



# Enfield Society News

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## Plus ça change ...



First illustrated issue,  
February 1965

As this is the 200th issue of our newsletter, we have selected some extracts from early issues of the 1960s, showing the topics the Society was concerned about at that time. Some will seem very familiar, and the same themes will be found in today's pages. Our objectives have not changed and we continue to work to conserve our heritage and environment. The first issue was a single folded sheet of duplicated typescript, and although we now have more dynamic and flexible electronic means of communication, such as our website and online discussions, the printed page is still welcomed by many members. The life of the Society depends on members sharing their ideas and we encourage everyone to express their views by whatever means they find effective and convenient.

Leonard Will

### Issue 1: March 1963

*A meeting of the Working Party was held in January and a discussion with the Area Planning Officer is being arranged, to bring our objections to the Town Plan in its present form to his committee's notice.*

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**The Gough Park Scheme.** A group of our members has worked every Sunday morning during this winter and has cleared away dead wood, undergrowth, saplings and an astonishing amount of rubbish. A new footpath is now free ...

### Issue 2: September 1963

**This is a society for ACTION, not just for talking.**

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*The Society's first Christmas card will be on sale at local shops in time for overseas mails. The price will be 10/- per dozen and samples will be on view at the Society's stand at the Town Show.*

### Issue 2: September 1963

**The Historic Buildings Group** has completed a survey of an initial list of local buildings considered to be of architectural interest and worthy of preservation. These are not present on the official list.

### Issue 3: March 1964

*Save Enfield Campaign.* The Action Committee of the Campaign will be mounting a monthly exhibit in the Market Place. People who have not yet signed the Petition against the Town Plan, or contributed to the Fighting Fund, will have the opportunity to do so.

### Issue 3: March 1964

**The Trees Group** is appealing for your help in raising young trees; so if you have any space in your garden for one or more seedlings, please let Dr C. Jephcott know. When grown to sizeable saplings, they will be transplanted to bring beauty to various corners of Enfield.

### Issue 4: June 1964

**The Footpath Map** published in March has sold 600 copies to date. A suggested cycle-way from Enfield Lock to the Essex lanes, to follow our footpath No. 105, has been adopted by the Civic Trust.

## Green Belt

### Enfield Road

For a long while it has been known that Fairview New Homes has had an option on the area of glebe land owned by the Church of England to the south of Enfield Road between Enfield Town and Oakwood, should they gain permission to develop this Green Belt land for housing. The developers have now come forward with proposals to build 300 dwellings on the land, together with providing a site for an 8 form entry senior school with a sixth form college. This would be a free school and the London Diocesan Board and Wren Academy have been circulating a prospectus. No planning application has yet been made but local residents have reacted with alarm, setting up Enfield Roadwatch, a coalition of residents and organisations including this Society, working to prevent the development. At its recent review of local Green Belt boundaries Enfield Council strongly defended the Green Belt status of the land. Generally such decisions should not be set aside in response to subsequent proposals made by a private developer. It is claimed the school would need 5 hectares (12.4 acres).

### South Lodge Farm

For some months passengers on the upper deck of the 307 bus to Oakwood may have noticed an unsightly collection of vans on this Green Belt land in front of Trent Park. Following our enquiries a retrospective planning application has been made for the storage and distribution of vehicles. This will inevitably involve work on the vehicles, for which there are no proper facilities. The entrance with poor sight lines is dangerous for larger commercial vehicles seen using the site. The society has objected strongly to this unsightly and unsuitable use in the Green Belt Area of Special Character.

### Trent Park

The campus has now been sold to Berkley Homes, a volume house builder, with undertakings to restore the historic structures. Anticipated meetings with Enfield Council have yet to take place. It would be possible to build residential units up to the number on the campus which would be demolished. Potentially this could be good news.

## Cycle Enfield

The consultation for the A105 Green Lanes section has now closed. There is a good deal of opposition to the perceived loss of the passing trade due to the kerbside cycle lanes running through the shopping centres and the reduced on-street parking. I myself consider the widespread use of bus stop boarders, where passengers disembark directly into a cycle lane, a dangerous expedient.

The public consultation on the proposals for Enfield Town and Southbury Road began on 25th September and will run for 12 weeks until 18th December. Enfield Town, after 2 years consultation, has ended up with the original bid scheme or a variant with all east-west bus routes running along Church Street and a central 2-way cycle lane, as shown here.



Both involve 2-way traffic along Cecil Road, which has generated some local opposition. Other alternatives were not considered sufficiently transformational to attract the TfL funds. North of Enfield Town the cycle ways will continue along St. Andrews Road and Fir Tree walk to join the existing Greenway. Along Southbury Road kerbside cycle lanes will lead to a reduction of on-street parking.

Another TfL funded scheme, which seems likely to go ahead, is the construction of a Quietway from Church Street along the east footpath of the New River, which will be widened, surfaced with resin-bound gravel and lit. The hump-back, cast iron bridge at the SW corner of the Town Park, identical with the other four along the loop, which are Listed, will be replaced and the route will then share the current path through the Bush Hill Park Golf Course with pedestrians and golfers crossing it up to

Carrs Lane and then to Bush Hill. Our suggestion to use the virtually unused eastern pavement along Old Park Avenue, so avoiding the intrusion into the quiet footpath with its wildlife beside the New River Island, was not accepted, regrettably.

## Enfield Town

### 1/1A Cecil Road

New proposals for these two properties have now been received but unfortunately we still find neither acceptable. In the case of 1A Cecil Road new plans include the redevelopment of the whole Greenfox Garage but, at three storeys, we still find the proposed flats too bulky. We think they should not exceed two storeys to match the houses along Cecil Road. In the case of No.1 the intrusive rear dormer

overlooking the New River towpath remains.

### Market Place

Despite reports to the contrary, it seems that Metrobank is still negotiating with the planners over a new shopfront and fascia for the current Santander premises fronting the Market Place.

The Market relaunch looks up to now to have been a success. The all-white stalls gave rise to some comment but the reason given is that coloured fabrics tried out did not let through enough light.

*Chris Jephcott*

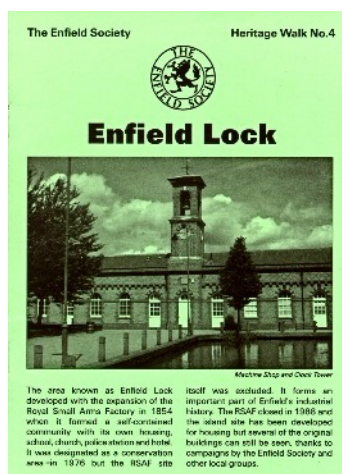
## Newsletter contributions

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](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 15th January 2016, and it will be published on 9th February.

*Leonard Will*



## Sales table



**Heritage Walk No. 4: Enfield Lock** has now been published. Like others in the series, it guides you round the area, pointing out places of historic or architectural interest. It will be on sale at Jubilee Hall meetings and at the special Sales Table opening on 5 December (see page 4). Waterstones Bookshop and other outlets will also stock it.

Packs of all Christmas cards are still available: the 2015 pack of No. 1 Gentleman's Row costs £2.50 for five cards (picture). Waterstones and some newsagents in The Town will have these on sale but not Pearsons this year. Packs of previous years' cards (special price to members £1.25 for five cards) of Hilly Fields, Whitewebbs House and The Crown and Horseshoes, are available from the Enfield Society only, but several places, including the main Post Office, will stock the popular £1 packs of four different view cards.

The other new publication this year, *"A time of change"*, volume four of the *History of Enfield* (£18.50), can make a



### 1 Gentleman's Row

suitable gift, especially for those who have left the Enfield area. In an unsolicited testimonial a member living in Norfolk wrote: "I have read this book from cover to cover and enjoyed every page. It is of particular interest as I lived most of those years (1939-69) in Enfield. I think it is extremely well written in a way that is very interesting, making the pages come to life. The many photographs, many of which I have not seen before, have aroused a great interest amongst friends who visit us here".

All our publications can be ordered by post but please add a contribution towards p & p. This is £1 on orders up to £5, £2 on £5-10, £3 on £10-£20 and £4 on an order over £20. Send your order and cheque to Publications, The Enfield Society, 2 Parsonage Lane, EN2 0AJ. Alternatively, all can now be ordered online from our website and paid for by debit or credit card. We use PayPal to process payment cards for us but you do not need a PayPal account. This is convenient for those who cannot visit the sales outlets in person and especially for those living overseas as currency conversions are taken care of automatically. This is the only way we can accept payments by cards.

*Monica Smith*

## Hilly Fields Park

My wife and I like to walk around Hilly Fields every week. It is near our home, and is one of the most attractive and interesting parks in the borough of Enfield. It was gifted to the local community in the early years of the twentieth century, and, as its name suggests, consists of eight or nine fields stretching from the "hill" of Phipps Hatch Lane and Lavender Hill cemetery down to the Turkey Brook.

Each of the fields is easily identifiable. Many of them have been planted with extra trees and bushes over the years, but what makes Hilly Fields quite exceptional is the presence of many ancient oak trees which at regular intervals mark the original field boundaries. I calculate there must be about a hundred surviving oak trees, most of them at least 200 years old. They look magnificent at any time of the year. In summer they are resplendent in their full foliage; in the autumn they are heavy with acorns; and in winter their skeletal branches make amazing patterns against the sky.



### The Enfield Society Christmas card showing Hilly Fields in winter

Inevitably a few of these gentle giants crash to the ground every year. Branches are chopped up where necessary, but the logs are left on site as a habitat for insect life. The northern boundary is marked by the Turkey Brook which meanders in a spectacular way through the park.

The park is in constant use, with citizens exercising their dogs, and is an important link on the London Loop. Just below St Luke's Church there is the restored and much-loved bandstand, a popular venue for Summer concerts. In winter, after heavy snow, the steep fields are attractive for tobogganing.

Enfield was once a rural village. There are few remaining signs of the local fields and farms that were once dotted around the parish. Hilly Fields is a precious relic of those early days and its splendid oak trees must be amongst the oldest surviving trees in the borough. This is a very important part of our heritage and I trust will be here for many more years to come.

*John West*

*David Nash*

## Trees Group

The Trees Group exists to promote the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in Enfield by encouraging tree planting and protecting existing trees. This is one of the Society's key aims.

During the summer, the Trees Group has remained active at the Society's allotment. We have cleared ground for new saplings to be planted in the autumn and carried out routine tasks such as grass cutting and pruning side branches to ensure that the trees grow vertically.

With winter approaching it is now time to plan the spring planting programme. The Society has over 100 saplings and about 30 are ready for planting out. A number of sites are being identified in

consultation with Enfield Council and Friends of Parks Groups, but we need to develop a long term planting programme. If you know of any sites, other than streets, where young trees could be planted, please let us know. We are also looking to diversify the number of species that we are growing, should you have any Beech, Rowan, Sweet Chestnut or Wild Cherry saplings in your garden that you do not want, please contact us and we will arrange to transplant them to the allotment.

If you are interested in helping the Group, have spare saplings or have ideas for tree planting, please contact [trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk)

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

**2nd Wednesday of each month, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill Lunchtime music recital**

**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.

**Friday 13th November 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Archaeology and conservation at the site of Aphrodisias, Turkey***, by Val Munday, EAS. [EAS]

**Wednesday 18th November, 2.30pm, Jubilee Hall. *Flat pack churches.*** An illustrated talk on 'tin tabernacles' by Marianne Zierau [EHHS]

**Sunday 22nd November, 3 to 4.30pm, Forty Hall. *Classical concert*** by Tormenta String Trio. £12.

**Wednesday 2nd December, 6.30 pm, Enfield Museum, Dugdale Centre. *Wedding dresses 1775-2014*** – a talk by Edwina Ehrman. Free.

**Wednesday 16th December, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Bygones*** an antiques quiz by Jeff Nicholls [EHHS]

**Tuesday 12th January 2016, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Consuls, marbles and the museum*** by Dr Lucia Patrizio Gunning (University College, London) [HA]

**Wednesday 20th January, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *The Real Dad's Army*** – a talk by Mike Brown illustrated with WW2 artefacts: a revealing, often amusing, look at how the Home Guard was really organised with an opportunity for hands-on experience of their equipment and weapons. (EHHS/TES joint meeting)

**Tuesday 9th February 2016, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Bloody Mary revisited*** by Dr Lucy Wooding (King's College, London) [HA]

**Wednesday 17th February, 2.30pm, Jubilee Hall. *The Minchenden Oak Garden*** by Christopher Horner [EHHS]

**Wednesday 24th – Saturday 27th February, 7.30pm (Sat matinée 2.30pm), Wylllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. *La Belle Vivette*.** Southgate Opera presents Michael Frayn's adaptation of Offenbach's comic operetta *La Belle Hélène*. Box Office 01707 645005. [www.southgateopera.co.uk](http://www.southgateopera.co.uk)

**Tuesday 15th March 2016, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *The 'boffins' of the First World War: the unknown story of the scientific revolution of the First World War*** by Taylor Downing (Author and TV Producer) [HA]

**Tuesday 12th April 2016, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Constantinian constructions: city and creed*** by Dr Fiona Haarer (King's College, London) [HA]

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

### A pictorial journey around Southgate

At 8pm on Monday 15th February Film London will be showing a series of local films at Jubilee Hall. There will be a 30-minute sound colour film of Southgate in 1950 and a 16-minute sound colour Southgate Newsreel from the 1960s. Various historic and civic buildings, examples of road and rail transport, parks with floral displays and events taking place in the borough will all be illustrated. Brief extracts from black and white films will also be shown, including the 1950 borough championships at the newly opened Broomfield Park running track (with a view of Norris McWhirter in action) and the official opening in the 1960s of New Southgate's first block of high rise council flats at Highview Gardens, which is now known as Swinson House.

Stephen Gilbert

Letter to the Society

### CHRIST CHURCH — Southgate —

We write to thank The Enfield Society for its kind sponsorship of Open House in Enfield this year.

We welcomed over 300 people to our church during the two day event. Visitors flocked to see our beautiful Gilbert Scott building with its fine collection of pre-raphaelite windows by Burne Jones, Rossetti, Webb, Ford Maddox Brown and William Morris as well as our stunning mosaic reredos by Salviati. Our tours of the church used the beautiful art and sculpture to tell the story of the changing social and economic history of our parish, from the days of the 'great estates' to the suburb we know today. "Come and Sing" Evensong, with our acclaimed choir, was well attended and, through the sale of tea, cakes and gifts, we were able to raise much needed funds for the upkeep of our building; our next repairs will focus on our highly decorated Lady Chapel with its beautiful wall paintings, some of which are attributed to Philip Webb.

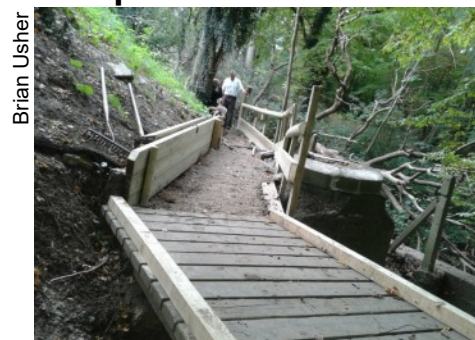
We know that our colleagues at Mary Magdalene in Enfield Town had a similarly successful weekend.

All of this was only possible thanks to the support of The Enfield Society who kindly sponsored the cost of Open House in Enfield this year after Enfield Council withdrew funding.

Yours sincerely

Phillip Dawson and John Marriott  
Churchwardens.

### Footpath restoration



Brian Usher

The voluntary conservation group, Groundforce, have done some serious refurbishment of the footpath from Park Avenue, Potters Bar, leading to the bridleway from New Cottage Farm to Coopers Lane Road, which had been obstructed by spoil from an adjacent housing development.

Dave Cockle



## Enfield Society events

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

**24th November: *Funny girls*** by Geoff Bowden

**15th December: *Free cup of coffee and mince pie*** with a light-hearted quiz

**26th January *A parish reunited: a story of the Clay Hill Area*** by Roger Elkin.

**23rd February. *Pictures wot I took*** by Joyce James.

*Dear Members,*

This is where I say farewell, after 15 years as arranger of the monthly Tuesday morning meetings. I have enjoyed every moment of it and take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our members for coming to the meetings and to Shirley and her team for the refreshments. I have met and made some good friends.

Linda Miller has volunteered to take over, so give her the support you have given me and I also wish her good luck.

*Sincerely, Joyce.*

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

**Monday 16th November. *The Lambs' Tale***, a DVD of a puppet show on the lives of Charles and Mary Lamb, introduced by Debbie Dean of Art Start.

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**Monday 15th February. *A pictorial journey around Southgate***. Sound colour films of Southgate in the 1950s and 1960s, showing historic buildings, transport, parks and events, introduced by Louise Pankhurst, Film Archivist at Film London.

## The Chairman's column



I would like to thank those of you who responded to my recent letter detailing the threat to Enfield's Museum and Local Studies Service, as well as the plans to build on Green Belt land in Enfield Road. Comments received indicate the value members place on the facilities at the Dugdale Centre. Inevitably, the planned cuts would cause disproportionate harm to the cultural life of the Borough from such a negligible saving. Likewise, there has been strong opposition to the plans to build on the Green Belt in Enfield Road. The on-line petition has now reached the required number of "hits" to trigger a full Council debate, although the target is now 10,000+ signatures. .

The Borough of Enfield now has the fourth highest population for all the London boroughs, partly as a result of exodus of people from inner London to Enfield to obtain more affordable housing. This is putting a large amount of pressure on local facilities such as schools and doctors' surgeries in addition to making the roads increasingly more busy. The needs of a strong civic amenity group such as the Enfield Society has never been greater if we are to maintain our quality of suburban life.

I was pleased to see a new lease of life breathed into our historic market in the Town. Enfield Old Charities has made an excellent job in revitalising the Market to reflect the changes in shopping habits. The Society was invited to the launch on 2nd October when much networking with local officials took place.

I was encouraged by the attendance at our recent "New Members" evening, an enjoyable annual social event, when we welcome all new members who have joined in the previous year. It was a great opportunity to speak face-to-face with like minded people, who care about their community. We are fortunate as a Society in having our own premises (Jubilee Hall) and have many varied activities in which members can participate. I would encourage some of our "passive" members to come along to one of our Jubilee Hall talks or, perhaps, even to join in one of our guided walks, thus providing ample opportunity to increase one's social circle, whilst "broadening the mind".

*Dave Cockle*

### Special events

**Saturday 5th December, 10am – 1pm, Jubilee Hall. *The Sales Table will be open*** for the sale of Christmas cards, gifts and stocking fillers.

**Monday 7th December. *Stroll to Crews Hill***. Gentle paced 2.5 mile TES walk. Page 10.

**Wednesday 6th January. *Brunel Museum & Rotherhithe***. TES visit with optional short walk. Page 10.

**Saturday 16th January. *Waterways and elegant street scenes***. TES discovery walk. Page 11.

**Saturday 30th January. *City of London***. TES discovery walk. Page 11.

**Monday 15th February. *Stroll to Myddelton House Gardens (Snowdrop display)***. Short TES walk. Page 11.

**Wednesday 24th February. *Wapping area***. TES discovery walk. Page 11.

## Priscilla Lowen



We are sorry to report that Priscilla Lowen, a Vice-President of The Enfield Society, died on 31st August, aged 92. A qualified accountant, she served for 14 years as the Society's Honorary Treasurer from 1977 to 1991. Our 1991 newsletter records: "she has been a superb treasurer, guarding our finances with great vigilance, giving wise advice, and always presenting impeccable accounts".

Priscilla and her husband, Stan Lowen, were active members of the Society for many years.

## New members

We warmly welcome the following new members

Mr C Aghadiuno, Mrs J M Baker, Mr P Bannister, Mr A Barker, Mr D Barnes, Ms S Beard, Mr P Bevan, Mrs J Bourke, Ms J L Burden, Mrs F Carman, Mr B B Crow, Mr A Day, Mr M De Novellis, Mr J Digby, Mrs S J Elborn, Mr D Fairhurst, Mr P Fifield, Ms D Gandhi, Mrs T Gustard, Mr W Harris, Mrs E J Hewitt, Mr T V Hillman, Mr C Horner, Ms V Hulme, Mr C Humphreys, Ms L Keyes, Mr & Mrs L T & P D Lack, Mr & Mrs A Lack, Ms S Litchfield-Brown, Ms J Lubell, Ms K M Oates, Mr M Roche, Mr C J Rumsey, Mrs S G Sinden, Mr G Swains, Ms M Turner, Ms L Winrow.

*Joyce James*

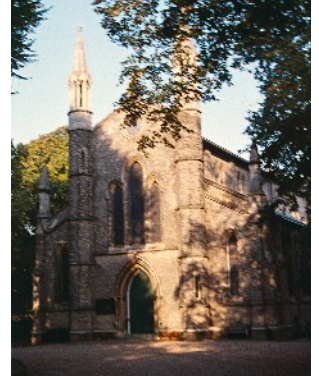


# Historic buildings

## Jesus Church, Forty Hill

For more information see *Jesus Church – a history*. The images marked \* were provided by Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive.

Stephen Gilbert



Jesus Chapel was constructed by Thomas Ashwell after the design of Holy Trinity, Tottenham, at the expense of Christian Paul Meyer, owner of Forty Hall. It was consecrated as a chapel of ease in the parish of St Andrew in 1835. It became Jesus Church with its own parish in 1845. It is built of grey brick with lancet windows in the aisles and clerestory. The choir vestry was added in 1889.



The brass eagle lectern was dedicated in 1869.



The pulpit was erected in 1872.



Stained glass windows in the side aisles, by Ward and Hughes, illustrating scenes from the life of Jesus, were installed between 1869 and 1881. Other windows representing the apostles date from between 1898 and 1915.



A 1918 bequest from H. C. Bowles of Myddelton House enabled the present chancel to be built. It was consecrated in 1926. The reredos behind the altar depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd, flanked by King Alfred and St Etheldreda.





## Historic buildings



The original 1866 east window, by Ward and Hughes, in memory of C. P. Meyer, was later divided and placed on the north and south walls of the new chancel.



This 1936 painted wooden panel depicts the annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary.



In 1913 the western roof turrets, which had become unsafe, were repaired. The eastern turrets were later reused to make the War Memorial, which was unveiled in 1929.



Following the discovery of dry rot in the roof in 1982, the church was closed, reopening with a new nave roof in 1985. Replacement of the side aisle roofs was completed in 1995.



The Charis Centre, incorporating meeting rooms and kitchen facilities, was dedicated in 2010. It replaced the Parish Hall, which was destroyed by fire in 2001.



# Proposed cuts to Enfield Local Studies Centre and Museum

The Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, is the core resource for information about the history and development of the borough. It has a comprehensive collection of books, maps, plans, newspapers, photographs and manuscripts, built up under David Pam and Graham Dalling, and now promoted and developed by three knowledgeable and helpful staff.

The Enfield Museum has two staff with a small permanent display on the first floor of the Dugdale Centre and a larger area on the ground floor which is used for a series of excellent and successful exhibitions.

Enfield Council have just completed a consultation exercise on proposals to "change" these services. Though presented as "more efficient and cost effective" and "increasing access to the heritage resources", these are really cuts in the services provided. The core proposal relating to the Local Studies Centre proposes that the opening hours would be reduced to visits by appointment only and that "the Centre's resources are scanned

and made available online, making them available 24/7".

*This is totally misleading.* It would take many years and millions of pounds to scan all the Centre's resources, even if it were legally and technically possible to do so. When we challenged them, the Council acknowledged that they have no intention of doing this. They hope to digitise some material, but have not estimated the cost and time needed to do this and to catalogue and index material so that people can find it without staff help. They also give the impression that commercial family history services would be accessible through users' own computers or smartphones, but in fact it would only be possible to use these in the Local Studies Centre, as at present.

The proposal for the Museum is simply to do away with the temporary exhibition area, leaving only the small display space on the first floor lobby of the Dugdale Centre. Significant temporary

exhibitions would no longer be possible. We understand that staff would be cut to one person each for Local Studies and the Museum.

We have written to all our members and advertised in the press with the support of other organisations, as shown below, to warn of the danger. Responses have been overwhelmingly in agreement with us. We continue to press the Council to reconsider and not to make decisions based on the false premises of this consultation. We invited them to respond to our concerns in this newsletter, but they have not replied

to our request.  
*Leonard Will*



## Enfield Local Heritage List

Over the course of this year the Enfield Society and Enfield Council have been working together on a project to create an up-to-date Local Heritage List for Enfield. The project began in July and involves around 50 community volunteers surveying all parts of the Borough to identify candidates for the new Local Heritage List. At the same time the existing Local List is being reviewed to confirm whether or not current entries should be retained, or whether for any reason individual entries should be removed.

The project started with two training events delivered by Urban Vision, built heritage and neighbourhood planning specialists, who have been appointed to manage the project, followed by a third training session in September. The training events, which took place at Jubilee Hall in Enfield, presented and explained the proposed 12 nomination criteria that individual buildings or other heritage assets should be judged against. The criteria are based on advice from Historic England (formerly English Heritage) and are grouped under three headings: historic value, townscape value, and local cultural value.

The Borough has been divided into 43 areas which are being surveyed by volunteers working alone or in a small team. At the time of writing, surveys of 8 areas have been completed and a wide

range of prospective heritage assets have been identified

The surveys will be completed by the end of November and then the nominations will be considered by a selection panel comprising representatives of the Enfield Society, Enfield Conservation Advisory Group, Enfield Council, Urban Vision, and Historic England. A draft list will then be prepared for consideration by Enfield Council, after which it will be issued for public consultation. This is expected to take place in the early part of 2016. Following public consultation the list will be formally considered and adopted by Enfield Council and then published as the new Enfield Local Heritage List.

Once adopted the Local Heritage List will mean that heritage assets included on it will become material considerations in any planning decisions made by Enfield Council. Inclusion in the Local Heritage List will not convey the same level of protection that a listed building or a building in a conservation area has, but it will mean that special attention will have to be paid to it when proposals for development which affect it are being prepared.

Volunteers are working hard now to finish off their areas before the end of November, to make sure the new Local Heritage List is as complete as possible. Look out for further updates on progress in future issues of Enfield Society News.

*Mick Downs, Urban Vision*

### Two buildings that might be considered for the Local Heritage List:



Glenwood House, which probably used to be a Vicarage for St John's Church, Clay Hill



The water pumping station in Hadley Road which was previously locally listed. It is undergoing a major development, being made into flats in a sympathetic way keeping the original design



## Featured buildings

### The Old Vestry Offices

This distinctive building was open to visitors on 19th September as part of the Open House London event, in which Enfield's contribution was sponsored by The Enfield Society. Over 100 people visited it between 10 am and 1 pm. The current occupants, the Old Enfield Charitable Trust, have prepared the following fact sheet:

In his will of 1635 a certain George Cock, brewer, left £30 to the parish of Enfield, the yearly interest on which was to be given to the poor in the form of bread, and indeed twenty sixpenny loaves were distributed in church every Sunday for many years.

In 1829, using some of the money which had accrued, the parish built a house for the beadle (whose job it was to collect monies due to the parish and carry out tasks connected with various parish charities). The beadle paid an annual rent of £6.6s for his house, which is now known as the Old Vestry Offices.

The small, lodge-like building has a two story centre and one storey side wings, canted back. The wings originally contained cages for the detention of the unruly. Finished in stucco, the front has a first floor band continuing across the wings as a frieze. The impostes in the wing openings are extended to give a further horizontal emphasis to the building. The central double door is surmounted by a pediment. The windows are sash, that above the pediment being contained in a round-arched recess. The slate roof is low pitched and hipped. The 19th century wrought iron railings, with urn finials, follow the line of the building.

In the 19th century the Vestry's duties were taken over by the Poor Law Board which set up its headquarters in the neighbouring Greyhound Inn, while the Old Vestry Offices became a temporary police station until a purpose-built one was opened in 1873. After that, the building was leased, mainly to solicitors, but very recently the Old Enfield Charitable Trust has moved in, providing a happy return to something reminiscent of its original use.



### Grade II listed building on Crown Road / Southbury Road

As a fan of Art Deco architecture, every time I passed it I took pleasure in the Grade II listed former Ripaults, and then MAN, building on Crown Road close by Southbury Overground station.

Although it was looking rather tired and run down I secretly coveted it as my ideal live-work space.

It was with genuine distress that I saw it had been vandalised and then boarded up. What would become of it? To my relief, earlier this year, timber and builders' merchant Travis Perkins took it over and began what turned out to be a stunning refurbishment of the exterior and grounds.

Of course a well-maintained and attractive building has to be a good advertisement for a company in the building supplies business, but I am delighted that Travis Perkins has contributed to the community by bringing one of Enfield's most iconic buildings back to its former glory. Even their branding on the front of the building looks as if it was meant to be there from the start.

So when Tony Borg, the Branch Manager, was quoted as saying: "The restoration project has given the people here a bit of pride back as they pass the building every day, instead of looking at a boarded-up, graffiti-covered eyesore, and we're very proud to be here," he echoed my personal experience.

Malcolm Sleath



#### Historic Buildings Group visits

This year we have had popular visits to the Tudor Enfield Grammar Upper School, Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, and to Old Park, now Bush Hill Park Golf Club. I hope to arrange future visits to Enfield Grammar Lower School at Enfield Court, Baker Street (which was built in 1690 and 1864) and to ascend St Andrew's Church bell tower. If any members of The Enfield Society have connections to organisations which occupy other interesting historic buildings, especially those which are not normally open to the general public, please let me know so that they may be approached to allow a visit.

Malcolm Sleath

Stephen Gilbert



# Future walks

**Travel details are 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](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.**

**Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes.**

**Sat 14 Nov. London Loop.** Meet **10.42** Hampton Wick Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.00 train from Enfield Chase or meet him at Vauxhall mainline station for **10.16** South West Trains Shepperton train.

About 7.5 mile linear walk from The Thames, mainly following the surprisingly green corridor of the Hogsmill River to near its source in Ewell and passing the locations for the famous Pre-Raphaelite paintings of "The Hireling Shepherd" and "Ophelia". Route ends at West Ewell Station for return to Vauxhall. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Wed 18 Nov. Highgate to Hampstead.** Meet **10.20** Archway station. Either Northern Line or about 15 mins by 210 bus from Finsbury Park (Wells Terrace) bus station. A varied 7 mile linear walk of contrasting scenes via Highgate Village, Parliament Hill Fields, Kenwood Estate, Hampstead Heath and Village. Shorter options. Lunch stop at Kenwood House – bring lunch or food available and option to join group for afternoon walk only (be at Brew House café by **13.30**). Walk ends with return by Northern Line or 210 bus. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

**Sat 21 Nov. Rib Valley.** Meet **10.25** Ware Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station (*Freedom Pass valid to Cheshunt*) and change at Cheshunt for 10.09 train. Otherwise, by direct train at 09.55 from

Tottenham Hale which also stops at intermediate stations (*Freedom Pass boundary is Enfield Lock*).

About 7.5 mile circular walk with lunch stop in Wadesmill Village and option to end by returning to Ware by bus. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Sat 28 Nov. Green Chain Walk.** Meet **10.20** Falconwood Station. Either travel with Roy on 09.00 train from Enfield Chase (he will join at Grange Park) or meet him at 09.26 at entrance to Platform 9, King's Cross mainline station. Trains to Falconwood are either by 09.39 Southeastern Dartford train from Victoria or by 09.54 Southeastern Slade Green train from Cannon Street (calling at London Bridge platforms 1-3 at 09.58). *All travel within Freedom Pass area.*

About 7.5 mile circular walk via woods, open spaces, historic buildings and Avery Hill Park. Shorter options, including from lunch stop near Mottingham Station. Bring lunch or food available. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Wed 2 Dec. Between the Ash and Stort.** Meet **10.51** St Margaret's Station. Either 10.14 London Overground train from Southbury Station (*Freedom Pass valid to Cheshunt*) and change at Cheshunt for 10.39 train; or by direct train at 10.25 from Tottenham Hale Station which also stops at intermediate stations (*Freedom Pass boundary is Enfield Lock*). Currently free parking in village High Street about 300 yards from station.

About 7 mile circular walk in pretty countryside between these river valleys. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

**Mon 7 Dec. Stroll to Crews Hill.** Meet **10.45** Gordon Hill Station (W8 bus or 10.40 train from Enfield Chase. W9 bus stops nearby). Another of Norman's gentle relaxed strolls primarily intended for those who do not want to stride out. About 2.5 mile (1.75 hour) linear walk ending at Crews Hill Station and with Norman explaining some geological features on the way. Many of the garden centres will be decorated for Christmas. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Sat 12 Dec. From Harrow to the Welsh Harp.** Meet **10.10** Harrow-on-the-Hill Station (09.42 Metropolitan Line Chesham train from King's Cross St Pancras).

7 mile linear walk with fine views across North London via the environs of Harrow School and its playing fields, then Fryent Country Park and the Welsh Harp Reservoir, ending at Hendon (Thameslink) Station for return to King's

Cross. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: 07904 193 098.

*Leader: John West*

**Note: Altered Train Service. Starting with the weekend of Sat 19 and Sun 20 December, Great Northern trains will run into Moorgate Station 7 days a week. This will give easier connections than at present from King's Cross for access to the Victoria Line (at Highbury & Islington) and from Moorgate to the Northern Line (for London Bridge) or onto the Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan Lines.**

**Sat 19 Dec. River Thames and Chelsea Harbour.** Meet **10.10** outside the Vauxhall Bridge exit (exit 1) from Vauxhall underground station (Victoria Line) and *in front of the Pret a Manger shop.*

An interestingly varied 6 to 7 mile linear walk on both banks of The Thames going upstream via Battersea Park and Chelsea, ending at a tube station. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Wed 6 Jan. Brunel and Rotherhithe.** Meet Monica at **10.25** on Platform 2, London Overground Highbury & Islington Station for onward journey using Brunel's tunnel to Rotherhithe.

About 2.5 hour walk/visit. Includes Thames Path, places of historic interest in Rotherhithe and the Brunel Museum (admission £4 for concessions – free to Art Fund members) with, hopefully, a conducted visit down the shaft of Brunel's tunnel – *note: involves a long flight of stairs.* Afterwards, a walk through Grade II listed Southwark Park ending at Surrey Quays Station for return to Highbury. If required, opportunities for lunch near Surrey Quays, Canada Water and Rotherhithe Stations. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

**Sat 9 Jan. London Loop.** Meet **09.54** Ewell West Station. Either travel with Dave on 08.35 train from Enfield Chase or meet him at Vauxhall mainline station for **09.28** South West Trains Dorking train.

About 8 mile linear walk from Ewell Village via the site of Henry VIII's Nonsuch Palace, then Banstead Downs and country estates owned by Surrey County Council. Route ends at Coulsdon South Station for return to London Bridge. Shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Wed 13 Jan. Enfield's Countryside.** For a coffee before the walk, meet Nigel at **09.45** at "The House Café", Christ Church



House in Chalk Lane, Cockfosters (opposite the station). Otherwise, meet the Group at **10.25** in Cockfosters Station near the ticket office.

A linear walk in Green Belt countryside via Trent Park, farmland paths, Forty Hall Estate and Greenway, ending at Turkey Street Station. Full route is 9 miles but shorter options, including after 6 miles from lunch stop at the Rose & Crown pub, Clay Hill. Details: 07973 747 454.

*Leader: Nigel King*

**Sat 16 Jan. Discovery walk: waterways and elegant street scenes.** Departing

*promptly* at **10.30** from entrance to Platform 9, King's Cross mainline station. Linear walk initially following the Regent's Canal, then an exploration of elegant squares and streets to reach the lunch stop near The Angel, Islington.

Afterwards, more attractive scenes and the course of the original New River to end at a station. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07784 738 206. *Leader: Brian Frear*

**Wed 20 Jan. Richmond Park.** Meet **10.42** Barnes Station (travel with Mick on **10.26** South West Trains Hounslow train from Vauxhall mainline station). An attractive 6 to 7 mile linear walk, following the Beverley Brook from Barnes Common and then varied paths/tracks within Richmond Park, ending at a station. Shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* *Leader: Mick Spinks*

**Sat 23 Jan. Cole Green Way.** Meet **10.15** Hertford North Station (09.51 train from Enfield Chase) for a 7 mile linear walk through conservation countryside via part of the disused railway line and Letty Green, ending at Bayford Station. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Contact: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

**Sat 30 Jan. Discovery walk: City of London.** Meet **10.30** at entrance to Platform 1, Liverpool Street mainline station. Including part of the Silver Jubilee Walk, during today's walk Roy will highlight some of the many changes that have occurred in the City over the past 20 years. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

**Sat 6 Feb. London Loop.** Meet **10.44** Coulsdon South Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.05 train from Enfield Chase changing at Highbury & Islington onto Victoria Line to King's Cross, or meet him at St Pancras International Station (Thameslink platform) for 09.54 Thameslink Three Bridges train.

About 6 mile linear walk over Corporation of London land via downland, woods, commons and meadows with fine views ending at Hamsey Green. Hilly in places. Shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025.

*Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Thurs 11 Feb. Border country.** Meet **10.05** Crews Hill Station (10.00 train from Enfield Chase) for a local walk mainly on good condition paths/tracks for a Winter's day. About 7 mile linear walk via Theobalds, New River, Whitewebbs and Hilly fields, ending at Gordon Hill Station. Bring lunch or food available at King & Tinker pub. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret*

**Mon 15 Feb. Stroll to Myddelton House Gardens.** Meet **10.15** outside the front door to Forty Hall Mansion for a gentle stroll visiting Myddelton House Gardens which we hope will coincide with their snowdrop display. Opportunity for a coffee break and walk through the gardens. Returning to Forty Hall by about 13.00. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Sat 20 Feb. Woodhall Estate Snowdrops.** Meet **10.15** Watton-at-Stone Station (09.51 train from Enfield Chase). Would car drivers please be there *before the train's arrival* as we need to leave *promptly*). A contrasting figure of eight walk which we hope will coincide with the snowdrop display in the estate grounds and woodland. Both morning and afternoon sections are about 3.5 to 4 miles each. Can be left or joined at the lunch stop in Watton (if joining, meet group in village centre by **13.30**). Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

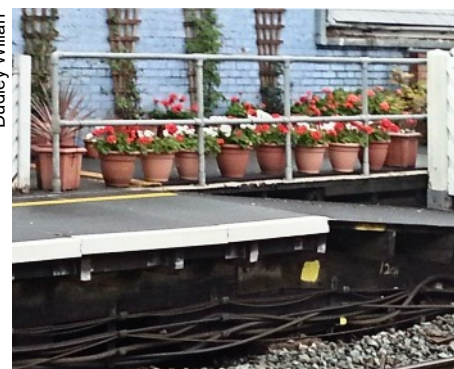
**Wed 24 Feb. Discovery walk: London and The Thames.** Meet Brian on Platform 2, London Overground Highbury & Islington Station to catch **10.17** train to Wapping (arrives 10.34). Following the north bank of The Thames, today's linear walk of about 2.75 hours (with a coffee break) traces the changes in this area from Saxon times to 2016. Excellent views beside the river. Ends near West India Quay DLR Station – nearby are lunch facilities and the fascinating Museum of London Docklands. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07784 738 206. *Leader: Brian Frear*

**Sat 27 Feb. Ancient Woodlands of S.E. London.** Due to possible changes in transport arrangements involving connections from London Bridge station for this area, travel details and information on walk will appear in next newsletter. *Leader: John West*

*Stuart Mills*

## Station Gardens

Dudley Willan



**Display of pelargoniums at Enfield Chase station**

TES was pleased to receive a Certificate of Merit from "Enfield in Bloom" for container planting at Enfield Chase Station. A couple of TES volunteers have brightened up the station at platform level with a colourful display of pelargoniums in pots and planters. In addition, the waiting room has been brightened up with a couple of trailing plants.

Cockfosters, Oakwood, Brimsdown and Grange Park also have colourful station gardens, creating a great first impression to any one arriving at these stations for the first time. London Overground are keen to get community involvement at the stations they operate on the Enfield Town line. The stations at Enfield Town and Bush Hill Park in particular have suitable areas for planting schemes. Some of you may remember the beautiful gardens that Bush Hill Park station used to have in the past.

Andrew Simonsen



**Garden at Bush Hill Park station in the late 1980s**

It can be fun volunteering to help to make our stations greener. The results make a real difference in being appreciated by many people. Anyone who would like to be involved in a small planting scheme at local stations can get in touch with me via chairman@enfieldsociety.org.uk or leave a message on the Jubilee Hall Office telephone (020 8363 9495).

*Dave Cockle*



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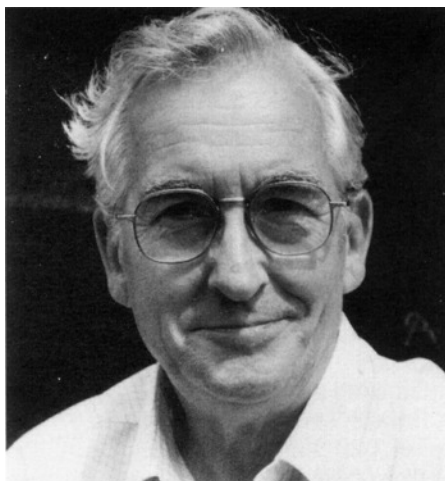
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Sadly we report the deaths of two more outstanding members of the Society.



## Tony Langston (1930-2015)

Tony joined the Enfield Preservation Society 1986 and soon became an active member of the Architecture and Planning Group. Elected to the Council of Management in 1995 he was the unanimous choice as Chairman two years later, adopting as his main concern the protection of Enfield's Green Belt, which was facing ever increasing threats. In 1999 his main focus had to switch to Forty Hall when the Council announced that the Hall would be closed to save money and it was placed on the Buildings at Risk Register by English Heritage. Mainly through Tony's efforts funds were raised to pay for part-time opening with the help of volunteers; then with Council agreement he led a small team

with the aim of setting up an independent trust to take over the management and running of the Hall. Over the next 30 months he headed protracted negotiations with Council officers, helped to incorporate a charitable trust, developed a business plan, enlisted trustees and agreed lease terms with the council. In May 2002 a changed Council administration decided it could, after all, look after Forty Hall resulting in the Trust having to be dissolved. Tony was gratified that subsequently the Council adopted many of the proposals and ideas developed by him and the Trust. A year later, with Chris Jephcott, he carried out a major street scene audit of Church Street in Enfield Town which resulted in the Council reducing the large number of signs and barriers along this town centre route. These are just two of many significant contributions Tony made to the work and success of the Society. He continued to be a very active member of the renamed Management Committee, always giving a measured and considered view on matters when others might want to make too hasty a decision. Tony retired from the Committee after the 2010 AGM and he was recommended for election as a Vice-President, which was unanimously approved at the following year's AGM. It was a privilege and a pleasure to work with Tony Langston over so many years.



## Peter Perryman (1931-2015)

Peter Perryman joined the Society's Architecture and Planning Group in the mid 1970s and was then elected to the Council of Management. In 1977 he worked with Valerie Carter and Alan Skilton to edit our book *Enfield's*

*Architectural Heritage*, which reproduced and annotated 100 photographs as a permanent record of an outstandingly successful exhibition "Looking at Buildings" illustrating the development of English architecture over four centuries.

On becoming an Enfield Councillor in 1982 Peter resigned from our management in order to maintain the Society's non-political status. He served on many Council committees, where he delighted in exercising the art of gentle persuasion behind the scenes to promote current environmental concerns.

He remained a member of our Architecture and Planning Group and kept in close touch with the Society, especially in his role as chairman of the Council's Conservation Advisory Group.

Giving up the political life Peter was re-elected to the Council of Management in 1999 and served there until 2010, bringing invaluable advice and insight to our discussions.

*Colin Pointer*