

The newsletter of The Enfield Society

Forty Hall revisited

The Society is looking forward to the reopening of Forty Hall following its total restoration supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. At last this magnificent Grade I listed building will be in a condition appropriate to its historic importance in Enfield. We congratulate everyone who has played a part in this splendid transformation. The Hall will be open again to the public in July and on the 18th September the Society will be holding a very special celebratory event in the Banqueting Suite at Forty Hall as part of our Heritage Programme for 2012 – see page 7 for full details.

We are currently discussing with the Council, among other things, the possible sponsorship of its planned education programme, especially for children, at Forty Hall; the Society recognises the importance of this project and welcomes this link with such an important historic asset in our Borough. This would be the second time the Society has become very much involved with Forty Hall.

We have always had concerns over Forty Hall and especially about its long term future. In 1999 our concern was heightened when Enfield Council announced that the Hall would be closed to save costs, and subsequently English Heritage placed it on its Buildings at Risk Register. The Society negotiated with the Council for Forty Hall to remain open if funds could be raised to meet staff costs. Donations made by local companies, individuals and the Society, plus additional staffing provided by volunteers enabled the Hall to remain open. With the agreement of the Council we started to plan the setting up of an independent trust to take over the running of Forty Hall to secure its long term future.

There followed nearly three years of protracted negotiations with Enfield Council during which time the Forty Hall Trust was set up with charitable status and trustees selected. Lease terms were



agreed with the Council and detailed plans finalised to develop the House as a heritage centre and to seek grant funding for building improvements. A Friends of Forty Hall voluntary group was to be established and an experienced manager was selected to run the Hall.

All that was needed was for the Council to sign the lease. However this was delayed on account of the pending May 2002 elections, after which the incoming changed Council administration put everything on hold. It was finally decided by the Council that it would would run Forty Hall by itself and then adopted many of the ideas developed by the Forty Hall Trust. This left no ongoing role for the Trust which was shortly afterwards dissolved.

It gives the Enfield Society considerable satisfaction that the Forty Hall of today, and hopefully of the future, owes a great deal to the work of the Society over a decade ago. We look forward to renewing our role of helping to safeguard the Hall and very much hope that its long term future has now been fully secured.

Tony Langston and Colin Pointer

Call for assistance

For many years the Society has had a stand at the annual Enfield Autumn Town Show. This has been staffed by various members of the Society, but this year two of the regular members, Monica Smith, stand organiser, and myself, Bob Fowler, responsible for putting up and taking down the stand, are unable to be present over the two days. The dates are Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September. We are therefore looking for assistance to ensure that our presence at the Town Show can go ahead. If you or anyone you know would be willing to offer some time on either or both dates, please get in touch with me on 020 8363 5732 or email R.Fowler@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Bob Fowler

Conservation

Forty Hall entrance

The question of the new vehicular access and enlarged car park at Forty Hall remains unresolved. The sticking point is the refusal of English Heritage to contemplate any alterations at all to the existing listed entrance gateway, not even a trial of realigned bollards as we suggested to ensure heavy vehicles approach head on and not at an angle. The entrance is to be for pedestrians and cycles only. This leaves the siting of a new entrance to be decided. The current, in our view unworkable, proposed gateway opposite to the busy entrance to Clock House Nursery is also ruled out as affecting a large tree. Having made our point, we await events.

Trent Park

Go Ape at Trent Park have been awarded a 12-year lease to run the café next to the car park. It will be renovated and rebranded under the name "Forest Café" and it is said that it will offer a more extensive (and no doubt more expensive) menu. We reiterate our view that what is needed is a comprehensive review and redesign of the uncoordinated facilities there. The Council's Conservation Advisory Group recently considered proposals for new signs, seven in all, replacing the existing timber signs at the western end of Trent Park in association with the Go Ape Aerial Trek. We share the view of the Trent Park Conservation Committee that the existing wooden signage is more appropriate and deplore the increasing commercialisation of the

Letter to the editor

Glynis Neal writes:

I am surprised that the Society seemed satisfied with the "Go Ape" entertainment at Trent Park. The final sentence of Chris Jephcott's piece on the front of the spring newsletter left the society members to decide whether the 'commercial venture' was a good idea. I was somewhat disappointed at this view by the Society, as a commercial venture on what is an open and free amenity for the people of Enfield and beyond could be the thin edge of the wedge, allowing much more extensive commercial use in the park in the future. As for the wild life habitat that has been destroyed, the fact that the floor of the area with the little brook can be seen from the car park is a clear indication of what has been lost.

Barclays Bank

Barclays Bank, next to the Market Place, is one of the most prominent and important buildings in Enfield Town, quite apart from its being the site of the first ATM machine in the world. Currently Barclays are proposing a revamp, with replacement signage to which we do not object, but also replacing the stone steps at the entrance in favour of a ramp and taking the imposing wooden doors out of use. They would be retained further back, permanently fixed at right angles to the street to make way for a glass doorway and entrance lobby. There is already a ramp for wheelchairs and buggies to the rear and we would not object to appropriate resiting, but not at the expense of the traditional, fine entrance.

Enfield Town and Chase Side Conservation Area Study Group

It looks as though the future of the Group may have been secured. It would still be very pleased to hear from anyone from around the Enfield Town area interested in the future of their particular locality. As before I can be contacted to pass on any message.

Chris Jephcott

Trees

For the past year Enfield Council has taken responsibility for dealing with tree applications in nearby Hertsmere, but it

appears that this increased workload

was having an adverse effect on dealing with our own applications, especially as their number is increasing. The Hertsmere arrangement has now been discontinued, but all

is still not well.

Far from a decision being delayed, a very tendentious application by Spurs to fell a number of self set broad leaf hedgerow trees and generally to remove lower branches up to a height of 3.5 metres to allow the mowers unimpeded access beneath, was approved immediately without waiting for the statutory three weeks' consultation. So we did not even have an opportunity to object to yet another step in turning the Spurs' training area, now called the Rolenmill Sports Ground, from natural countryside into a suburban recreation ground.

Chris Jephcott



The Enfield Society joins Civic Voice

The Enfield Society has joined Civic Voice, the national charity which represents civic societies. Civic Voice was launched in 2009 to fill the gap left by the closure of the Civic Trust. Many things which the Enfield Society is concerned with – for example planning issues and protection of the environment – depend on policies made at national level, and Civic Voice has already shown itself to be an effective campaigning body in these areas. So we feel that we should lend it our support.

Apart from its campaigning activities Civic Voice will offer various benefits to members of the Enfield Society – we will provide more details of these as soon as we can.

Richard Stones

Details of Civic Voice are given on its website http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/>.

It is a federal organisation and civic societies make up its core membership. It also welcomes support from individuals, town and parish councils, voluntary and public sector organisations and business. Civic Voice is the result of extensive consultation and discussion with hundreds of civic and amenity societies and their members and over 100 other interested organisations and partners about the future of the civic movement following closure of the Civic Trust in April 2009. This work was led by the Civic Society Initiative and funded by the National Trust, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and civic societies with support from CPRE, the North of England Civic Trust, English Heritage and the RIBA among others.

Edmonton group

Salmons Brook flood alleviation scheme

There is concern from Edmonton members about the Salmons Brook Alleviation Scheme proposal which was published recently by the Environment Agency and for which they are expected to seek planning approval next month. It is recognised that action is required to prevent a repeat of the flooding of 192 properties in the Montague Road area in 2000.



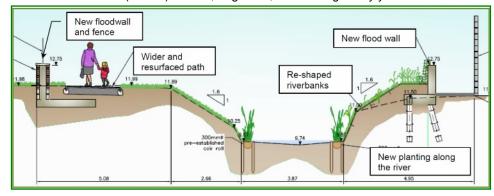
Flooding in October 2000

However the proposal to construct an embankment around the edge of the Montagu Road Recreation Ground varying from 1.6 to 0.5 metres high to contain and store flood waters, when necessary, would close this popular open space for some time in an area where there is a lack of parks. It is also planned to build flood defence walls up to a metre high on both banks of Salmons Brook between Plevna and Montagu Roads, a well used footpath. More details of the schemes are on The Environment Agency's website at <www.environmentagency.gov.uk/salmons>

Monica Smith



Proposed work at Montagu Road Recreation Ground. The recreation ground will remain dry nearly all of the time and will only start to fill up with water during flood events with a 10% (1 in 10) chance, or greater, of occurring in any year.



The Environment Agency needs to build flood defence walls on both banks of Salmons Brook between Montagu Road and Plevna Road. They will also resurface the riverside path to provide a shared footpath and cycle route.

Protecting the local scene - "Assets of Community Value"

One of the new "community rights" created by the Localism Act 2011 is the right for communities to nominate land or buildings as "assets of community value". If the local authority approves the nomination the property will be put on an official list. If an owner of an asset on the list wants to sell it, local groups who are interested in buying it will have six months to prepare a bid to buy it before the asset can be sold.

To qualify for inclusion on the list, a property's current use must "further the social wellbeing and interests of the local community" – including cultural, recreational and, sporting interests – or a use in the recent past must have done so. The aim of the legislation is to give local communities a better chance of retaining valued assets such as (to use the Government's own examples) village shops, pubs, community centres, allotments and libraries. Apart from the reference to allotments there is no specific reference to open spaces but there seems no reason why they should not be included. The asset may be in private or public ownership, so that it should be possible, if a little cheeky, to nominate Council property where there is concern that the Council may be tempted to sell it off.

We must not exaggerate the value of this new "right". Enfield Council will have some discretion about whether to include property on the list, and listing will not require the owner to sell the property to a local group, or even to talk to them. But at a minimum it should provide the local community with advance warning that the owner wishes to sell, reducing the risk of a fait accompli. And the process of identifying possible places to nominate may encourage us to explore other ways of protecting them. Nomination for listing has to be made by a "local voluntary and community body". Exactly what this means has yet to be decided, but the Enfield Society is likely to qualify. So we need to begin to think about

• We would like to hear members' ideas – please write to the newsletter editor at Jubilee Hall or preferably by email to newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk. If you have joined our email discussion forum, at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EnfieldSociety/, you can also make your comments there. If you want to know more about the scheme, a

good overview is in the Government's policy statement *Assets of Community Value* which can be downloaded at http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1987150.pdf

Richard Stones

Diary dates

This list gives a selection of forthcoming events, not including our regular Jubilee Hall meetings listed on page 5. Contact details for the organisations responsible for these events are given in the notes at the end. 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/>

Wednesday 16th May, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall

Lawrence of Arabia, by Maggie Radcliffe. [EHHS]

Thursday 17th May, 10.30 am, Bay Farm.

Groundforce project: completion of resiting kissing gate. [GF]

Friday 18th May, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall

19th century clinker-built boat for 2012, by Amelia Fairman, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. [EAS]

Wednesday 30th May, 10.00 am, Trent Park

Groundforce project: blind trail, remetalling path. [GF]

Saturday 9th to Sunday 10th June. *Open Squares Weekend.* One ticket gives two days access to 200 gardens and squares, many not usually open to the public. Tickets from

opensquares.eventbrite.co.uk, City Information Centre (opposite St. Paul's Cathedral) or from participating gardens.

Wednesday 13th June, 10.00 am, Fir & Pond Wood.

Groundforce project: thinning out and removing excessive holly growth. [GF]

Friday 15th June, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall

Aspects of the development of Forty Hall, by Dr Martin Dearne. (The Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture). [EAS]

Saturday 16th to Saturday 23rd June 2012, Winchmore Hill

N21 Festival. See page 8.

Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd June, 7.30pm, Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar *Otello, by Verdi*. Southgate Opera presents Verdi's operatic masterpiece inspired by Shakespeare's play. Sung in English with orchestra. Box Office 01707 645005. www.southgateopera.co.uk

Thursday 21st to Saturday 30th June, Capel Manor.

A Midsummer Night's Dream, performed by The Principal Theatre Company. Box Office 020 8807 6680 or www.Millfieldtheatre.co.uk

Wednesday 27th June, 10.00 am, Forty

Groundforce project: cutting back and removing excessive growth of rhododendron. [GF]

Wednesday 27th June, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, Bruce Castle

[Title and speaker to be announced] (Joint meeting with Friends of Bruce Castle)
[EHHS]

Saturday 30th June to Sunday 1st July. "*Housewarming*" – a weekend of events to celebrate the re-opening of Forty Hall

Saturday 30th June, Bush Hill Park. *Coach and play day.* See page 11.

Saturday 30th June.

Non-conformist churches of Enfield – open day. See page 9 for details.

Saturday 30th June, 2:30pm, Walker Lower Hall, Christ Church Parish Centre, 7 The Green, Southgate N14 David Burrowes MP on the Localism Bill. [SDCT]

Wednesday 4th July, 7.30 pm, The Friends Meeting House, 59 Church Hill *London's Transport*, by David Clark [SDCT]

Wednesday 18th July, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

The history and mystery of Oakfield Road, Southgate, by Geoff Jacobs. [EHHS]

Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd July. Edmonton Carnival, Jubilee Park

Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd September. *Enfield Autumn Show, Town Park.*

Wednesday 12th September, 7.30pm, The Friends Meeting House, 59 Church Hill

The North London Hospice, by Anita Brien [SDCT]

Friday 14th September, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall

Update on the excavations at Copped Hall, by John Shepherd, Copped Hall Trust Arch. Project [EAS]

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 20th July 2012, 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

Wednesday 19th September, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

John Constable – England's favourite landscape artist, by Jeffrey Page. [EHHS]

Other guided walks are organised by Enfield Council's Parks Outreach Team. Details are in the "Walk Enfield" brochure which can be downloaded from the Council's Web site at <www.enfield.gov.uk/downloads/download/1 083/walk_enfield_brochure>. Phone (020) 8441 8272 or email

<alan.mitellas@enfield.gov.uk> for more information.

If you are interested in participating in Groundforce or ECV projects, please contact them in advance for details.

GF: Groundforce. Web page at http://sites.google.com/site/groundforce99/ home> Contact Eileen Jessup (020) 8805 1974 or email groundforce.enfield@gmail.com;

ECV: Enfield Conservation Volunteers. Contact Jenny Willmot, Outreach and Community Officer (020) 8449 2459, email <jenny.willmot@enfield.gov.uk> or see the ECV website at <www.ecv.org.uk>.

EAS: Enfield Archaeological Society. Visitors are very welcome (£1.00 per person). www.enfarchsoc.org/index.html

EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society <www.edmontonhundred.org.uk>.

SDCT: Meeting of the Southgate District Civic Trust. www.n21.net/southgate-district-civic-trust.html

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Mr G Achillea, Mr D Allin, Ms D Bijnauth, Mr C Byrant, Mrs M F Cairns, Mrs D Chester, Miss B Cooper, Mr & Mrs J Dady, Mrs M Davies, Ms L Deeble, Mrs L Dixon, Ms J Ford, Mrs F Godfrev. Mr & Mrs P Grimster, Mr G Hillesdon, Mr & Mrs D & S Holmes, Mrs L Hope, Mr R Humphrey, Mr & Mrs P Jackson, Miss J Kampff, Mrs D Mitchell, Ms A Mosley, Mr T Murphy, Mrs G Norwood, Mr & Mrs A Ornstin, Mr R E Peyto, Ms V Phillips, Ms J Picton, Mrs C Pillar, Mrs A G Pratt, Mrs C Ricketts, Mr S Rolfe, Mrs S Shaw, Ms L Thornton, Ms J Tucker, Ms H Walton, Mrs S Williams.

Joyce James

Jubilee Hall meetings

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

29th May. *Around Canterbury*, by Frank Bayford, with slides.

26th June. *Syria – The Grand Tour*, by Monica Smith, with slides

31st July *St. Paul's Cathedral*, by Stuart Harvey, with slides

No meeting in August

25th September *Popular British singers of the fifties*, by Geoff Bowden

Evening meetings, at 7.30 for 8 pm

Thursday 17th May. *Travels in Northern India*, an illustrated talk by Monica Smith.

Other Enfield Society events

Sunday 27th May. *Heritage walk round Winchmore Hill*, led by Peter Hodge. Starts at 2 pm, and will include entry into the Friends Meeting House and St. Paul's Church.

Thursday 14th June Annual General Meeting of The Enfield Society, starting at 8 pm and followed by a talk by Graham Dalling on Historic towns in Hertfordshire and Essex.

Tuesday 10th July. *Heritage walk round Enfield Town.* Starts at the Market Place at 7 pm and will include entry into St. Andrew's Church and the Tudor Room. It will end at Jubilee Hall where refreshment will be available and purchases may be made.

Saturday 18th August. *Heritage walk along Church Street Edmonton*, led by Graham Dalling. Starts at Edmonton Green Railway station at 10 am and will include entry into Lamb's Cottage.

Tickets are required for each of these heritage walks. Please apply to Emma Halstead at Jubilee hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, enclosing a SAE and your telephone number.

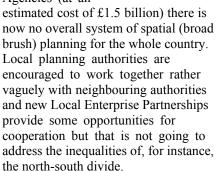
The Chairman's column

The final version of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework was released on 27th March and took effect immediately. The storm of protest that greeted the original draft version last July must have had some effect, since this is a very different document. Even shorter, at forty seven pages, it still replaces over a thousand pages of planning guidance, but at least the most pernicious statements in the draft are gone. True it still talks about the golden thread running through the document of the presumption in favour of sustainable development but the definitions of sustainable development (several are included) are more benign, if vague. Indeed one of the weaknesses of the new framework is its brevity and lack of clarity, which will open the way to numerous legal arguments at planning appeals etc. Eventually we should end up with some form of "planning case law" rather as with the previous system and things will go on much as before. Indeed already an additional release has reinstated the former guidance on flood risk and minerals policy.

Some good points: the Framework now recognises the value of ordinary open countryside, such as that portrayed in the recent, spectacular David Hockney exhibition, even when not in specially protected areas. The need to make effective use of brownfield land is reinserted, if less emphatically than before. Permission should be refused for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunity to improve the quality and character of an area.

The Framework is "plan led" through up to date Local Plans and here one of the weaknesses of the Government's whole approach is laid bare. With the abolition

of the regions and the Regional Development Agencies (at an



As far as Enfield is concerned, with an up to date Local Plan and our countryside protected by the Green Belt we do not anticipate any great changes. The Framework confirms the importance of the Green Belt, though it still unfortunately retains the concept of safeguarded land, not needed for development currently but to satisfy possible future requirements. In our view this is a speculators' charter. I do not set much store by the Localism Bill in its present form, at least as it affects Enfield.

The Framework still allows the review of Green Belt boundaries when revising a Local Plan, as currently being undertaken by Enfield Council. Most changes are to correct anomalies but there is a very contentious proposal to remove the quite large site east of the New River up to the A10 at the M25 junction. Currently occupied by a rather unsightly nursery, it none the less fulfils a Green Belt function next to Capel Manor. Hints that the site might be suitable for housing fill us with alarm.

Chris Jephcott

Thank you Doris

For more than thirty years Doris Connolly has delivered Enfield Society publications to libraries, bookshops, newsagents and other retail outlets around the Borough. This is a vital part of the Society's publicity and fundraising as two thirds of our sales are made in this way and only one third through direct sales to members. It can, at the time of a new publication, be heavy work, delivering hundreds of books. I am very grateful to Doris for her support for many years and feel an "honourable retirement" from this task is well deserved and overdue.

Doris has been an active member of the

Enfield Society for almost 50 years. She recalls holding early meetings of the Trees Group at her house in the 1960s and she assisted her husband when he was Membership Secretary. Doris has also helped in other ways, for example on the TES stall at the Autumn Show and by packing, with her daughter, thousands of Christmas cards. I am glad to report that they have volunteered to continue with the latter activity. We are pleased to welcome Emma Halstead to the Publicity Group, where she is taking on the publications distribution role. If any other member would be interested in joining the Group to assist with our activities, do please get in touch with Bob Fowler.

Monica Smith

Annual General Meeting

The 2012 AGM will be held on Thursday June 14th at Jubilee Hall. It will start at 8.00 pm and will be followed by an illustrated talk on "Historic Towns in Hertfordshire and Essex" by Graham Dalling. All members are encouraged to attend.

The AGM agenda and the annual report of The Enfield Society for 2011 are enclosed with the copies of this newsletter sent to members.

Historic buildings

Enfield Manor House (Enfield Palace), Enfield Town

The first reference to a manor house at Enfield dates from 1347, and by 1437 there was a substantial building on a seven acre site where Palace Gardens shopping precinct now stands. In 1551 the manor of Enfield was granted by Edward VI to his half-sister Elizabeth. Enfield Manor House was substantially rebuilt to become Enfield Palace and also included a gatehouse, barns, stables and orchards. However, after her accession as Queen in 1558, Elizabeth preferred to stay at the larger Elsyng Palace (near Forty Hall) when her court visited Enfield.

Later in the 16th century the palace was leased out and by the 1630s the grounds were being developed. By the late 17th century the building housed a boarding school run by the botanist Dr Robert Uvedale. In 1663 he planted a cedar of Lebanon which was to survive until 1927.

In 1791-2 the north wing and parts of the south wing and main block were demolished. For much of the 19th century the building was again used as a school before serving as a post office and later as the home of the Enfield Constitutional Club. It was finally demolished in 1927 and Pearsons was built on the site.

Sections of wooden panelling, plaster ceiling and stone fireplaces, principally from the Oak Room in the south wing, were salvaged by the Legatt brothers and incorporated into the Tudor Room which was added to Little Park in Gentleman's Row. The interior of this reconstructed Tudor Room will be seen on the Enfield Town walk on Tuesday 10th July (see page 5 for details). The Enfield Society hopes that at a future date Ian Jones will be able to repeat his excellent illustrated talk on the Royal Palaces of Enfield.

Images were provided by the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive.

Stephen Gilburt



4. The Oak Room in the south wing photographed in the early 20th century. The fine carved stone chimney piece has the royal coat of arms flanked by a crowned Tudor rose and crowned portcullis. The Latin motto below means "Our only security is to serve God: aught else is vanity". The initials ER refer to Edwardus Rex.



1. North-east view of Enfield Palace in 1568 as it appeared in W. Robinson's *History and antiquities of Enfield*, 1823.



2. A view of the west front of Enfield Palace in 1778 which is based on a print of 1568. Although the north wing (to the left) appears to have been built of brick with stone dressings, other parts to the south and east had timber frames.



3. The remaining part of Enfield Palace in 1793 after much of the building had been demolished.

Historic buildings



5. Part of a Tudor chimneypiece with the arms of England and France, Tudor rose and portcullis. The Latin motto means "Like the dew on the grass is the bounty of the King".



6. The plaster ceiling has the royal crown, Tudor rose and fleur-de-lys of France which English kings still claimed.

ticketed tours, lasting for approximately half an hour, and will

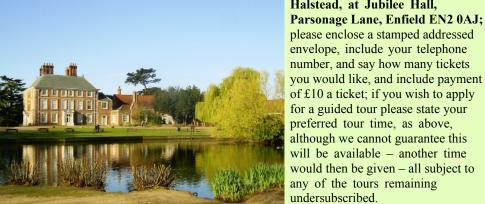
Forty Hall reopening

Forty Hall celebration, 18th September 2012

On Tuesday 18th September the Society is holding a special event, in conjunction with Enfield Council's Cultural Services

Department, as part of the celebrations for the reopening of Forty Hall. The story of Forty Hall, its history, architecture, restoration and archaeology will be covered by illustrated talks from three eminent speakers – see below. This will start at 8.00 pm in the Banqueting Suite at the Hall, with a wine and soft drink reception from 7.30 pm onwards. To part cover the costs we are charging £10 a ticket and the first 80 applicants will be entitled to a free guided tour of Forty Hall during the evening; there will be four separately

start at 6.30, 6.45, 7.00 and 7.15. Application for tickets should be made, as usual, to Emma Halstead, at Jubilee Hall, Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ; please enclose a stamped addressed



Speakers

Paul Drury – A Chartered Surveyor and partner in the Drury McPherson Partnership, previously Director of English Heritage's London Region. Commissioned by Enfield Council to prepare character appraisals for all the conservation areas, followed by a conservation plan for Forty Hall which formed the basis of the restoration project; involved throughout the contract period working closely with the architect and Enfield Archaeological Society.

Brian Lofthouse - A partner in the architectural firm Thomas Ford & Partners and project architect for the restoration and refurbishment of Forty Hall. Had similar commissions for Fulham Palace and Hall Place, Bexley, both listed Grade I, and many others. Formerly Area Architect for South East England for English Heritage.

Dr Martin Dearne – Associate Lecturer in Classics and Archaeology at the Open University and Tutor in Archaeology at Birkbeck College. Research and Excavations Director of the Enfield Archaeological Society. Has directed annual excavations by the Society at Elsyng Palace since 2004 and most of the archaeological work undertaken at Forty Hall since 2003.

Events

The N21 Festival

The N21 Festival is an eight-day celebration centered around the old village of Winchmore Hill, featuring exciting historical, art, musical and fun events for different ages and cultures. The Festival commemorates the centenary of a delightful book, written by Henrietta Cresswell, entitled *Winchmore Hill: memories of a lost village*, depicting life as it was in the leafy village in the late 1800s. The Festival highlights the history of the area, whilst bringing people together through a shared celebration.

A number of the Festival events specifically relate to History and we would like to draw your attention to the following events that are occurring during the Festival week from 16th - 23rd June 2012:

An Historical Exhibition in the Friends' Meeting House, Monday 18th - Saturday 23rd June, 11am-6pm. See Winchmore Hill as it was and how it has changed from the days of Henrietta. Through photographs and maps we show the area of the Lost Village. Entrance is free.

Guided Walks of the area by Joe Studman who is a qualified City Guide. Tickets cost £5.00 or £3.50 concessions. Booking recommended:

- The darker side of Winchmore Hill. Saturday 16th June, 9.30 pm - 11 pm.
- *Memories of a lost village*. Tuesday 19th June, 6.30 pm 8 pm.
- *N21 and all that!* Wednesday 20th June, 7.30 pm 9 pm.

Historical Talks by respected local historians. Tickets cost £2.00.

- Discovering the Cresswells of Winchmore Hill, an illustrated talk by Peter Hodge. Monday 18th June, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start.
- The coming of the railways to N21 the construction of the lines to Grange Park and Winchmore Hill, by David Cockle. Tuesday 19th June, 7.30 pm for an 8.10 pm start.
- Southgate before World War One the coming of the builders, by Graham Dalling. Thursday 21st June, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start.
- *Historic buildings in and around Winchmore Hill,* by Stephen Gilburt and Dr Audrey Kirby, Friday 22nd June at 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start.

Historical films with never-seen-in-public-before footage. The film afternoon on Sunday 17th June at 2 pm for a 2.30 pm start is sponsored by the Southgate District Civic Trust and will feature films of the local area, not just N21. Not to be missed. Tickets are £5.00 or £3.50 concessions.



Winchmore Hill. Sketch by Pauline Hazelwood

In addition, we have ..

Afternoon Tea Parties taking place in the garden of the house once owned by Henrietta Cresswell.

Henrietta and her father were great artists so we have a **Self Portrait drawing event** for adults and children, which will capture the faces of the village and its visitors in 2012.

We are also running a **Memories Project** where we are inviting people to share an early memory of the area and we have agreed to pass these memories to local secondary schools where the children will then create a story incorporating that memory.

We will be publishing special editions of *The Recorder* newspaper from 1912 (With kind permission from the Southgate District Civic Trust and the Enfield Local Studies department). We have already published the 25th April 1912 edition with an eye witness account of the sinking of The Titanic from a Winchmore Hill man, and will continue with other topical editions during the lead up and during the N21 Festival. Details of where to buy these editions are on the website.

History Boards will appear in key historic locations around Winchmore Hill relating to the book. The boards will contain an old picture of the location as well as a quote from Henrietta Cresswell's book.

We also have a photography competition, art exhibition, limerick competition, poetry night, concert with Winchmore Strings, morning of music by Winchmore Singers, bee keeping at Woodcroft, jazz evening, fun dog show and more.

All these events are open to all – you don't have to live or work in N21 to be part of the N21 Festival – please come and find out more about the area.

The N21 Festival will end on Saturday 23rd June with a huge celebration on Winchmore Hill Green called The Fancy Fair – the roads will be closed and there will be music, stalls, children's events, food, drink, fun and frivolity. Everyone is invited

Tickets for events are available from Hunters Newsagents on Winchmore Hill Green or by post. Full details about all events are on the website or you can call for more information: www.N21.net, info@N21.net or Ann Humphrey on 07979853520

Hugh Humphrey

Silver Street shop preserved on video

In our last issue we featured the closing of G. Matthews' shop in Silver Street, which sells guns, fishing tackle and motorbikes. As a result, Hugh Humphrey and Michael Taylor have made a 6-minute video of the shop, featuring interviews with the proprietor, Cyral (not Cyril as we mistakenly had it) Norris. This can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/n21net.

That site has several other short videos of local interest, such as a steam train passing through Grange Park and Winchmore Hill stations on 4th April, works on the Grange Park railway embankment and views of the tree lost from the Palmers Green triangle.

Historic buildings

Non-conformist churches of Enfield – open day, Saturday 30th June

Following the passing of the Act of Uniformity in 1662 those ministers who would not conform and use the Church of England liturgy as set out in the Book of Common Prayer had to leave their churches by St. Bartholomew's Day, 24th August 1662. Non-conformists, including Quakers, continued to be persecuted until 1689

2012 marks the 350th anniversary of the Great Ejectment of Baptist, Congregational (also known as Independent) and Presbyterian ministers. Congregationalists and Presbyterians joined to form the United Reformed Church in 1972. On Saturday 30th June four non-conformist or free churches in the Enfield Town area will be open to visitors between 10:00 and 12:30 – Christ Church URC in Chase Side, Trinity (Methodist and URC) Church in Church Street, Enfield Baptist Church and Enfield Evangelical Free Church, both in Cecil Road. There will be guided tours and historical exhibitions and refreshments will be available. Other Baptist, Methodist and URC churches in the borough may also be open – please check with the churches for details.

Zion Chapel in Chase Side, built in 1780, was replaced by Christ Church Congregational in 1875. Enfield Methodist Church was built in 1889 to replace an 1864 building in Cecil Road. After uniting with the former St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, built in 1907, it became Trinity (Methodist and URC) Church. Although the first Baptist congregation in Enfield was established in Baker Street by 1669, the present Enfield Baptist Church dates from 1926, replacing one of 1875 in London Road. The newly opened Enfield Evangelical Free Church replaced a church established in Cecil Road in 1897 which was rebuilt in 1956 after war damage.

Stephen Gilburt



Interior of Christ Church, Chase Side

Completed chancel restoration at St Mary Magdalene

Members of the Society will be delighted to know that the Chancel Walls and Ceiling of St Mary Magdalene's Church have now been fully restored and have been revealed in their full glory. Not only have we restored what some are now saying is perhaps the finest Victorian art inside a church in the land, we have made some fascinating historical discoveries along the way.

Firstly, during the restoration we discovered an inscription, placed high inside the window arch when the work was done, saying: "This ceiling was decorated in 1897 on the completion of the 6oth year of the reign of Queen Victoria at the sole cost of Mrs Philip Twells". Philip Twells, Enfield resident and MP for the City of London, had died in 1880, and his wife Georgiana had St Mary Magdalene's Church built in 1883 in his memory, and her final gift was this artwork. The following year, she herself died and was laid to rest alongside her husband in Lavender Hill Cemetery. Not only the land for the Cemetery, but the Town Park and Library, had been theirs, and with the church, form their legacy to our town.

While the Diamond Jubilee link, connecting our own celebrations this year of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee with that of Queen Victoria in 1897, was a wonderful and serendipitous surprise, more was to come. For also written on the ceiling was a list of the names of the five men who had actually painted it, among them, one John Boffin. After ITN's 'London Tonight' broadcast an item on the Jubilee link, showing the inscriptions, I received an email from Boffin's granddaughter Jackie Rayer, telling us that she did not know he had painted the ceiling, but also that before his death in 1914. he had worked on the interiors of the illfated RMS Titanic. This other connection also got us some media attention when we revealed it, coinciding so nicely as it did with the recent commemorations of the sinking of *Titanic* on April 15th 1912.

And now, our chancel is available for anyone to see: obviously visible for Sunday services at 8, 10 or 6.30, at lunchtime concerts and also by appointment. Furthermore, there will be a special day of celebration on Sunday May 20th. A full peal of bells will be rung in the afternoon, and then at 6.30 pm the Bishop of Edmonton will attend Choral Evensong, there will then be a reception, and at 8.15 pm Dr Ayla Lepine of the



Panelled ceiling



Patriarchs: Jesse with his tree and King David with his harp

Courtauld Institute will give a lecture. The conservators from Hirst Conservation will also be present to meet people and answer questions. It will be a memorable, joyous and informative evening to which everyone is warmly invited.

Further information and the week by week story in words, photographs and videos is online at:

<www.saintmarymagdalene.org.uk/
Chancel_Blog/Chancel_Blog.html>

Gordon Giles

Future walks

Travel details are correct at press date but TES cannot be responsible for alterations. Rail travel may be subject to alteration, especially at weekends. Please always check (either via 08457 48 49 50 or using the operating train company website). For TfL London area Tube, DLR, London Overground and bus details, ring 0843 222 1234 or check TfL website.

Reduced price train travel: Groupsave Off-Peak Day Return tickets allow 3 or 4 adults to travel together for the price of 2 adults on First Capital Connect, Greater Anglia, Southeastern, Chiltern, Southern, South West Trains or London Midland. You must travel as a group. Also available on Off-Peak Day Single tickets. If you have a Freedom Pass or National Bus Pass, please bring it as we may use buses.

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes - trainers are rarely suitable.

Mon 21 May. Chilterns. Meet 11.02am Amersham Station (10.27am Chiltern Railways train from London Marylebone mainline station or 10.00am Metropolitan Line train from Baker Street). About 8 to 9 mile circular walk in delightful scenery which, unfortunately, is threatened by the proposed HS2 train project. Bring lunch or food probably available. All travel covered by Freedom Pass. By car: about 1 hour 10 mins via M25 (junction 18) & A404. Leader: Stuart Mills

Sat 26 May. Ash Valley. Meet 10.39am Bishops Stortford Station. Travel by either 9.44am train from Southbury Station and change at Cheshunt for 10.18am train, or direct train at 10.10am from Tottenham Hale. By car: either M25, M11 (junction 8) then Al250 into town centre, or via A10, A120 & A1250. 9 to 10 mile circular walk via the lovely Ash Valley and pretty Much Hadham village. Option to end at lunchtime after about 5 miles and return to either start or St Margaret's Station by bus. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Wed 30 May. Evening Walk. Meet Forty Hall car park for *prompt start at* **6.45pm.** Suggest car drivers do NOT park in car park but in nearby roads in case return is delayed and vehicle is locked-in. About 2 hour circular walk through the Forty Hall & Whitewebbs Estate. Refreshment option en-route. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Sat 9 June. Essex Creeks. Meet 11.04am Rochford Station (10.13am Southend Victoria train from Liverpool Street mainline station) or travel with Dave on the 9.00am train from Enfield Chase. (*Trains from Enfield Town will terminate*

at Seven Sisters on this day.) 8 mile circular walk from Rochford (retains original medieval market town street pattern and many listed buildings) via the River Roach sea-wall and Great Stambridge (Saxon church tower and birthplace of first Governor of Boston, USA). Bring lunch or food probably available. Note: Freedom Pass boundary is Harold Wood Station. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. Leader: Dave Cockle

Mon 18 June. Village London. Meet 11.00am Pinner Station (Metropolitan Line – about 35 mins journey time from King's Cross or 28 mins from Baker Street). 7 mile linear walk following the semi-rural "Celandine Route" via historic Pinner High Street and Eastcote Village. Lunch stop at the Manor Farm heritage site in Ruislip with tithe barn, motte & bailey castle and 16th century farmhouse. Route ends at Hillingdon Station but shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. All travel within Freedom Pass area. Leader: Brian Frear.

Sat 23 June. Benington Floral Festival Weekend. Meet 10.15am Watton-at-Stone Station (9.49am train from Enfield Chase). About 8 mile circular walk with an extended lunch stop in Benington allowing ample time to view open gardens and floral display in church. Bring lunch or food/village hall teas available. 4.0 mile shorter option (returning from Benington by bus to either Hertford or Stevenage for return to Enfield or Watton). Leader: Stuart Mills

Sat 30 June. Hertsmere. Meet 2.36pm White Hart P.H. South Mimms Village (84 buses from Potters Bar Station at 2.09pm & 2.29pm) for about 3 hour circular walk in the attractive North Mymms estate. Leader: Monica Smith

Wed 4 July. Knole. Meet 11.05am Sevenoaks Station (10.39am Tunbridge Wells train from London Bridge mainline station, usually from platforms 1-3). Today's walk is based upon the estate and magnificent ancient parkland surrounding one of the UK's most important and complete historic houses. Free admission to park, visitor centre, orangery, tea-room and shop. Morning walk of about 3 miles. Lunch stop at the N.T. Knole House tearoom. Option of about 3 mile walk in afternoon or visit Knole House itself (admission charge but free to N.T. members). Then group will meet for 2 mile return walk to station. Note: Freedom Pass boundary is Knockholt Station. Leader: Stuart Mills

Sat 14 July. Chilterns & Chequers Estate. Meet 10.44am Wendover Station (9.57am Chiltern Railways train from London Marylebone mainline station). By car: about 1 hour 15 mins via M25 (junction 20), A41 to Tring, then B4009. About 7.5 mile circular walk with outstanding scenery, fine beech woods and lovely views, including from Coombe Hill at over 800ft. above sea-level. Regrettably, part of this area is also threatened by the proposed HS2 train project. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Note: Freedom Pass boundary is Amersham. Leader: Martin Langer*

Wed 18 July. Heritage and modernity at King's Cross. Meet 10.30am at entrance to Platform 9 King's Cross mainline station for about 2.5 hour circular walk highlighting the transformation taking place around King's Cross and the adjacent Regent's Canal. Details: (020) 8360 0282. Leader: Roy Nicholls

Wed 25 July. Evening Walk. Meet Oakwood Station for *prompt start at* 7.00pm. About 2 hour linear walk via Trent Park and the Merryhills Way ending on The Ridgeway near Lavender Hill. Also option to end earlier at Enfield Road near the riding stables or at Frog's Bottom/Jolly Farmers. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Sat 28 July. In the footsteps of Jack O'Legs. Meet 10.55am Baldock Station (10.11am Cambridge train from Finsbury Park, also 10.21am from Potters Bar). Note: check train times closer to date for possible alteration as FCC intend to operate temporary timetable during Olympics (not available at TES copy date). By car: about 50 mins via A1(M), junction 9. About 7.5 mile circular walk via the pretty village of Weston and with great views from downland escarpments. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. Leader: Dave Cockle

Wed 1 Aug. Conservation Countryside. Meet 10.34am Bayford Station (10.21am train from Enfield Chase) or 10.45am in Brickendon Village for car drivers, but please park considerately and not in the pub car park. Check train times closer to date in case affected by FCC temporary timetable. About 8.5 mile circular walk through varied countryside, woodland, parkland and nature reserves with lunch stop in Hoddesdon, where the route includes some of the many historic listed buildings in the town centre. Bring lunch or food available. Shorter option (ending in Hoddesdon, with return by bus to Waltham Cross and thence to Enfield). Leader: Stuart Mills

Sat 11 Aug. Ash Valley and Easneye Estate. Meet 10.20am St Margaret's Station. Travel by either 9.44am train from Southbury Station and change at Cheshunt for 10.09am train, or direct train at 9.55am from Tottenham Hale which also stops at Ponders End, Brimsdown and Enfield

Future walks

(continued)

Lock. About 9 mile circular walk based upon the lovely Ash Valley. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Option to end at lunchtime at Widford and return to start by bus. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Wed 15 Aug. Wander along the Wandle. Meet 11.03am West Croydon Station. Travel either from Victoria mainline station by 10.23am Epsom Downs train or 10.33am Sutton train (arriving at 10.53am and 11.03am), or by 10.18am West Croydon train from London Bridge mainline station (arrives 10.56am). Otherwise, travel with Roy on the 10.03am London Overground train from Highbury & Islington station.

Today's linear walk follows the River Wandle through parks, past sites of early industrial revolution water mills and then enters the National Trust's Morden Hall Park estate, created by wealth from snuff mills. The N.T. has recently restored the mill buildings, stable yard etc. The full route of 7.5 miles ends at Colliers Wood Station for easy return by Northern Line to Moorgate/The City, but many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8360 0282. Leader: Roy Nicholls

Mon 20 Aug. Swallow Holes. Meet 11.00am Brookmans Park Station. Travel either by 10.34am train from Finsbury Park station or at 10.55am from Potters Bar Station, or by Uno bus 610 at 10.39am from Potters Bar Station. About 6 mile circular walk during which Norman will highlight the varied geological features of the area. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Bank Holiday 27 Aug. Dunstable **Downs.** Meet **10.30am** at the car park of the new National Trust Chilterns Gateway Visitor Centre (OS Map 166 Grid Ref: 008 198 or satnav ref LU6 2GY or LU6 2TA for older equipment). Small parking charge (free to N.T. members with N.T. parking permit). About 8 mile circular walk via burial barrows and the ancient Icknield Way and with magnificent views from the edge of the Downs. The route will descend into the valley through the interesting village of Tottenhoe. Bring lunch or food probably available. No public transport – by car via M25, M1 (junction 9), A5 towards Dunstable for 3 miles and left onto B4540. After 2.5 miles (and before zoo) turn right onto B4541 towards Dunstable and N.T. Centre is about 1.25 miles on left. Do not go to zoo/Bison Hill car park. Details: 07703 470 156. Leaders: Toby Simon & Margaret McAlpine

Stuart Mills

Events

The Friends of Bush Hill Park, with the support of
The Enfield Sports Development Team and Enfield Council
invite you to our FREE

Coach and Play Day

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BUSH HILL PARK

(between Southbury Road and Lincoln Road)

on Saturday 30th June from 11.00 am till 4.00pm



There will be free coaching in **Archery** with Colin Okin (11.00 – 1.00), **Croquet** with the Enfield Croquet Club (all day), **Table Tennis** with senior members of the Ellenborough Table Tennis Club (all day), **Futsal** with Rob Brassett (all day), **Tennis** with coaches from the Vicars Moor Tennis Club (all day), **Body Conditioning** with Linda Bird (11.00 – 12 noon), **Tai Chi** with Sally Golding (12 noon – 1.00), **Nordic Walking** with Maggie Govender (2.00 – 3.00), **Basketball** with Michelle Brown (all day), **Football Skills** with Andy Groarke (11 – 1.00), (Enfield F.C will be there), **Gladiator Jousting** and **Sumo** (supplied by Huff 'n Puff) (all day).

All **equipment** including tennis racquets, walking poles, table tennis bats, croquet mallets, balls and bows and arrows will be provided free.

Gladiator Jousting and **Sumo** will give us all a laugh while the little ones are occupied at the arts and crafts stall or having their **faces painted**.

Participants will be able to quench their thirst on soft drinks in the Fellowship Hut.

While you're here, why not ask **Doctor Bike** to give your bike a health check?

AND IT'S ALL FREE!

It's an all day event but there's no need to go home for lunch; our outdoor cafe "Fresh and Tasty" (not 'free' but definitely 'fresh' and truly tasty) will provide you with enough home-made burgers, Polish sausages, dumplings, cheese, mushroom, and tomato baguettes (zapiekanka) and Belgium waffles to stoke you up for the afternoon sessions.

If on the day you fancy helping out with the stewarding for an hour, or you need more information, please email Maria on tollyhouse@blueyonder.co.uk. See kww.fobhp.wordpress.com

Maria Tolley, Chair, Friends of Bush Hill Park

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Enfield Town

Enfield Market



Enfield Market in July 1987

Comments were posted on our discussion list in February saying that the quality of Enfield Market was not as good as it used to be. We invited the managers of the market, The Old Enfield Charitable Trust, to comment, and we were pleased to receive the following article.

Enfield Market is in the centre of Enfield Town and has a history of more than 700 years. Our market offers a wide variety of produce from quality greengrocers and butchers to household items, phone accessories, electrical appliances, vacuum cleaner bags, jewellery, watches and fashion and a variety of tasty food stalls. which are mainly at the rear of the market. There are tables and chairs in the middle of the market for customers to use to take a rest from shopping, sample the goods or just to take in the atmosphere and scenery. Many of our traders have been trading on the market for over 20 years, but we also have a good flow of new traders to our market.

The Trust reduced the number of stalls in the market in April 2011. We have the same number of traders using less stall space. This opened up the market, giving customers the chance to see what goods were sold at the back of the market as well as at the front. With the current economic climate and alternative ways of shopping, such as online and big superstores, traders have found that the flow of customers on the market has lessened but we feel the friendly atmosphere and the wide variety of goods on offer make market shopping in the centre of Enfield Town a good experience.

The Trust has not increased stall rents for two years and runs a concession price of £20 per week for 8 consecutive weeks of trading to new traders. This is to support new traders at the beginning of trading on the market. The price for a casual trader

is £27 and £34 depending on the day of trading and the place on the market. This price reduces if a trader becomes permanent on the market to between £23 and £32 with a two week period of free trading for holidays. The Trust also offers stalls at half price to registered charities who wish to take a stall on the market place to raise funds for their charity.

The Trust is also running a showcase on the bandstand in the centre of the market. Anyone with a particular talent, from schools to clubs or theatre groups or someone who would like to demonstrate an art or craft can book a place on the bandstand, free of charge.

The Old Enfield Charitable Trust runs the market on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. From Sunday to Wednesday the Market Place is run by the Trust as a car park, which has an attendant on duty all day and prices are competitive with other surrounding car parks.

The net income from the Market, along with that of the Car Park and other investments, is used to make grants to needy residents in the Ancient Parish of Enfield, over £240,000 last year! As well as Education grants, which help with any course associated costs, and general grants, which help with household needs and school uniform, the Trust also gives grants to the local community.

Community Grants support many local causes, which range from tents for local scout groups to arts and crafts materials and musical instruments for children's and disabled groups.

Shopping on Enfield market is not only a great place to find the goods that you want at a fair price and top quality but also to support the local community of Enfield.

Karen Wellings, Trust Administrator The Old Enfield Charitable Trust