



The newsletter of The Enfield Society

No money to spare for Enfield's heritage

Enfield's Heritage Conference

In July the Enfield Society along with many other local voluntary and business groups were invited by Enfield Council to attend a conference in the Dugdale centre on Enfield's heritage. The stated aims were: to raise awareness of the Council's strategy on heritage; to engage the community in partnership; and to develop a shared understanding of priorities.

Doug Taylor, the leader of the Council, welcomed us all and started by sharing what became a regular warning: Enfield's heritage is extensive but resources to fund it are depleted and the Council have other priorities. During the conference we were told that, having had budgets cut by 25% over the past few years, the Council will soon have money only for their statutory obligations, and other ways would be needed to maintain the historic and green environment.

Dr Nigel Barker, the Planning and Conservation Director for London within English Heritage, gave a most informative speech on some of the changes to building regulations and conservation. He too repeated the warning that while the historic environment is the bedrock of our society and communities, pressures have never been so great. One issue was the decrease

in expertise within local authorities as jobs were decreased and merged. He suggested that conservation was an active and dynamic process and that changes needed to be managed but that our heritage was the key to growth in the economy and not a drain on scarce resources – we fully agree.

Janet McQueen, chairman of The Enfield Society, gave the local view and emphasised the importance to the community of Enfield's heritage and its great variety – encompassing a built environment of both domestic and industrial interest and many historic parks and open areas as well as the Green Belt.

Janet's talk is on The Enfield Society's web site at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/HeritageInAusterity.pdf

Dennis Stacey, chairman of the Conservation Advisory Group gave a talk on the work of the CAG.

The conference then broke up into individual groups on the Heritage Strategy, Partnership Working, and Future Heritage. Reports from The Enfield Society representatives who attended each of these groups are given on page 2.

Conclusions

Overall the conference was extremely useful, and we thank Doug Taylor for setting it up, though the lack of a coherent plan for follow-up is a concern. It has certainly made us focus on the current situation in Enfield. As a Society, we have felt for some time that the squeeze on resources was coming but it now seems to have arrived. We need to start being proactive, innovative and vigilant if we are to keep our heritage – both in terms of the built environment and individual historic buildings and open spaces, including the Green Belt – so that future generations can enjoy it as we have.

As a Society we have several plans. First, we feel the need for a more coherent approach by all the varying local interest groups, so we will be trying to work more closely with some of these. Second, we would like to set up even closer links within the Council so that issues can be discussed early and surprises avoided.

Third, we would like to focus more on education, and plan to set up a group to work with schools and young people. We would also like to review our current local street heritage so we have a better idea of what we have, and we will be asking for your help with this in a future newsletter. We are also planning to try to formalise our approach to some aspects of our heritage, such as footpaths.

If you have further ideas or comments on what we can do, would like to help, or wish to comment on anything then please do contact us either via Jubilee Hall or by email.

Janet McQueen



Nonconformist Chapel, Cedar Road
– in a dangerous condition



Charity School, Church Street, Edmonton
– a potential success

Volunteers

The Enfield Society is run by volunteers and we are keen to include new people.

If you would like to help with any of the subgroups (see the list in the TES directory on page 12), please contact Moira Wilkie by email at M.Wilkie@enfieldsociety.org.uk or by sending your details to her at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ.

Please include your name, address, telephone number, and email address and tell us what areas you are interested in or in which you have experience or expertise.

Conservation

The message drawn from the Council's Heritage Conference, reported elsewhere, is that funding for conservation and the environment is certain to be cut now and for the longer term. We all must carefully scrutinize our priorities when it comes to deciding which issues should receive financial support.

So it was with surprise that the last meeting of the Conservation Advisory Group was asked to support a proposal to re-landscape and open up the Library Green in Enfield Town. The surrounding hedges and some trees would be removed, to be replaced by formal, low box hedges. Our recollection is that very recently (2010) the Green was fully landscaped to complement the extended and restored Central Library. This involved the removal of several mature trees. Further opening up the view from Church Street would also have the effect of making the traffic along this busy road all the more intrusive within the open space. The statement that the majority of the existing, healthy mature trees would be retained

does not give the intended reassurance. Nor that the existing wildflower edge along Cecil Road would be retained – this is inside the boundary holly hedge and could not of itself provide any screening. Fortunately the Group was entirely against the proposal.

The Group did not oppose the concept of a new two-storey sports hall replacing various buildings on the Parsonage Lane frontage of The Enfield Grammar Lower School but could not understand why it had to be in a Neo-Georgian style. A modified, simplified elevation to Parsonage Lane was suggested.

The latest proposals by Tottenham Hotspur, including a 500 seat stand sited against the woodland on the southern boundary, as presented to the CAG, were considered unfortunately necessary. This was a new requirement for the Club to retain its valued 'E Triple P' status. At the same time new formal car parking areas were proposed. So the move away from open countryside goes on.

Chris Jephcott

Enfield's Heritage Conference

Reports from working groups

Heritage strategy

One of the tasks of this group was to recommend on the replacement of the current 35 page *Enfield Heritage Strategy*, dating from 2008. Whilst a necessary document for local authorities, the current version did not seem to have been put to the use that might have been expected. The consensus was that a much shorter, more concise and approachable document could prove a valuable tool. The very long section of description and analysis, interesting in itself, could form the basis of a separate publication.

Chris Jephcott

Partnership working

This was led by Tessa Hilder from the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) and focused on the possibility of forming one or more Building Preservation Trusts which are set up to purchase and restore heritage buildings at risk. The Society, with others, formed such a trust in 1991 – the Broomfield Historic Buildings Trust, to rescue and restore Broomfield House; this was some time before the Heritage Lottery Fund was established, and what happened over the next few years is another story. The workshop agreed that partnerships were essential between the various groups represented at the conference, and others, to safeguard buildings at risk in the Borough, and also

to provide affordable accommodation for smaller businesses and organisations. No way forward was proposed to form part of the revised heritage strategy but this will have to be reviewed by the Society.

Colin Pointer

Future heritage

During the discussion in this group, strengths and weaknesses emerged. One weakness which representatives from Eastern Enfield perceived was neglect of its heritage. Several delegates pointed out the tremendous resources of industrial heritage in this region which are preserved and which might be further celebrated during next year's centenary commemoration of the 1914/18 war. TES has always covered this part of the borough: holding walks in, and producing articles and leaflets on, Eastern Enfield and we look forward to members suggesting further schemes in which TES might participate.

Other problems highlighted were the lack of co-ordination between societies and the short-term views of councillors. These weaknesses, however, were seen as being mitigated by local groups which have been successful in halting harmful developments in the past and are working to protect our environment from present threats. This environment, both built and

Trees Group

Our trees planted in the Woodcroft Wildspace in March appear to have survived the dry, hot spell so far and are thriving. Regrettably many recently planted street trees do not seem to be doing so well, despite the fact that they are mostly now provided with watering tubes.

The local Ward Council Members have given their support to the application by the Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group to the Residents' Priority Fund for a large replacement Tulip Tree on the green in front of the Register Office in Gentleman's Row after the existing tree was damaged. As anticipated the Enfield Society has agreed to provide matched funding.

Chris Jephcott

Membership subscriptions

At the recent AGM the proposed subscription increase to £5 was approved. In fact the view at the meeting was that we should have done it earlier and that the value for money was excellent. The increased amount applies immediately, but as subscriptions are due in January each year it will at present be relevant only to new members. Members who pay by standing order can notify their banks at any time that the new rate should be paid annually from January 1st. In the November newsletter we will remind you all that membership fees are due on 1st January 2014 and request the new amount of £5.

Many of you were already paying this and we are very grateful for your generosity. As you can see from the current newsletter, though, money for our heritage is getting more and more squeezed and the threat to historic buildings, countryside, parks, Green Belt and footpaths has never been greater, so we hope you will continue to give an extra donation if you can to help us to continue the fight to maintain our varied and vital heritage and open spaces.

If anyone would prefer to receive the newsletter only by email, or by reading it on our website, to save us the cost of postage then please contact our membership secretary, Joyce James via Jubilee Hall.

natural, was perceived as one of LBE's great attractions.

The Heritage Lottery Fund's representative was, also, encouraging in drawing our attention to its Young Roots scheme whereby it fully funds education on heritage. This is another opportunity by which we might safeguard our heritage in the future.

Moir Wilkie

Sales table

The Christmas card this year is of the New River, as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of its opening, and the listed



Crown and Horseshoes public house.

The price remains £1.50 for a pack of five cards with envelopes and they can be purchased from the Enfield Society Sales Table at the Autumn Show, Jubilee Hall meetings and the New River celebration event at the Dugdale Centre on 28th September and from other outlets such as newsagents and Pearsons. If ordering by post, please use the enclosed publications order form.

Packs of previous cards are available only from the Society at the special price to members of £1.25 for a pack of five cards of a single design. Buy either at the events listed above or by post. Forty Hall Dining Room at Christmas, a painting of Trent Park House, Whitewebbs House and Hilly Fields with the Rose and Crown in the distance are the four packs available.

The popular packs of four different cards will also be on sale at £1 and we hope that Enfield Town Post Office and Central Library will agree to sell again this year.

Books about the area are often welcome Christmas gifts to those who have left the area and those who still live here. The enclosed form lists all items we have in stock but please note there are only eight copies left of Volume 1 of David Pam's *History of Enfield*. Badges, maps and walks leaflets 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 need a PayPal account. This is convenient for those who are not able to visit our sales tables in person and especially for people living overseas as currency conversions are taken care of automatically.

Monica Smith

Edmonton Group

Members staffed the Enfield Society stall at Jubilee Park, Edmonton on both days of the Carnival in July. There were thousands of local residents who enjoyed the many activities and the sunshine.

The Group is concerned about the state of the Charity School Hall in Church Street, Edmonton. It is a Grade II listed building which is on the At Risk Register because of its deteriorating condition. The Enfield Society is backing the application of ArtStart to renovate the property and use it for community activities.



Pymmes Park lake polluted by sewage

Another cause for concern in Edmonton is the sewerage in the Pymmes Park lake. Public Health officials found nineteen illegal discharges into the water. Some action has been taken but the problem recurred when it rained and a dreadful smell permeated the park. We await further information from the Council, Thames Water and the Environment Agency.

After a year's delay, work is about to begin on The Crescent which is also Grade II listed. The area has now been designated a conservation area and we hope that one of Edmonton's finest buildings will soon be restored.

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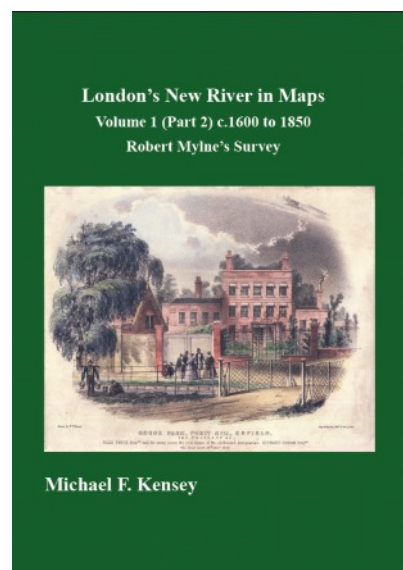


Edmonton Town Hall clock in its new setting

Edmonton Town Hall clock, dating from 1903, has been restored and re-erected on Edmonton Green, one of Enfield Council's top priority areas for regeneration. The Town Hall stood on the site of today's ASDA supermarket and was demolished in 1989 but the clock was saved. It was officially unveiled in March to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Monica Smith

London's New River in maps



The second part of Michael Kensey's monumental compilation of maps, plans and facts about the New River has now been published. This part (Volume 1,

Part 2) covers the period from about 1600 to 1850 and concentrates on Robert Mylne's Survey of the area from Enfield Flash to New River Head, Islington.

It contains many detailed illustrations and explanations of the water engineering structures which formed part of the New River, including the Whitewebbs flash and loops at Enfield Town, Edmonton, Wood Green and others. The part for Enfield Town details individual houses beside the New River with owners names for 1775-1809.

The first part of this four-volume work was listed in the Spring 2013 issue of *TES News*, no.189, p.2. It will not be sold by The Enfield Society, but may be purchased from Myddelton House, from the author, and probably from local bookshops. A copy may be inspected at the Local Studies Centre and Archive.

Leonard Will

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 5th January 2014, Enfield Museum, Dugdale Centre

Water, water everywhere – an exhibition celebrating the 400th anniversary of the completion of the New River. Admission is free and opening hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Saturday 17th August, 10am-6pm, The Green, Winchmore Hill

Summer exhibition: art, ceramics, photography, jewellery, textiles.

Sunday 25th August, 10am-12.30pm, meet outside Trent Park Café.

Guided walk on the history of Trent Park, by Alan Mitellas. [LBE]

Sunday 1st September 12 noon to 7 pm Palmers Green Festival, Broomfield Park.

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September. Autumn Show, Town Park. 12 noon to 6 pm

Visit the Enfield Society stall.

Admission: £3 (adults), £2 (concessions), free (children).

Tuesday 10th September 2013, 8pm, Jubilee Hall

A view of the New River by Rachael Macdonald and AGM of the Historical Association, North London Branch. [HA]

Wednesday 11th September, 12.30 - 1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill

Concert: Serafini trio.

Friday 13th September, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

The Chiseldon Cauldrons, by Alexandra Baldwin, British Museum [EAS]

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

Octavia Hill, by Pamela Wright. [EHHS]

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September

Open House London. Over 700 buildings will be open free of charge. Programme available in August from libraries and from <www.londonopenhouse.org>.

Sunday 22nd September, 10am-12.30pm, meet outside Trent Park Café.

Guided walk on the history of Trent Park, by Alan Mitellas. [LBE]

Saturday 28th September, 10.00 am, Dugdale Centre

New River celebration event: walks, talks and performances. See page 12 for details.

Sunday 29th September, 10.00

New River 400th anniversary walk to New River Head, Islington led by John Polley. (New River Action Group). For details, see <http://www.newriver.org.uk/>.

Tuesday 8th October, 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

Churchill and the boffins, by Taylor Downing (Author and TV Producer). [HA]

Wednesday 9th October. 12.30 - 1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill

Concert: Neil Pennock, clarinet with accompanist.

Wednesday 9th October,

TES visit to Eastbury Manor House. See details under walks listing.

Wednesday 16th October, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

Enfield railways. Part 2 (west): Great Northern Main Line and the Hertford Loop by Dave Cockle [EHHS]

Friday 18th October, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

The Roman bones of old Enfield, by Neil Pinchbeck, EAS [EAS]

Sunday 20th October, 10.00

New River walk from Enfield to Hertford led by John Polley. (New River Action Group). For details, see <http://www.newriver.org.uk/>.

Sunday 27th October, 10am-12.30pm, meet outside Trent Park Café.

Guided walk on the history of Trent Park, by Alan Mitellas. [LBE]

Tuesday 12th November, 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

Order! Order! The development of the office of Speaker of the House of Commons since 1945 by Matthew Laban (Author) [HA]

Wednesday 13th November, 12.30 - 1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill

Concert: Peter Stannard, organ.

Tuesday 19th November, 2.15 for 2.30 pm, Jubilee Hall

Chingford newsreels by Dave Piggott [EHHS]

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

A seasonal entertainment by Christine and Peter Padwick. [EHHS]

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 their latest projects.

Contacts are:

GF: Eileen Jessup (020) 8805 1974 or email

<groundforce.enfield@gmail.com>.

ECV: Judy Mayo (07791473844), email <judy@ecv.org.uk> or 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.

LBE: For details see

<http://www.enfield.gov.uk/news/article/801/trent_park_history_revealed_wiht_guided_walks>

Enfield local history course

A six-week course entitled *An introduction to the history of Enfield, Edmonton and Southgate* will be given by Joe Studman at the Dugdale Centre, starting on Monday 7th October 2013 at 7.15 to 8.45 pm, in association with the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.

The course fee is £50 and details of the programme are given at

<<http://www.jaywalks.co.uk/local-history-talks-and-courses-enfield.html>>

To book a place contact Joe Studman at <joe@jaywalks.co.uk> or on his mobile phone no. 0787 553 7295.

Enfield Society events

Tuesday mornings 10.00 for 10.30 am., Jubilee Hall No tickets required.

August No meeting

24th September. *Travels in northern India* by Monica Smith (illustrated)

29th October. *The Pacific Crest Trail* by John Merrill (illustrated)

26th November. *Joyce Tiptoft and her family: the Tiptoft brass in St Andrews Church* by Janet McQueen (illustrated)

17th December. *Put your thinking caps on* by Joyce James.

Evening meetings, 7.30 for 8 pm, Jubilee Hall. No tickets required.

Thursday 17th October. *Enfield Grammar School on film, 1933-1966*, introduced by Stephen Gilburt.

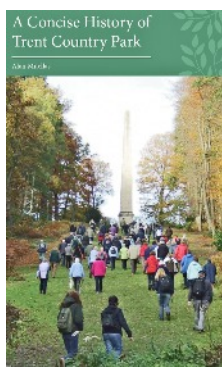
Thursday 21st November. *In the steps of Charles and Mary Lamb*. An illustrated talk by Helen Walton.

Special event

Saturday 28th September, 10.00 am, Dugdale Centre
New River celebration event: walks, talks and performances. See page 12 for details.

Trent Park

Alliance University College of Medical Sciences (AUCMS), a private higher learning institution in Malaysia, has bought Trent Park mansion with a bid of about £30 million. They estimate that it will require an additional £10M to renovate existing structures, but some of the buildings need very little work and are ready to be utilised, with amenities, teaching facilities and equipment already in place. The first 300 students will arrive in October 2013. We don't know the length of the lease or any of its conditions, but hope that this will at least assure the preservation of this important building. More information is in *New Straits Times* <tinyurl.com/AUCMS-TP>



Enfield Council has recently published this free 32-page booklet *A concise history of Trent Country Park*, by Alan Mittelas.. It is "a Friends of Trent Park publication", made possible through Enfield Council's Friends of Parks Project Fund. It can be downloaded from

<<http://www.enfield.gov.uk/trentparkhistory>>

The Chairman's column



This will be my last column as chairman as I will be stepping down in September having been in the post over three years. We are fortunate in having an able replacement in Dave Cockle, who will take over then (assuming he is elected!). I wish him every success.

My three years have passed very quickly and in some ways nothing seems to have changed. We are still discussing at-risk buildings, the government's changes to planning policy and the new documents; concerns continue about the Spurs development in Bulls Cross and indeed about the Green Belt generally. However Forty Hall now seems to be a going concern – a recent visit on an open evening for teachers was very informative. They have had a lot of interest in their courses and many schools regularly use the facilities for maths, cultural and environmental programmes. Hopefully this will encourage the pupils to value their heritage and take their families back to the Hall on other occasions.

We continue to work closely with the Council in trying to care for Enfield's heritage. In fact much of this issue is concerned with the Enfield Heritage conference organised by the Council this week. It was a most useful afternoon and I was pleased to meet so many of the stakeholders, and other voluntary and business groups involved trying to maintain and improve our heritage. Follow-up has been promised, though not yet organised, so we hope that things will not stop now. A major concern from the afternoon however was the clear

problems the Council are having – which will only get worse – in funding the heritage buildings they own, and even maintaining footpaths and parks.

The Enfield Society has never been so vital. One of my aims on becoming chairman was to promote membership and active volunteers. Membership has kept steady, and while losing some people we have gained others so the volunteer status quo has been maintained too. Active members are vital to the Society, and I appreciate all the work everyone puts in. We still lack younger members, though, and could probably do more to attract them. Twitter and Facebook have been introduced on my watch though I must admit to never having used either.

The newsletter goes from strength to strength and for that we must thank Leonard Will and all the contributors. However I must not finish without thanking everyone on the Management Committee – all of you have been extremely supportive even when I have introduced an innovation some you have not approved of – the new agenda system for example! In particular I have appreciated David James and Richard Stones, our honorary treasurer and secretary respectively. They have made my job much easier and I am very grateful. Finally I would like to thank all of you – the membership of the Society – without you we would not be able to continue. If any of you feel you would like to do more than just read the newsletter...

Janet McQueen

Marion Sellers.

Members who have walked with the Society over many years will be sorry to learn of the recent death of Marion after bravely fighting cancer for the past 15 years.

Marion first walked with the EPS in the early 1980's and some of you may remember her little dog, Jumbo, that accompanied her on many occasions. Despite her illness, she continued to join walks on a regular basis until the last few years and also led some walks for the Society. These were connected to her interests in the London Wildlife Trust and their nature reserves and also in the Woodland Trust.

Our sympathy is extended to Derek and her family.

Stuart Mills

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Miss H Abdullah, Mr G Allen, Ms J Baker, Prof & Mrs J N & L R Beadle, Mrs I Blake, Mrs J W Brewer, Ms L Cox, Mrs P Creer, Mr S A R During, Mrs P Evans, Miss S Gleeson, Mrs M H Hume, Mr & Mrs I P & J Inch, Mrs S James, Mr J Liffen, Dr A Noor, Mr & Mrs A M & V Popcar, Mr I Qayyum, Miss V Sanderson, Dr J Somerville, Miss L R C Stainton, Mrs W Stephens, Ms S Stephens, Mrs V E Straughan, Mrs J S Thomas, Mr K C Thorogood, Mr G Williams

Joyce James

Historic buildings

Enfield Grammar School, Enfield Town. Part 1: to 1958



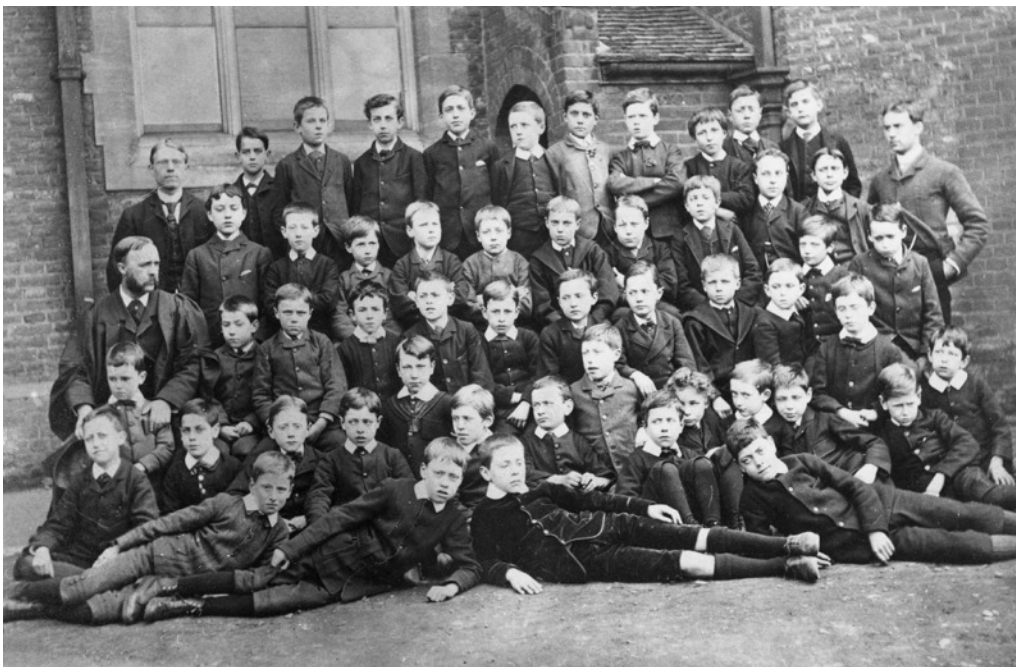
1. Enfield Grammar School was founded in 1558 to teach, without charge, the children of the poor of Enfield to read and write Latin and English. It had its origins in the 1462 will of Agnes Myddleton, which left an estate at Poynetts in Essex to set up a chantry chapel in St Andrew's church. (See *TES news* no.189.) The chantry priest, who later also became a teacher, chanted prayers for the souls of the donor, her parents and her four husbands. Early in the 16th century the funds from the Poynetts estate were converted to support a school. In 1516 the parish acquired Prounces house, behind the King's Head, for the school master and in 1557 a school house is first mentioned. William Garrett's 1586 bequest of £50 helped the parish to build the present Grade II* listed three storey red brick school in the 1590s, at a total cost of over £400. Initially the upper floors were used for parish meetings.



2*. Between 1664 and 1676 the botanist and classical scholar, Dr Robert Uvedale was headmaster. He attracted more boarders and day pupils from a higher class than previously. Later Enfield Grammar became a parish school for the sons of farmers, tradesmen and the poor. In the mid 18th century the top floor was divided into 10 bedrooms for boarders. The first floor was also split up to provide a dining room and a study. In the school room on the ground floor there were 10 forms, 10 writing seats and 22 lead ink-horns. Rev. John Milne, headmaster from 1791 to 1831, claimed to teach reading, writing, English, mathematics and the classics, but discipline was harsh and many boys were injured by beatings. This view of about 1800 shows the school with Georgian windows inserted. The small three-storey master's house to the left was built in 1739.



3*. After a long period of decline, when much of the endowment was spent on law suits between the parish and masters, Enfield Grammar closed in 1872. The Poynetts estate was sold and £1000 was spent on renovating the school. The Georgian windows were replaced with the present neo-Tudor ones and the upper floors were converted into classrooms. This 1880 photograph shows the restored school, with the late 14th century Prounces house on the far left.



4*. Under Dr William S. Ridewood, headmaster from 1877 to 1909, the status of Enfield Grammar changed. It became a middle class fee-paying day school with a few scholarship places. The numbers of boys rose from 30 to 174. Subjects taught included English, French, German, Latin, history, geography, mathematics, natural science, vocal music and drawing. In 1896 competitive football and cricket fixtures and an annual sports day were introduced. This photograph shows the staff and boys in 1883 outside the west front of the school. Dr Ridewood is on the left, towards the front.

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

Historic buildings



5. A new headmaster's house was built in 1883 and was occupied in turn by Dr Ridewood, E. M. Eagles and L. C. Soar. Most of it later became a home for the caretaker / site manager until it was converted into a sixth form block in 2003.



6. In 1894 a science block (later used for geography) was built on the site of Prounces house. Under the 1902 Education Act, Middlesex County Council took responsibility for the school and Governors were appointed. In 1909 an extension with five additional classrooms, a hall, cloakroom, common room and toilets was opened. Enfield Grammar School could now take 230 boys aged between 10 and 18 and had 14 scholarship places.



7*. To the right of the 1909 extension is a 17th century building where the Enfield Assembly was held in the 1740s. Between 1800 and 1875 it housed the Girls School of Industry.



8*. In 1900 the former Assembly Rooms were converted into a chemistry laboratory, a library and a staff room for Enfield Grammar School.



10*. The boys from Enfield Grammar School and the girls from Enfield County School were carefully segregated at joint Empire Day commemorations. Enfield County School, which opened in 1909, can be seen in the background of this inter-war photograph.

11*. This 1930s photograph, by H. A. Mabbot, a mathematics master at Enfield Grammar, shows the school from the west. On the left is the Tudor building next to the 1909 extension, with St Andrew's church tower behind.



Following the passing of the 1944 Education Act, Enfield Grammar became a Voluntary Controlled School. Fees were abolished and admissions were determined by the results of the 11+ examination. Many of the boys later went on to higher education at universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

(Part 2 of this article will appear in our next issue.)



9*. The diplomat Sir William Goshen is shown here presenting school prizes soon after the First World War. Seated from the left are Col. Sir Henry F. Bowles, Chairman of the Governors, Rev. R. Howell Brown, vicar of St Andrew's church from 1905 to 1928, and Edwin M. Eagles, headmaster from 1909 to 1934. Mr Eagles introduced the present house system and was reputed to have a collection of well-used canes. By 1924 there were over 350 boys and Enfield Court was purchased for pupils in their first two years (see *TES news* no. 192).



12*. In 1938 a new main hall (shown here), science laboratories, classrooms and an art room were built. After the Assembly Rooms were demolished, the south block was constructed in 1939, although the library was not fitted out until after the Second World War. The hall in the 1909 extension was converted into three classrooms.

Stephen Gilbert

Historic buildings

Enfield Grammar School on film, 1933-1966

In 1933, when E. M. Eagles was headmaster, a 40-minute 16 mm silent black and white film with intertitles was made of a year in the life of the school, by the brothers A. R. and D. G. Cross with assistance from D. C. Ellis, a master at Enfield Grammar School. It included views of the buildings, grounds, staff, daily lessons, sport and some of the boys' extracurricular activities such as clubs. Various other locations in Enfield were illustrated as well as road and rail transport. The film was originally shown with a musical accompaniment of the School Song and selections from the Mikado, which had been performed by the boys in 1933. A later recorded commentary by Dr L. B. Marshall, head of English, was added for the DVD version.

In 1936, when L. C. Soar was headmaster, a 16 mm sound colour film of the school's activities was made. It included views of joint celebrations for Empire Day with the girls from Enfield County School and a visit to Germany. I saw the film in the 1970s but it now appears to have been lost.

In 1938-9 a 20-minute 16 mm silent black and white film was made by H. A. Mabbot showing the demolition of the former Assembly Rooms and the building of a new hall, classrooms and laboratories. The foundation stone is shown being laid in May 1938 by Sir Henry Bowles, Chairman of the Governors.



Members of the Enfield Grammar School and Enfield County Grammar School Film and Kinematograph Societies involved in *Never on a Doomsday* in 1965. (Image provided by P. J. Walker.)

In the mid-1960s a group of sixth formers made several Standard 8 colour films, with the support of the headmaster, Dr L. W. Whitworth. *Never on a Doomsday* was a comedy made at Portcullis Lodge which attracted the attention of the police and the RSPCA.

EGS 1966 set out to show daily school life and included views taken from the top of St Andrew's church tower. It was made as a sound film, but the DVD version is silent.

The 1933, 1938 and 1966 films are available together on a DVD from the school office, price £3. They will be shown in Jubilee Hall at 8 pm on Thursday 17th October, when it is hoped that some of those involved in the making of the films will be present.

Stephen Gilbert

Guided walk around Stratford (East London), Saturday 21 September 2013

Long before last year's Olympic Games focused the attention of the world upon the area, Stratford had grown from a village at the junction of roads from London to Colchester and Norwich, to become the administrative centre of the County Borough of West Ham (the East End beyond the River Lea).

There are many survivors and reminders of those earlier times. I propose to lead a short walk during the afternoon of Saturday 21st September to point out some of these to Enfield Society members who care to join me.

The length of the walk is about 2 miles with an extension of a further mile if I am able to arrange access to the historic parish church of All Saints, West Ham, which is about half a mile off my route. Much of the walk is close to Stratford station and bus routes, so there will be many opportunities for leaving the walk early.

I propose to meet at 2pm by the preserved steam engine which is located outside the station on route to the Stratford shopping centre. (**Not the Westfield Centre.**) There is a good service of main line trains to Stratford from stations in eastern

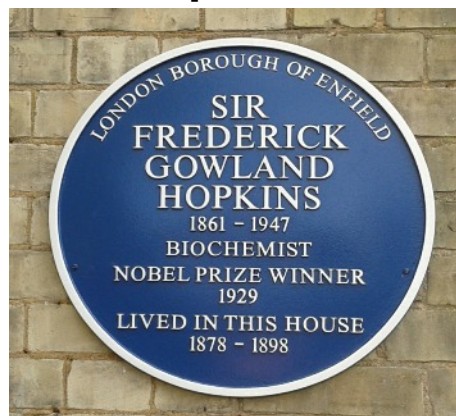
Enfield, although on occasions it may be necessary to change at Tottenham Hale. Stratford station also has services on the Central Line of London Underground, and on the Overground from Highbury and Islington, which can be reached by trains from other parts of Enfield.

I hope that you will join me on the walk and learn that there was more to Stratford than just the home of the noxious industries that London didn't want to house. Contact information: phone: 01707 875662; mobile: 07951 434068; e mail: coe.mick@btinternet.com

Mick Coe

Commemorative plaque

F. G. Hopkins: Enfield connections of an eminent scientist



A blue plaque to commemorate Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins has recently been installed at Lilburn Lodge, 50A The Ridgeway, Enfield.

FGH was born on 20 June 1861 in Eastbourne moving to Enfield with his mother at 10 years old (his father had died in December 1862). He first studied at The City of London School and then Alexandra Park College where he did well. At the age of 17 his uncle, with whom he now lived at 50 The Ridgeway, decided that he should be bringing in a wage and although his heart was not in it he got employment at an insurance brokers. This was short lived and after receiving some inheritance he returned to education, this time at The Royal School of Mines. In 1884 FGH was working at Thomas Stevenson's Laboratory at Guy's

Hospital and in 1888 he began studies at Guy's Hospital medical school.

In 1893 he met his future wife, Jessie Stevens, who worked at the Royal Free Hospital as a special probationer. FGH graduated in medicine in 1894 and taught physiology and toxicology for four years until his marriage in 1898. Shortly after that the couple moved to Cambridge. In 1902 he was given a readership in biochemistry, and in 1910 he became a Fellow of Trinity College and an Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel College. In 1914 he was elected to the Chair of Biochemistry at Cambridge University. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1929, with Christiaan Eijkman, for the discovery of vitamins. He also discovered the amino acid tryptophan, in 1901.

Hopkins was knighted in 1925 and received the Order of Merit in 1935. He was awarded the Royal Medal of the Royal Society of London in 1918, and its Copley Medal in 1926, and was President of the Royal Society from 1930 until 1935. He died in 1947 at the age of 86.



Portrait of Frederick Gowland Hopkins
by Meredith Frampton

Keith Aves (Reproduced with permission from the Royal Society)

Graham Dalling

Like other members of The Enfield Society, I was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Graham Dalling.

I met Graham at Palmers Green library when I was researching my local area for a course I was attending. Not only was I impressed by his natural interest and knowledge of Enfield, like so many other people, but his personality. He was so frank and honest. These days I find that people have difficulty 'opening up' and generally sharing meaningful conversation with strangers. But not so Graham. We exchanged stories about our childhood, his mother, and modern parenting. You see Graham wasn't just a historian, but a person very much alive and familiar with the now. So we talked about Enfield and everything else.

I met Graham once again, some years later, accompanied by his wife, on one of our society trips. The same friendly open person had time to converse meaningfully again, outside of work. So quite clearly the way he engaged with me at work, so many years ago, was not just because I met him in paid employment. His character is a testament to his genuine nature: the real person he was.

His death will create a gap in the lives of those he loved and those that knew him casually: a space that will be hard to bridge.

Verna Drysdale

New friends

The **Friends of Chase Green** was initiated on 19th March 2013 from an invitation from Councillor Joanne Laban. The first AGM was on the 10th July 2013 when the constitution was agreed.

The purpose of the group is to preserve and improve Chase Green, Chase Green Gardens and the Millennium Fountain, for the benefit of present and future generations.

If you would like to participate in any meetings in the future, the next meeting is on Wednesday 11th September 2013 at the Civic Centre. If you would like further information please send email to [<friendsofchasegreen@gmail.com>](mailto:friendsofchasegreen@gmail.com).

Friends of All Saints Edmonton has recently been formed to help preserve this historic church which is deteriorating and badly in need of repair. Around £750,000 is needed; the subscription for membership of the Friends group is £10 per year.

More information is available on the parish website at [<www.allsaintsedmonton.org.uk/friends-scheme.html>](http://www.allsaintsedmonton.org.uk/friends-scheme.html)

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. Anonymous items are not published, and contributors' views may differ from those of the Management Committee of The Enfield Society. We cannot undertake to publish everything, and we reserve the right to shorten or edit items before publication. Copy in electronic form is most convenient, and can be sent as an email attachment to [<newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk>](mailto:newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk), but items on paper can also be accepted. Contact the Newsletter Editor, Leonard Will, at the above email address or by telephone at (020) 8372 0092 if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next issue is 18th October 2013, 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

Future walks

Travel details are correct at press date but TES cannot be responsible for alterations. As rail travel may be subject to alteration, especially at weekends, always check (either via 08457 48 49 50 or using the operating train company website). For TfL 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.

For Hertfordshire bus times see www.intalink.org.uk

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

Sat 17 Aug. Trent Park. Meet **2.30pm** Oakwood Station for about 2.5 to 3 hour circular walk through varied parts of Trent Park with hopefully a tea break. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Wed 21 Aug. Hertfordshire Conservation Countryside. Meet **10.14am** Bayford Station (10.01am train from Enfield Chase) or option of **10.25am** in Bayford Village for car drivers, but please park considerably and NOT in pub car park, nor in the residents' area opposite the pub. About 8 mile circular walk in pretty countryside. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Bank Holiday Mon 26 Aug. Chilterns and Ashridge Estate. Meet **10.30am** at the National Trust Visitor Centre, Bridgewater Monument, Moneybury Hill, Ringshall, Berkhamsted HP4 1LT (O.S. Map 165 Grid Ref: 970 131) with car parking beside approach road to Centre. By car via M25 (junction 20), A41, A416 into Berkhamsted, then left on A4251 for 1 mile to Northchurch and right on B4506 for 2.5 miles.

About 8 mile circular walk through the Ashridge Estate with ancient woodlands, dramatic scenery and possibly Ivinghoe Beacon. Bring lunch or food available in pretty Aldbury Village. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon & Margaret McAlpine*

Sat 31 Aug. Haileybury and Hertford Heath. Meet **10.20am** St Margaret's Station (9.44am train from Southbury Station changing at Cheshunt for 10.09am train, or direct train at 9.55am from Tottenham Hale which also stops at intermediate stations). *Essential to check train times close to date due possible engineering works.*

About 7.5 mile circular walk via Haileybury College, woodland and nature reserves. Lunch stop in Hertford Heath from where option to end early by using bus to either Hertford or Hoddesdon. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Wed 4 Sept. Chilterns. Meet **11.17am** Amersham Station. Either 10.42am Chiltern Railways train from London Marylebone Station or 10.00am Metropolitan Line train from Baker Street (arrives 10.52am). 8 to 9

mile circular walk in attractive Chiltern scenery via Penn Street Village (pub food available or bring lunch). Possible shorter options by bus. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.*

By car: about 1 hour via M25 (junction 18) & A404. Car drivers could park in Old Amersham and meet Roy at the parish church, thereby reducing the total walk by 1.5 miles. Details: (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 14 Sept. Hadleigh Castle Country Park and Thames Estuary. Meet **11.08am** Benfleet Station. Travel by 10.30am Shoeburyness fast train from Fenchurch Street mainline station (about 10 mins walk from Tower Hill tube station or about 15 mins walk from Liverpool Street stations). Earlier train is at 10.10am but do NOT catch the 10.20am slow train via Grays/Tilbury. *Freedom Pass boundary is Upminster.*

About 8 mile circular walk over the hills between Benfleet and Leigh-on-Sea with long distance views and a breath of sea air. Lunch stop at the refurbished Salvation Army Farm café near the ruined castle (food available or bring lunch). Possible shorter options. *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

Sat & Sun 21 & 22 Sept. Open House London Weekend.

Wed 25 Sept. Waterways, parks and the New River. Meet **10.30am** Tottenham Hale Station (near Victoria Line ticket office) for 6 to 7 mile linear walk via the Lea, Springfield Park/Marina, historic Stoke Newington Church Street/Clissold Park and the New River, ending at Finsbury Park Station. The route will include Abney Park Cemetery nature reserve to view some of the interesting monuments. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Roy Dyer*

Sat 28 Sept. New River 400th anniversary celebration event – see page 12 for details about the event which includes a guided walk.

Mon 30 Sept. Lea Valley. Meet **10.15am** Broxbourne Station. Travel either by 9.44am train from Southbury Station and change at Cheshunt for 9.56am or 10.09am trains; or by direct train at 9.55am from Tottenham Hale Station, which also stops at intermediate stations. About 8 mile circular walk with an attractive mix of lakes, waterways and open spaces. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Sat 5 Oct. Westerham, Chartwell and Kent Hills. Meet at Hayes (Kent) Station to catch **10.44am** 246 bus to Westerham Green. Southeastern trains to Hayes are from London Bridge mainline station (usually from platforms 1-5) departing at 9.25am, 9.34am, 9.55am & 10.04am and arriving Hayes at 9.55am, 10.08am, 10.25am & 10.38am.

If you wish to arrive earlier at delightful Westerham Green, perhaps for a coffee, then the previous bus departs Hayes at 10.14am. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.*

NOTE: Travel near front of train as exit is well beyond train stopping point and bus stop is on opposite side of road from station, near Costa.

Today's 6 to 7 mile circular walk is over varied terrain with magnificent views from the wooded hills near Chartwell at about 700 ft above sea level, before returning via the lovely Squerryes Estate. There will be an extended

lunch stop at Chartwell House (N.T.) to allow time for visiting the beautiful garden &/or the house. Admission free for those with N.T. membership cards but no charge for entry to the picnic area, restaurant, shop/information and toilets. Bring lunch or wide range of food available in restaurant. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 9 Oct. Visit to Eastbury Manor House (National Trust). Meet **11.00am** Upney Station (first station on District Line east of Barking).

Only a 750 yard walk from Upney Station, Eastbury is a little known substantial brick-built Tudor mansion which has hardly altered since completion in 1573. It has exposed attic timbers, original spiral staircase, soaring chimneys, cobbled courtyard, walled garden and early 1600s wall paintings. Small entrance charge for non-N.T. members.

There is a small tea-room serving drinks, sandwiches and snacks or bring lunch (seats in garden). *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

Sat 12 Oct. River Cray. Meet **10.29am** Bexley Station (10.04am Gravesend train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platforms 1-5). A varied 8 mile linear walk via the pretty River Cray, Scadbury Country Park and Petts Wood (N.T.), ending at Petts Wood Station. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Sat 19 Oct. Scenic Essex villages and countryside. Meet **10.45am** Ingatestone Station (10.18am Clacton train from Liverpool Street mainline station or travel with Dave on **9.22am** train from Enfield Town). *Freedom Pass boundary is Harold Wood.*

About 8 to 9 mile circular walk in attractive part-wooded countryside with pretty villages via Fryerning, Blackmore (lunch-stop) and Mill Green. Bring lunch or food available. Possibility of ending walk at Blackmore by catching bus to Chelmsford Station, for train back to Ingatestone/London.

By car: about 50 mins from Enfield Town via M25 (junction 28), then A12 towards Chelmsford and exit at first junction (nr 12) and then follow B1002 through Mountnessing into Ingatestone. Station on right just before village centre. Do NOT try to exit A12 at junction 13 as no exit! Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Wed 23 Oct. Barnet Countryside. Meet **10.20am** at 307 bus terminus at Barnet Hospital. Currently 307 buses depart Cecil Road, Enfield Town, at 9.25am, 9.35am & 9.44am with a 32 mins journey time. 2.5 to 3 hour linear walk in Barnet's Green Belt via Saffron Green and Hadley Common, ending in High Barnet. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Sat 26 Oct. Chess Valley. Meet **10.28am** Chorleywood Station ticket office (9.37am Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras, previous train at 9.22am). *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.*

About 8 mile walk through classic Chiltern scenery with lovely views and pretty cottages. Bring lunch or pub food available. Possibility of ending walk in Sarratt by bus to Croxley Station.

By car: about 50 mins from Enfield Town via M25 (junction 18) and A404. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Future walks

(continued)

Sat 2 Nov. Epping Forest. Meet **10.34am** at Upshire 251 bus terminus (junction of Upshire Road and Princefield Road, near parade of shops), which is served by buses 213 & 251. At news copy date the 213 bus departs Waltham Cross bus station at 10.00am & 251 bus at 9.53am & 10.15am (14/19 mins journey time).

About 8 mile circular walk through the attractive scenery of the City Corporation's farmland estate and the Autumn colours of Epping Forest. Bring lunch or food available.

Leader: Brian Frear

Wed 6 Nov. Trent Park and Hadley Woods.

Meet **10.20am** outside the parade of shops next to the Jolly Farmers P.H., Enfield Road (buses 121, 307 & 377). With Autumn colours, a 6 to 7 mile linear walk via the Merryhills Way, around Trent Park, and then after a lunch stop in Cockfosters, via Hadley Woods and Monken Hadley to end at High Barnet. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leaders:*

Margaret/Vanessa/Androula

Mon 11 Nov. Green Chain Walk and Chislehurst Village. Meet **10.49am**

Mottingham Station (10.34am Gravesend train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platforms 1-5. Previous train at 10.14am).

About 7 mile linear walk via Elmstead Wood, Chislehurst Village (lunch stop) and Chislehurst Common/Caves, ending at Chislehurst Station. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 16 Nov. Enfield countryside and newest footpath. Meet **10.10am** Potters Bar Station (trains at 9.41am & 9.47am from Finsbury Park Station, 313 bus at 9.41am from Cecil Road, Enfield Town, or 298 bus at 9.37am from Southgate Station).

About 7 mile linear walk mainly on Enfield's country footpaths including the new path linking The Ridgeway/Stagg Hill footpath to the West Lodge path. Options to end earlier, including from the intended lunch stop at the Ferny Hill Farm tea-rooms. Full route is then via Trent Park to end in the Oakwood area. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025.

Leader: Dave Cockle

Wed 20 Nov. Whitewebbs and Forty Hall.

Meet **10.05am** Gordon Hill Station (W8 bus or train arrives at 10.03am) for 2.5 to 2.75 hour circular walk, mainly on good surfaced paths, and with a coffee break at Forty Hall. *Leader:*

Norman Coles

Sat 30 Nov. Thames Path. Meet **10.20am**

Woolwich Dockyard Station (10.01am Dartford train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platform 1-5. Previous train at 9.51 am). Or, travel with Toby & Margaret on the 9.00am train from Enfield Chase. A varied 7 mile linear walk based upon the Thames Path, including the former dockyard and artillery buildings, a marshland wilderness with 130 species of over-wintering birds, a Victorian pumping station, views of the QEII bridge, ending at Erith. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon & Margaret McAlpine*

Stuart Mills

Footpaths

Pymmes Brook Trail and Stagg Hill Link Path

John Bourne



Dave Cockle cutting a pathway through the neglected Pymmes Brook Trail at Tanners End

John Bourne



Giant hogweed, dangerous because its sap can cause photodermatitis, where the skin becomes very sensitive to sunlight and may suffer blistering, pigmentation and long-lasting scars.

Dave Cockle



TES member John Cordell pauses on the footbridge crossing Salmons Brook whilst undertaking a survey of the Stagg Hill Link Footpath.

The Pymmes Brook Trail is a ten-mile, way-marked footpath, from Pickett's Lock to Monken Hadley Common.

The recent TES walk of 13th July – “River Lea and Pymmes Brook Trail” covered the Eastern section as far as Palmers Green. The walk's leader duly undertook a survey prior to the walk, finding the urban section, in Edmonton, between Tanners End and Millfield House almost impassable. Brambles, nettles and overhanging vegetation barred the way along with Giant Hogweed and a fly-tip. Maintenance of this section appears to have been abandoned. Half a mile further along the same path, at Tile Kiln Lane, two parks operatives were observed strimming grass on a section that was already well tended.

A team of “community payback” workers were also seen working by the path in the grounds of Millfield House.

A telephone call was made to the Council's Parks Department, reporting the path's appalling condition whilst explaining the forthcoming walk. This was followed up by two emails and photographs. We asked for a “trouble shooting” visit by the Parks Team to at least clear a passage and remove the Hogweed.

On the day of the walk TES members had to battle their way through the path following the leader who was armed with secateurs. Three days later, the Parks Team attended, cutting back the offending vegetation.

We will be taking this matter up with the Council. It is appreciated that the Parks Team has experienced staffing cut-backs, but with intelligent use of resources there is no excuse for allowing the Pymmes Brook Trail to deteriorate to such a degree.

The Stagg Hill Link Path, although passable, requires some further work with way- marking and improving the crossing of a ditch near the West Lodge Hotel. This work is expected to be completed by the Ground Force this autumn. There will be an opportunity to walk the Stagg Hill Link Path on 16th November when Dave Cockle will be lead a ramble from Potters Bar to Oakwood

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Coach trip to Houghton Hall and the exhibition of Catherine the Great's Paintings, Saturday 14th September



Our next trip is a unique opportunity to see Houghton Hall in Norfolk and the Walpole collection of art, sold to Russia in 1779, back in its original location. The painting collection includes Raphael, Rubens, Van Dyck, Rembrandt, and Velazquez, to mention but a few and thanks to William Kent's recently discovered original designs, they can be seen in the same positions – and generally frames – in which they were first hung.

The house itself is worth a visit, even without the added draw of the paintings, being built in the Palladian style without regard to cost in the 1720s. Robert Walpole, known as Britain's first Prime Minister, spent the most part of his fortune on the building and its contents, leading to the later need to sell a part of his valuable collection. Also in the house are his collection of antique busts and bronze statues as well as tapestries and original furniture. William Kent designed most of the interiors and the Great Staircase, Library, Stone Hall, Marble Parlour and State rooms are magnificent examples of the baroque style of the period.

We will leave Enfield at 8.30am on Saturday 14th September, and take a brief stop on the journey, before arriving at Houghton about 11.30. Entry to the Hall is on a timed ticket basis and has to be pre-booked. We have tickets for entry at 1.30 and 2pm so there will be some time to visit the outbuildings, permanent exhibitions shop and gardens both before and after going round the house. We will leave at about 5.30pm arriving back in Enfield at approximately 8pm.

Due to the expected popularity of this trip we are limiting it to members only, but if you or a companion are not a member and would like to come then please just send an extra £5 to join the Society, giving us details such as name and address so we can contact you with the membership mailing. The cost of the trip is £30 per person. To book a place please send your contact details (telephone number essential) with an SAE and a cheque payable to "The Enfield Society" to Coach Trips, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ.

Janet McQueen

Update on day conference to celebrate 400 years of the New River, Saturday 28th September

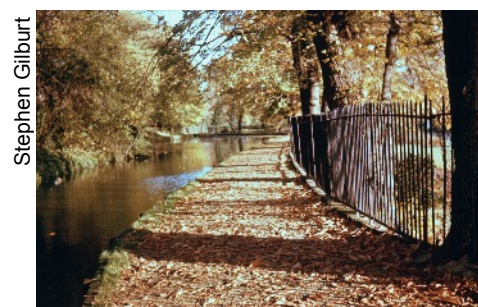
*Places are still available – please apply
as below.*

There have been a couple of developments in the programme for what should be a most interesting and informative day. Firstly delegates to the day will have the unique opportunity to view beautiful and detailed maps from Robert Mylne's 1775 survey of the New River. A couple of these can be seen in the public exhibition but the rest will be made available for attendees to the conference to view. Secondly is a change of speaker, unfortunately Michael Essex-Lopresti has had to withdraw but we have been very fortunate in finding an excellent replacement in John Cunningham, an ex-employee of Thames Water who for many years had responsibility for the New River and has a unique understanding of it with exceptional information and photographs to share with us. The rest of the day includes a guided walk round part of the

River, and live performances on the supply of water and drainage in London over the years.

If you have not yet booked your place please send a stamped addressed envelope to New River Event, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, including your telephone number and a cheque (£13 per person) made payable to The Enfield Society. The cost **includes lunch, and all refreshments on the day** as well as the full programme of events.

Janet McQueen



Stephen Gilburt

The New River Loop in autumn