



The newsletter of The Enfield Society

Edmonton in focus

The name *Edmonton* is of Anglo-Saxon origin, Eadhelms' Farm, and shows that there has been a settlement in this area for hundreds of years. Its medieval parish was centred round the church of All Saints, probably the oldest building in the Borough of Enfield still in use. There are several other listed buildings in Church Street such as Lamb's Cottage, the Charity School Hall, the former Charles Lamb Institute, and some Georgian houses, so it was designated the first Conservation area in Edmonton in 1970.

There are now three others. In 1996, the Montague Cemeteries, comprising the Tottenham Park and Jewish Cemeteries, were designated because of their unique landscape qualities. Fore Street, an historic main road leading north from London, attracted rapid development in the 17th century and as some of the buildings survive, it was designated as a conservation area in 2002. The Crescent in Hertford Road was added to the Borough's list of conservation areas in 2008. Besides the buildings in these special areas there are listed buildings in Bury Street (St. Michael's Church and Vicarage), Bury Street West (Salisbury House), and Silver Street (St. Aldhelm's church, Millfield House).

There is much of historic importance in Edmonton to preserve and in 2004 the Enfield Society decided to try and form a Group in Edmonton. After a preliminary meeting at Millfield House a small but active committee was formed with the aims of:-

- Improving the street scene and parks
- Ensuring that new buildings were well designed
- Stimulating an interest in historic buildings and the environment
- Defending parks and open spaces from development
- Reporting any listed buildings in a poor condition and recommending others for listing.



The former Charles Lamb Institute



The Crescent

Not all aims have been achieved but in the past seven years the Group has been successful in getting trees, paid for by TES, planted at Golden Jubilee Park, Jubilee Park, Montagu Recreation Ground, and at the Florence Hayes Children's Adventure Playground. Members of the Group also badgered TFL until the shrubs in the small gardens on either side of Silver Street Station were cut and the paths cleared. The improved condition of these areas seems to have been maintained.

Enfield Local Studies Centre & Archive



The former Edmonton Town Hall, built in 1884, demolished in 1989

The public have been invited to join guided walks in parts of Edmonton. Yearly open meetings have been held with talks of local interest, such as *Edmonton before World War I*, *The History of the North Middlesex Hospital*, and *John Keats and Edmonton*.

A working group cleared twenty bags of rubbish from the front gardens of the listed The Crescent but, sadly, the improvement did not last for long and we look forward to learning the Council's proposals for this important area.

Heritage plaques were checked and one to Gladys Aylward re-instated. The Heritage Trail information boards in Church Street were found to be in a very poor state and largely illegible and I am glad to report that TES has agreed to finance replacements.

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Edmonton

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Charity School Hall

The Society has contributed to the restoration appeal for All Saints Church and the Charity School Hall, Church Street – both buildings are listed and are on English Heritage's *Buildings at Risk Register*.

Events in Edmonton in the next quarter include a guided walk of the Church Street Conservation area on 7th June (see page 5) and a footpath walk on 27th August (see page 9). The Group also plans to continue assisting with improvements to parks and open spaces and to support the restoration appeals for All Saints Church and the Charity School Hall. It is also following the development of the MIND project in Pymmes Park and hopes to make a contribution.



All Saints Church

The Edmonton Group would be pleased to welcome new members to their meetings which are held every six weeks in Edmonton. If you are interested in the future of Edmonton, please contact me at the number on the back page of this Newsletter.

Monica Smith

Myddelton House and E A Bowles

The restoration of Myddelton House Gardens at Bulls Cross has now been completed by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority after major works supported by a £480,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant. For the first time the Kitchen Garden is open to the public and an audio tour of the Gardens is now available. Other major improvements include a new Visitor Centre, tea room and a heritage exhibition setting out the story of Mr Bowles, all in the Stable block. The dedicated work of Head Gardener, Andrew Turvey, and his team has resulted in stunning displays throughout the Gardens and a visit to Myddelton is highly recommended, especially at this time of year. Entry to the Gardens is now free.



A corner by the pond in Myddelton House Gardens

Not only did Edward Augustus Bowles create his renowned garden at Myddelton House but he also gave time to organise and help the local community. He founded the Forty Hill Mutual Improvement Horticultural Society which has just celebrated its 100th anniversary and is proud to retain its original name. Members recently attended a ceremony at Capel Manor when an anniversary plaque was unveiled on the commemorative wall in the Visitors' Reception area. An inscribed brass plaque has also been added to the bench in Myddelton House Garden which had been installed by the Society in celebration of its 50th birthday. Further information about the Horticultural Society and membership details can be obtained from its Secretary, Enid Smith, Tel No. 020 8363 2020.

Also very much involved with the garden, its history and Mr Bowles is the E. A. Bowles of Myddelton House Society. This was formed in 1992 to promote knowledge and appreciation of both the man and his garden. Strong support was given to the Lottery bid and much work and research was undertaken by the Society to help create the new exhibition and museum, the garden interpretation boards and the audio tour. It maintains an archive of photographs, library materials and artefacts, all available to interested students. Members also work as volunteers in the garden under the direction of the LVRPA Gardeners. Further information and membership details are obtainable from their Membership Secretary, Alan Pettitt, Tel No. 01707 874317.

Colin Pointer

Planning

The recently adopted Core Strategy within Enfield's Local Development Framework included a need to specify the type of Section 106 Agreements acceptable as undertakings when planning permission for a development is given. Their purpose is to allow developments that otherwise would not be acceptable by requiring financial contributions or other mitigating measures. Whatever one may think of the merits of such a system, it is now agreed practice. A draft Supplementary Planning Document setting out in detail what measures might be considered suitable has been published for consultation and can be viewed on line at <http://consult.enfield.gov.uk/portal>. As the consultation period ends on 11th May, the publication date of this newsletter, it may be too late to comment by the time you read this.

Perhaps of more interest will be the just issued Council's Streetscape Policy and Guidance Design Manual in two comprehensive volumes.

Chris Jephcott

Conservation

The replacement for the fire damaged hay barn at Forty Hill Farm unfortunately could not be in a more traditional style but the approved design in a dark green cladding and with a substantial tree screen should be overall a considerable improvement. Other significant developments in the Green Belt include a sensitive conversion of the former pumping station in Hadley Road into eight residential units, plus conversion of the workshop into a detached dwelling.

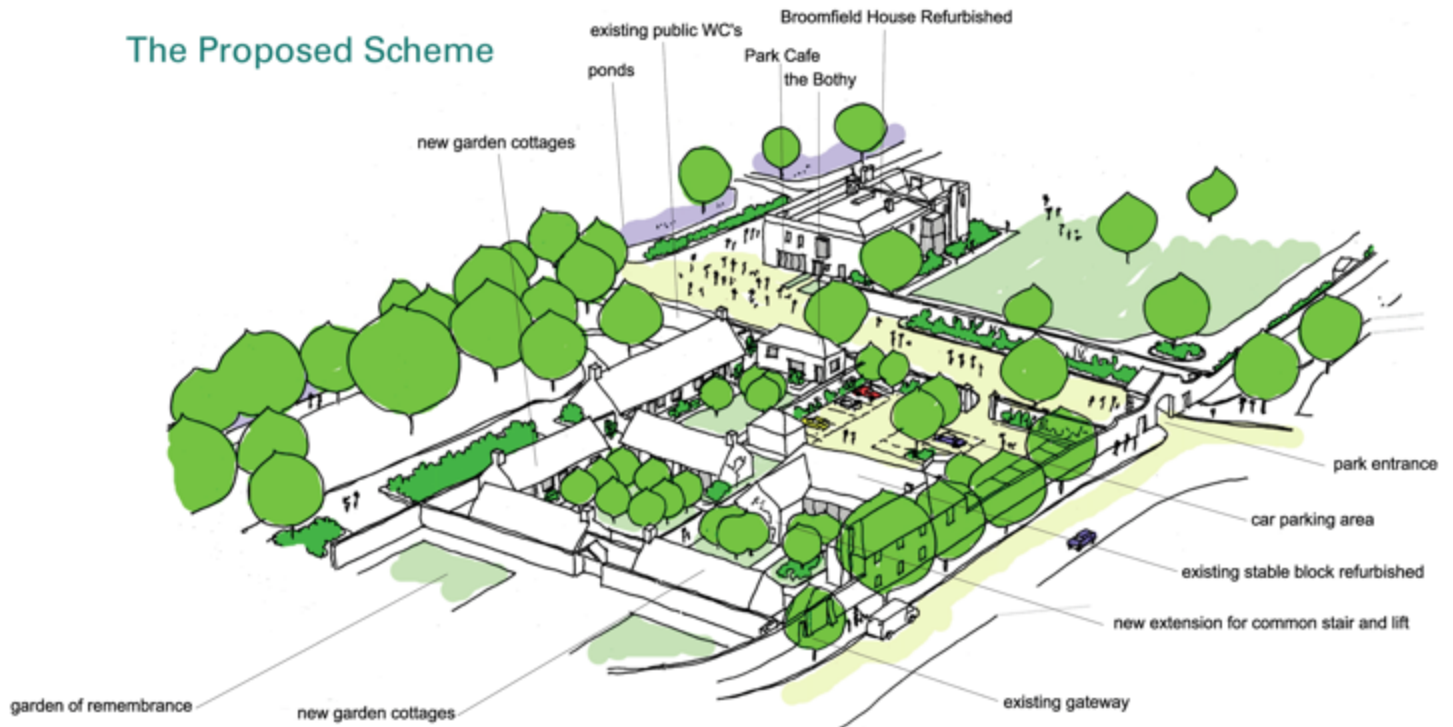
The group deplored the proposal to replace the underground reservoir in Drapers Road with housing, considering that a more imaginative approach could have retained at least some of the original 19th century fabric, and recommended that a recording survey should be a condition of any planning consent.

Work continues on the replacement street lighting programme. The Conservation Advisory Group considered proposals for Forty Hill, Enfield Town and Bush Hill Park. Unfortunately there are no longer funds for 'heritage' type columns and lanterns in conservation areas but there is still scope to vary the proposed height and placing of the individual columns.

Chris Jephcott

Broomfield

The Proposed Scheme



Enfield Council has successfully bid to the Greater London Authority for £5.97 million of grant funding from its 'Targeted Funding Stream' to fund proposals for the restoration of Broomfield House and adjoining buildings. The Council is keen to receive comment on the proposals and has set up a web site at <http://www.broomfield-enfield.co.uk/> to explain them, to set out various options and to obtain feedback from the public. The drawing above shows some of the proposed features. Other information is at <http://tinyurl.com/3oxvolb>

Trees Group

Network Rail's wholesale clearance of the trees along the embankment between Green Dragon Lane and Grange Park, part of what is supposed to be a wild life corridor, led to an impressive degree of local action. Within days, despite its timing and short notice, a meeting publicised by the N21 Rail Action Group and held at 1.00 pm on Friday, 11th February packed the Church in the Orchard, with standing room only. Chaired ably by MP David Burrows, it subjected Network Rail representatives to a sustained grilling. Whilst it seems that the state of the embankment, cheaply constructed using local clay and needing constant levelling of the track, made remedial action inevitable, there was concern at the arbitrary, wholesale nature of the clearance of every scrap of vegetation and the inadequate public consultation. There were conflicting accounts as to whether there had been prior consultation with Enfield Council.

A clearer explanation was ready for the subsequent Enfield Council Environment Scrutiny Panel on 1st March, by which time a landscaping scheme had been drawn up by Network Rail, with some scope for adjoining householders to choose the species of tree next to their

property. Unfortunately oaks were ruled out as being too thirsty. Topsoil would be removed, the embankment regraded to be less steep, reinforced with a layer of stones and the topsoil replaced. How this

works in practice remains to be seen. Safety is paramount but we still consider this whole exercise was insensitively and clumsily handled and too drastic.

Chris Jephcott



More trees make way for pitches on the Spurs training site. Because their shade can lead to algal growth and moss these five impressive hedgerow poplar trees in the Bulls Cross Conservation Area behind the Pied Bull Public House are for the chop.

Historic buildings



Charles Lamb



'The Two Brewers' at Ponders End
From a drawing by Herbert Railton

In 1822, while still working for the East India Company, Charles Lamb wrote to William Wordsworth "I had thought in a green old age ... to have retired to Ponders End - emblematic name how beautiful! ... toddling about between it and Cheshunt."



Before the railway came to Enfield in the 1840s there were three coaches a day between the City and Enfield Town, with a cheaper hourly service between the City and Edmonton. In 1825 and 1827 the Lambs spent their summer holidays at Mrs Leishmann's boarding-house - the 16th/17th century Clarendon Cottage in Gentleman's Row.

Charles Lamb in Enfield and Edmonton

"I shall do very well ... Enfield is beautiful" (1828)

Charles Lamb (1775-1834), who grew up close to Fleet Street, is famous for his "Essays of Elia" and "Tales from Shakespeare", the latter written for young readers with his sister Mary (1764-1847). In 1827 they moved to Enfield, where Charles hoped that rural fresh air and quiet would be better for Mary. In letters to his many friends he describes places he knew; many of these will be seen on the heritage walks around Enfield Town on 12th July and Church Street Edmonton on 7th June; the latter will include a visit to Lamb's Cottage (see page 5 for details).

Images marked "*" were provided by Enfield Local Studies Library and Archive.

Stephen Gilbert

In September 1827, after Charles Lamb's retirement, he moved with his sister and ward Emma Isola, from Islington (see TES News no. 179 page 5) to the early 19th century Poplars in Chase Side, Enfield.

Thomas Westwood recalled "I saw a group of three issuing from the gambozey-looking (yellow) cottage close at hand, a slim middle-aged man in quaint unctemporary habitments, a rather shapeless bundle of an old lady in a bonnet like a mob cap and a young girl, while before them bounded a riotous dog (Thomas Hood's Dash) holding a board with 'This house to be let' on it in his jaws."



In 1829, to relieve the pressure on Mary of running a household, they moved next door to lodge with the Westwoods. The early 19th century Westwood Cottage is on the left.



Charles Lamb enjoyed his visits to various inns. In 1828 he wrote "We are known at the Horseshoe (the early 19th century Crown and Horseshoes in River View shown above) and the Rising Sun" (an early 18th century inn in Church Street, Enfield, demolished in 1933).



In her autobiography Mary Cowden Clarke recalled "after a long walk through green Enfield meadows [being] seated with Charles Lamb and his sister on a rustic bench in the shade outside a small roadside inn (the 16th to 19th century Rose and Crown in Clay Hill) quaffing draughts of his favourite porter" (dark beer). She also remembered "the water trough, the dip in the road where there was a ford and a footbridge".



After dining too well with his friend Dr Jacob Vale Asbury, the parish surgeon for Enfield, at the 17th century White Lodge in Silver Street, Charles Lamb wrote

"I should apologise to you and Mrs Asbury for being absolutely carried home upon a man's shoulders thro' Silver Street, up Parson's Lane by the chapels (which might have taught me better) and then be deposited like a dead log at Gaffer Westwood's ... P S what is good for a desperate headache?"

Historic buildings



Chase Side Chapel (rebuilt in 1830, demolished in 1963) and Zion Chapel (built in 1780, replaced by Christ Church in 1874), which Charles Lamb passed on his way home from White Lodge.



This view of Enfield Town Market Place in 1827 shows the mid-17th century King's Head (rebuilt in 1899), the 1826 Market Cross (removed to the garden at Myddelton House in 1904), Enfield Grammar School built in the 1590s, the medieval St. Andrew's Church (with its 1826 south aisle and porch), whose vicar Dr Daniel Cresswell was a friend of Charles Lamb, and the early 17th century Greyhound inn (replaced in 1897 by a bank). Mary Cowden Clarke spent her honeymoon at the Greyhound and wrote "This hostelry possessed a pleasant sitting room overlooking the green and its spreading oak tree". The building to the right of the Greyhound was replaced in 1830 by the beadle's office with two lock-up cells.

Charles Lamb missed the sounds, entertainment and shops of London. In 1830 he advised Mary Shelley (the author of *Frankenstein*) "don't run to a country village, which has been a market town but is no longer" [where] "clowns stand about what was the market place and spit minutely to relieve ennui" (boredom). Enfield was without a regular market between about 1800 and 1870.



Mary Lamb, who had killed her mother in 1796 in a fit of insanity, had suffered a series of mental breakdowns while in Enfield. In 1833 the Lambs moved to Edmonton, where Mary became the sole patient at Mr and Mrs Walden's private asylum at the 17th/18th century timber framed Bay Cottage (now Lamb's Cottage) in Church Street.



Charles Lamb died in 1834, Mary in 1847, both being buried in All Saints' churchyard (see TES News no. 178, pages 4-5).

Heritage walks

Once again, there will be three walks this summer. These are broadly based on the walks contained in the Enfield Society publication 'Heritage Walks in the London Borough of Enfield'.

1. Tuesday, 7th June, at 7 pm : Edmonton

Starting at Edmonton Green Station, Graham Dalling will take us around this area, and visits to the Charity School, Lamb's Cottage and All Saints Church will be included. The church is celebrating its 875th birthday this year.

2. Tuesday, 12th July, at 7 pm : Enfield

Starting at the Market Place, this walk will follow the usual route, seeing and hearing about our historic buildings. It will also 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 can be made at the sales table.

3. Sunday, 7th August, at 2.30 pm : Forty Hill

Starting at Forty Hall car park, walkers will be guided around this interesting area, seeing and hearing about the historic buildings. A visit to Jesus Church will be included. This is a circular walk.

As numbers are limited, tickets, which are free, will be available from the Central Library near the date of each walk.

Sadie Isaksson

Joint meeting with EHHS on 25th February

I received an apology the day following the evening when we were unable to get admittance to the Charity School Hall. Apparently the booking I made at the end of 2010 was not transferred to the 2011 diary and the rent was refunded. I hope the unscheduled tour of Lamb's Cottage compensated for the change of venue. I am sure you will be glad to know that the campaign to get the Charity School Hall on the *Buildings at Risk* register has been successful.

Monica Smith

Sales table

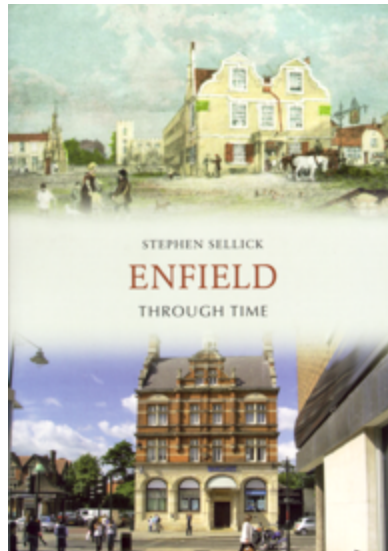


New Footpath Map

The new Footpath Map is now on sale. It has been extended to cover all of the Borough of Enfield, together with adjacent parts of Broxbourne, Hertsmere, and Barnet. It is fully updated with footpaths opened since the previous edition. Copies can be purchased, (price £2.50) at Jubilee Hall meetings, the AGM and by post. (Please make cheques payable to The Enfield Society, postage free of charge). It is also on sale at Waterstone's Bookshop, the Dugdale Centre and some newsagents and other outlets.

Of interest to schools? If you are a teacher, governor or contact of a local school which could make use of a set of our previous footpath maps, we would be happy to donate them. The area covered is from Lincoln Road north to Goff's Oak. Please contact me at <publications@enfieldsociety.org.uk> or by post or phone to Jubilee Hall. It would be helpful to know how many copies each school would like.

Monica Smith



Review of *Enfield through time* by Stephen Sellick

There have been several books of old photographs of Enfield published in recent years – but this one has a novel twist, juxtaposing each picture of old Enfield with a related modern day photograph, generally one of the same view, taken from an identical viewpoint (if access still permits).

Following a two page introduction, each page has a pair of photographs which show vividly the remarkable change that took place across Enfield in the space of the 20th century. It is extremely interesting to compare the two and see how over the years, change has crept into even what we would think of as the most “unspoilt” parts of Enfield – not to

mention quite horrifying for someone of my generation (whose living memory only extends as far back as the building of the Palace Gardens Precinct in the early 1980s) to see the many landmarks and features that were lost in the name of “improvements” in the decades after World War Two.

The “then and now” format makes this book particularly accessible for those who may otherwise struggle to identify some of the locations – even my two primary-age children were intrigued to see the “before” photos of streets and buildings that they know well.

Stephen Sellick's book will remain a relevant and interesting record in the years to come: the present-day photos are also just a snapshot in time and Enfield will of course continue to evolve – in another 30 years we'll be marvelling at what Enfield was like in “these old photos from 2010”!

This book is highly recommended for anyone with even just a passing interest in the history of the area and a great addition to the range of books already available. It is available from The Enfield Society sales table at £14.99; please add £2 to your cheque if you would like a copy by post.

Emma Halstead

Enfield through time / Stephen Sellick. – Stroud : Amberley Publishing, 2011. – 96p. ; 24cm. – ISBN 978-1 84868 639 7 : £14.99. Paperback.

Packs of vintage postcards



We have packets of 12 old postcards by R C Brown MPS, of Clay Hill Post Office. These cards, black and white, are likely to be of special interest to postcard collectors and show Enfield in 1932-33 with pictures of Enfield Town, The Rose and Crown, Cemetery Road, St. John's Church, Clay Hill, Hilly Fields and other open spaces and places of interest. Price £10 per pack (post free).

A few more copies “The story of Enfield Chase” by David Pam have unexpectedly become available and can be purchased for £6.95 (postage £1).

Monica Smith

Meeting of North London and South Hertfordshire societies

On 1st March the Society hosted a meeting to consider whether it would be of interest and useful to set up a forum of societies to talk about common problems and issues relevant to those of us in this limited geographical area.

Twelve representatives from the following societies attended – Barnet Society, Finchley Society, Mill Hill Preservation Society, Potters Bar Society, Southgate District Civic Trust, Tottenham Civic Society and Ware Society.

Items discussed included the Green Belt Under Threat, the Big Society, the Localism Bill and Civic Voice (the successor to the Civic Trust). Although every society attending was a member of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies and/or the London Green Belt Council and/or Civic Voice, it was agreed that meeting together twice a year, particularly to talk about matters mainly affecting our area, was a good idea. Another meeting will be held in the Autumn when it is hoped that more societies will be attending.

Colin Pointer

Jubilee Hall meetings

Tuesday mornings 10.00 for 10.30 am.
Some meetings may finish a little later than normal.

31st May

London parks and gardens, by Tim Kidd, with slides.

28th June

South Western Deserts of the USA, by Anne Johnson, with slides

26th July

St. Andrew's Church and its personalities, by Janet McQueen, with slides.

August – no meeting

27th September

Bangkok to Beijing, by Sheila and John Smale, with a digital presentation.

Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8.00 pm

19th May

Animal magic, by Maggie Radcliffe, with slides.

9th June

The Enfield Society AGM at Jubilee Hall, followed by an illustrated talk on *Royal residences in England* by Stephen Gilburt.

July – no meeting

August – no meeting

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 15th July 2011, 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

The President's column



Focus on Edmonton

Though the main concern of The Enfield Society, since its formation as the Enfield Preservation Society in 1936, has always rightly been with the area covered by the former Urban District Council, it makes sense from time to time to look at the other parts of our diverse London Borough. Edmonton in particular, with no amenity society of its own, but with a rich and varied history deserves an in depth look. The recent designation of Fore Street and The Crescent, Hertford Road as conservation areas has emphasised the importance of the route as a main thoroughfare from the City of London to the north. Though Edmonton has fared less well than Enfield Town in retaining its historic fabric, and gems such as the old Edmonton Green are long gone, work recently under the Heritage Economic Regeneration Strategy has highlighted some of the better remaining buildings. Sadly they cannot include Edmonton Town Hall, wantonly destroyed in 1989.

Church Street, with its small enclave around All Saints Church and literary

links with John Keats and Charles Lamb, retains more of its former character. Edward Latymer's school, founded there in 1624, goes from strength to strength. Housing estates put up by the former Edmonton Borough Council are now recognised for their architectural quality and Pymmes Park can hold its own against any local open space. Today, too, Edmonton has a new cultural richness and diversity. Many of the 11,000 new homes planned for Enfield by 2026 will be in the new, flagship Meridian Water development south of the A406, along the Upper Lee Valley.

These are but a few of the aspects that this issue seeks to explore.

Chris Jephcott

A detailed character appraisal of the Church Street and Fore Street conservation areas, by The Paul Drury Partnership, is at <<http://tinyurl.com/42dfbkh>>. Other information about conservation areas is at <<http://tinyurl.com/3mkrbla>>

Society matters

Since the last newsletter three of the active team of members who run the Society and its activities have resigned. Olive Sharman has decided to step down as membership secretary, a post she has filled admirably for the past 3 years. This is an important position in the Society and Olive has worked hard to keep the membership lists updated and accurate. I know she has always been very careful to answer all queries about membership promptly and efficiently and we are extremely sorry to lose her.

However I am pleased to report that Joyce James has very kindly agreed to take on the role of membership secretary and we are very grateful to her. This change of responsibilities has given us the opportunity to review our membership arrangements and we are considering moving to a single date in the early autumn for all renewals. Consequently no renewal notices are being sent out with this newsletter, but all your memberships will be continued until we decide on the new arrangements. Look for more information on this in the next newsletter.

Derrick Stone has also resigned from the Management Committee as from the AGM. He has been very useful in several capacities, in particular in helping with the activities of the Publicity Committee and also in his fresh approach and ideas

for running the Society. Finally Christine Williams, who has arranged the evening meetings for several years, has decided to step down at the end of 2011. She has put on an excellent and varied programme of talks during that time and will be greatly missed.

We thank all of them for their work which has helped the Society run effectively and for the benefit of our members.

If anyone would like to take on organising and running the programme of evening meetings then please contact me, Janet McQueen, via Jubilee Hall. If we do not find someone then the programme is likely to lapse. We would also welcome anyone who would like to come onto the Management Committee or to help in any other capacity – the Society relies on volunteers and we are always in need of active members, so please do contact us if you can help, even if you could only manage an hour a week or occasional assistance at special events.

Janet McQueen

Annual General Meeting

The 2011 AGM will be held on Thursday 9th June at Jubilee Hall. It will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by an illustrated talk on "Royal residences in England" by Stephen Gilburt. All members are encouraged to attend.

Janet McQueen

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.

Sat 14 May. River Ivel and River Hiz Valleys. Meet **10.30am** Arlesey Station (9.41 am Peterborough train from Finsbury Park or at 9.51am from Potters Bar Station) for 8 mile circular walk through farm/parkland and these river valleys. Possibility of ending at lunchtime. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Travel as a group of 3 or 4 to get Groupsave discounted rail tickets – suggest buying before the day as many stations (inc Enfield Chase) don't open until well after 9.00am on a Sat. By car: A1M (junction 10), then follow A507 westwards for about 3 miles (signposted Henlow, Ampthill and M1. Station is next to A507 on Arlesey bypass. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon and Margaret McAlpine*

Wed 18 May. Watling Chase. Meet **10.36am** at The White Hart PH, South Mimms (10.29am 84 bus from Potters Bar Station) for about 7 to 8 mile walk through pretty countryside with interesting geology and history. Possible to end at lunch. Bring lunch or food available. As the route may be either circular or linear according to the day, please bring your Freedom Pass/National bus pass in case we return to start by bus. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 28 May. Herts and Essex Villages. Meet **10.30am** Harlow Town Station (10.10am Cambridge train from Tottenham Hale or at 10.18am from Cheshunt Station. From Southbury Station catch 9.44am train to Cheshunt). Please check train times earlier in the week. About 8.5 mile circular walk via Hunsdon, Roydon and River Stort valley. Possible shorter option by bus. Bring lunch or food available. By car via A10, A414 and Harlow Town Station is on the left as you enter edge of Harlow. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Mon 6 June. Houses and Gardens, Commons and River Thames. Meet **11.00am** Putney Bridge Station (District Line – about 20 mins from Victoria or 8 mins from Earls Court). 7 mile linear walk via Fulham Palace, Beverley Brook, Barnes Common, Chiswick House, historic Chiswick Mall and ending at Hammersmith. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 11 June. Epping Forest. Meet **10.34am** Enfield Island Village (121 bus terminus). Car parking nearby. *Note: allow ample time for bus travel as Arriva Buses show a 32 mins journey time from Church Street, Enfield Town – currently scheduled at 9.51am and 10.02am.* 8 mile circular walk with a varied mix of attractive scenery and forest. Option to end or join at the lunch stop at the "Royal Forest Hotel", Chingford – 10 mins walk from 313 bus terminus at Chingford Station. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Mon 20 June. Lea and Ash Valleys. Meet **10.20am** St Margaret's Station (9.55am train from Tottenham Hale or at 10.09am from Cheshunt Station. From Southbury Station catch 9.44am train to Cheshunt). 7 to 8 mile circular walk in this unspoilt scenic part of Herts. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Roy Dyer*

Sat 25 June. Chiltern Estates. Meet **11.00am** Saunderton Station car park (10.18am train from London Marylebone Station - if travelling from Enfield Chase, suggest catch 8.59am train to allow adequate transfer time from Kings Cross). Today's Freedom Pass boundary station is West Ruislip. About 9 mile circular walk through the countryside estates of West Wycombe, Bradenham (NT) and Hughenden (NT). Shorter options. Grand scenery, lovely views and magnificent beechwoods. Lunch available at Hughenden Manor or local pub. By car: M25, M40 (junction 4), then A4010 for 5.5 miles towards Aylesbury (N.B. station is near Bradenham Village at OS Map 165 grid ref 813981 and not in Saunderton Village). Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon and Margaret McAlpine*

Mon 4 July. Surrey Downs. Meet **10.57am** Chipstead Station (10.20am Tattenham Corner train from London Bridge mainline station – usually starts from platforms 8-13). Or, travel with Stuart on 9.34am train from Enfield Chase, changing onto Northern Line at Moorgate (note: if FCC train is late into Moorgate and we miss 10.20am train, we will catch 10.33am Horsham train, changing at Purley to arrive at Chipstead at 11.13am). 7 mile circular walk through some of Surrey's most scenic/unspoilt countryside including the lovely Shabden valley. Possible shorter option. Bring lunch or pub food available. All travel covered by Freedom Pass. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 9 July. Greenwich and Blackheath. Meet **10.45am** Island Gardens DLR Station or **11.00am** at Cutty Sark DLR Station. *Note: Roy intends to join the 9.29am train from Enfield Chase at Grange Park, changing at Kings Cross for the Northern Line to Bank for the DLR. (Bank to Island Gardens about 20 mins). Today's route is full of history but may also have a glimpse of the future Olympic equestrian site. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls**

Sat 16 July. The Alban Circle. With a maximum of 10 miles, this varied route encircles St Albans and goes through both countryside and parks but can be ended at many points with buses back into the City centre or for return to the start. Bring lunch although there are tea/coffee etc refreshment points en route.

The walk will start at **9.50am** from the bus stop by the Fire Station on London Road on the outskirts of St Albans (at grid ref 166 057 on OS map 166). Either travel by bus with John and Gill – meet them at the bus stop outside Enfield Chase Station by 8.55am to catch the **9.03am** 313 bus to Potters Bar Station, then the 9.27am 84 bus which is scheduled to arrive at **9.50am** at the Fire Station. (If connection fails, then next 84 is 20 mins later). By car about 25 mins from Enfield Town via A1005, M25 (junction 22) and A1081 – park in side roads opposite Fire Station (NOT on London Road). Details: (020) 8363 6795. *Leaders: John and Gill Green*

Wed 20 July. Islington and Clerkenwell. Meet **10.29am** Drayton Park Station (10.09am train from Enfield Chase) for a 5 mile linear walk into the City for return from Moorgate. The route is full of interest, with beautiful Georgian houses, sections of the New River, a taxidermist's shop, an antiques market, 3 medieval monasteries, a well and prison. Lunch stop in Islington – plenty of choice or bring lunch. *Leaders: Vivien Sheehan and Dolores Dilley*

Sat 30 July. Rural Essex. Meet **10.45am** Ingatestone Station (10.18am Clacton train from Liverpool Street mainline station or travel with Dave on 9.22am train from Enfield Town). Today's Freedom Pass boundary station is Harold Wood. 8 mile circular walk through quiet, gently undulating countryside with lunch stop in pretty village of Stock. Bring lunch or food available. Possible shorter option by bus. By car about 50 mins from Enfield Town via M25 (junction 28), then A12 towards Chelmsford and exit at first junction (12) and then follow B1002 through Mountnessing into Ingatestone. Station on right just before village centre. Do NOT try to exit A12 at junction 13 as no exit! Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Future walks

(continued)

Wed 3 Aug. Victorian Gothic Mausoleums and Grand Union Canal. Meet **10.28am** Kensal Green Station (although on Bakerloo Line, suggest use London Overground 10.17am Watford train from Euston mainline station). Requested by members who missed his previous visit, today Roy will provide a more detailed tour of Kensal Green Cemetery — an extensive site of nationally important historic monuments. Followed by a pleasant canal walk ending at Little Venice with optional lunch facilities and/or return from Warwick Avenue Station. Details: (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 13 Aug. Close to Home. Meet **10.30am** Tesco Superstore, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar (242, 298 buses and 10.01 am 313 bus from Cecil Road, Enfield Town, all stop outside and 84 bus stops 200 yards away). 8.5 mile linear walk ending at Crews Hill Station with shorter options of 3.4 and 5.6 miles. A surprisingly rural route, including paths either new or rarely used by TES, with good views, a Japanese garden and nature reserves. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 24 Aug. Capital Ring. Meet **11.00am** Richmond Station or travel with Dave on the 9.34am train from Enfield Chase, changing at Highbury and Islington for the 10.07am London Overground train to Richmond. 9 mile linear walk ending at Greenford Station. Many shorter options. Waterways and green spaces throughout, with much of the route beside/near the Thames, Grand Union Canal and River Brent, via the historic centre of Isleworth and Syon Park. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sat 27 Aug. Edmonton Heritage. Meet **2.30pm** in car park of Millfield House Arts Centre, off Silver Street, N18 (on bus routes 34, 102, 144 and W6 plus routes 217 and 231 nearby on A10). 2.5 to 3.0 hour linear walk using some of the paths shown on the new TES map via Pymmes and Craig Parks. Ends with a visit to the Church Street conservation area. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Bank Holiday Mon 29 Aug. Four Rivers. Meet **10.35am** Ware Station. Note: if, as normally on a bank holiday, NEEA operate a Sunday service, then a through train at 10.12am from Southbury Station without usual need to change at Cheshunt — but check beforehand. 8 to 9 mile circular walk via New River and the valleys of the Rivers Lea, Ash and Rib. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Stuart Mills

Footpaths and walks

The Merryhills Way

Over recent months work has continued steadily on preparing this new Green Belt footpath. It links The Ridgeway from Fairview Road/Farmlands (near the Ridgeway Tavern) with Trent Park by joining an existing footpath about midway between the Enfield Road riding stables and Shaw & Williams Woods in Trent Park. There are also signposted links off the Merryhills Way to Trentwood Side and, via Camp Road, to the Enfield Road opposite the “Jolly Farmers” public house.

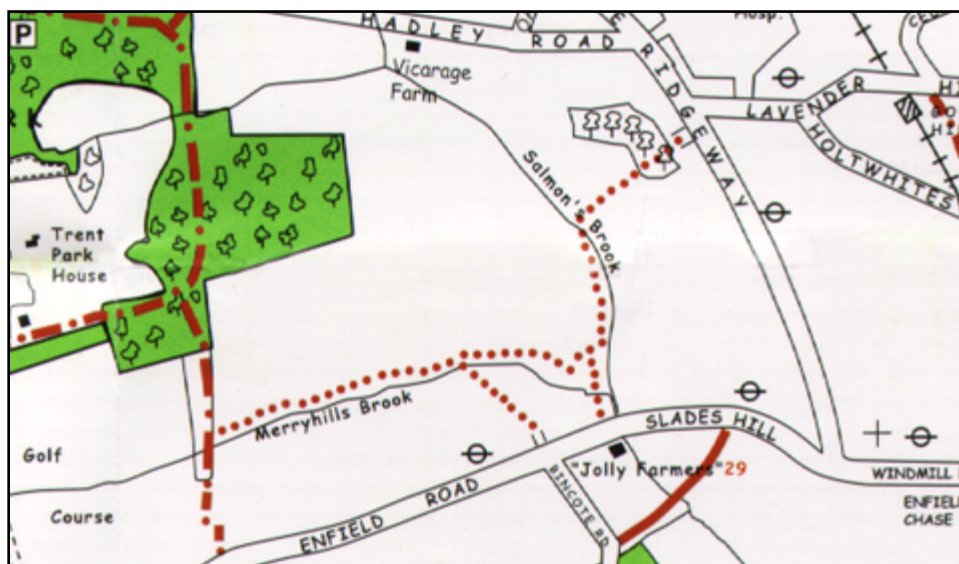
Following ground clearance and site preparation at various points, six sets of kissing gates, eight waymark posts, several steps and three railway sleeper bridges have been installed by Groundforce and some local volunteers. Hardcore has been laid on potentially boggy sections. Additional waymarks/directional arrows have been positioned, as appropriate. TES has funded the cost of the waymarks and the waymark posts. Although the legal process has still to be fully completed, as at TES newscopy date, the path and links are usable for practical purposes. The route can be seen on the new TES footpath map — a bargain at only £2.50.



Start of the Merryhills Way at Fairview Road / Farmlands

With final completion in sight, The Enfield Society would like to take the opportunity to thank Dave Cockle for all his time and work over several years in initiating the concept of these paths, securing vast quantities of evidence papers, submitting the path applications, coordinating negotiations between the landowner's agent and Enfield Council and, more recently, structuring the works programme. We also wish to thank Steve Jaggard of Enfield Council for his involvement and interest in this project and for his invaluable assistance in resolving issues over the past 18-24 months.

Stuart Mills



Extract from The Enfield Society footpath map, 2011, showing the Merryhills Way as a red dotted route

Walk leaders

I would like to thank all those who responded so willingly to the appeal in the last TES newsletter for additional leaders. You will see new names and new routes in this Summer programme — please give them your support. If there are any other potential leaders, don't feel shy about coming forward!

Stuart Mills

Evening meetings organiser

We need someone to take on arranging the speakers and the running of the evening meetings held on the third Thursday in the month. If you are interested please ring 020 8363 9495 and leave a message.

Janet McQueen

Diary dates

This list gives a selection of forthcoming events. Other events and updates may be found on our web site at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk and on the Enfield Council site at www.enfield.gov.uk/events/

Friday 13th May, 7.30 for 8 pm
BBC Digging for Britain site – recent research on Shakespeare's London Playhouse, Julian Bowsher, Senior Archaeologist, Museum of London. Enfield Archaeological Society. At Jubilee Hall. Visitors welcome, £1 per person.

Wednesday 18th May, 7.30 for 8 pm
King James Bible and its importance, by Peter Brown and Mike Edge, at St. Andrew's Church. Retiring collection for the Church's Organ Restoration Fund. (An open meeting of the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.)

Thursday 9th June 7.30 pm
The Enfield Society AGM at Jubilee Hall, followed by an illustrated talk on *Royal residences in England* by Stephen Gilbert.

Saturday-Sunday 11th-12th June
Open Squares Weekend. 214 gardens can be visited, most of them are usually closed to the public. Details at <http://www.opensquares.org>

Friday 17th June, 7.30 for 8 pm
Theobalds Palace, by Mike Dewbrey, at Jubilee Hall. Joint meeting of the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society and the Enfield Archaeological Society. Visitors welcome, £1 per person.

Sunday 26th June, 3 – 5.30 pm, Hilly Fields
Welwyn Garden City Brass Band. Songs from the shows and last night of the Proms. In support of North London Hospice.

Sunday 10th July
New River Festival, Chase Green Gardens

Sunday 10th July, 3 – 5.30 pm, Hilly Fields
Skinner's Rats Folk Group. In support of Age Concern Enfield.

Sunday 24th July, 12 noon – 4pm
Bush Hill Park centenary. See adjacent column.

Sunday 24th July, 3 – 5.30 pm, Hilly Fields
The Colin Peters Jazz Quartet. Featuring Guest Stars Digby Fairweather and Vocalist Karen Lane. In support of the British Heart Foundation 'Mending Broken Hearts' appeal.

Sunday 14th August, 3 – 5.30 pm, Hilly Fields
The Roosters Rock 'n' Roll Group. In Support of the North London Hospice

Saturday-Sunday 3rd-4th September
Autumn Show, Enfield Town Park

Past and Present – Bush Hill Park centenary

One hundred years ago, at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday the 8th of April, 1911, The Bush Hill Park 'Pleasure Ground' was opened by members of Enfield Council with the words "... for the use of the public forever", greeted with cheers from an audience made up mainly of children from the local council school, now called Bush Hill Park Primary.

So, on Sunday 24th July 2011 from 12 noon to 4.00 pm, as part of Love Parks Week, we'll be celebrating our park's centenary, organised by the council with the help of The Friends of Bush Hill Park. It is going to be a bumper event with something for everybody, and of course, a focus on the extraordinary history of the area.

Over the past 2 years, the park has seen enormous changes. The old derelict shelter has been transformed into a work of art and has new benches; the toilets and the Fellowship Hut have been refurbished; the children have a new playground, the skate park is very popular, the tennis and basketball courts have been resurfaced, the wildlife garden now boasts a pond and a 'living chair', and we are shortly to have an outdoor table tennis table. (Phew!).



Members of the Enfield Conservation Volunteers Group helping the Friends of Bush Hill Park with the making of a pond in the Wild Life Garden.

As if this were not enough, we have received the London Mayor's Safer Parks Silver Award for 2011/2012. It's a good place to be any day of the week, but on 24th July 2011 it's a must.

For more details contact Hakema Anderson at the email address hakema.anderson@enfield.gov.uk or The Friends of Bush Hill Park at c.w.p.wilmer@blueyonder.co.uk

Maria Tolly (FOBHP)

Letters to the editor

I do not agree with some of the sentiments expressed about Palmers Green Triangle by David Hughes on page 11 of the Spring 2011 Newsletter. I have been living in the area for 42 years and have watched the gradual decline of Palmers Green shopping centre in that time.

If there is to be any improvement to "The Triangle", first on the list must be the filling in and paving over of the Public Conveniences, which were scheduled for replacement in the Council's building programme around 1971, but have just been left to disintegrate, like Broomfield House. The Council now expects retailers to provide toilet facilities for the public. I would also like to see the removal of the hideous illuminated notice board which now graces the Triangle.

But to suggest paving the area as a "Town Square" is just not practicable. The 20 mph limit and new road surface he suggests may be appropriate for places like Winchmore Hill Green, but The Triangle is a major road junction used by three bus routes. Green Lanes is an "A" Road, and despite the Council's attempts to convert it into a car park, it is the major bus route from Enfield to Wood Green. To take away the traffic lights would result in chaos, horn-sounding and collisions, which would be the opposite of the peaceful environment he envisages. Unless of course he is also proposing a Palmers Green By-pass!

Yours sincerely, Mrs S J Jacobs

David Hughes replies:

Mrs Jacobs can be reassured that the new Council administration has a de-cluttering programme in hand for Palmers Green, will get rid of the illuminated noticeboard, and is as keen as she is to find a solution to the long-disused toilets.

As well as being a major road junction and on three bus routes, The Triangle is also a key space for pedestrians who are entitled to every bit as much consideration as car drivers, and are key to re-invigorating the shops. And evidence, primarily from schemes in Europe, but more recently worldwide including Britain, shows that she is not correct in assuming that removing traffic lights would cause chaos provided vehicles are moving at or below 20mph, permitting eye contact. Bringing vehicles, including buses, to a halt at traffic lights hampers traffic flow far more than slower speed, meanwhile destroying air quality for pedestrians and drivers alike.

Town squares come in all shapes and sizes. Some are traffic-free, some like Trafalgar Square are alive with cars, most are bigger than The Triangle. But by thinking carefully about proportions, keeping traffic flowing at low speed so that it shares rather than dominates, using trees to green and cool the space, much can be done towards creating a social place. Indeed, if the balance between people and traffic isn't improved the decline she abhors will continue.

David Hughes.

New River – The King's Share

During the construction of the New River, with funds running short, Hugh Myddelton sought assistance from the Crown. King James I provided the aid sought in return for one half of the the profits and properties being ceded to His Majesty. To facilitate this the concern was divided into 72 equal parts or shares, 36 of which Shares were conveyed to King James I in 1612 and were called the "Kings Moiety". The remaining 36 Shares were retained by Hugh Myddelton and his associates, and styled the "Adventurer's Moiety".

These Shares rarely came up for public sale, and they were often subdivided and sold as fractions of a share. However, in July 1889 an entire "Adventurer's Share" came to auction and realised £122,800. This was followed in May 1890, by the auction of an entire Kings Share, which sold for £95,100. The result was interesting since never before in three centuries had a "Kings Share" ever been sold in its entirety. A facsimile of the 18 page auction catalogue was produced some years ago and a number of copies have recently come to light. The cover and title page are reproduced here.

The shares in the New River Company were acquired by the Metropolitan Water Board when it was set up in 1904 under the Metropolis Water Act 1902; its assets are now held by the privatised company, Thames Water. A separate company, the New River Company (Limited) was formed in 1904 to take over the property interests of the New River Company in Clerkenwell, Islington, Enfield and other parishes in the vicinity of the New River.

Copies of the facsimile catalogue can be purchased for £7.00 post free from H.M.Fletcher, ABA, Wynches Barn, Much Hadham, Herts. SG10 6BA, tel. 01279 843 883, e-mail <keith@hmfletcher.co.uk>, <<http://www.hmfletcher.co.uk>>

Bob Fowler

New members

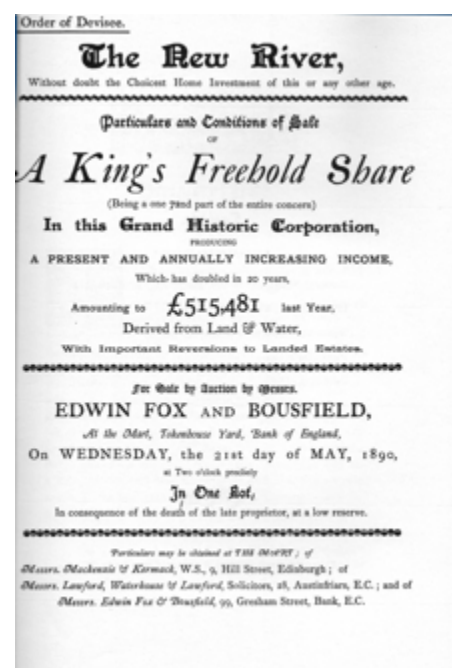
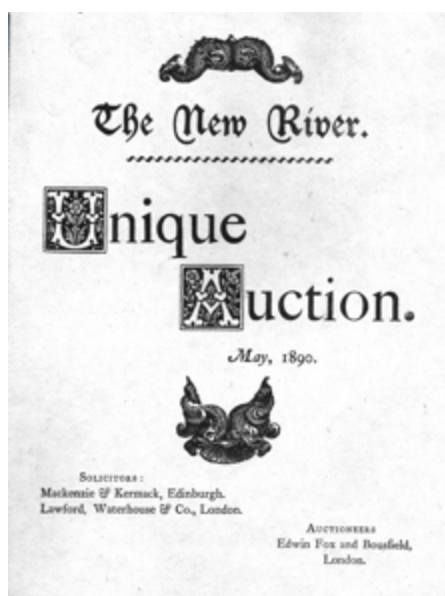
We warmly welcome the following new members:

Miss D Bailey, Mr A Braybrooke, Mrs W Corpes, Ms B Gare, Mr M Iqball, Susan Bowen-Kyriacou, Mrs B Lawrence, Miss J McColvin, Nicola McDowall, Margaret McLearnon, The Revd and Mrs D Nash, Mrs Hilary Pethick, Miss Marion Rowsell, Mrs J Taylor, Mrs Betty Wigmore, Mrs J Wiltshire.

Joyce James

Part of the introduction reads

... it will be observed that this Auction is of a Share in the *KING'S MOIETY*. The nature of these respective Shares is set forth in the "*Introductory Remarks*", the only difference between them is that the Freeholders of Shares in the *King's Moiety* are relieved from all trouble, labour, responsibility, and anxiety of management. Under the original Charter of Incorporation *King James* expressly provided for this, and threw upon the "*Adventurers*" the whole burden of administration, satisfied that as their joint interest only equalled his, the *King's Moiety* would derive all the benefit from their best exertions to promote their own interest in the *Adventurers' Moiety*; thus it is now that the holders of a "*King's Share*" enjoy their happy and untrammelled privilege – occupying the proud position *King James* secured for himself of profiting by the labours of others.



The Mary Larrett Book Award

The Edmonton Hundred Historical Society introduced the Mary Larrett Book Award in 2010 to encourage historical research into the local area embracing the old Hundred and to reward those entrants who were deemed to have produced essays worthy of future publication. The award winner for 2010, Geoff Jacobs, received a cheque to the value of £100 for his essay entitled "The early history and mystery of Oakfield Road, Southgate". He also received a certificate to acknowledge his award. The essay is an enjoyable 'journey of discovery' in which the author used many documentary sources to investigate the history of his road. He casts light on the machinations of the land company and discusses the broader social changes wrought by the construction of the estate and others like it. The EHHS hope to publish this essay

soon, perhaps on their web site, <<http://edmontonhundred.freeukisp.co.uk/>>.

The second prize went to Carmen Lange for her study of the Wrights Almshouses in Hertford Road. A preliminary account of her work is already on The Enfield Society web site at <<http://www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/almshouses.htm>>.

The Edmonton Hundred Historical Society is continuing to run the competition this year and they welcome entries from anyone who might be interested in submitting an essay on an aspect of local history of their choice. They encourage participation from local schools, from students aged 16 or over. The terms and conditions are available on the EHHS website at <<http://edmontonhundred.freeukisp.co.uk/es.say.htm>>.

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Coach trip to Walmer Castle and Sandwich on Sunday 4th September

Our next trip includes the possibility of walking along the beach, a visit to a sixteenth century castle, a boat trip on the River Stour and exploring the wonderfully preserved mediaeval town of Sandwich with its toll bridge, interesting period houses and attractive quayside.

Leaving Enfield at 8.45am from Southbury Road we will go first to Walmer Castle (English Heritage) near Deal. Built in 1539 by Henry VIII as one of a chain of coastal forts to protect us against Spain, it is now on display as the comfortable official residence of the Lords Warden of the Cinque Towns that it became. Both the Castle and grounds with the Queen Mother's Garden are well worth exploring but less than 100yards away is the beach if you prefer to relax on the sands or walk along the shore.

Leaving the castle about 1.30 we will then head for the small town of Sandwich where you can walk along the river bank, explore the town and visit the Guildhall Museum (open 2-4pm).



The Queen Mother's Garden at Walmer
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Guildhall Museum, Sandwich

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There is a small river bus which takes 12 people at a time from the toll bridge in the centre of Sandwich along the river Stour to view the Richborough Roman fort 30 minutes ride away. The round trip will take an hour but there will only be

space for 24 people, so it will be first come first served.

Leaving Sandwich at 5.15pm we will be back in Enfield at about 7.15pm

The cost of the coach only is £15; entry to Walmer Castle is another £6, free if you are an English Heritage member. The boat trip is £10.

So please send £15 for coach only, £21 for coach and Walmer Castle, £31 for coach, Walmer Castle and boat trip. Be sure to indicate exactly what you would like to book.

Please enclose a SAE and a contact telephone number, and send these and a cheque made payable to "The Enfield Society" to Coach Outings, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ. No telephone bookings can be taken.

Janet McQueen



The Heron, a former lifeboat from a cruise liner, one of the boats used by the River Bus service. The other, Lady Jane, is an ex-naval pinnacle.

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Spare copies of the TES News are often available from the Civic Centre as well as the Central Library and the Dugdale Centre.

Bob Fowler