

The report may be downloaded from www.lse.ac.uk/geographyAndEnvironment/research/GreenBelt/home.aspx where there is also a video summarising the project's findings.

Conservation

Trent Park

Berkeley Homes have now submitted their application for 262 residential units, houses, apartments in conversions and new build, including, unfortunately, only 18 affordable, on the former University Campus, with restoration of the historical landscape features and a travel plan. There has been some modification to the design of the various house types, following the comments of the Conservation Advisory Group and others, in the latest pre-application consultations.

We now face the process over the next few weeks of sorting through the hundreds of individual documents deposited on-line in order to prepare our comments.

Meanwhile, following national publicity, the plans for a Museum marking the World War II role of the mansion in housing the German Officer prisoners of war and secretly monitoring their conversations have moved on. Some of the sophisticated listening equipment still survives in the basement. Subject to acceptance of the business plan, Berkeley has now agreed to make all the ground floor rooms available for this and associated activities, although the residents in the upstairs flats will still make use of the front entrance.

Black Horse Tower Development, Cockfosters

An application for planning permission has now been made for the other large housing development mentioned in our last newsletter for 164 apartments, including 54 affordable, together with a hotel, shops and a medical centre, adjacent to Cockfosters Underground Station.

The slightly higher main 'tower' will affect the view from the Trent Park Conservation Area and the setting of the listed station. In order to clarify the relationship of the various retained and demolished original blocks, the developers, Hermes, have been asked to give a presentation on the plans to Enfield Council's Conservation Advisory Group. Residents' Groups have expressed concerns about the impact on traffic, particularly because the only vehicular access to the complex and the basement car park will be via Westpole Avenue.

We also have concerns about the impact of the long frontage block on Cockfosters Road and are pressing for the current nominal visual breaks along the frontage to be given more emphasis. The 33% of affordable housing is very welcome.

Chase Side Primary School, Trinity Street

Very unfortunately it proved too late to prevent the replacement of the original, carefully detailed timber windows with crude UPVC units. Opinion has now to focus on the future of the existing high quality timber windows in the Enfield's remaining and larger early C20 School Board schools.

Chapel Street Car Park, Enfield Town



AERIAL PERSPECTIVE LOOKING SOUTH



AERIAL PERSPECTIVE LOOKING NORTH



STREET SCENE FROM CHAPEL STREET LOOKING WEST



STREET SCENE FROM CHAPEL STREET LOOKING SOUTH

It seems the long process of deciding how the redundant tree and shrub bed site in the Chapel Street car park should be developed may be coming to an end. Following years of unacceptable proposed uses or designs, the latest planning application for five 2-storey houses with dormers at the second floor in two semi detached and one single unit was recommended for approval by a majority of the Conservation Advisory Group. In a modern style, the houses would be in London stock weathered brown/cream brick. The view was that a forthright style, distinct from the varied and largely undistinguished designs of the surrounding housing, would best suit the site. Our preference for only four units, which would allow the replacement of the tree on the front corner, was contrary to the view of the planners, but a tree could be planted by the small rear car park. No parking is provided in front of the houses. The Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group still has reservations about the design.

Planning Appeal Decision – 7 Queen Anne's Place, Enfield

The appeal against refusal of permission for a new flat above a shop was dismissed solely on the grounds that the proposed alterations to the shop front would fail to preserve the character and appearance of the host building and of the Bush Hill Park Conservation Area. This is an encouraging precedent.

Chris Jephcott



Queen Anne's Place. The proposal was to build two more floors on top of no.7, centre, replicating no.9, left. The Council's refusal letter said that the existing building is one of two surviving Edwardian shopfronts on Queen Anne's Place making a positive contribution to the Bush Hill Park Conservation Area, and that the proposed development would detract from the row of single storey retail units and the wider street scene

Walks and visits

Discovery walk: Bury Lodge SuDS and Firs Farm Wetlands

On 28th September members of the Footpaths and Walks Group were privileged to have a preview of part of a planned new "Quietway" (cycle route) linking Little Bury Street with the Great Cambridge Road. The route, which will be available for pedestrians and cyclists, follows the south bank of Salmons Brook and passes alongside a new landscaped wetlands habitat designed to naturally filter surface rain water that drains off the Great Cambridge Road into Salmons Brook. We were given a detailed explanation of the project by Ian Russell of Enfield Council, who is a water course engineer working for the Highways Department.

After seeing the Bury Lodge site we walked to the Firs Farm Wetlands via Edmonton Cemetery. There is a gate from the Cemetery which gives direct access into the wetlands. There has been a transformation of the Firs Farm Open Space, which used to be rather bland open fields with a few football pitches. An old water course, the Moor Stream, has been de-culverted and lagoons created thus providing a lovely habitat for wild life. Much consideration has been given to the design, with new paths and seating having been provided. Ian Russell told us that as the wetlands site is used by local schools for environmental studies, a special outdoor arena has been designed in order to facilitate their activities.

I was very impressed with the Firs Farm site and credit should be given to Toni Guiver and The Friends of Firs Farm. They have worked hard with local community volunteers and various agencies to create such a lovely park. The Enfield Society was pleased to be able to help by providing several trees from our tree nursery and funding an informative notice board for the site.

A special thanks is due to Ian Russell for facilitating this visit and being such an excellent guide.

Dave Cockle



Climbing a landscaped mound, which has been seeded with wild flowers, at the Bury Lodge sustainable drainage scheme (SuDS)



A new bridge over the re-created Moor Stream in the Firs Farm Open Space

Visit behind the scenes at Forty Hall

On Sunday 4th September nearly 50 Enfield Society members had an interesting guided tour around Forty Hall Farm. We were able to see historic barns, stables and the orchard as well as animals including pigs, sheep, goats, geese and poultry. The tour concluded with a visit to the vineyard with wine tasting – which proved popular!

After the tour, members were able to purchase Forty Hall wine and other items from the farm shop, see the restored rooms in Forty Hall, and visit the Spirit of Ukraine Festival which was held on the same date at Forty Hall.

Stephen Gilburt



Other organisations' 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 new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture/

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

Tuesday 6th December, 7 for 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall. Presenting Enfield, by Joe Studman. Last of 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

Friday 11th November, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Presidential address: Roman pottery making in Highgate Wood: archaeology and experiment, by Harvey Sheldon. [EAS]

Wednesday 16th November, 2.15 for 2.30pm, Jubilee Hall. Another kind of life: Dickens and the theatre, by Dr Tony Williams. [EHHS]

Sunday 20th November, 7am, Forty Hall. Dawn Chorus, presented by Lucy Elston. Watch as the sun rises over the stunning grounds of Forty Hall at this delightful and special event, sure to awaken your senses! Mark the arrival of dawn by listening to the uplifting voice of classical and operatic soprano Lucy Elston. Afterwards make your way to the Long Gallery to enjoy a light continental buffet breakfast. Lucy is a classically trained soprano who has performed at many venues including The Royal Albert Hall, Cadogan Hall, Buxton Opera House and St Alban's Cathedral. £20. www.fortyhallestate.co.uk/whats-on/events/dawn_chorus_1

Wednesday 23rd November 7-8pm, Forty Hall. De Mandevilles, De Bohuns and the Duchy of Lancaster, illustrated talk by Joe Studman. £5

Saturday 26th November 12 noon to 4 pm. Forty Hall. Christmas Fair. Free.

Sunday 27th November 3 pm, Forty Hall Long Gallery. Enfield Sounds Great: Christmas concert with the Enfield Community Singers. £15.

Thursday 1st December 7.45, Dugdale Centre. An adaptation of Shakespeare's "Much ado about nothing" presented by Talkies Community Cinema. £5.

Saturday 3rd December 7 pm, and Sunday 4th December 3pm and 7pm, Dugdale Centre. Christmas concert by International Voices of Enfield. £12

Sundays 4th December, 8th January 2017, 5th February 2017, 10am – 2pm, Forty Hall. Weekend Wildlife Conservation Parties: Conservation workshops. Help to improve the beautiful park for wildlife by joining us for some practical conservation work across the Forty Hall estate. Tasks will include: habitat enhancement, removal of invasive species along the banks of Turkey Brook, controlling scrub that's encroaching on the meadow, hedge-laying and creating hibernation areas for reptiles, amphibians and hedgehogs. Hot drinks and refreshments will be provided! www.fortyhallestate.co.uk/whats-on/events/weekend_wildlife_conservation_parties Booking essential. Tickets for this event cannot be booked online. To reserve your place, please email: verity.roberts@enfield.gov.uk

Saturday 17th to Friday 23rd December (no performance on 19th) 7.30 pm. Dugdale Centre. Starlight Express by Andrew Lloyd Webber. £17.50/£16.50 on line.

Wednesday 21st December, 7.45 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Seasonal meeting. [EHHS]

Tuesday 10th January 2017, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. 'This is where we came in': memories of going to the cinema in Britain in the 1960s, by Professor Melvyn Stokes (University College, London). [HA]

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th February, 7.30pm (Sat Matinee 2.30pm), Wylyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Iolanthe. Southgate Opera presents one of Gilbert & Sullivan's much loved comic operas. Box Office 01707 645005.

Tuesday 14th February, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Peel and revolution: governing Britain 1815-46, by Professor Lawrence Goldman (Institute of Historical Research, University of London). [HA]

Wednesday 22nd February 7-8pm, Forty Hall. Markets, fairs and festivals in Enfield, an illustrated talk by Joe Studman.

Tuesday 21st March, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Richard Cromwell's trunks: loyal addresses, the Good Old Cause and the end of the Protectorate, by Professor Ted Vallance (Rochampton University). [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@outlook.com. Associate Membership available for £5 a year for an individual or £8 a year for a couple.

Sales table

In addition to the usual sales outlets Enfield Society publications, including Christmas cards will be available to purchase at the Dugdale Centre 45 minutes before the International voices of Enfield's Christmas concerts on 3rd and 4th December from the sales table at the entrance to the Enfield Society exhibition. Packs of five of the previous years' cards have been reduced in price to £1.25. These are: Gentleman's Row, Whitwebbs House, Hilly Fields and The Crown and Horseshoes. Packs of four cards with different views are £1.

1 Gentleman's Row



Whitwebbs House



Hilly Fields



The Crown and Horseshoes

Possible stocking fillers include the 2016 Footpath Map (£2.50), Heritage Walks leaflets (£1) of four historic areas, Forty Hill and Bulls Cross, Enfield Town, Edmonton and Enfield Lock, Enfield Society badges (£3) and DVDs of the puppet show about Charles and Mary Lamb. Books and other publications will also be available.

Everything can also be purchased at meetings in Jubilee Hall. Waterstone's Bookshop in Church Street, Enfield, stock all the books and some are available from Forty Hall shop and Forty Hall Farm shop. Some local newsagents, Myddelton House, Enfield Town Post Office and Ferny Hill Farm shop stock some items.

If ordering by post, please write or complete the order form sent with the last newsletter and send with a cheque or order on-line from the Enfield Society website. The only way we can accept payments by debit or credit card is through the website – card payments there are handled by PayPal, but you do not need to have a PayPal account. This is convenient for those who are not able to visit one of our sales tables in person and especially for people living overseas as currency conversions are taken care of automatically.

Monica Smith

Enfield Society events

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

29th November. *What is this thing called stress?* By Fiona Jones.

Stress has been one of the biggest areas of research activity in psychology in recent years – but what do we mean by ‘Stress’, what causes it and what should we do about it? Fiona will talk about her research into this issue and the myths and realities of this complex subject.

13th December. *TES Christmas Quiz.*

Please note the date, which has been changed from that listed in our previous newsletter. The Christmas quiz session is booked for earlier in the month than is usual for the talks as we realise that any closer to Christmas and you will probably be too busy flying around trying to get organised to be able to spare the time. So, please come along, have a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie (or two), put your thinking caps on and have a go – you never know, you could be the Enfield Egghead 2016.

31st January 2017. *The work of the RNLI,* by Keith Cunningham.

Keith will talk about his experience of being a volunteer supporter of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), how the RNLI operates and some of the situations they get involved in.

28th February. *The gardens and arboreta of the Cotswolds,* by Brenda Brown.

In this talk Brenda will introduce us to some of the famous gardens in the Cotswolds, including those at Studely Castle, Bourton House, and the Westonbirt Arboretum

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

Monday 21st November. *Murder most profitable* by Geoff Bowden.

The life and career of Agatha Christie. Known as the Queen of Crime, she was the author of over 100 books, short stories and plays and the creator of Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. This entertaining presentation will also include illustrations of stage and screen adaptations of her works.

Monday 16th January. *Films of Enfield and Edmonton made between the 1930s and 1970s* presented by Film London.

The programme will include excerpts from Edmonton Charter Day 1937, Enfield Charter Day 1955, a Halliwick School fete from the 1950s, Edmonton Arts Centre Arts Week 1957, Charter Day celebrations in Jubilee Park, Edmonton in 1958, Kiddies Corner – children’s entertainment in playgrounds in Edmonton and Brimsdown in 1959, Enfield Festival 1972 and the opening of the enlarged Enfield Civic Centre by H.M the Queen Mother in 1975. *Joint*

The Chairman’s column



I was pleased to see the Council’s Draft Local Heritage List, which was published in September, and would like to thank the many TES volunteers who contributed to the process of nominating assets to be considered for the list. There are two hundred and fifty one assets on the List including rare pillar boxes, schools, churches, public parks, pubs (some closed) and cast iron finger post signs. Dr Jim Lewis (Lea Valley Industrial History Books) will be pleased to see that the Ediswan building in Duck Lees Lane, Ponders End, has at last had its historical importance recognised and is on the list.

TES continues to meet with various Council Officials on matters affecting the civic and natural environment. I was recently invited to comment on a draft plan for a planned “Quietway” (cycle route) running north of Enfield Town following the New River Loop. The plans are in the early stage of development and a suggested re-routing via Gentleman’s Row road and Pennyfather Lane was put forward for consideration. This would avoid the heavily used pedestrian route through Chase Green Gardens and the narrow pavement along River View.

It was good to have the opportunity to meet and chat to some of fifty new members at the annual “New Members Evening”. One conversational topic that recurred was concern for the natural environment with increasing pressure on our Green Belt. This issue is very much on our radar and we have representatives attending meetings of the Council’s Green Belt Forum as well as The London Green Belt Council. One Green Belt issue that we are strongly opposing is a new planning application for a change of use for South Lodge Farm, Enfield Road, from an agricultural to an industrial site for van storage.

In closing, I would encourage members who have not yet visited our Exhibition “*Eighty Years of Action*” at Enfield Museum (the Dugdale Centre) that it is not too late to do so as it runs until 8th January 2017. On recently reading the comments book there, it was most encouraging to see many favourable entries.

Dave Cockle

meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.

Monday 20th February. *An introduction to Victorian artists at St Paul’s Cathedral.* Stuart Harvey presents one of his illustrated talks, this time looking briefly at the lives and work of Victorian painters, including Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Holman Hunt and John Everett Millais.

Generation Sext

In September Alan Spence gave a talk on his work developing a theatre production to help young people avoid the dangers that beset ‘generation sext’. The talk was of particular interest to those members of our audience with an education background and if you are involved with schools or other organisations that work with young people you may be interested to know that there is an education pack available, free of charge, which includes a DVD of the theatre performance and which contains points for discussion and links to curriculum topics. If you would like a copy of the education pack, please contact Alan by email at theatreisreallife@live.co.uk

Linda Miller

Special events. For details see the pages shown.

Until 8 January 2017, Enfield Museum, Dugdale Centre. *Enfield Society exhibition: 80 years of action.* On 3rd and 4th December the Sales Table at the entrance to the exhibition will be open 45 minutes before the start of each concert.

Saturday 12th November, Dugdale Centre. *TES Day conference “Enfield: the time of change”* Page 12.

Thursday 24th November. *Greenwich and Blackheath.* TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Wednesday 30th November. *Wren Churches.* TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Thursday 12th January. *Statues and Monuments.* TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Tuesday 24th January. *Enfield Town Stroll.* Short gentle-paced TES walk. Page 10.

Saturday 28th January. *City of London.* TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Wednesday 22nd February. *Plagues and Pestilence.* TES Discovery Walk. Page 11.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members

Mr & Mrs J S & C Abbott, Mr M Barkway, Mrs T Barnes, Miss M Bass, Mrs S M Bentley, Mr & Mrs D S & F J Biddis, Mr J Boulton, Mrs P E Cartwright, Mr C Chater, Ms C Corrigan, Mrs S Eburn, Mrs J Green, Mr D A Hooke, Mrs J Lamont, Mrs P Mitchell, Mr & Mrs D & H Osman, Ms E A Plane, Ms A S Rehahn, Mr T Watts, Miss M Williamson

Joyce James

Historic buildings

Clay Hill, Enfield. Part 1

The settlement of Clay Hill, between Enfield and Crews Hill, is referred to as Cleyein in 1214, Clayhyl in 1524 and Clayhillgate in 1636. The name is thought to refer to a person rather than the nature of the soil. By 1572 there was a small group of cottages (including one occupied by a brickmaker) near a ford and a footbridge across Turkey Brook. The hamlet was reached by a road west from Forty Green (now Forty Hill) which was variously known as Bread Street, Bridge Street and Clay Hill. In the 18th and 19th centuries a number of large houses were built and many of the surviving ones are now listed Grade II. Between 1613 and 1859 a now abandoned section of the New River flowed west to east along the 100 foot contour north of Clay Hill.

The Clay Hill conservation area, established in 1983, covers the area from Stratton Avenue up Clay Hill to the Fallow Buck and St John's Church, together with part of Theobald's Park Road.

Clay Hill may be reached by bus 191 to the roundabout at the junction with Baker Street or by bus W10 which travels the length of Clay Hill to St John's Church. The W10 leaves from outside Enfield Town Post Office hourly from 10:25 to 16:25 on Saturdays and from 10:25 to 13:25 on weekdays. It is hoped that a guided heritage walk around the Clay Hill area, including a visit to St John's Church, will be arranged for members in 2017. Details will be in Enfield Society News nearer the date.

For more information on the area, see *A history of Crews Hill and beyond* by Roy Martin, 2007; *Fringe benefice: a history of the parish of St John and St Luke, Clay Hill, Enfield* edited by John Wright, 2015; *A-Z of Enfield pubs, part 1* by Gary Boudier, 2000; *Enfield past* by Graham Dalling, 1999; *The Enfield Book* by Graham Dalling, 2007; *A history of Enfield* in four volumes by David Pam, 1990, 1992 and 1994 and Monica Smith, 2015; and *Treasures of Enfield* published by the Enfield Preservation Society in 2000, which illustrates and describes the architectural heritage of Edmonton, Enfield and Southgate. All these books may be consulted at the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive which also provided the images marked *. Part 2 of this article will be in the next issue.

Stephen Gilbert



The Fallow Buck, at the junction of Clay Hill and Strayfield Road, dates from the late 16th or early 17th century. It is a weatherboarded timber framed building with a U-shaped plan and projecting gables. Before 1761 it was known as Clay Hill Gate. For ten years in the late 18th century the licensee was William Crew, after whom Crews Hill is named. In the late 19th century the inn included a yard with stables, fowl pens and sheds, orchards, paddocks and barns. The flags in the 1902 photograph on the left may be to celebrate the end of the Boer War or the Coronation of Edward VII. The public house closed in 2014 for the building to be converted into residential accommodation.



Hill Lodge was built in the early 1800s next to the Fallow Buck. The estate included a farm, Dutch barn, stables and two cottages set in 23 acres of pastoral land. It was the childhood home of the engineer Sir Joseph Bazalgette (1819-91) who was responsible for constructing London's sewerage system. Major George Ramsay, a resident in the 1840s and a director of the Enfield and Edmonton Railway Company, proposed the construction of a branch railway line from Angel Road, Edmonton, to Enfield Town, which opened in 1849. A later 19th century resident, the engineer Sir Roland Stephenson, served on the Enfield Board of Health and was employed to improve Enfield's water, sewerage and roads. In the early 20th century Rev Reginald Campbell lived at Hill Lodge. He was the congregational minister at the City Temple between 1903 and 1915. He was followed by the publisher Joseph Dent. In the 1960s Hill Lodge was demolished and replaced by a house and two bungalows.



This 1920 aerial view shows Kingswood, which was built on the south side of Clay Hill in about 1873 and has been a private residence ever since. After the Tudor gatehouse at Durants Arbour, Ponders End, was demolished in 1910, some of the fittings may have been incorporated into Kingswood.

Historic buildings



In 1847 James Whatman Bosanquet introduced Sunday afternoon services and lectures for working class people in a mid-19th century cottage in Flash Lane. The chapel and school remained in use until 1875 and the lancet windows of the former chapel can still be seen in "The Cot".



In 1820-21 the cast iron Flash Lane aqueduct was constructed with brick parapets and was supported on three brick piers to carry the New River over Cuffley Brook.



Clay(e)smore was a large stuccoed house built about 1740 on the north side of Clay Hill. The print dates from the ownership of the banker and founder of the Protestant Association, James Whatman Bosanquet, between 1847 and 1877. The 150 acre estate included barns, stables, coach houses, offices, outhouses, potting sheds, greenhouses, kitchen gardens, orchards and canals. Between 1896 and 1902 the house was used as a school and later briefly as a sanatorium before reverting to residential use. In 1937 the house and outbuildings were demolished. In the 1950s a new house, now called Brayside Farm and converted into flats and a riding school, was built on part of the site. Part of Clay(e)smore Lodge, which has the date 1803 on the facade, was fitted out as a private chapel in the mid-19th century.



Woodbury was built in 1853 in an Italianate style and was set in 13 acres of grounds on the south side of Clay Hill. It had an entrance hall, large sitting room, library, morning room, billiard room and office, with ten bedrooms and two bathrooms on the first floor and servants' rooms and a wine cellar in the basement. There was also a coachman's cottage and stables for three horses. Joseph Toms (of Derry and Toms department store in Kensington) lived there from 1876 and members of his family can be seen by the croquet lawn in this view of the south front. In 1968 it became an "educational recovery unit" called Clay Hill House. Since 2010 Woodbury Manor has been restored to its Victorian appearance and now provides "residential care for elderly gentlemen".



The early to mid-19th century Clay Hill Lodge on the south side of Clay Hill should not be confused with the former Clay Hill Lodge in Strayfield Road. It has a central chimney and a loggia with a hipped slate roof supported by wooden posts. The pointed windows on the ground floor have Gothic tracery.

Signs of a country lane: the trees of Lavender Hill

Today, Lavender Hill is a very busy East-West road, but until the rapid Victorian expansion, it was an ancient country lane, and even today there are still signs of its earlier existence. For some reason, the expansion of the new housing stopped on the south side of the road, and development of the north side was delayed for many years, and this has preserved signs of the lane that once existed.

Starting near the junction with Chase Side we see straightaway a long hedge running for 200 hundred yards that protects the privacy of St. Michael's School. Many of the original plants have gone, and new ones have been introduced, but there is plenty of hawthorn and even some elm which indicates that we are looking at something that has a long history. The hedge also includes three oak trees, often present in ancient hedgerows. We shall see more of them.

Above the school, there is the new development of Pinnata Close with seven small flowering trees. Next, there is the vast expanse of green in front of



Trees near Blossom Lane

the Blossom Lane/Cedar Road high-rise flats. The planners wisely obscured the grey blankness of these large buildings by planting a number of trees, now fully

mature, but there would have been room for more.



Two great oaks and one younger tree

On Lavender Hill itself there are two great oaks – surely about 200 years old – which are the only survivors of the ancient hedge that stretched up the hill. Until earlier this year there was a third, but now it is hard to see where it stood.

From Blossom Lane up to the pedestrian traffic lights there are two more ancient oaks and a little hedge in front of houses that are set back. We then meet a long tract of railway land where Lavender Hill crosses the Hertford Loop. There are plenty of trees to enjoy here, mostly ash and sycamore. Indeed the railway authorities have normally encouraged the growth of strong mature trees to help stabilise cuttings and embankments. We must hope this policy is sustained.

On the other side of the bridge we see first signs of the old lane on the south side of the road: three oak trees close together, and almost in touching distance with their cousins across the road. These include two oaks – one rather severely pruned – one horse chestnut and one dead trunk that ought to be removed.

The private houses here have some pleasant conifers which help to protect

their privacy, and the frontage of Albuhera Close is nicely landscaped with a few trees, and, yes, a short section of hedge to remind us that this once was farmland.

The final section of the road running up to the Ridgeway includes yet more magnificent oaks, including one from which the ivy has been carefully removed, and a lot of trees both within the Chase farm Hospital grounds, and on the public verge, including five oaks. With the hospital site on the verge of major redevelopment, it is to be fervently hoped that where possible some of these ancient trees may be retained.



Severely pruned oak, west of the railway bridge

It was only when I completed this survey that I was surprised at the number of ancient oaks that have survived. I make it 20. At least nine are on private property and unless a specific preservation order is in place, they are at the mercy of their owners. It is good to see the local authority caring for the trees on public spaces, but when funds are low, it may be difficult to maintain a good level of care.

David Nash

Work starts on cycle lanes

The Cycle Enfield project to install cycle lanes on the A105 from Palmers Green to Enfield Town has been given the go-ahead. The Council website at cycleenfield.co.uk/major-projects/a105-scheme-consultation/ lists changes that have been made in response to the public consultation. Our pictures show semi-circular islands at the junction of Devonshire Road with Ridge Avenue, which will push traffic towards the centre of the road to allow a stretch of roadside parking, with the cycle lane, shown by a blue line, between the parked cars and the pavement. Further along, a bus boarder is being constructed.

Leonard Will



Enfield Road Green Belt fields update

Representatives from Enfield RoadWatch and TES recently met with Joanne McCartney, who is a Deputy Mayor of London and the London Assembly representative for Enfield and Haringey.



Joanne McCartney

The meeting was arranged to discuss concerns about encroachment on and possible de-designation of parts of the borough's Green Belt. Joanne reassured the group that Mayor Khan is committed to protecting the Green Belt and that guidelines to that effect will be released to the boroughs over the next several

months as the London Plan revision progresses.

While this was encouraging news, the battle to save the Enfield Road Green Belt fields is not yet won. The Education Funding Agency [EFA] will soon finalise its site search for the 8 form-entry Wren Academy Enfield. The Enfield Road fields remain the school's first choice. If you have not already done so, you and your family can complete the Wren Academy survey on their website:

www.wrenenfield.org/take-our-survey.html. This will form part of the school's public consultation and is a good way of raising your objections to the fields being used as the school site.

In addition, Enfield's Local Plan and Green Belt reviews are in progress. Although the first Local Plan consultation revealed that 82% of respondents do not want to build on the Green Belt, we expect certain areas to be de-designated because of perceived housing and infrastructure demands. Watch for any further consultations that need to be completed.

To understand why the Green Belt in Enfield and elsewhere is under so much unnecessary pressure, it's worth reading the new report published by the London

Green Belt Council [LGBC] and the Campaign to Protect Rural England [CPRE] *Safe Under Us*. It explains the conflicting policies, the inflated population targets and other conditions which are creating an environment where it is easier to de-designate Green Belt than to do the right thing!



www.cprelondon.org.uk/resources/item/2339-safe-under-us

Carol Fisk
Vice Chair, Enfield RoadWatch

Rare find in Jubilee Hall loft

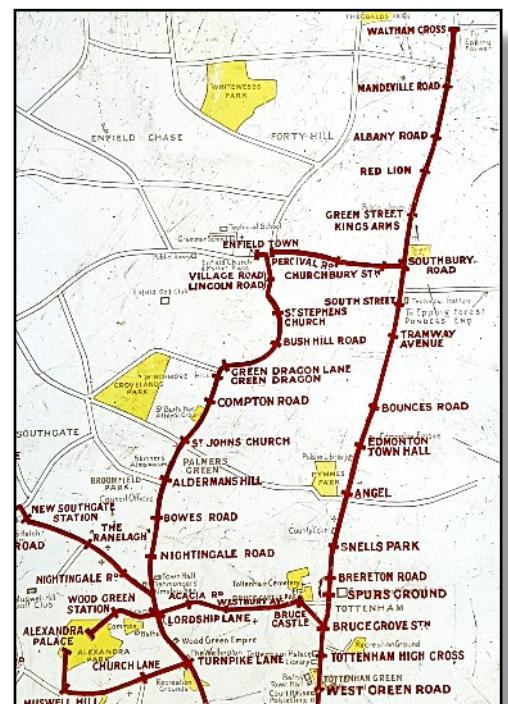


Dave Cockle, Chairman of The Enfield Society, presenting the map to Jan Metcalfe, Enfield's Museum Officer, at our exhibition in Enfield Museum.

While checking material for our anniversary exhibition, we discovered a century-old enamel map showing tram routes in north London in the loft of Jubilee Hall. It is in remarkably good condition in spite of

its age, though it has traces of cement on the back, where it appears to have been used as a board to mix cement on.

The Enfield Society has donated the map to Enfield Museum, where Museum Officer Jan



Detail of the map, showing the two lines at Enfield Town that were never joined together.

Metcalfe said "The map is a real slice of social history. The names of lost cinemas, music halls and former town halls are detailed along the routes that the trams served".

Dave Cockle

Future walks

Travel details are correct at press date but TES cannot be responsible for alterations. Always check for rail changes, especially at weekends (either via 03457 48 49 50 or the train company's website). Use TfL website for tube, DLR, London Overground and TfL buses (or ring 0343 222 1234).

Groupsave discount of about 34% is available on most non-TfL trains but is not usable with any Railcards.

See TfL/National Rail publicity maps for Freedom Pass boundaries and Oyster/Travelcard zones and always bring your card(s). County Council websites display current bus timetables for non-TfL services.

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes.

Tues 15 Nov. London Waterways. Meet at entrance to Platform 9, King's Cross mainline station for PROMPT START at 10.30.

About 7 to 7.5 mile linear walk via interesting sections of the Regent's Canal, Victoria Park and ending at Limehouse Basin DLR Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. *Leader: Peter Mackey*

Sat 19 Nov. Hertford/Panshanger. Meet 10.15 at entrance to Hertford North Station (09.51 train from Enfield Chase). About 7 to 8 mile circular walk with lunch stop in Hertford Town. Bring lunch or food available. Morning section includes newly opened paths in the restored Humphry Repton designed 1799 landscape of Panshanger Estate. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Thurs 24 Nov. Discovery Walk: Greenwich and Blackheath. Meet either 10.45 Island Gardens DLR Station or 11.10 at Cutty Sark DLR Station.

River scenes, historical connections, fine buildings, Greenwich Park and the open space of Blackheath. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Wed 30 Nov. Discovery Walk: Wren Churches. Meet at Monument Station (Circle/District Lines with pedestrian link from Bank Station) for PROMPT START at 10.30.

2016 is the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London that destroyed 100 churches. Sir Christopher Wren designed 51 replacement buildings and 25 of these still remained after WWII. During this walk of 2.5 to 3 hours Monica will visit the interior of some and view others from the outside. Coffee break. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Sat 3 Dec. Stoke Poges. Meet 10.24 Slough Station (09.50 GWR stopping service to Oxford from Paddington mainline station – usually from platforms 8-11). NOTE: recommend you do NOT

try to use the 09.50 fast (first stop Slough) Oxford train – usually grossly over-crowded with passengers seated on the floor!

7 mile linear walk mainly through varied countryside with golf courses via Stoke Poges (Gray's Elegy connection), ending at Langley Station. Bring lunch or pub food may be available. *Leader: Breda Jenkins*

Thurs 8 Dec. Bayford. Meet 10.33 Bayford Station (10.20 train from Enfield Chase). 6 mile circular walk through pretty conservation countryside via Little Berkhamsted. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Wed 14 Dec. Hendon Park to Highgate Woods. Meet 10.35 Hendon Central tube station (Northern Line). 6 to 7 mile linear walk linking waterways, open spaces and parkland via Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Shorter options. Lunch stop at East Finchley – bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Thurs 29 Dec. Hertfordshire River Valleys. Meet 10.30 St Margaret's Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.09 Greater Anglia train, or by direct 09.55 Greater Anglia train from Tottenham Hale, which also stops at intermediate stations. NOTE: buy return ticket to either Ware or Hertford depending upon your intended finishing point.

About 6.5 mile linear walk with attractive river scenes via Ware (lunch stop) and ending at Hertford. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Sat 7 Jan. Hampstead Heath. Meet in courtyard area adjacent to café/toilets at rear of Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, NW3, for PROMPT START at 10.30 (about 25 to 30 mins by 210 bus from Finsbury Park Station).

About 6.5 mile walk across the Heath and environs. Walking boots essential! Option to end at lunch stop in Hampstead Village – bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Thurs 12 Jan. Discovery Walk: Statues and Monuments. Meet by Green Park exit at Green Park Station (Piccadilly/Victoria Lines) for PROMPT START at 10.30.

About 6 mile walk discovering some of the outstanding statues, monuments and memorials located in the streets, open spaces and parks of the West End. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. *Leader: Peter Mackey*

Thurs 19 Jan. Lea Valley Waterways. For those wanting tea/coffee prior to start, meet 10.00 onwards at The Navigation Inn (Harvester) in Wharf Road, Ponders End (313 Wharf Road bus stop is 5 mins walk away in Lea Valley Road). Otherwise, be at Navigation Inn by 10.45.

About 3.75 to 4 mile linear walk to Waltham Abbey (lunch stop and option to end). Bring lunch or food available. After lunch, 1.5 to 2 mile linear walk to Cheshunt Station for return to Enfield. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret*

Tues 24 Jan. Enfield Town Stroll. For tea/coffee prior to start, meet 10.00 onwards at Enfield Town Library Green café in Church Street. If not, be at Library Green by 10.45.

About 2 mile walk in the conservation area, including sections of the New River and the Town Park with perhaps some comments on the geology and landscape. Please respect Norman's pace during this gentle relaxed stroll. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 28 Jan. Discovery Walk: City of London. Meet 10.30 at entrance to Platform 1, Liverpool Street mainline station. Today's walk will include some of the changes that continue to re-shape the City. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Wed 1 Feb. Enfield Countryside. Meet 10.20 Turkey Street Station (either 10.14 London Overground train from Southbury Station or by 217/317 bus to Turkey Street bus stop and then 10 mins walk to station along Turkey Street. NOTE: As Nigel will use various footpaths to reach Myddelton House Gardens café by about 10.50 for a coffee break, if late, you could go direct to café. Today's full linear walk of 6 miles is via the Forty Hall and Whitewebbs Estate and Hilly Fields to end at Gordon Hill Station. Lunch stop will be at Whitewebbs House and/or King & Tinker pubs. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Tues 7 Feb. Richmond Park. Meet 11.00 Richmond Station (or travel with Mick on 10.32 South West Trains Windsor train from Vauxhall mainline station). About 6 to 7 mile walk via Richmond Park and environs and part of The Thames riverside. Possibility of a shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Sat 11 Feb. Green Chain Walk. Meet 10.27 Abbey Wood Station (09.57 Southeastern Dartford train from Cannon Street mainline station – Circle/District Lines or short walk from Bank Station). NOTE: Crossrail works occur on some weekends when a rail replacement bus service is provided between Plumstead and Abbey Wood. If so, arrival at Abbey Wood and walk's start will be about 16 mins later.

4 mile linear morning walk via Lesnes Abbey ruins, then woodland, Bostall Heath/Woods and open spaces. Hilly in places but fine views. Shorter options. Lunch stop at Oxleas Meadows café – *bring emergency rations as no other facilities in area if café closed.* Afterwards, about 2 mile linear walk with views over The Thames, ending on

Plumstead Common for short bus ride to nearby station(s). Contact: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Thurs 16 Feb. Arcadian Thames. Meet 11.05 Kew Bridge Station (10.41 South West Trains Hounslow train from Vauxhall mainline station).

7 mile linear walk with constantly changing historical and riverside scenes following The Thames upstream via Syon Park, Old Isleworth and Marble Hill House, ending at Twickenham. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Wed 22 Feb. Plagues and Pestilence. Meet at the plaza immediately outside the rebuilt main entrance to London Bridge mainline station, next to The Shard, for PROMPT START at 10.30.

Today's walk traces a route highlighting the struggle over many centuries against illness and disease, ultimately creating modern hospitals, but with quacks, visionaries and heroes on the way. The walk will end in the City. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 25 Feb. Thames Estuary Path (Part 2). Date reserved for the next section of this route going eastwards from Stanford-le-Hope. Full details in next newsletter. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Stuart Mills

Enfield Local Heritage List – draft for comment

The Enfield Society and many volunteers have been working with Enfield Conservation Advisory Group, Enfield Local History and Historic England to draw up a list of buildings and other heritage assets to ensure that their importance is considered when a building alteration is proposed.

A draft Local Heritage List is now available from the Council's web site at

new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/heritage-conservation-and-countryside/listed-buildings/

This list of 251 entries contains photographs and descriptions showing the significance of each item, for historical, architectural or social reasons. It is a valuable resource in its own right, recording not only buildings but also other features which contribute to the character of our borough, such as parks, walls, gates, bridges, a dry dock, post boxes and road signs.

The list is open for public comment until 30th November 2016. Following this the draft list will be presented to Cabinet for approval.

Leonard Will

Obituary

Brian Frear 9th February 1936 – 21st July 2016

Unfortunately with the immediacy of printing the last newsletter, we were only able to briefly mention Brian's sudden death from motor neurone disease, which had been diagnosed three months earlier.

Brian was a well-known Enfield Society member over three decades, not just by attending most talks and events, but in contributing whenever possible. He prepared the British Oxygen article within Monica Smith's book *Time of change* (vol. 4 in our *History of Enfield* series).

However, Brian's most frequent involvement was as a TES walks leader. He led 92 walks and visits over the last 20 years. The majority were connected with the valleys of the Rivers Lea/Lee, Ash and Stort – an area which always delighted him and fellow walkers. Although all his walks were researched, those within London (such as Middlesex villages, the Law Courts area, City of London Blitz and Wapping Docks) were virtually professionally researched.

Educated at Latymer, his appetite for learning never lessened. Whilst working for British Oxygen he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree and improved his German to a standard that the company could refer detailed engineering product translations to him. Although sociable, he remained a private person and few would realise he was a key designer of cryogenic storage vessels for British Oxygen, including a world beater super vessel which was then manufactured in Edmonton.

In retirement he frequently attended lectures and concerts and was an active member of many erudite and varied organisations ranging from The Dickens Society, The Pugin Society and The Romney Marshes Historic Churches Society to The Institution of Mechanical Engineers. During many years these activities and TES walks were shared with his long-term partner, Janet, but tragically she died suddenly in 2007.

During Brian's last few months he insisted his medical symptoms be used to assist motor neurone disease research but such was his Christian faith that throughout he never complained and retained his sense of humour, frequently re-telling some of his favourite stories.

His niece and family would like to thank those many TES members who attended his funeral.

Stuart Mills

Discovery walk in Islington



There were 40 walkers on the "discovery walk" led by Monica Smith on 23rd August along the old course of the New River and through some of Islington's famous squares. John Bourne took this picture in Thornhill Square. Our walks programme now includes several of these "discovery walks", on which the leader provides interesting information about the places visited. They are listed under "special events" on page 5.

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The Enfield Society Conference *20th century Enfield: the time of change*

Saturday 12th November 2016, starting at 10 am, at the Dugdale Centre.

There are still some places left on what should be a very interesting day. We will be looking mainly at the changes in Enfield in the last century: Monica Smith, author of the fourth volume in our *History of Enfield* series, will talk on Enfield 1939-1969, Ian Jones will tell us some First World War tales and Bob Fowler will consider the effect of the Enfield Society on the Borough in the last 80 years, as illustrated in our current exhibition.

We will also be royally entertained by Joe Robinson in his guise of the Enfield beast, before Joe Studman and Dave Cockle lead us on a walk looking at some of the buildings and green spaces in the Town that might not still be there if it were not for the Society. If you are not able to take part in the walk or the weather is very inclement there will be a quiz to entertain you.

The cost is £15 per person which includes lunch, as well as coffee, tea and biscuits.

As time is short please telephone Janet McQueen on 020 8367 7374 to reserve your place or book online at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/conference where you can pay by card or PayPal. I will then send your tickets by email.

Janet McQueen

Change in Enfield Town . . .



Palace Gardens before 1979



Palace Gardens in 1985.

Blind auction result

In our last issue we announced a blind auction of a set of six commemorative plates showing Enfield scenes that had been donated to us to raise funds for the Society. We are delighted to report that the winning bid was for £120, and we express our thanks to the purchaser and to Lucy Grayburn's daughters who donated the plates after their mother's death.

Leonard Will



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 20th January 2017, and it will be published on 14th February.

Leonard Will