



# Enfield Society News

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## Enfield's 'mini-Holland' project: for and against

In our last issue we discussed some of the proposals in Enfield Council's bid under the London Mayor's "mini-Holland" scheme to make the borough more cycle-friendly. On 10th March the Mayor announced that Enfield was one of three boroughs whose bids had been selected and that we would receive up to £30 million to implement the project.

This provides a great opportunity to make extensive changes and improvements which will affect everyone who uses our streets and town centres, but there is not unanimous agreement that the present proposals are the best way of spending this money. The Council has promised extensive consultations before the proposals are developed to a detailed design stage, but it is not clear whether there are conditions attached to the funds which would prevent significant departures from the proposals in the bid.

The Enfield Society thinks that it would be premature to express a definitive view until the options have been fully explored, but we are keen to participate in the consultation process, in accordance with the aim in our constitution to "ensure that new developments are environmentally sound, well designed and take account of the relevant interests of all sections of the community". We have therefore asked two of our members to write columns for and against the current proposals, in order to stimulate discussion. A third column, from the Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group, suggests a more visionary transformation of Enfield Town.

### Yes to mini-Holland!

Let's start with the people of Enfield. Enfield residents have a high level of obesity and this undermines their health. Now everyone knows that obesity results from too much food and drink and not enough exercise and I think we also know that gym membership is not the answer. Exercise is most sustainable when it's part of our daily routine and the obvious way to achieve this is by walking or cycling – to work, to school, to the shops and to the park. Even to the pub!

Unfortunately many people are deterred from cycling by fear of cars and lorries. It's a reasonable fear and the mini-Holland plan will make cycling safer by creating separate cycle lanes on major routes. Increased exercise and reduced air pollution (now known to be the second largest public health risk) will have other health benefits too and NHS costs may fall.

The previous report in this magazine focused on the proposal to close Church Street to cars and vans. This is important because Enfield Town is one of the areas with the most 'potentially cycleable trips' in London. Some town centre shopkeepers fear a loss of business but several studies have shown that traders generally over-estimate the proportion of their customers who travel by car. Other studies have shown that pedestrians spend more than motorists whilst investment in facilities for bikes generates more trade per pound than do facilities for motorists.

But the cycling super-hubs at Enfield Town and Edmonton Green are not the most important elements. The most important elements are the routes across the borough – six North-South and five East-West.

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### Doubts about mini-Holland

In my youth I was a keen cyclist; as a much older person I am deterred by the traffic, and so "Mini-Holland" has many attractions for me. But I remain sceptical. To be truly "Dutch", a cycle network needs to connect popular destinations by routes which are reasonably direct, properly segregated (or at least on genuinely quiet roads) and above all *continuous*. There must be safe passage across junctions (not just green-painted lanes which motorists can ignore). Perhaps Mini-Holland can deliver this, but I find it hard to see how it can be achieved, e.g. on Slades Hill or Southbury Road. And there is no point turning Enfield Town upside down to accommodate cycle lanes if they are not connected to the rest of the borough.

David Flint quite fairly points out that Mini-Holland is not just about Enfield Town. But Enfield Town is a case where making better provision for cyclists runs the risk of inconveniencing people who are not on bikes. It is notable that the main consultees on Mini Holland so far seem to have been cycling organisations and various official bodies. So there is a sense that the proposals for Church Street have not been subjected to critical scrutiny. For example:

- The width of Church Street means that a two-way cycle lane plus a bus lane will not give much extra room for pedestrians (let alone the trees that appear in the Council's illustration);
- If the bike and bus lanes are separated by a raised section with kerbs (as apparently proposed), this will represent a trip hazard and an additional obstacle

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A segregated cycle path in Amsterdam

### A visionary view of Enfield Town

A major problem for the Enfield Town Conservation Area, as identified in its Character Appraisal document, is the dominance of traffic in Church Street, Cecil Road and London Road where conflicts between vehicles and people inhibit the enjoyment of the town centre and affect its visual quality. Intrusive traffic management measures encourage fast moving multiple lane traffic and people are barricaded on islands and footways. The Town Park is cut off from its constituency; the historic Church and Market Place which should contribute market town charm are hidden away behind a sea of traffic and signage. Empty shops testify to the affect this has had on the viability of the units on Church Street and London Road.

The Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group (ETCASG) is delighted that the Council has been successful in its mini-Holland bid and that this will lead to improved cycling facilities which has got to be good for our Borough and its people. It is also delighted that it is a criteria of the bid that a redesign of the town centre is a component. What a fantastic opportunity!

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After all, there's no point in providing bike racks and repair shops unless we can cycle to them!

The Council has been criticised for inadequate consultation but we should note that there *was* consultation and that the bid had the support of both Labour and Conservative groups on the Council. Outside the Council it has the support of the Enfield Green Party, the London Cycling Campaign, the Enfield NHS Trust and the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority amongst others. In any case the Council will be obliged to consult on the details of the various elements as the work proceeds.

The scope for cycling to increase is vast. Official data shows that 30% of car trips in Enfield are less than 2 km long and a further 28% are between 2 and 5 km in length. So almost two thirds of trips could be done by bike by ordinary people.

In the medium term health improvement from weight loss, greater fitness and reduced air pollution is the biggest benefit.

In the long-run mini-Holland should be part of a broader trend to return our streets, the streets where we live and shop and our children go to school, to all our people – even those without cars!

*David Flint*

## Visionary view

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How disappointing to find then, that the Council's proposals have failed to address the real issues of the town and will involve fast two way traffic and a cycle way down a surely overcrowded Cecil Road, completing the isolation of the Town Park and the New Town from the town centre. And more traffic management measures to segregate the cyclists from the buses and the pedestrians trying to shop in Church Street. Nor will there be any improvement to the unimpressive arrival experience produced by the lines of cars waiting to make a fast entrance or exit at the junctions at either end of the town.

ETCASG believes that there might be a better way to improve the town for everyone including cyclists and that this should be investigated before the Council opts for a scheme which is clearly going to be detrimental. It has been impressed by the schemes at Exhibition Road in Kensington and particularly that in Poynton, a town south of Manchester which was blighted by traffic. A 15-minute online video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vzDDMzq7d0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vzDDMzq7d0) shows what can be done. By introducing a shared space scheme for all users including pedestrians the town has been re-claimed. Just imagine what this could mean for Enfield. No traffic junctions at the

## Doubts *(continued from page 1)*

to the disabled and people with buggies etc when crossing the road;

- The volume of bus traffic (50 buses an hour according to the Council) suggests that there is a need for buses to overtake one another, which will not be possible if the bus lane has kerbs;
- The bike and bus lanes seem unlikely to reduce the speed of traffic - and aggressive cyclists can be as much of a menace as aggressive motorists;
- There are likely to be problems with deliveries, and access to the market (these points are mentioned, but rather summarily dismissed in the bid document);
- Although the traffic engineers are said to be happy, I find it hard to see how Cecil Road – a partly residential street – can be made to bear nearly twice its current traffic. In addition it is not explained how vehicle access to Little Park Gardens and to Palace Gardens car park will be handled – access to and from a two-way Cecil Road seems likely to cause major congestion.

Various people have suggested, and I agree, that a much better option would be a cycle lane in Cecil Road, which would provide an east-west link and quite adequate access to the Town. If, on the other hand, it is decided to restrict Church Street to cycles and buses, to my mind this would be best achieved with a "shared access" type arrangement along the lines suggested in the "Visionary view"

*Richard Stones*

"gateways" to the town; equal priority to all road users including pedestrians; a slow speed of traffic "by design" but no or little stopping; no intrusive barriers or division of the carriageway and pavements. Above all, there would be free joined up movement between all parts of the town from Chase and Library Greens to Enfield Town Station including the Market Place, the Church and Walks and the Town Park. Enfield would be on its way to recovering the Market Town feel and charm which is hidden below the gyratory system.

ETCASG wants to ensure that this idea of "shared space" is considered by the Council before it can say that it has proceeded too far with the current, obviously deficient, proposals to reconsider. It wants there to be wide consultations throughout the borough. This redesign of the town centre is too important to get wrong. It is of course accepted that shared space may not turn out to be the final answer after consultation, but it does, on the face of it, appear to solve many of the issues and deserves proper consideration.

*ETCASG*

## Conservation

- After a site visit the Planning Committee duly granted permission for Spurs 500-seater stand.
- The Conservation Advisory Group was pleased with the final design of the conversion and extension of the Fallow Buck on Clay Hill to form a single residence with detached garage and studio, replacing outbuildings and poor quality extensions.
- There was some concern about a proposed artificial surface pitch with floodlights and perimeter ball stop fencing on the Enfield Grammar Upper School playing field behind the former Income Tax Office. Eventually objections were confined to the design of the associated sports pavilion.
- John Adams of the Landuse Consultancy has been asked by Enfield Council and the Grovelands Priory Hospital to carry out a heritage value survey of the whole of the Grovelands Estate. I met with him to emphasise that a future primary school should not take over any of the existing park for playing fields and the importance of having a landscape plan for the park produced by a landscape architect in addition to the current, discursive Management Plan. It is also important to maintain the vista to and from the Mansion, clearing away scrub that has grown up beneath the ha ha.
- Jonathan Goodson, Senior Traffic Engineer at Enfield Council has consulted the Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group on proposals to site additional cycle stands in Enfield Town as a preliminary to implementing the full Mini-Holland Bid. This he seemed to regard as a done deal. The rectangular stands would be set back a little from the kerb, in places such as the pavement in front of the Old Vestry House and Prezzo. No doubt the motive is good but as proposed they are likely to trip the unwary pedestrian. However, following our recent meeting with Council Officers, Bob Griffiths, Assistant Director of Planning and Environmental Protection, informed us that the proposal would be withdrawn.
- To Richard Stones' piece on the Bid I would merely add that the traffic engineer admitted at a meeting that it would not be possible to plant trees along Church Street owing to the underground services. Also, in addition to the south side of Cecil Road being largely residential, a further 46 flats are due to be built there next to the Evangelical Free Church. I see an additional cycle way opposite to the Library is also envisaged, which would inevitably cause the loss of two of the remaining large plane trees.

*Chris Jephcott*



## Natural and civic environment

### Rainscapes, reptiles and saunas

Rainscapes is the new name given to sustainable drainage systems being installed at four sites in the Borough. Work is underway at Lonsdale Drive, Hounsden Spinney Grovelands Park and Bury Street West.

An ongoing survey is being carried out by Thames Water to identify plumbing misconnections, where foul water and sewage has been plumbed into surface water drains. This is a key factor in the fight against pollution of our local water courses.

The former Council tree nursery site in Bury Street West will provide a rainscape to cleanse storm water run-off from the Great Cambridge Road before it runs into Salmons Brook. A survey is underway here find out what amphibians and reptiles are on the site. Eighty six rubber mats have been strategically positioned around the site. These will become saunas for the amphibians to warm themselves on sunny days. The mats will



Springtime survey at the A10

be checked on seven occasions by trained ecologists, who will then advise Thames21, the environmental charity spear heading the project, how best to manage the rainscape creation. During the construction work any amphibians and reptiles will be carefully moved and kept out by a special amphibian fence. On completion of the work they will be allowed back to their much improved habitat.

*Dave Cockle*

### Groundforce Conservation Volunteers: 2013 report



Another busy year for 'Groundforce' throughout the parks and green belt. In Trent Park, Ride Wood has been all but cleared of rhododendron except

for a few specimens kept for their colour. Work continues in the water garden to renew the path edging. The large pond down the main drive towards the Cockfosters Road entrance has been cleared of eight large trailer loads of debris and dead vegetation and some low lying trees which were growing out across the pond. We have also installed a mandarin duck nesting box high up on one of the trees edging the pond.

At the request of English Heritage, Groundforce, as their agents, were asked to clear the Camlet Moat island of invasive holly and saplings; this is currently in progress. Some fencing repairs were also needed to deal with damage caused by both weather and a small amount of vandalism. Work this year and next, also within Trent, will be the manufacture and installation of path revetments around the Monument and in the Triangle Wood area. Plans for the installation of the Health Walks have been prepared for the end of our current winter programme.

Other recent work includes another field cleared of saplings and a start of thinning-out a small copse in Whitewebbs. Field gates were installed in Whitewebbs and

Forty Hall and a sleeper bridge was modified to allow for disabled access.

At last we were able to complete the Stag Hill Link Footpath after the installation of a footbridge by others which altered the original path line. The original gates, sleeper bridge, footbridge and waymarkers were unearthed and repaired after many years of delay.

At Crews Hill Golf course work continues on the Tingey's Top area where a huge mass of water weed was removed with a grapnel attached to the Land Rover winch, while a further visit is planned for late March or early April with the Crews Hill grounds crew who are themselves planning more environmental projects. A simple bench was built on site and installed for visitors to use to enjoy the views across farmland.

A large sleeper bridge, which had to be Rawlbolted onto the concrete footpath, was installed across Glenbrook Drain. The Parks Department supported us by transporting materials to the site and lending a power generator.

Clearly we have excellent support from the Parks Team but are always anxious to recruit new midweek volunteers, see *Diary dates* on page 4 for contacts.

The above is all in addition to our annual maintenance of areas within parks and green belt areas in and around Enfield.

*Brian Usher and John Smith*

## Footpaths

### Permissive paths

For some time both Enfield Council and the Enfield Society have discussed formalising into definitive rights-of-way those several miles of permissive footpaths in Enfield's countryside. As many of these paths cross LBE farm tenancies, and have been in regular unobstructed use since at least the year 2000 following construction by Groundforce, the Council's Property Services has accepted that this should be carried out. The Society recently held a most useful meeting with the Council on this and other topics and we are hopeful that progress can now be made in the foreseeable future.

### Greenways

During Summer 2014 Enfield Council intend to extend the existing Forty Hall Estate to Strayfield Road Greenway on to the Cockfosters Road via Rectory Farm. As part of these works, we have been informed a new path will be created linking the Greenway/London Loop with The Ridgeway near Bay Farm, thereby making available options for shorter walking circuits.

### Merryhills Way paths

Unfortunately, registration of these paths as definitive rights-of-way remains outstanding due to a technical issue raised by the Secretary of State. TES has suggested a possible way forward but, in the meantime the agreed paths can continue to be used.

### Potters Bar blocked path

This matter remains unchanged as it has now been discovered that an "undeclared" third party owns the tiny obstructed piece of land linking the LBE and Herts County Council lands. TES will continue to pursue the matter.

*Stuart Mills*

### Elizabeth Reed

Those TES members who walked with the Society 10 to 30 years ago will no doubt remember Elizabeth who regularly joined walks and, indeed, led a few walks herself in Hertfordshire, as well as being a stalwart member of the Groundforce team.

It is therefore with sadness we have to record her recent death after a lengthy illness.

*Stuart Mills*

# 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](http://www.enfieldsociety.org.uk) and on the Enfield Council site at [www.enfield.gov.uk/events/](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/events/)

**Until Sunday 11th January 2015, Dugdale Centre, 39 London Road, Enfield. Exhibition: Enfield at War 1914-18.** Free admission. Open Mon.–Sat. 9am to 5pm, Sundays 10am to 1pm.

**Wednesday 14th May, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Neil Pennock, clarinet**

**Wednesday 14th May, 7.45 for 8.00pm, Jubilee Hall. A view of the New River: 400 years of fresh water for London,** by Rachael Macdonald. [EHHS]

**Friday 16th May, 8.00pm, Jubilee Hall. Life and death in Pompeii and Herculaneum,** Paul Roberts, Curator, Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, British Museum. [EAS]

**Every Wednesday from 21st May to 30 July inclusive, 12.45 to 1.30pm, St Andrews, Market Place, Enfield Town. Lunchtime recitals.**

**Thursday 22nd May, 7pm, Enfield Market Place. Heritage walk around Enfield Town.** See page 8 for details.

**Saturday 31st May – Saturday 7th June, All Saints Church, Edmonton. Lamb Festival.** See page 9 for details. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

**Saturday 31st May**

**2 pm: The Lambs' tale,** a puppet play produced by local arts charity, ArtStart.

**6 pm:** Announcement of shortlisted entries in **essay and photo competitions**

**6.30 pm: Madness, murder and muses: the extraordinary life of the Lambs** by Nick Powell of the Charles Lamb Society

**Sunday 1 June**

**4 pm: A service of thanksgiving for Charles and Mary Lamb** with 17th and 18th century choral music and readings from their works.

**Monday 2nd June**

**3-6 pm: Carers UK afternoon tea.**

**7-9 pm: Poetry evening** organised by Carers UK.

**Tuesday 3rd June**

**7 pm: A walk with the Lambs** led by Joe Studman.

**Wednesday 4th June**

**1 pm: Organ recital** by Peter Smith, FRCO, MMus, former organist of All Saints.

**Thursday 5th June**

**Evening: Manic expressions, a recital** organised by Anna Tilbrook focusing on music produced by composers who struggled with mental health.

**Saturday 7th June**

**2-4pm: Prizegiving and celebrations.** With music from pupils from Edmonton County School.

**Wednesday 11th June, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Brian Duke, piano.**

**Friday 13th June, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Walbrook Square excavations and Temple of Mithras.** John Shepard, Consultant Archaeologist [EAS]

**Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th June. Open Squares Weekend.** 200 gardens and squares, many not normally open to the public, can be visited during this two day event. Gardens vary from the historic and traditional to the new and experimental across 25 London boroughs. One ticket (£10 in advance, £12 on the day) covers admission on both days to all gardens. (There is however to be a ballot for the garden of 10 Downing Street because of expected interest. Details on line or in the booklet which comes with each ticket) Tickets can be purchased in advance on line at [www.opensquares.org/tickets](http://www.opensquares.org/tickets), in person from the Information Centre opposite St. Paul's Cathedral or by post from The London Parks and Gardens Trust, c/o The Storeyard, St. James Park, London SW1A 3BJ.

**Tuesday 17th – Saturday 28th June, Capel Manor, Bullsmoor Lane.**

**Shakespeare in the Park: The Merry Wives of Windsor.** Matinee and evening performances. Tickets can be booked at Millfield Theatre

**Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st June, 7.30pm, Wylllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. The tales of Hoffmann.** Southgate Opera presents Offenbach's fantasy opera. Box Office 01707 645005. [www.southgateopera.co.uk](http://www.southgateopera.co.uk)

**Tuesday 1st July. Dugdale Centre, 7.30 p.m. Drama: The trials of Oscar Wilde.**

**Friday 4th July, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall. Terror from the skies: Enfield and the air war 1914-18,** by Ian Jones. (The Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture. Joint meeting of the EHHS with the EAS.) [EHHS][EAS]

**Wednesday 9th July, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Gordon Giles, flute with accompanist.**

**Sunday 13th July, 2.30pm. Heritage walk around Winchmore Hill.** See page 8 for details.

**Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th July, Pymmes Park. Edmonton Festival**

**Sunday 10th August, 2.30pm. Heritage walk around Bush Hill Park.** See page 8 for details.

**Sunday 17th August and Sunday 21st September, Trent Park, 10am. Survival walks – tips and techniques to survive the great outdoors.** Meet at the main car park. Finish at 12 noon, distance 3 miles maximum. No booking necessary.

**Friday 12th September, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Presidential Address: The Rose discovered and the Rose revealed** Harvey Sheldon, EAS President [EAS]

**Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th September, Town Park. Enfield Autumn Show.**

**Saturday 13th September. Heritage walk around Edmonton.** See page 8 for details.

**Wednesday 17th September, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall. Enfield's industrial heritage,** by Stephen Gilburt. [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](mailto:groundforce.enfield@gmail.com). **ECV:** Judy Mayo (07791473844), email [judy@ecv.org.uk](mailto:judy@ecv.org.uk) or Jenny Willmot, Outreach and Community Officer (020) 8449 2459, email [jenny.willmot@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.willmot@enfield.gov.uk). They have websites at [sites.google.com/site/groundforce99/](http://sites.google.com/site/groundforce99/) and [www.ecv.org.uk](http://www.ecv.org.uk) but these may not always be up to date.

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

**EHHS:** Edmonton Hundred Historical Society [www.edmontonhundred.org.uk](http://www.edmontonhundred.org.uk). Talks are free to members – there is a charge of £1 per head for visitors.



## Enfield Society events

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

**27th May. New Zealand – North and South Islands**, an illustrated talk by Ann Feredayan

**24th June. Baker Street and Silver Street now and then**, by Frank Bayford

**29th July. History of money** by Richard Selby

**August:** No meeting

**Evening meetings, 7.30 for 8pm at Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated. No tickets required.**

**Monday 19th May. Kew Village and Gardens**, an illustrated talk by Stuart Harvey.

**Thursday 12th June. The Enfield Society AGM**, followed by an illustrated talk by Janet Green on *The Lee Valley Regional Park – past, present and future?*

**July, August and September:** No meeting

**Monday 20th October. Enfield football tales: an oral history project**, an illustrated presentation by Martin Cantrell.

**Monday 17th November, Kensington Palace**, an illustrated talk by Lee Prosser, Curator, Historic Royal Palaces

### Special event

#### The Lamb Festival

In June 2014 All Saints Church Edmonton plan to host The Lamb Festival, an arts festival in celebration of the lives of Charles and Mary Lamb, and something that it is hoped will go on to be an annual celebration of their lives and works. For details see page 9.

## Can you help?

The Society has a continuing need to expand its list of members who are able to commit some time to assist in various activities. We particularly seek assistance in organising and setting up for events. This year's events that we plan to attend include The Edmonton Show to be held in Pymmes Park on 25-27 July, Palmers Green Festival on 7 September in Broomfield Park and The Enfield Autumn Show in Town Park on 13 and 14 September. If you are interested in helping in the setting up/taking down or in assisting in staffing the stand, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact Bob Fowler on 020 8363 5732 or email:

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Bob Fowler

## The Chairman's column



TES is constantly "on the go", administrative activity being undertaken by Council of Management members on a daily basis.

Recently, I spent half a day visiting various locations in the Borough with an officer from Enfield Council, examining specific sites regarding the placement of benches, which will be funded by TES. Disappointingly, over half of the ten proposed sites were deemed unacceptable due to perceived Health & Safety concerns. Two of these were on "Hail and Ride" bus routes, where informal waiting points have become established by regular passengers. I shall be pursuing this matter to see if a compromise can be reached. Should any TES member be able to identify any site where they feel a sponsored bench would be welcomed please let me know, in order that the site can be given due consideration.

The good work of Thames 21, the environmental charity, continues as reported elsewhere in this newsletter. One subtle and, in my view, important step that has been taken is the change

from the old names bestowed on some of our small watercourses.

Brimsdown ditch, Glenbrook drain and Hounsden Gutter have all now been called streams. The idea is hopefully that this might change the way we look and think about these watercourses. They are not sewers but living streams supporting a variety of flora and fauna and should be cared for, not culverted over and forgotten.

The Society was disappointed to learn of Enfield Council's Planning Committee decision to grant permission for a five-hundred seat stand at the football training academy in Whitewebbs Lane. This is a Green Belt site and the incremental expansion of facilities here has resulted in "urban creep". Thankfully, a plan to fill a nearby farm field along the same lane with solar panels has not been implemented. Had this come to fruition, it would have been grossly detrimental to the open aspect of the Green Belt.

Dave Cockle

## Beryl Dorrington



Beryl joined the Enfield Preservation Society, as it was then, in 1980 and played a major role in EPS affairs from then on. Beryl served as Honorary Secretary from 1997 to 2002 and was a long serving member of the Management Committee. As Chairman of the Publicity Committee Beryl was especially pleased to be the EPS representative on and a judge for the Enfield in Bloom programme. In 2010 Beryl was appointed a Vice President of the Society in recognition of her tireless work over the years.

Beryl will be remembered for her involvement and leading role in a number of major campaigns. Two that

had particular concerns and resonance for her were RAGE (Residents Against Gaming in Enfield) and Forty Hall.

RAGE was a campaign to prevent Rank Leisure from setting up a gaming arcade in the centre of Church Street in Enfield. After two years, under the energetic leadership of Beryl, Rank was finally defeated. This was the first of some hundreds of applications to be lost by Rank.

The campaign to keep Forty Hall open and to have it operated by an independent trust took place during the time when Beryl was Honorary Secretary and I was Chairman. We had a very close working relationship and I was able to see just how effective, perceptive and hardworking she was. Over nearly four years a working party of Colin Pointer, Beryl and myself struggled against the complexities of the Council. Although we did not achieve operation by the trust we did set the parameters and a model for the Forty Hall that exists today. I believe this was a quiet success for the Society.

Beryl touched many lives and will be fondly remembered.

Tony Langston

# Historic buildings

## Winchmore Hill

The rural hamlet of Wynsemerhull is first recorded in 1319. By the end of the 17th century the village of Winchmore Hill, spreading out from the Green, was well established. A picture of life in the later part of the 19th century can be found in Henrietta Cresswell's *Winchmore Hill: memories of a lost village*, published in 1912. The book is illustrated with reproductions of drawings and watercolours by her father John, the village doctor. The originals are now in the Enfield Museum collection.

The opening of the Great Northern Railway station in 1871 and the extension of the electric tramway along Green Lanes from Manor House to the Green Dragon in 1907 led to a transformation of Winchmore Hill. Shopping parades were constructed at the Green and Broadway, as well as schools, churches and villas "of the better sort", in the period up to the First World War. Further development of semi-detached and detached houses took place in the inter-war period.

The Winchmore Hill Green conservation area was established in 1968 and extended in 1994. The neighbouring Vicars Moor Lane conservation area dates from 1970. Many of the historic buildings in the two conservation areas are listed Grade II, either individually or for their group value.

W9 is the only bus to Winchmore Hill Green although bus 329 passes the bottom of Station Road and bus 125 passes the bottom of Church Hill.

For more information on the history of the area see David Pam's booklet *Winchmore Hill, a woodland hamlet*, published by the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society; a reprint of O.S. Map of Winchmore Hill village centre in 1865 with an illustrated historical account on the reverse and Peter Hodge's *The Cresswells of Winchmore Hill, a gifted Victorian family*, which are both available from the Southgate District Civic Trust; Graham Dalling's *Southgate and Edmonton past*; Alan Dumayne's *Fond memories of Winchmore Hill* and his books on *The London Borough of Enfield* and *The old Borough of Southgate* in the series *Britain in old photographs*.

More information on the historic buildings may be found in the well-illustrated book *Treasures of Enfield* and the guide to *Heritage walks in the London Borough of Enfield* which are both available from the Enfield Society.

Stephen Gilbert



Members of the Enfield Preservation Society on Winchmore Hill Green in 2003. Joe Studman will lead this year's heritage walk around Winchmore Hill on Sunday 13th July, starting at the station at 2.30 pm. (See page 8 for details of how to obtain tickets for this and other heritage walks.)



The north side of Vicars Moor Lane has a variety of well-preserved 19th century houses and the former Providence Strict Baptist chapel of 1883. The poet Thomas Hood lived in the now demolished Rose Cottage in Vicars Moor Lane between 1829 and 1832. His poem *Our village* may have been inspired by Winchmore Hill.



The early 18th century Glenwood House in Wades Hill was originally half of a double-fronted building. It was re-faced and extended in the 19th century when it served as St Paul's Church vicarage during the ministries of Rev. John Frost and Rev. Alfred Drought.



These early/mid 19th century weatherboarded cottages in Wades Hill have survived largely unchanged apart from a modern bow window on the ground floor and the off-street parking areas in the former front gardens.



The most prominent building on Winchmore Hill Green is the King's Head of 1899 with its projecting corner turret.



# Historic buildings



The late 17th/early 18th century Old Bakery (Chalkley's Bakery) in Hoppers Road was originally a farmhouse. An oven for baking bread and a shop front were installed about 1815. The building became an antiques shop in the 1960s, but is now a residence. To the right is the 19th century Compton Terrace.



The early 18th century Rowantree and Woodside Houses on Winchmore Hill Green were originally a single building. Rowantree House on the left has a white painted brick facade with an attic under a slate mansard roof.



The 18th century Devon House in Church Hill was largely rebuilt in replica in 1985. The twin arches of the stables on the right led to a courtyard where the village fire engine was kept.



The Society of Friends met in Winchmore Hill from 1662 and a meeting house was completed in 1688. The present single storey yellow brick structure in Church Hill was built in 1790. The caretaker's cottage next door dates from 1911. Many prominent local Quakers were buried in the adjoining graveyard.



The late 18th century weatherboarded Woodside Cottages in Church Hill were threatened with demolition for a road-widening scheme, before being listed for their group value. The middle cottage was the village school in the early 19th century.



The rectangular aisleless nave of St Paul's Church in Church Hill was built of yellow stock brick in the Churchwarden Gothic style in 1828. An apsidal chancel was added in 1889. The vicarage, partly in Queen Anne revival style, dates from 1913.



Grovelands and Forty Hall are the only Grade I listed buildings in the borough. Originally known as Southgate Grove, this fine neo-classical villa with white ionic columns was built to a design by John Nash in 1797 for Walker Gray. The grounds were laid out by Humphry Repton. After use as a hospital in the First World War and later as a convalescent home, Grovelands was sold to the Priory Hospital Group in 1985.



## Heritage walks programme

We are once again arranging a series of guided walks around interesting areas of the borough. As numbers are limited they are all ticketed so if you wish to come **please send a stamped addressed envelope to – Heritage walks, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ**. Remember to state which walk(s) you want to book and how many tickets you would like (maximum 4 tickets per walk except for Enfield Town walk). Please also include your telephone number.

**Thursday 22nd May** – A walk around **Enfield Town**, to include entrance to the Tudor room and St. Andrews church and finishing with refreshments at Jubilee Hall. Meet at 7pm in the Market Place.

**Sunday 13th July** – A walk around **Winchmore Hill** with Joe Studman, starting at 2.30pm. On this tour you will see the Quaker meeting house and graveyard, a Georgian school house and the old bakery with its 16th century roots. Add some of the darker historical stories and the memories of Henrietta Cresswell and there is plenty to fill 90 minutes.

**Sunday 10th August** – A walk around **Bush Hill Park** with Joe Studman, starting at 2.30pm. Five Grade II and four locally listed buildings are viewed on this 90 minute stroll, passing The Anchorage, Brooklyn, Castleleigh and the Clarendon Arch. The history and personalities associated with them are explained along with many other stories.

**Saturday 13th September** – A walk around **Edmonton**, led by Monica Smith and starting at 10am. This ever popular event will include visits to Lamb's Cottage and All Saints' Church and is particularly appropriate in the year when the Lamb festival is being celebrated.

## Heritage at Risk Group (HARG)

The Group has had several meetings and members have been visiting buildings on the London Borough of Enfield Local List in order to make a record of their current condition and wherever possible take a photograph. Comments are being added to a TES register which will be reviewed by the group at its next meeting. Group members are also recording observations about properties, not on the Local List, but which it is believed should be considered for future addition.

The scope of the Group embraces both the built and the green environment within the Borough. The Group will shortly publish a statement of its Aims and Objectives, which will form part of a press release to inform and engage with the wider public.

*Bob Fowler*

## English Heritage Conference, 2014

Two members of the Enfield Society's newly formed Heritage at Risk Group recently attended a conference organized by English Heritage to help participants understand the implications of the government's new planning guidelines for listed properties and heritage sites.

As Enfield Council is currently reviewing its portfolio of locally listed sites, this was a particularly useful conference which highlighted the need for neighbourhood plans and helped us define, at least to some extent, the vagaries of national planning policy.

For members interested in heritage, there are several useful documents available on the English Heritage website, especially on the *Caring for heritage* page:

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/)

*Moir Wilkie*

## 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. Contributors' views may differ from those of the Management Committee of The Enfield Society; anonymous items are not published. 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 July 2014, 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*

## New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Miss H Argent, Ms A Baillie, Mr N L Boreham, Mr & Mrs R A Brice, Mr G Calvert, Miss C Carter, Mrs D Dean, Mrs J Elliott, Mr R Elmer, Mr J D Farbon, Ms K Hale, Mr & Mrs H & S Hart, Mr & Mrs J & P Henley, Mrs A E Heywood, Mr J Kerr, Ms A Kilgour, Mrs A Lottinga, Mr D McGillicuddy, Ms L Meister, Mr & Mrs R A & C A Montgomery, Mr & Mrs L J & E Rainbow, Ms K Z Sharpe, Mr & Mrs P F & B P Smith, Mr C Theodoulou, Mrs S Turck, Mr T Vardy, Miss M G Vaz, Mr R D Williams

*Joyce James*

## Edmonton Group

Support has been given to Art Start's bid to move into the Grade II listed Charity School Hall, Church Street, which is on the At Risk Register. In February a successful meeting was attended by 60 members of Edmonton Hundred Historical Society, the Enfield Society, Friends of Pymmes Park and interested Edmonton residents about Thames 21's (London's leading waterways charity) programme to improve the water of rivers, streams and lakes in the borough. Unfortunately there appears to be no improvement to the heavily polluted Pymmes Lake.

The Group is also attempting to get the illegible and vandalised heritage information boards in Church Street conservation area replaced before the Lamb Festival, details of which are on page 9 and which all members are welcome to attend. Free of charge and no tickets necessary.

*Monica Smith*



## Special events

### Study day on the First World War, Saturday 27th September

The Enfield Society and the Museum and Library service are once again joining forces to hold a study day at the Dugdale Centre in order to complement the current exhibition – Enfield at War: 1914-1918.

This should be an extremely interesting day and although the programme is not completely finalised it will include a talk on the First World War in Enfield by Ian Jones, along with World War I re-enactors such as a fictitious journalist telling us about the Cuffley airship crash and hopefully a First World War soldier in full uniform giving an explanation of his kit and weapons. We are also planning to get a display of firearms and presentation on the Lee Enfield rifle and some poetry readings. You will, of course, also be able to explore the current exhibition in the Museum 'Enfield at War: 1914-1918' at your leisure as well as the permanent Enfield Life display. The price of a ticket is once again £13 and this includes all refreshments i.e. coffee/tea and biscuits morning and

Enfield Local Studies Library

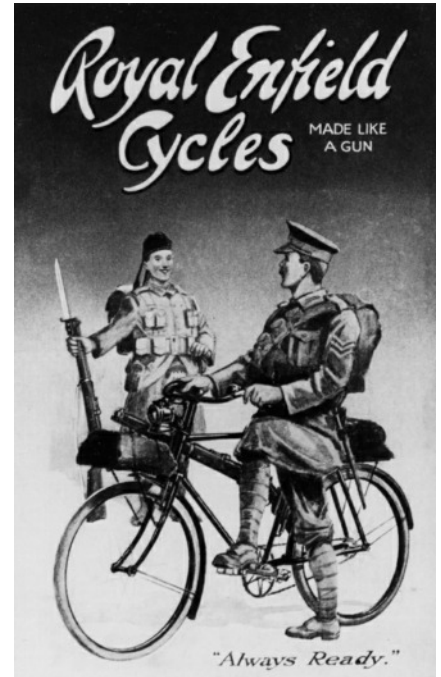


The wrecked Zeppelin, Cuffley, 3rd September 1916, with inset photograph of Lt. William Leefe Robinson, VC who shot it down.

afternoon as well as lunch. Those who managed to get a ticket last year will remember what good value it was, so we hope the event will be as well attended this year.

**To book your place** send a stamped addressed envelope to "Study Day", Jubilee hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ. Please include your telephone number and enclose a cheque for £13 per ticket made payable to "The Enfield Society".

*Janet McQueen*



An enlarged new edition of Geoffrey Gillam's book *Enfield at war: 1914-1918* has been produced by the Enfield Archaeological Society in collaboration with the Enfield Museum Service. We expect details to be available at [www.enfarchsoc.org](http://www.enfarchsoc.org).

### The Lamb Festival, 31st May - 7th June



This year the historic parish church of All Saints, Edmonton, will be hosting a week long arts festival, in celebration of the lives and legacies of Charles and Mary Lamb, who are buried together in the churchyard at All Saints.

The opening day of the Festival, Saturday 31st May, will also be one of the busiest. The Festival launches with a puppet play called 'The Lambs' Tale', which has been specially produced for the Festival by Edmonton arts charity 'Art Start'. Later in the afternoon the organisers will be announcing the shortlisted entries for the Festival essay and photography competitions, which ran from January 30th to May 1st. The day concludes with

an illustrated talk on the lives of Charles and Mary Lamb, by Nick Powell of The Charles Lamb Society.

Across the week there will be a wide range of events, involving several partner organisations. Reflecting the lifelong dedication which Charles and Mary Lamb gave to caring for one another, the charity Carers UK will be hosting a poetry evening at All Saints on Monday 2nd. Local walking guide, Joe Studman, will be leading a walk through Edmonton, tracing the area's connection with the Lambs, as well as sharing lots of other fascinating stories from across nine hundred years of Edmonton's history.

Although Charles Lamb professed to be less than appreciative of the beauties of music, we're going to be providing a rich and varied musical programme anyway (and any odd noises from the churchyard will probably be Charles turning in his grave). On Sunday 1st June we will be holding a service of thanksgiving for the Lambs, which will combine some of their writings with choral music from the late 18th and early 19th century. The organist, Peter Smith, who has a long and

lively connection with All Saints will be giving a lunchtime recital on Wednesday 4th June. As is well known, Charles and Mary Lamb both struggled with their mental health throughout their lives, and on Thursday 5th June professional pianist Anna Tilbrook will be organising a recital of music by composers who faced those same struggles and who, like the Lambs, created beauty out of their trials.

The Festival comes to a celebratory close on Saturday 7th June, with the awarding of prizes to the winners of the essay and photography competitions. Local MP, Andy Love, will be joining us, and we're going to be grandly entertained by the same musicians from Edmonton County School who made our launch event such a special occasion.

After that ... it's time to start planning for the 2015 Festival.

For more information:

[www.allsaintsedmonton.org.uk/lamb-festival.html](http://www.allsaintsedmonton.org.uk/lamb-festival.html).

[www.facebook.com/lambfestival](https://www.facebook.com/lambfestival),

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*Father Stuart Owen  
Vicar of All Saints, Edmonton*

# Future walks

**Travel details 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 0343 222 1234 or check TfL website. For Hertfordshire bus times see [www.intalink.org.uk](http://www.intalink.org.uk)**

*Reduced price train travel: Groupsave Off-Peak and Super 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. Groupsave is also available on Off-Peak Day Single tickets. Super Off-Peak Day returns are available at weekends from some train companies.*

**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.**

**Wed 21 May. From Country Parks to London Loop.** Either travel with Dave on **09.52** train from Enfield Town to Seven Sisters, then short walk to South Tottenham Station for **10.18** London Overground train to Barking (arrives 10.42), then brief journey on District Line. Alternatively, be at Dagenham East Station (District Line) by **10.55**.

Morning section of 3.5 miles is via Eastbrookend Country Park and Harrow Lodge Park to the lunch stop near Upminster Bridge Station and Upminster Windmill (bring lunch or food available and option to finish).

Afternoon section of 4.5 miles will follow the London Loop through part of Havering's Green Belt countryside in the River Ingrebourne Valley, ending at Harold Wood Station for easy return to Liverpool Street. Might be muddy in places. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Bank Holiday Mon 26 May. Ash Valley.** Meet **10.25** Ware Station. Either travel by 09.44 train from Southbury Station and change at Cheshunt for 10.09 train; or by direct train at 09.55 from Tottenham Hale Station which also stops at intermediate stations. About 9 mile circular walk through pretty countryside, including the delightful Ash Valley, with lunch stop in Wareside. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

**Sat 31 May. Houghton Mill, Hemingford Villages and St Ives.** Either travel with Roy on the **09.01** train from Enfield Chase (he will board at Grange Park) or meet him at Finsbury Park mainline station for the **09.41** Peterborough train which also stops at Potters Bar (09.51) and Stevenage (10.12) and arrives at Huntingdon at **10.47**.

There will be time to see part of Huntingdon before a short bus ride to the walk's starting point of Houghton Village Clock Tower, where car drivers can meet the group at **11.36**.

An easy circular walk of about 8 miles following both banks of the lovely River Ouse via picture postcard villages with the lunch stop in St Ives (food available or bring lunch and option to end). Details: (020) 8360 0282 or [roynicholls@btinternet.com](mailto:roynicholls@btinternet.com)

*Notes: (i) With the very large saving in fare cost by purchasing Super Off-Peak Day Return Groupsave tickets from boundary zone 6 to Huntingdon, suggest a group be planned and tickets bought in advance of day. (ii) Possible major engineering works this weekend at King's Cross – check closer to date whether this affects timings and liaise with Roy. Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Thurs 5 June. Rib Valley.** Meet **11.16** Wadesmill Village. By car via A10 (Wadesmill is 2 miles north of Ware) – either park at rear of The Feathers car park or in side road.

Public transport: travel to Ware either by 10.14 train from Southbury Station and change at Cheshunt for 10.39 train; or by direct train at 10.25 from Tottenham Hale. Train arrives 10.55. Then catch 331 Royston bus at **11.08** from bus stop next to level crossing.

A varied and scenic 7.5 to 8 mile figure-of-eight walk with attractive landscape and geological features. Lunch stop in Wadesmill. Bring lunch or food available from pubs and village tea room. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Sat 14 June. Rivers Thames and Brent, Osterley Park and Grand Union Canal.** Either travel with Dave on **09.01** train from Enfield Chase and then via Victoria Line to Vauxhall for **10.11** train to Brentford (which departs from Waterloo at 10.07) or be at Brentford at **10.38**.

With interesting historical features, today's 8.5 mile linear walk is via Old Brentford and Thames scenes, then the new marina area and the River Brent before entering Osterley Park (N.T.) for the lunch stop at the visitor centre. Bring lunch or food available. The afternoon section is via parkland, Norwood Green and the Grand Union canal, ending at Hanwell Station. Shorter options including from Osterley House. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Wed 18 June. Conservation Countryside.** Meet **10.14** Bayford Station (10.01 train from Enfield Chase). Car drivers can park in Bayford village and await the group's arrival at about 10.25, but please park considerably and NOT in the pub car park.

About 7 to 8 mile circular walk through pretty countryside via Little Berkhamsted and Essendon (lunch stop). Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: (020) 8360 0282 or [roynicholls@btinternet.com](mailto:roynicholls@btinternet.com).

*Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Mon 23 June. Evening Walk.** Meet at front door to Forty Hall Mansion for *prompt start* at **19.00**. About 2 hour circular walk through the Forty Hall and Whitewebbs Estates. Suggest car drivers park in Forty Hill to avoid possibility of being locked in car park overnight! *Leader: Brian Frear*

**Sat 28 June. Benington Floral Festival and Open gardens Weekend.** Meet **10.20** Watton-at-Stone Station (09.50 train from Enfield Chase).

About 8 mile circular walk in an unspoilt area with an extended lunch stop in Benington allowing ample time to view the floral display in the church (the 2014 theme is "Poetry") and the open gardens. Bring lunch or light lunches/tea and cake available in the village hall – at news copy date the pub is closed pending new owners.

Possible 4 mile shorter option by returning from Benington by bus to Hertford.

*Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Tues 1 July. Evening Walk.** Meet at the W8, W9 & 313 bus shelter on The Ridgeway only a few yards from the main entrance into Chase Farm Hospital for *prompt start* at **19.00**. About 2 hour circular walk on some of Enfield's farmland footpaths with option to end at Botany Bay. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07931 963 086.

*Leader: Monica Smith*

**Sat 5 July. River Stort and into Essex.** Meet **10.39** Bishop's Stortford Station ticket office (either by 09.44 train from Southbury Station and change at Cheshunt for 10.18 Cambridge train or by direct train at 10.10 from Tottenham Hale).

By car: either A10, A120 & A1250 into town centre, or, M25, M11 (Junction 8), briefly A120 westwards and after 250 yards A1250 into town centre.

About 8 mile circular walk with a varied mix of the Stort Navigation and farmland, villages, parkland and woods towards the western edge of Hatfield Forest. Bring lunch or pub food probably available.

*Leader: Brian Frear*

**Wed 9 July. Mimram Valley and village greens.** Meet **10.35** Welwyn North Station ticket office (10.10 Cambridge train from Finsbury Park mainline station or at 10.21 from Potters Bar Station).

About 8 mile circular walk in mid-Herts with attractive views, woods and river valley



scenes and pretty village greens and cottages. Lunch stop at Tewin (bring lunch or food available from pub and the community shop tea room). Possibility of shorter option by returning to Welwyn North by bus from Tewin.

By car: Welwyn North is near Digswell Viaduct about 1 mile east of Al(M) (Junction 6) or follow B1000 from Hertford. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Wed 16 July. Knole Park and Ightham Mote.** Meet **11.05** Sevenoaks Station (10.39 Tunbridge Wells train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platforms 1-5). *Freedom Pass boundary is Knockholt.* Martin will use local buses between the station and Old Sevenoaks to start/end the walk.

Today's 7 to 8 mile circular walk joins the two National Trust properties of Knole Park and Ightham Mote via ancient parkland and magnificent views from the Greensand Ridge. Lunch stop will be at the Ightham Mote restaurant/picnic area (no admission charge) and, hopefully for those who wish, there will be time for a visit to the garden and/or house (free to N.T. members). Contact on day of walk *only*: 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

**Tues 22 July. Old Essex buildings.** Meet **11.15** Epping Station (Central Line – about 37 mins from Liverpool Street) for a 9 mile linear walk that can be treated as two separate walks with *all travel covered by Freedom Pass*. If joining for the afternoon section only, be at The King's Head by 13.30.

The morning section of about 4 miles is via outlying parts of Epping Forest to the lunch stop at the early 1500's building of The King's Head, North Weald Bassett. Food available or bring lunch.

The afternoon walk is through varied farmland with remote hamlets and Breda intends to visit the tiny Saxon log church at Greensted. Founded 1300 years ago, the present structure dates from 1060AD but there are timbers 300 years older, thereby possibly making it the oldest wooden church in the World. This walk is taking place on a Tuesday to hopefully avoid weddings. *Note: to enter church a change of footwear or plastic bags to cover boots is essential.* The route ends in the pleasant old town of Ongar. Return to Epping by bus *via* North Weald Bassett. *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

**Sat 26 July. Trent Park– Geology and more!** Meet **14.30** Cockfosters Station for about 3 hour circular walk during which Norman will explain some of the remarkably varied geological features to be seen in Trent Park and their historical connection. Hopefully, there will be time for a tea break at Ferny Hill Farm tearooms (option to end). Contact on day of walk *only*: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Wed 30 July. Ayot St Lawrence.** Meet **10.38** in public car park at rear of The Bull P.H. in Wheathampstead Village (NOT in pub car park). By car about 40 mins from Enfield Town via Al(M) (Junction 4), then A6129 briefly & B653.

Public transport: **09.40** train from Finsbury Park mainline station or at 09.51 from Potters Bar Station to Welwyn Garden City (arrives 10.02). Then catch 366 Luton/Dunstable bus at **10.20** from nearby bus station.

7 to 8 mile circular walk in scenic and varied countryside with lunch stop in pretty Ayot St Lawrence. Bring lunch or pub food available. George Bernard Shaw's house and garden (Shaw's Corner) should be open – free to National Trust members. Details 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

**Sat 9 Aug. River Thames and Ingrebourne Valley (London Loop).** Either travel with Dave on **09.22** train from Enfield Town to Seven Sisters, then short walk to South Tottenham Station for **09.48** London Overground train to Barking (arrives 10.12), then c2c mainline train at 10.19 to Purfleet. Alternatively, be at Purfleet Station at **10.33** (10.05 c2c Grays train from Fenchurch Street mainline station which Dave will catch from Barking). *Freedom Pass boundary is Rainham.*

Morning section is about 5 miles and, with high tide predicted, about half is beside The Thames before turning inland to the lunch stop in Rainham Village. Bring lunch or food available. Also option to end/join at Rainham.

To join, be at Rainham Parish Church in village centre (3 mins from the station) by between 13.00 and 13.35. Trains arrive Rainham at 0.27 & 0.57 mins past the hour, departing from Fenchurch Street at 0.05 & 0.35 mins past the hour (and Barking at 0.19 & 0.49). The 4 mile afternoon section is through country parks and Green Belt countryside on the Ingrebourne Greenway with a newly opened section avoiding housing, ending at Upminster Bridge Station (District Line). Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Thurs 14 Aug. Lea Valley and White Water Centre.** Meet **10.30** at Causeway Bridge/River Lea bus stop at entrance to Enfield Island Village. Currently 121 buses at 09.41 and 09.51 from Church Street, Enfield Town, and 491 bus at 09.41 from Edmonton Green are scheduled to arrive before the start.

Today's circular walk of about 6 to 7 miles initially follows the Lea towpath northwards to enter the Lee Country Park for the lunch stop at Fishers Green. Bring lunch or food available. In the afternoon there will be a route connecting many of the lakes and waterways before a break at the Olympic White Water Centre. Whilst the leaders will then take the main group to Enfield Island

Village, those who wish may remain longer at the Centre and return to Waltham Cross by the short signposted route to nearby Eleanor Cross Road for buses. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa and Margaret*

**Tues 19 Aug. Ashwell.** Meet **11.02** Ashwell & Morden Station (10.10 Cambridge train from Finsbury Park mainline station or at 10.21 from Potters Bar Station). By car via A10 or Al(M) and then A505 – the station is about halfway between Royston and Baldock signposted just north of A505.

8 to 9 mile circular walk via pretty and historic Ashwell Village (lunch stop) in gently undulating countryside with long distance views. Bring lunch or food available. As the afternoon section will include a loop towards Hinxworth, this gives a shorter option by remaining in Ashwell to explore the village/parish church and source of the River Cam and await Roy's return. Details: (020) 8360 0282 or roynicholls@btinternet.com. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Bank Holiday Mon 25 Aug. Upper Ver Valley.** Meet **10.30** at Hicks Road car park in centre of Markyate Village AL3 8LJ (0.S. Map 166 Ref TL 063164).

By car about 30-40 mins from Enfield Town via M25, M1 (junction 9), then A5 towards Dunstable for 2 miles.

Today's 7-8 mile circular walk is through the beautiful rolling countryside surrounding the source of the River Ver chalk stream and Kensworth Village/Church End, via a mix of wooded tracks and arable field paths where Buzzards and Red Kites are frequently seen. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon and Margaret McAlpine*

**Sat 30 Aug. Enfield Lock to Chingford Plain and Epping Forest.** Meet **10.20** at Enfield Lock Station (09.55 train from Tottenham Hale arrives 10.04). Currently 121 buses at 09.44 & 09.53 from Church Street, Enfield Town, and the 491 bus at 09.49 from Edmonton Green are scheduled to arrive at or near the station before the start.

An attractive route of 7-8 miles that can be treated as two separate walks. Following part of the London Loop, the morning section of about 4 miles climbs with fine views over the Lea Valley before entering Epping Forest to end at the lunch stop at the Royal Forest Hotel/Butlers Retreat, which are about 10 mins walk from Chingford bus/rail stations. Bring lunch or food available.

In the afternoon there will be a walk in the Forest ending at Chingford Station – to join for only the afternoon section be at the lunch stop by **13.45**. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

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## Coach trip to Lewes, Monk's House and Charleston on Saturday August 30th 2014

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**Charleston**

Our only coach trip this year will be to  
Sussex visiting the two houses there  
associated with Virginia Woolf and her  
sister Vanessa Bell with time for lunch  
and a look round Lewes between visiting  
the properties.

Setting off from Enfield at 8.30 we will  
first visit Charleston, the house of artists  
Vanessa Bell and her husband Duncan  
Grant. We will have a private guided tour  
of the house within which the artists took  
painting beyond the canvas, decorating  
walls and furniture, ceramics and textiles  
transforming it into a work of art. The  
gardens too they turned into a summer  
haven with flowers, sculptures and  
mosaics and there will be time to look  
around the grounds and visit the shop  
before making the short journey to  
Lewes. There you will have about 2  
hours to eat lunch and look around –  
Anne of Cleves' House is worth a visit as  
is the castle and Barbican House  
museum.

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**Duncan Grant's studio**

Leaving Lewes we will then head for  
Monk's House, a weatherboarded cottage  
now owned by the National Trust, which  
was the home of Virginia and Leonard  
Woolf until Leonard's death in 1969. The  
coach will drop us about 200 yards from  
the property, near a pub where we can  
also have tea before returning to Enfield,  
arriving about 7 pm.

The cost of the day is £24 for National  
Trust members and £28 otherwise.

**To book your place** for this coach trip  
on Saturday 30th August please send a  
stamped addressed envelope to Coach  
Trips, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane,  
Enfield, EN2 0AJ, including your  
telephone number and enclosing a cheque  
made payable the "The Enfield Society".

*Janet McQueen*

More information about the properties is  
given on their websites at  
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