

The newsletter of The Enfield Society

Salisbury House under threat

The Council has just requested a review of the early seventeenth century grade II* listed Salisbury House. The report will detail the current condition of the house, consider any necessary repairs and “analyse what the challenges and opportunities are for the house” says a Council spokesman. Apparently current users and local groups have already been consulted – though no-one from the consultancy partnership has approached the Enfield Society yet.

The house is one of the oldest examples of domestic architecture in Enfield and all that remains of the ancient village around Bury St. It is a gabled timber framed building finished with lath and plaster, and was originally moated. Internally, while having been much changed, some interesting features remain such as the Queen Anne fireplace and a false chimney stack that may have contained a priest’s hole. It was listed as Grade II* in 1954.



The east side of Salisbury House,
photographed by Stanley Smith, 26th October 1992



The north elevation of Salisbury House,
as shown in our publication:
Enfield’s Architectural Heritage.

It is now used as an Arts Centre, something which was developed the last time the building was under threat in 1957. However it seems that this side is already being run down: current hirers are continuing but as no-one is now on

site in the house new hirers are being discouraged. Despite a thorough search of the Council website I was unable to locate any information about hiring the house or what was available there except an inaccurate telephone number which directed me to Forty Hall. A potential hirer would have to be very persistent and to have prior knowledge of the building’s existence – so it will be no surprise to find that the Centre is running at a loss.

As it is not in a conservation area it has less protection than many less historic buildings. (English Heritage is even currently refusing to allow the demolition of the old 1960s flats in Forty Hill because they are in a conservation area and it may set a precedent). The users of the building would find it difficult to find premises elsewhere and Enfield certainly cannot afford to lose one of its most beautiful and unusual historic buildings which is currently usefully employed. The Enfield Society very much hopes that the recommendations are positive and the Council can find the money and the will to implement them.

The report is expected in the next few weeks.

Janet McQueen

Cecil Road car park site

This is a development area adjoining the completed Evangelical Free Church where there is a need for a brief to guide prospective purchasers. Together with the Conservation Areas Advisory Group we have objected to the first two versions produced by Enfield Council. The Society has always been concerned that in any future development of this long-vacant site the vista linking the Town Park to Cecil Road should be maintained. Our understanding was that any plans would incorporate a main entrance to the park *at least* eight metres wide and the Society has promised £10,000 towards any tree planting to enhance the approach – this has been available for the past ten years at least.

The first version referred to a *maximum* of eight metres and the accompanying plan showed a much narrower passage between the church and a row of town houses. We found the second version still too congested, with a block of flats across the front and seven town houses behind, with limited amenity and parking space

Chris Jephcott

Green Belt protection does not depend on the quality of the landscape

The government has confirmed that “quality of the landscape” is not a factor in determining whether Green Belt land should continue to be protected under the new National Planning Policy Framework. If the landscape is of poor quality local authorities should look for opportunities to improve it.

In a letter to the President of the London Green Belt Council, Bob Neill, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Communities and Local Government, wrote:

“The Government attaches great importance to the Green Belt. The published Framework underlines the crucial role Green Belts play in preventing urban sprawl, and maintains the policy protection set out in Planning Policy Guidance Note 2 (PPG2) – which the Framework replaces – that inappropriate development is by definition harmful to the Green Belt, and should not be approved, except in very special circumstances.

“The London Green Belt Council has expressed concern that the Framework does not specify that the quality of landscape is not relevant to the inclusion of land within a Green Belt, or to its continued protection. This is because the “purposes” of Green Belt are clearly set out at paragraph 80 of the Framework (and do not include the quality of the landscape), therefore there was no need to have additional explanatory text. As with PPG2, the Framework also makes clear that once Green Belts have been defined, local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt (set out at paragraph 81). This would include looking for opportunities to retain and enhance landscapes and to improve damaged and derelict land.

“The published Framework is available on the Department for Communities and Local Government’s website at:

<www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf>.”

Green Belt review

The Society continues to meet with the Council regularly – something which we find very useful and which I think is helpful to the Council too. At the last meeting we discussed some of the changes to the green belt proposed in the *Local Development Framework. Appendix 1: Draft Detailed Green Belt Boundary Review* which is open for a six-week consultation period ending on 5th September. The documents can be accessed* at

<tinyurl.com/EnfieldGreenBelt>

and comments can be sent to

<Ldf@enfield.gov.uk>.

We objected to the removal from the Green Belt of the corner of land north of Bullsmoor Lane and bounded by the A10, M25 and the New River, described at item 14 in the consultation document. This will leave the possibility of building just across the New River from Capel Manor. We got the impression that our objections were not considered sufficient for this proposal to be withdrawn.

Janet McQueen

(*We have created a “tinyurl” redirection address for this page because the Enfield Council’s web page addresses are too long and cumbersome to print and type into a web browser. – Ed.)

Lighting in Enfield Town

Items considered by the Conservation Advisory Group include new ‘heritage’ lighting for Enfield Town Church Street. Unfortunately because of the increased weight of the new lanterns, it is no longer possible to attach them directly to buildings. There will have to be separate standards, one in the position of each hanging basket support. Presumably the support brackets could be attached to the new columns. We regret this decision but have to accept the view of the engineers.

The Crescent, Edmonton

Very welcome were proposals to improve the striking, listed, but long neglected crescent of 25 houses in Hertford Road. Enfield Council and Newlon Housing Association, which owns 12 of the houses, plan to provide a new dwarf wall with railings for the front boundary, with general repairs. To the rear there would be new fencing and areas for parking and bin storage and the access road would be resurfaced. Reinstating the original front carriage drive would be ideal but impractical. Also ideal would be to complete the terrace by replacing the petrol station at the northern end. This remains a pipe dream.

Shopping centre gates

Less welcome is the astonishing recent application on behalf of Palace Exchange to put heavy metal gates across all the entrances to the shopping centre, to be open only between 9 am and 5.30 pm on weekdays and Saturdays and between 10 am and 4 pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays. With no justification, the applicant none the less claims that the gates, in grey metal with stainless steel elements, complemented by boarded fence sections, would harmonise with the contemporary design of the precinct, recognise the built heritage and also bear recognition of the mediaeval origins of Enfield!

This is in the so-called Conservation Statement. What it does not do is recognise that in the course of the negotiations on the original Palace Exchange planning application great stress was laid on the importance of keeping the pedestrian link to Cecil Road along the line of former Sydney Road open for the majority of the time. In visual and functional terms this would be highly damaging to the attractiveness and vitality of Enfield Town and we have registered our strong opposition.

Forty Hall

The question of the new vehicular access and enlarged car park at Forty Hall remains unresolved, but the restoration of the house is stupendous none the less..

Trent Park

With the university site up for sale Enfield Council have produced a brief to guide prospective purchasers on what development would be acceptable in this listed building complex within the Conservation Area, to correct any false impression that might have been given by the University. Though it notes the desirability of removing some of the most damaging elements of the 1970s extensions, such as the disastrously sited music room, cutting off the Humphrey Repton vista from the Long Garden, and the Jebb Building extension to the mansion, we would prefer to see this as an explicit requirement.

Enfield Town and Chase Side Conservation Area Study Group

We are very pleased that Caroline Carter has taken over the leadership of a relaunched Group.

Chris Jephcott

Street scene

The car and urban blight

Like a curate's egg the age of the car has been good or bad in parts. On the plus side: time-saving, convenient, flexible, supporting longer active lives for older people; on the negative: children deprived of their independence, many of us under-exercised, dangerously poor air quality, and – often forgotten – front gardens lost to paved parking.

As I recollect, a court case in the 1950s decided that home-owners are not entitled to reserve the parking space in the street outside their house on the grounds that streets and roads are for general public use. Not a surprising decision, but the case was a poster-child to a developing need for parking space as car ownership increased.

By the 1970s the problem was clear. Warnings appeared in the journal of the Royal Horticultural Society about the hundreds, even thousands, of miles of hedges which were being sacrificed to front-garden parking in Victorian and Edwardian streets. This was far more than a poster-child; it was obvious that something needed to be done to protect the visual amenity/habitat of our streets. Government sat on its hands.



Thus a form of urban blight developed in many of our most appealing streets.

According to the Evening Standard the equivalent of seven Hyde Parks has disappeared under concrete in London, whilst attractive streets have developed a barrack-like appearance, many of the hard-standings cover the whole garden, and some are no more than rough concrete. Meanwhile the risk of flash flooding is increased, whilst the cooling effect of shrubs and trees, and habitat for beneficial and attractive insects, is lost. Furthermore – though the evidence is indirect – the loss of visual amenity,

and plants in particular, means that informal signals which influence drivers to keep their speed down is reduced.



Meanwhile councils and communities could probably have mitigated much of the damage by using the changes in the 1991 Road Traffic Act to create Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) to ease the pressure on destroying gardens. “Over my dead body” many might say, given the current unpopularity of CPZ schemes, but in financial terms alone I’d prefer to pay the relatively small annual cost of a CPZ scheme rather than spending thousands on removing soil, creating drainage and laying paving.

Is the issue important enough to warrant reversing or mitigating the damage? Yes! The street where we live is part of home and the basis of community – its appearance and ambient environment important to quality of life. Echelon or vertical parking in suitable streets would increase street-parking capacity whilst reducing the need for garden parking and consequent traffic speed. The Council could also set a policy and support framework for street communities and residents’ associations which they could use to moderate damage; indeed it could even consider using its Ward Fund to finance improvements.

Some people pave a bigger area than necessary for parking a car or pave their whole garden despite not owning a car because they want to avoid gardening. I’ve got news for them: planting evergreen shrubs – perfect for enhancing the street scene – requires very little work beyond planting, and is thousands of pounds cheaper than paving a garden. More on that subject another time.

David Hughes

Music and pictures

Special performance of Fauré's *Requiem*

St Mary Magdalene Church, 7.30pm
Saturday 15th September

To celebrate the restoration of the Chancel, St Mary Magdalene's Choir and friends will be singing Fauré's *Requiem*, Parry's *I was Glad*, the *Hallelujah Chorus* and other works in a choral spectacular. Admission is free. Any singer wishing to take part is welcome to email for further details to contact@saintmarymagdalene.org.uk.

London Open House Weekend Sat-Sun 22-23 September 2012

Along with many other places in London, St Mary Magdalene Church will be open to visitors on Saturday from 10am to 4pm and on Sunday from 2 to 4pm. Members of the Society might like to take this opportunity to see the newly restored chancel paintings and to have a guided explanation of them.



Painting before and after restoration

Refreshments will be available and there will be a chance to browse an exhibition of photographs and other documents relating to the history of Enfield Chase and Enfield Town. It will also present an opportunity to learn more about the Twells family, who left our town such an enormous cultural and geographical legacy.

A DVD is now available containing various videos and slide shows of the chancel before, during and after restoration, also with a complete video of the wonderful lecture given in May by Dr Ayla Lepine of the Courtauld institute. Priced at £5 it is available from the Vicar, the Reverend Gordon Giles (020 8463 1876).

Gordon Giles

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/

Until 24 February 2013 *This sporting life – an exhibition showing Enfield's sporting heritage.* Dugdale Centre, 39 London Road. 10 am to 5 pm, Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm, Sunday. Admission free.

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

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th September. *Heritage open days outside London.* See right-hand column.

Tuesday 11th September, 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall
North London Branch AGM and A lair of wild beasts: the foundation of Fountains Abbey (illustrated), by Robin Blades [HA]

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 Archaeology Project [EAS]

Wednesday 19th September, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall
John Constable – England's favourite landscape artist, by Jeffrey Page. [EHHS]

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September. *Open house weekend, London.* (See right-hand column.)

Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th October, 1.30 and 7.30 p.m. *The Raintons of Forty Hall*, an historical drama by local playwright, Ray Newell, about the life and times of the Rainton family who built and lived in Forty Hall. Dugdale Centre, 39 London Road. Box Office 020 8807 6680 or online www.dugdalecentre.co.uk.

Tuesday 9th October, 8pm, Jubilee Hall
The origins of the transatlantic slave trade and its impact on western African societies (illustrated), by Dr Toby Green (Kings College, London) [HA]

Friday 12th October, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall
Post-Medieval Archaeology in London, by Jaqui Pearce, Joint Editor, Post-Medieval Archaeology [EAS]

Wednesday 17th October, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall
Tales from an heir hunter tracing beneficiaries, by Alan Lamprell [EHHS]

Saturday 20th October, 7 for 7.30, St Andrew's Church Hall, Silver Street
Padwick and friends concert party, for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Ploughman's supper, show and raffle. £8. Tickets from 1st September from Pauline 07784 797 722 or Carole 07984 623 362.

Saturday 27th October 2012, 10.00 to 4.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
Day Conference [EHHS]

Tuesday 13 November, 8pm, Jubilee Hall
Unfairly maligned? The career of Anthony Eden by David Blair (Daily Telegraph) [HA]

Friday 16th November, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall
Vice Presidential Address, by Jon Cotton [EAS]

Tuesday 20th November, 2.15 for 2.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
From Crouch Hall to Gin Lane – the story of gin, by Ruth Hazeldine [EHHS]

Wednesday 19th December, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall
Seasonal meeting [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/1083/walk_enfield_brochure. Phone (020) 8441 8272 or email alan.mitellas@enfield.gov.uk for more information.

Groundforce (GF) and Enfield Conservation Volunteers (ECV) do practical conservation work in Enfield's parks and countryside, such as hedge laying, coppicing, bridge building and path construction. Groundforce meets on alternate Wednesdays and ECV on alternate Sundays. As the tasks are determined according to current needs, you need to contact them for details of the latest project. Contacts are:
GF: Eileen Jessup (020) 8805 1974 or email groundforce.enfield@gmail.com.
ECV: Jenny Willmot, Outreach and Community Officer (020) 8449 2459, email jenny.willmot@enfield.gov.uk. They have websites at sites.google.com/site/groundforce99/home and www.ecv.org.uk but these may not be complete and should not be relied on.

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. Talks are free to members – there is a charge of £1 per head for visitors.

HA: The Historical Association, North London Branch. www.history.org.uk/resources/he_resource_1170.html These meetings are open to all and there is no fee. Contact the Branch Secretary, Robin Blades (020 8368 5328), robin.blades@virgin.net

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

Open house weekends

Once a year there is a chance to visit, free of charge, buildings which are not normally open to the public. In London about 750 buildings will be open on 22nd and/or 23rd September. There is a wide variety including the Bank of England, flats in the Barbican, Portcullis House and City Livery Companies. A guide to participating buildings is usually available in August from the libraries and more information can be found at www.londonopenhouse.org/.

Outside London the programme is known as *Heritage Open Days* and will be held from 6th to 9th September. Many of the events and buildings that will be open are accessible to Enfield residents – a directory is available at www.heritageopendays.org.uk/ and this lists 35 entries in Hertfordshire and 63 in Essex.

Monica Smith

New Enfield gallery

The Enfield Society is very pleased to hear that the Enfield Library and Museum service are currently planning a new permanent gallery called "Enfield Life" on the first floor of Thomas Hardy House. The ground floor space will remain as a temporary exhibition space with changing displays.

A town of Enfield's longevity deserves to have its life and history recorded and available for residents and visitors to see and this will be a welcome enhancement of the town.

Janet McQueen

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 19th October 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

Enfield Society events

Tuesday mornings 10.00 for 10.30 am.
Some meetings may finish a little later than normal. No tickets required.

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

30th October. Romania's heritage: medieval towns and castles of Transylvania and painted churches of Moldavia by Stephen Gilbert

27th November. All round Spitsbergen and on towards the North Pole by Ann Fereday

Thursday evening meetings, at 7.30 for 8 pm. No tickets required.

18th October. Historic buildings and monuments in Enfield at risk. An illustrated talk by Tony Dey.

15th November. The history of Enfield's railways. Part 2: Western Enfield. An illustrated talk by Dave Cockle.

Other Enfield Society events

Sunday 9th September, 2pm. The Royal Small Arms Factory. An introductory talk followed by a visit to the factory, with Ray Tuthill. See page 6. Apply for free tickets as below, quoting reference RSAF.

Tuesday 18th September.
The story of Forty Hall, its history and architecture, restoration and archaeology.



An evening event to celebrate the reopening of Forty Hall, at the Banqueting Suite, Forty Hall. Brian Lofthouse, Martin Dearne and Paul Drury will all be speaking on various aspects of the Hall and its refurbishment. The price of a ticket is £10 and includes a glass of wine or a soft drink. Cheques should be made payable to "The Enfield Society".

Tickets

Requests for tickets for either of the above events should be sent to Emma Halstead at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ with a SAE. Please be sure to enclose your telephone number so that we can contact you in case of query.

The Chairman's column



The VIP launch of Forty Hall was a successful event with several dignitaries and large number of press present. The inside has been decorated and refurbished to an extremely high standard and much more of the building is now open to view, so if you have not yet been to see the changes do go during the summer. Unfortunately it seems that some of the events planned since have not been as well attended as hoped, and the Hall needs all our support as Enfield's most important historic building. Security for the Hall is another worrying issue and the Society has offered a grant to the Council to help with extra security cameras and the linking up to a central monitoring station.

As we reported in the last edition of *TES News*, the Enfield Society is also planning to sponsor the education programme based in Forty Hall as one way of promoting it (and us) and helping to secure its future as a well maintained and regularly used building at the heart of Enfield's cultural programme.

On Tuesday 18th September the Society has organised what promises to be a fascinating and most enjoyable event – "The story of Forty Hall, its history and architecture, restoration and archaeology", to celebrate the reopening of Forty Hall and I hope to see many of you there. Details of how to apply for tickets are in the adjacent column.

Besides Forty Hall we continue to have concerns regarding other historic buildings as well as the health of the market. Several groups are discussing the future of Broomfield House and

trying to put together a feasible plan to ensure its future. The

scaffolding is becoming unsafe and needs to be replaced, which would be a significant expense. It seems that now would be a good time to decide on an appropriate development plan but it must be a viable one that secures the future of the building and stable yard. The Enfield Society would prefer not to see housing as part of this but the economics do not seem to add up without it at present. The Council says it is currently applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant without which any change, except some more permanent support to the current building, would be unlikely.

Salisbury House too is now under threat, as you can read on the front page. Trent Park campus is under consultation and the Charity School in Edmonton is also a concern. The Society continues to keep all these under review and Tony Dey will speak on "Buildings at risk" in October at Jubilee Hall. I know he is hoping to have as many people's input as possible at the meeting so come along and have your say. We are always pleased to hear from members who have concerns or suggestions and just in the past month we have discussed the Enfield Town market, the ponds in the Town Park, Kettering Hall and Ordnance Road library with the Council, other local groups and at various meetings, after these matters were brought to our attention by members.

Janet McQueen

AGM and membership

The AGM was not very well attended this year but the business was conducted successfully and all Management Committee members whose terms were due to expire were re-elected. Joyce James, who had previously been co-opted, was elected as a new member of the Management Committee and we are very grateful to her for continuing as Membership Secretary.

Membership has slightly declined over the past year despite some extra effort being put in to recruitment and now stands at 1880 – well below the 2000 we would like.

Janet McQueen

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Ms K Amis, Ms L Amis,
Mrs L Amis, Ms L Besemer,
Mr & Mrs N & B Harrington,
Mr P Hodge,
Mr & Mrs C Knight,
Mr E A Lord, Mr W Mackay,
Miss J A Michaels, Mr R Missen,
Mr & Mrs G Pitcher,
Mrs F E Pope, Ms A Sterlini.

Joyce James

Historic buildings

The Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield Lock

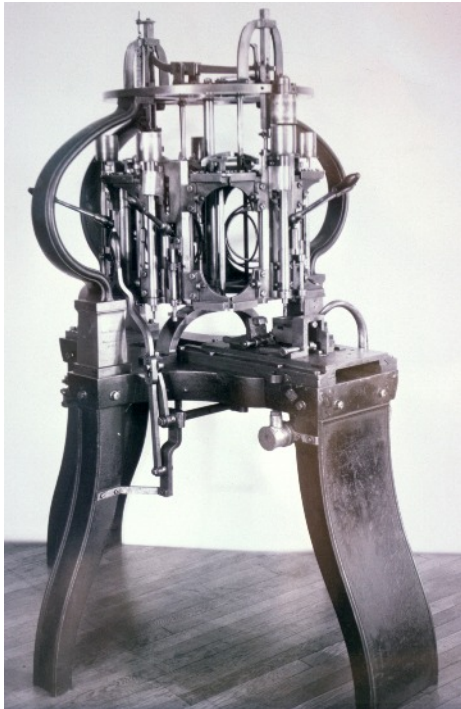
Ray Tuthill will give a talk about the Royal Small Arms Factory at 2 pm on Sunday 9th September in the Community Hall, 42 Island Centre Way, Enfield Island Village, EN3 6GS. He will then guide visitors around the interpretation room in the former main machine shop and around other surviving factory buildings. There may also be an opportunity to see the clock. See page 5 for booking details.

The interpretation room will also be open to visitors, without advance booking, between 10 am and 5 pm on Saturday 22nd September, as part of the Open House London weekend, when former RSAF employees will be present to answer questions. The interpretation room is accessible between 10am and 2pm on weekdays throughout the year.

Enfield Island Village may be reached by buses 121 and 491, and the nearest railway station is at Enfield Lock.

Photographs 1 and 2 are from the Geoffrey Gillam collection, which is now held by the Enfield Archaeological Society.

Stephen Gilbert



1. What was to become the Royal Small Arms Factory opened at Enfield Lock in 1816. In 1854 American machine tools, such as this lock recessing machine, were purchased, enabling the economic production of interchangeable parts.



2. Machinery in the machine shop was driven by two 40 horsepower steam engines. The 1853 pattern Enfield rifle went into large scale production in 1857 and by 1860 1,700 men were producing 90,000 small arms a year. The Enfield rifle was sold to both sides in the American Civil War 1861-5.



3. The Grade II listed main machine shop of 1854-8 had a direct canal link to the Lee Navigation, enabling raw materials to be brought in and weapons transported out. The RSAF was also linked by rail to the Lea Valley line and by a narrow gauge line to the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey.



4. Among the weapons manufactured at the RSAF were the Snider rifle of 1871, the Martini-Henry rifle of 1875 and the Lee-Enfield magazine rifle mark 1 of 1916. The mark 4 model of 1943 is still in use around the world today. All the weapons on display have been made inoperable.

Historic buildings



5. The First World War Lewis light machine gun was replaced in the late 1930s by the British-Czechoslovak Bren .303 light machine gun (illustrated) and by the Sten light machine gun. During the Second World War the Enfield .38 pistol revolver was also made at the RSAF and up to 350,000 people, mainly women, were employed at British Royal Ordnance factories producing 5 million small arms.



6. Other remaining buildings include the new grindery, the polishing shop and the pattern room. Sealed pattern weapons and other historic small arms were kept there for most of the 20th century, until the RSAF closed in 1988 and the collection was moved to Nottingham and subsequently to Leeds. Much of the site was redeveloped to form Enfield Island Village, although some buildings were preserved and converted to new uses (see *TES News* no.185, pages 8 and 9).



7. This block contained the factory manager's, factory superintendent's and service technical manager's offices, together with the cash office and print room.



8. The water tower provided the factory with water for services, not drinking. Water was pumped from the River Lea to fill the tank at the top of the building.



9. The police station was located by the main factory gate. People and vehicles entering and leaving were checked by the duty police officers.



10. 81 cottages were constructed between 1854 and 1858 in Government Row to house the factory workers. In 1881 the occupants included viewfers, foremen, labourers, stokers, the pattern keeper, a gas lighter and policemen. These cottages were listed Grade II for their group value and form part of the Enfield Lock conservation area, although the RSAF itself was not included in the conservation area.

Historic buildings

Buildings and monuments at risk

There are over 500 historic buildings in the borough of Enfield which are listed nationally Grade I, II* or II for their architectural or historical value. See tinyurl.com/EnfieldListedBuildings for a list. Tony Dey will illustrate some of the buildings and monuments which are at risk of damage, decay or demolition at 8 pm on Thursday 18th October in Jubilee Hall.

The 19th century Grade II Truro House, opposite the former Southgate Town Hall in Green Lanes, Palmers Green is one building currently at risk, with interior fittings stolen or damaged.

These photographs by Graham Dalling were provided by the Enfield Local Studies Library and Archive.

Stephen Gilbert



West front of Truro House in 1977. It was built of brick with a slate roof in the 1830s and the concrete porch was added in the 1880s.



South-west view of Truro House in 1973. The extension and semi-circular concrete bay with ionic columns were added in the 1880s and the two-storey mock-Tudor bay was completed in 1917.

Edmonton

Tatem Park and Hollywood Gardens

In TES News no. 184, Winter 2011, we had an article about Tatem Park and Hollywood Gardens, which lie on the north side of Hedge Lane, just before the Great Cambridge Road. The Friends of Tatem Park have continued to be active, and have provided the following reports on a recent event and an episode from the history of the park.

“Best in show”



The Needlefoot Dance Theatre Company's performance of *Best in show* was in Tatem Park on Saturday 7th July. The dancers portrayed a dog show mimicking the amusing antics of the dogs and their

owners and finished with an enjoyable dance workshop for the children in the audience.

They gave a second performance on Tuesday 17th July for Bowes road school children after holding a workshop in the morning at the school. Later after the performance the children joined the cast in a further opportunity to display the skills they had learnt. It was a lovely afternoon and two of the cast had a birthday that day. The children joined in their celebrations, blowing out the candles and eating the birthday chocolate cake after the performance. Altogether a great time was had by all!

Tatem Park and the dinosaur bones

In 1913 the excavations on a ‘wild and ugly gravel pit’ which was to become Tatem Park led to some remarkable discoveries of the last Ice age. These included the skeletons of five mastodons, two skeletons of megatheriums (great bears), many mammoth bones, a baby mammoth’s milk tooth and two complete

skulls from unknown species of dinosaurs. The finds are recorded in photographs taken from lantern slides, stored in the Enfield Local Studies Library and Archive in the Dugdale centre in Enfield Town. To read the whole romantic story and see some of the photos, come to Tatem Park. Its history is on display in the gardens, on the notice board over the gravel pit where the bones were excavated in 1913. Other photos show the men who were working on the excavations and show the high sides of the gravel pit in 1913.

When the gravel and clay was worked out in 1934 the Southgate and Edmonton councils were given half the land by the Harman sisters and the negotiations were called at the time ‘one of the romances of local History’; the final cost of the park in 1937 was £9,000. The sisters wished the Park to be named after their uncle James Tatem.

If anyone has any more knowledge of where the bones are now or what happened to them, the Friends of Tatem Park would very much like to know. They can be contacted at [<Tatem.park@aol.co.uk>](mailto:Tatem.park@aol.co.uk).

Heather Frost

Pictures

The Enfield Society's photograph collection

Since autumn 2011 various Enfield Society members have been going through the Society's collection of several thousand slides, dating back to the 1960s. They have either been taken by Society members as illustrations of something or they have been gifted to the Society because of their local interest. Out of this collection, a selection is being made of the ones of greatest interest, about 10% of the total, which will be catalogued and made available on the Society's web site. The other 90% is made up of duplicates, subjects that do not change, places outside Enfield and of unknown locations. Several hundred of the chosen photographs can be seen at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk by clicking on the menu item "Photographs". They are mostly grouped by place, though they are also accessible by themes such as "architectural details", "churches", "commerce and industry", "events", "people" and "transport". There is a search facility, and you can add comments and further information about any of the pictures. We would particularly like help in finding more about those in the category "unidentified pictures".



One example that has come to light is a set of school classroom slides. These slides, like a lot of other ones in the collection, had nothing on them to identify what they showed. On one of the early ones in the set, the teacher was vaguely familiar to me. It was the last slide of the set, showing a member of staff, which supplied the school's name. The teacher was the school's Headmaster (1/1953 to 7/1963), my father Harry Sellick. The school is Ponders End Secondary Boys, Alma Road. The society has also in its collection prints of this school that I knew my mother Olive had gifted; these slides of the school from the 1960s are new to me. My father was Enfield Camera Club (founded 1950) Secretary 1957 to 1982 and Chairman before then.

All my father's teaching career was in Eastern Enfield, St James's & Suffolk's before Alma Road and Albany afterwards. My parents, with their Eastern Enfield charges, were evacuated to Hitchin, Hertfordshire in World War Two.

Stephen Sellick

Sales table

Our new 2012 Christmas card



The Enfield Society's 2012 Christmas card is of Hilly Fields on a snowy day with The Rose and Crown public house in the distance. The price remains £1.50 for a pack of five cards and envelopes. These can be purchased at Jubilee Hall meetings or by post (please use the enclosed publications order form).



Packs of previous Christmas cards: Forty Hall Dining Room at Christmas, a painting of Trent Park House, New River Loop and Whitewebbs House are still available and can be bought at the reduced price to members of £1.25 for five cards of a single design. The popular packs of four different cards are also on sale for £1.

Books for sale

David Pam's *The Royal Small Arms Factory and its workers* is now out of print and the only copies the Enfield Society has left are a few with a damaged page or a little of the index missing. We are selling these at half price, £7. Order using the enclosed form including a contribution to postage.

Books about the area are often welcome Christmas gifts to those who still live here or have left the area. Jim Lewis's *Lea Valley* series covers many of the industries which employed thousands of workers. The form lists the most recent publications. Smaller items such as the footpath map, walks leaflets and badges are useful stocking fillers.

All our publications can now be ordered online from our website and paid for by debit or credit card as an alternative to sending a cheque by post. We use PayPal to process payment cards for us, but you do not have to have a PayPal account. This should be convenient for those who are not able to visit our sales tables in person, especially people now living overseas, as currency conversions are taken care of automatically. We cannot accept card payments at Jubilee Hall, though. To view our catalogue with details of each item, go to www.enfieldsociety.org.uk and click the menu item for "Publications".

Monica Smith

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 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 Monday 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). £2 parking charge (free to N.T. members with N.T. parking permit). About 8 to 9 mile circular walk (can be shortened) with magnificent views from the edge of the Downs. After passing burial barrows, the route descends into the valley with the interesting village of Totternhoe and the ancient Icknield Way. Bring lunch or pub food 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*

Sat 1 Sept. Beane Valley. Meet **10.37am** Hertford North Station (10.19am train from Enfield Chase) for about 9 mile circular walk through pretty countryside. Option to leave or join at lunch stop in Watton-at-Stone – if joining, arrive in village centre by 1.30pm (12.49pm train from Enfield Chase). Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sun 9 Sept. Old Chesham & Amersham Old Town Heritage Open Day. We visit two ancient Chiltern towns on National Heritage Open Day Weekend. The morning walk of about 3.75 miles will initially explore the historic part of Chesham before using country footpaths to reach Old Amersham for lunch. Bring lunch or food available. The afternoon will be spent in Old Amersham where events and activities including heritage walks, open churches, classic car display, jazz and brass bands, vintage bus service, heritage craft stalls and displays, etc. are planned. Old Amersham is about 1 mile's walk from Amersham Station.

Either meet **10.44am** Chesham Station (9.37am Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras or 9.45am from Baker Street) or travel with Stuart on the **9.00am** train from Enfield Chase. All travel covered by Freedom Pass. Car drivers could park in Chesham and return there by bus during the afternoon. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 15 Sept. Waterlink Way. Meet **10.54am** New Beckenham Station (10.34am Hayes, Kent, train from London Bridge mainline station, usually from platforms 1-5) or travel with Dave on the 9.22am train from Enfield Town, changing at Liverpool Street.

Note: suggested travel from Enfield is via Liverpool Street or by using Piccadilly Line because, as at TES copy date, it is possible that FCC trains may be replaced by buses for some or the entire journey into King's Cross (major works affect Hertford North line on most weekends from today until early Nov 2012).

The Waterlink Way is an interesting linear walking/cycle route of about 7.5 miles that follows the Pool and Ravensbourne Rivers via parks and green spaces, ending at the Cutty Sark, Greenwich. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. All travel within Freedom Pass area. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Wed 19 Sept. Royal Parks. Meet **10.30am** Green Park Station (Piccadilly, Victoria & Jubilee Lines) for about 6 mile walk with Norman highlighting the landscaping and geological features and some of the monuments (old and new). Many shorter options including from the lunch stop in the Italian Garden, near Lancaster Gate Station. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 29 Sept. Lea Valley. Meet **10.24am** Cheshunt Station (10.14am train from Southbury Station) for 8 to 9 mile walk with an attractive mix of scenery, lakes and rivers. Possible shorter option. Bring lunch or food probably available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sun 7 Oct. Bayford – joint walk with Hampstead & District Ramblers. Meet **10.33am** Bayford Station – car drivers can park in either Bayford village and await

group's arrival or in Brickendon village and walk down to the station to await train/bus (please park considerately and NOT in pub car parks).

Note: *rail engineering works are planned and, as at TES copy date, it appears there will be a train/bus mix – train departing Finsbury Park at 9.32am arriving 9.52am at Gordon Hill, then a bus leaving Gordon Hill at 10.00am. These details may alter so please check closer to the date.*

Today's max. 9 mile circular walk is via varied picturesque, undulating and wooded countryside going northwards towards the edge of Hertford and can be shortened by ending at Brickendon village. Please note that it will be at a brisker pace than some TES walks and there is a picnic lunch en route, so bring your own food and drink. Enquiries: 07590 604 391. *Leader: Hardi Samsami*

Wed 10 Oct. Epping Forest. Meet **10.00am** Chingford Bus Station (at TES copy date 313 buses at 9.09am & 9.29am from Church Street, Enfield Town). About 8 mile circular walk through Epping Forest, mostly on paths/tracks, with perhaps a chance to see Autumn colours and the new Epping Forest Visitor Centre. Option to leave after about 4 miles at lunch break and return by bus via Waltham Cross. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leaders: Margaret/Vanessa/Androula*

Mon 15 Oct. Darent Valley. Meet **11.12am** Otford Station (10.37am Ashford International Southeastern train from Victoria mainline station). *Note: Freedom Pass boundary is Swanley Station, not zone 6.* In today's walk of about 8.5 miles Roy makes a return visit to the beautiful woods and downland, river meadows and pretty villages of the Darent Valley with, perhaps, an optional visit to Lullingstone Roman Villa. Shorter option. Bring lunch or food probably available. *Leader: Roy Dyer*

Sat 20 Oct. Whitehall and Westminster. Meet **10.00am** outside Leicester Square Station (Piccadilly & Northern Lines) for a linear walk with numerous points of interest, including Trafalgar Square, St Martins-in-the-Fields (coffee break), viewing the Changing of the Guard at 11.00am, the Embankment, Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. The route will end by 2.00pm for an optional lunch at Westminster Central Hall, but many shorter options. *Leader: Brian Pask*

Sat 27 Oct. River Stort and Sawbridgeworth. Meet **10.48am** Sawbridgeworth Station (9.44am train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.25am train, or direct train at 10.13am from Tottenham Hale). 9.5 mile figure-of-eight walk in pretty countryside and river meadows. Option to leave or join at lunch stop in town centre. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Future walks

(continued)

Wed 31 Oct. Whitehall and Westminster. Meet **10.00am** outside Leicester Square Station for another chance to be guided through this area. Details as per Sat 20th October. *Leader: Brian Pask*

Mon 5 Nov. Farthing Down and Happy Valley. Meet **11.00am** Coulsdon South Station (10.33am Horsham train from London Bridge mainline station) for about 7 mile walk in this beautiful downland area. Shorter option. All travel within Freedom Pass area. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 10 Nov. Cole Green Way. Meet **10.07am** Hertford North Station (9.49am train from Enfield Chase) for a 7 mile linear walk through attractive countryside via Letty Green, ending at Bayford Station (purchase a return ticket to Hertford). Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Wed 14 Nov. Green Chain. Meet **10.47am** Charlton Station (10.31am Dartford train from London Bridge mainline station, usually from platforms 1-5) for a linear walk connecting parks, commons, woods and open spaces in south-east London, probably ending at Mottingham Station. All travel within Freedom Pass area. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 24 Nov. Wanstead Park and Epping Forest. Either travel with Toby and Margaret on **9.22am** train from Enfield Town or meet them at **9.40am** at the mainline rail ticket office at Seven Sisters Station for onward travel together to the start of the walk (more details in next newsletter).

Today's walk of about 6 miles includes the parkland estate and lakes of Wanstead Park, the City of London Cemetery (both heritage sites) plus commons and heaths, all forming the most southerly section of Epping Forest. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon and Margaret McAlpine*

Wed 28 Nov. Roman London. Meet Moorgate Station for *prompt start at 10.30am* (9.50am train from Enfield Chase). Today's walk links several Roman sites and remains in the City of London. Full route of about 2.5 to 3.0 hours will end at a station but many shorter options. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Stuart Mills

Walks and footpaths

Walks of variety



The River Roach

Photo by John Bourne

The Footpaths Group went a bit further afield on 9th June when they enjoyed a walk along the tidal estuary of the River Roach near Rochford in Essex. There was a great feeling of being miles away from civilization, the only sounds being the shrill calls of various wading birds.

Another "Rivers" walk is planned for 15th September when Dave Cockle will lead a walk along the "Waterlink Way" from New Beckenham to Greenwich. This suburban walk will follow the Rivers Pool and Ravensbourne.

Dave Cockle



**River Ravensbourne
in Ladywell Fields, Lewisham**

Rights of way in Enfield

We are pleased to report that all parties now appear to have agreed the revised plans for the bridge on the proposed Stag Hill footpath. During one of our regular meetings with Enfield Council TES stressed the need for the Council to produce a plan for completion with target dates for the project. This was accepted.

Those members who have purchased the newly issued TES footpath map will have noted there are a number of permissive footpaths in Enfield's Green Belt farmland. The Society has agreed to assist/support the Council in adding these paths to the definitive rights of way map for Enfield. Each path will have to be inspected and measured with an individual description/definition created – these surveys may also identify possible

improvement works, such as stiles, signage and/or fencing.

The Council has already allocated provisional rights of way numbering to each footpath. Also, it seems that possible costs involved might be recoverable from the recently launched grant funding scheme for new footpaths under the Defra/Natural England *Paths for Communities* scheme.

The new Stag Hill path would be an integral part of this rights of way creation process and the Council also appears willing to create a new path which would directly connect the London Loop with Botany Bay. Both would make valuable enhancements for walkers and the community.

Stuart Mills

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Coach trip to Burghley House on Sunday 30th September



Burghley House

Our next coach outing will be to the Elizabethan house of the Cecil family in Lincolnshire. Leaving Enfield at 9.00 we will arrive at Burghley House about 11.30 and have plenty of time to look around the house and grounds. The house was completed in 1587 and has been little altered externally since then. The interior was remodelled in the late seventeenth century and contains a large and valuable collection of art, furniture and porcelain. Outside there is the garden of surprise, a yew maze, the sculpture and new Elizabethan gardens as well as a 300 acre deer park designed

by Capability Brown for more extensive walks.

There are several places to eat within the grounds as well as picnic areas if preferred. We will depart after tea at 4.30, arriving back in Enfield about 6.30 to 7.00pm.

The cost of the trip is **£25** per person; please send a cheque made payable to "The Enfield Society" to **Coach Outings, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ** and enclose a stamped addressed envelope and your telephone number.

Janet McQueen



Civic Voice – free day passes for National Trust and English Heritage properties

Several people who visited Knole on the walk organised by Stuart Mills in July used the entry pass to a National Trust property that now comes free with your membership of the Society. With the Society being member of Civic Voice, as reported in the last newsletter, all our members are entitled to a free pass for one visit to a National Trust property and one visit to an English Heritage property. The National Trust pass can be used at any time till 30th April 2013. The pass is transferable and can be given to a friend or family member if you are already a member of the National Trust. The offer does not apply to all National

Trust properties – there is a list of exceptions printed on the voucher.

The English Heritage pass can be used, between 1st September and 31st January 2013. The pass is intended as a personal benefit therefore not valid for use as part of a group visit. This pass is not transferable. Neither pass can be used on bank holidays or bank holiday weekends, or at special events for which there are separate charges.

You can download your pass from the internet or apply by post. Addresses were given in a leaflet sent to all members with the last newsletter. If you no longer have it, contact Richard Stones at the Jubilee Hall address or preferably by email at <secretary@enfieldsociety.org.uk>.