

Enfield Society News

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Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group

At the committee meeting in November it was agreed that the Society should resurrect its anti-litter group which has not been active for several years. Unfortunately, whilst there has been a pause in this activity on the part of the Society, the culprits who seem to delight in leaving their rubbish around our streets and footpaths have shown no such pause and the need to combat this anti-social menace is still as pressing as ever.

This is not to say that Enfield Council does not play its part, and we all pay for their efforts through our business rates and council tax, but litter clearance can often seem like a losing battle.

The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group will attempt to make a difference by organising volunteers to clean up some of the locations throughout the borough where the need is greatest.

In fact, a number of the Society's members did take part in various antilitter initiatives during 2016. As well as some purely local initiatives, at the beginning of March there was the "Clean for the Queen" weekend with the aim of tidying neighbourhoods ahead of the Queen's birthday in April. Then in November there was the New River Path Clean-up which covered parts of the New River footpath where it passes through Enfield as well as adjoining boroughs.

These events were both supported by CleanupUK (www.cleanupuk.org.uk), a charity which helps anyone wherever they live in the UK to form a litterpicking group and the New River Path event was a joint venture with Thames 21 (www.thames21.org.uk) which is also a charity whose aim is to rebuild an



environmentally sound relationship between communities and their rivers.

Each event was well supported by Enfield Society members and the photograph shows the New River group at Turkey Street, undaunted by inclement weather, with the spoils of the day's efforts. In fact these events often turn into an enjoyable social occasion, finishing with refreshments and an opportunity to swap stories about the unusual items of litter which have been found.

In forming this new group I am hoping that the Enfield Society, with help from CleanupUK, will be able to tackle some of the areas around Enfield where litter is a particular problem. I envisage that our activities might sometimes take place at weekends and sometimes mid-week, usually for two or three hours during the morning. All necessary equipment such

as litter grabbers and gloves will be provided. There would be no obligation to attend on all occasions.

Perhaps this is a good opportunity to mention that Keep Britain Tidy (www.keepbritaintidy.org) will this year be promoting "The Great British Spring Clean" to encourage activities during the month of March with a particular focus over the weekend of 3rd - 5th March.

Please volunteer so we can ensure that the Enfield Society plays an active part.

Anyone who feels they might be interested in joining us should contact me for further information, either by email to n.king@enfieldsociety.org.uk or alternatively telephone the office on (020) 8363 9495 and leave a message on our answering machine.

Nigel King

The revival of this group continues a long tradition of The Enfield Society working to keep our environment clean, started by Don Gresswell in the early 1960s, as shown by these pictures from our archives.



1973: Strayfield Road, with a council lorry



1983: Don Gresswell.



1996: Holly Walk. National Spring Clean Week

Green Belt and civic environment

Petitions to save the Green Belt

Two of the organisations to which The Enfield Society belongs are promoting petitions to protect our green belts.

The London Green Belt Council are encouraging people to sign a petition initiated by Theydon Bois Action Group. This is at

https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/to-protect-english-green-belts, and calls on Mr Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to issue a new Policy Instruction to the Planning Inspectorate confirming the Planning Practice Guidance published by the Government on 6 October 2014 which states that "Unmet housing needis unlikely to outweigh the harm to the Green Belt and other harm to constitute the 'very special circumstances' justifying inappropriate development on a site within the Green Belt".

Civic Voice is asking you to sign a petition requesting Parliament to 'give communities back the right to decide where houses are built.' This petition, at https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/ 177333 calls for a parliamentary debate on government Housing and Planning policy over building on greenfield land and seeks community right of appeal on planning decisions and the removal of the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

The petition needs 10,000 signatures to receive a government response. If it receives 100,000 signatures the petition will be considered for debate in Parliament.

Heritage at Risk Register updated

Historic England have recently updated their register of historic sites at risk, described at historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/. A search for "Enfield" returned the following list; the online register gives additional details.

Entry Name	Condition
Church Street, Edmonton N9 Conservation Area	Very bad
Fore Street, Edmonton N18 Conservation Area	Very bad
All Saints Church, Church Street N9	Poor: C
Grovelands Park N14	Generally satisfactory but with minor localised problems
Trent Park	Generally satisfactory but with significant localised problems
Broomfield House, Broomfield Park, Broomfield Lane N13	Very bad: A
Stable block in Broomfield Park, Broomfield Lane N13	Very bad: A
Nonconformist Chapel, Lavender Hill Cemetery, Cedar Road	Poor: C
Truro House and stable block, 176, Green Lanes N13	Poor: F
Enfield Electricity Works, 20, Ladysmith Road, Enfield	Fair: E
Barn at Whitewebbs Farm, Whitewebbs Road	Very bad: B
Trent Park House terrace, Cockfosters Road, Trent Park	Very bad: C
Former Edmonton Girls' Charity School, Church Street, Edmonton N9	Poor: C
24, Church Street, Edmonton N9. Former teacher's accommodation to the adjoining Charity School	Poor: C
New Covenant Church (formerly The Charles Lamb Halls), Church Street, Edmonton N9	Poor: C

In addition to a condition grading, individual buildings are given a "priority category" as follows:

- A Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed
- B Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; solution agreed but not yet implemented
- C Slow decay; no solution agreed
- E Under repair or in fair to good repair, but no user identified; or under threat of vacancy with no obvious new user (applicable only to buildings capable of beneficial use)
- F Repair scheme in progress and (where applicable) end use or user identified; or functionally redundant buildings with new use agreed but not yet implemented.

Our neighbours are fighting for the Green Belt too

Two of our neighbouring areas have their own campaigns to save their parts of the Green Belt.

Members of the London Green Belt Council in the London Borough of Barnet are campaigning hard to stop the expansion of a school onto 21 acres of open Green Belt Land in Mill Hill. The Mill Hill Preservation Society and the Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum have set out at www.green-belt-destruction-nw7.org.uk/mhps.pdf their objections to a proposal from Hasmonean Girls School to expand into 15 acres of Green Belt land. The school cites "very special circumstances" but the objectors do not find this convincing.

A planning application for for six hundred houses on Green Belt land to the west of Cuffley was rejected after the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Planning Committee received more than a thousand letters of objection. The Committee balanced any benefit the development would bring against the negative impact (loss of green belt, lack of suitable infrastructure etc.), and concluded that the application fell a long way short of delivering the 'very special circumstances' necessary to release land from the Green Belt. The objectors expect the applicant to appeal to the Secretary of State, so the fight is by no means over. Updates are available at scangb.co.uk.

Leonard Will



This timber-framed barn at Whitewebbs Farm, listed Grade II and on the Heritage at Risk Register, is thought to date from the late 17th century. It has recently been bought by new owners, who plan to restore it sympathetically to provide residential accommodation, for which permission has already been granted. They are seeking information about the history of Whitewebbs Farm and this building and can be contacted at laura and grant@hotmail.com.

The trees of Enfield – oak trees

Enfield was once part of a vast forest stretching from the City of London into Hertfordshire. It became a Royal Hunting ground or Chase because of its extensive woodland, predominantly oak, but with many other native species. Despite a couple of centuries of urban development, many trees and wooded areas remain. The Trees Group seeks to protect trees where possible, promote tree planting and sponsor planting schemes. As we are often asked to identify trees, we realise that many members may not be familiar with different trees, particularly where they are very similar. This is the first of a series of articles which seeks to describe different trees found locally and, where possible, to identify examples. We are starting with the oak tree.

The English Oak (Quercus robur) is arguably the best known and loved of our native trees. It is also the most common tree species in the Britain, especially in southern deciduous woodland. There are many fine examples in Trent Park, Town Park and Arnos Park. The tree produces acorns after about 40 years and reaches maturity after about 120 years. The leaves are about 10 cm long and very distinctive, with 4 to 5 deep lobes. The picture above shows a mature oak in the Hertfordshire countryside. The English Oak is often confused with the Sessile Oak (*Quercus petraea*), also known as the Durmast Oak. The main difference is that acorns are on stalks on the English Oak and grow direct on the branch on the Sessile Oak. The Sessile Oak tends to grow on slightly poorer soil, often in hilly areas and becomes more common as you move west and north across the country. Both these oaks are native

The other oaks are the **Red Oak** (*Quercus rubra*), **Turkey Oak** (*Quercus cerris*) and the **Holme Oak** (*Quercus ilex*). All these oaks have



An English Oak tree in summer. Note the rather ragged crown; oaks are extremely variable in shape.

become fully naturalised in southern England, but originate from North America, south east Europe and the Mediterranean respectively. The **Red Oak** is usually planted for the brilliant orange-red autumn colouring. There is a good example in Town Park, close to the Essex Road entrance; the picture



A Red Oak tree in autumn. Note the slightly pointed leaves.

below shows the leaves in autumn. The leaves are similar to the English Oak but slightly more pointed. The **Turkey Oak** is similar to the English Oak, but can be distinguished from all other oaks by the long narrow filaments that surround the leaf buds and which persist to form stipules at the base of the leaves. The **Holme Oak**, also

known as the Holly Oak, is the only evergreen oak in Britain. It produces acorns, but the leaves are darker and shiner than the other oaks and have no lobes. There are some fine Holme Oaks in the Enfield Grammar Lower School grounds directly opposite Enfield Police Station.

Further information about the oak family and other trees can be found on the Woodland Trust website www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

John West

News of members

We are sad to report the death of Olive Sharman, who joined the Society in 1991, and for a time was a member of our Management Committee and acted as our Membership Secretary.

We also regret the death of Marion Elizabeth Wiley, a member since 1993. She has left a generous legacy to the Society.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members
Mr & Mrs K & S Agapiou, Mrs T Baigent, Mr F Barker, Mrs B Barnicoat,
Mrs S Bayhan, Mrs P A Bleach, Mr D Bovington, Miss C L Broadfoot,
Mr C Chessum, Mr & Mrs G T Clarke, Mrs E Colman, Mrs S Craig, Dr A El-Amir,
Mrs J Forsyth, Mr & Mrs T & A M Foster, Mr S J Gardner, Mrs L Hall,
Mrs P Kennedy, Mr I K Moules, Mr & Mrs M & C A Newman, Mr M Paddon,
Mrs V M Rennie, Miss S E Ruffle, Ms C Singh, Mr & Mrs A & H C Walls,
Ms S Walsh, Mr D J West, Miss J M White.

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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*

Wednesday 22nd February 7-8pm, Forty Hall. Markets, fairs and festivals in Enfield, an illustrated talk by Joe Studman. £5. Delve into the history of markets and fairs across the borough. Enfield Market dates back to 1303 and Edmonton market was only legalised in 1930s. Both parishes had fairs from an early date but this talk also includes Victorian festivals that drew large crowds to Enfield.

Friday 10th March, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *The Must Farm Archaeological Project*, by Mark Knight. [EAS]

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 (Roehampton University). [HA]

Wednesday 22nd March 7-8pm, Forty Hall. The lost buildings of Edmonton and Enfield, an illustrated talk by Joe Studman. £5. Forty Hall stands proud but we have lost Elsynge, The Palace, Pymmes and Weir Hall to name a few. This lively talk will uncover many of the buildings lost over the years and will touch upon the personalities associated with them.

Friday 7th April 2017, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Enfield Archaeological Fieldwork in 2016*, by Martin Dearne, preceded by the AGM [EAS]

Tuesday 11th April, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. The best of intentions: Britain's part in the origins of the Arab-Israeli conflict, by David Blair (Daily Telegraph). [HA]

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

Enfield Archaeological Society will shortly be publishing a major research report pulling together the results of sixty years of digs on the Bush Hill Park Roman settlement, the site of Churchfield in Edmonton and including information on other possible Roman settlements, burials and casual finds. We hope to include a review in a future issue.

EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. Talks are free to members — there is a charge of £1 per head for visitors. The 2017 programme of talks had not been finalised by the time we went to press, but we shall add EHHS meetings to the diary of events on our website at enfieldsociety.org.uk/diary.htm as soon as we have details.

HA: Meeting of The Historical Association, North London Branch. Nonmembers 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.

Exhibitions



After a one month extension the Society's 80th Anniversary exhibition at the Dugdale Centre closed on 29th January. It opened in May of last year and has attracted well in excess of 6000 visitors from across the Borough, elsewhere in the UK and some from overseas. Adults and children have enjoyed learning about the action and achievements of TES over its 80 years of existence. We have received many complimentary comments about the information and displays provided. The Society is grateful to Enfield Council for generously making the Museum Gallery and the assistance of Jan Metcalfe, Museum Officer, available at no charge. We are also grateful to those organisations and individuals who lent material for some of the displays. A more detailed report will appear in the next issue of this newsletter.

Enfield Museum's next exhibition, *Terrific Toys: made and played in Enfield*, will explore 100 years of toys and games played with by Enfield children and investigate some of the borough's factories that produced famous name toys. Examples include Scrabble, produced by Spears in Brimsdown, and Matchbox, produced by Lesney Products in Edmonton and Enfield. If you have any such toys the museum would be pleased to hear from you on 020 8379 1469 or enfield.museum.service@enfield.gov.uk

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting – notice of meeting

This is to give formal notice that the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday June 8th at Jubilee Hall, Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ. Doors will open at 7.30 pm and the meeting will start at 8 pm. The business of the meeting will be to

- receive the Report of the Management Committee and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016;
- consider the re-election of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer; and
- consider the election or re-election of other members of the Management Committee.

A more detailed agenda will be enclosed with the next Newsletter. The meeting will be followed by a talk entitled *An architectural history of Trent Park Mansion*, by Natasha Brown, a Chartered Architect who has worked on many Grade I and Grade II* Listed buildings, and who is advising Berkeley Homes as a conservation consultant on Trent Park.

Any member may appoint any other person as his or her proxy to exercise all or any of his or her rights to attend and to speak and vote at the meeting.

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 2017. 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 Honorary Secretary

Enfield Society events

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

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 Sudeley Castle, Bourton House, and the Westonbirt Arboretum

Tuesday 28th March. *Urban orchards* and edible landscapes, by Jo Homan.

Jo works with the Urban Orchard Project and with Edible Landscapes London (ELL), based at Finsbury Park. ELL trains volunteers to propagate plants which are then given away to community food growing projects. The Urban Orchard project works with communities to plant, manage, restore and harvest orchards in urban areas. Jo will talk about her work organising and running training sessions for volunteers for both these projects and recent successes in creating "lush cities across the United Kingdom swathed in fruit and nut trees".

Tuesday 25th April. *Notting Hill,* by Stuart Harvey.

In this illustrated talk Stuart will take a look at the personalities and events of Notting Hill's varied relatively recent past, including villains, politicians and exceptional everyday people who dramatically changed life in the area.

Tuesday 30th May. [Title to be confirmed], Elizabeth Devonshire

Local resident Liz Devonshire will talk about her work as a professional photographer and will show us some of the photographs she has had accepted for exhibitions over the past few years.

Tuesday 27th June. The secret listeners of Trent Park, by Helen Fry.

Bugging the Nazis in WWII: a very secret war. During WWII British Intelligence bugged the conversations of over 10,000 German prisoners of war at three clandestine stately houses. Trent Park was reserved for Hitler's Generals and in an astonishing turn of events, they were housed there in luxurious conditions which turned out to be one of the greatest deceptions of the wartime. Lulled into a false sense of security, the Generals relaxed and became unguarded in their conversations. They inadvertently began to reveal some of Hitler's most closely guarded secrets, including discussions about V1 ('doodlebug'), V2 and atomic bomb programme. For over 60 years the secret listeners never spoke about their work, not even to their families. They died, little knowing that they, alongside Bletchley Park, shortened the war by up to 4 years. Having worked through the declassified files, historian Dr Helen Fry sheds light on one of the little-known, but greatest deception of WWII.

The President's column

When I wrote my column for the Autumn Newsletter, reviewing the achievements of the Enfield Society since its foundation, I little thought that the next would be my last. Unfortunately, around Christmas I discovered that for health reasons I can no longer participate effectively in the various groups within the Society and will have to limit any future role I may have to an entirely passive one. We have faced many challenges during my 52 years of

membership, mostly successfully,

and I am confident that, with its commitment and expertise in many fields, our membership will deal effectively with new problems as they arise. I am most grateful for the support and friendship I have received from colleagues and I wish the Enfield Society continuing success in the future.

Chris Jephcott

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

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.

Monday 20th March. Medieval painted churches, an illustrated talk by art historian Nicola Lowe. In medieval England most people could not read and churches were decorated with pictures of Bible stories and saints in stained glass windows and on altarpieces, rood screens and walls. Many of these were destroyed, painted over or defaced at the Reformation in the 16th century. This talk will be illustrated with paintings which have survived, including ones rediscovered in later centuries. The emphasis will be on those which can be seen nearer to Enfield.

Monday 15th May. London's railway termini. Part 2: south and west. An illustrated talk by Roger Elkin. Following Roger's interesting presentation last year, this talk will cover Paddington, Victoria, Charing Cross, Waterloo, Blackfriars, Cannon Street and London Bridge, as well as trains which have left from those stations.

Special events. For details see the pages shown.

Wednesday 22nd February. *Plagues and Pestilence*. TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Monday 20th March. Victorian Gothic and Grand Union Canal. TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Thursday 30th March. Wren Churches (Part 2). TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Wednesday 19th April, 7 for 7.30 pm All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton. A history of street photography in London through the collections at Bishopsgate Institute, by Stefan Dickers, Special Collections and Archives Manager, Bishopsgate Institute. (Joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.)

Thursday 4th May. *Dickens' London*. TES Discovery Walk. Page 11.

Saturday 13th May. *Heritage walk around Clay Hill.* (TES Historic Buildings Group.) Page 11.

Thursday 18th May. Arnos Park and Pymmes Brook stroll. Short, gentle-paced TES walk of local interest. Page 11.

Thursday 8th June, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Annual General Meeting of The Enfield Society, followed by a talk on *An architectural history of Trent Park Mansion*, by Natasha Brown. Page 4.

Anyone for croquet?



There is no connection to The Enfield Society, but we thought that members might be interested in a free introductory course being run by Enfield Croquet Club in Bush Hill Park.

If you enjoy sport, but no longer have quite the same stamina or reflexes required in other games, croquet could be just what you're looking for.

It's a game of skill that doesn't depend on speed or power, but on thoughtful and tactical play, and men and women can play on an equal footing. The course will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 5 and 22 April inclusive, starting at 9.45 and finishing around 12 noon.

For details see the club's website at www.enfieldcroquet.org and to book a place email the club secretary, Marian Cuckson: secretary@enfieldcroquet.org

Historic buildings

Clay Hill, Enfield. Part 2

Images marked * were provided by the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive. See page 11 for details of a guided heritage walk around the Clay Hill area on Saturday 13th May.





The late 16th or early 17th century timber framed Rose and Crown (possibly previously known as The Rose) has an early 18th century painted brick front with gabled dormer windows in a high pitched tiled roof. It was first recorded as an inn in 1716, when the area was known as Bull Beggars Hollow and Bull Beggars Hole. The middle section was originally a separate cottage. The early 19th century two-storey slate roofed building on the right was for many years a shop; it was in turn a drapers, an off licence and a sweet shop, before being incorporated into the public house. The 1906 picture postcard view on the left shows a milk delivery cart from a dairy farm on the Ridgeway. In 1909 Enfield Urban District Council purchased the 62 acre Park Farm between Clay Hill and Phipps Hatch Lane for £7,950 and Hilly Fields Park opened in 1911. The bandstand has been used for concerts and holidays in the parks entertainments for children. There was also a pitch and putt course at the Clay Hill end of the park.





The central section of Bramley House was built in 1750 in brown brick with red brick dressings. It had extensive grounds, stretching northwards to the New River. The house was extended on the left in 1881 and became a private school which can be seen in the 1910 photograph. From 1915 it was a home for boys with learning difficulties. This was changed to girls in 1921 and a further extension was added on the right in 1926. In 1948 it became an NHS hospital. Another wing was built in the 1980s and Bramley House Court now contains 27 sheltered flats. The former stable building was converted into a family residence.

Historic buildings



Great Pipers, later known as The Barracks, built in 1700, is shown in a photograph from the 1870s.



20 cottages were built on the site in 1881, some facing on to St John's Terrace and some on to Clay Hill, as shown in this 1909 photograph.



In the 1950s a teddy bears' tea party was regularly displayed in the front garden of one of the cottages



The 19th century stuccoed façade of Little Pipers incorporates an earlier building, parts of which may date back to the late 16th and early 18th centuries.



The Firs is a two storey house, with seven bays and a stuccoed façade, built in 1820. The ground floor windows have moulded rusticated architraves. The entrance has an open-pedimented porch with Ionic columns. In 1962 the house was divided into five flats, one of which was occupied by the actor Reg Varney, who starred in *The Rag Trade* and *On the Buses* on TV. In 1967 Reg Varney was the first member of the public to use the world's first cash machine, outside Barclays Bank in Enfield Town.



Forty Hall

Learning at Forty Hall and Estate

Sponsorship at Forty Hall

For the last four years the Society has sponsored the Learning and Education Outreach Programmes at Forty Hall. The following article by the two Programme Officers, Frances Cherry and Helen Hamlyn, covers the last full school year from September 2015 to July 2016

Last academic year, 2238 pupils visited Forty Hall to learn about heritage, art and

ecology in the Hall and on its estate. Some of the popular History sessions were Toys Old and New, Rainton's Writings, 17th Century Clothing at The Haberdashers' House, Living Off The Land and A Jacobean Home.



Programme featured in an article called Teacher Tips For Trips in the School Travel Organiser magazine by Chris Wilkins-Molloy, Key Stage 2 Leader at George Spicer Primary School in Enfield. She recommended Forty Hall to other teachers and mentioned that they had been coming to Forty Hall for the past four years because 'it offers a good range of activities for different age groups and curriculum areas, which include outdoor learning in the grounds as well as sessions based inside the historic building'. Local History is particularly important for pupils in Year 6 and Forty Hall has become a main topic for pupils: 'Our Year 6 pupils visit as part of a local history unit, studying the history of the hall and its first occupant, Sir Nicholas Rainton. . .' These sessions have been devised to engage the children in searching for clues to events and characters among the artefacts inside the building.

The archaeological excavation of the remains of Elsyng Palace took place and Primary Schools were invited to explore the site as part of a special session with members of The Enfield Archaeological Society. Pupils examined different areas of life at the palace through handling artefacts, by looking at the trench and landscape and meeting the archaeologists at work. Classes for Starks Field Primary School focused particularly on the

contrasting lives of two children who would have lived under Thomas Lovell's care in the palace – Lambert Simnel, the pretender to the throne in Henry VII's time who had to work as a spit-turner and kitchen boy as punishment at Elsyng, and a local pupil who was taken in and educated at the palace. Pupils looked at how archaeologists knew what food the boys would have eaten, which parts of the palace they would have lived in and what their daily lives may have been like.



Year 11 Textiles students from St Anne's making their own felt from wool.

Sessions around temporary and touring Art and Craft exhibitions at Forty Hall from The National Centre for Craft and Design, with curator Liz Cooper, offered local primary and secondary Art and Textiles students the chance to take a closer look at the work of some modern artists

and to create pieces for their own portfolios. Alma Primary School and St Anne's students were among those to come to the Black Sheep: The Darker Side of Felt schools sessions where they explored how modern craft artists were using this ancient material to break new boundaries and learnt to use the process of wet-felting themselves. St Anne's Year 11 textiles students commented that 'we have enjoyed the exhibition and the workshop and we have improved our understanding of how some fabrics are constructed'. Churchfield Primary School had a trail of knitted socks with questions hidden inside them to guide them through the new mixed media What Do I Need To Make It OK? exhibition before using stitchwork and design to give new life to their own worn-out garments. The class teacher Lisa Howes wrote afterwards to say that 'the children loved their time with you and are very proud of what they have made'.

Worcesters School pupils came to our photography session *Look Through To Find A View* and learnt about composition by analysing and photographing views framed by windows, doorways and picture frames inside the Hall and the 18th century landscaping of the grounds outside. They have used the photographs taken by the children to make a display at school about their work and what they learnt.

In the summer a joint pilot project took place between the Enfield Town Schools Partnership and Forty Hall. This was a day to encourage outdoor learning whilst supporting the transition to secondary school and greater independence for Year Six pupils. Eight different schools took part in the day. Pupils worked together in mixed teams of different schools and had six different challenges to complete, for example whittling an archaeological tool on The Lime Avenue and making a boat to race on Turkey Brook out of natural materials. 80% of pupils rated these activities as good or excellent in their feedback and 100% of the pupils wanted to do more outdoor learning as a result of the day.

We would like to thank The Enfield Society for their continuing support of the Education Programme at Forty Hall. We have had bookings so far for 17 classes to come to sessions since September so we look forward to enabling even more pupils and students to experience learning in and about this wonderful building.

Frances Cherry and Helen Hamlyn Learning and Education Outreach Officers

Forty Hall opening times

The times when Forty Hall will be open to the public in 2017 are rather more limited than in the past. Their website gives the following times:

7th January – 2nd April 2017: Open Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays, 11am - 4pm

SUMMER TIME (3rd April – 31st October 2017): Open Thursday to Sunday, 11am - 5pm

WINTER TIME (1st November 2017-31st December 2017): Open Thursday to Sunday 11am - 4pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Open Tuesdays to Sundays during Enfield school holidays (dates below).

- February Half Term Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2017
- Easter Break Monday 3 April 2017 to Monday 17th April 2017
- May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017
- May Half Term Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017
- Summer Holiday Friday 21st July to Monday 4th September 2017

Rooms are subject to closure for private hires and programmed events.

Archives and records

Minute book mystery

On Friday 11th November I found a mysterious package outside my front door. It was heavy, wrapped in a blue plastic bag, sealed with adhesive tape and had a label with my name and address, but no indication of where it had come from. As it wasn't ticking, and there was no sign of wires, I opened it gingerly to find that it contained two large manuscript volumes. One was headed *Minute book. Hospital Committee. The Urban District Council of Enfield,* covering the period from 14th January 1895 to 21st June 1905, and the other, which seems to be its continuation, was *Minute book of the Enfield and Edmonton Joint Hospital Board*, from 27th July 1908 to 17th January 1911.



The Enfield Society doesn't collect material on the general history of Enfield, leaving that to the Local Studies Library and Archive, so we have given these minute books to them.

I couldn't resist looking inside, though, and found many interesting items. These include

- Estimates for the building, equipment and staffing of the new isolation hospital at Worlds End (later to become Highlands Hospital), 1896.
- Patients' daily diet sheet, 1900.
- The average cost per head for food for patients and staff for the June quarter of 1903 was 101/4d per day.
- The Revd. Father Cox was permitted to keep his own Cassock and Biretta at the hospital for use when visiting, subject to same being made of materials to be approved by the Medical Superintendent.
- That as Dr Ridge could be called by telephone at any hour of the day or night, and with a highly trained Matron and Staff to receive and attend to patients, there was no danger to be feared by the absence of a resident Medical attendant.
- A complaint was received in 1902 from James Mims, of Chesterfield Road, Enfield Lock, that he had been compulsorily taken to South Mimms Small Pox hospital, when he did not have that disease. He says "My home was thrown into confusion, everyone in the house having to be vaccinated at my expense. The room I had occupied having to have the walls washed scraped ceiling done and re-papered etc. all putting me to a big expense besides the things that were taken away being all discoloured, my bedstead all turned rusty so that I feel I am entitled to compensation, besides the unpleasantness of everyone knowing the condition of my wife, my being taken away from her at such a time was more likely to have upset her than my being left at home, especially as my family was all isolated for 14 days no one being allowed in the house, so that I should feel greatly obliged if you will bring my complaint forward, as I think it is one for substantial compensation." The committee awarded him agreed compensation of £2:2:0.

Leonard Will

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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.

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

The walk highlights the struggle against illness and disease, ultimately creating modern hospitals, but with quacks, visionaries and heroes on the way. Ends 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). Meet 10.43 Stanford-le-Hope Station. Either join Dave on 08.52 train from Enfield Town, or meet him at 09.25 by entrance to Platform 1, Liverpool Street mainline station. If scheduled Crossrail works occur, Dave will take group to Fenchurch Street Station to catch 09.54 c2c Southend train (if no works, then 09.43 c2c train from Liverpool Street, changing at Barking). NOTE: buy Super Off-Peak Day Return from Upminster to Pitsea (or Stanford-le-Hope if ending at lunch).

9 mile linear walk via Thurrock Thameside Nature Park, Mucking Flats, Corringham (lunch), Fobbing and Vange Marshes. Option to end after 4.5 miles at lunch break (pub/café) and return by bus to start. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. Leader: Dave Cockle

Thurs 2 March. Trent Park. For tea/coffee before the walk, meet 09.45 onwards at Church House Café in Chalk Lane (opposite Cockfosters Station). If not, be at Cockfosters Station by 10.30. NOTE: should this mainly voluntary café be closed, then meet at Miracles café in nearby shop parade.

A circular walk in Green Belt countryside via Trent Park, Boxer's Lake and farmland paths with a lunch stop at The Jolly Farmer's pub (Enfield Road/Slades Hill) from about 12.45 – option to end or join for afternoon return to Cockfosters. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Tues 7 March. Northern Heights. Meet 10.03 Alexandra Palace Station (09.51 train from Enfield Chase). About 3.5 mile linear walk (with coffee break) via Palace grounds, disused railway and Highgate Wood to lunch stop in Highgate Village and option to end. Bring lunch or food available.

In afternoon about 3 mile walk over Hampstead Heath ending at a convenient point for return to Enfield. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Wed 15 March. New River and Lea Valley. Meet 10.20 near entrance to Finsbury Park mainline station at Station Place (Seven Sisters Road) bus station.
7.5 mile linear walk via the Park, New River, and the newly opened Woodbury Down nature reserve to Clissold Park, Abney Cemetery nature reserve and Stoke Newington High Street. After lunch, across the Lea Valley, then Walthamstow Marshes and Coppermill Stream to end at Walthamstow Central Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West

Mon 20 March. Discovery Walk: Victorian Gothic and Grand Union Canal. Meet 10.30 Kensal Green Station (on Bakerloo Line and also London Overground 10.17 Watford train from Euston mainline station).

Roy will provide a detailed tour of Kensal Green Cemetery which is both an extensive nature reserve and a site of nationally important monuments. Then a pleasant canal walk ending at Little Venice/Paddington Basin area by 13.30 with optional lunch facilities and/or return from Warwick Avenue Station. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. Leader: Roy Nicholls

Sat 25 March. Fulham Palace, River Thames and Chiswick House Gardens. Meet 10.35 Putney Bridge Station (District Line from either Victoria or Earl's Court).

About 7.5 mile linear walk via Barnes Common with options to end in Barnes Village (lunch stop) and Chiswick. Bring lunch or food available. In afternoon we hope to visit Chiswick House Gardens and view the 2017 Camellia Show in the restored conservatory. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. Leader: Stuart Mills

Thurs 30 March. Discovery Walk: Wren Churches (Part 2). Meet near booking office in Moorgate Station (Great Northern, Circle/ Met and Hammersmith & City Lines) for PROMPT START at 10.30.

Following Monica's previous 350th Great Fire of London anniversary and Wren Churches walk, today Monica will visit a different selection of Sir Christopher Wren designed churches, viewing interiors of some. 2.5 to 3 hour circular walk with coffee break. Many shorter options. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Tues 4 April. Lea Valley Waterways. Meet 10.20 Broxbourne Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.09 Greater Anglia Hertford East train, or by direct train from Tottenham Hale at 09.55 which also calls at intermediate stations.

About 7.5 mile circular walk following the River Lea via Dobbs Weir to lunch stop at Rye House (with option to end) and then return to Broxbourne via the New River. Bring lunch or pub food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. Leader: Peter Mackey

Sat 8 April. Pilgrim's Way. Meet 10.41 Dorking Station (09.54 South West Trains Dorking train from Waterloo mainline station or at 09.58 from Vauxhall station).

A repeat of this attractive walk but hopefully without-the rain of last time! About 7.5 mile circular walk in lovely scenery below the North Downs with good views and option to end after about 4 miles from Wotton lunch stop. NOTE: one long, steady climb (but not steep) in morning. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. Leader: Martin Langer

Wed 12 April. Commons and River Thames. Meet 10.50 North Greenwich Station (Jubilee Line). Suggest travel from Highbury & Islington on either 10.12 or 10.19 London Overground train to Canada Water, then Jubilee Line.

Initially following the Thames Path to the Thames Barrier, then via parks, commons (Woolwich, Plumstead and Winns) to enter ancient woodlands, before ending at a station. Full route about 7 miles but some shorter options. Bring lunch or food available.

Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Bank Holiday Mon 17 April. From the Lea to the Rib. Meet 10.30 Ware Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.09 Greater Anglia Hertford East train, or by direct train from

Tottenham Hale at 09.55 (calls at intermediate stations).

9 mile circular walk with good views in the attractive scenery of the River Rib valley via Thundridge and Wadesmill villages. No shorter options. Bring lunch or pub food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 22 April. River Thames from Windsor. Meet 10.21 Windsor & Eton Riverside Station (09.28 South West Trains Windsor train from Waterloo mainline station or at 09.32 from Vauxhall).

7.5 mile linear walk following the Thames from Windsor via the Great Park, Old Windsor and Runneymede, ending at Staines Station. No shorter option. A great wildlife corridor with significant historical content. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West

Thurs 27 April. Gordon Hill to Crews Hill – the long way! Meet 10.05 Gordon Hill Station (10.00 train from Enfield Chase) for a 7.5 mile linear walk.

Via Hilly Fields to Forty Hall (toilets and coffee break), then New River to site of Temple Bar. Lunch stop at nearby De Vere Theobalds Estate Hotel (bring lunch or food available) *BUT PLEASE* have change of footwear or plastic bags to cover boots before entering hotel. Afterwards via Old Park Ride to Crews Hill Station by about 16.00. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Margaret & Vanessa*

Bank Holiday Mon 1 May. Stort Valley. Meet 10.30 Harlow Town Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.18 Greater Anglia Cambridge train, or by direct train from Tottenham Hale at 10.10 (first stop Cheshunt). Buy return to Sawbridgeworth if ending at lunch...

8.5 mile circular walk via the varied scenes of the River Stort (Navigation) with locks, marshes, nature reserves and Pishiobury Park. Sawbridgeworth lunch stop. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Thurs 4 May. Discovery Walk: Dickens' London. Meet 10.30 inside Tottenham Court Road Station (Central/Northern Lines) near exit 4.

2.5 to 3 hour linear walk connecting places and buildings associated with characters in Dickens' novels and in his life from childhood onwards. Coffee break in Covent Garden area. Walk ends at St Paul's Cathedral with many nearby optional lunch facilities. Shorter options. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07780 615 954. Leader: Sara James

Wed 10 May. Watling Chase. Meet outside entrance to Sainsbury's at London Colney Fields Retail Park (close to 84/84A bus stop), ready to start at 11.00. Toilets/café in store. At TES news copy date, 313 buses depart Cecil Road, Enfield Town, at 08.59, 09.21 & 09.42 (arrive Potters Bar Station at 09.28, 09.47 & 10.07), with 84/84A buses from PB Station at 09.41, 09.56, 10.11 & 10.26 (journey time 14 mins). Check on internet closer to walk date.

About 7.5 mile linear walk from the River Colne via part of the Timberland Trail to Shenley Park Café for lunch stop/picnic and possible option to end (return to start by bus). Then remote field paths to Ridge, ending in South Mimms Village for 84 bus. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Thurs 18 May. Arnos Park & Pymmes Brook Stroll. For tea/coffee before start, meet 10.00 onwards at Costa Coffee in Bowes Road, close to Arnos Grove Station. If not, be at station by 10.45.

2 to 2.5 mile linear walk in Arnos Park and beside Pymmes Brook with comments on the landscape and geology, ending with buses back to start or Southgate. Please respect Norman's pace during this gentle relaxed stroll. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07984 813 636. Leader: Norman Coles

Bank Holiday Mon 29 May. Chiltern Scenes. Meet 10.32 Amersham Station (09.57 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station).

About 8.5 mile linear walk in attractive scenery via Old, Amersham, Misbourne Valley, Little Missenden, beech woods and chalk stream valleys, ending at Chesham. No shorter option. NOTE: please bring lunch as likely to be only drinks and snacks available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. Leader: Stuart Mills

Stuart Mills

Heritage walk around Clay Hill

There will be a guided heritage walk around the Clay Hill area on Saturday 13th May. Those wishing to travel there by public transport should catch the W10 bus which leaves from outside Enfield Town Post Office in Church Street at 1.25 pm. It is planned that St John the Baptist Church, which dates from 1857, will be open from 1.30 pm for those who would like to see the interior and a specially arranged display relating to its history. (It is possible, although unlikely, that the church might not be accessible on 13th May, if there is a late booking for a wedding. If you would like to check, please telephone me on (020) 8363 0031 nearer to the date.)



The walk will start outside the church at 2 pm and will pass those places mentioned in my articles on Clay Hill. The walk will conclude at Stratton Avenue, from where the W10 bus may be taken back towards Enfield Town at about 3.45 pm, or the 191 bus may be taken from the stop by the Forty Hill roundabout.

To obtain free tickets for the walk, please send your contact details, including your telephone number and a stamped addressed envelope, to Clay Hill Heritage Walk, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, stating how many tickets you would like (maximum 4) or send an email message to

heritagewalks@enfieldsociety.org.uk and the tickets will be sent to you by email.

Stephen Gilburt



Discovery walk: Wren Churches

Sir Christopher Wren designed 51 city churches to replace some of those destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666.

On a new walk for the Footpaths Group on 30th November the interiors of six of these were visited and the exteriors of several others were viewed, including St Magnus Martyr shown here.

Part two of this walk on 30th March will include six different Wren churches. For details see page 10.

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Anniversary conference

Twentieth Century Enfield – the time of change

On Saturday 12th November over 65 of us gathered in the Dugdale centre for the Enfield Society's 2016 conference, on Enfield in the last century. This proved to

be a most entertaining and enjoyable day. It was based on the Society's very successful exhibition "80 vears of action" held in the Enfield Museum between May 2016 and January 2017, and involved several different activities including a quiz and a walk.

In the morning, Monica Smith, author of the fourth volume in our *History of Enfield* series, opened proceedings with an informative talk on Enfield



Joe Robinson www.enfield50.com introduces the Enfield Beast to Janet McQueen

1939-69, the period covered in her book. She was followed by Ian Jones who entertained us with the tale of an Enfield man, Arthur Newland, a First World War air ace who scored over 20 victories against German fighters in 1918 alone. He then recounted the mystery surrounding the crash and death of the romantic great grandson of the last Bourbon King of France, Prince Antonio Braganza, who died in a field in Southgate in 1918.

After coffee, there was a chance to view the exhibition and make a start on the quiz. Bob Fowler, leader of the working group for the exhibition, then gave a most entertaining talk on the achievements of the Enfield Society over the past 80 years and the work involved in setting up the

> very successful exhibition illustrating this. The morning ended with a chance for us all to meet the only living Enfield Beast (pictured here) with the help of Joe Robinson, an occasion of much jollity with only a few getting away without the beast making his mark on them!

After a generous lunch, most people braved the weather to follow Joe Studman and Dave Cockle on a walk looking at some of the

buildings in Enfield Town that the Society had been involved in protecting over the past eighty years, as well as spaces or subsequent buildings where they had been less successful. The quiz was won by Androula Joannou and Jennie Somerville, who received a book of their choice as a prize. A final cup of tea ended what had been a full and very interesting day.

It only remains for me to thank once again all those (and there were many) who helped to make this a most successful conference.

Janet McQueen

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 21st April, and it will be published on 16th May.

Leonard Will