



## The newsletter of The Enfield Society

# What members want from The Enfield Society – and what they can do to help

With the last issue of *TES News* we enclosed a questionnaire asking about members' interests, what members thought of the Society's current activities and inviting offers of assistance in running the Society.

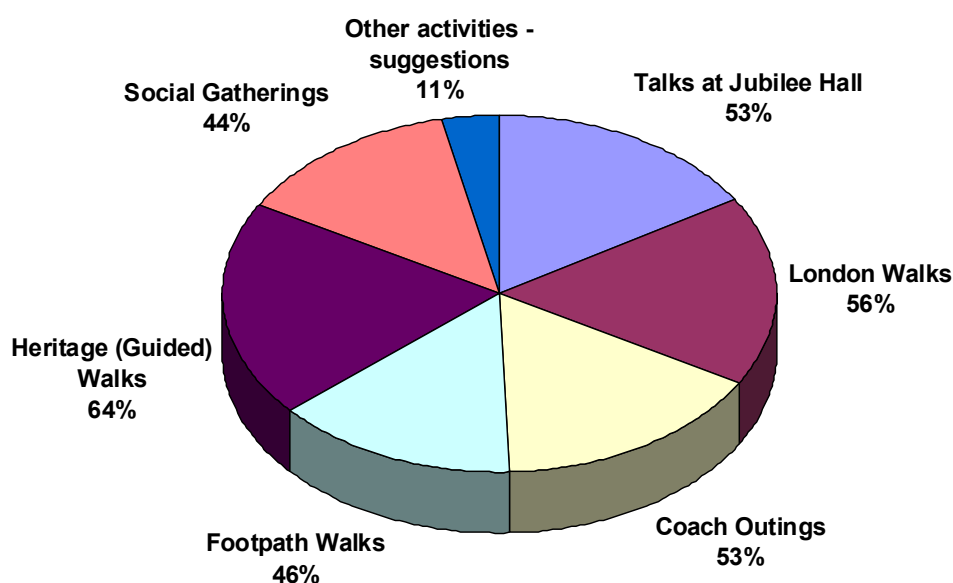
Firstly, thanks to all members who responded to the questionnaire. It really is helpful to receive feedback from you, the members, to help determine if the Society is on the 'right lines' and in developing plans for the future. We received 110 replies, which represents over 5 percent of the membership and is higher than usually achieved for a survey of this type.

Of the items listed in the questionnaire under Organised Social Activities, the highest interest (64% of responses) was accorded to **Heritage (Guided) Walks**, while over 50% of responses cited interest in **Talks at Jubilee Hall**, **London Walks** and **Coach Outings**. None of the items scored less than 40% interest, so it would appear that the Society is meeting member needs well. A number of respondents put forward suggestions for additional activities, or raised some points about existing activities. The TES Management Committee has taken note and will take forward your ideas, as appropriate.

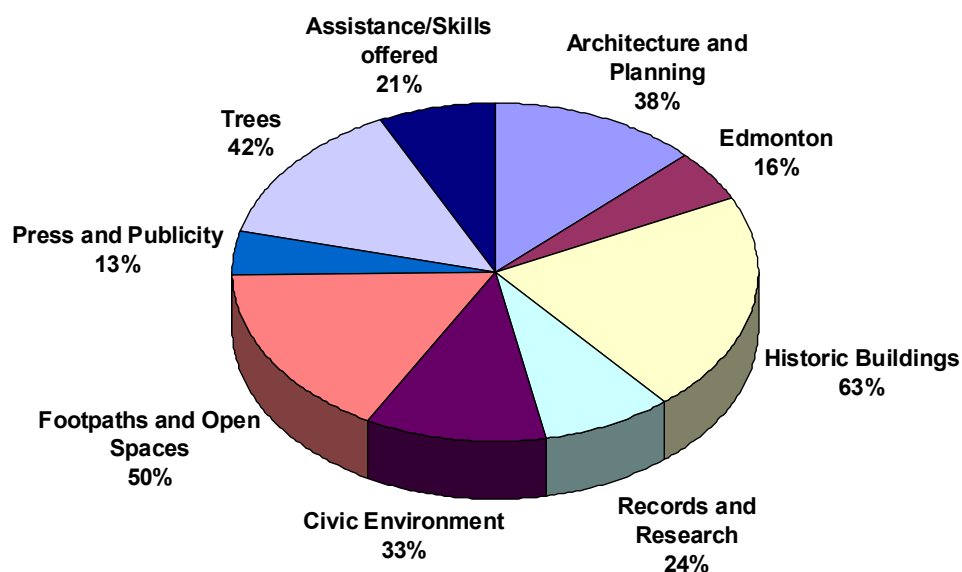
Responses in regard to Group Activities was more mixed, with the highest interest (63% of responses) accorded to **Historic Buildings**. **Footpaths and Open Spaces** (50%), **Trees** (42%), and **Architecture and Planning** (38%) were the second, third and fourth choices respectively. It was gratifying to receive a substantial number of offers to help in a number of areas. Nine respondents offered to assist in staffing the Society stand at shows and exhibitions, another four to assist in Publicity and others to help in Research, Historic Buildings, Architecture and Planning and other areas. We are grateful for all these offers of help and each will be followed up in due course. Whether or not you completed the questionnaire, you can always contact the person responsible for each activity as listed in the directory on page 8 or by email at the addresses given on our web site.

The results of the Questionnaire are displayed in the following charts, which show the percentage of total respondents interested in each activity. (As people could choose more than one item, the percentages add up to more than 100.)

Bob Fowler



Interest in organised social activities



Interest in the work of the Society's groups

# Conservation

## Enfield Town developments

Consultation is still continuing about the detailed design and materials of the new Evangelical Free Church and Central Library along Cecil Road. With work on the library site well under way, modified designs for the façade to Cecil Road have been put forward. We lost the battle to save the group of three large trees on the green but it is difficult to see how they would have survived on the building site in any case. In view of McCarthy and Stone's current financial troubles it is not surprising that there have been no further developments on its application to build on the Town Park car park site. An agreed design for what is now to become a Day Centre for adults with learning difficulties on the Little Park Gardens car park site is coming closer, taking account of the comments of neighbouring householders, though we still consider that the plans will not allow the preservation of the prominent tree on the SE corner

## Conservation Advisory Group

The Conservation Advisory Group also looked at proposals for part of the Middlesex University site in Queensway, with conversion of the Broadbent building and new build to provide 92 residential units, a good scheme, also the partial redevelopment of Southgate College, releasing the Minchenden site for sale. We consider this is trying to put a quart into a pint pot, with the buildings too near and too high in relation to the Listed cottages along the High Street. The redeveloped Public Library would mean the loss of half of the open area with trees on the High Street frontage. Revised proposals have just been announced, but don't look to have answered our basic doubts.

## Street lighting

"Conservation" type replacement street lighting will be installed in the

Winchmore Hill Green Conservation Area, but after that the remainder throughout the borough will be the standard design as the extra funding is no longer available. I can't say I'm sorry, having seen the various designs in situ.

## North East Enfield

Consultation has just closed on Enfield Council's latest Area Action Plan (Preferred Options Report) – for North East Enfield. Policies for new residential development to make the best use of available land include up to 500 new homes on the Middlesex University site and employment led, mixed use development on the southern part of Brimsdown with 400 homes. A further 300 could be provided on the existing Albany School site if, as envisaged, it is relocated to the gasholder site at Ponders End. The report is silent, however on the future of the large areas of inter-war housing in North East Enfield.

*Chris Jephcott*

## Jubilee Hall



Two recent additions to the maps and pictures displayed in Jubilee Hall are the map of Enfield's Green Belt, recently produced by Enfield Council, shown above, and the following framed set of historical postcards of Enfield, presented to us by the Chairman and Executive Committee of the Enfield Archaeological Society, who wrote:

*"To the officers and members of The Enfield Society as a gesture of thanks for your support of the work of the Enfield Archaeological Society. Two societies with one ambition, the preservation of Enfield's past for future generations to enjoy."*



## "Nigel" visits Jubilee Hall



An unusual visitor at the evening meeting in February was Nigel, a small bat who came with Mrs. P. Briggs. From her interesting and informative talk, members realised that bats are not the sinister creatures they are often portrayed as in literature.

Mrs. Briggs works at a hospital for injured bats which are released back into the wild when fit.

*Monica Smith*

## New members

*We warmly welcome the following new members:*

Mrs. F. Brand, Mr. T. Brewer, Mr. R. Burton, Ms. J. Bysouth, Ms. B. Cohen, Mr. L. Dunphy, Mr. & Mrs. M. Faulkner, Mr. R. Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hill, Ms. L. Jefferson, Mr. R. Lane, Mrs. M. Leonard, Mrs. M. Levy, Mr. J. McCaghy, Miss S. McEneaney, Mr. D. Minihane, Mr. & Mrs. A. Nixon, Mrs. Parker Bowles, Mrs. S. Segar, Mrs J. Skillett, Mr. & Mrs. G. Whale, Mr. & Mrs. M. Woods.

*Olive Sharman*

## Trees Group

The Trentwoodside allotment plot has now been cleared, with the help of four boy scouts, and is awaiting rotavation. It will then be ready to accept young trees for our nursery.

As Julian Jackson has left the Council, the anticipated report to the Conservation Advisory Group on Enfield Council's policy on trees in conservation areas and Tree Preservation Orders has yet to take place. We are continuing to press for the Council to have a planning officer dedicated to tree work, as have other London boroughs. With Parks and Conservation in the Place Shaping and Enterprise Directorate and Development Control, including applications for tree work, in the Environment and Street Scene Directorate, the current organisation of the Council does not facilitate easy decision making in this area.

We congratulate the Council on its current tree planting programme – over 1,100 good quality trees last year and more funding allocated for the coming year. Well done.

*Chris Jephcott  
Convener*



# Museums

## The Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture

Middlesex University, Cat Hill, Barnet, EN4 8HT

MoDA's permanent exhibition, *"Exploring interiors: decoration of the home 1900-1960"*, uses fabrics, wallpapers, furniture, photographs and personal commentary to show how domestic life and the decoration and furnishing of living rooms, dining rooms and kitchens have changed during the 20th century. A temporary exhibition, *"Designer style: home decorating in the 1950s"*, on until 6th September 2009, displays a wide range of wallpapers and textiles, many by well known artists and designers of the period. Items from the archive may be seen in the study room. The shop sells a wide range of books on domestic design and architecture, including a series on styles of home

decoration and furnishings in different decades of the 20th century. *"Little palaces"*\* looks at North London suburban private houses of the 1920s and 1930s and the way of life of their inhabitants with chapters on architecture, decoration, household management, leisure and transport.

The museum arranges practical workshops for both adults and children, study days, lectures, gallery talks and walks.

MoDA may be reached by buses 298, 299 and 307 to the Cat Hill roundabout. Access is from either Chase Side or Cat Hill. Availability of parking places on site can be limited on weekdays during term time. The

museum has step-free access with a lift to the temporary exhibition on the first floor. It is open, free of charge, from Tuesday to Saturday, 10am–5pm and on Sunday 2pm–5pm. It is closed on Monday, over Easter and for two weeks at Christmas and the New Year.

For further information telephone (020)8411 5244 or (020) 8411 4394 or visit MoDA online at [www.moda.mdx.ac.uk](http://www.moda.mdx.ac.uk)

Stephen Gilburt

\* *Little palaces : house and home in the inter-war suburbs / Lesley Hoskins et al. - London : Middlesex University Press, 2003. - 84p. : ill. ; 19cm. - ISBN: 1898253544 : £9.99 (pbk)*



Wallpapers, 1900-1915



Wallpapers, plates, etc. 1950s



Fire, 1930s,  
Swindon fireplace, 1935,  
mirror 1940



Curtain, 1952,  
Ekco television 1953



Sewing machine, 1918



Easiwork kitchen cabinet,  
1929

## Jubilee Hall meetings

**Tuesday mornings 10 for 10.30 am**

**26th May**

*The work and history of MacMillan nurses* by Rebecca Steadman.

**30th June**

*Family life in The Gambia* – illustrated talk by Janet Daniels

**28th July**

*The Mayan trail* by Anne Johnson. With slides

**August** – no meeting

**Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8 pm**

**21st May**

*The Titanic* by Steve Jennings

**June**

No meeting, because of AGM on 17th

**16th July**

*Leaving the East End* by Raymond Kalman, with slides.

**August** – no meeting.

**17th September**

*Norfolk* by Frank Bayford, with slides.

**15th October**

*Libya revealed* by Monica Smith, with slides.

**19th November**

*Inland waterways* by Richard Moules, with slides.

## The President's column



This weekend comes the unexpected and troubling news that the Civic Trust has gone into administration. Financial pressures associated with the credit squeeze and notably the loss of its contract as organisers of the Green Flag Award scheme have led the Trustees to conclude with great regret that there was no alternative. The Civic Trust was founded in 1957 by Duncan Sandys, then a Government Minister. From the outset it focussed on the need for better civic design and the quality of the built environment, as well as acting as a focus for supporting and coordinating civic amenity societies across the country. Without its campaigning Covent Garden would have been turned into glass tower blocks around a six-lane highway, likewise Piccadilly Circus and Whitehall

would have been flattened for redevelopment, to mention just three of its successful campaigns. It was instrumental in bringing in the Civic Amenities Act which established conservation areas. There are now more than 700 active civic societies across the country, so the work it started goes on.

This is a salutary warning none the less. I queried in my last column how the economic downturn might affect the Enfield Society, but I did not anticipate this. Fortunately our future seems secure, though as with many voluntary societies these days, the dearth of new younger members is worrying.

Chris Jephcott

## Diary dates

**Until 6th September**

*Designer style: home decorating in the 1950s.* Following the Festival of Britain there was an emphasis on good design for all aspects of home furnishing. This exhibition illustrates this by showing a wide range of wallpapers and textiles. (See page 3) The Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture, Middlesex University, Cat Hill, EN4 8HT. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 2 to 5 pm. Admission free.

**20th May, 7.45 for 8.00 pm**

*Secrets of nature. How the wild life film was developed in Southgate,* by Tim Boon. Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. Jubilee Hall.

**27th May**

*Forty Hall Farm walk.* (1.5 hours) Meet at 7 pm at Forty Hall Car Park. The Parks Outreach Team.\*

**13th-14th June**

*London Open Garden Squares weekend* – the only time when 190 gardens not usually open to the public can be visited. Tickets, £8, allow entry to all participating gardens. (£6.75 if booked in advance). Details at [www.opengardens.org](http://www.opengardens.org)

**17th June, 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

*The Enfield Society AGM.* See box at left.

**21st June**

*Trent Park circular walk.* (3 hours) Meet at 10 am outside Trent Park Café. The Parks Outreach Team.\*

*\*Contact details:*

**The Parks Outreach Team.** Phone (020) 8441 8272 or email [alan.mitellas@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:alan.mitellas@enfield.gov.uk).

**Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.** See [www.edmontonhundred.org.uk](http://www.edmontonhundred.org.uk) or email [edmontonhundred@freeukisp.co.uk](mailto:edmontonhundred@freeukisp.co.uk). Talks are free to members; there is a charge of £1 per head for visitors

**Hillyfields bandstand concerts.** Collections will be in aid of local charities. Full details will be on the website by early June. [www.hillyfields.info](http://www.hillyfields.info)

**28th June, 3.00 to 5.30 pm**

*Hillyfields bandstand concert.* Jazz with the Colin Peters Quartet. Guest Stars: Digby Fairweather and Trudy Kerr

**11th July**

*New River Festival.* Chase Green Gardens, Chase Side.

**12th July**

*Cycle ride with Edmonton Cycling Club.* Meet at 10 am outside the new Edmonton Leisure Centre. Take a spare inner tube and wear a cycling helmet. Further details: [www.edmontoncyclingclub.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.edmontoncyclingclub.fsnet.co.uk)

**26th July, 3.00 to 5.30 pm**

*Hillyfields bandstand concert.* R&B – Rock & Roll with The Roosters

**14th August**

*Tatem Park butterfly and dragonfly walk* (2 hours) with the Herts & Middlesex Butterfly Conservation Group. Meet at 2 pm by the speed skating track, Tatem Park, Hedge Lane, Palmers Green. The Parks Outreach Team.\*

**16th August, 3.00 to 5.30 pm**

*Hillyfields bandstand concert.* Salsa with Merengada.

**23rd August, 10.00 am**

*Forty Hall circular walk.* The Parks Outreach Team.\*

**5th-6th September**

*Autumn Show,* Town Park.

**12th September**

*Centenary reunion, Enfield County School* (see page 7)

**19th-20th September**

*Open House London weekend*

## 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.

## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held once again in the Mount Carmel Centre, London Road, on Wednesday 17th June, starting at 7.30pm. Enclosed with this newsletter is the formal notice convening the AGM, together with the Report of the Management Committee and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2008. After the interval Gavin Williams, the Manager of Forty Hall, will give an illustrated talk on “*Forty Hall, past, present and future*”.

Colin Pointer



## Local community information notice boards at rail stations up and running

I am grateful to the following Enfield Society members who kindly responded to my request for “adopters” to look after the above notice boards: Jean Alderman, Christine Finch, Muriel Ross, Liz and Clare Scarff.

The notice boards have been provided by Train Operating Company, “First Capital Connect” at their six stations within The London Borough of Enfield on the Hertford Loop Line.

I need just one more adopter for the notice board at Crews Hill Station. It is an easy task, just requiring a named individual to be responsible for checking the board and keeping it up-to-date.

Please contact me on (020) 8366 2242 if you would like further information or could help out.

*Dave Cockle*

### Southgate & Enfield Friendship Centre (in association with Age Concern)

Are you over 50? Do you want to make new friends?

Come and join us for a friendly chat at Ruth Winston House, 190 Green Lanes, N13 on the first Monday evening of each month (except Bank Holidays – then the second Monday) 7.15pm until 9.30pm. *Step-free access.* Guest speakers, refreshments, lunch outings, quizzes, raffles. Monthly subscription £1.20. You are most welcome to join us. If interested contact either Veronica on (020) 8888 9739 or Marion on (020) 8804 5909.

*Marion Sellers*

## Letter to the editor

*Extracts from a letter by Tony Connolly:*

“We walked through the woodland from the Church Hill end of Grovelands Park, and were amazed to be confronted by a large, heavy timber structure among the trees. A notice on the fence stated that it was to be a playground for 8 to 13-year olds to get “risk experience”! This development is further damaging the natural woodland that remains in the

There will be three walks this year, including a new one, never before done by the Society.

**Wednesday 10th June, 10.30 am**  
**Gordon Hill.** Starting at Gordon Hill station, Graham Dalling will take us around this area, including a visit to the cemetery to “meet” notable past residents of Enfield. This is a circular walk and lasts about one hour.

**Thursday 2nd July, 7.00 pm**  
**Enfield Town.** Meeting in the Market Place, this walk will follow the usual route to see and hear about the historical buildings of Enfield. It will include visits to St. Andrew’s church and the Tudor Room.

The walk will end at Jubilee Hall, where refreshments will be available and purchases may be made at the Sales Table.

### 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*

## Heritage walks

**Sunday 2nd August, 2.30 pm**  
**Forty Hill and Bull’s Cross.** Starting from the car park at Forty Hill, guides will take the walkers around this most interesting area, showing and telling the history of the various houses and places. This is a circular walk.

As numbers on these walks are limited, tickets, which are free, will be available from Jubilee Hall. Please apply in writing for the walk(s) you wish to do, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to “Walks, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ”, and the tickets will be sent to you.

Tickets for the Enfield Town and Forty Hill walks will also be available from the Central Library nearer their dates.

*Sadie Isaksson*

### 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](mailto: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 July 2009, 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*

park. It will have an adverse effect on the habitat and security that wildlife enjoys there and be ecologically damaging. The enjoyment of people who like to walk quietly among the trees will be much reduced.”

*What do other readers think? Is this an inappropriate location, or a way of encouraging young people to visit and climb among natural woodland? Let’s have your views for our next issue. - Ed.*



“Risk experience” in Grovelands Park

# Future walks

*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 Off-Peak Day Return (previously Cheap Day Return) tickets allow 3 or 4 adults to travel together for the price of 2 adults on First Capital Connect, London Midland, Southeastern, Southern, Chiltern or National Express East Anglia. Even for travel to the start of linear walks Groupsave tickets are usually cheaper than buying a standard price single but you must travel as a group.*

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

**Sat 16 May. Ash Valley.** Meet **10.30am** Bishops Stortford Station (9.44am train from Southbury Station, change at Cheshunt) for about 10 mile circular walk via the Ash Valley and pretty Much Hadham. Option to end at lunchtime after about 5 miles and return to either start or St Margaret's Station by bus. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

**Wed 20 May. Royal Parks.** Meet **10.30am** Green Park Station (Victoria & Piccadilly Lines). Be a tourist for the day and join Brenda for a walk through central London parks in Springtime. Numerous points to leave throughout the day but walk will end before the rush hour starts. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brenda Brown*

**Bank Holiday Mon 25 May. Richmond Park/Isabella Plantation.** Meet **11.00am** Richmond Station for about 8 mile walk via historic Richmond, River Thames, Richmond Park and Isabella Plantation (azaleas and Spring flowers). Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Sat 30 May. Hertfordshire/Cambridgeshire Borders.** Meet **11.00am** Ashwell & Morden Station. Either 9.49am train from Enfield Chase, change Stevenage, or 10.11am direct Cambridge train from Finsbury Park (10.21am from Potters Bar). About 10 mile circular walk via Steeple Morden, Ashwell (lunch stop) and Hinxworth. Shorter options by use of bus service or by spending part of afternoon looking around pretty Ashwell village. By car: either via A1M (Junction 9) then A505 eastwards or A10 to Royston and A505 westwards. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Wed 3 June. Capital Ring (Part 3)/Thames Path.** Either travel with Dave from Enfield Chase Station on the **9.34am** train or join the group by **10.20am** at Tower Hill Station and then travel together to Royal Albert DLR Station. Continuing his Capital Ring journey, Dave follows it to south of the river and then uses the River Thames Path to end at Abbey Wood Station. Lunch stop en route (bring lunch or food probably available). Full route about 8 miles but many shorter options. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Sat 13 June. Ancient Woods.** Meet **10.55am** Goffs Oak War Memorial (park in library car-park or nearby streets) for about 7.5 mile circular walk in the unspoilt hilly and well-wooded green belt countryside to the north of Hammond Street. Lunch stop at Wormley West End. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Public transport: 10.19am train from Enfield Chase to Cuffley and, then, either catch 10.40am C1 bus or 10.51am 242 bus, or about 15 minutes walk. Otherwise, 242 bus at 10.20am from Waltham Cross bus station. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Wed 17 June. Trent Park & London Loop.** Meet **10.15am** at 307/121 bus stop next to Trent Park Riding Stables on Enfield Road for 2.5 to 3.0 hour linear walk through lesser-known parts of Trent Park and then along field paths ending at The Ridgeway/Chase Farm Hospital. Full route 4.5 miles but shorter options. *Leader: Carol Cope*

**Sat 27 June. Ashridge Estate.** Meet **10.40am** Berkhamsted Station (9.54am or 10.04am trains from Euston Station) for 9 to 10 mile circular walk in classic Chiltern scenery with lunch stop in the picture postcard and frequently filmed village of Aldbury (bring lunch or food available). Shorter option by using local bus. By car about 45 minutes from Enfield via M25 (junction 20) & A41. Details: (020) 8364 0300. *Leader: Colin Adams*

**Wed 1 July. Epping Forest.** Meet **10.10am** Chingford Station (9.40am 313 bus from Church Street, Enfield Town) for 2.5 to 3 hour circular walk in the Forest via Pole Hill & Sewardstonebury. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Sat 11 July. Warlies Park & Claverhambury Estates.** Meet **2.34pm** Upshire bus terminus (junction of Upshire Road and Princefield Road near parade of shops) for 5 mile circular walk (about 3 to 3.5 hours) in this attractive Corporation of London owned "buffer land" countryside. Good views. Public transport: from Waltham Cross bus station by either 213 bus at 2.00pm or 251 buses at 2.03pm & 2.18pm (journey times 14 or 16 mins). *Leader: Christine Fookes*

**Wed 15 July. In Darwin's Footsteps.** Meet **10.38am** Orpington Station (10.23am Hastings train from London Bridge Station or travel with Stuart from Enfield Chase Station on **9.34am** train). A bus then takes us to the start in Farnborough Village. Passing through varied, scenic and unspoilt countryside with splendid views, this 8.5 mile linear walk ends by crossing Keston & Hayes Commons to finish at Hayes Station. Lunch-stop in Downe Village (bring lunch or food available). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Sat 25 July. Scenic Mid-Bedfordshire.** Meet **11.01am** Biggleswade Station. Either 9.49am train from Enfield Chase, changing at Stevenage for 10.46am train, or 10.27am direct Peterborough train from Finsbury Park. By car via A1. About 9 mile circular walk via the Shuttleworth estate and the thatched villages of Old Warden & Northill. The return to Biggleswade will be by bus. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Wed 29 July. Battle of Barnet.** Meet **10.15am** Oakwood Station for 2.5 to 3 hour linear walk ending at Barnet via Trent Park, Hadley Woods & Monken Hadley. Shorter options and coffee break in Trent Park. *Leader: Brenda Brown*

**Sat 8 Aug. Northern Heights.** Meet **10.17am** Platform 1 Finsbury Park mainline station (9.59am train from Enfield Chase) for about 7 mile linear walk exploring some of North London's few remaining original woodlands. Bring lunch or food available. Walk ends in the East Finchley & Muswell Hill area but many shorter options. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Wed 12 Aug. Towards Enfield.** Meet **10.10am** Cuffley Station (10.01am train from Enfield Chase Station) for about 2.75 to 3 hour linear walk via Northaw (option to leave) and Fir & Pond Woods. Route ends at New Cottage Farm, The Ridgeway, for return to Enfield by 313 bus. *Leader: Martin Langer*

**Sat 22 Aug. New & Old.** Meet **2.30pm** at front entrance to Forty Hall Mansion for 3 to 3.5 hour circular walk including New River, the Whitewebbs & Forty Hall Estate and newly created bridleways just over the border in Hertfordshire. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Sat 29 Aug. Three Villages.** Meet **2.20pm** The White Hart, South Mimms, (84 & 398 buses from Potters Bar Station) for 3 to 3.5 hour circular walk via Ridge village with tea break in Shenley village. *Leader: Ken Cooper*

**Bank Holiday Mon 31 Aug. Roding Valley.** Meet **10.40am** Theydon Bois Station (Central Line, about 30 minutes from Liverpool Street Station) for 10 mile circular walk via Abridge, Lambourne and the BBC Essex Garden. Shorter option or return by bus from Abridge. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

*Stuart Mills*



## Walks and footpaths

### Footpath claim over farmland north of Enfield Road

Formal designation of the above footpath(s) is still in progress. However one of the three landowners involved has raised a formal objection. A meeting was held and subject to a revision of the routing of the path from The Ridgeway (Fairview Road) to Camp Road the objections should be withdrawn, although the path would then have to be re-designated on the revised route. A new crossing of Salmons Brook would be required and hence the Environment Agency is now involved.

The footpaths should eventually form attractive "green links" through to both Trent Park and The Ridgeway from The Jolly Farmers (Enfield Road) via Camp Road. We would like some volunteer stewards to undertake some actual work in the form of cutting back vegetation occluding the path. Please contact Dave Cockle on (020) 8366 2242 if you are able to assist with this project, although it may take some time to formally confirm the status of the path.

*Dave Cockle*

### Ray Moss

For many years Ray and his wife have been familiar figures in the Enfield Society and in local Church activities. During recent years, Ray has featured regularly in our walks programme, often leading walks with specific themes, such as the New River, historic Islington and the Capital Ring Path.

They have now moved from Enfield to Yorkshire and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best in their new surroundings and to thank Ray for his contribution to our walks programme.

*Stuart Mills*

### Centenary of Enfield County School



On 25th September it will be one hundred years since the official opening of the School. The building, designed by H. G. Crothall, the Middlesex County Architect, has been described as "a fine example of the arts and craft style". A surprising fact is that there have only been six Headmistresses since 1909.

As well as celebrations being organised by the school, the former students' association, ECSOGA, is raising funds for some gifts to the school and preparing a centenary publication which will include reminiscences and extracts from school magazines.

All former pupils of Enfield County School, which was called Enfield Chace

School for Girls from 1967-86, are invited to the Centenary Reunion on 12 September in the M. C. Sharp Building, Holly Walk from 12 noon to 4pm. Booking forms will soon be available to download from the website [www.onwardever.org.uk](http://www.onwardever.org.uk) or by telephone from Harriett Nailon, Chairman of ECSOGA, (020) 8543 6830. The price of lunch is expected to be about £12.

The Centenary Reunion will also be ECSOGA's Grand Finale as the association is closing in October 2009 so it is hoped many "old girls" will make an effort to attend. Tickets are limited so apply early. See you there.

*Monica Smith*

### TES walks throughout the year



A little bit of snow doesn't deter our intrepid walkers, as can be seen in this picture on a walk from Bayford to Hertford on 9th February 2009 when it snowed, sleeted and rained all day. Thanks are due to Kinu Ohki and Carol Cope for leading this walk.

On the other hand some walks enjoy pleasant sunshine. This one, led by Colin Adams on 11th October 2008 visited "The Top Lock" at Marsworth on the Grand Union Canal very near to Tring. It is the highest point on the Grand Union being some 400 ft above the level of the Thames in London.





*President:* Dr C.J.A. Jephcott

*Chairman:* Colin Pointer

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## Trip to Rochester, Cobham Hall and paddle steamer trip on the River Medway – Sunday July 12th 2009



There is much to see in Rochester including the Norman cathedral and castle (English Heritage) with its famous keep. The Guildhall museum (free admission) now holds a small Dickens exhibition and a model of the hulls featured in *Great Expectations*. The visitor centre can provide details of a Dickens walk including the garden chalet in which he wrote many of his books. The walk also includes several houses which the author featured in a number of his books.

After taking lunch in Rochester we will use the coach for the short distance to Chatham Dockyard from where we board the last coal fired paddle steamer remaining in England for a 30 minutes cruise on the Medway (refreshments available on board). A brief coach journey will take us to Cobham Hall, often visited by Dickens and the original site of the chalet mentioned above. It is only possible to visit the house by guided tour which lasts approximately an hour and includes the site of the original "Ashes"! After this there will be time to wander about the grounds and have tea. If you prefer to spend more time in the gardens and having tea then this is an alternative. Leaving Cobham Hall at about 5pm we should be back in Enfield by approximately 6.30pm.

Our coach will leave Village Road, at the junction with Bush Hill Road, Winchmore Hill, N21 at 8.30am and Genotin Road bus stop, Enfield at 8.45am, returning to Enfield at about 6.30pm. The cost of the trip is £20 to include coach seat, driver's gratuity and the guided tour of Cobham Hall. If you don't want to tour the Hall but just visit the grounds, the cost is reduced to £18.

To book please send a cheque, made payable to "The Enfield Society", to Jim Deamer, 32 The Orchard, Winchmore Hill, N21 2DH, tel.: (020) 8360 8974. Please say whether you wish to take the guided tour of Cobham Hall and give your telephone number. For confirmation of your seat please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.

*Janet McQueen*

*The management committee recently confirmed that these trips are for paid-up members of the Society. If anyone who is not a member wishes to come, they can easily join for a minimum subscription of just £2.50 per year. Application forms are available from Jubilee Hall or may be downloaded from our web site at <http://www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/joining.htm>.*



**Cobham Hall**  
(photo courtesy of the Hall)