



The newsletter of The Enfield Society

Enfield Town and the market in 1910



The Enfield Society has recently acquired a copy of this print, by W. G. (George) Monk, a local artist. Signed and dated "Monk 80", it shows what Enfield Town and the market would have looked like in 1910. The text accompanying the print reads as follows:

"Enfield Town market, held on a Saturday, was both a shopping centre and a meeting place for most of the local population. The market kept open until very late at night, the stalls being illuminated by paraffin flares which burned with a mass of naked hissing flame; why the market was not burned down on a number of occasions remains a mystery. Late Saturday night clearance bargains were eagerly sought by shoppers with low incomes. Many of the present Enfield greengrocers' ancestors started their businesses with a stall in the market.

The market house was erected in 1904 to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII two years earlier. Overlooking the Market Square is the 'Kings Head', a neat gabled design of 1899 which replaced a much earlier building, the original Kings Head built in the 17th century.

Electric trams, then the last word in modernity, had reached Enfield in the early summer of 1909 amid a great blaze of publicity. Laying the track caused wholesale disruption in Enfield Town and London Road, whole buildings having to be demolished to provide sufficient clearance for the trams. The service was run by the Metropolitan Electric Tramway Co. who built their last tramway in 1911 and this ran down Southbury Road from outside Enfield Town station. Although a survey map of 1914 shows a track connecting Southbury Road to the Enfield Town track, the connection was never used.

The most remarkable building in the picture is the London and Provincial Bank (now Barclays Bank). It was built in 1897 to the design of W. Gilbee Scott, a local architect who lived in Waverley Road and who also designed Edmonton Town Hall. The Bank was built by Alan Fairhead. The Bank replaced the old 'Greyhound Inn', an early 17th century building, used in its later years as a courthouse and local government offices.

The detached building shown in shadow on the right hand side of the picture was Enfield House, a long established drapery business founded by William Lock. After his death in 1903 it was taken over by the Pearson brothers, from which humble beginnings grew Pearsons Department Store. The tea shop shown in this area was owned by Freemans, whose bakery still flourishes in London Road. The Ebben family had been bakers in Enfield Town since 1850 and the shop, a clapboard structure, still survives. In the far distance can be seen the 'Nags Head' public house, a familiar landmark with its pointed turret. Next door was Gomms the butchers who, with other butchers such as Charlie Lamb (shown in the foreground) flourished at this time.

The Town, with its pavements and market square edged with small trees and its lack of heavy traffic, made Enfield a very pleasant provincial town. Its subsequent change is a matter of great regret to those of us who remember.

[Signed] W G Monk"

Conservation

Government guidance

On 23rd March the new *Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment* was published, setting out the Government's policies for the conservation of the historic environment. It replaces the previous guidance: PPG 15 on the Historic Environment and PPG 16 on Archaeology. But whereas PPG 15 alone ran to 37 densely printed pages with a further 64 pages of Annexes, PPS 5 has just 11 sparse pages plus 2 for annexes, though there is a further *Practice Guide* of 55 pages. There is a lot to be said for brevity, but the new PPS perhaps takes this too far. In essence it defines a new term 'Heritage Asset'. Those parts of the historic environment that are significant because of their historic, archaeological, architectural or artistic interest are called heritage assets. These are a **good thing** and not to be dispensed with lightly – unless the benefits outweigh the loss. In general a heritage asset is best preserved in situ, rather than merely recorded on paper. There are quite a few stipulations, and we hope that they don't allow too much leeway for those more interested in profit than our heritage.

Highlands conservation area



Trees and landscaping at Highlands Village

Our Winter 2009 News highlighted the threat to take the bulk of the "Highlands Village" out of the conservation area. We heard nothing further in response to our objection until a short paragraph tabled at the February Conservation Advisory Group informed the meeting that Phase III of the Conservation Area Review had been approved. In other words our views had been discounted – a big disappointment. Probably our mistake had been not to object at the time of the publication of the original Appraisal for the conservation area, which took a surprisingly dim view of its quality. For example, the landscaping, with its numerous fine trees incorporated into the streetscape, was awarded a mere 2 points out of 5.

Lakes Estate

The paper tabled at the CAG also reported the fast tracking of Phase IV, creating the Lakes Estate Conservation Area between Palmers Green and Southgate Green, as requested by Cllr. Neville. This had been adopted even before the CAG had a chance to comment, which is surprising and really calls in question the whole process of consultation and decision making in selecting conservation areas. The original process ranked areas according to various criteria. Any area scoring 21 or more points out of 30 might be eligible. But the Lakes Estate just scraped in at 21 points and several other areas not selected did considerably better. For instance the Beaconsfield Estate, Edmonton scored 26 points and the Hyde Estate, Edmonton 25.

Central Library

We reserve judgement on the new Central Library until the work on the setting is complete. At present the Library Green looks very bare with the planting removed to open up the view of the traffic in Church Street. A fountain was suddenly introduced, it appears at the request of a Councillor, surprising at this time of financial stringency and also in the light of the ongoing problems of maintaining the nearby Millennium Fountain.

Chris Jephcott

Forty Hall

Major work to restore this outstanding Grade I listed building will start within a year after the Heritage Lottery Fund approved the Stage 2 submission by the Council, which set out in great detail all the proposals which had been approved earlier in outline at Stage 1. A separate Stage 1 application to restore the Park and Estate has also been approved by HLF but the detailed Stage 2 application, still some way off, will be considered in competition with a number of other submissions.

Wanted – storage space

When Forty Hall closes later this year our friends in the Enfield Archaeological Society will lose storage space there for their archives. Can anyone help with replacement storage space? The requirement is one or ideally two rooms with a minimum space of 20 ft x 12 ft; the facility would need to be accessible, dry, secure and preferably local. The contact at EAS is Mike Dewbrey, on 01707 870888 during the day or 01707 873756 in the evenings.

Colin Pointer

Trees Group

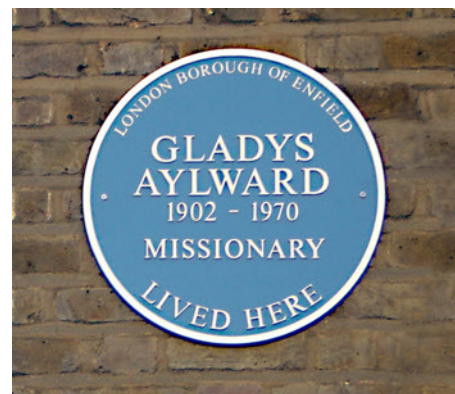
The weather finally allowed another working party on the tree nursery and with the help again of two Boy Scouts a considerable number of saplings have now been planted and are growing well. We were very sorry to note that the two plane trees on the corner of the Library Green, donated by the EPS, had to be felled, just as they were reaching a decent size. Apparently they had grown through the supporting cages, damaging the bark. A decent replacement is promised.

Chris Jephcott, Trees Group Convener

Edmonton Group



The children's play area at Montagu Recreation Ground, showing some of the heavy standard field maple trees funded by the Enfield Society to provide some shade.



Gladys Aylward plaque

The Society was pleased to part-fund a replacement blue plaque for the house in Cheddington Road where Gladys Aylward lived until she went to China in the 1930s, as a missionary. She opened an inn for weary mule drivers who had to cross desolate mountain trails. When the Japanese invaded China in 1938 she led 100 homeless children to safety over the mountains and across enemy held territory. The full story of her remarkable life in China was covered in Alan Burgess's best selling book, *The Small Woman*. Subsequently a film was made, *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*, adapted from the book and starring Ingrid Bergman.

Colin Pointer

Diary dates

Until 20 June

Making tracks – railway centenary exhibition marking the hundredth anniversary of the extension of the railway from Grange Park to Cuffley. Rainton Room, Forty Hall. Wednesday to Sunday 11 am- 4 pm. Admission free.

Until 1st August 2010

Japantastic : Japanese-inspired patterns for British homes, 1880-1930

Exhibition at the Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture, Middlesex University, Cat Hill, East Barnet – open Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays 2-5 pm. Admission free.

<www.moda.mdx.ac.uk/>

Friday 14th May, 6-9 pm.

Museums at night event Forty Hall

Visit the railway centenary exhibition and see the rest of Forty Hall during a special open evening of storytelling and drama presentations. Arranged by Enfield Museum Service (020 8379 1468/9).

Saturday 15th May

Guided tours of Forty Hall. 12 noon to 3 pm on the hour. Free costumed tour lasting about 45 minutes. Tour requires standing throughout. Booking (required) and information from forty.hall@enfield.gov.uk or 020 8363 8196.

Friday 21st May, 9 pm

Trent Country Park evening bat walk *

Sunday 23rd May, 10.30 am

Get Walking Day 2010! Walk from Forty Hall to the King and Tinker and back. *

Thursday 3rd June, 10 am

Forty Hall butterfly and bird walk *

Thursday 3rd June, 7.30 pm

The Enfield Society AGM, Jubilee Hall followed by talk by Graham Dalling: *A life in local history.*

Saturday 5th June

Coach trip to Salisbury. (Fully booked - see p.8)

Saturday 5th June

Guided tours of Forty Hall. (as 15th May)

Saturday 12th June, 10.45 am

Guided walk around Islington, led by Graham Dalling. See p.5.

Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th June

Open Squares Weekend – the only time in the year when you can visit garden squares in London which are not normally open to the public. Tickets, giving access to all 200+ squares, cost £7.50 in advance or £9 on the day. Book at www.capitalgardens.co.uk or 020 8347 3230.

Thursday 17th June, 8 pm

Royal residences in England, an illustrated talk by Stephen Gilburt, Jubilee Hall. (TES Historic Buildings Group meeting. See p.5.)

Sunday 20th June 10 am

Trent Country Park circular walk *

Sunday 20th June, 3 - 5.30 pm

Hilly Fields bandstand concert. The Colin Peters Quartet. Jazz in support of the Alzheimer's Society.

The President's column



At the AGM Colin Pointer stands down after his second stint as Chairman. He stepped into the breach at a time four years ago when the lack of a current Chairman was causing real problems and has steered the Society through some difficult times with skill and tact. Under his leadership we have negotiated the tricky issue of the Tottenham Hotspur Academy at Bulls Cross, involving litigation and some awkward decisions. The final outcome is probably as good as we could have hoped for, given the support of Enfield Council throughout for the Spurs position. Only a few loose ends such as the new footpath and crossing of the Turkey

Brook remain to be finalised. We owe him a debt of gratitude. Now we are fortunate that Dr Janet McQueen, with her drive and enthusiasm, is able to take over the position.

As I write these notes we are appreciating the unnatural silence from the absence of planes in our skies. It brings home the extent to which aviation now intrudes into our daily lives and how (too?) much we have come to depend on it.

Chris Jephcott

Tuesday 22nd June 10 am

Trent Country Park summer tree walk *

Thursday 1st – Saturday 3rd July, 7.30 pm

A Masked Ball, by Giuseppe Verdi.

Presented by Southgate Opera at Wylyotts Theatre, Potters Bar (01707 645005).

Saturday 10th July, 1.00-4.30 pm

New River Festival, Chase Green Gardens, Enfield Town. Arts and community festival on the banks of the New River Loop. Free. Visit the Enfield Society stand.

Saturday 10th July

Guided tours of Forty Hall. (as 15th May)

Sunday 11th July, 10 am

Forty Hall circular walk *

Thursday 15th July, 2 pm

Oakwood Park butterfly and dragonfly walk.*

Saturday 17th July, 11 am - 4 pm

Jacobean Pageant, Forty Hall. The hall and grounds will become an encampment of Jacobean performers and militia with music, dance and displays. Free but donations welcome. (020 8363 8196)

Sunday 18th July, 10 am

Enfield Parks cycle ride. *

Sunday 18th July, 11 am - 4 pm

Under Your Feet, Forty Hall. One day open air family activity day for the Festival of British Archaeology. Watch the archaeologists excavate and bring your finds for identification.

Sunday 18th July, 3 - 5.30 pm

Hilly Fields bandstand concert. Roxi and the Blue Cats. Rhythm, blues and rock music in support of the Scratching Post Cat Rescue Centre.

Friday 6th August, 10 am

Grovelands Park butterfly walk. *

Saturday 14th August

Guided tours of Forty Hall. (as 15th May)

Sunday 15th August, 10 am

The New River walk. *

Sunday 22nd August, 3 - 5.30 pm

Hilly Fields bandstand concert. The Roosters. Rock 'n' Roll music in support of the North London Hospice.

Friday 27th August, 8 pm

Forty Hall evening bat walk. *

Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th September, 10.30 am-6 pm

The Enfield Autumn Show, Town Park, Enfield. The Borough's largest annual community event. Admission £3 adults, £2 concessions, under-16s free. The Enfield Society will be there.

Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th September
Open House London Weekend – details in next Newsletter

Sunday 26th September, 10 am

Albany Park to Trent Park (L.O.O.P.17). *

* These Enfield Council guided walks are organised by The Parks Outreach Team. Details are in their leaflet and on the Council's Web site at <https://www.enfield.gov.uk/downloads/file/2022/guided_walks_programme>. Phone (020) 8441 8272 or email alan.mitellas@enfield.gov.uk

Jubilee Hall meetings

Tuesday mornings 10.00 for 10.30 am

25th May

Around Dorset by Frank Bayford, with slides.

29th June

Libya by Monica Smith, with slides.

27th July

Forty Hall, past present and future, by Gavin Williams, with slides.

August - no meeting

28th September

A nice cup of tea, by Russell Bowes, with slides.

Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8.00 pm

20th May

Forensic science – Metropolitan Police by Chris Truan, with slides.

17th June – Historic Buildings Group meeting – see p.5.

15th July

Radio Enfield – Chase Farm Hospital by Joe Forster, with slides

August - no meeting

16th September

Ethiopian experience by Colin Field

21st October

Hypnotherapy by Mrs M. Jackson

18th November

Dig for Victory by Russ Bowes, with slides

Historic buildings

All Saints Church, Church Street, Edmonton

This Grade B (equivalent to II*) listed church will be visited on the Church Street, Edmonton, heritage walk to be led by Graham Dalling on Tuesday evening, 6th July. See page 5 for details. Buses W6 and W8 pass the church and Edmonton Green bus and railway stations are nearby.

Stephen Gilbert



1. Fragments of the original 12th century church have been discovered, but the oldest visible external feature is the fine 15th century ragstone rubble tower, which has the only surviving medieval windows in the church.



2. The chequerwork masonry around the east window is 15th century. The lower part of the chancel and north aisle were refaced in stock brick in 1772.



3. A mid-19th century view from Church Street
(Image provided by Enfield Libraries)



4. The south aisle was added in 1889 when box pews and galleries were removed from the 15th century nave.



5. The 15th century chancel with 19th century window and wall decoration. Under the chancel is a sealed-off crypt.

Historic buildings



6. Late 19th century paintings of Christian saints on the east wall of the chancel.



7. On the north side of the chancel is the 15th century iron-clad vestry door. To the left is a 1615 memorial to George Huxley. The church also has memorials to John Keats and Charles Lamb, who lived nearby in the early 19th century. Charles Lamb was buried in the churchyard in 1834

Historic Buildings Group

Meetings and visits

Following Graham Dalling's useful advice on architectural photography at the meeting on 25th February, the next Historic Buildings Group meeting will be held in Jubilee Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday 17th June. All members of the Society are invited to an illustrated talk entitled *Royal residences in England* by Stephen Gilbert, whose work in the Department of the Environment brought him into contact with the Royal Palaces and some of their residents over a number of years.

Stephen Gilbert

Guided walk around Islington



Milner Square, Islington

On Saturday 12th June, Graham Dalling will lead a guided walk around Islington, providing an opportunity to tour some gems of Georgian London, including Liverpool Road, Milner Square, Cross Street, Upper Street, Colebrooke Row, Duncan Terrace and Islington Green.

The tour will start at 10.45 for 11 am outside Highbury and Islington Station (Victoria Line). Numbers are limited to 20 – those who wish to attend should contact Graham Dalling on (020) 8366 3075.

Heritage walks

There will be three walks again this year, including a new one that we have not done before.

Tuesday 6th July at 7 pm
Edmonton. Starting from **Edmonton Green Station**, we will be taken around this conservation area of Edmonton, and will also include visits to Lamb's Cottage and All Saints Church.

Sunday 8th August at 11 am
Enfield Cemetery. Starting at **Gordon Hill Station**, we will walk to the cemetery and Graham Dalling will then take us to "meet" and tell us of some of Enfield's past residents! This is a circular 1 hour walk.

Sunday 22nd August at 2.30 pm
Southgate. Starting from **The Cherry Tree** we will be taken around this conservation area and told about the

interesting buildings. We will also have visits to Christ Church and the Southgate Beaumont Home – the building featured as Arnos Grove in our last newsletter.

Tickets for all the walks are free but limited. Please write to Jubilee Hall, stating which walk(s) you wish to attend and enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope.

Sadie Isaksson

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, South West 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 bring your Freedom Pass / National Bus Pass with you as we might use a bus for access.

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

Wed 19 May. Enfield's Countryside. Meet **10.30am** Crews Hill station (10.21am train from Enfield Chase) for linear walk via Tingey Tops, Holly Hill Farm & Trent Park, ending at Oakwood Station. Options to end earlier, including from lunch stop. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 29 May. Gobions Estate & Bell Bar. Meet for prompt start at **2.30pm** from Potters Bar Bus Station (next to rail station – bus routes 313, 298, 84 & 242) for walk via Swanley Bar & Gobions, with tea break at Bell Bar. Depending upon timings on the day, walk may be linear and end after 2.75 hours in Welham Green, with return to Potters Bar by bus, or it may be a circular route of almost 3.5 hours. *Leader: Ken Cooper*

Bank Holiday Mon 31 May. Unspoilt Rural Hertfordshire. Meet **10.32am** Bayford Station (10.19am train from Enfield Chase) or **10.40am** in Bayford Village, but please park considerably. 8 to 9 mile circular walk in this countryside conservation area via Little Berkhamsted and Essendon villages. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Sat 5 June. North Enfield. Meet **10.54am** Crews Hill Station (10.49am train from Enfield Chase) for a linear walk of about 7 miles using some newly opened paths, via Old Park Ride, Theobalds and Whitewebbs, ending at Gordon Hill Station. Shorter option of about 4 miles by ending at The Pied Bull lunch stop or afterwards near Forty Hall. Pub food or bring lunch. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sun 13 June. Regent's Park in Summer. Meet **2.25pm** at entrance to platform 9, Kings Cross mainline station (1.59pm train from Enfield Chase) from where we will travel together to the start. During today's walk of about 2.75 to 3.0 hours (3.5 to 4.0 miles) we hope to see the Italian and Rose Gardens etc. in Regent's Park in full Summer bloom. Tea break. Shorter options. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 16 June. Chiltern Scenes. Meet **11.02am** at Amersham Station (10.27am Chiltern Railways train from London Marylebone Station or 10.08am Metropolitan Line train from Baker Street) for about 9 mile circular walk via Penn Street Village and Winchmore Hill. Possible shorter options by bus. Pub food or bring lunch. All travel covered by Freedom Pass. By car about 1 hour via M25 (junction 18) & A404 – car drivers could park in Old Amersham and meet the group at **11.25am** at the parish church, thereby reducing the total walk by 1.5 miles. *Leader: Christine Fookes*

Sat 26 June. Battle of Barnet. Meet **2.30pm** at Arkley Hotel, Barnet (307 bus terminus) for about 3 hour linear walk via Monken Hadley, Hadley Woods and Trent Park, ending at Oakwood Station. Shorter options. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Wed 30 June. River Wey & North Downs. Meet **11.03am** at Guildford Station (10.30am Portsmouth train from Waterloo mainline station – note: earlier trains are at 10.15am & 10.00am). Otherwise, travel on the **9.34am** train from Enfield Chase and meet Martin at 10.06am on this train's terminating platform at Moorgate for transfer by Northern Line to Bank Station and then by the Waterloo & City Line to Waterloo. Today's 8 mile circular walk includes part of the Wey Navigation and North Downs Way and visits Martha's Hill. Possible shorter option. Bring food or pub food probably available. Freedom Pass boundary for this journey is Surbiton. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Sat 10 July. Across Enfield's Farmland. Meet **2.35pm** at New Cottage Farm 313 bus stop on The Ridgeway (2.21pm 313 bus from Cecil Road, Enfield Town) for about 4.5 to 5.0 mile linear walk via Fir and Pond Woods, Coopers Lane woodland edge, Holly Hill Farm and Brooke Wood, finishing on The Ridgeway near Chase Farm Hospital. Also possible to end near Botany Bay. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Wed 14 July. Capital Ring. Meet **11.01am** at Falconwood Station (10.40am Dartford train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platforms 1-3) or travel with Dave on the **9.34am** train from Enfield Chase, changing at Moorgate for the Northern Line to London Bridge. Today's 6.5 to 7.0 mile linear walk continues the Capital Ring journey and ends at Beckenham Hill Station via open spaces and Eltham Palace. Shorter options including from the Grove Park lunch stop. Bring lunch or food available. All travel within Freedom Pass area. Details: (020) 366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Mon 19 July. Colne Valley. Meet **10.49am** at Rickmansworth Station (10.27am Chiltern Railways train from London Marylebone Station or 10.08am Metropolitan Line train from Baker Street) for about 8.5 mile circular walk via lakes, waterways and attractive Green Belt countryside. Shorter option of about 4.5 miles (returning by bus from Harefield to either Uxbridge or Northwood Metropolitan Line stations). All travel covered by Freedom Pass. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. For car drivers: Rickmansworth Station is about 1.5 miles from M25 junction 18. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 31 July. Anniversary Walk. Meet **2.32pm** Bayford Station (2.19pm train from Enfield Chase) or 2.40pm in Bayford Village, but please park considerably. About 4.5 mile circular walk through a mix of pretty fields and woods. *Leader: Carol Cope*

Mon 9 Aug. Edge of Epping Forest. Meet **10.54am** at Upshire 251 bus terminus (junction of Upshire Road and Princefield Road, near parade of shops) for 6 to 7 mile circular walk via Copped Hall. Shorter option of about 4 miles by leaving at lunch stop in old Upshire Village. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Note – 251 bus departs from Waltham Cross bus station at 10.08am & 10.38am with 16 minute journey time.* *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 14 Aug. Cambridge – Historic Highlights & Green Spaces. Meet **11.00am** at the forecourt immediately in front of the ticket office of Cambridge Station (9.57am train from Finsbury Park mainline station – the 9.29am train from Enfield Chase should give a good connection). Although the majority of the route will be via gardens, parks, ancient commons and meadows, today's 7 to 8 mile circular walk will also include a wide range of buildings dating from the medieval period to the Victorian. Many options to finish earlier throughout the route. Bring lunch or food available. In order to reduce cost of rail travel, recommend you plan ahead with friends and wherever possible purchase Groupsave Off-Peak Day return tickets. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon & Margaret McAlpine*

Mon 23 Aug. Village London. Meet **10.47am** Chislehurst Station (10.24am Orpington train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platforms 1-3) or travel with Stuart on the **9.34am** train from Enfield Chase, changing at Moorgate for the Northern Line to London Bridge. About 7.5 mile circular walk in an outstanding rural enclave of South East London with commons, ancient woods, National Trust farmland, a country park and historic features. Shorter options, including ending at the lunch stop in Chislehurst Village – food available or bring lunch. All travel within Freedom Pass area. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 28 Aug. Dollis Valley Green Walk. Meet **2.30pm** Odeon Cinema, Barnet (on 307 bus route at junction of Barnet Hill/Great North Road and Station Road). About 3 hour linear walk via Highwood (tea break/option to end) and Moat Mount, ending at Barnet Gate. Return to start by 107 bus or to Enfield by 107 and 307 buses. *Leader: Ken Cooper*

Bank Holiday Mon 30 Aug. River Stort & Sawbridgeworth. Meet **10.37am** Sawbridgeworth Station (9.42am train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.09am train – note: train times assume a Sunday service will apply. If not, then currently the times on other days are a few minutes later. Check before travelling). 9.5 mile figure-of-eight walk. Option to leave or join at lunch stop in town centre. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Stuart Mills

Family activities

Family walk in Enfield Town, Wednesday 4th August

Do you have children or grandchildren who would like to know more about Enfield and its past? We are arranging a shorter version of our Enfield Town walk suitable for families during the school summer holidays. It will last just over an hour and will start from St Andrew's Churchyard by the entrance to the Market Square at 11am on Wednesday August 4th. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to come then please send a SAE to Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage

Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ, stating that you are interested in the Family Walk and how many will be in your group. Priority will be given to members of The Enfield Society.

Prepared to help?

If anyone would be interested in helping to organise further activities for families in the future then we would very much like to hear from you. Please contact Janet McQueen via the Jubilee Hall phone, the number is 020 8363 9495.

Janet McQueen

New paths update

The new footpath linking Bulls Cross/Maidens Bridge to the Mile and a Quarter Path near Whitewebbs Lane was opened last November. Unfortunately, it suffers from excessive water levels in places. We have discussed this with the Council and hope it will be resolved before next Winter by Myddelton House Gardens from where the water originates. This path is on the route of the 5th June walk to be led by Dave Cockle which will also include at least one of the recently designated rights of way in the Old Park Ride/Theobalds area of Broxbourne.

TES continues to press Enfield Council to resolve the delay in obtaining design approval for a small bridge on the proposed path linking the existing Ridgeway/Stagg Hill path to the existing West Lodge path. This link was proposed 10 years ago with work starting in 2001. As TES offered bridge cost funding to Enfield Council for a capped amount almost 5 years ago, we trust there will now be progress towards early completion.

Although slow, it seems steady progress is continuing with negotiations towards eventual opening of paths across farmland to the north of Enfield Road. A meeting was held recently with Enfield Council by Western Enfield Residents Association and TES representatives and subsequently an agreed response was submitted by the Council to the landowner's agents.

Finally, in 2007 we mentioned that TES commented upon proposals drawn up by Hywell Morris and Cuffley/Northaw Parish Council for the creation of a new path linking Home Wood, Cuffley, to Newgate Street Village. Such a route would avoid an extremely dangerous section of Carbone Hill. We are pleased to now learn that the proposal was accepted by an inspector appointed by DEFRA, with Hertfordshire County Council being instructed to proceed with creation of the path. Well done Hywell!

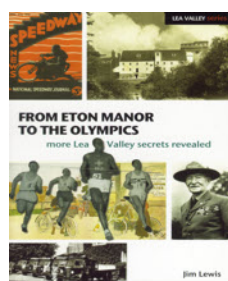
Stuart Mills

Wright's almshouses



A gem of Victorian architecture is the Grade II listed row of almshouses in Hertford Road, owned by the Old Enfield Charitable Trust – see photo. One of the present residents, Carmen Lange, is writing the history of these almshouses and has written an article covering the initial stages of her research, which is on our web site at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/almshouses.htm. She would welcome any more information.

Publicity Group



New books on sale

The next three books by Dr Jim Lewis in his Lea Valley Series are now available and can be purchased at the AGM, Jubilee Hall meetings and outside events such as the New River Festival and the Autumn Show. The cost is £9.99 each. If you would like any of them sent to you by post please send a cheque, made payable to The Enfield Society, to 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ, and include £1 towards the cost of postage for one book and £2 for two or more copies.

Weapons, wireless and World Wars – the vital role of the Lea Valley explores the involvement of the Lea Valley in two World Wars from advances in weapon manufacture to the development of wireless technology.

Industry and innovation – the technological revolution in the Lea Valley looks at the numerous inventions which sprang from this area and the growth of many major businesses including the story of Charles Babbage, the Victorian inventor of the computer, the electric light bulbs from the Ediswan factory and the Gestetner copying machine.

From Eton Manor to the Olympics – more Lea Valley secrets revealed contains information on the history of the Lea Valley and the connection to the 2012 Olympics.

Copies of the first three books in this series are still available. They are ***From gunpowder to guns, Water and waste*** and ***Battleships, buses and bombers***, all £9.99. See Bargain Books if you wish to buy Dr. Lewis' earlier books.

Bargain books

The following books are offered for sale to members at reduced prices. If ordering by post please include the usual contribution towards postage, ie. £1 on orders up to £10, £2 on orders between £10 and £20 and £3 for those over £20.

London's Lea Valley – Britain's best kept secret by Dr. Jim Lewis. Now out of print, we have only the display copy which can be purchased for £10 (usually £14.99) because the jacket has been damaged by handling. Similarly there are two copies of the second volume, ***More secrets revealed*** available at £10.

Thanks to the generosity of David Pam we have a few copies of his popular book ***The Royal Small Arms Factory and its workers*** on sale at £9 (full price £14). There is slight damage to the binding or to one page of these copies but all are complete.

Southgate and Edmonton Past by Graham Dalling, until recently Enfield's Local History Officer, can be bought for £10 (original price £14.95).

Monica Smith

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David Pam at ninety



David Pam outside St. Andrew's Church while leading a walk round Enfield for the Enfield Preservation Society.

David Pam celebrated his ninetieth birthday in February. Although now physically frail and suffering from failing eyesight and hearing, his intellect is unimpaired and he retains a broad and earthy sense of humour.

Combining skills acquired during a long career as a reference librarian with an intuitive gift for historical research, David was the natural choice to take charge of Enfield Council's Local History Unit when it was set up in 1975.

Earlier he had rescued the ailing Edmonton Hundred Historical Society from a premature grave and transformed it into one of the most active local history societies in London.

As a lecturer, David has managed to combine profound learning with an earthly wisdom derived from his childhood in an Edmonton council house. He remains firmly in touch with his working class roots. However, his greatest achievement has been as an author. He started with an impressive series of publications for the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society, the earliest of which appeared nearly fifty years ago. Since his retirement in 1982 David has written no less than five full length hardback books, including his monumental three volume *History of Enfield* and a major work on the former Royal Small Arms Factory. As books in this field tend to have an exceptionally long shelf life, it is certain that the name of David Pam will still be known to local historians of the twenty-second century and beyond.

David's record of achievement speaks for itself. My own debt to him remains enormous.

Graham Dalling

Coach outings 2010

The trip to Salisbury on June 5th has proved extremely popular and the coach is now full. A further outing is being planned for the end of September and the details of this will be in our Autumn newsletter which will be published in August.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Cllr. & Mrs. L Chamberlain,
Dr. E. Clark, Mrs. G. Dancy,
Mr. & Mrs. R. Dansie, Mr. N. French,
Mr. & Mrs. B. Howard,
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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 16th July 2010, 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