



The newsletter of The Enfield Society

New conservation areas announced

At last! Enfield Council has announced proposals for four new conservation areas. As forecast these are Grange Park, Meadway, Southgate Circus and The Crescent, Hertford Road, Edmonton.

Grange Park, comprising the distinctive Arts and Crafts housing along The Chine and Old Park Ridings, together with The Grangeway, is the one that most directly concerns The Enfield Society and was high on our 'wish list'. Fortunately most of the houses have been well and sympathetically maintained, but treatment of the forecourts and boundary walls has been less sympathetic.

The Crescent Conservation Area will encompass the area immediately around the Listed terrace and could enable efforts to replace the out of keeping petrol station where the terrace was never completed at the northern end, as well as upgrading the run down immediate surroundings. It is not proposed to reinstate the front carriage drive.

Southgate Circus has apparently been included to facilitate access to funding which will allow the replacement of the 'Heritage' street furniture with something more in keeping with the outstanding Holden station.

The second large area, the **Meadway Estate**, including Bourne Avenue, Greenway and Parkway, is also in the sphere of interest of the Southgate District Civic Trust. The houses have typical features of the better, speculative, inter-war development, enhanced by the informal road layout and verge planting, with generous rear gardens. Problems include the use of front gardens for parking, use of inappropriate modern materials and inappropriate extensions. Poor quality replacement paving is noted, so hopefully upgrading will end the unfortunate practice of spot replacement of the pink paving stones with white ones.



The Chine, Grange Park



The Crescent, Edmonton



Southgate Circus



Bourne Avenue, Meadway

The two large residential areas will be covered by blanket Article 4(2) directions to prevent the further loss of the original detail on buildings – windows, boundary walls, materials, conversion of front gardens into hard standing, etc. Planning permission will be required for this otherwise permitted development. These will not be needed for the Terrace, which is Listed, nor for the commercial premises at Southgate Circus which do not have permitted development rights.

An *Enfield Design Guide*, to be produced as a Development Plan Document, will contain appropriate guidance to inform residents, business owners and tenants of the most sympathetic ways of caring for their properties. There will also be an *Enfield Streetscape Manual* and a revised *Highways Trees Management Strategy* – a lot to look out for.

The new conservation areas are the outcome of the perceptive *Borough Characterisation Study* which the Paul Drury Partnership has now completed.

It has enabled a comprehensive attempt to clarify the guidelines for designating conservation areas and a study of all the potential areas on the 'long list' put forward over the years. Areas are rated according to five heritage and design criteria with possible scores up to 30. Of the 26 total areas, 12 have scores over 20 and are considered conservation area material. Top were Grange Park and The Chine with scores of 28 and 29 respectively, now to be combined into a single area. The Crescent comes next with 28. Meadway with 24 is below the Beaconsfield and Hyde Estates in Edmonton at 26 and 25 and Southgate Circus only rates 21. Options available for protecting those not selected or scoring below 20 will be considered as part of the preparation of the Local Development Framework. Consultation on all the draft documents ran until 28th October and they can be viewed on the Council website at <http://tinyurl.com/6LSGAS>.

Chris Jephcott

Civic environment



Before and after photos of the junction of Church Street and Winchester Road, Edmonton.

An example of the clutter caused by “Fly-boarding”. These estate agents’ boards had been in situ well beyond the agreed two weeks time limits. A local resident, with the assistance of the Council’s Envirocrime Section, worked together and the pictures show the result. A nicely tidied up street corner.

Dave Cockle



Conservation and planning

Silver Street, Enfield

An application for 14 flats over 3 business units has now been submitted for the car park site referred to in the last News. In a traditional style echoing the fenestration of the Lloyds Bank next door, it is more acceptable than the previous designs we have seen, though overly symmetrical and bulky at 4/5 storeys when the mansard is included. We feel generally a pastiche is safer than a mediocre modern design.

Cecil Road car park

Designs for the Evangelical Free Church come and go. The latest, with a low pitch, pyramidal roof over the church/auditorium to the rear and a flat roof to the office and ancillary facilities in front, is probably the best so far but there is still considered to be room for improvement.

Chris Jephcott

Have your say on our discussion list

The Enfield Society discussion list on Yahoo! Groups provides an opportunity for all members to join in discussion of any relevant topic, particularly around the object of the Society, which is “the conservation and enhancement of the civic and natural environments of Enfield”, its main aims being to defend the integrity of the Green Belt; conserve and enhance buildings and groups of buildings of architectural quality or historic interest; protect and improve open spaces and views; ensure that new developments are environmentally sound, well designed and take account of the relevant interests of all sections of the community; and assist in the preservation and maintenance of footpaths, commons and rights of way. We would like to encourage all members who have Internet access to join, as this will not only allow us to let you know of developments between issues of our quarterly newsletter, but also, more importantly, will allow you to share ideas and questions with each other. We have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the almost 2000 members of the Society, and email discussion

allows you to participate from the comfort of your own chair, at a time that suits you, as much or as little as you wish. The list currently has 81 members, some of the most active being Enfield “exiles” now living in distant parts of the world. About 20 messages are sent per month, which is not enough to be a burden but means that there is often something new and interesting to read.

Recent topics have included:

- Questions about Enfield’s oldest church (All Saints, Church Street, Edmonton, or St. Andrew’s – both 14th/15th century); oldest tree (Forty Hall cedar, Minchenden oak, Theobald’s Park oak? – 250-400 years); oldest road (Ermine Street, Bull’s Cross) and oldest railway station (Ponders End and Angel Road), and oldest school (Grammar).
- The effect of the *Sustainable Communities Act*, which “gives local government and local communities the power to drive central government policy and action on reversing community decline and promoting sustainable communities”.
- The re-use in Church Lane of bricks and railings from Fir Tree Lodge.

- The future of the Enfield Gazette.
- How to get effective action on litter, overhanging hedges and leaking fire hydrants.
- The length of the perimeter of the Town Park (if you’re thinking of running round it!)
- Forthcoming lectures, meetings and broadcasts of local interest
- The origin of street and suburb names
- Building and development proposals causing concern
- The length of time it takes to create a zebra crossing
- Preservation of a historical shop sign removed for redevelopment
- History of *The Moon Under Water* Chase Side (a school, a United Dairy depot, then the original Wetherspoons pub).

If any of these topics intrigues you, then do go to the list’s Web page at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EnfieldSociety/>, where you can read all the messages. If your pet topic has not already been raised, there are lots of people waiting to hear from you.

Leonard Will

Green Belt

Spurs

The appeal against the Council's decision not to confirm a right of way across the land at Bulls Cross has still not been decided by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This is still in the hands of the Department's National Rights of Way Casework Team in Newcastle. Until a decision is made, Spurs will not sign up to the proposed lease of the land owned by the Council; and until then the Society is not in a position to decide whether to challenge the lease by applying for a Judicial Review.

Colin Pointer

Forty Hall gets support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Members will be aware of the hard work and lobbying that has been carried out over many years by the Society to try to make sure that the Council and other partners support and take care of Forty Hall and its Estate. The Council put in a bid for £2m to the Heritage Lottery Fund last March to support a major £4.6m project to restore, conserve, and develop access at the Hall. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) agrees with everyone that Forty Hall is the jewel in Enfield's crown. On the 4th November the HLF announced that the grant of £2m has been awarded to the Council on condition that the project is worked up in detail to their satisfaction and within their guidelines.

We welcome this as a turning point in Forty Hall's fortunes and we urge the Council to ensure that every condition is met. The Society, the Forty Hill and Bulls Cross Study Group, the Friends of Forty Hall Park and residents have been consulted and have all supported this bid for the Hall. We have also supported a second bid for the Park and Estate which was submitted to the HLF at the end of September. The Council should hear the outcome of this bid in March 2009. We will be kept informed of the progress of both these bids and the planning of the works that will follow. If all goes well the two projects will have been completed ready for a re-launch in the spring of 2012, just in time to catch the anticipated wave of visitor interest in London in advance of the Olympic Games.

Colin Pointer

The President's column



It does appear as though the recent change of name has halted the gradual decline in our membership numbers. The total was up at 1969 on our latest count, compared with a low of 1941. It is too soon to be certain, but the trend is encouraging.

We are pleased that Ian Davis, successor to John Pryor as Director of Environment and Street Scene at Enfield Council, has continued the regular meetings with Enfield Society representatives. At our first meeting last week Mr Davis explained the latest reorganisation of the environment department, now with an

additional Director in charge of 'Place Shaping'. We hope the new set up will work in practice. Conservation will be under Place Shaping, divorced from planning and development control under Environment and Street Scene, so a degree of flexibility will be needed. We were encouraged by his evident commitment to enhancing the civic environment, starting with a joint walk round Enfield Town to identify problems and opportunities.

Chris Jephcott

What shape is your place?

"Place-shaping" is the newest fashionable term introduced to describe what I always thought local government should do anyway. It comes from *Place-shaping: a shared ambition for the future of local government*, the report of the Lyons inquiry into local government, by Sir Michael Lyons, 2007.

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/other/9780119898552/9780119898552.pdf>

Sir Michael writes:

"Throughout my work, I have promoted a wider, strategic role for local government, which I have termed 'place-shaping' – the creative use of powers and influence to promote the general well-being of a community and its citizens. It includes the following components:

- building and shaping local identity;
- representing the community;
- regulating harmful and disruptive behaviours;
- maintaining the cohesiveness of the community and supporting debate within it, ensuring smaller voices are heard;
- helping to resolve disagreements;
- working to make the local economy more successful while being sensitive to pressures on the environment;
- understanding local needs and preferences and making sure that the right services are provided to local people; and
- working with other bodies to response to complex challenges such as natural disasters and other emergencies."

Leonard Will

Diary dates

17th-18th November

Seasonal wreath-making workshop, Forty Hall. (Adults only)

Booking essential. For cost and details see note* below.

23rd November, 3 pm - 5.30 pm

Jazz concert by The Hot Orange Big Band. St Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane. EN2 0HG.

Presented by Friends of Hilly Fields, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Suggested donations of £4 adults, £3 seniors/students. Children free. Refreshments will be available during the interval, kindly sponsored by Data Connection.

4th December

Drop in evening, Jubilee Hall. 7-9 pm (see page 7)

6th December - 4th January 2009

The lion, the witch and the wardrobe experience, Forty Hall. An exhibition for families based on C. S. Lewis's classic story. Children will also have an opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto at weekends and from 22nd-24th December. For details see note* below

4 February – 1 March

Exhibition by Paul Rocca: Life and landscape in line and colour. Forty Hall Gallery. See note* below.

10th February, 7.30 for 8 pm

The buildings and people of the Lea Valley industries by Reg Hart. Joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society, Charity School Hall, 24 Church Street, Edmonton.

Note:* Forty Hall is usually open from Wednesday to Sunday and details of events held there can be obtained from <www.enfield.gov.uk/fortyhall> or (020) 8363 8196

Historic buildings

Enfield past

Some buildings in and around Enfield Town which have been demolished over the past 50 years. *Stephen Gilbert*



These early 19th century former farm cottages in Cecil Road later became Laing's garage before being demolished in 1979 for the Palace Gardens shopping precinct.



The 1924 Enfield Arms in Genotin Road in 2003 shortly before the new one-way system was introduced.



Christ Church manse in Chase Side was built for the minister and his family in 1887. It was replaced by a care home in 1995.



Emmanuel Baptist Church of 1852 in Baker Street in 1970. The church itself was demolished in 1977 and the hall behind it now belongs to Enfield Evangelical Free Church.



Viewed from Chase Side, the former workhouse built in 1826, on the site of an earlier building. later became St Michael's Hospital. It was demolished in 1995 following a fire and blocks of flats were built on part of the site.



The Queen's Hall cinema of 1911 was reopened in 1947 as the Florida and, after closure in 1976, was converted into the Townhouse nightclub. It is shown as it was in 2003 before Genotin Road was extended



Fir Tree House in Silver Street was built to replace a Georgian house after the First World War. It was pulled down for the extension to the Civic Centre which was opened in 1975. The decorative iron gate and railings in front of Fir Tree House were re-used to form an entrance to St Andrew's churchyard at the suggestion of the Enfield Preservation Society



Early 19th century cottages in Church Lane shortly before their removal for the Council's proposed ring road scheme. This was rejected by the government Minister of Housing in 1967 after a campaign led by the Enfield Preservation Society.



The former Chase Side Chapel, rebuilt in 1830, was demolished in 1963. Behind is Christ Church United Reformed Church, opened in 1875 on the site of Zion Chapel.



The Cecil Cafe in Cecil Road in 1969. The site is now part of the Palace Exchange shopping precinct.



The old Enfield Gas Company offices of 1897 and 1906 in Sydney Road being demolished in 1969. The site is now part of the Palace Exchange shopping precinct.



The 300 year old farm bothy in Gentleman's Row was replaced in 1970 by a neo-Georgian house.

Historic buildings

Discovering historic buildings in Edmonton, Winchmore Hill and Southgate

The London Borough of Enfield has about 500 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 underground railway stations. This listing gives them some of protection from demolition, unsympathetic alteration or the destruction of their settings. Many are to be found in conservation areas and the planning restrictions which come with conservation area status enable the Council to protect and enhance their special character and appearance. The lists may be downloaded from the Council's Web site at <[http://www.enfield.gov.uk/514/table of contents.htm](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/514/table%20of%20contents.htm)>.

Many of the historic buildings in the Crescent, Hertford Road, Church Street Edmonton, Vicar's Moor Lane, Winchmore Hill Green, Southgate Circus and Southgate Green conservation areas, together with some of the buildings demolished in 1971 for the Edmonton Green redevelopment will be illustrated in my talk at Jubilee Hall starting at 8 pm on Thursday 15th January, 2009. Slides of interiors as well as exteriors will be shown, many of them taken on the Society's guided walks which may be followed using *Heritage walks in the London Borough of Enfield* available from the Enfield Society.

Stephen Gilburt



**Grovelands (now the Priory Hospital), The Bourne, Southgate
by John Nash, 1797**



**Salisbury House,
Bury Street West
Late 16th/early 17th C.**



**Charity School,
Church Street, Edmonton
1784**



**Charles Lamb's Cottage
Church Street,
Edmonton
Late 16th/early 17th C.**

Enfield Lock heritage walk

On the 13th September Colin Pointer and Monica Smith expertly guided groups around Enfield Lock. This was the last in a series of all six of the walks in the Society's book *Heritage walks in the London Borough of Enfield* which were organised by Sadie Isaksson, who writes "My thanks to all our guides, without whom these walks would not take place, and to the team at Jubilee Hall".



Lock Keeper's cottage



**Government Row and the
River Lea Navigation**

Among the buildings pointed out were Lea House of 1792, the 19th century Lock Keeper's House and Lock Cottage beside the Lee Navigation and Government Row Cottages built between 1854 and 1858 to house workers at the Royal Small Arms Factory. We also saw the various surviving buildings of the former Royal Small Arms Factory, including the machine shop completed in 1856, pattern room, water tower, factory manager's office and police station, which now form part of Island Village.

Stephen Gilburt

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 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: 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*

Wed 3 Dec. Capital Ring (Part 2). As a further stage in ultimately completing this route, today Dave covers the 5.25 mile section from Hackney Wick to Beckton District Park via the River Lea, Greenway and Abbey Mills, including views of the Olympics development.

Either travel with Dave from Enfield Chase Station on the **10.09am** train, or join the group at Highbury & Islington (London Overground platform) for the **10.39am** train or be at Hackney Wick Station by **10.51am**. Return via DLR. Details: 8366 2242 or 07948 204025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sat 13 Dec. Parkland Walk & Ancient Woodlands. Meet **10.17am** Platform 1 Finsbury Park mainline station (9.59am train from Enfield Chase) for about 6 to 7 mile linear walk exploring some of north London's few remaining ancient woodlands. Bring lunch or food available. Walk ends in the East Finchley and Muswell Hill area but many shorter options. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 27 Dec. Rural London. Meet **10.30am** outside front door to Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, NW3 (210 bus from Finsbury Park Station) for about 7 mile circular walk across Hampstead Heath and environs, including further hidden parts of Hampstead Village (lunch stop). Shorter options. Walking boots essential. Bring lunch or food available. To avoid high parking charges in Kenwood's West Lodge car park, suggest use nearby roads off Hampstead Lane. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 3 Jan. Inner London Scenes. Meet **10.25am** Platform 9 Kings Cross mainline station (9.59am train from Enfield Chase) for a linear walk through Central London squares, parks, and beside The Thames, including some less well-known features. Up to about 7 miles but, obviously, many shorter options. Lunch stop will probably be at the Southbank Centre (food available or bring own). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 14 Jan. Forty Hall. Meet **10.15am** outside the front door to Forty Hall Mansion for 2.5 to 3 hour circular walk through the Forty Hall & Whitewebbs Estate. *Leader: Ken Cooper*

Sat 17 Jan. River Lea & Ware. Meet **10.38am** Hertford North Station (10.19am train from Enfield Chase) for about 7 mile circular walk via Bengoe, River Lea, Ware and New River. Option to leave after about 4 miles at the lunch stop in Ware. Food available or bring lunch. *Leader: Brian Wragg*

Sat 31 Jan. City of London. Meet **10.30am** at Liverpool Street mainline station (at entrance to Platform 1). The route includes part of the Silver Jubilee Walk and Roy will highlight some of the many changes that have occurred in the City since his original walk in 1996. Many shorter options. Lunch stop at the

Museum of London (food available). Details: 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Mon 9 Feb. From Village to County Town. Meet **10.34am** Bayford Station (10.21am train from Enfield Chase) or **10.45am** in Bayford Village for car drivers (but please park considerably) for about 7 mile circular walk. Lunch stop and option to end early in Hertford after about 4 miles. Bring lunch or food available. *Leaders: Carol Cope & Kinu Ohki*

Sat 14 Feb. Beyond the Lea. Meet **10.30am** at Enfield Lock Village (at main river bridge where 121 bus enters the village) for 8 to 9 mile circular walk via Waltham Abbey and High Beach. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader: Christine Fookes*

Sat 28 Feb. Epping Forest. Meet **10.25am** at public car park on Honey Lane/Woodricken Hill (A121) near Volunteer PH (but opposite The Woodbine Inn) - about 0.25mile east of M25 junction 26 towards Wake Arms/City Limits roundabout. 9 mile circular walk via Connaught Water, Strawberry Pond and Wake Valley with lunch stop at The Owl PH, Lippitts Hill. Bring lunch or pub food available. Public transport: 250 bus from Waltham Cross bus station at **9.55am** (journey time 17 mins). Details: 8364 0300. *Leader: Colin Adams*

Stuart Mills

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Miss V. Batson, Ms. T. Boyden, Mrs. J. Bromberg, Miss L. Buxton, Mr. & Mrs. J. Chalkley, Mrs. A. Claburn, Mrs. H. Clark, Miss B. Clayton, Mr. M. Collins, Ms. A. Courcha, Mrs. J. Crang, Mr. N. Demetri, Mr. Dang, Ms. T. Dyson, Mrs. S. Fagg, Mr. & Mrs. D. Gardner, Mrs. E. Gazder, Ms. B. Hart, Ms. A. Hastings, Mrs. E. Hill, Ms. D. Holtry, Mrs. A. Jordan, Mrs. R. Kernot, Ms. N. Kasilembo, Ms. L. Koh, Mrs. P. Lathlean, Mr. & Mrs. J. Lombard, Mr. & Mrs. B. Lyne, Mrs. T. Malavouna, Dr. L. Marzano, Mr. R. Metcalf, Mr. R. Moorwood, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. B. Muskett, Ms. J. Nunns, Mr. & Mrs. P. Padwick, Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmar, Ms. J. Parry, Mr. T. Pearse, Ms. L. Price Rea, Dr. & Mrs. A. Redman, Mrs. S. Robertson, Mr. T. Shimada, Mr. M. Sleath, Ms. Y. Smyth, Miss K. Stapleton, Mrs. P. Thompson, Mrs. J. Tumbridge, Mr. & Mrs. C. West, Mrs. S. Younger

Olive Sharman

Jubilee Hall meetings

Tuesday mornings 10 for 10.30 am

25th November

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

16th December

Quiz and mince pies

27 January

The Historic City of St. Albans by Pam Wright (with slides)

24 February

Encounters with animals by Monica Smith (with slides)

31 March

The removal of Temple Bar back to London, and other stories by Brenda Brown (with slides)

Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8 pm

20th November

Bees and honey by Pete Burling

December

No meeting

15th January 2009

Discovering historic buildings in Enfield by Stephen Gilburt, with slides

19th February

Bats: an illustrated talk by Mrs P. Briggs, with slides

19th March

The music of Barbara Streisand by Maurice Franklin

16th April

The Intimate Theatre. Joint meeting with the Enfield Hundred Historical Society, with slides

21st May

The Titanic by Steve Jennings

Edmonton

The Edmonton Group were pleased that two of its parks, Pymmes and Jubilee, received Green Flag Awards this year and are now considering how other open spaces, particularly in Upper Edmonton, might be improved and made more attractive to residents.

The main event of the winter will be the joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society on Tuesday 10th February, 7.30 for 8 pm at the Charity School Hall, 24 Church Street, Edmonton. The speaker will be Reg Hart, a regular columnist in the Enfield Gazette and the topic "People and Buildings of the Lea Valley Industries". All members and friends welcome.

Edmonton members brought to my attention the Enfield Freecycle initiative – see page 8.

Monica Smith

Trees Group

A start has been made in clearing the overgrown new allotment tree nursery at Trentwoodside.

Enfield's street tree planting programme last season appears to have been a success, with the majority surviving and growing well. A further thousand are planned for next year, with 350 along the Hertford Road. This reminds me of our Hertford Road planting campaign of the 1960s. Quite a few of the trees planted then are still to be seen if you know where to look.

Less encouraging is the wholesale clearance of the tall trees along the railway embankment to the south of Winchmore Hill Station. The fact that this is within the Conservation Area has made no difference and we have been told that Network Rail, which seems to be a law unto itself, intends to extend this treatment throughout the system. The stumps have been poisoned to prevent regrowth and presumably to avoid maintenance costs. We consider Network Rail, as a publicly owned company, does have a responsibility not merely to run an efficient service but also to ensure that its linesides are sustainably managed and visually pleasing, not a litter strewn wasteland.

Chris Jephcott, Convener

Sales table

Jubilee Hall drop-in evening

Thursday 4th December, 7 to 9 pm

Drop in, not for medical advice, but to view and purchase the items available from the Society's Sales Table. Every sale adds to our funds and the profit on publications over the past thirty years (over £100,000) is one of the principal reasons the membership fee has been kept so low. We are aware that many members cannot visit Jubilee Hall at the time of scheduled meetings so this is an opportunity to buy Christmas cards and presents and small items such as badges, pens and pencils which are useful stocking fillers.

Monica Smith

Heritage Walks

Wanted – more guides!

As I have previously said, the success of our Heritage Walks is due to the guides – but I do need some more, please. At present it is the same people who do *all* the walks.

Would you like to be a guide?

If so, please contact me at Jubilee Hall and I will be in touch with you. Scripts will be provided, and I can arrange for you to "shadow" a guide at first if you would like. I don't expect you to do all the walks; just one that you may be particularly interested in and know about will be helpful.

We have about 2000 members in the Society so I hope that someone will come forth and help me by becoming a guide.

Please, please think about this valuable contribution you could make to our Society.

Sadie Isaksson

Rotary Club of Enfield

On the 29th September the Club celebrated the 80th anniversary of the grant of its charter in 1928. Seven years later leading members of the Rotary Club of Enfield were the prime movers in forming the Enfield Preservation Society in response to Council proposals to build a town hall on Chase Green – the last vestige of the old Enfield Chase.

In recognition of the debt our Society owes to the vision of those early Rotarians we were represented at the the celebratory dinner and offered our congratulations and best wishes to the Club.

Colin Pointer

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Enfield Freecycle was set up in 2006 and is part of a Network with 4609 groups and 581,400 members worldwide (4000 of them in Enfield). Free community events have been held in the past year in Arnos Grove, Upper Edmonton, Hilly Fields and North Enfield and have included music, entertainment, arts & crafts workshops and other attractions. We will hope to publish future dates and locations.

The objectives are to reduce the number of reusable goods going into landfill sites by offering them in exchange, free of charge, and, secondly, on the principle that "One man's rubbish is another man's treasure", to enable people to obtain a wide variety of goods, at no cost, and at the same time dispose of unwanted items. Besides stalls at the community events, goods can be offered for exchange on the Internet, both on a Website and through a mailing list. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Enfield_Freecycle> to look at current and previous offers and to register.

Many Enfield Society members often deplore the wasteful way we live now and this seems a good way to improve the situation, especially as even broken tools and goods are accepted.

Examples quoted are of a broken washing machine being turned into a fish nursery and old wardrobes being converted into raised garden beds.

Monica Smith



The Freecycle® stand at the Enfield Autumn Show, September 2008

Newsletter contributions

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Leonard Will

Help wanted

Is there someone out there with a little technical knowledge who can assist at our monthly Tuesday morning meetings? We need help to set up our projector equipment, screen and microphone. For further information please leave your details on our answering machine at Jubilee Hall – (020) 8363 9495.