



Enfield Society News

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Local heritage review: revising Enfield's locally listed buildings register

The Enfield Society and Enfield Council are in the planning stage of a project to review Enfield's local list and we are looking for volunteers to help.

As most of you will know Enfield has a local list of buildings of architectural or historic interest: www.enfield.gov.uk/downloads/file/3544/local_listed_buildings_street_index. This derived from the remnants of the old Grade III listings that were not upgraded in 1974 to statutory listing such as Grade II. It has been added to ad hoc over the years but is now very out of date and it needs to be completely revised for it to feed effectively into the local plan. Enfield Council feels that the Enfield Society and other volunteer societies and groups have a vital role to play in ensuring this is done, to maintain our heritage and environment. We need your help with this.

In the next month or so a consultant will be appointed by the Council to develop selection criteria based on the English Heritage "Good practice guide for local heritage listing". The consultant will then organise training for volunteers who will have the role of surveying all Enfield streets and parks looking for buildings fitting the criteria for adding to the list. And not just buildings: we feel strongly that there are many structures which make up Enfield's unique heritage and environment and which need some protection – the War Memorial perhaps, or the horse troughs discussed in the article in this newsletter by Mick Coe, waymarkers, verges, postboxes and railings are all features which go to making Enfield special. I am sure you have many other ideas.

The training is likely to take place in the summer this year and include the assessment criteria and how to use them, completing the record forms and photographing buildings. The survey work is planned to start in late summer 2015 going on for up to six months.

If you are interested in taking part in this project or have particular ideas you want to put forward then please contact Janet McQueen or Val Munday on the Jubilee Hall phone (020) 8363 9495, email locallistes@enfieldsociety.org.uk or write in if you prefer. We are particularly looking for people interested in walking round our streets and also keen photographers but if you are not able to be that active then other roles can be found so please do let us know if you would like to get involved.

Janet McQueen

Some Enfield buildings and structures which are locally listed or suggested for listing



- ① Chapel of rest, Church Lane. ② Victorian letter box, Trent Park ③ St George's Church, Hertford Road
④ Fountain, The Town ⑤ Enfield Chase Station platforms ⑥ Cottages, Burnt Farm Ride ⑦ Bush Hill Park Hotel
⑧ The Wonder public house, Batley Road ⑨ Botany Bay Chapel, East Lodge Lane.

These images, and others, are in the "listed buildings" category on our web site at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/photographs/

Conservation

Comment on recent planning applications has not been helped by inability to view the documents on the Council's planning weekly list web page. Fortunately the major planning application came before the Conservation Advisory Group.

One application that was accessible from a few weeks back does raise important issues. This photograph dating back to the 1920s shows the little monumental mason's shopfront adjacent to the Lavender Hill Cemetery entrance, which has survived unchanged. Straddling the front of the site is clearly visible a well grown oak tree, reputed to be older than the cemetery itself. This tree survived virtually unchanged until November last year when the owner, Enfield Council, put the small property on the market and sold it. The new owner felled the tree, as they were fully entitled to do, as it was not preserved or in a conservation area at the beginning of this year. They then applied for planning permission to change the use of part of the site, claiming accurately that there were no significant trees on the land. But this begs the question as to how a site containing a major tree in this prominent and sensitive location could come to be sold without any apparent consideration of its environmental impact. It transpires that the Council's tree officer was not consulted at any stage. And so a significant amenity was thoughtlessly lost.



Truro House

The process of restoring the 19th century listed villa and the enabling development to facilitate this drags on. In 2008 a scheme was drawn up for the restoration and maintenance of the house and gardens, which involved constructing 25 residential units in two blocks, one 2-storey and one part 3, part 4-storey block. After prolonged negotiations designs generally considered acceptable were approved. Now, new architects are proposing modifications to the designs, claiming they could not be built as approved, which would involve increasing the height of the main building amongst other modifications. Unfortunately the Conservation Advisory Group this week concluded that the changes had coarsened the design, already somewhat problematical, to the extent that it could not now be accepted as the setting of the listed house.

Salisbury House

This is another of Enfield's major listed buildings where there is a danger its setting could be compromised. Currently Enfield Council is considering redeveloping the redundant Bury Lodge Depot in Bury Street with up to 175 flats and houses, a worthwhile aim. Unfortunately, indicative plans show the development could crowd in up to the boundary of Salisbury House and the listed wall along Bury Street. We consider it is important that the listed structures are included as part of the scheme and look forward to a presentation from the architects when this stage is reached. The architects for the Council's major redevelopment of the Alma Estate along South Street did give such a presentation to the CAG, who were very impressed by the scheme, at its last meeting.

Chris Jephcott

Trees

Tree planting on Chase Green

In the spring of 2014 The Friends of Chase Green put together a proposal to restore the remaining area of woodland on the western side of Chase Green. There are some very old trees there and some rare ones too – some descendants of old Caucasian elm for example. The woodland is a survival of the grand house 'The Shrubbery' which was cleared to make way for the Great Northern Railway extension to Stevenage which opened in 1910. At that time, possibly to stabilise the new embankment but certainly to screen it, a colonnade of alternating London planes and limes was planted. Over the past century, time and disease has taken a few of them leaving unsightly gaps. In addition, the 1987 gales and disease have felled some of the very old oaks.

With all this in mind, the Friends approached TES with a view to making good these losses in order to preserve the tree-scene for future generations. Thanks to the legacy of the late Marion Sellers, TES was able to support the provision of six trees and an ongoing grant to be utilised in the autumn to provide a wide variety of woodland bulbs to enhance the under-storey of the woodland. The Friends have already begun, under Council guidance, to clear nettles and replace with woodland grasses and bulbs.

In February six trees were delivered: an imposing oak tree now occupying the site of a fallen Turkey oak (*Quercus cerris*) which had become diseased, three limes, a London plane and a fastigate oak (with an upswept shape), which now matches one already established near the war memorial. The Council's contractor will maintain these for the next two years whilst they settle in.



The new prime specimen English oak (*Quercus robur*)

Steve Farnsworth

Trees Group



In the Spring Newsletter, we asked for volunteers to relaunch the Trees Group. Many thanks to those members who volunteered. The first meeting of the Group took place at the Dugdale Centre and on a warm sunny day in early April, the Group started work on the Society's allotment where saplings are grown for future planting schemes. The group will now be identifying sites for future tree planting in the autumn and bringing on new saplings.



If you are interested in helping with this work, contact trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk. The photos show the group at work on the allotment.

Tree planting in the Town Park has been completed. There are 5 large, multi stemmed silver birch around the rose garden by the formal entrance and 3 well grown small leaved limes along the New River embankment opposite the Golf Course, planted by the Council using a grant from The Enfield Society.

John West and Chris Jephcott

Book review

The Enfield Society has published a sequel to the three volume *History of Enfield*, entitled *A time of change*. The author is Monica Smith, MBE, who joined the Enfield Preservation Society in 1976 and has served on the Management Committee since 1992 including stretches as honorary treasurer and chairman.

This volume, covering Enfield history from 1939 up to 1969, contains eleven chapters covering subjects such as WWII, the 1950s and 1960s, industry, leisure, transport, education and last but not least the Enfield Preservation Society. The book, with 235 superb illustrations, gives a remarkable picture of a borough transferring from six years of war, followed by austerity and radical changes. The illustrations include everything from air-raid shelters, ration books and national industry to bomb damage and modern buildings. Transport and trolley buses make their appearance, and schools covered include Enfield Grammar School and the newer schools such as Enfield County School as well as later primary schools such as St Paul's at Winchmore Hill. Industry is represented by factories such as Ripaults, Belling & Lee, Ediswan and many others. The Royal Small Arms factory is covered in some detail and the book ends with an epilogue summing up the large changes in the borough. Enfield, which a local doctor who has lived here all his life once described as "a lateral village", has now become a thriving town in its own right.

Peter Perryman

Copies of the book (£18.50) can be purchased at TES meetings, as well as from Waterstone's bookshop in Church Street, Forty Hall shop and a new outlet at Forty Hall Farm shop. They will be on sale at the Edmonton Festival and the Enfield Town Show but if you would like a copy sent by post please send a cheque for £21.50 to the Enfield Society. Although Volume One of the History of Enfield by David Pam is now out of print we do have a few second hand copies for sale. These can be purchased at the AGM and other meetings at Jubilee Hall or sent by post for £11.50 (includes £3 for postage). Copies of Volumes Two and Three are still available.



Monica Smith with David Burrowes at the book launch in the Dugdale Centre on February 27th

Street features

Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association

The Metropolitan Free Drinking Fountain Association was set up in London by Samuel Gurney, a Member of Parliament, and philanthropist and Edward Thomas Wakefield, a barrister, in 1859 to provide drinking water by means of free public fountains.

At this time live cattle were still brought to market at Smithfield and elsewhere and vast numbers of horses were vital for transport. To support animal welfare, the Association extended its remit to include cattle troughs and in 1867 it changed its name to The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association. In collaboration with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, troughs were built for horses, cattle and dogs. The association only stopped building troughs in 1936, as mechanical devices were replacing the horse.

Many of these troughs were built of granite with the charity's name carved into one side of the two level structure. They provided a shallow, lower level trough for dogs and a deeper, higher level trough for cattle and horses. Some troughs were paid for by individual benefactors, who had their names etc carved into the structure.

I have located eight remaining troughs of this design in the Enfield area. Others have succumbed to various highway "improvements" over the years. With the exception of that at Strayfield Road, all are now planted and add interest to the street scene as well as being a reminder of a slower pace of life, largely unimaginable to our children and



The trough at Brigadier Hill, Enfield

Showing signs of damage, having been partially moved on its supports.

grandchildren without such visual evidence. As such, I feel that they should be protected by being given the status of "local listing" as some already display evidence of damage and neglect.

The eight locations are:-

1. Winchmore Hill Green – inscribed "In Memoriam - Doctor Chichett 1896".
2. The junction of Compton Road and Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill
3. Church Street N9, by Ridge Avenue library – inscribed "in memory of Emma Ainslie of Rowantree 1909".
4. Southgate Green
5. Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park, close to Bagshot Road
6. The Green at Forty Hill, Enfield – inscribed "the gift of J H Buxton 1879".
7. Brigadier Hill, Enfield, close to Lancaster Road
8. Strayfield Road, Enfield

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Edmonton

Congratulations to Edmonton-based Art Start which won first prize in the New Year's Day Parade in Central London. The prize money of £7500 was donated to the Mayor of Enfield's chosen charity. Art Start also masterminded the very successful "Easter Down on the Farm" at Forty Hall Farm which was so well attended that £13,000 profit will be used on community projects and the renovation of the Girls Charity School in Church Street, a grade 2 listed building which is on the At Risk register.

The Lamb Festival at All Saints Church, Church Street. is to be held again in June. The programme is:

- Saturday 6th at 6pm and Tuesday 9th June at 2pm. Discover Edmonton – a walk with Joe Studman.

- Sunday 7th June 4pm. Service of Thanksgiving for Charles and Mary Lamb.
- Monday 8th June 7.30pm. Illustrated talk by author and "literary explorer" Ann Morgan.
- Tuesday 9th June 8pm. North London Brass in concert.
- Wednesday 10th June 1pm. Organ Recital with Peter Smith FRCO, former organist at All Saints.
- Thursday 11th June 3-6pm. Carers UK Afternoon Tea; 7-9pm. Poetry Evening hosted by Carers UK.
- Friday 12th June 7-9pm. Prizegiving and closing celebration.

All events are free but donations are welcomed.

Other organizations' events

This list gives a selection of forthcoming events arranged by organisations other than The Enfield Society. 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 10 January 2016, Dugdale Centre.
Just Married – 150 years of Enfield weddings. An Enfield Museum exhibition. Open 9am- 5pm. Monday to Saturday, 10am-1pm Sunday. Free.

Until 27th June. Enfield Thinks, the pop-up learning shop in Burleigh Way with a daily programme of lectures and workshops on a wide range of subjects. For details see: www.enfieldthinks.co.uk. Free

Wednesday 20 May 10am-1pm. New River walk with Lea Valley Regional Park, tracing the New River to Forty Hall Estate and Whitewebbs. Meet at Myddelton House Gardens. £5.

Friday 22 May 7.30pm, Forty Hall. Songs of the Earth – first of the Spring Classical Concert Series, with Ruari Glasheen (percussion) and Laura Snowden (guitar). £12

Saturday 23 May 7.30pm, Forty Hall. Concert – Landseer Oboe Trio will perform a musical medley of works by contemporary composers. £12

Tuesday 26 May 5pm, Enfield Thinks, Burleigh Way. Enfield 1939-69. An illustrated talk by Monica Smith. Free.

Saturday 6th to Friday 12th June, All Saints Church, Edmonton. The Lamb Festival. For details see page 3.

Tuesday 9th June, 7pm, Millfield House, Edmonton. Visit to Millfield House. Details from the Historical Association Branch Secretary, Robin Blades (020 8368 5328), <robin.blades@virgin.net>. Small charge to cover refreshments. [HA]

Wednesday 10th June, 12.30-1pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: St Monica's School Choir.

Friday 12th June, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Updates from The Thames Discovery Programme, by Elliott Wragg, Foreshore Development Officer [EAS]

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June. Open Squares Weekend. 200 gardens and squares to visit. see www.opensquares.org. £10 (covers all entries on both days)

Saturday 13 June, 2-3 pm, Myddelton House. Tour of kitchen garden with Lea Valley Senior Kitchen Gardener. £3.

Friday 19th June 7.30 pm, Forty Hall. Concert by the Aureus Quartet with a programme including music by Beethoven, Webern and Shostakovich. £12.

Saturday 20th June 7.30 pm, Forty Hall. Concert by the Alauda Quartet exploring the repertoire of the string quartet including classic and romantic music movements. £12.

Wednesday 24th – Saturday 27th June, 7.30pm (Sat Matinée 2.30pm), Wyllotts Theatre, Potters Bar. The Merry Widow. Southgate Opera presents Lehár's ever-popular romantic operetta. Box Office 01707 645005.

Sunday 28th June 2pm, Forty Hall. The families of Forty Hall – a guided tour with Joe Studman. £5

Sunday 28th June 6-8 pm, Myddelton House Gardens. Music at Myddelton – Jazz music of Stan Getz, Bossa Nova and The Sound of Brazil. £9, £7 concessions. (Take your own chair).

Friday 3rd July, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. The Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture: Enfield at war: shirts, shells and poison gas, by Ian Jones, EAS [EAS]

Sunday 5th July 12 noon to 6pm, Forty Hall. Music on the lawn with Friends of Forty Hall Park. Free

Wednesday 8th July, 12.30-1pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Concert: Nigel Blomily and the Anern Trio.

Thursday 9th - Saturday 18th July, 7.30pm, Forty Hall. Principal Theatre in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". Matinees 2.30 pm on 12th, 11th and 18th.

Friday 17th July, 7.30pm, Forty Hall. Concert – Secret connections: Dowland, Byrd, Tallis and Shakespeare by the Lovekyn Consort :the semi-secret culture of Elizabethan theatrical airs and sacred music. £12.

Sunday 19th July 12 noon to 4pm, Forty Hall park. Encountering Elsyng Palace – Family Day exploring the Elsyng dig site with Enfield Archaeological Society and Enfield Museum Service. Free.

Sunday 19th July 6-8 pm, Myddelton House Gardens. Music at Myddelton – Back to the 60s, the decade which included rock and roll, the Beatles, the Kinks and many others. £9, £7 (concessions) Take your own chair.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July 10.30am to 5pm, Forty Hall. Civil War encampment. Free.

Saturday 25th July 11am to 7pm. Pymmes Park. Edmonton Festival. Visit the Enfield Society stall.

Saturday 25th July. 2-4pm, Myddelton House Gardens. Walking in the footsteps of Mr Bowles. £4

Friday 11th September, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Vice-Presidential Address, by Jon Cotton [EAS]

Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th September, Town Park. Enfield Town Show

Tuesday 29th September 2015 weekly until Tuesday 15th December 2015, 7.15 – 8.45pm, Jubilee Hall. Enfield local history course, by Joe Studman. A 12 week introductory course charting the history of Enfield, Edmonton and Southgate. The course will be repeated on Wednesday mornings, starting on 7th October. Cost £60.00 for the course which can be booked for either the Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning sessions. See www.jaywalks.co.uk/the-city.html for details.

EAS: Enfield Archaeological Society. Visitors are very welcome (£1.00 per person). <www.enfarchsoc.org/index.html>

Obituary

Doris Connolly (1921-2015)



Sadly we have to report the death of Doris, a member of the Enfield Society for over 50 years, and for most of this time an active volunteer. She and her husband, Maurice, joined the Enfield Preservation Society in 1963 because of their concern at the felling of so many trees in Enfield. They were, consequently, founder members of the Trees Group and later took on the role of Membership Secretary. After Maurice's death, Doris was responsible for delivering Enfield Society publications to local bookshops and other retailers, a task she carried out for over 30 years and which was especially onerous when the first three volumes of the History of Enfield were published. She and her daughter also packed thousands of Christmas cards every year. The Society was represented at the Thanksgiving Service for her life at St. Mary Magdalene church and we send our sympathy to her three children, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Monica Smith

Enfield Society events

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

26th May: Coffee houses, coffee shops, coffee stalls and coffee bars, by Mrs M. McAndrew

30th June: Walking the "Cammino de Assisi", with John Merrill

28th July: Enfield's railway history – part 1, by Dave Cockle

August: No meeting

29th September: The art of the folly, by Russell Bowes

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

Monday 18th May: Ponders End: new housing for Enfield, an illustrated talk by Paul Karakusevic.



The multi-award winning practice specialises in Local Authority work including master-planning and housing. They have been working in Enfield for 3 years on replacement homes for the Alma Estate and a plan for the former Middlesex University Campus. The schemes have been developed in close dialogue with local residents and community groups with the first project ready to go on site shortly.

Monday 21st September. The Titanic, from conception to construction, an illustrated talk, with artefacts, by Steve Jennings.

Special events

See the pages shown for further details

Thursday 21st May. The Inns of Court. TES walk. Page 10.

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

Saturday 13th June. Polesden Lacey Estate, house and gardens. TES visit with minimum of 4.5 to 5 mile walk. Page 10.

Sunday 21st June, 2 pm. Heritage walk in Forty Hill. Page 9.

Thursday 9th July. Hall Place and gardens. TES visit with 4.5 mile walk. Page 11.

Wednesday 15th July. Hitchin Lavender. Page 11.

Sunday 19th July, 2 pm. Heritage walk around Bush Hill Park. Page 9.

Sunday 26th July, 8.30am – 7pm approximately. Coach outing. Page 12.

Saturday 1st August. Roman London. TES walk. Page 11.

Sunday 13th September. Historic Buildings Group: Visit to Bush Hill Park Golf Club. Details in our next issue.

The Chairman's column



The first ever "Community Clear Up Day" took part across the country on 21st March with communities rolling up their sleeves in a national spring clean to help spruce up neglected areas. Here in Enfield a group of volunteers, led by TES member, Nigel King, made their contribution by clearing the litter strewn grass verge on the North side of Enfield Road, opposite the Jolly Farmers pub, and along the concrete road leading to the Merryhills Way footpath. Seven large bags of litter were collected. Nigel and his team have also cleaned up the "rural" section of Enfield Road towards Oakwood and Lakeside where litter clashed with the daffodils in the broad grass verges. Another area to be tackled in the future is Snakes Lane leading to the former Middlesex University site in Trent Park. This initiative is to be applauded as it has brought individuals and communities together to take pride in their areas.

The Council's street cleaning team does a good job in keeping the pavements free of litter and removing graffiti promptly. One area which, in my view, needs improvement, is control of the proliferation of unauthorised advertising. There appears to be double standards, as quite recently I was speaking to the promoter of the new Winchmore Hill Farmers Market. He had been asked by the Council to remove an advert for his market from a lamp post at Grange Park.



sponsored French Market in Enfield appeared across the Borough attached to lamp posts! As I write, I await a response from the Council's enforcement team on this matter.

This is quite right as commercial adverts are not allowed to be attached to street furniture. At the same time, numerous adverts promoting a Council-

A proliferation of estate agents' advertising boards is another area which frequently does not comply with

government standards. Where the boards are used to advertise a school fete or local event not more than half the board is allowed for the



estate agent's brand, but as evidenced by the ones

illustrated, blatant disregard has been shown to this requirement. TES has raised this issue with the Council's planning enforcement team in the past and the



reply was that estate agents were written to on an annual basis to remind them of what was to be permitted. No further action is to be taken.

One of TES's core objectives is integrity of the Green Belt and, quite recently, we were alarmed to see South Lodge Farm, next to Trent Park Riding Stables, taken over by a firm leasing and repairing refrigerated vans. The farm yard is now packed wall to wall with white vans, the site resembling an industrial estate.



Clearly, this activity is not permitted in the Green Belt and Planning Enforcement are currently investigating the matter. I hope they are firmer with this issue than they were with regard to advertising.

Dave Cockle

New members

We warmly welcome the following news members

Miss J Abbey, Mrs V F Abbey, Miss D Abrahams, Mr M Ayling, Mr A L Claydon, Mrs L Evans, Mrs H Fleming, Mrs K C Gan, Mr & Mrs NT & L T Gan, Ms J Gillman, Mr P Holgate, Mr A Lewis, Ms V F Martineau, Miss J Matthews, Mr & Mrs K McKinnon, Mr D O'Connor, Miss E A Ponnudurai, Mrs M Ramdhan, Mrs C Rox, Mrs A Seed, Mr & Mrs R & V E Straughan, Mrs C Woolfson

Joyce James

Forty Hill. Part 1

By the late 16th century there were several groups of cottages in Forty Hill, which was then known as Forty Green. Elsyng Hall, which lay between Forty Hall and Turkey Brook, was originally timber framed, but was rebuilt in brick in 1487. Sir Thomas Lovell, chancellor to Henry VII and Henry VIII, lived at Elsyng between 1508 and 1524. He is commemorated in St. Andrew's parish church with his wing badge in the clerestory and a stained glass window in the south aisle. (See *TES news* no.189). Henry VIII made Elsyng a royal palace in 1539 and Edward VI and Elizabeth both stayed there. It was demolished after 1656. For information on Forty Hall, built between 1629 and 1633, see *TES news* no.173.

The Forty Hill conservation area was established in 1968 and extended in 1987. It runs north from Gough Park, along Forty Hill and Bulls Cross to Capel Manor and includes many listed historic buildings.

Joe Studman will lead a walk around Forty Hill, starting at 2 pm on Sunday 21st June. (See page 9 for details of how to obtain

tickets for this and another heritage walk.) Forty Hill may be reached by buses 191 and W10 to the Clay Hill roundabout. (Bus W10 does not operate on Sundays.)

For more information on Forty Hill, see David Pam's and Monica Smith's volumes of *A history of Enfield*; Graham Dalling's *Enfield past* and *The Enfield book*; Gary Boudier's *A-Z of Enfield pubs, part 1*; Alan Dumayne's *Britain in old photographs: the London Borough of Enfield*; *Treasures of Enfield: discovering the buildings of a London Borough* and *Heritage walks in the London Borough of Enfield*. These may all be consulted at the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, which also provided the image marked *. The print marked ** was provided by Frank Bayford. Photographs marked *** are from the Enfield Society's collection.

Part 2 of this article will be in our next issue. This will be followed by articles on Jesus Church, which was built in 1835, and Bulls Cross.

Stephen Gilbert



Gough Park was the residence of the antiquarian Richard Gough (1735-1809). The view of the front of the house dates from the mid 19th century, when it was owned by Rees Price. The section of the New River in the foreground, which ran under Forty Hill at the junction with Clay Hill and Baker Street, was abandoned when the present shorter route was constructed between Turkey Street and Tenniswood Road around 1859. In 1899 Gough Park



was demolished and only the fine 18th century wrought iron gate and railings and brick walls survive in situ. One of the two lead boards, on top of the brick pillars flanking the iron gate, was transferred to Myddelton House, but was stolen in 1993. Two life-size lead ostriches made in 1724 are shown on the roof in the rear view of Gough Park. They can now be seen in the Myddelton House visitor centre (see *TES news* no. 183).



This 1960 photograph shows a row of early 19th century cottages, one of which has been converted into a shop, shortly before they were demolished. A recently erected block of single person council flats can be seen behind the cottages. The replacements for these flats will be nine "climate energy" homes to be built by the Council.



These four yellow brick artisans dwellings in Cottage Place were built in 1833.

Historic buildings



The fine red brick Hermitage of 1704 has dormer windows in the steep hipped roof. The house incorporates an early 17th century timber framed building at the back. The interior contains original panelling. To the left is a weatherboarded timber framed stable building.



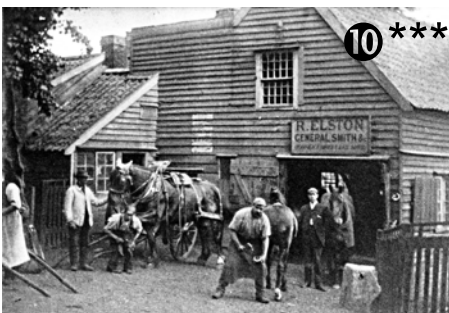
This 1959 photograph shows the weatherboarded timber framed Old Bakery, which was demolished in 1968 despite local protests.



The early to mid 17th century Dower House was part of the Forty Hall estate until 1787 and was known as The Gables until the early 20th century. The 18th century east front has two gables with casement windows, sash windows with glazing bars on the first floor and early 19th century long casement windows on the ground floor. The rear of the building is now the separate Atherton House.



The Goat public house was built in a mock-Tudor style in 1929 by A. E. Sewell for Truman Hanbury, over the site of a pond. The decorated chimneys were inspired by those at Hampton Court Palace. This 1990 view shows the Goat before it was converted into the residential Chimneys Lodge with a new annexe in a similar style.



Near where the Goat was built there had been a forge in the 19th century. This historic photograph shows horses being shod.



The late 18th century Canister Lodge has four arches and a later porch. It takes its name from its supposed resemblance to a tea canister.



The 1704 five-bay two-storey red brick Worcester Lodge has three dormer windows in the tiled roof. The 18th century style sash windows with glazing bars are replacements installed when the house was restored to its original appearance. The doorway is topped with a pediment.

Historic buildings

St Luke's Church, Clay Hill, wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

500 Enfield school children will have the chance to learn the mysteries of one of the world's most complex instruments thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). St Luke's Church in Clay Hill, Enfield has recently been awarded £49,000 by HLF to help restore its century-old pipe organ and is now planning interactive workshops for local schools and scout groups.

Children will learn how the 3,400 pipes produce music and about the history of organs, an instrument that dates back to Ancient Greece. The church will also offer a year-long scholarship to an organ student and stage concerts and recitals when the restoration is complete.

'The organ is beautiful to look at but has lately been less beautiful to hear because so many of the notes have stopped working', says Vicar, Father Edward Dowler. 'the restoration will allow us to share this magnificent instrument with the wider community.'



The St Luke's organ was built in 1906 by leading organ manufacturers Bishop and Son and was certified as an 'organ of special interest' by the British Institute of Organ Studies in 2010.

'Currently, the missing notes make the poor organist sound at best careless and at worst incompetent', says St Luke's organist John Wright. 'When it's fully functioning again, the quality of the sound combined with the superb acoustic of St Luke's should create a memorable musical experience for worshippers and concert audiences.'

Sue Bowers, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund London, said: "Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players we're pleased to support St Luke's Church as it secures the future of its historic pipe organ and introduces a new generation to an important part of our musical heritage."

The church of St Luke is one of two in the parish of St John and St Luke, Clay Hill, Enfield, which is the northernmost parish in the Diocese of London, situated just inside the M25. The church was built between 1899 and 1906 and its three manual pipe organ was installed by Bishop and Son in 1905. Very unusually, the casing is made of teak as the organ is said to have been originally intended for export to India. During a refurbishment in 1973, the grey pipes were brightly painted resulting in a visually stunning instrument.

Since St. Luke's Church was built, there have been significant changes to the community and attitudes to worship. The church has been reordered so that it can be quickly reconfigured for both parish and community uses and a new heating system has made it much more comfortable. As a consequence, the building has become far more widely used by the surrounding community including a café, concerts, barn dances, plays, a community choir, a brass band, large craft fairs and even a model railway exhibition!

St Luke's has excellent acoustics, so the plan now is to encourage and expand the musical life of the church and surrounding community. To do this, a reliable organ is needed that will not only help to improve the quality and enjoyment of singing, but also facilitate the possibility of holding more concerts and organ recitals by visiting organists and musicians in the building.



St Luke's Vicar, Fr Edward Dowler seated at the console of the pipe organ

Visit to Enfield Grammar Upper School

In March 2015, 30 members of the Society visited Enfield Grammar Upper School. The visit was organised by Stephen Gilbert who leads the Society's Historic Buildings Group and is a former pupil of the School. Members were able to see the Tudor School building that was completed in 1597, climb the octagonal spiral staircase that leads to the second floor with a fine timber roof and visit the former Masters' houses constructed in 1748/49 and 1883. In the Tudor hall there are portraits of past headmasters since 1877.



Peter Gross of Enfield Grammar School, under the Tudor roof

The group were impressed that so much of the Tudor building remains. Although the building is visible from St Andrew's Churchyard, and the original Tudor windows can clearly be seen on the second floor, it is only when you study the interior of the building that you realise that this is a high quality Grade II* listed building in addition to being a well known Enfield landmark. It is also fascinating to see how the original architecture has been carefully adapted and extended so that after more than 400 years the building still serves the needs of students in the 21st century.

Our thanks to the Headmaster of Enfield Grammar School for agreeing to the visit and to Peter Gross and Mustapha Reyman of the Grammar School for joining the group and providing plenty of information about the School. The visit was oversubscribed and our apologies to members who were not able to attend. The Society will try to arrange a further visit at some time in the future together with a visit to the Lower School, formerly Enfield Court.

John West

Forty Hall and Estate

Further TES sponsorship at Forty Hall

In addition to the Society's three-year sponsorship of the Education and Learning Outreach Programmes at Forty Hall, we were pleased to sponsor an evening for Enfield teachers on 22nd January at the Hall. The purpose was to help teachers involved with history in the new curriculum, by demonstrating how, within the Borough, individuals, societies and other resources could offer useful assistance.

The history of the Society was outlined and our continuing concern for safeguarding Enfield's heritage, with images of many of our listed buildings projected onto a screen.

Local historian Joe Studman gave a 10 minute illustrated potted history of Enfield, followed by Dr Jim Lewis on some of the world famous inventors and former industries in Ponders End and the Lea Valley. Also present with displays were Southgate and District Civic Trust, Enfield Local Studies Library and Archive, Enfield Museum, Edmonton Hundred Historical Society and Enfield Archaeological Society.

After talking to all these helpers the teachers left knowing a number of very useful contacts who could help them with all aspects of Enfield's history. The Society has to look to current schoolchildren as being future potential members who will take on the stewardship of caring for the Borough's historic buildings, our Green Belt and open spaces – our heritage. We are keen to help local schools in every possible way.

Colin Pointer

Heritage walks

We have arranged two walks led by Joe Studman. To book free places for one or both of these walks send your contact details including a telephone number and a stamped addressed envelope to Heritage Walks, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, stating how many tickets you would like (maximum 4 for each walk). Each walk starts at 2 pm; the starting place will be shown on the tickets.

Sunday 21st June. Heritage walk in Forty Hill. The walk will proceed along Forty Hill, showing all the interesting buildings and ending with a visit to the interior of Jesus Church.

Sunday 19th July. Heritage walk around Bush Hill Park.

Forty Hall Vineyard

In the Spring newsletter last year we described the new project to produce wine at this community enterprise in Enfield. We're pleased that the vineyard is flourishing due to the efforts of its volunteer workforce.



TES member Dave Thornton (right) and other FHV volunteers discuss how to prune a vine

2014 promises to be an excellent vintage; the growing conditions were ideal all year and the unusually warm autumn was a special bonus. All the grapes ripened perfectly with really excellent sugar and acidity levels recorded. Volunteers picked just under a tonne of grapes which were in perfect condition, with no sign of disease. The yields will still be low again in 2015 as they pruned hard in February in order not to stress the still immature vines. The hope is that this strategy will result in strong, healthy vines and high quality, high yield harvests in the long term.

Autumn 2015 will see the release of the first-ever vintage of traditional method FHV Sparkling Brut. Sponsoring the vineyard is the only way to secure a bottle of this limited edition vintage and will help the organisation deliver its social programme for vulnerable adults.

If you are after a unique gift for a wine lover, want to support English organic wine or are looking for ways to contribute to the local community, visit their website at fortyhallvineyard.com.

David Thornton

Errata

We regret the following errors which were present in our Spring newsletter, no. 197:

p5: Richard Stones' email address is r.stones@enfieldsociety.org.uk, not co.uk. (We have registered enfieldsociety.co.uk, so messages sent to that address will get through, but it is not our preferred domain name.)

p8: Graham Dalling died in December 2012, not 2013.

Nature walks around the Forty Hall estate, on video

Maria Tolly has produced three videos in which Jason Peters, accompanied by Mike Turner, visits various parts of the Forty Hall estate and talks about the trees, plants and other aspects of the natural environment to be found there. You can view these on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/K9yIIjH6kOQ>, <https://youtu.be/RLIGyRNnkeo> and <https://youtu.be/GuDfTme4bu4>



Thames21 continues to develop sustainable drainage systems (SuDS). This sinuous swale has recently been created and planted with sedges at Houndsden Road to filter road runoff.

Help needed for town show

The Society would like to hear from members who may be willing to assist in the organisation and operation of the Society stand at this year's Enfield Autumn Town Show over the weekend of 12/13 September. We need assistance in both setting up and taking down the stand and people prepared to undertake a two hour session on the stand engaging with visitors who wish to purchase Society publications and membership. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Bob Fowler – TES Publicity by telephone on (020) 8363 5732, or email r.fowler@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Newsletter contributions

Contributions to the newsletter from members are most welcome. Contributors' views may differ from those of the Management Committee, anonymous items are not published and we reserve the right to shorten or edit items before publication. Copy can be sent as an email attachment to newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk, but items on paper can also be accepted. Contact the Newsletter Editor, Leonard Will, at the above email address or by telephone at (020) 8372 0092 if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next issue is 17th July 2015, and it will be published on 11th August.

Leonard Will

Future walks

Travel details correct at press date but TES cannot be responsible for alterations. As rail travel can be subject to change, especially at weekends, always check (either via 08457 48 49 50 or the operating train company website). For TfL area Tube, DLR, London Overground and bus details, ring 0343 222 1234 or check TfL website. Always bring your Freedom Pass or National Bus Pass. For Hertfordshire bus times see 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.**

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes.

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 free parking in High Street public car park about 250 yards from station.

About 8.5 to 9 mile 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 is in the attractive and interesting legal area of Gray's Inn, Lincolns Inn, Middle and Inner Temple together with Temple Church and other historic features, ending before the rush hour. If 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. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Bank Holiday Mon 25 May. Chilterns. Meet **10.30** Wendover Station (09.42 Chilterns Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station – Bakerloo Line from Oxford Circus). *Freedom Pass*

boundary is Amersham. By car: about 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 at exit near station toilets. Either travel with John on 09.30 train from Enfield Chase (he will join at Palmers Green), changing at Finsbury Park for Victoria Line, or meet him at Vauxhall mainline station for **10.31** South West Trains New Malden train. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.*

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*

Thurs 4 June. Mid-Herts and River Ver. Meet **11.01** Harpenden Station or travel with Breda on **10.34** Thameslink Bedford train from St Pancras International Station (*Freedom Pass boundary is Elstree & Borehamwood*). Car drivers: Harpenden Station is just off A1081, near town centre, about 5 miles north of St Albans at O.S. Grid Ref TL137142.

A varied 8 to 8.5 mile circular walk via commons, parkland, farmland and the pretty River Ver with lunch stop in Redbourn. Bring lunch or food available. Option to end at Redbourn after about 3.5 miles (bus to St Albans) or after about 7 miles (frequent buses into Harpenden). *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

Sat 13 June. Polesden Lacey (National Trust). Meet Nigel at Victoria mainline station for the **09.31** Southern Horsham train to Box Hill and Westthumble Station (arrives 10.21). *Freedom Pass boundary is Ewell East.*

7 to 7.5 mile circular walk exploring the spectacular scenic landscape of the Polesden Lacey Estate with lunch stop at the N.T. property (bring lunch or food available). The extended lunch stop will give an opportunity to visit the lovely gardens and/or house, but, those who wish to spend longer at the property could make their own way back to the station in less than 2 miles. *Please remember to bring your N.T. card!* Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Wed 17 June. Town and Country. Meet **10.12** Bayford Station (10.00 train

from Enfield Chase). Car drivers can park in Bayford Village and await group's arrival at about 10.25, but please park considerately. About 8 mile circular walk through attractive countryside with lunch stop in Hertford (option to end after about 4 miles). Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Mon 22 June. Northern Heights. Meet **10.20** Finsbury Park mainline station near the Great Northern ticket office in Station Place bus station (09.51 train from Enfield Chase arrives 10.11).

About 4 mile leisurely linear walk ending at Alexandra Palace Station, via the Parkland Walk and nearby woodland with an initial coffee break beside the recently refurbished lake and gardens in Finsbury Park. Shorter options. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 27 June. Ashdown Forest. Arrive **10.58** Ashurst Station. Either meet Martin at Victoria mainline station for the **09.53** Southern East Grinstead train (changing at 10.30 at Oxted for the 10.37 Uckfield train), or, catch the direct **10.08** Southern Uckfield train from London Bridge mainline station (*but check for London Bridge engineering works alterations*).

A delightful 8 to 8.5 mile linear walk through Weald scenery and up into Winnie-the-Pooh's Ashdown Forest with long distance views from an attractive mix of heathland, woods and isolated pine trees. The walk ends near Crowborough from where the group will catch a bus to Eridge Station for the return journey. Possibility of ending from lunch stop. Bring lunch or pub food probably available.

NOTE: *Freedom Pass boundary is Upper Warlingham. Buy day return ticket from boundary to Eridge.* Contact: (020) 882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Wed 1 July. Arcadian Thames. Meet **11.10** at Syon Lane Station. Either travel with John on 09.35 train from Enfield Chase (he will join at Palmers Green), changing at Highbury & Islington for Victoria Line, or meet him at Vauxhall mainline station for **10.41** South West Trains Hounslow Loop train. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.*

About 6.5 mile linear walk through a fascinating mix of history and Thames scenes via Syon Park, Old Isleworth Ait, grand mansions, Twickenham Village and a Gothic fantasy. Walk ends at Strawberry Hill Station but many shorter options, including from the lunch stop in Richmond. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Sat 4 July. London Loop. Either travel with Dave on 09.00 train from Enfield Chase or meet him on the King's Cross St Pancras Metropolitan Line platform for the **09.37** Met train to Uxbridge (arrives 10.25), where he intends to catch the 10.40 U9 bus to the walk's start at Belfry Avenue in Harefield West (arrives **10.59**).

Today's 8.5 mile linear walk is dominated by waterways, lakes, locks and narrow boats with their constantly changing scenes. Option to end after 4.5 miles at Uxbridge lunch stop – bring lunch or food available at Chef & Brewer pub beside canal. Afterwards via the pretty Little Britain Lakes, ending at West Drayton Station for fast trains to Paddington. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Thurs 9 July. Visit to Hall Place & Gardens, Bexley. Meet **10.57** Albany Park Station. Either catch Southeastern's Gravesend train at 10.26 from Charing Cross or at 10.34 from London Bridge mainline stations. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.*

About 4 to 4.5 mile linear walk via the River Cray water meadows and wooded farmland to Hall Place for the lunch stop (riverside café, pub or bring lunch). The walk ends at Hall Place so, at your own pace, you will have the afternoon to see the magnificent Grade II listed gardens and 500 year old Tudor mansion, plus 150 acre estate. Also demonstration gardens in plant centre. Free admission to gardens, visitor centre and café. £6 concessions charge for house/exhibitions (£3 for National Trust members – bring *N.T. card*). Nearby buses to Bexley Station for return to London. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 15 July. Visit to Hitchin Lavender. Meet **10.33** Letchworth Garden City Station. Either travel with Mick on **09.45** train from Enfield Chase or by 09.58 Cambridge train from Finsbury Park mainline station.

Today's 6.5 to 7 mile linear walk includes an extended lunch stop at Cadwell Farm with acres of lavender fields and lovely countryside views. Bring your camera but wear long trousers (no shorts) as lots of bees about on sunny days! Farm shop selling own crop products. Bring lunch or food available from farm café and pubs in nearby Ickleford Village. If you wish to walk through the fields, there is a £4.50 charge inclusive of one "pick your own" bag.

The afternoon walk of about 4.5 miles is via the River Oughton, a nature reserve and some old streets in Hitchin, ending at Hitchin Station. Possible shorter option

by bus and car drivers can return to Letchworth by train or bus. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Sat 18 July. Enfield's Countryside. Meet **14.35** at 313 bus stop at New Cottage Farm, The Ridgeway (at TES copy date 313 bus at 14.18 from Cecil Road, Enfield Town). About 5 mile linear walk across country footpaths and Trent Park, ending on the Enfield Road for return buses. Also option to end from the intended midway stop at Ferny Hill Farm teasshop. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Sat 25 July. Magna Carta and Runnymede. Meet Roy at Waterloo mainline station for the **09.50** South West Trains Virginia Water train (arrives Egham at **10.27**). *Note: this train does NOT stop at Vauxhall but stops at Clapham Junction at 09.58.*

About 8 to 9 mile circular walk with Thames views via the historic Runnymede site and nearby monuments (including that to JFK), Windsor Great Park and perhaps part of the adjacent Royal Landscape (Savill Gardens and Virginia Water). Bring lunch or food available. Possible shorter option. *Leader: Roy Dyer*

Tues 28 July. Epping Forest. Meet **10.20** Chingford Bus Station (at TES copy date 313 buses at 09.29 and 09.49 from Church Street, Enfield Town). About 8 mile circular walk through varied Epping Forest landscapes, mainly on paths/tracks. Option to end after 4 miles from lunch stop at The Volunteer, Honey Lane (buses to Waltham Cross). Bring lunch or pub food available. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret*

Sat 1 Aug. Roman London. Meet **14.30** ticket office concourse Moorgate Station (Northern, Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan Lines) or travel with Monica on 13.30 train from Enfield Chase into King's Cross and change onto the Northern Line. About 3.0 hour walk through the City featuring Roman remains and aspects associated with the Romans. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Sat 8 Aug. Chilterns, River Thames and Marlow. Meet **10.41** High Wycombe Station (10.09 Chilterns Railways Bicester North train from London Marylebone mainline station – Bakerloo Line from Oxford Circus). *Freedom Pass boundary is West Ruislip.* Car drivers: HW Stn located just north of town centre at O.S. Grid Ref SU870930. Either via M25 (Junc 18) & A404 (Amersham) or M25, M40 (Junc 4) & A404.

About 7.5 mile linear walk linking the Rivers Wye and Thames, via classic Chilterns woods and hill country, before a long descent into pretty Little Marlow (lunch stop – bring lunch or pub food). Afterwards a lovely 2 mile section of Thames river bank into picturesque Marlow. Hopefully time for looking around Marlow and/or having afternoon tea before catching the 800/850 bus back to High Wycombe (about 20 mins journey time). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 12 Aug. Beane Valley. Meet **10.20** Hertford North Station (10.00 train from Enfield Chase). About 7 to 7.5 mile circular walk based upon the attractive valley of the River Beane. Possibility of shorter option. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 15 Aug. London Loop. Meet **11.03** West Drayton Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.30 train from Enfield Chase or meet him at 09.56 when train arrives at platforms 9-11 King's Cross mainline station, or, meet him at Paddington mainline station for **10.42** First Great Western Reading train. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.*

Today's 6 to 7 mile linear walk is full of contrasts – Grand Union Canal, Stockley Countryside golf and hi-tech Business Park planted with over 140,000 trees/shrubs, River Crane and Cranford Park, ending at Hatton Cross Piccadilly Line Station. Shorter options including from lunch stop near Hayes (bring lunch or food available). Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sat 22 Aug. Epping Forest. Meet **10.33** Manor Park Station (10.20 Shenfield train from Liverpool Street mainline station). About 8 mile linear walk from Wanstead Flats via the open spaces, commons, heaths, lakes and woodland that form the southern part of the Forest, ending at Chingford. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Bank Holiday Mon 31 Aug. Valleys of the Rivers Lea and Stort. Meet **10.15** Broxbourne 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). About 8.5 mile circular walk via these waterways and the New River with lunch stop in Roydon Village. Bring lunch or food available and option to end at Roydon Station. *Leader: Brian Frear*

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Coach trip on Sunday 26th July 2015 to 78 Derngate and Althorp



Althorp

This year's coach trip on Sunday 26th July will be to two very different but equally interesting places – Althorp, the Spencer family country house and estate, and a Rennie Mackintosh house in Northampton.



78 Derngate – rear elevation

Leaving Enfield at 8.30 am we will arrive in Northampton to visit the house designed by the world famous Charles Rennie Mackintosh in his iconic modernist style. A private guided tour lasting about an hour has been arranged so there will be time to visit the restaurant and exhibition in the house and perhaps also the town centre of Northampton – a 15 minute walk away – before leaving after lunch for the nearby country estate of the Spencers.

Althorp is where nineteen generations of the Spencer family have lived and died

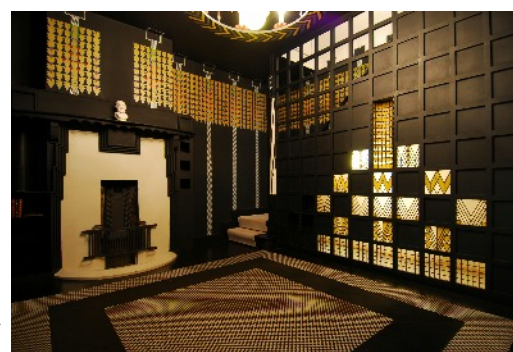
over the past 500 years. It contains one of the best private art collections in the country, as well as magnificent furniture and china. There are 19 rooms to view in the house but there should be time to explore the grounds, arboretum and the new Spencer exhibition as well as enjoy a cup of tea in the Stables Café before we leave to return to Enfield, arriving back at about 7pm.

The cost of the full day is £34 but if you wish to have free time in Northampton instead of visiting the Rennie Mackintosh house then this reduces to £28.

Lunch is available at Derngate but the restaurant is small and they would like to open up an extra room for a buffet for us. However this depends on numbers. If you would like to book the buffet lunch at a cost of £6.50 per person then please say so in your booking. If you do not want to book lunch then be aware there may not be room in the dining room for you.

Please send an SAE and your cheque (for £34) made payable to "The Enfield Society" to Coach trips, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ. Please also include a contact telephone number and say whether you wish to reserve a place at the buffet.

Janet McQueen



78 Derngate – hall / lounge