



Enfield Society News

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Does Enfield have room for 400,000 people by 2032?

Our local plan urgently needs your input

Enfield Council are preparing a plan of how the Borough will develop in the years 2017 to 2032. They have put together a draft, setting out various options, and they are keen to know what Enfield residents think. The consultation period started on 18th December and finishes on 12th February, so you still have a day or two to respond after the publication date of this newsletter. We hope that you will take the opportunity, if you have not already done so.

The underlying premise on which the plans are based is the Office for National Statistics' projection that the population of Enfield will increase by 4,000 per year for the next 16 years, made up of 3,000 more births than deaths and net inward migration of 1,000 people. The estimated population of 336,000 in 2016 will thus increase to 400,000 by 2032.

The ONS do say*, however, "...population projections are projections not forecasts and, as such, do not attempt to predict the impact that government policies, development aims, changing economic circumstances or other factors might have on demographic behaviour. The projections do not consider the capacity of an area to accommodate changes in its population, nor do they attempt to predict how any local level information may affect the projections."

The implication of this is that national and local government can influence the growth and distribution of population. But regrettably the Council's Local Plan must by law be "in general conformity" with the overall "London Plan" produced by the Greater London Authority, and this states firmly that "the only prudent course is to plan for continued growth".

To accommodate the projected growth, the draft local plan considers five options, set out in the adjacent diagram. These are not mutually exclusive, and it is likely that the final plan will contain some elements of each. The consultation document asks



you to choose up to three as your preferred options, however. Other parts of the response form are very open-ended, giving some pros and cons of each option and asking what you think of it, as well as encouraging you to suggest alternatives. General questions are "Tell us what challenges Enfield faces now and in the future" and "What do you think Enfield's Spatial Vision for the future should be?"

An important element of the consultation is an appeal to you to identify possible sites which could be developed for housing, employment, schools and other infrastructure. If enough suitable sites can be found, especially in "brownfield" spaces, it will relieve the Council of the difficult decision of granting planning permission for development on Green Belt or urban "greenfield" sites.

Our President, Chris Jephcott, has made this the subject of his President's column on page 5, and Stuart Mills discusses threats to the Green Belt on page 8.

The consultation document of 42 pages can be downloaded from www.enfield.gov.uk/NewLocalPlan where you can reply by filling in an online form, or you can send your views to

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* Office for National Statistics *Subnational population projections, 2012-based projections.* www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/snpp/sub-national-population-projections/2012-based-projections/

Leonard Will

Enfield Local Heritage List project – a further update

As you may remember this project began back in April last year and has moved very quickly and effectively so far. A total of 47 volunteers have spent many hours exploring the Borough and photographing and researching the finds they have made. The final deadline for nominations for the Local Heritage List was November and included in the items to be considered were all those we had received by individuals by email, phone and letter as well as those the surveyors found. A Review Board was then set up involving representatives of Enfield Council, the Enfield Society, Historic England, the Local Studies Centre, the Conservation Area Advisory Group, the volunteers, and the project managers, Urban Vision Enterprise CIC.

The Review Board has now met on four full-day occasions to assess the nominations and to agree a draft Local Heritage List which currently comprises just over 200 proposed structures.

In considering the nominations the Review Board had to be careful to apply quite rigorously the selection criteria that were agreed at the beginning of the project. In particular they wanted to ensure that only assets which can be clearly shown to be special in their own right are put forward. As you can imagine there was on occasion some vigorous debate on this but a draft list was eventually finalised without too much blood shed,

though we were only able to propose about half the initial nominations and it is possible these will be cut further yet.

The draft list is now with Enfield Council who will consider it and will then publish it for formal public consultation. At this stage all the owners and occupiers of the buildings involved will be informed in writing that the heritage asset that they have an interest in has been nominated for inclusion in the Local List. This will offer an opportunity to make comments on the proposals or to object, should anyone wish to do so.

Once the consultation period is over the responses will be reported to Enfield Council and a final Local Heritage List will be formally adopted. Assets on the approved List will be a material consideration when planning decisions are made which affect them, although they will not have the same protection or restrictions as buildings which are in conservation areas or which are on the national list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest.

We would like to thank everyone who has participated in this project for the work you have done to make it such a success and hope that future projects could perhaps run on similar lines.

Janet McQueen

The **Local Heritage Review** of the Local List is nearing completion. Generally a successful undertaking, some anomalies are already becoming apparent. A case in point is the proposed redevelopment of 3 Wellington Road, which has not been recommended for the Local List.



3 Wellington Road

The house, a large detached villa of the 1880s was part of the first phase of the development of the Bush Hill Park Estate opposite to the historic cricket ground. In brown brick with red brick dressings, it has a high projecting second floor gable front with an innovative, irregularly spaced windows and an open sided half timbered porch. Original features which have been lost, the roof tiles and timber framed windows, could easily be reinstated.

The surrounding houses have been replaced with nondescript flats and it is now proposed to replace the house with a similar block of 9 apartments. It is sited adjacent to the Bush Hill Park Conservation Area boundary. The prospective developers have now produced a Statement of Significance in support of their application, which downplays its importance. None the less, the Society agrees with the reiterated view of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee that as sole survivor of the settlement pattern around the historic cricket ground and because of its contribution to the setting of the Conservation Area the application should be refused.

The documents are available on the Enfield Council Planning website but unfortunately, having been working well, it is now undergoing a further revision, making it very difficult to negotiate.

Chris Jephcott

The planning applications may be seen on the Council's website by going to <http://planningandbuildingcontrol.enfield.gov.uk/online-applications/> and searching for the reference numbers of the original application, 15/03203/FUL, dated 14th July 2015 and the revised application, 15/05542/FUL dated 7th December.

Review of Conservation Area appraisals

Consultation on the draft appraisals and management proposals for the final tranche of conservation areas in Edmonton is now complete. The consultants, Drury McPherson Partnership, had cast doubt on the status of the Montague Cemeteries Conservation Area and recommended that it be de-designated. However further research supported by Historic England has uncovered that the Jewish cemeteries have greater national and local historical significance than previously recognised and emphasised the unique value of the cemeteries in representing three of the major faiths on one site. It has therefore been decided to maintain the status within the existing boundaries. This unfortunately does not address the continuing deterioration of the infrastructure.

In Edmonton, Church Street and especially in Fore Street, many significant features of the streetscape have suffered unauthorised alterations or neglect since the last review. Even

properties improved under the English Heritage (HERS) grant scheme have fallen into disrepair. In consequence the Conservation Area boundary south of the A406 has been revised to exclude a number of sections. This seems something of a counsel of despair. In the remainder, the condition of No. 198, the prominent former bank building just south of the road, was a particular cause for concern, the original windows having recently been replaced in UPVC. The Enfield Society has reluctantly accepted these changes, though feeling that the issue is ongoing poor enforcement.

Despite many reorganisations this department of the Council seems to have been always under-resourced and unable to get to grips with the problems. The local study group is increasing its scope but the deteriorating condition of this important historic thoroughfare is a problem that needs to be urgently addressed.

Chris Jephcott

Cycle Enfield – will LBE consult again?

Just before this issue of The Enfield Society newsletter went to press there were dramatic developments in the Cycle Enfield story. Following the overwhelming response to MP David Burrowes' referendum in the four wards of his constituency that run along the A105, showing that 75% of residents opposed the scheme as currently proposed, David met with the Mayor, Boris Johnson. After that meeting Boris wrote to David, noting the "substantial concerns in Enfield with the scheme as currently proposed". He went on to say it was important that there was no further movement on the scheme until the borough "engages more extensively and intensively with residents and businesses".

David said in a subsequent press release "Boris has in effect called for a two-month halt to the Council's approval process to enable more engagement with my constituents to see if greater confidence and consent can be achieved for an A105 Cycle Enfield scheme." (You can read David Burrowes' press release, where there is a link to the Mayor's letter, at: www.davidburrowes.com/content/cycle-scheme).

Disturbingly, and despite these instructions from County Hall, Enfield decided to proceed with the Enfield West (A105) Partnership Board on the 21st January, the main purpose of which was to approve the plans and funding. Although Environmental, Economic and Equality Impact Assessments had been promised these were not circulated ahead of the meeting and only summary points were reported. In place of the expected Equality Impact Assessment the project manager instead reported how many people with disabilities had participated in the consultation. The assessments of impact on buses, shops and air quality revealed that, contrary to the claims made for the scheme, the proposals – even if they achieve their stated aim of a '5% modal shift' from car to bicycle – will have minimal impact on air quality, while bus journeys will take longer and the most likely economic outcome is a 1% fall in turnover for shops along the route.

The good news is that the Palmers Green triangle is to be retained, although it is to be moved approximately 3m north. Some of the changes to the bus stop locations along Green Lanes are to be revised while the proposal to install traffic lights at the junction of Fox Lane with Green Lanes is to be dropped. The meeting concluded with the Chair informing attendees that the amended A105 plans will now proceed to the Cabinet meeting on the 10th February. Apparently written comments can be submitted for consideration but the revised plans have not yet been made available. As soon as the final

plans are published TES will put a link to them on its website.

It is understood that David Burrowes and Opposition leader Cllr Terry Neville are having urgent discussions with Boris Johnson, TfL and the Council, regarding the Mayor's requirement for additional consultation and demonstration of engagement. There is additional uncertainty because while the underlying tone of the Mayor's letter suggested that he was instructing Enfield to reconsider the plans overall, it remains unclear whether he expects Enfield to re-consult just on the A105 scheme or the proposals as a whole. For this reason David Burrowes is holding off on his plans to hold a referendum on the Enfield Town proposals until the Council gives its response.

To date Enfield Council has been silent on the outcomes of the Enfield Town ("Enfield North") and Southbury Road consultations which closed just before Christmas. Under the current proposals Cecil Road residents face the prospect of an additional 10,000 vehicles a day travelling along this conservation area road. As members will be aware, an earlier option for Enfield Town, Option 4, would have taken the cycle lanes along Cecil Road, instead of Church Street. This had widespread support from residents, community groups and businesses but was dismissed by TfL for being insufficiently 'transformational' – although whether turning Cecil Road into a logjam of traffic is the sort of 'transformation' we should be aiming for is questionable. Now that the Mayor has noted residents' unhappiness with the proposals it is to be hoped that TfL will be persuaded to drop their opposition to this option.

Clearly the fight is not yet over but there is now at least the possibility that Enfield will be allowed to develop a scheme that will help improve cycling take-up but avoid the problems inherent within the current proposals – assuming, that is, that they do not continue to ignore the instructions from County Hall and carry on regardless.

No-one is opposed to attempts to improve the safety of cyclists. The problem has been with the plans themselves. Given that Enfield has a higher proportion of people aged over 65 than the London average – and in particular a strongly increasing population of over 90-year-olds – it is imperative that any new plans recognise their needs. Enfield now has a chance to draw up plans that will benefit everyone – residents, businesses, shoppers, pedestrians and bus passengers as well as cyclists. Let's hope they take it.

Linda Miller

A proper consultation?

Cycle Enfield has certainly polarised opinions. Linda Miller's article highlights some of the disruption and dangers which the proposals are felt to cause. But others argue that providing a coherent network of properly segregated cycle routes across the borough is rightly a policy priority – on health and environmental grounds. Only in a fantasy world would it be possible to do this without a downside for some people in some places: it is a matter of weighing up the pros and cons and balancing the interests of local residents with those of the borough as a whole. So it is not surprising that members of the Society's Management Committee have differing opinions, and this is why we have not tried to put forward a Society "view".

What I think we might agree on is that the whole planning process has left much to be desired. And Boris's apparent change of heart which Linda reports gives an opportunity, as

he has said, for more "intensive and extensive engagement" with the community. Hopefully this will be a real opportunity:

- To reopen options – e.g. the cycle lane along Cecil Road which Linda mentions, or a "shared space" solution for Enfield Town – which were rejected out of hand because the Mayor's cycle czar, Andrew Gilligan, declared that they were insufficiently "transformational".
- To present the proposals more clearly: the maps used for the consultation process were difficult to use – the scale was too small and the multiplicity of similar colours used made it difficult to decipher what was proposed.
- To take seriously local concerns about disruption and the practicality of various bits of cycling "architecture", like "bus boarders", which were not sufficiently explained and have question marks over their safety.

Open House in Enfield 2015 – and 2016?

"An outstanding weekend of pleasant surprises, including lots of open space in Enfield."

"Impressed by the remarkable engineering project going on in the Lea Valley at Deepham's [Sewage Treatment Works] and the historic environment nearby. Water is an essential we often take for granted – never again!"

– Comments from two of the people who visited places in Enfield on Open House weekend last year. A report prepared by the Open House organisers shows that despite The Enfield Society's last-minute rescue of the programme in Enfield, the number of visitors equalled that in 2014. Three of the venues were open for the first time.

Some other statistics according to Open House:

- 50% of visitors went to an area within Enfield that they had not been to before as a direct result of the event;
- 43% will revisit an area within Enfield as a direct result of the event.

Geographical breakdown:

- 17% visitors were local
- 81% from other areas of London
- 2% from elsewhere in UK or international

Age range:

- 15 – 24 11%
- 25 – 44 11%
- 45 – 64 44%
- 65 and upwards 33%

The event also generated publicity about the borough in a wide range of media.

What about 2016? In the current financial environment it is unlikely that the Council will feel able to fund the event, and it is also unlikely that the Society would contemplate doing so again on its own. However we are keen to see the event continue, and have agreed to work with the Council towards bringing together a group of sponsors to share the cost. We also hope to be able to expand the range of places open for visits, and if members have ideas we would be pleased to hear them.

Richard Stones

- To give further consideration to possible alternative routes which avoid main roads.
- To find out what people really think – the Council's consultation on the A105 managed 1,600 responses and David Burrowes' "referendum" around 2,600. There is a large "silent majority" whose views are unknown – are they for, against, or unbothered? Or are they, despite the combined efforts of the Council and David Burrowes, simply unaware of the proposals?

But engagement with the community, however "intensive", seems unlikely to resolve the underlying conundrum – how far is it possible, in Enfield's rather cramped streets, to provide a joined-up cycle network that is of practical use for cyclists without seriously damaging the safety and convenience of others?

Richard Stones

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/

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

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), Wylyotts 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

Friday 26th and Saturday 27th February, 7.45pm, Dugdale Centre. *Austen's women*, Thirteen of Jane Austen's heroines come to life using the author's own words. £15 (concessions £13).

Thursday 3rd March 7.45pm, Millfield Theatre. *Opera: La Bohème* presented by the Merry Opera Company £20.

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th March, Millfield Theatre. *Enfield Schools' Dance Festival*. (Details should be available later at www.enfield.gov.uk/millfield/)

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 22nd March, 1.45 and 7.45pm, Millfield Theatre. *Lysistrata*: an adaptation of Aristophanes' drama, presented by Actors of Dionysus.

Tuesday 5th April and the first Tuesday of each subsequent month of 2016, 7 for 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall. *Presenting Enfield*, by Joe Studman. A series of monthly illustrated talks on the history and heritage of The London Borough of Enfield. Each talk lasts approx 60 minutes. Cost £3.00 per person payable on the door. No need to book and no previous knowledge required. Details at www.jaywalks.co.uk or email joe@jaywalks.co.uk

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

EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. 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). Associate Membership available for £5 a year for an individual or £8 a year for a couple.

Freddie Gick, the Chair of Civic Voice, comes to Southgate

Wednesday 9th March, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, Southgate Beaumont, 15 Cannon Hill, Southgate, N14 7DJ

Southgate District Civic Trust is delighted to announce that Freddie Gick the Chair of Civic Voice will be visiting us in March.

As the highlight of his visit, Freddie Gick will talk about the work of Civic Voice and the Civic Movement in Britain. This will be a rare chance to hear from and speak to the man who leads this important work.

Freddie Gick has been Chair of Civic Voice since 2013. He is a former research scientist and international management consultant who has been involved with civic societies for about 20 years. As Chair of Civic Voice he has overseen a huge increase in the recognition of the Civic movement. The work of our key national body has expanded to reflect the range of important projects and interests of the member groups.

For those of us fortunate enough to see him speak at other meetings, we know this will be a fascinating and inspiring meeting. This meeting is open to all members and supporters of SDCT, as well as groups affiliated to Civic Voice and other local societies. Please tell SDCT if you plan to come, so that they know how many people to expect.

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Litter clearance

A national clean-up to coincide with the Queen's 90th birthday has been backed by ministers who say "litter will no longer be tolerated." People are invited to take part in a "Clean for a Queen" weekend on March 4th - 6th, tidying their neighbourhoods ahead of the monarch's birthday on April 21st. This follows the first Community Clean Up day in March last year. Members of the Enfield Society took part in that event and will once again be participating this year.

In fact, litter clearance has become a regular occurrence for some Society members who go out in a group every four to six weeks to tidy up their local area around Enfield Road, Lakeside, Bramley Road and Oakwood Station. The group have received help and support from Enfield Council and from CleanupUK, a charity dedicated to helping litter clearance groups in several London boroughs including Enfield.



Carol Fisk, Stephen Elston, Dave Cockle and Graham Turner at the top of Merryhills Drive with the bags of litter they collected.

Members of the group say that each time they go out they are pleased at the level of support received from passers by who offer words of encouragement and several of whom have now joined the group. The litter collected comprises all manner of rubbish but with a preponderance of drinks cans, plastic bottles and fast food containers.

The Government is proposing to increase fines for littering from the present default level of £75 to a higher level with fixed penalties of up to £150. A new strategy to tackle litter will also be published within months as part of a coordinated clean-up. Marcus Jones, the communities minister, said he wanted to hit litter louts "in the pocket," ahead of the publication of a strategy to "create a lasting clutter-free legacy for England."

Anyone who would like to find out more about how Society members can participate in the "Clean for a Queen" weekend or would like to know more about setting up their own litter clearing group should contact Sarah Hayes, Beautiful Boroughs Project Coordinator for CleanupUK, either by email to sarah.hayes@cleanupuk.org.uk or by telephone to 07469 660 842.

Nigel King

Enfield Society events

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

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

Joyce will show and talk about examples from her extensive collection of competition-winning photographs

29th March. *Albania, the unknown country of Europe*, by Monica Smith. After years of isolation, this country is now developing its potential for tourism with its many archaeological sites, unspoilt beaches and impressive mountain scenery. Monica will show photographs from her recent travels.

26th April. *The Lea Valley's electronic secrets*, by Jim Lewis.

This talk will focus on the technological developments that took place in companies along the Lea Valley without which we would not have many of the gadgets we take for granted today. These local developments really changed communication across the world and also across space.

31st May. May's talk will be given by a representative of *Help for Heroes*, title to be confirmed.

We are very pleased to welcome Linda Miller as our new organiser of Tuesday morning talks. She would welcome suggestions of speakers or topics, which can be sent to her at

talks@enfieldsociety.org.uk or by sending a note to our Jubilee Hall address, given on page 12.

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

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.

Monday 16th May. *London's railway termini, part 1: north*. An illustrated talk by Roger Elkin.

Thursday 9th June. AGM, followed by *From Forty Hill to Bulls Cross*, an illustrated talk by Frank Bayford.

Contacting members by email

Many thanks to the 836 members (so far) who have confirmed that we can contact them by email. I should emphasise that we will use this information only to communicate about matters concerning the Society and will not communicate a member's email address (or indeed any other details) to any third party without their agreement.

Richard Stones

The President's column



Enfield Council is consulting on updating its Local Plan. Unfortunately the short initial consultation period ends on 12th February, a day after the publication of this Newsletter. This has very important implications for the future of our Borough and the future of cherished amenities such as our open spaces and Green Belt countryside. The present Local Plan, known then as the Core Strategy, was adopted in 2010. With the passage of time plans tend to lose their effectiveness and so need to be updated at regular intervals to ensure that policies retain their validity and are better able to resist challenges, such as unwelcome proposals for building development. Also the Plan now needs to comply with the Mayor's new London Plan, adopted in 2015, which contains higher minimum homes and jobs forecasts. Boroughs have a legal obligation to comply with these.

Enfield has grown rapidly, to become the fourth most populous London Borough, and to accommodate the projected trends the rate of new household formation would need to rise from the current 560 per annum to no less than 1,900. For example, this would amount to roughly six times the proposed Fairview housing off Enfield Road plus ancillaries and education infrastructure – repeated year after year. There would be a commensurate rise in jobs, though Enfield's unemployment rate, at 8.2%, is greater than the 7.1% London average.

The consultation seeks views on how to meet the target, but it seems to me that

rather than plan to accommodate all this projected growth, the Council should look to contain growth to what is realistic and feasible, whilst retaining our character and amenities, and ensuring growth is equitably spread across all the London Boroughs. There is some scope for this, rather than just perpetuating existing trends willy nilly. Five options for sustainable growth are put forward – continue the status quo, develop town centres, develop at transport hubs and growth areas, develop at existing Green Belt settlements, develop industrial land, or alternatively come up with other ideas.

Enfield's area is greater than most London boroughs but it does contain an exceptional amount of high quality countryside, recognised as the Enfield Chase Area of Special (landscape) Character which benefits London as a whole and should not be included when availability of land for development is considered. In this context the option of enlarging Green Belt settlements is particularly ominous.

Of the others, consideration of ensuring the development of the Upper Lee Valley Growth Corridor and making the most of brownfield land seem the most promising. The Society will be giving careful consideration to our response, which needs to be clear and constructive.

Chris Jephcott

Special events. For details see the pages shown.

Monday 15th February. *Stroll to Myddelton House Gardens*. Short TES walk. Page 10.

Wednesday 24th February. *Wapping area*. TES discovery walk. Page 10.

Thursday 3rd March. *Crystal Palace, Horniman Museum*. Max 6 mile TES discovery walk. Page 10.

Wednesday 23rd March. *Marylebone/Regent's Park/Canal*. TES discovery walk. Page 10.

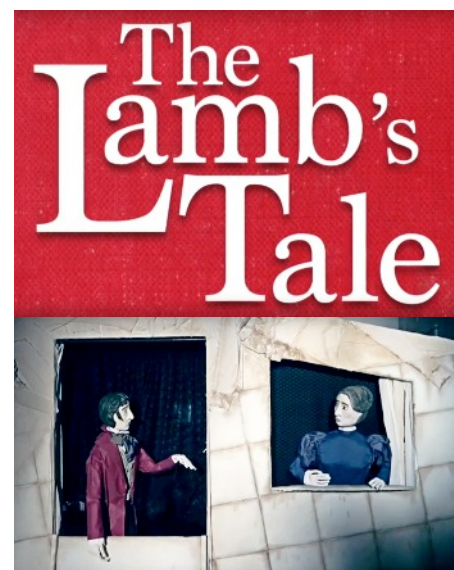
Thursday 14th April. *Nautical Connections in S. E. London*. Max 7 mile TES discovery walk. Page 10.

Sunday 17th April. *Visit to Hadley Wood and the Russell Mansion*. Page 9.

Wednesday 20th April. *Stroll in Lee Country Park*. Short TES walk. Page 11.

Friday 29 April, 7.30 for 8pm. All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton. *Four hundred years of the history of Latymer School (almost)*. An illustrated talk by Andrew Granath, archivist and teacher. Access to parking at rear of hall via Victoria Road and All Saints Close. (Joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.)

Sales table



We have copies of the DVD of the puppet show on the lives of Charles and Mary Lamb, created by Art Start for the Lamb Festival at All Saints Church, Edmonton. They can be purchased at meetings or ordered by post. Cost £3 per copy (post free).

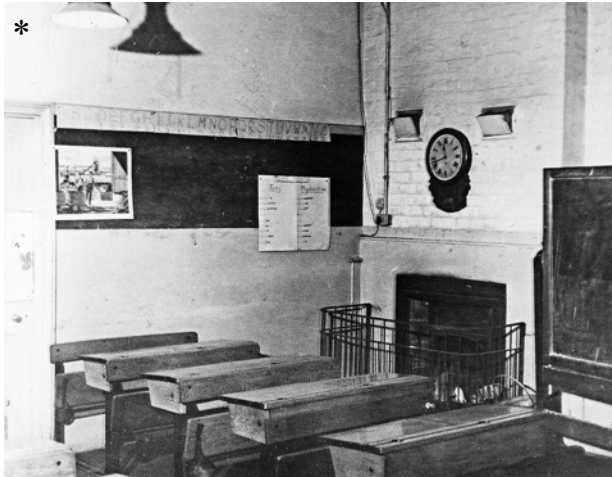
Historic buildings

Bulls Cross

Bulls Cross, which runs north from Maiden's Bridge, is built over part of the Roman Ermine Street, which linked London with York. The name may come from the medieval wayside Bedall's Cross which is recorded in 1483. By the late 16th century there were several groups of cottages in what was then known as Bulls Cross Lane. Bulls Cross passes over the original course of the New River, which was constructed between 1609 and 1613. For more information on Myddelton House, built in 1818, and Capel House, now Capel Manor, built around 1750, see *TES News* nos. 183 and 185 respectively.

Bulls Cross may be reached by buses 217 and 317 along the A10 Great Cambridge Road and then 10 minutes on foot west along Turkey Street or Bullsmoor Lane. After the AGM on Thursday 9th June, Frank Bayford will give an illustrated talk entitled "From Forty Hill to Bulls Cross". The images marked * were provided by Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive; those marked ** are from The Enfield Society's collection.

Stephen Gilburt



Forty Hill National School, built in 1851 next to Jesus Church, was supported by Anglicans. It is the oldest primary school still in use in Enfield. The original single storey school with latticed windows has a two storey teacher's house attached to the right. The school was later extended to the left. The early 20th century view of a classroom has desks, blackboard and a clock. The photograph of staff and pupils dates from around 1917.



There has been a bridge over Turkey Brook since at least medieval times when there was also a watermill. The present 1761 Maiden's Bridge was partly rebuilt in 1968 following an accident involving a lorry.



Maiden's Bridge cottages date from the 19th century. A one-storey single-classroom infants school was built by James Meyer of Forty Hall in 1848 and remained in use as a school until his death in 1894. It has since served as a scout hut and has now been converted to residential use.

Historic buildings



Garnault was built about 1860 in an Italianate style. It was the birthplace of the cricketer B.J.T. Bosanquet, who invented the googly in 1903.



The 18th century two storey Gate House in Turkey Street was formerly known as Winterton. It is flanked by the early 19th century West Lodge and East Lodge.



The 17th century Pied Bull (previously known as Pyd Bull, The Bull and The Black Bull) is first recorded as an inn in 1716. In the 17th century the left section served as kennels for hunting dogs when deer were hunted on Enfield Chase and ale was served to the hunters. By the 19th century it was a coaching inn with stables, coach houses and a yard. The kennels were converted into a sitting room with residential accommodation on the first floor, which is now cantilevered out from the ground floor. The first floor windows were extended upwards as can be seen by comparing the late 19th century and modern photographs. The projecting section to the right contained a bar-parlour.



The two-storey early 18th century weatherboarded Spotted Cow had a red tiled roof. It is recorded as trading as an inn between 1838 and 1923 and latterly also served as a post office. An 1871 inventory recorded that "The parlour was furnished with six Windsor chairs, a mahogany flap table, a bagatelle table, cue, eight balls and a scoring card. There [were] also two spittoons for customers' use, a candle branch for illumination, an iron fender, a pair of curtains and a Holland blind. The tap room was probably the most used room ... The bar room had a four motioned beer engine in one corner plus funnels, two gallon tanks and two half gallon tanks, four pint cans and eleven ale glasses. There [were] six spouted quart mugs, four earthen quart mugs and half a dozen pint sizes of each." The cellar contained "54 gallons of mild ale and 36 gallons of best ale, one pound of tobacco and a few cigars." After the inn closed it was converted into a private house called "The Orchards".



Increased threats to the Green Belt

It is calculated that Green Belt is the countryside accessible to at least 30 million people – i.e. almost 60% of England's population. It provides fresh air near our towns and cities and gives a chance for people living within increasingly over-crowded residential areas to get away from the insidious pollution, noise, traffic etc associated with a population growth that is virtually out of control, especially in respect of outer London Boroughs and other large metropolitan conurbations. In other words, it provides an improved quality of life, as well as producing a significant part of the nation's food.

A recent national survey commissioned to assess public opinion on the concept of Green Belts showed that 75% of people want Green Belts protected.

National planning policies state that neither unmet housing needs nor the lack of supply of available housing land justifies inappropriate development in the Green Belt. Government Ministers have repeatedly restated these points and the Prime Minister says he and his Government love the countryside and would do nothing to put it at risk.

Yet time and time again, as for example with regard to Fairview's building plans for the two fields south of the Enfield Road, developers put forward spurious reasons for building on Green Belt land which further nibble away at the Nation's countryside. For developers it is an easy option. Building on countryside is the cheap option for them, maximising their profits compared with reusing previously reworked and developed urban land.

There are substantial amounts of previously developed brownfield land which could, and should, be brought back into use. Indeed, much of this brownfield land has unimplemented planning approval already granted to it, but developers continue to sit upon it, presumably to keep house prices artificially high by restricting supply of completed properties. Latest statistics show that Britain's **nine** biggest house builders have **615,152** housing plots that are awaiting development – four times the total number of homes built in the past year.

In neighbouring Hertfordshire there are numerous Local Authorities proposing wholesale erosion of the Green Belt within their emerging Local Plans. Currently these are being rewritten to meet estimated future population statistics in their areas for 2030 onwards, which at best can only be guess-work, and if built, will further encourage even more people to move into London and the Home Counties. Planning to build on

the Green Belt is the simplistic option for both Councils and developers but will impoverish current and future generations. Huge numbers are proposed, as can be seen by these few examples:

Broxbourne Council is proposing 1,500 houses on prime Green Belt land west of the A10 and several other types of major developments on Green Belt. St Albans has recommended housing allocations for 4,000 dwellings in the Green Belt. North Herts Council has decided to increase its Draft Local Plan Housing provision by over 10,000 houses in the Green Belt by 2031.

What is frequently omitted or not clearly indicated in such Local Authority housing "plans" is that any housing or development also requires infra-structure, including access roads, schools, increased medical and transport facilities and even open spaces, all of which destroy countryside. Countryside is irreplaceable, brownfield sites are replaceable.

Unless this form of "planning" is curtailed, the Home Counties on the northern edge of London will cease to be a green and pleasant environment and will degenerate into a never-ending urban sprawl comparable to the worst seen overseas in countries such as USA, Brazil and China.

Stuart Mills

Trent Park redevelopment

One of the jewels in Enfield's crown is Trent Park Mansion and Country Park. The Park incorporates the wooded remnants of Enfield Chase, a former royal hunting ground and covers over 400 acres. It forms an important part of London's Green Belt on the outskirts of the London metropolitan area.

Sir Richard Jebb, a physician to George III commissioned Sir William Chambers, a well known architect to build the first house, originally known as Trent Place. Following the death of Sir Richard in 1787, the house passed through a number of owners until in 1903 when the lease was purchased by Sir Edward Sassoon who passed it to his son Phillip. In 1926, Sir Phillip Sassoon purchased the freehold and set about creating a grand house suitable for entertaining. He refaced the house using bricks from the demolition of Devonshire House in Piccadilly. During his time at Trent Park, Sir Phillip enjoyed the company of guests such as Lawrence of Arabia and Winston Churchill. During World War II the house was requisitioned by the War Office to interrogate senior German Officers including Rudolf Hess. In 1951 Middlesex County Council compulsorily purchased the entire Trent Park Estate to safeguard the Green Belt. In 1974 ownership of the house passed from Enfield Council to Middlesex Polytechnic, later Middlesex University.

The house which is Grade II Listed has been empty since Middlesex University relocated all their activities to Hendon. The future of the house has been a major concern to the Society and the local community. The House and all land previously owned by Middlesex University has now been purchased by Berkeley Homes. This includes the House itself, the Halls of Residence, Vice Chancellor's House, stables, walled garden and associated buildings. During the autumn, Berkeley Homes has carried out consultation with community groups and held a local exhibition. The Society has had a meeting with Berkeley Homes and their consultants and has set out what we believe are key aims that need to be addressed in any development proposals. These are -

1. A high quality development that reflects the Grade II listed building and its setting within Trent Park, a landscape designed by Humphry Repton. This should reflect the fact that the site is designated as Metropolitan Green Belt and is included within the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.
2. The importance of retaining the House as close as possible to the original design with full restoration of the House as required for a listed building. Preservation of as many of the surviving ancillary buildings as practicable - e.g. the stables, swimming pool, walled garden, Vice Chancellor's House etc.
3. Recognition of the historical importance of the house and site including the role of

Sir Philip Sassoon and as a World War II special prisoner of war camp for high ranking German officers. A museum along the lines of the Bentley Priory model would be one outcome.

4. As it is assumed that there will be redevelopment of the modern Halls of Residence, any rebuilding requires very careful treatment in terms of the setting of new buildings, rooflines etc. This is to ensure that the views across the lake and the estate are protected. The aim should be to develop a scheme that will not repeat the mistakes of the 1970's.

Since acquiring the site, Berkeley Homes have improved the security of the building and are carrying out essential works to protect the fabric of the building in consultation with Enfield's Conservation Officer. This is good news as the House has suffered from a serious lack of maintenance for some years.

It is understood the Berkeley Homes are proposing to submit a planning application for the development of the site during the autumn of 2016. Initial impressions are that Berkeley recognise the architectural and historical importance of the site and are seeking proposals that will meet the concerns of the local community. The Society will continue to talk to the developer and seek to ensure the best possible outcome for the site. Further updates will be provided in future newsletters

John West

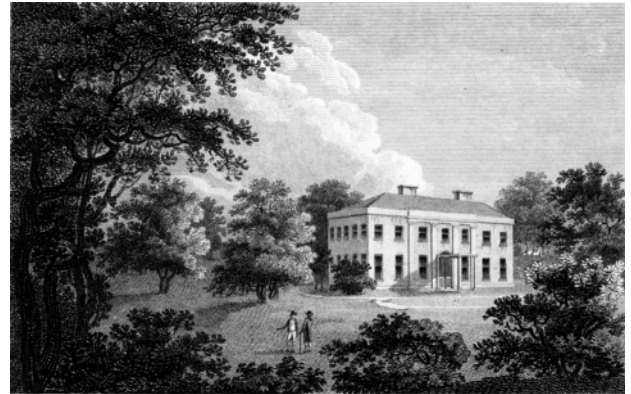
Historic buildings visit

Visit to Hadley Wood and the Russell Mansion (now the Golf Club House) in Beech Hill on Sunday 17th April 2016

Hadley Wood in the Manor of Enfield became part of the royal hunting ground of Enfield Chase in 1421. Following the enclosure of the Chase in 1777, Francis Russell (1740-95), a Duchy of Lancaster surveyor, acquired the freehold of 152 acres and later gained additional land. By 1781 he had built Russell Mansion and lived there until his death. In 1805 Archibald Paris moved into the mansion which he renamed Beech Hill Park. For nearly 50 years he farmed between 1,500 and 2,000 acres. In 1827 Paris took a lease on West Lodge and moved into a rebuilt West Lodge in 1834. Beech Hill Park was leased to General Sir Edward Barnes. After his death his widow and later his brother George Barnes lived there.

In about 1850 Paris sold Beech Hill Park to Charles Jack. Jack persuaded the Great Northern Railway to open a station at Hadley Wood and prepared plans to develop the surrounding area. By 1896 when Charles Jack died, some 50 superior houses had been built in Crescent East and Crescent West, with about 50 more being constructed in Lancaster Avenue, Camlet Way and Beech Hill before the First World War. Inter-war development added some 200 more houses. In 1920 the Economic Insurance Co. purchased Beech Hill Park Mansion with 250 acres of land from the trustees of Charles Jack Estates and leased 180 acres to Hadley Wood Golf Club which opened in 1922. The Club purchased the freehold in 1976.

There will be an opportunity for a group of Enfield Society members to see the former Russell Mansion on Sunday 17th April. Joe Studman will give an introductory illustrated talk at the house at 3pm. After the visit, afternoon tea will be available. To obtain free tickets please send your contact details, including your telephone number and a stamped addressed envelope, to Hadley Wood Visit, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, stating how many tickets you would like (maximum 4). If you would also like to have the afternoon tea, then enclose a cheque made payable to The Enfield Society for £7.50 per person. Hadley Wood may be reached by bus 298 along Cockfosters Road to the junction with Beech Hill. If however you would like a lift or can offer a lift to another member, please indicate on your ticket application. Visitors by car will need to press a button to raise the entrance barrier and will be given the exit code before they leave.



This European Magazine engraving of 1796 was provided by Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive.

Stephen Gilbert



The two storey Grade II listed Russell Mansion was built of yellow stock brick. The seven-window-wide south front has four Doric pilasters. The entrance porch with Doric columns led into the south hall which was flanked by drawing rooms. In the 19th century a single storey stuccoed brick conservatory was added on the left and a billiard room was built on the right. Other ground floor rooms included a hall with Corinthian pilasters and columns, a dining room, a library, bedrooms, a kitchen, a scullery and a W.C.



An interior view of what was the billiard room.



A neo-classical plaster roundel.



The Grade II listed 19th century stable block included boxes and stalls for 10 horses, a large coach house, a harness room and three rooms for coachmen.



The Hadley Wood conservation area was established in 1989 to include the core of the Victorian suburb. According to a 1920 brochure, some newly built houses had "5 to 6 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, usual office ... labour saving, central heating, oak panelling, etc. Freehold from £3,800."

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). Use TfL website for Tube, DLR, London Overground and TfL bus details (or ring 0343 222 1234). Bring your Freedom Pass or National Bus Pass. For Hertfordshire bus times see www.intalink.org.uk

Reduced price travel on most non-TfL trains: When 3 to 9 people travel together, Groupsave offers a discount of about 34% each on Off-Peak Day Single/Return tickets and, if available, Super Off-Peak Day Single/Return tickets. Cannot be used with any Railcards or promotions and you must travel as a group throughout.

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes.

WARNING: Although Great Northern suburban services are now scheduled to run into Moorgate at weekends, the service has at times been shambolic in the weeks prior to news copy date – it may be advisable to use alternative routes.

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 early Spring flowers. Opportunity for a coffee break and walk through the gardens. Returning to Forty Hall by about 13.00. Please respect Norman's pace, as this walk is specifically intended for those that seek a relaxed stroll. Contact on day of walk only: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 20 Feb. Note: CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE AND ROUTE due to increasingly unreliable Great Northern weekend services, especially north of Hertford where only an hourly service available.

Hertfordshire Rivers. Meet 10.15 Hertford North Station (09.51 train from Enfield Chase). About 7.5 to 8 mile circular walk based upon six waterways with option to end at lunch stop in Ware. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk only: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 24 Feb. Discovery Walk: Wapping and The Thames. Meet Stuart at London Overground Highbury & Islington Station to catch 10.26 West Croydon destination train (usually from platforms 1 or 2), arriving Wapping at 10.43.

Following the north bank of The Thames, today's linear walk of about 2.75 hours 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: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 27 Feb. Parks and Embassies. Meet 10.30 Notting Hill Station (Central Line) for 6 to 7 mile linear walk via Kensington Gardens, South Kensington (lunch stop) and the Georgian squares of Belgravia, ending at Hyde Park Corner/Station. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Thurs 3 March. Discovery Walk: Crystal Palace, Horniman Museum and Nunhead Cemetery. Meet Roy at London Overground Highbury & Islington Station to catch 10.19 Crystal Palace destination train (usually from platforms 1 or 2), arriving Crystal Palace at 11.02.

6 mile linear walk from the site of the Crystal Palace fire (that Roy remembers as a boy), into one of South London's most important wildlife sites, then via the Horniman Museum and Gardens (lunch stop - free admission to main part of museum and gardens) to Nunhead Cemetery. Ends at Nunhead Station. Shorter options. Bring food or lunch available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 12 March. London Loop. Meet 10.15 Sanderstead Station. Either travel with Dave on 08.52 train from Enfield Town, changing at Seven Sisters for Victoria Line to Victoria, or meet him at Victoria mainline station for 09.53 Southern East Grinstead train to Sanderstead. Then a very short ride on 403 bus to Hamsey Green.

About 9 mile linear walk via a varied mix of countryside, woods and country parks with a fine viewpoint over London, ending at Hayes Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food probably available. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sat 19 March. River Thames, Hampton Court and Bushey Park. Meet 10.48 Kingston Station (travel with Stuart on 10.07 South West Trains Kingston train from Vauxhall mainline station which due to engineering works will be routed via Richmond and probably depart from platforms 1-4).

7 to 8 mile linear walk with constantly changing scenes via The Thames Path and Barge Walk, Hampton Court Park/Palace and Bushey Park's lakes and woodland gardens, ending at a station for return to Vauxhall. As we hope the walk will coincide with early Spring flowers, there will be an extended lunch stop at Hampton Court Palace (also option to end at nearby station). Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Contact on day of walk only: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Wed 23 March. Discovery Walk: Marylebone and Regent's Park/Canal. Meet 10.30 outside the western entrance to Debenhams in Oxford Street which is almost opposite Bond Street Station (Central & Jubilee Lines).

A contrasting 2.75 to 3 hour linear walk through historic Marylebone, then via Regent's Park (with coffee break) and the Regent's Canal to end in the Camden Market/Camden Town area (or you could follow the canal for a further 20 mins to King's Cross/St Pancras). Contact on day of walk only: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Bank Holiday Mon 28 March. Chiltern Scenes. Meet 10.49 Hemel Hempstead Station (10.17 Londonmidland Milton Keynes train from Euston mainline station – *Freedom Pass boundary is Harrow & Wealdstone*). By car about 40 mins from Enfield Town via M25 (junction 20), A41 north for 3 miles and then briefly towards Hemel town centre and turn left on A4251 for 0.75 mile to station which is at Boxmoor (O.S. Grid Ref: TL044059).

About 7.5 mile circular walk with some fine views via commons, woods, farmland, nature reserves and the Grand Union Canal. Lunch stop in Bovingdon Village (bring lunch or food probably available, but bring emergency rations!). *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Tues 5 April. Springtime in the Forest. Meet 10.30 Chingford Bus Station. At TES news copy date 313 buses from Church Street, Enfield Town, at 09.29 and 09.49 are scheduled to arrive at 09.59 and 10.19, but recommend first bus as there could be substantial delays along Southbury Road.

6 to 7 mile circular walk via Pole Hill, Lippetts Hill and the Green Ride. Possibility of a shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Sat 9 April. Country Parks and Hogsmill River (London Loop). Meet 10.50 Chessington South Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.22 train from Enfield Town, changing at Seven Sisters for Victoria Line to Vauxhall, or meet him at Vauxhall mainline station for 10.20 South West Trains Chessington South train.

About 6.5 to 7 mile linear walk via Green Belt countryside, Thornton Country Park and a nature reserve, before joining the London Loop where the Loop had to be abandoned on 14 November. The route is then beside the Hogsmill River to near its source in Ewell, 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. Shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Thurs 14 April. Discovery Walk: Nautical Connections. Meet 11.00 outside Tower Hill Station (Circle and District Lines). 7 mile linear walk

through an area that featured in London's sea-faring history and also associations with the Pilgrim Fathers, via Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, ending at Canada Water Station (buses and London Overground). Shorter options including from the lunch stop in Rotherhithe High Street – bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07506 334 019. *Leader: Peter Mackey*

Wed 20 April. Stroll in Lee Country Park. Meet **10.54** Cheshunt Station. Either 10.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station (*with Freedom Pass valid to Cheshunt*), or 10.40 Abellio Cambridge train from Tottenham Hale (*Freedom Pass only valid to Enfield Lock*).

After perhaps a coffee stop at the nearby YHA centre (if open), then a 2 to 2.5 mile circular walk following some of the attractive waterways and lakes. Norman will also explain some of the geological features of the Lea Valley. Please respect Norman's pace, as this walk is specifically intended for those that seek a gentle relaxed stroll. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Wed 27 April. Ancient woodlands in S. E. London. Meet **10.52** Woolwich Arsenal Station (10.31 Southeastern Slade Green train from London Bridge mainline station – usually from platform 1).

7 mile linear walk with fine views via open spaces, commons, and ancient woodlands including Jackwood, Oxleas Wood, Bostal Woods/Heath and Lesnes Abbey Woods and abbey ruins, ending at Abbey Wood Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel within Freedom Pass area.* Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Bank Holiday Mon 2 May. Colne Valley. Meet **10.35** Croxley Station (09.57 Metropolitan Line Watford train from Baker Street Station – *note: off-peak Watford trains start from Baker Street*). Car drivers could park at Moor Park and catch the group's train at 10.31, or park at Croxley – if the latter, then after walk's finish they will have to travel by train from Rickmansworth, changing at Moor Park for Croxley.

8 mile linear walk via an attractive mix of water meadows, waterways, lakes, canal and farmland (option to end after 4 miles at lunch stop). Full route ends at Rickmansworth Station. Bring lunch or food available. *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Sat 7 May. Hampstead: Garden Suburb and Heath.

Morning: Departing *promptly* at **10.30** from Golders Hill Park Café, North End Road, NW11 (by 210 bus: about 25 mins from Finsbury Park Station or 5 mins from Golders Green Station). About 2.5 **hours** circular walk exploring the varied and outstanding architectural, historical and landscape features of the Hampstead

Garden Suburb conservation area. Returning to start for lunch stop (bring lunch or food available) and perhaps time to visit the walled garden and mini-zoo.

Afternoon: Departing Golders Hill Park Café at **14.30** for a linear country walk striding out across the Heath, with perhaps some surprises on the way, ending at Highgate Village (on 210 bus route). Contact on day of walk *only*: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 14 May. London Loop. Meet **10.39** Hayes (Kent) Station. Either travel with Dave on **09.05** train from Enfield Chase into Moorgate, changing onto Northern Line for London Bridge, or meet him at London Bridge mainline station for **10.04** Southeastern train to Hayes (usually from platform 1). Alternatively, 09.47 Southeastern train from Charing Cross arriving Hayes at 10.26.

9.5 to 10 mile linear walk along one of the more varied rural sections of the Loop through pleasant countryside and woodlands via the small villages of Keston and Farnborough, ending at Petts Wood Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food probably available but bring emergency rations! *All travel covered by Freedom Pass.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Tues 17 May. Ash Valley. Meet **10.30** St Margaret's Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station (*with Freedom Pass valid to Cheshunt*), changing at Cheshunt for 10.09 Abellio train, or by direct 09.55 Abellio train from Tottenham Hale which also stops at intermediate stations (*Freedom Pass only valid to Enfield Lock*). Free car park 300 yards from station in village centre.

6.5 to 7 mile circular walk in conservation countryside south-east of Ware via Wareside Village (lunch stop and option to end by returning to Ware by bus). Bring lunch or pub food available. Contact on day of walk *only*: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret*

Sat 21 May. Leith Hill revisited. Meet Martin at Victoria mainline station for **09.31** Southern Horsham train arriving 10.32 at Holmwood Station. *Freedom Pass boundary is Ewell East.*

Another opportunity to visit an area of beautiful countryside and long distance views with variations to last year's route. Although visits to Leith Hill Tower and Friday Street will be retained, the route may be altered to include other features, and with an earlier shorter option after about 6 miles at Wotton (then bus into Dorking). Full details in next newsletter. Contact: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Sat 28 May. River Ver Valley. Travel details and information on a walk in this area will appear in next newsletter. *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

Stuart Mills

Recent walks

Photographs by John Bourne



Strolling. Strolls were introduced into the walks programme for members seeking a short walk of no more than about 3 miles, taken at a gentle relaxed pace, giving them the opportunity to socialise. Ably led by Norman Coles, they have proved very popular. Even a grey Winter's day did not stop 31 people attending the "Stroll to Crews Hill" on 7th December – here Norman explains the geological features of the Turkey Brook in Hilly Fields



Colne Valley. On a lovely Autumn day on 31st October 27 people enjoyed the attractive scenery beside the Grand Union Canal on a walk from Rickmansworth Station led by Stuart Mills.



Cow on a balcony. It is amazing what might be observed on a TES walk! Seen by 37 members on Brian Frear's walk on 17th October from King's Cross to Little Venice, we assumed the owners of this house next to the Regent's Canal knew they had an unusual visitor!

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Enfield Society anniversary exhibition

We were relieved to learn that after our protests last year the Enfield Museum's display space on the ground floor of the Dugdale Centre will not be lost. In conjunction with the Museum Service we are planning an exhibition there to celebrate our 80th anniversary this year, and would be very pleased to know if anyone has relevant objects that they would be willing to lend. (Open access to the Local Studies Centre has also been saved, though staff reductions now limit the hours to Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm.)

Leonard Will

Civic Voice National Trust passes

A reminder that free National Trust passes are still available through Civic Voice for the 2015/6 "season", and can be used to obtain free entry to one of a selection of National Trust properties, subject to various restrictions, up to 31 May 2016. Members can apply for one pass each for 2015/6 (joint members can have one each), and they are transferable to friends or family.

If you want to apply, you must do so by post to Amber-Louise Palmer at Civic Voice, 60 Duke Street, Liverpool, L1 5AA. You need to enclose an SAE and a note stating that you are a member or members of the Enfield Society and how many passes you are applying for.

Assuming that the Society renews its membership of Civic Voice later this year, further passes may be available for the 2016/7 "season".

There is currently no equivalent arrangement with English Heritage.

Annual General Meeting

The 2016 AGM will be held on Thursday 9th June at Jubilee Hall. Doors will open at 7.30 pm and the formal meeting will start at 8pm. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be followed by a talk entitled *From Forty Hill to Bulls Cross* by Frank Bayford. All members are encouraged to attend.

Any Society member is entitled to propose candidates for election to the Management Committee at the AGM. Any proposal must be signed by the candidate and by at least ten members supporting the proposal and must be sent or delivered to the Honorary Secretary at Jubilee Hall so as to be received not later than 1st May 2016. If you wish to propose a candidate I would encourage you to contact me beforehand to make sure that the correct procedures are followed.

Richard Stones

Education sponsorship at Forty Hall

Last Autumn the Society's three year sponsorship at Forty Hall of the Learning and Education Outreach Programmes for schools ended. During the three academic years, ending July 2015, 4,518 pupils from 37 Enfield schools benefited from the various programmes at Forty Hall which are linked to the National Curriculum. In addition there were visits from five schools outside the Borough of Enfield and also students from Kingston University, making a total of 88 separate attendances. These programmes are dynamic, being changed and updated to meet curriculum requirements and requests from schools, and are highly regarded by teaching staff in both our primary and secondary schools. The Enfield Society benefits from the publicity, promotion and goodwill generated by its sponsorship. As a result of this very successful initial support the Management Committee has renewed the sponsorship for a further three years at £5,000 pa.

Colin Pointer

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 15th April, and it will be published on 10th May

Leonard Will

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members

Mr R Ames, Ms N Anstee, Ms L J Baker, Ms C Brook, Mrs W K Brown, Ms E Buckmaster, Mr & Mrs N & G Burn, Mr M Cable, Ms J Carrick, Mr & Mrs M E & J H Coverdale, Mr & Mrs A & T Davis, Mr K Dufton, Miss M J Hennessy, Ms V Hobbs, Mrs S L Mate-Kole, Mr N Ongeri, Miss G M Simpson, Mr & Mrs J D & S Smale, Mr A L Smith, Mrs A M Somerville, Mr M W Stratton, Mr R D Taylor, Ms M Turner, Mr & Mrs E T & E M Tyler, Mr J D Tyrrell, Ms G Waterman, Ms L Winrow, Mrs A Yates

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