



# Enfield Society News

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## A new chapter in Enfield's history

We are delighted to announce the publication of volume 4 of The Enfield Society's *History of Enfield*, entitled *A time of change*, covering the years 1939 to 1969. This has been written by Monica Smith, a committee member and former chairman of the Society, and continues the three volumes written by David Pam which cover the period from the earliest times to 1939. Volume 1 is now out of print, but volumes 2 and 3 are still available for purchase from the Sales Table at our meetings, by post or from our website.

A HISTORY OF ENFIELD  
Volume Four – 1939 to 1969

### A TIME OF CHANGE



Monica Smith

The Enfield Society

This will be published at the end of February and details will be found on the flyer enclosed with this newsletter. I am not an historian and so this book is very different from David Pam's scholarly three volumes: it is rather a social history of the years 1939 to 1969 and recalls the decades which I and many other Enfield Society members lived through. I have included information on events in Edmonton and Southgate, when these were separate boroughs and after their integration into the London Borough of Enfield.

The book is a hardback of over 200 pages with 200 illustrations but thanks to modern technology the price, £18.50, is the same as for Volume Three which was published twenty years ago. Councillor Michael Rye, writes in the Foreword "The author has captured the many significant changes of the years 1939-

1969 and has written a vibrant local history within the context of what was happening elsewhere across the British Isles. She has risen admirably to the challenge of producing an excellent volume four of *A History of Enfield*".

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Monica Smith

## Object and aims of The Enfield Society

**The object of the Society is the conservation and enhancement of the civic and natural environments of the London Borough of Enfield and its immediate surrounding area for the public benefit.**

To further this object the Society seeks to:

1. Conserve and enhance buildings and groups of buildings of architectural quality or historic interest.
2. Defend the integrity of the Green Belt.
3. Protect and improve open spaces and views.
4. Ensure that new developments are environmentally sound, well designed and take account of the relevant interests of all sections of the community.
5. Publish papers, books, reports and literature.
6. Make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place or building of historic or architectural interest.
7. Assist in the preservation and maintenance of footpaths, commons and rights of way.
8. Promote and pay the expenses of meetings, conferences, lectures and exhibitions, whether public or private, and (subject to Clause 7 of its Memorandum of Association) to remunerate and pay the expenses of persons attending on the invitation of the Society to give expert advice or assistance.

**Our next evening meeting** will be on **Monday 16th February**, at 7.30 for 8pm, in Jubilee Hall when Frank Bayford will give an illustrated talk entitled *Around Kent*. This and other meetings are listed on page 5.

### Annual General Meeting

The 2015 AGM will be held on **Thursday 11th June, at 7.30 for 8 pm** at Jubilee Hall. The AGM will be followed by a talk on "Soho" by Stuart Harvey. All members are encouraged to attend.

Any Society member is entitled to propose candidates for election to the Management Committee at the AGM. Any proposal must be signed by the candidate and by at least ten members supporting the proposal and must be received by the Honorary Secretary, Richard Stones, at Jubilee Hall not later than 1st May 2015. Anyone wishing to propose a candidate is encouraged to contact Richard beforehand to make sure that the correct procedures are followed.

## Protecting our archaeological heritage

There has been concern recently about whether the LBE planning department is consulting GLAAS (English Heritage's Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service which provides archaeological advice to London borough planning departments) on all of the proposed developments in archaeologically sensitive areas of the borough. Whilst many developments, such as small house extensions, occur away from known archaeological sites so wouldn't be referred to them for advice, at least three sites either on the projected line of Ermine Street (the Roman road that runs through Enfield) or within the Roman settlement in the Bush Hill Park area have been approved and developed in the last eighteen months or so with no archaeological conditions on the planning permission because GLASS was not asked to comment on them.

The Enfield Archaeological Society often takes on such sites at greatly less than commercial cost once an archaeological condition has been applied, thus ensuring that our heritage is not removed without a professional record of it being made while not saddling developments with unreasonable costs. However, this can only happen if the sites are referred to GLASS and their recommendation acted upon, so it is important that this happens in all relevant cases. The Enfield Archaeological Society and the Enfield Society will be monitoring the situation closely as our archaeological heritage is a finite and fragile resource which we must protect.

*Martin Dearne and Val Munday*

## Chase Farm Hospital



An outline planning application has been submitted to Enfield Council for the redevelopment of Chase Farm Hospital. The application seeks to establish the principle of the various uses on the site, the general scope of the work and a maximum amount of development. Approval is being sought to the construction of a new/replacement hospital of 32,000 square metres, up to 500 residential units and a site for a new 3 form entry primary school to meet rising school rolls in this part of the Borough. The hospital would occupy 17 acres, just under half the existing site, in a new four storey building with the remainder of the site available for housing and a school. Access to the site would be from The Ridgeway and Lavender Hill, with the school reached via Shooters Road.

Detailed matters such as the site layout, scale, landscaping and appearance will be the subject of a future planning application. It should be noted that the housing proposals shown on the application are provisional and are likely to change as the scheme is developed. The proposal involves demolition of most of the current buildings, other than the Highlands building and the multi-storey car park. Investigations are being carried out by the Trust's architects to see if part

of the Clock Tower building can be retained as a feature of the new development.

The Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust has stated that one of their key commitments following the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals Trust is to redevelop Chase Farm Hospital, making it fit for purpose to deliver 21st century healthcare and to provide world class care in the local area. The Trust notes that "many of the buildings are in a poor state of repair and the site urgently needs to be redeveloped. The current hospital is outdated and has dispersed buildings spread over nearly 37 acres. This creates practical difficulties for staff and a poor quality environment for patients".

It is interesting to note that Chase Farm has previously been the subject of major redevelopment proposals. In the 1970's a Master Plan was produced for a major redevelopment at Chase Farm. Elizabeth Eastwick-Field, a leading Architect in the post war reconstruction of public sector buildings, particularly schools and hospitals was appointed to produce the proposals. The Master Plan led to the construction of the multi-storey car park, the former maternity wing (1975) and some other buildings, but the finance for the redevelopment was withdrawn and work ceased. Changing plans and uncertainty have followed for the next 35 years, until the recent takeover by the Royal Free Hospital.

A Planning Panel was held at Highlands School on 7th January to review the proposals and the outline application is expected to be considered by the Planning Committee during February. The Society will continue to monitor the proposals in relation to this major development.

*John West*

## Conservation

Rumours are swirling around that the Enfield Grammar Upper School is seeking to relocate to the Lower School site, vacating its historic position in the town centre. Not something in the updated Enfield Town Conservation Area Management Plan and another headache for those with the best interests of our historic town at heart. Only the 16th century building is Listed – Grade II\*. At the very least this should lead to urgent consideration of listing on the Local, if not the Statutory List of other buildings, such as those around the sundial court and the 1930s Hall.

In Cecil Road construction of the Fairview residential development is finally under way. A last minute hitch occurred when the special pale buff facing bricks came out of the kiln pink and a further batch had to be sourced.

The forecourt to Enfield Town Station has been tidied up and we will take no further action until the line is taken over by the TfL Overground in May.

## Cycle Enfield

The Local Board, dealing with Enfield North, had its first meeting on 5th January. The membership, including representatives from The Enfield Society and the Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group and three from the Old Enfield Charitable Trust concerned with the future of the Market, otherwise consisted largely of cycling groups. There appeared to be none from local residents' groups, a surprising omission. Council officers and a TfL representative were present. Six alternative proposals for Enfield Town were presented, four very similar to the originally published plan excluding through traffic from Church Street,

one diverting the cycle tracks along Cecil Road, and the other a shared space scheme involving Church Street and The Town. Eventually three would go forward for public consultation. Some open public meetings were to be held in February. The bulk of the evening involved participants posting their comments and suggestions on large wall maps of all the various schemes across the Borough. The Enfield Town scheme would be the second in the pipeline after Palmers Green.

## Food for thought.

It seems some Enfield residents, chosen at random, have been consulted on the phone regarding possible changes to recycling – moving to fortnightly collections or discontinuing the green bin collection, which is not a requirement, or charging for this service.

*Chris Jephcott*



## Grants and events

In 2014 the Society was able to offer a number of grants in support of projects which fit in with its environmental and heritage objectives.

- **New River footpath at Parsonage Lane** – We made a grant of £5,000 to the Council to fund resurfacing of this path, which had become waterlogged and virtually impassable in wet weather.
- **First World War resource pack for schools** – We have provided £2,150 to fund the creation of this pack for the Enfield Museum Service. It will consist of an object handling box, which includes artefacts and documents related to Enfield during the First World War, accompanied by a curriculum resource to facilitate its use in local schools. The aim of this is to encourage schools to focus on local history and to make use of the Museum Service in doing so.
- **Tree planting in the Town Park** – Some years ago we agreed to provide £10,000 to buy trees for the new passage from Cecil Road into the Park, which is to be created next to the residential development currently under construction. In the event the developers agreed to fund these trees, so we have agreed instead to allow the Council to use our funds for trees to be planted at the main Cecil Road entrance to the Park. The aim is to enhance the entrance by screening the neighbouring buildings.
- **Trees and other planting on Chase Green** – We have made a grant of £3,000 to the Friends of Chase Green. The Friends have been working with the Council to improve the natural environment of the Green, and our grant is funding the purchase of trees (in particular to restore gaps in the “colonnade” of planes

and limes along the railway embankment) and the planting of bluebells, daffodils and other bulbs. (This grant has been funded from a generous legacy from the estate of the late Marion Sellers.)

- **Artstart** – restoration of the Charity School Hall, Edmonton – The Hall was built in Church Street at the end of the eighteenth century to house the Edmonton girls’ charity school. It is an extremely important part of Edmonton’s heritage but is now in sore need of repair and a permanent use: it figures on English Heritage’s list of “buildings at risk”. Art Start ([www.artstart.org.uk](http://www.artstart.org.uk)), a charity which specialises in community arts projects, has put forward plans to use the Hall as an arts and education centre. The charity is preparing a £1 million bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to fund the restoration, and we have agreed to contribute £10,000 towards the “match” funding of £50,000 which the HLF will require to be raised.
- **Cycle Enfield** – we made a grant of £1,000 to the Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group to enable them to bring traffic planning expert Ben Hamilton-Baillie to a successful public meeting which discussed alternatives to the Council’s plans for Enfield Town.

The fact that the Society is able to provide financial as well as moral support to schemes of this kind is due to the generosity of our members who make donations and who remember the Society in their wills. The examples above show the variety of topics the Society will support. We are always pleased to receive applications from similar projects – please contact the Secretary for more details.

*Richard Stones*

## Enfield Society events: Kensington Palace

Every month, except August, the Society hosts talks at Jubilee Hall. Daytime events are usually held on Tuesday mornings, evening events on Monday evenings. All Members of the Society are welcome and tickets are not normally required. If you have not attended a talk, check the Newsletter and put the dates in your diary as there are a wide range of subjects to accommodate all interests.

In November, Lee Prosser, Curator of the Historic Royal Palaces gave a fascinating insight into the £12m refurbishment project for Kensington Palace. The Palace closed for 2 years, reopening for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Both the Palace and the 18th century gardens were extensively restored. As well as supervising the restoration work, Lee had the honour to accompany the Queen around the Palace as part of the reopening ceremony. Her Majesty knew the Palace well as it was the home of Princess Margaret for many years and was able to comment on the many changes that had been made.

Kensington Palace was originally a modest county house purchased by William III and Mary II in 1698, so that the King could escape the smog of Westminster that aggravated his asthma. An important Palace during the Hanoverian period, once Queen Victoria moved to Buckingham Palace, Kensington became home for a

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**Kensington Palace**

number of Victoria’s children, a tradition that continues to this day. The major restoration work described by Lee Prosser has returned the Palace to its former glory when the Georgian monarchs lived at Kensington.

Today the Palace has two parts, the private wing now occupied by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the Duke of Gloucester and other members of the Royal Family and the public wing that was the main focus of the restoration work. Restoring a Royal Palace with 400 years of history is a complex task. Materials have to be carefully chosen to match the original design and decisions have to be made about the period in which the building is restored. Lee Prosser provided a fascinating insight into the restoration work and the lives of the past and present occupants of the Palace. Lee will be returning to a future Society meeting during 2015, so watch the Society events column for further details.

*John West*

## Edmonton

The Group welcomes the Heritage Lottery Fund grant to restore the tower of All Saints Church, one of the oldest buildings in the borough. For details of a talk about and visit to this church on 17th April see Enfield Society events on page 5.



The paper inserts in the information boards are affected by damp. This one is curling away at the edges. Encapsulated glass fibre (GRP) signs would be much more durable.

Unfortunately the new heritage information boards erected to describe the Edmonton Heritage Trail are already proving unsatisfactory and the Council has been asked to replace them with better, damp-proof ones.

*Monica Smith*

## Diary dates

This list gives a selection of forthcoming events, not including our regular Jubilee Hall meetings listed on page 5. **Some of these events are arranged by other organizations, who may make a small charge to people who are not their members, as shown in the notes at the end of the list.** 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/)

**Wednesday 18th February. Myddelton House Gardens – TES walk.** For details see Future Walks.

**Wednesday 18th – Saturday 21st February, 7.30pm (Sat Matinee 2.30pm), Wylyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. The Mikado.** Southgate Opera presents Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular comic opera. Box Office 01707 645005. [www.southgateopera.co.uk](http://www.southgateopera.co.uk)

**Monday 23rd February. King's Cross regeneration – TES walk.** For details see Future Walks.

**Tuesday 10th March, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Between pariah and parvenu: the Jewish experience in the Habsburg Empire 1867-1918,** by Dr Gareth Dale (Brunel University). [HA]

**Wednesday 11th March, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Enfield Grammar School Jazz Group.**

**Friday 13th March, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Fulham Palace: Archaeology and revival** by Phil Emery, Fulham Palace Trust. [EAS]

**Monday 6th April, Forty Hall Farm, 12 noon - 6pm. Easter down on the farm: a family festival in aid of Art Start Charity. £6.50 adults, £2.50 children 2-16, free for under-2s.** For information and bookings telephone 07958647153, 07969114143 or email [cherylbowne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cherylbowne@hotmail.co.uk).

**Wednesday 8th April, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Michael & Marion Smith – organ & piano.**

**Saturday 11th April. Shakespeare's London – TES walk.** For Details see Future Walks.

**Tuesday 14th April, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Magna Carta,** by Professor David Carpenter (King's College, London). [HA]

**Friday 17th April, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Excavations and fieldwork of the EAS (and AGM),** by Dr Martin Dearne and Mike Dewbrey, EAS. [EAS]

**Thursday 30th April. TES visit to Chenies Manor House & Gardens with 5 mile walk.** For details see Future Walks.

**Friday 8th May, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Portals to the past: recent finds on the Crossrail Archaeology Programme,** by Jay Carver, Lead Project Archaeologist, Crossrail. [EAS]

**Wednesday 13th May, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Serafini Trio.**

**Thursday 21 May. The Inns of Court – TES walk.** For details see Future Walks.

**Tuesday 9th June, 7pm, Millfield House, Edmonton. Visit to Millfield House.** Details from the Historical Association Branch Secretary. Small charge to cover refreshments. [HA]

**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.

**HA:** The Historical Association, North London Branch. Non-members are welcome (£1 per meeting). More details from the Branch Secretary, Robin Blades (020 8368 5328), Associate Membership available for £5 a year for an individual or £8 a year for a couple. [robin.blades@virgin.net](mailto:robin.blades@virgin.net)

## Trees Group

### Volunteers needed

One of the Society's aims is to promote the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in Enfield. To support this objective, the society has a number of Special Interest Groups, including the Trees Group. This Group seeks to promote tree planting, it supports sponsored planting schemes and recommends trees for preservation. The Trees Group has not been as active as we would like over the last 18 months as a number of members have no longer been able to fully support the Group. The Society also has a small allotment where saplings are grown for future tree planting projects. We are seeking to re-launch the Trees Group and are seeking a small group of Society members who would be able to meet, possibly monthly, to review all aspects of trees and tree management in Enfield and perhaps have a role in supporting the tree nursery. If you would be interested in this work please contact [trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk).

*Christopher Jephcott & John West.*

### 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 April 2015, but items can be sent at any time and having them in advance is most helpful. The newsletter is distributed about three weeks after the copy date.

*Leonard Will*



## Enfield Society events

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

**24th February: Sicily – island of flowers and history**, by Anne and John Wallington

**31st March: Work of the North London Hospice**, by Charlotte Matthews.

**28th April: Isle of Man**, by Monica Smith

**26th May: Coffee houses**, by Mrs M. McAndrew

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

**Monday 16th February: Around Kent**, an illustrated talk by Frank Bayford

**Monday 16th March: Discovering historic Enfield**, a talk illustrated with prints and photographs, by Stephen Gilbert. (See page 7 for more information.)

**Monday 18th May: Planning for the redevelopment of Ponders End**, an illustrated talk by Paul Karakusevic.

### Special events

**Saturday 14 March 10 am to 1 pm. Opening of the Sales Table at Jubilee Hall.** *A Time of Change* will be on sale and copies will be signed on request.

**Saturday 14th March, 1 pm. Visit to Enfield Grammar Upper School.** See page 12 for details and ticket arrangements.

**Friday 17th April 2015, 8 pm. All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton. All Saints Church and its monuments**, an illustrated talk by Robert Musgrove, followed by a visit to this historic church. Parking available at rear of hall, via Victoria Road and All Saints Close. (Joint meeting with EHHS.)

**Monday 27th April. Visit to Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive.** See page 12 for details and ticket arrangements.

**Thursday 11th June, 7.30 for 8 pm, Jubilee Hall. Annual General Meeting of The Enfield Society** followed by a talk on *Soho* by Stuart Harvey.

## The President's column



No complex modern society can function effectively without a degree of central planning. In a democratic society such as ours this should include democratic involvement. At the national level issues such as Town and Country Planning have an effect on all our lives. Currently the Government's insistence, through its National Planning Policy Framework, on the necessity of Local Plans means that in the 41% of authorities that have no Local Plan, developers can put up houses anywhere deemed sustainable, as currently the large Green Belt development at Cuffley testifies. At the local level the same applies. But to be effective plans should be readily understood, well publicised and able to be implemented. They can be comprehensive without being over long. There is a danger that planning can become an end in itself, soaking up valuable time and resources. Currently we are being asked to comment on Enfield's draft Leisure and Culture Strategy. Not an easy read, its recommendations are scattered throughout the text, which is largely an analysis of local facilities and statistics. Although supposed to include heritage, there is no mention whatsoever of our built heritage in this historic London

Borough. We have to ask – who is supposed to use this document and what purpose will it serve? More manageable should be the Streetscape Policy, revised in 2012. Some less welcome parts are being implemented, such as asphalt replacing paving on footway surfaces along residential roads, but others seemingly ignored, like the requirement for painted yellow carriageway lines to be the narrow, pale primrose type in conservation areas and all non-principal roads. The other point regarding plans is that they should fit well together. At the moment there are at least three forthcoming plans for Enfield Town. The Conservation Area Management Plan for the next five years is due to be signed off. At the same time the comprehensive Cycle Enfield proposals are moving forward rapidly and the long awaited Area Action Plan seems at last likely to materialise. The danger is that these three will result in a 'car crash' scenario, to use the popular expression, as mutually incompatible proposals arise. Some built-in flexibility, to deal with unexpected events, should be a requirement.

Chris Jephcott

### Contacting members by email

We have not generally communicated with members by email in the past, but every so often it would be useful to do so. The Newsletter only appears quarterly so it not appropriate if we want to alert members to something urgently – for example an issue like the controversy over the use of Chase Green, or an event which will take place before the next Newsletter is published

Under current law we can in practice only provide information to members generally by email if they have specifically agreed that we can do so. I will be contacting members who have given us their email addresses to ask if they are willing to be contacted in this way. Anyone else who has not given us an email address and who would like to be on our mailing list is most welcome to contact me at [<r.stones@enfieldsociety.org.uk>](mailto:r.stones@enfieldsociety.org.uk).

Richard Stones

### Talks organizer required

Having organized a programme of interesting Tuesday morning talks for the Society for many years, Joyce James is resigning from that role at the end of 2015 and we are seeking a replacement.

We would be very pleased to hear from anyone willing to volunteer to take this on. For details, send a message to Joyce at our Jubilee Hall address or email

[<J.James@enfieldsociety.org.uk>](mailto:J.James@enfieldsociety.org.uk)

### New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Mr A Bellanfonte, Mrs L A Brana, Mrs G A Brierly, Mr & Mrs M G & L Cranstone, Mrs T V Delaney, Mr J Dods, Mr R A Goodrum, Miss J R Hinson, Ms S Hutchings, Mr & Mrs P & B Hylton, Mr J Lain, Mrs J Robertson-Molloy, Mrs L Sealey, Mr P J Smith

Joyce James

### Friends of parks

Many of our local parks have "Friends" groups: people who are interested in becoming involved in their local park, working with the Council with the aim of improving the appearance, facilities, conservation value and safety of their space. Details of these groups and of other volunteering opportunities are given on the Council's web site at

[www.enfield.gov.uk/info/1000000443/parks\\_volunteering\\_and\\_friends\\_groups](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/info/1000000443/parks_volunteering_and_friends_groups), from where you can also download their interesting newsletters.





## Enfield Town

At the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066 the manor of Enefelde (which may mean Eana's open space) was held by the Anglo-Danish nobleman Ansgar. His lands were given by William the Conqueror to Geoffrey de Mandeville, who still held Enfield in 1086, when according to the Domesday survey there was arable land for 24 plough teams, woodland for 2,000 pigs, a water mill on the River Lea and fishponds.

Domesday mentions a priest at Enfield, but the first written record of St. Andrew's parish church is in 1136 and the first vicar was appointed in 1190. The earliest parts of the present church probably date from the late 12th or early 13th centuries, although most of the present building was erected between the 14th and 16th centuries.

Print ❶ shows the church in 1813 before the muniment room over the south porch was demolished and the south aisle was rebuilt in 1824. (See *TES News* no. 189).



Church since at least the early 16th century. The present Tudor school building was completed in 1597 and a master's house was added alongside in 1748-9.

The 1880 photograph ❸ shows the restored school after Georgian windows had been replaced with the present neo-Tudor ones. The late 14th century Prounces House, which had been the first schoolmaster's house, is on the far left. A new house for the headmaster was built in 1883 and the school was subsequently extended in 1894 (on the site of Prounces House), 1909, 1938-9 and the early 1970s. Enfield Court was opened as the Lower School in 1925. (See *TES News* nos. 191 and 192). See page 12 for details of how to obtain tickets for a one-hour tour of parts of the Upper School, including the Tudor building, starting at 1 pm on Saturday 14th March.

The Lord of the Manor of Enfield was granted approval to hold a weekly market in 1303, although the present market traces its origin to an early 17th century charter which also gave the parish approval to hold an annual fair. There was, however, no regular market between about 1800 and 1870.



The first reference to a manor house in Enfield dates from 1347 when Humphrey de Bohun was licensed to fortify. By 1437 there was a substantial building on a seven acre site where Palace Gardens shopping precinct now stands. In 1551 the manor of Enfield was granted by Edward VI to his half-sister Elizabeth and Enfield Manor House was largely rebuilt to become Enfield Palace. There is however no record of Elizabeth staying at the Palace. When her court visited Enfield she would have probably stayed at the larger Elsyng Palace (near Forty Hall). Later in the 16th century Enfield Palace was leased out, and by the late 17th century housed a boarding school.

View ❷ of the west front of Enfield Palace in 1778 is based on a print of 1568. Much of the building was demolished in 1791-2 and the remainder in 1927. Sections, principally from the Oak Room, were salvaged and incorporated into the Tudor Room built next to Little Park in Gentleman's Row. (See *TES News* no. 186).

Enfield Grammar School was founded in 1558 to teach the children of the poor of Enfield to read and write Latin and English. There had however been a school next to St. Andrew's





# Historic buildings



The 1910 print ④ by George Monk shows what Enfield Town and its market might have looked like in 1910, the year after the electric tram reached Enfield from London.

Those historic buildings referred to in this article which are still standing are listed either nationally or locally and are included in the Enfield Town conservation area. This was originally established in 1968 to protect Gentleman's Row and was extended in 1972, 1983, 1984 and 1997 to cover the historic centre of Enfield Town from Parsonage Lane in the north to Essex Road in the south and from Chase Green in the west to Genotin Road in the east.

For more information on Enfield's history see David Pam's booklet *Enfield Town, village green to shopping precinct*, published by the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society in 2007 and his

comprehensive three volumes of *A history of Enfield* which are available from the Enfield Society. Monica Smith has recently written volume four, entitled *A time of change* which covers the period from 1939 to 1969. The most useful one volume histories are Graham Dalling's *Enfield past*, *The Enfield book* and *Southgate and Edmonton past*.

A wide range of prints, photographs, maps, newspapers and books (including those listed above) may be consulted at the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, which also provided those illustrations marked \* in this article. See page 12 for details of how to obtain tickets for a tour of the Centre on Monday 27th April. The adjoining Enfield Life exhibition in the Dugdale Centre contains artifacts from prehistoric times onwards, recreated 18th and 20th century rooms and a large display of paintings, prints and photographs assembled by Enfield Museum Service with financial assistance from the Enfield Society.

An illustrated talk on the history of Enfield, Edmonton and Southgate, from prehistoric times to the 20th century, will be given at 8pm on Monday 16th March in Jubilee Hall. There will be an opportunity to see copies of prints and historic photographs, including views of medieval and Victorian churches, grand country houses, suburban private and council houses, schools, inns and industrial structures and to share your memories of Enfield's past.

Stephen Gilbert

View ④ of the market place in 1827 shows the mid-17th century King's Head inn on the left. In the 1740s Enfield's assembly met in a 17th century building (at the back of the King's Head) which was demolished in 1939 for an extension to Enfield Grammar School. (See *TES News* no. 191). Before the construction of a branch railway line from Angel Road, Edmonton, to Enfield Town in 1849, a horse-drawn coach left from outside the King's Head for the city of London three times a day. The 1826 market cross was dismantled in 1904 and moved to Myddelton House rose garden. (See *TES News* no. 183).



The early 17th century Greyhound inn with its Dutch gables overlooked Enfield Green with its oak tree until the 19th century. After 1860 the inn was used as local government offices and as a court house. To the right in photograph ⑤ from around 1890 is the former beadle's office with two lock-up cells, erected in 1830. From 1840 it served as Enfield's first police station until a larger building was opened in 1872 at the junction of London Road and Cecil Road.

The present King's Head of 1899, by Shoebridge and Rising, has tile-hung upper storeys and half-timbered gables. In 1897 the former Greyhound was replaced by W. Gilbee Scott's Flemish Renaissance style London and Provincial Bank (now Barclays Bank). The market house by Sidney M Cranfield was erected in 1904 to commemorate Edward VII's coronation in 1902.





## Learning and resources

### A pop-up learning shop for Enfield



**Burleigh Way**

Birkbeck, University of London will be running a 'pop-up learning shop' in Enfield Town between April 7th and June 27th this year. Birkbeck has a successful track record of organising 'pop-ups' in Willesden and Waltham Forest and this latest venture, called 'EnfieldThinks' will see them working in partnership with Enfield Council and the Borough's colleges – CONEL, Barnet & Southgate and Capel Manor. The pop-up will be based in one of the empty retail units in Burleigh Way. Birkbeck is contributing some of the money needed for the venture, LBE has made a bid to the Mayor's High Street Fund for some additional monies and the premises have been provided in-kind by Christian Action Housing. The venue will be used to host a series of workshops, lectures and debates during the day and evenings, with information, advice and guidance offered throughout. All events will be free and open to all. Themes covered will range from floristry and animal husbandry to politics, with academics from the partner organisations providing tuition. They will be assisted by a team of volunteers recruited and trained through the Enfield Volunteer Centre which will help to market, staff and organise the event. The initiative is part of the college's commitment to encouraging learning amongst people from hard to reach groups. In addition to the series of single sessions there will be a 10 week course on Happiness and Wellbeing and a 5 week Learning Café which aims to banish the myths and misconceptions of university

### Good homes found for Graham Dalling's colour slides

When Graham Dalling, Enfield's retired Local History Librarian and a member of the Enfield Society's committee, died in December 2012, he bequeathed his collection of colour slides to the Society. Many of these were of the London Borough of Enfield – we have added them to our collection and are gradually selecting some to add to those displayed on our website.

There were also about 3600 slides, mainly of buildings of historical and architectural interest in other parts of the country, for which we were not the most appropriate repository. We offered these to other local history archives and libraries, and were pleased to receive many requests for them. Slides relating to their local areas were sent to Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, Dorset, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Wandsworth and Warwickshire. The largest numbers went to Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (Hertfordshire slides), the Bishopsgate Institute (London and Middlesex slides), the Norfolk Gardens Trust (Norfolk slides) and the residue to the "Shimmer" project at Sheffield Hallam University: <http://shimmer.shu.ac.uk/luna/servlet/SHU-3-3>. Some of these recipients will be making a selection of the slides publicly available on their web sites.

*Leonard Will*

study. While the main idea is for 'EnfieldThinks' to help publicise the educational options available to residents and in particular to enthuse those residents who may previously have considered further or higher education closed to them, there are wider anticipated benefits for Enfield too. It is hoped that the initiative will help demonstrate the potential of Burleigh Way and increase footfall through this currently empty area of Enfield Town. As many members of The Enfield Society will know, the street has struggled to attract commercial tenants and has been empty since construction. The Council believes that the event will help put Burleigh Way on Enfield Town's retail map and help convince prospective commercial tenants of its viability. As the events will run until 8 pm they are seen as complementing the Council's aim of developing a 'night time economy' in the town.

## Parks

### Enfield parks security

Although we accept that Enfield Council are under financial constraints to economise, we do not consider that their proposal to discontinue overnight locking of entrance gates into parks to be appropriate and believe it would be financially short-sighted.

Country parks, such as Trent Park, Whitewebbs and Hilly Fields, would not be affected as they have never been lockable. It would be those in urban areas that would remain open to all and sundry. Many of them already suffer significant levels of vandalism even when locked (Pymmes is a notable example). In Grovelands Park during November 2014 intruders set on fire equipment in the playground and made an attempt to burn down the café. With open access it is not difficult to imagine what could happen in many of the parks.

The saving that would be achieved by discontinuing locking gates only amounts to a paltry £26,000. Vandals damaging a single building in one night could easily exceed such a figure and what about increased costs from other overnight intruders, such as those dumping rubbish, the arrival of squatters and then their lengthy legal removal? No doubt there would also be extra costs to Enfield's police, who have their own financial constraints.

The decision on this proposal has been deferred until April and TES would urge all members to take the opportunity to object, either via the Council's website or through their local councillor.

*Stuart Mills*

Long term, Enfield and Birkbeck aim to make 'EnfieldThinks' an annual festival of education, involving other universities and colleges and using other urban centres which will bring larger numbers of people to the Borough's high streets. It is also the first step in building a case for a high street university campus in the Borough.

More details will appear in a few months' time, when a print and social media campaign will start across the borough with flyers, posters and banners to advertise the event. The EnfieldThinks team is also keen to encourage input from local people, so if you have a topic you'd like to offer as one of the evening sessions please get in touch with Annette McCone at Birkbeck: [a.mccone@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:a.mccone@bbk.ac.uk) or [liam.preston@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:liam.preston@enfield.gov.uk) and [anna.loughlin@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:anna.loughlin@enfield.gov.uk) at Enfield Council.

*Linda Miller*



# Footpaths and open spaces

## “Spurs Path”

In the last newsletter we reported the Council were evaluating possible engineering solutions to the never-ending water problem affecting this path between Bulls Cross and the boundary of Myddelton House Gardens.

It has now been agreed that a 30 metre boardwalk will be installed in conjunction with a bridge over the section where water constantly flows out from the Gardens into the adjacent field. The bridge is the one purchased several years ago by the Enfield Society for the Stagg Hill link path, but which ultimately was not used and has subsequently been in store. Weather permitting, it is intended that the boardwalk and bridge will be installed by Groundforce during their February 2015 working parties.

## Potters Bar blocked path

This permissive path on the southern edge of Potters Bar links Park Drive with the New Cottage Farm track, via both Enfield Council and Hertfordshire County Council owned land.

Although it has been usable for several months after self-help measures carried out by local residents, a more permanent and structurally safe bridging of the stream is essential.

We must thank Enfield Council for agreeing to allow installation work to be carried out by Groundforce, even though the location of the bridge is not actually on Enfield land but adjacent thereto. However, Enfield Council readily accepted that without a bridge the route would be inaccessible to the average user.

Our thanks also go to Groundforce for accepting the work which has been scheduled for March 2015.

## Pymmes Brook Trail

This route was established over 20 years ago and is still shown by TFL as a key London walking route, but during recent years has received little maintenance. For example, most signage is either illegible or missing, there are no meaningful information boards in the parks it goes through, some sections could be significantly improved and/or re-routed to make it a more attractive walk and any original leaflets are now out of date and probably unavailable.

During a recent TES meeting we established that Enfield Council is keen to reinstate their section of the Trail (the remainder is in Barnet). We agreed to carry out a thorough review and submit a report to the Council with the intention that improvement works could be carried

out in financial year 2015/2016. Our thanks go to John West who has surveyed the Trail in great detail and prepared an excellent draft report which we hope to submit to the Council in the near future.



## Turkey Brook – new bridge

Some TES members may have seen the recently installed bridge crossing Turkey Brook from north of the avenue of lime trees in Forty Hall Park that lead down from the House. Installed ahead of schedule, this substantial structure links the Forty Hall Estate with the “Spurs Path”, meeting the latter near the alpine meadow in Myddelton House Gardens.

The only negative aspect is that the contractors used soft soil instead of hard-core/gravel on the north side when banking the path onto the bridge. After early Winter rains it has become a quagmire and we are asking for this to be remedied.

## Update on Sustainable Drainage Systems

On 17th December 30 TES members and also representatives from the Thames21 waterways charity and Enfield Council visited Grovelands Park and then the Boxer's Lake/Lonsdale Drive area to see work carried out to improve the water quality of waterways ultimately feeding into Salmon's Brook and the River Lea. Significant progress has been achieved with construction of natural watercourses, drainage systems and storage ponds, thereby reducing pollution contamination and improving the local environment. Work on the Hounsden Gutter in Hounsden Woods is due to commence early Spring.

Elsewhere, work continues on the most easterly section of Salmon's Brook in Edmonton and a 500 yard section of a stream on the northern edge of Firs Farm playing fields is being removed from its concrete pipe and converted into an open watercourse or swale (somewhat similar to that in Enfield Town park).

*Stuart Mills*

## Enfield's Footpaths.

Bearing in mind the above news items, and also other works and improvements to Enfield's paths and tracks carried out over many years, I feel it would be appropriate to thank Enfield Council for their on-going assistance in improving and maintaining the network to a level at which several other outer London boroughs have long since given up trying to achieve.

Yes, it is always easy to be critical, and we all have “wish-lists”, but even allowing for national financial constraints, most paths in Enfield have been generally streets ahead of those in many other boroughs. For instance, Barnet is fortunate to have an attractive piece of Green Belt countryside within the residential area between High Barnet, Mill Hill, Totteridge and Woodside Park, providing a great access opportunity for locals, and indeed TES. Sadly, for many months of the year, the condition of the paths makes the area almost inaccessible to all but the fittest and most determined – and the problem is getting worse. Previously well maintained or surfaced paths, including sections of the Dollis Brook Trail Greenwalk, are being left to deteriorate through lack of maintenance.

In Enfield the scene is generally so different. Over the last 25 to 30 years not only has the network been significantly expanded (using many of the routes suggested by EPS/TES), and with improved accessibility plus the linking-up of paths to make more worthwhile circular routes, but vital maintenance has continued. Perhaps one of the main differences between Enfield and some other boroughs is the availability of volunteers. EPS/TES has been involved with footpath creation and maintenance for over 50 years and were closely involved with the Council in the initial formation of Groundforce and Enfield Conservation Volunteers – many of these volunteers have been EPS/TES members.

We are fortunate that Enfield Council appreciates the value of volunteers and are agreeable to their carrying out tasks that would otherwise have a substantial labour cost and might therefore not be achievable in today's economic climate.

*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](http://www.intalink.org.uk)**

***Reduced price travel on most local trains around London:*** Groupsave 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.***

**Always bring your Freedom Pass or National Bus Pass.**

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

**Sat 14 Feb. Royal Parks and more!** Meet **10.40** at the Wellington Arch, Hyde Park Corner Island – about 3 mins by signed exit from adjacent Hyde Park Corner underground station (Piccadilly Line).

About 6 mile circular walk with an attractive mix of parks, conservation areas and historic buildings via Hyde Park, The Serpentine, Kensington Gardens, Palace and Village, Holland Park, Campden Hill and The Long Water. Lunch stop in Kensington Village (food available or bring lunch). Many shorter options. Details 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

**Wed 18 Feb. Snowdrops and Myddelton House.** Meet **10.15** outside the front door to Forty Hall Mansion for a 3 hour circular walk which we hope will coincide with the snowdrop display in Myddelton House Gardens and near Forty Hall lakes. The route will initially visit Myddelton House Gardens for coffee and the opportunity to walk through the gardens, before continuing via footpaths on the Forty Hall Estate. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Mon 23 Feb. Modernising King's Cross.** Meet **10.30** at entrance to Platform 9, King's Cross mainline station, for a 2.5 to 3 hour circular walk during which Roy will include an update

on the on-going regeneration programme taking place near the station. Much has been achieved since the last TES visit. Details: [roynicholls@btinternet.com](mailto:roynicholls@btinternet.com) or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Sat 28 Feb. From Canary Wharf to Greenwich Park.** Meet **10.45** in main ticket office concourse at Canary Wharf Jubilee Line Station (**NOT** at the DLR Canary Wharf Station which is 5 to 10 mins walk away).

About 7.5 mile linear walk from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century redevelopment on the Isle of Dogs to the oldest Royal Park. Shorter options.

The morning route of about 4 miles will include waterside views in Canary Wharf and recently opened sections of the Thames frontage. After lunch stop in Greenwich Village (food available or bring lunch), we will walk past some of the historic Maritime Naval Buildings before entering the recently restored Greenwich Park with breath-taking views over the Thames. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Mon 9 Mar. London Scenes (Part 4).**

Meet **10.30** between entrances to Platforms 11 & 12 (near main W H Smith shop) at Euston mainline station for a linear walk full of variety with gardens, squares, parks, the River Thames, architectural and historical sights and some "hidden" surprises. Numerous shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Sat 14 Mar. Maritime History.** Meet **10.30** Tower Hill Station (Circle & District Lines) for a linear walk following the historic southern edge of the Thames via Rotherhithe – once a shipbuilding village, centre of London's whaling trade and departure point for the Mayflower in 1620. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: [roynicholls@btinternet.com](mailto:roynicholls@btinternet.com) or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Thurs 19 Mar. From Dulwich to the Old Kent Road.** Meet **10.37** West Dulwich Station (10.25 Southeastern Orpington train from Victoria mainline station). *Note:* John will join the 09.35 train from Enfield Chase at Palmers Green, changing at Highbury & Islington for the Victoria Line. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.*

7 mile linear walk of great contrasts via the Dulwich College Estate, Sydenham Hill Woods, parks, greenway and conservation areas, ending at Burgess Park (the largest urban park created since 1945). Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

**Sat 28 Mar. London Loop.** Meet **10.10** Elstree & Borehamwood Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.00 train from Enfield Chase into King's Cross and then on 09.40 Thameslink Luton train from St Pancras International Station, or by 307 bus to Barnet and then 107 bus (total journey time by bus from Enfield Town about 65-70 mins).

10 mile linear walk via farmland, woods, country parks, open spaces, near the RAF's WWII HQ and W.S.Gilbert's Grim's Dyke House and with a panoramic view across London. Several shorter options. Route ends at Hatch End Station for return to Euston by London Overground. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Tues 31 Mar. Richmond.** Meet **11.00** Richmond Station. Either travel with Mick on 09.35 train from Enfield Chase (changing at Highbury & Islington for the Victoria Line) or be at Vauxhall Station for the **10.32** South West train (arrives Richmond at 10.48). *All travel within Freedom Pass area.*

About 7 mile circular walk with attractive historic buildings, riverside scenes, gardens and parks, including Richmond Park. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

**Bank Holiday Mon 6 April.** Meet **10.38** Theydon Bois Station (10.06 Central Line train from Liverpool Street – *travel covered by Freedom Pass*). By car: about 25 mins from Enfield Town via M25 (Junction 26), A121 eastwards for 1.5 miles to "City Limits/Wake Arms" roundabout and then on B172 into Theydon Bois.

About 8.5 mile circular walk on the north-eastern edge of Epping Forest with some fine views and a mix of farmland, commons and woodland. Option to end at lunch stop in Epping Town (bring lunch or food available). *Leader: Brian Frear*

**Sat 11 April. Shakespeare's London.** Meet **14.30** ticket office concourse Moorgate Station (Northern, Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan Lines) or travel with Monica on the 13.30 train from Enfield Chase into King's Cross and change onto the Northern Line.

About 2.5 hour linear walk ending at London Bridge Station featuring aspects associated with The Bard and including a stop at the Museum of London for a coffee break and opportunity to view Rose Theatre display. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*



**Thurs 16 April. On the edge of Hertfordshire.** Meet **10.45** at entrance to Tesco superstore in Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. Currently, buses to Tesco are: 313 from Enfield Town, Cecil Road, at 09.52 & 10.12 or 298 from Southgate at 09.43 & 10.03 or 84 from New Barnet Station at 09.58 & 10.13 (alighting at traffic lights).

6.5 to 7 mile linear walk ending at Crews Hill Station with lunch stop in Northaw Village after 2.5 miles and a Japanese garden. Bring lunch or pub food available. Afternoon section includes one of Christine Fookes' favourite local paths and the option to end at Cuffley Station (latter saves 2 miles).

If joining for afternoon only, then be at Northaw by 13.00 (242 buses to Northaw currently at 11.45 & 12.45 from Potters Bar Station or at 11.45 from Waltham Cross bus station). Contact on day of walk *only*: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa and Margaret*

**Sat 25 April. Leith Hill.** Either travel with Martin on 08.30 train from Enfield Chase (he will join at Palmers Green), changing at Finsbury Park for the Victoria Line, or meet Martin at Victoria mainline station for the **09.31** Southern Horsham train to Holmwood Station (arrives 10.32). *Freedom Pass boundary is Ewell East.*

About 9 mile linear walk through beautiful countryside with lovely views. At 1029 feet above sea level both London and the English Channel can be seen on a clear day from the top of Leith Hill Tower. Route ends at Dorking but possibility of catching bus after 7 miles. Bring lunch or food probably available at Friday Street pub (but bring emergency rations!). Contact: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

**Thurs 30 April. Visit to Chenies Manor House.** Either meet Breda at London Marylebone mainline station (Bakerloo Line from Oxford Circus) to catch **10.42** Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train to Chorleywood. Otherwise, be at Chorleywood Station by **11.09**. (10:13 Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras arrives Chorleywood at 11.03.)

Today's 5 mile linear walk ends at Chalfont & Latimer Station and is intended to give an opportunity to visit the award winning gardens with a display of 7000 tulips next to the historic manor house.

As Chenies is only open between 14.00 & 17.00 hours, there will be an early lunch stop in the village (bring lunch or pub food available) to then be at the entrance prior to 14.00. Admission

tickets are £5 for gardens and exhibition or £7 to include a guided tour of the house.

NOTE: payment by cash or cheque ONLY (no cards accepted) – this also applies to the café. To allow for a relaxed visit, we shall not depart until after 16.00-16:30 hours.

*All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Car drivers can return to Chorleywood by train from Chalfont & Latimer. *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

**Bank Holiday Mon 4 May London Loop.** Meet **10.31** Hatch End Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.00 train from Enfield Chase or meet him at Euston mainline station to catch 09.57 London Overground Watford train (usually from Platform 11).

With some good views over the Colne Valley, a 9 mile linear walk along one of the more rural sections of the London Loop via farmland, woods, golf courses and Moor Park, ending in Harefield Village for a bus into Uxbridge Station and return by tube. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Sat 9 May. Sandy Bedfordshire.** Travel with Roy on **10.28** Great Northern Peterborough train from Finsbury Park mainline station, arriving **11.06** at Sandy Station which, for car drivers, is about 0.25 miles south of town centre.

Firstly a bus to Everton Village, then 8 to 9 mile walk via an attractive mix of farmland, parkland, heath and pinewoods in an area of sandy hills, with lunch stop in Potton (bring lunch or food available). Return to Sandy via RSPB reserve site. Possible shorter options. Details: [roynicholls@btinternet.com](mailto:roynicholls@btinternet.com) or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Tues 12 May. Visit to Kenwood House and Gardens.** Meet **11.00** outside Brewhouse Café at rear of Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, NW3. Parking in nearby roads or about 20 mins journey time on 210 buses from Finsbury Park Station or 10 mins from Archway Station. Arrive earlier if you want a coffee!

With fine views over London from the edge of Hampstead Heath, Norman intends to lead a relaxed 2 hour walk through Kenwood's leafy parkland and gardens/rhododendron displays and explain some of the interesting local geology.

Lunch available from café or plenty of seats for a picnic. Afterwards, why not take the opportunity to view the refurbished house and magnificent

contents/artworks? Contact on day of walk *only*: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Sat 16 May. Ash Valley.** Meet **10.21** St Margaret's 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 which also stops at intermediate stations). Car drivers: currently no charge payable in the High Street public car park about 250 yards from station.

About 8.5 mile to 9 circular walk via the attractive New River and River Lea waterways and the lovely Ash Valley countryside with lunch stop in Wareside (option to end by returning to Ware by bus). Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

**Thurs 21 May. The Inns of Court.** Meet **10.45** Chancery Lane Station (on Central Line and one stop from Holborn).

Today's walk will explore the attractive and interesting legal area of Gray's Inn, Lincolns Inn, Middle and Inner Temple together with Temple Church, St Clement Danes and other historic features. Where possible, Brian intends to include the lovely gardens connected with each Inn. Lunch stop in The Strand/Fleet Street area – bring lunch or food available. Many shorter options and walk will end before rush hour. *Leader: Brian Frear*

**Bank Holiday Mon 25 May. Chilterns.** Meet **10.30** Wendover Station (09.42 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station – Jubilee Line from Oxford Circus). By car: about 45/50 mins from Enfield via M25 (junction 20), A41 to Tring North junction, then B4009 for 2.5 miles into Wendover.

About 9 mile contrasting figure-of-eight walk with a varied mix of beautiful scenery and views. Lunch stop in Wendover. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Sat 30 May. Wimbledon and Richmond Park.** Meet **10.43** at Wimbledon Station. Either travel with John on 09.30 train from Enfield Chase (changing at Finsbury Park for Victoria Line) or meet him at Vauxhall for **10.31** South West train.

7 to 8 mile linear walk via historic Wimbledon Village and Cannizaro Park, Wimbledon Common, Isabella Plantation and Richmond Park, ending at Richmond Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

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## Visit to Enfield Grammar Upper School on Saturday 14th March

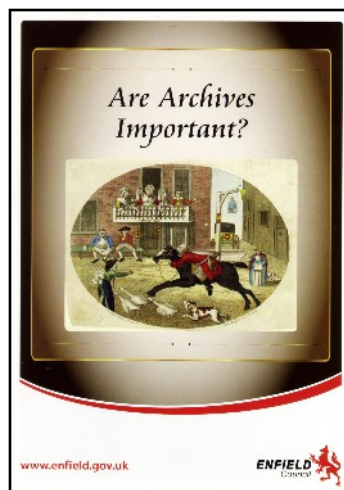
Arrangements have been made for a group of up to 30 people to visit Enfield Grammar Upper School on Saturday 14th March for a one-hour tour starting at 1 pm. Members will go inside the restored Tudor school building, which was completed by 1597, and see the portraits of past headmasters since 1877 which line the walls of the ground floor hall. The group will also be able to ascend the original octagonal spiral staircase to the second floor and see the fine timber roof, fireplace and original dormer windows. Other parts of the school which date from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries will also be seen and some items from the school archives may be made available for viewing. (On a future occasion it might be possible to arrange a visit to the Lower School in Baker Street to see inside Enfield Court, the central part of which was built in 1690.)

To book a free place please send your contact details, including your telephone number and a stamped addressed envelope to EGS Visit, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, stating how many tickets you would like (maximum 4). The tickets will indicate where you should report to gain admission.

*Stephen Gilburt*



## Visit to Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive on Monday 27th April



Information brochure about the  
Enfield Local Studies Centre  
and Archive  
<[www.enfield.gov.uk/info/1062/  
local\\_studies](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/info/1062/local_studies)>

A tour of the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, on the first floor of the Dugdale Centre at the corner of London Road and Cecil Road, has been arranged for the morning of Monday 27th April. The archivist, John Clark, will explain the variety of material available and members will be able to see examples of medieval and later records and books, newspapers, prints, photographs and maps. The Centre is of particular interest to anyone who would like to discover more about the history of Enfield or to research their own family history. Because of space restrictions numbers will be limited to 15 for a tour at 10 am. However, if more members wish to come, a second tour will be arranged for 11 am.

To book a free place please send your contact details, including your telephone number and a stamped addressed envelope, to ELSCA Visit, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, stating how many tickets you would like (maximum 4). The tickets will indicate the time of the start of your tour – 10 am or 11 am.

*Stephen Gilburt*