



Enfield Society News

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Further threats to Enfield's green belt

The proposal for a 25 hectare solar farm at Sloeman's Farm poses a number of interesting questions. It is likely that this could be the forerunner of other, similar schemes so the outcome of this planning application is of considerable local significance. The proposal would cover one complete field and part of two others with panels mounted on frames.. Currently the use is as arable land. The most significant factor here is that the land is in the Metropolitan Green Belt in a relatively narrow open strip between Whitewebbs Road and the M25. As such, it would have a significant effect on the landscape value here.

The arguments put forward in favour are that it is a sustainable development for renewable energy on land not of top quality, that it is not a building and that it would not prevent the site reverting to its current condition should the need arise and that the land could still encourage biodiversity and be screened. Various paragraphs of the National Planning Policy Framework are quoted in favour but could be open to the opposite conclusions.

Many of these arguments could reasonably support a similar installation in open country. What is special about this site? The first response is that the land is in the Green Belt. The appellants acknowledge that the fundamental aim of the Green Belt is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. Only in very special circumstances should local planning authorities allow inappropriate development. They go on to argue that the installation is not a building and that it is not permanent and so special circumstances do arise. In our view this is splitting hairs. The installation would read very much as a large building on this open site and, if not permanent, could last as long as many buildings. The desk top assessment of the land quality concludes that much of it is grade 3a and this does seem to be of sufficient quality to argue that it should not be taken out of agricultural production.

We conclude that the most important factor here is the large proportion of a

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An aerial view showing the area of the proposed solar power plant installation, outlined in red, breaking up the area of open farmland between Whitewebbs Road and the M25 motorway. Access would be from the south, through Sloeman's Farm, as shown..

Centurion at en.wikipedia



An 11 MW solar power plant at Serpa, Portugal, of a type similar to the 15.2 MW one proposed for Sloeman's Farm.

limited, narrow stretch of open Green Belt alongside the M25, which the array would occupy. It is close to the built up area and so its value in preventing sprawl is very evident. It would read as urban sprawl and undermine the quality of the landscape and the purpose of the Green Belt. And so we oppose the application.

Chris Jephcott

Full details of the proposal, with many supporting documents and drawings, are given in the planning application, which may be seen on the Council's web site at <<http://tinyurl.com/sloemanssolar>>

CPRE Protect Kent has published a practice note on solar panels in the countryside <<http://tinyurl.com/CPRESolar>>

Enfield Road



Image credit as above

We have heard that Fairview New Homes Ltd. are proposing to submit a planning application to build 300 houses and a school on the area of Green Belt lying to the south of Enfield Road, between Cotswold Way and Lowther Drive, shown in the image above, which currently prevents the spread of complete urbanisation joining up Enfield and Oakwood. We drew attention to this threat in our newsletter 179, Autumn 2010, when the official response from Enfield Council was that "residential expansion into this area of Green Belt is unjustified and will be strongly opposed". The Enfield Society will do all that it can to ensure that this stance is maintained.

Leonard Will

Trent Park

Rumours have been swirling around the future of the ACUMS bid to take over the Trent Park Campus. Lately the security presence on the site seems to have been largely withdrawn and there was no sign of any work being done. So it was encouraging to learn that the checkpoint at the Snakes Lane entrance is again manned. Would-be visitors to the Go Ape "Adventure" have been turning up at the top of Snakes Lane guided by their sat navs! Another possibly good sign is that the daffodil lawn and grassed areas have now finally been cut.

Mini Holland – or 'Cycle Enfield' as it is now known.

By the time this newsletter is printed the public meeting organised by the Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group on 30th July on alternative approaches to revitalising Enfield's Town Centre will have taken place. It will be interesting to learn how Ben Hamilton-Baillie's views were received.

Chris Jephcott

Ripaults factory in a sorry state

The Grade II listed former Ripaults factory in Southbury Road was built in the Art Deco style about 1930 by A. H. Durnford. It is the only remaining example of the light industry factories built close to the Great Cambridge Road in the inter-war period, and produced automotive electrical accessories and cables. It was subsequently used as a depot by the German MAN truck and bus company, which has been taken over by Volkswagen. The building is now empty, it is boarded up and has been defaced with graffiti. The freehold of the building and the substantial yard behind it was advertised for sale in April 2013; for details, see http://propertysearch.alderking.com/calderes/property_images/82700/enfield_-_man_36_crown_road.pdf. Let us hope that a buyer will soon be found who will restore and care for this important piece of our industrial heritage.

Stephen Gilbert / Leonard Will



The building as it was a few years ago, "beautifully restored ... although original colours were red and white"
- *Treasures of Enfield*, p.31.



The building today – boarded up and splashed with paint.

The Fallow Buck, Clay Hill

We have just received a further application regarding the proposed conversion of the Grade II Listed, former public house to a residence. The previous application met with our support. Now, however, in addition a second house is proposed, with subdivision of the site, of roughly the same footprint as the converted, listed building. We have yet to come to a view on whether or not to support this proposed new house within the Green Belt and the Clay Hill Conservation Area.

Clarendon Cottage



We were surprised to see recently that a large section of facing had fallen off the front of Clarendon Cottage, Gentleman's Row. According to our book, *Treasures of Enfield*, the original 16th century timber-framed hall house was refronted and covered in painted stucco in the 17th century. We now have a chance to see the original wooden laths to which the facing was applied.

We understand that, in cooperation with English Heritage, the owner plans to renew a considerable area of the render, using the correct lime mortar and horsehair to repair this Grade II* listed building.

Leonard Will / Chris Jephcott

Trees

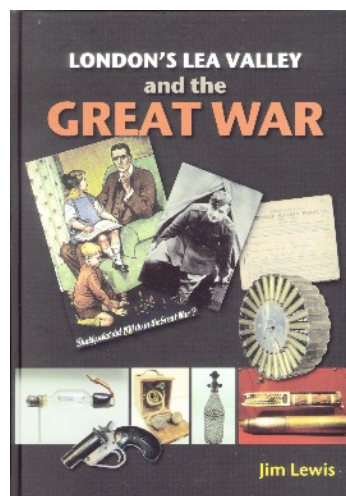
The Fairview development of new flats beside the entrance to the Town Park is slowly proceeding. As part of the scheme, a row of trees will be planted along the 8 metre wide entrance into the park. Several years ago the Enfield Society offered £10,000 for an avenue of trees along the entrance. As this is now superfluous to requirements the Society is suggesting that the money could fund new trees on Chase Green and in the park, subject to agreeing the sites selected. At the same time the Friends of Chase Green have taken advantage of the Enfield Society Project Grants Scheme to sponsor some further trees on the Green. So there should be plenty of new tree planting on the Green.

Chris Jephcott

Sales table

New books

There are two new books on sale about World War 1.



The first is "London's Lea Valley: Science, technology, innovation and its connection to the Great War" by Jim Lewis. It tells how local industry, supported by its scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs made such a massive contribution to the outcome of the conflict.

Christmas cards

Because sales of Enfield Society Christmas cards have been so disappointing for the past two years, there will not be a new card in 2014. However, you can purchase a pack of five identical cards of either Whitewebbs House, Hilly Fields or the Crown and Horseshoes at the special price for members of £1.25 per pack. The popular packs of four different cards are also on sale at £1 and will be on sale at the Enfield Town Post Office, Pearson's and some newsagents.



Hilly fields on a snowy day



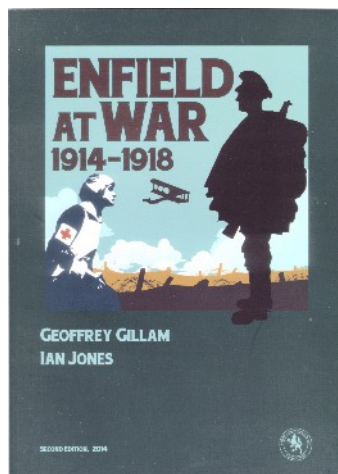
Whitewebbs House



The Crown and Horseshoes

All publications are on sale at Jubilee Hall meetings and some outside events. There will be a special opening of the Sales Table on the morning of Saturday 6th December.

If ordering by post, please complete the Order Form enclosed. 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. 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. This is the only way we can accept payments by cards.



The second is a re-publication of Geoffrey Gillam's "Enfield at War 1914-18" which has been revised by Ian Jones.

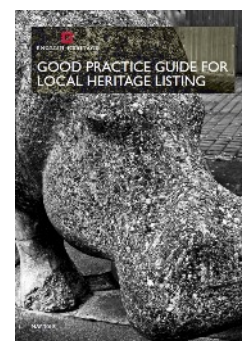
The price of each of these books is £15 and they can be ordered on the form enclosed with this newsletter or purchased at Jubilee Hall.

Thanks to Stephen Sellick, we also have on sale a few copies of his book of old postcards, "Images of England – Enfield" at the bargain price of £6.50

Local listing

Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic movement in England, has drawn our attention to several recent initiatives to encourage communities to recognise and protect buildings of local value.

- English Heritage, has championed a national campaign to promote the adoption of local heritage lists by local authorities. It has produced this 36-page guide which may be downloaded from its web site at www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/good-practice-local-heritage-listing/local-listing-guide.pdf
- English Heritage has also issued draft guidance on planning and the historic environment, on which they invite comments by 5th September, at www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/guidelines-and-standards/consultations/.



- The Hackney Society has published *Love local landmarks tool kit: a guide to reviewing and enhancing a local heritage list using volunteers*. <http://hackneybuildings.org/toolkit>



- The Localism Alliance has produced a 2-minute video explaining what is involved in registering "assets of community value". <http://animoto.com/play/356NNGB3LQBQXPui7Tu3hg> (Turn the sound down to avoid the loud and distracting background music!)

Enfield Council is about to embark on a review of its "local list" of heritage assets. The Enfield Society's Heritage at Risk Group is compiling a list of suggested additions to be submitted to the Council. This list is on our website.

Leonard Will, from Civic Update

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 January 2015, Dugdale Centre, 39 London Road, Enfield. Exhibition: Enfield at War 1914-18. Free admission. Open Monday-Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sundays 10am to 1 pm.

Sunday 17th August, 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.

Wednesday 10th Sept, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Sandra Sinclair, viola, with accompanist.

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 12 for details.

Wednesday 17th September, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall. Enfield's industrial heritage, by Stephen Gilbert. [EHHS]

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st September. Open House, London. 800 historic and contemporary buildings in 30 London Boroughs will be open to the public, free of charge. See <www.Londonopenhouse.org>

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.

Saturday 27th September, Dugdale Centre. Day conference on the First World War. See page 9

Wednesday 8th Oct, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Serafini Trio.

Friday 17th October, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Life and death in 19th century London. Michael Henderson, Senior Human Osteologist, MoLA (Museum of London Archaeology). [EAS]

Saturday 25th October, Jubilee Hall, 9.45am to 4.30 pm. Day Conference: In and around the Great Cambridge Road: the longest consecutive numbered road in the country. [EHHS]

Sunday 26th October, 4 pm, Trent Park. History and mystery – Halloween special walk.

Wednesday 12th Nov, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Peter Stannard, organist.

Friday 14th November, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Roman sculpture from South-East England. Francis Grew, Senior Curator (Archaeology) and Archive Manager, Museum of London. [EAS]

Tuesday 18th November, Jubilee Hall, 2.15 for 2.30 pm. Samuel Pepys "Plague, fire and Mrs Willett" by Geoff Hales. [EHHS]

Saturday 6th December, 10 am -1 pm, Jubilee Hall. Special Christmas opening of Sales Table.

Wednesday 17th December, Jubilee Hall, 7.45 for 8.00 pm. A seasonal entertainment (to be announced). [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/> and <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>

EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society <www.edmontonhundred.org.uk>. Talks are free to members – there is a charge of £1 per head for visitors.

Valerie's garden looking splendid in summer



A small garden at the junction of Russell Road and Old Forge Road, Forty Hill, is maintained by Gill and Colin Pointer on behalf of the Forty Hill and Bulls Cross Study Group as a memorial to Valerie Carter. Mrs Carter was president of The Enfield Preservation Society from 1997 until her death in 2004. She wrote the history of the Society, *Fighting for the future*, edited *Treasures of Enfield* and edited this newsletter for many years. The memorial plaque reads:

This garden is dedicated to the memory of Valerie Carter, 18.11.1924 - 20.6.2004. She loved Forty Hill and Bulls Cross and worked tirelessly for 35 years to protect and enhance the conservation area.

Leonard Will

Enfield Society events

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

August: No meeting

30th September. *Kew Village*, an illustrated talk by Stuart Harvey

28th October. *Burma and the British legacy*, an illustrated talk by Tony Watts

25th November. *Cobbling and cord waining*, an illustrated talk by Rev. Gordon Giles

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

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 events

Saturday 13th September, 10 am. *Heritage Walk, Church Street conservation area, Edmonton*. See page 12 for details.

Saturday 27th September, Dugdale Centre. *Day conference on the First World War*. See page 9 for details.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Ms A Adele, Ms C Banks,
Ms J Bishop, Mr W D Brand,
Mr B R Couchman, Mrs B J Killick,
Miss S Killick, Mrs J B McKenna,
Mr P Middleton, Mr S Norman,
Ms K Prendergast,
Mr & Mrs D & M Sheppard,
Mr & Mrs H & J Tarver,
Miss H D Watson, Mrs L M West,
Mrs E L Whitbread.

Joyce James

Have you 8 hours to spare at Jubilee Hall?

Spread over 2 hours – 9.30am to 11.30am – on a Tuesday in November, February, May and August, putting the Newsletters in envelopes ready for posting. A free cup of coffee and biscuit may tempt you to join a very friendly team!

Contact Joyce James (Membership Secretary) for further details at the telephone number given on page 12 or at membership@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Joyce James

The President's column



Since it was set up in 1956 by the late Duncan Sandys to coordinate and support the growing number of local civic amenity societies, the Civic Trust became a valued source of information and help to the Enfield Preservation Society, and its sudden demise in 2009 left a big gap. To fill this a new organisation, Civic Voice, was eventually set up, describing itself as the national charity for the Civic Movement. Our society was somewhat hesitant about joining at first because of concerns about the rather vague objectives and not least because the method of calculating the subscription weighed heavily against societies with a large membership such as ours.

Though the Society joined some years ago I think it is fair to say that we have not made a great use of our membership.

With the passage of time Civic Voice has grown in effectiveness and influence. We note that our sister local society, the Southgate District Civic Trust, has become considerably involved with the work and policies of Civic Voice, as made clear in its latest Newsletter. Perhaps it is time for the Enfield Society to look at how it can make more effective use of this resource? One Enfield Society initiative that is proving increasingly effective is the offer of grants for local projects which further our aims and objectives as a charity. With the Local Authority facing yet more swinging cuts in the coming year this source on funding becomes increasingly valuable.

Christopher Jephcott

Free passes to English Heritage and National Trust properties

This is a reminder that Members of the Society are again eligible to receive the National Trust and English Heritage day passes courtesy of Civic Voice.

The passes are subject to various restrictions: in particular the English Heritage pass can only be used from 1 September onwards and the National Trust pass cannot be used at all properties. The English Heritage pass is not transferable, while in past years it has been possible to transfer the National Trust pass to a friend. ***The best way to find out the exact current restrictions is to apply for a pass, so I suggest that you get your pass before planning a particular trip.***

The *English Heritage pass* is downloadable by following the instructions on the following web page – joint members should register twice, once for each individual:

[<www.tinyurl.com/civcenglishoffer14>](http://www.tinyurl.com/civcenglishoffer14)

The *National Trust passes* are hard copy, one per member (two for joint members) and you can obtain them by sending a stamped address envelope to Gill Roxborough at: **Civic Voice, 60 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5AA**. You should mention that you are a member/members of The Enfield Society.

If you have any difficulty in getting a pass, please contact me.

Richard Stones

Legacies

The Enfield Society is very grateful for two legacies recently left to the Society by Christine Wilson and Marion Sellers. We hope to use the money Marion Sellers left us to care for the natural environment, in which she had a particular interest.

If any other members would like to consider making a bequest to the Society, that would be most appreciated and the funds will be put to good use.

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 17th October 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

Historic buildings

Church Street, Edmonton

The Anglo-Saxon manor of Delmetone or Adelmetone (Eadhelm's Farm) recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086, was given by William the Conqueror to Geoffrey de Mandeville. Fragments of a 12th century church have been preserved in the present, mainly 15th century, parish church. In the 16th century, Church Street was known as Abbot's Lane. Between about 1680 and 1870 Edmonton was well known for its fair.

Before the branch railway line from Angel Road via Edmonton Green to Enfield Town opened in 1849, there was an hourly coach service from Edmonton to the City of London. The present Great Eastern Railway station, on a more direct route to London, dates from 1872. The horse-drawn tram arrived in Edmonton in 1881 and the route between Tottenham and Tramway Avenue, Eastern Enfield, was electrified in 1905.

Despite the pressure of later developments in this 19th century working-class suburb, several older buildings have survived in this busy street and are listed either individually or for their group value. They are included in the Church Street, Edmonton, conservation area, which was established in 1970. Both All Saints Church and the Charity School Hall were placed on English Heritage's "Buildings at risk" register and the Enfield Society contributed to their restoration appeals (see *TES News* no. 182, pages 1-2).

For more information on the history of the area see David Pam's booklet *Edmonton, ancient village to working class suburb*, published by the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society, Graham Dalling's *Southgate and Edmonton past* and Michael Robbins's *Middlesex*. 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. All these publications may be consulted at the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive in the Dugdale Centre.

Buses W8 and W6 pass along Church Street, which may also be reached from Edmonton Green railway and bus stations.

2014 marks the 250th anniversary of Mary Lamb's birth in 1764 and an arts festival was held at All Saints Church from 31st May to 7th June to celebrate the lives and legacies of Charles and Mary Lamb. Monica Smith will lead this year's Enfield Society heritage walk around Edmonton on Saturday 13th September, starting at the railway station at 10 a.m. Visits will be included to All Saints Church and Lamb's Cottage. See page 12 for details of how to obtain tickets.

Stephen Gilbert



This carved head is a fragment of the original 12th century church of All Saints. It was discovered when the south aisle was built in 1889.



The church is mainly 15th century, but the fine ragstone rubble tower has the only surviving medieval windows. (See *TES News* no. 178, p. 4-5). The Enfield Society hopes to have an illustrated talk on All Saints Church and its monuments in early 2015.



Paintings of Moses and Aaron may be seen on the west wall of the church.



The former Charles Lamb Institute of 1908 is faced with stone in the style of a Tudor college. It was originally the parish hall for All Saints Church.



45 and 43 Church Street were built in the 1840s. No. 45 on the left has retained its original yellow stock brick facade, window surrounds, ornamental cast-iron work and pediment over the central door, although the door itself is a modern replacement. No. 43 has a later white stucco facade, modern windows and porch added in front of the original doorway.

Historic buildings



21 and 19 Church Street are a pair of fine early 19th century Georgian three storey yellow stock brick houses, with attics under a slate mansard roof and basements. The sash windows have retained their glazing bars. In the later 19th century a decorative cast iron porch was added in front of the original doorway to no. 21.



The late 17th/early 18th century timber-framed Bay Cottage (now Lamb's Cottage) was altered later in the 18th century when a stucco facade was added and the interior was panelled. Charles Lamb (1775-1834) is famous for his *Essays of Elia* and *Tales from Shakespeare*, the latter written for young readers with his sister Mary (1764-1847). After living in Chase Side, Enfield, from 1827 to 1833, they moved to Bay Cottage, where Mary (who had killed her mother in 1796 in a fit of insanity) became the sole patient in Mr and Mrs Walden's private mental home. Charles and Mary Lamb's tombstone is in All Saints churchyard, (See *TES News*, no. 182, p. 4-5)



Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive



The poet John Keats (1795-1821) was a pupil at John Clarke's boarding school (where Enfield Town station is now) between 1803 and 1810. Living in the home of his grandmother Mrs Jennings in Church Street, Edmonton, he was apprenticed to a local doctor, Thomas Hammond, from 1810 to 1813. Dr Hammond's house in Church Street, shown here, was demolished in the 1930s.



Two of these early 19th century cottages with stucco facades were converted into shops later in the 19th century. The first floor rooms have retained their sash windows and glazing bars. To the right is an 18th century red brick cottage, which was formerly the Charity School mistress's house, and the Charity School for girls.



The Charity School, established in 1778, was modelled on the Blue Coat School in Tottenham. The single storey brick structure has tall sash windows on either side of the central round arched doorway. In the niche above the doorway is a pupil holding an open book. The inscription on the panel below reads "A Structure of Hope, Founded in Faith and Based on Charity 1784". Each girl was provided with a tippet (cape), a shift, an apron, stockings, shoes and pattens (to keep her shoes out of the mud) every six months; a hat, a gown and a petticoat every year and a pair of stays (laced corset) every two years. When the girls could read they were given a prayer book and they were also taught writing, needlework (useful for a servant) and singing. On Sundays they formed the choir at All Saints Church. School places were funded by subscribers who gave a guinea (£1.05) a year to nominate a child. In the picture above, one of the girls is holding a slate with the words "Endowed Edmonton Sep. 2 1889". When the school closed in 1904 the girls were transferred to All Saints National School.

Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive



Edmonton activities

- The Edmonton Festival was held in Pymmes Park this year on 26th and 27th July. The Enfield Society had a stall on the Sunday only.
- The Group is pleased that the work on The Crescent has been successfully completed and the appearance of this listed building enhanced.
- Ongoing problems are the increasing pollution of Pymmes Lake and uncertainty over the future of the Charity School in Church Street.
- There will be a guided walk around the Church Street conservation area with visits to Lamb's Cottage and All Saints Church on Saturday 13th September at 10 a.m. For details see page 12

Monica Smith



Work is progressing well on the Environment Agency's Salmons Brook flood alleviation scheme, which we described in *TES News* 186, Summer 2012. This picture shows the new flood defence walls beside the Tottenham Park cemetery being cladded with brick to match surrounding buildings. The overall scheme should be finished by late Spring 2015.

The scheme's newsletter, July 2014

Tanners End Free Church Hall

Edmonton building at risk



This beautiful building, which not many Enfield residents will know about, is in Statham Grove, N18. Surrounded by 1960s low rise council maisonettes and flats it was built either at the end of the 18th Century or early 19th Century. Best seen if you take the path from the back of Millfield House, walking parallel to Silver Street, its claim to fame is its association with Gladys Aylward who worshipped at the Church before going to China as a Missionary. The building has recently been put up for sale and, although the closing date for bids was the end of March 2014 it is not clear whether the asking price has been reached. What we do know is that the advertisement

mentioned development opportunities which, in this area of already high density housing we would wish to avoid.

The local councillors have been contacted and are trying hard to find an alternative use which would keep the building as it currently is.

Do you know this building, have you attended events in it or have you any other stories? If so we would be very pleased to hear from you at lirawlings@aol.com or telephone 020 8804 2134 where there is an answering machine.

Lindsay Rawling
Edmonton Group

The Lambs' Tale

This puppet show was created by the Art Start team, based in Edmonton, for the recent Lamb Festival at All Saints Church, Edmonton where it was enjoyed by a large audience. The Lamb's Tale will be performed at the Dugdale Centre on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September at 7 p.m. It lasts about 45 minutes. There will be no charge for admission but "pay what you think" donations will be welcome and used by Art Start to fund its community programmes and activities.



Madness, murder and the love that saved them. The authors of the much-loved Lambs' Tales of Shakespeare, Charles and Mary Lamb had difficult lives – handicapped by poverty, class and ill-health. During a period of unbearable stress, Mary murdered their mother and was taken to a mental institution.

Yet despite this, the brother and sister succeeded in becoming famous writers and close friends of Wordsworth, Coleridge and Keats.

The Lambs' Tale tells their extraordinary story through puppetry, words and music, interweaving scenes from their lives with the Shakespeare plays they adapted for children and which have become their most enduring work.

The production was funded by the Arts Council. A DVD of the performance, funded by the Enfield Society, will be available in September.

Monica Smith

Special events

Day Conference

ENFIELD AT WAR: 1914-1918

Saturday 27th September 2014. 10am - 4pm, Enfield Museum, The Dugdale Centre, 39 London Road.,

The Enfield Society, Enfield Museum and Local Studies are joining forces for a day to commemorate the centenary of the First World War, and explore the role played by those living in the borough.

- Talk by Phillip Abbot of the Royal Armouries on the exciting rediscovery of the long-lost staff ledgers of the Royal Small Arms factory.
- Talk "Shirts, shells and poison gas" by Ian Jones, co-author of the book 'Enfield at War: 1914-1918'.
- First World War re-enactors.
- Dramatic retelling of the Cuffley Airship crash.
- War poems written and read by Enfield Poets.
- 'Enfield at War: 1914-1918' museum exhibition, with the chance to handle and view items not normally on display.
- Refreshments and lunch included.

Tickets cost £13 and booking is necessary to secure a place. Send a stamped addressed envelope and cheque made payable to "The Enfield Society" to: **The Enfield Society Day Conference, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ.** Please include your telephone number and say whether you are a member of the Enfield Society.



Trench art – decorated shell case, inscribed "Souvenir of war"



King George V visiting the Royal Small Arms factory in 1915



Wounded soldiers outside Edmonton Military Hospital

Christine Fookes 29th May 1928 – 13th July 2014

Christine's sudden death was a great shock to her many friends both within and outside the Society. Despite the cancer diagnosis she had received only a few weeks earlier, wherever possible, Christine had continued to maintain many of her usual activities – indeed, only two days previously she had still joined church cleaning at St. Andrew's.

Such an approach was very typical of Christine. She always tried to make herself available to help when volunteers were needed and any involvement by her would continue undiminished for many years.

Christine was a stalwart supporter of The Enfield Society and, at her death, was the ninth longest standing member of the Society, having joined in January 1962.

Although in the earlier years her direct involvement was necessarily restricted to evening and weekend activities by her work as personal assistant/secretary to a leading partner in a major firm of



London lawyers, after her retirement in the mid-1980's, she was able to really get involved in supporting the Society.

Amongst other TES activities, Christine was a newsletter "stuffer" for more than 25 years, a newsletter distributor prior to introduction of posting-out, for many years until only a month ago she was one of the refreshments team at Jubilee Hall meetings, at times carried out miscellaneous secretarial duties, regularly walked with the Footpaths Group, helped with footpath clearance/maintenance working parties and was one of the original EPS members of

the Groundforce team working in Enfield's countryside.

For many EPS/TES members their fondest recollections of Christine might be in connection with her role as a long-term walks leader for the Footpaths Group. During the years between the first walk she led in October 1986 to the last in June 2010 (in the Chilterns from Amersham), she planned, reconnoitred

and led about 110 walks, including some lovely coach walks. Although occasionally others would accompany her on the initial try-out, often Christine would go by herself, relishing the day out as a form of brief holiday and never worrying about walking alone in the countryside. All Christine's walks, and especially the coach ones, were checked and timed down to virtually the minute – sometimes telling the party that they were one or two minutes ahead or behind schedule and raising laughter by showing her listing for the day!

Finally, we must not forget her generosity in helping others, whether they were invalided or otherwise. Nothing was ever too much trouble – if she could help, she would. It was therefore particularly unfortunate that during the last four years she suffered recurrent foot and hip problems, culminating in a hip replacement in January 2013. Nevertheless, after a speedy recovery she was even back walking, on a reduced scale. A few weeks ago she told me that she had enjoyed every year of her retirement, visiting virtually everywhere she had planned, had enjoyed great friendship with people in local clubs, organisations and her church and, in particular, with those in the Enfield Society.

Stuart Mills

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 0843 222 1234 or check TfL website.

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

Reduced price travel on most local trains around London: Since 18th May Groupsave has been amended. It now applies to 3 to 9 people travelling together who will get a discount of about 34% each in respect of Off Peak Day Single and Return tickets and, when available, Super Off-Peak Day Single and Return tickets. **Cannot be used in conjunction with any Railcards or promotions and you must travel as a group throughout.**

In case we use buses, always bring your Freedom Pass or National Bus Pass.

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

Tues 19 Aug. Ashwell. Meet 11.01 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 A1(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 attractive 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, whilst awaiting 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 (O.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, Kensworth Village and Church End, via a mix of wooded tracks and arable field paths where Buzzards & Red Kites are frequently seen. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon & Margaret McAlpine*

Sat 30 Aug. Enfield Lock to Chingford Plain & Epping Forest. Meet 10.20 on east side of level crossing at Enfield Lock Station (09.55 train from Tottenham Hale arrives 10.04 – also stops at Ponders End and Brimsdown). 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 to 8 miles that can be treated as two separate walks. Following part of the London Loop, the morning section of about 4.25 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*

Sat 6 Sept. "Celandine Route" from Pinner. Either meet Brian at entrance to Platform 9, King's Cross mainline station at 09.56 (arrival time of 09.30 train from Enfield Chase) and travel with him on 10.12 Metropolitan Line Chesham train to Pinner. Or, be at Pinner Station by 10.46.

7 mile semi-rural linear walk following part of the River Pinn via historic Pinner, Eastcote and Ickenham Villages. It includes external viewing of some buildings that often feature in Open House London Weekends. Lunch stop at the Manor Farm heritage site in Ruislip with tithe barn, motte and bailey castle, 16th century farmhouse, etc. Bring lunch or food available. Walk ends at Ickenham Village/Station (tea shop nearby). Many shorter options. *All travel within Freedom Pass area. Leader: Brian Frear*

Wed 10 Sept. Border Country. Meet 10.25 Crews Hill Station (10.20 train from Enfield Chase) for a 6.5 mile linear walk via Burnt Farm Ride, the edge of Cuffley, Northaw (lunch stop) and Fir & Pond Woods, ending at New Cottage Farm on The Ridgeway for return to Enfield by 313 bus. Shorter options of 3.0 and 4.25 miles. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

11-14 Sept. Heritage Open Days – England & Wales excluding London.

Sat & Sun 13/14 Sept. Enfield Show, Town Park, Enfield.

Tues 16 Sept. Mole Valley near Box Hill. Either travel with Stuart on 09.35 train from Enfield Chase (changing at Highbury & Islington for the Victoria Line) or be at Vauxhall Station for the 10.28 South West train to Leatherhead (arrives 11.05). *Freedom Pass boundary is Ewell West.*

About 8.5 mile circular walk in the lovely Mole Valley and Norbury Country Park with a mix of river valley, pasture and woodland, against the backcloth of the Surrey Downs. Possible shorter option. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 20 & Sun 21 Sept. Open House London Weekend.

Tues 23 Sept. Return to Enfield. Meet 11.08 Cuffley Station (11.00 train from Enfield Chase) for an easy 6 mile linear walk via a pleasant mix of fields, tracks and woodland, ending at Gordon Hill Station. Option to end after about 3.5 miles at lunch stop in Crews Hill. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk only: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 27 Sept. Essex Villages. Meet 10.27 Newport Station (09.14 train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 09.48 Cambridge train which departs Tottenham Hale at 09.40).

About 8 to 8.5 mile linear route, starting with a brief walk around the late Medieval centre of Newport Village, and then through attractive scenery with small villages and pretty cottages. Ends at Stansted Mountfitchet (tea shop nearby). Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

Sat 4 Oct. Westwards into Epping Forest (London Loop). Either travel with Dave on 09.22 train from Enfield Town or be at Grange Hill Station (Central Line – 31 to 35 mins from Liverpool Street) by 10.37.

Continuing his London Loop journey, today's linear walk joins the route near Chigwell Row and then goes via farmland to Chigwell Village, before crossing the River Roding to the lunch stop near Buckhurst Hill Station. Shorter options including from the lunch stop after about 5.5 miles. Bring lunch or food available.

The afternoon section of about 2.75 miles enters the Forest and ends at Chingford Station (313 bus to Enfield). Might be muddy in places. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sat 11 Oct. Classic Chilterns. Meet 10.49 Tring Station (10.05 London Midland Tring train from Euston mainline station – note: *Freedom Pass boundary for London Midland trains is Harrow & Wealdstone, NOT Watford which is only for TFL trains.*)

About 8 mile circular walk in outstanding scenery with a varied mix of canal, chalk hills, long distance views, farmland and the N.T. estate woodlands. Lunch stop in pretty Aldbury Village. Bring lunch or food available.

By car: (O.S. Map 165 Grid Ref SP 951123) about 50 mins from Enfield Town via M25 (junction 20), A41 (exit Tring South junction), B4635 towards Tring centre and then turn right down Station Road for 1 mile. Details 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Wed 15 Oct. Olympic Park. Either travel with Monica on **09.35** train from Enfield Chase or meet her on London Overground platform 8 at Highbury & Islington Station by **10.08**, from where the group will travel together to the walk's start at Hackney Wick Station. Alternatively, be at Hackney Wick by **10.22**.

With a coffee break, this linear walk of about 3 hours will highlight many of the changes in the Park since the Olympics in 2012 and will end at Stratford (lunch opportunities and return to Highbury or Liverpool Street). Contact on day of walk only: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Sat 18 Oct. River Cray and London Loop. Meet **10.29** Bexley Station (10.04 Gravesend train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platforms 1-5 but allow extra time in case of alteration due to rebuilding works. Also check if train times are affected).

A varied 8 mile linear walk via the pretty River Cray, Scadbury Country Park and Petts Wood (N.T.), ending at Petts Wood Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Contact: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Tues 21 Oct. Ash Valley. Meet **10.25** Ware Station (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 6.5 to 7 mile linear walk through pretty countryside, including the lovely Ash Valley, with lunch stop in Wareside after about 3.75 miles (option to return to Ware by bus). Bring lunch or pub food available. Walk ends at St Margarets Station - car drivers could park at whichever station is most convenient for them. Contact on day of walk only: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa and Margaret*

Sat 25 Oct. The Arcadian Thames. Meet **10.56** Richmond Station. Either District Line from Earls Court or South West trains from Vauxhall, or travel with John on the **10.09** London Overground train from Highbury & Islington). *All travel within Freedom Pass area.*

An easy 6.5 mile linear walk following the River Thames via some of the most attractive scenes in London past Kew Gardens, Kew Green and Strand on the Green to the lunch stop at Chiswick House café. Bring lunch or food available. House is open free to English Heritage members. Following the river and with fine 18th Century houses, the walk ends at Hammersmith Station. Shorter options. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Sat 1 Nov. Stort Valley. Meet **09.57** Roydon Station (09.14 train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 09.48 Cambridge train which departs Tottenham Hale at 09.40).

About 7.5 to 8 mile figure-of-eight walk with attractive river scenes. Lunch stop in pretty Roydon village. Bring lunch or food available. For afternoon walk only, do *not* wait at station but join group in village centre by **13.15** (trains from Cheshunt at 25 & 48 mins past the hour). *Leader: Brian Frear*

Sat 8 Nov. Enfield's London Loop. Meet **10.10** on east side of level crossing at Enfield Lock station (09.55 train from Tottenham Hale arrives 10.04 – also stops at Ponders End and Brimsdown). Currently 121 buses at 09.34 and 09.44 from Church Street, Enfield Town, and the 491 bus at 09.33 from Edmonton Green are scheduled to arrive at or near the station before the start.

Being local for most TES members, today's 10 mile linear walk to New Barnet can be ended in many places, including from the intended lunch stop at Ferny Hill Farm café after about 6.5 miles. Bring lunch or food available. The route also gives an opportunity to see the upgrading of paths into the Greenway. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sat 15 Nov. Hampstead Heath. Meet **10.30** Hampstead Heath Station (10.09 London Overground train from Highbury & Islington) for about 7.5 to 8 mile walk over the Heath and environs, with perhaps some late Autumn colours. The walk will end at a point suitable for return to Enfield. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 19 Nov. River Tyburn. Meet **10.40** St John's Wood Station (Jubilee Line) for a 6 mile linear walk tracing the fascinating route of one of London's "hidden/lost" rivers via Regent's Park, Marylebone, Mayfair and Green Park until it reaches The Thames near Pimlico. The walk ends in Westminster. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Roy Dyer*

Sat 29 Nov. Green Chain Walk. Either meet Roy at **09.56** at entrance to Platform 9, King's Cross mainline station (arrival time of 09.30 train from Enfield Chase), or on the Thameslink southbound platform at St Pancras International by **10.05**. From there, Roy will travel to Blackfriars mainline station to catch the **10.42** Southeastern Sevenoaks train to Ravensbourne.

Today's 7 mile circular walk starts from Ravensbourne Station at **11.09** and is mainly on good condition paths for late Autumn through contrasting parts of south-east London, including England's largest public golf course. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8360 0282 or roynicholls@btinternet.com. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Stuart Mills

Footpaths

New River Loop Path: before ...



... and after



The Society has contributed £5000 towards resurfacing a section of the New River Loop footpath between Parsonage Lane and Parsonage Gardens.

Both photos were taken on a rainy day. The first one shows how large puddles used to form across the path forcing users onto the grassed side strip which consequently became very muddy. Many people used to avoid using the path on wet days.

The second photo shows the resurfaced path with good underfoot conditions which people can now use in all weathers.

Dave Cockle

Mud, mud ...

The footpath from Bulls Cross which passes to the south of Myddelton House is still suffering from flooding, even during this hot July, a problem that we first reported in issue 179, Autumn 2010. The source of the water appears to be a mystery, and although we understand that drainage pipes have been installed under the path they have not cured the problem. It looks as though nature has won, and perhaps the only solution will be to install duckboards or a boardwalk.

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Edmonton Threads



In July 2013 **Art Start** were awarded funds from Edmonton Green Ward to work with local residents on the creation of a special textile depicting some of the history of the area.

They decided to do a textile map of All Saints Parish to commemorate the life of Mary Lamb, who suffered with mental illness throughout her life and yet created great literary works.

The map focuses on Edmonton Green and Church Street but covers the historic parish boundary of Edmonton. Workshops were held weekly to design and create the textile. Participants chose a place, person or event which held memories for them and that they wanted to feature in the textile. These include Edmonton Girls

Charity School, All Saints Church, Edmonton Library, Lamb's Cottage, Church Street Alms Houses, Charles and Mary Lamb's grave, as well as other historical references to the area.

The completed map, called "Edmonton Threads", will be on display at the Dugdale Centre from 5th August to 15th September. It will then move to the Council Chamber of Enfield Civic Centre from 25th September to 25th October, after which it will be framed and go back to All Saints Church.

Art Start is also conducting a short survey to support the development of creativity and heritage, which you can complete at www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRMYNM9.

Heritage walks programme

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.

To book your place please send your contact details, including your telephone number, with a stamped addressed envelope to – **Heritage walks, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ**, saying how many tickets you would like (maximum 4).