smith

Sat 25 Oct. Essex Villages. Meet **10.48am** Stansted Mountfitchet Station (9.44am train from Southbury Station changing at Cheshunt for the 9.55am or 10.18am trains) for 8 to 9 mile circular walk via Manuden, Ugley Green and other curiously named Essex villages. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. By car: either A10, A120 or via M25, M11 (junction 8), A120 westwards, then B1383 north for 2 miles. *Leader:* Brian Frear

Sat 1 Nov. Enfield's Countryside. Meet **10.15am** at 307/121 bus stop next to Trent Park Riding Stables on Enfield Road for about 2.5 hour linear walk via Trent Park and field paths to Botany Bay (return to Enfield by 313 bus). Option of lunch at The Robin Hood and optional walk back to edge of Enfield. *Leaders:* Carol Cope & Kinu Ohki

Wed 5 Nov. Epping Forest. Meet **10.15am** Chingford Station (9.40am 313 bus from Enfield Town) for about 3 hour circular walk in the Autumn colours. *Leader:* Norman Coles

Sat 15 Nov. Green Chain. Meet Roy at either **9.55am** Kings Cross Mainline Station Platform 9 (9.29am train from Enfield Chase) or be at Blackfriars Mainline Station (on the concourse next to the Southeastern Trains platforms) by **10.05am** and then travel with Roy by train to Ravensbourne. Roy will be leading a 7 mile walk using parts of the Green Chain Walk through contrasting parts of south-east London, including the country's largest public golf-course. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 020 8360 0282. *Leader:* Roy Nicholls

Wed 19 Nov. Old Cheshunt. Meet 10.20am in Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, outside the main entrance gates to Capel Manor (about 5 mins from the 317 & 217 bus stop on Gt Cambridge Road) for 2.5 to 3 hour circular walk via New River path, historic Churchgate and the site of Temple Bar before it was returned to London. *Leader:* Brenda Brown

Sat 29 Nov. Stort Valley. Meet **10.26am** Roydon Station (9.44am train from Southbury changing at Cheshunt for the 9.55am or 10.18am trains) for 7 mile circular walk with lunch stop at Dobbs Weir. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader:* Christine Fookes

Stuart Mills

Jubilee Hall meetings

Tuesday mornings 10 for 10.30 am

August

No meeting

30th September

The Ring of Fire – the soft side by Anne Johnson (with slides)

28th October

Mull and Iona by Frank Bayford (with slides)

25th November

Singing and dancing, feasts and celebrations by Joanna Van Straaten (with slides)

16th December

Quiz and mince pies

Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8 pm

18th September

Gardens and travel by Bill Bossom, with slides

16th October

Sharks of the UK by Stuart Nicholls

20th November

Bees and honey by Pete Burling

December

No meeting

Publicity Group

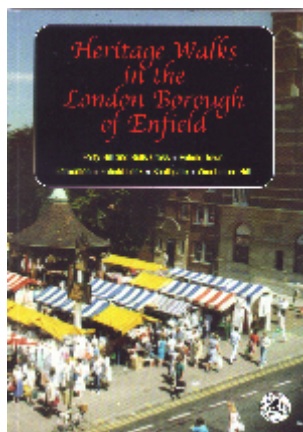
After a false start, the TES column in the Enfield Advertiser actually appeared for the first time in the issue dated 18th June, and will now continue on a monthly basis. Hopefully, we will gain good publicity for the Society and add some new members.

We attended the New River Festival on Sunday 13th July with our stand in a good position attracting a steady stream of visitors. We gained 10 new members as a result and possibly more to come from those who took away the TES application form. Thanks to Monica Smith and Pat Burton for manning the stand, and Derrick Stone for 'put up' and 'take down'. Thanks also to Colin Pointer who gave a brief informative talk on the History of the New River and Brenda Soutar for leading a guided walk of fifteen people on the Enfield Town Heritage Trail.

Details of our walks programme should be appearing in future editions of the Council publication 'Our Enfield'. The EN magazine (which is increasing its circulation to 5,000) is planning to include a feature on another TES Heritage walk in the next issue. Our regular article continues to appear in the Enfield Echo.

Bob Fowler

Heritage walks



The third and last of this year's walks from our publication *Heritage walks in the London Borough of Enfield* will take place as follows:

Saturday, 13th September, 2.30pm

Enfield Lock. Starting at the railway station, guides will take and tell you about all the noteworthy buildings in this interesting area. The walk will end at Government Row, near the 121 and 491 bus stop.

Tickets for the walk are free but limited in number and are available from the Central Library, Thomas Hardy House.

Sadie Isaksson

Trees Group

Of the three cherry trees the Group succeeded in getting planted in the greensward at Lyndhurst Gardens one has unfortunately died. No watering tubes were provided as is now the case with street trees. We have asked for regular watering from now on. Our allotment key has finally been handed over and the group will start to tackle years of neglect in August so that our tree nursery should at last be ready for stocking during the next planting season.

Chris Jephcott, Convener

Situations no longer vacant

We are delighted that we have now been able to appoint Richard Stones as our Honorary Secretary and Olive Sharman as Membership Secretary – their contact details are in the TES Directory on page 8 – and another member has joined John Davies' Architecture and Planning Group; but we will always welcome more offers of help from anyone with a little time to spare.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Mr & Mrs K. Ahlborn, Miss D. Barrie, Mr & Mrs J. Bateman, Mrs P. Bright, Mr A. Carboni, Mrs F. Carter, Mrs R. Cornell, Miss S. Duncan, Mr & Mrs C. Fowler, Mr & Mrs I. Francis, Mr D. Grant, Mr & Mrs C. Klein, Ms L. Mayes, Mr M. McCaughey, Mrs F. McDonnell, Mrs O'Donnell, Mr B. Nagra, Mrs P. Pearce, Dr J. Price, Mrs C. Rensch, Ms L. Richardson, Mr A. Rycraft, Dr & Mrs J. Sander, Mr I. Stephens, Mrs I. Summers, Ms A. Thurlow, Mrs S. Vine

Pat Atkins

Local history unit

The Enfield Local History Unit has recently moved from its former premises in Palmers Green to Thomas Hardy House, 39 London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS. The Unit has a much more extensive collection of books, maps and photographs than the Enfield Society, and we recommend them as the first place to try for historical and genealogical enquiries. They have an extensive range of factsheets that can be downloaded from their web site at <<http://www.enfield.gov.uk/448/Local%20History%20Unit.htm>> and they can be contacted by telephone (020 8379 2724) or email

<local.history@enfield.gov.uk>. Shortage of space and staff means that their opening hours are limited, and appointments are recommended before visiting.

Leonard Will

Newsletter contributions

Contributions to the newsletter from members are most welcome, and may be in the form of letters, articles, news items, responses to previous articles, opinion pieces or photographs. We cannot undertake to publish everything, and we reserve the right to shorten or edit items before publication. Copy in electronic form is most convenient, and can be sent as an email attachment to newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk, but items on paper can also be accepted. Contact the Newsletter Editor, Leonard Will, at the above email address or by telephone at 020 8372 0092 if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next issue is 17th October, but items can be sent at any time and having them in advance is most helpful. The newsletter is distributed about three weeks after the copy date.

Leonard Will

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Framlingham Castle

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Our Autumn visit this year gives us an opportunity to explore Ipswich followed by an afternoon at the English Heritage site of Framlingham Castle, a fairly short journey north. In his Buildings of England series, Nicholas Pevsner claims that Ipswich has more medieval parish churches preserved than any other English town of its size. He especially mentions that, at the centre of the town, on the east side of Cornhill, lies the Buttermarket and Sparrowe Hall 16c/17c also called Ancient House. He devotes a whole page to a description of this house, which he considers is the most spectacular house in the town and is far more ancient than it looks.

We shall leave the town after lunch and travel on to the small market town of Framlingham. Sadly, Pevsner is not so fulsome in his description of the town and one could almost hear him stating, rather airily it seems that, having perambulated, he decides that there is not much need for his readers to do so, but no doubt members of our party will prefer to make up their own minds! To be fair, despite this, he maintains that the parish church of St. Michael's is the most beautiful church in Suffolk. However, Mr. Pevsner finds the nearby castle far more worthy of description and he writes that the castle belonged to the Bigot family in the 12th century "until Hugh Bigot, first Earl of Norfolk, made a nuisance of himself so consistently that Henry II had it dismantled in 1174 by Aloth, Keeper of the King's Houses." Apparently there are still traces of the buildings erected by Hugh in about 1150 on the east side of the castle which has been at different times a fortress, an Elizabethan prison, a poor house and a school. A continuous curtain wall links the castle's 13 towers and there are excellent views of Framlingham and a reed-fringed mere.

We shall leave from the Ridge Avenue bus stop, at the junction with Bush Hill Road, Winchmore Hill at 8.15 am and Genotin Road bus stop Enfield at 8.30am. The cost of the trip is £15.50 (£11.50 for members of English Heritage) and includes coach fare, driver's gratuity and entrance to Framlingham Castle. Please note coach seats are reserved and bookings are confirmed ONLY on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. Also please indicate where you intend to join the coach. When booking please make your cheque payable to The Enfield Society and send to J.R. Deamer, 32, The Orchard, N21 2DH, tel: 020 8360 8974

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Obituary

It was with regret that many members of the Enfield Society heard in April of the death of Geoffrey Gillam, a member since 1981. He was an accomplished speaker at Jubilee Hall meetings and some of our AGMs and cooperated on several projects on behalf of the Enfield Archaeological Society, the founding of which in 1955 was largely due to him. Graham Dalling wrote "Geoffrey was a towering figure in the world of Enfield's local history and archaeology. His contribution to the body of published literature was second only to that of David Pam, including many major works on prehistoric and Roman Enfield, Enfield cinemas, Enfield in the two world wars and a definitive history of Forty Hall."

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