



Enfield Society News

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What is the future for Enfield Town?

On 25th September 2017, the consultation period ended for the draft Enfield Town Master Plan. The plan was summarised in the Autumn newsletter and is an advisory document designed to provide a framework for future developments. The Society's Architecture and Planning Group gave careful consideration to the plan, holding a joint meeting with the Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group and meeting the planning officers involved in the masterplan preparation.

The Plan states that Enfield Town Centre now needs to respond to a series of challenges and opportunities in order to successfully define its future.

These include:

- A series of site development opportunities, which need a coordinated response to control the form, quality and density of new development.
- The potential for new housing.
- Creating high quality public areas for people travelling to, from and through the town.
- Integrating with investment in the transport and highways framework.
- Respecting the historic character of key locations across the Town Centre.
- Ensuring an active, vibrant town centre with well occupied business space and attractive daytime and evening services for the residents of Enfield and surrounding communities.

In its response, the Society has agreed that future proposals and site development opportunities need a co-ordinated response to prevent unplanned and undesirable development and to support the struggling retail sector. It also agrees that the evening economy should be supported and developed, but this needs careful handling to prevent anti-social behaviour. An attempt to provide more leisure attractions for teenagers and young adults must not make it more difficult for families and older people to use the town centre. It is noted that there is very little for people to do in the Town in the evenings.

The principle of developing a bus interchange station is supported. The plan refers to the development of 'tall' buildings, although this is not defined. While the Tesco / Sorting Office site could provide opportunities for a tall building, other sites in the town centre are not considered to be appropriate as tall buildings overshadow surrounding developments and are not compatible with a historic town centre.



Three adjacent empty shop units in Enfield Church Street

The idea of a bridge linking the Tesco site with the Town Centre is strongly supported because this could be an attractive landscaped feature.

In general terms the lack of any proposals for community use – schools, childcare, health facilities, sheltered housing etc. – is noted and regretted. If more residential development is encouraged, supporting community infrastructure is essential.

The Society has reviewed the various development sites identified in the report. Some of the key site issues are -

Enfield Town and Genotin Road car park

This could be a key transport hub and the Council should press TfL for improvements. The car park could be a residential development opportunity, but needs to be considered in terms of a comprehensive review of all the car parking in the town centre.

Redevelopment of the St Anne's School site for residential use would be very controversial given the shortage of primary school places in the Town and the predicted shortage of secondary places across the Borough. In relation to the Tesco site, the Society's submission agreed that a mixed residential and retail facility is appropriate. Existing surface level car parking is not a good use of space, but the height of any new building needs to be limited.

The Town Centre

The Market Place is at the heart of the historic town centre. We would like to see permanent stalls being provided. Could the Council support the Market by limiting its use as a car park and providing the Charitable Trust with an alternative car parking area to support income generation and hence regeneration of the market? The difficulty of supporting a successful market in areas where there are not large numbers of tourists is recognised, but the area is unique and essential to the shopping opportunities in the area. The Council

should review how market places operate in other towns.

We noted that the plan does not make reference to any significant consultation with the Palace Gardens and Palace Exchange shopping centres. The number of empty units along Church Street continues to cause serious concern. Some of these units need considerable modernisation and yet landlords continue to charge very high rents. We could not see any proposals in the plan that will address this problem.

Portcullis Lodge

This site is identified as a site for possible future residential use, but we do not support the idea. This area needs to be used to support existing education use or it could be a site for a new primary school. The area could be used to open up the New River path at a point where the path leaves the New River Loop.

Little Park Gardens, Enfield Chase and Windmill Hill

At Little Park Gardens we support relocation of the bus stand if a new bus station/stand were provided to improve the bus interchange facilities in the Town. Little Park Gardens could be appropriate for a landmark building such as a health centre or sheltered housing, but the site should also be seen as a pedestrian link between Library Green and Gentleman's Row and Chase Green.

The Metaswitch building and Ross House are both attractive office buildings and continued office use in this area must be supported. We have asked if any of the buildings can be extended as the current occupiers need more office space. Any changes should ensure that the development is still set back, providing a green frontage to Church Street and Windmill Hill. The cedar tree in front of Ross House should certainly be retained. The Magistrates' Court Building is an attractive Edwardian building that should be retained with possible residential, retail or restaurant use in the future.

John West

Green Belt, planning and conservation

Conservation areas

There are 22 conservation areas in Enfield. Designation as a conservation area means that there is a duty to preserve and enhance the area. To ensure that this duty is carried out effectively, most conservation areas have a 'Study Group' to review planning applications in the area. Some groups are known as Friends Groups. At regular intervals, the Group will also assist the Council in developing and reviewing 'character appraisals' of each area, and preparing management proposals. A character appraisal is an in-depth look at all buildings and anything that makes an area distinctive. A management proposal looks at the specific ways to preserve and enhance the area. In particular, management proposals set out a plan for the area over the next five years.

The Study Groups together with the Enfield Society are represented on the Council's Conservation Advisory Group which considers proposals for development in each area and advises the Planning Committee. Each Study Group involves local people who know and care about the area.

Two of our conservation areas are looking for additional volunteers to assist this important work:

Friends of the Lakes Estate Conservation Area

If you live in the Lakes Estate Conservation Area and are interested in helping preserve its character, the Friends are looking for an additional volunteer to provide general support. A key objective is to comment on planning applications in the area. Another role is in sharing suggestions on how residents can modernise their homes whilst also keeping the character of the area. If you are interested in being a Friend, please contact the group via contact.lakesestateca@gmail.com

Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group

The Group meets one evening a month. Like all the Groups there is no membership fees or constitution, just a group of local people who consider and review changes to the Conservation Area and to think about ways to regenerate the Town Centre. No specific knowledge or expertise is required – just a love of the Town. If you are interested in helping to support Enfield's unique character please contact the secretary, Claire, at etcasg@hotmail.co.uk

Details of each conservation area can be found at

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/heritage-conservation-and-countryside/conservation-areas/>

John West

ACVs and related planning issues

In the summer newsletter we referred to the Council's revised criteria for designating buildings as Assets of Community Value (ACV) and the hope that this would lead to more applications being approved. We previously noted that Enfield has only two approved ACVs compared to 15 or 20 in similar sized boroughs. There are in fact 3.

The Vicars Moor Lawn Tennis Club in Winchmore Hill was nominated for ACV status by the members and this was approved. Unfortunately the approval was not listed on the Council's website and this omission has now been corrected. The tennis club recently celebrated its 90th anniversary and remains a thriving and expanding tennis club with a very large membership, including junior members; no doubt this helped to secure approval. Well done to Vicars Moor, a good example of a local group working to give their club extra protection in planning terms.



Vicars Moor Lawn Tennis Club

The Society continues to press the Council to do more to protect community buildings, sports clubs and public houses from redevelopment. In Ponders End, the Society supported an unsuccessful ACV application for the Falcon Public House, now demolished. On the Hertford Road, society members have been pressing the Council to protect the old Boundary House pub from demolition. Construction signs have been erected around the former pub and the Council has reminded the developers that planning permission for redevelopment has already been refused and that Planning Approval is now needed before there is any change of use. The Society believes that a Pubs Protection Policy similar to the policy adopted in Waltham Forest and other Boroughs would help to give additional protection to local community pubs and this is currently being discussed with the Council.

John West



The Boundary House

Fields at Enfield Road may escape the threat of a new school

Councillor Andy Milne attended an Enfield Town Residents' Association meeting on 19th October and reported as follows:

Wren Academy is now expected to be given space at the Chase Farm Hospital site for a secondary school, not a primary school as originally intended. While the pressure is on for the next but one year's intake at secondary school level, with a whole new secondary school needed to cope with the numbers of children coming through the system, the change in plan means we still need another primary school in the area. In response to a later question from a member, Andy clarified that the new school will be taking 50% children selected from members of the Church of England community and 50% of the places will be open to all. The school is most likely going to open in 2019.

Dave Cockle

The trees of Enfield – Chestnut

In previous newsletters we have looked at Oak, Beech and Hornbeam and where they grow in Enfield and the surrounding countryside. These are all native trees. Although very common in southern Britain, the Chestnut originates in south east Europe and has become naturalised here.

John West.

Horse Chestnut

The Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) is a distinctive tree, growing to about 30 metres tall, with long-stalked oval leaflets. The tall white flower candelabras are a wonderful sight in May. In autumn the green spiny shells spilt open to reveal shiny brown nuts – the conkers loved by generations of schoolboys. The Pink or Red Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus x carnea*) is a similar species, but the leaflets are usually slightly smaller.

Fine avenues of Horse Chestnuts can be found on the north side of Broomfield Park and the east side of Pymmes Park. The tree was commonly planted along the driveways of large country houses, often alternating White and Red Chestnuts.



A Horse Chestnut flower in spring



Horse chestnut leaf

Sweet Chestnut

The Sweet Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*) is part of the beech family, not the Horse Chestnut. This confusion in names arises because the leaves of the Sweet Chestnut are similar to the Horse Chestnut, but are a darker, glossy green with a serrated edges. In spring the flowers are yellow catkins. Edible chestnuts are produced in the autumn. The Sweet Chestnut has been in south east England for much longer than the Horse Chestnut, being introduced by the Romans who used its nuts and made flour from them. There are Sweet Chestnuts in Trent Park, but if you really want to collect plenty of Chestnuts you should go to the National Trust owned Ashridge Estate in Hertfordshire. Sadly most of the chestnuts now sold in the supermarkets are imported.



Sweet Chestnut leaves and fruit

Loss of a copper beech in Chase Green Gardens



We were sad to learn that this magnificent copper beech in Chase Green Gardens had been infected by fungus which damaged its roots, putting it in danger of falling. The infection was so extensive that the only option was to remove the tree, and this was done on 26th September.

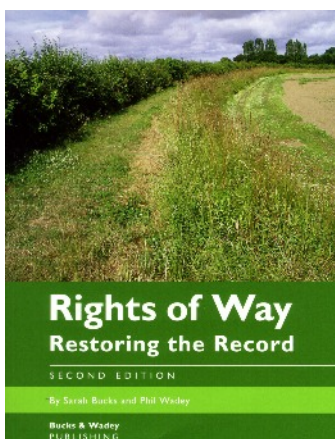


Several large clumps of the fruiting body of the fungus, giant polypore (*Meripilus giganteus*) surrounded the base of the tree, as shown here.

Rights of way

Our success in having the Merryhills Way recorded as a public right of way, as reported on page 11, should remind us that rights of way will be extinguished for all routes that are not formally recorded by 1st January 2026, in just over 8 years' time. It took so long to have the Merryhills Way recognised that it is urgent to start now if there are any other routes in the borough that we don't want to lose.

A new edition has just been published of a book giving detailed guidance on how to do this: *Rights of way: restoring the record* by Sarah



Bucks and Phil Wadey (Bucks & Wadey Publishing, 2017, £32).

In its 394 pages this book explains what evidence is required to establish that a route has been used as of right in the past, with examples of maps and other documents. It details the application process and gives examples of completed forms, notices and draft letters that may be used as precedents, as well as providing guidance to any group that wishes to work together on preparing an application.

We have bought a copy for The Enfield Society and hope that we can save any path that is in danger of being lost.

Leonard Will

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.

Until 7th January 2018, Dugdale Centre. Terrific Toys: made and played in Enfield: exhibition at Enfield Museum.

Wednesday 15th November, 2.30pm, Jubilee Hall. The influence of effluence: the history of the Markfield Beam Engine and sewage works in Tottenham by Ken Brereton. [EHHS]

Saturday 18 November, 10am - 2pm, Bush Hill Park. Bush Hill Park Bowls, Tennis & Social Club Festive Fayre. Free entry.

Saturday 18 November, 7.30pm, Winchmore Hill Methodist Church, Green Lanes, N13 4EL. Concert in aid of Water Aid performed by Winchmore String Orchestra. For tickets call (020) 8882 0351 or email: info@winchmorestrings.co.uk

Saturday 25th November, 7.30pm, Southgate Methodist Church, The Bourne N14 6RS. Southgate Symphony Orchestra Concert: Mediterranean Travels (Rossini, Rawsthorne and Berlioz)

Saturday 2nd (7 pm) and Sunday 3rd December (3 pm and 7 pm), Dugdale Centre. Christmas with Children's International Voices of Enfield.

Tuesday 5th December, 7.45pm, Dugdale Centre. A Christmas Carol – a folk opera. A musical version of Dickens' story.

16-17th and 21-23rd December 7.30 pm, Dugdale Centre. Starlight Express (Andrew Lloyd Webber).

Wednesday 20th December, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Christmas traditions by Howard Whisker and **Christmas Social with wine and nibbles.** [EHHS]

Tuesday 9th January 2018, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Jeremy Bentham – philosopher, reformer, radical by Dr Louise Seaward (University College, London). [HA]

Monday 15th January. Enfield Power Station: a century of generation, an illustrated talk by Grant Browning, Performance Engineer. (Joint meeting of

the Enfield Society with the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society) [EHHS]

Tuesday 13th February, 8 pm, Jubilee Hall. Queen Anne by Dr David Smith (Selwyn College, Cambridge). [HA]

Wednesday 21st February, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Evacuees in the Second World War by Mike Brown. [EHHS]

EAS: Enfield Archaeological Society. Visitors are very welcome (£1.00 per person).

www.enfarchsoc.org/index.html

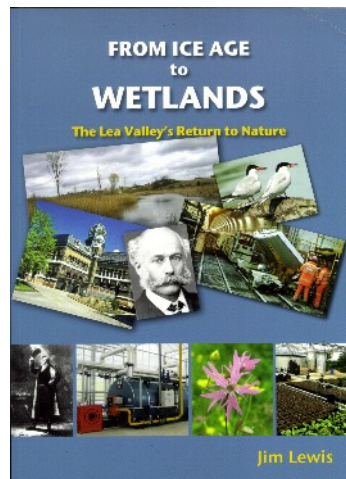
EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. Talks are free to members – there is a charge of £1 per head for visitors. Membership subscription is £8 for one member and an additional £1 per person for others at the same address.

The Edmonton Hundred is a term for a medieval administrative area which includes the modern Edmonton, Enfield, Potters Bar, Southgate, South Mimms, Monken Hadley, Tottenham and Wood Green. info@edmontonhundred.org.uk

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.

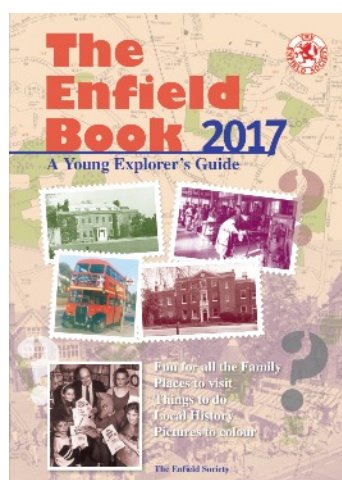
Sales Table

Books are often welcome Christmas presents and there are three new ones catering for wide interests. The first is Jim Lewis's latest about the Lea Valley. **From Ice Age to wetlands – the Lea Valley's return to nature** was inspired by the community focused project known as Walthamstow Wetlands, the transformation of the reservoirs into an urban nature reserve. Many of the events that have helped to shape the Lea Valley are highlighted and some of the stories demonstrate how the region is a microcosm of global environmental events that have serious implications for our planet. One chapter is devoted to the



29 nature reserve within the Lee Valley Regional Park with details of the wildlife. Price £16.

The second book was mentioned in the last newsletter: **Dispensing notes – stepping stones towards an autobiography** by Frank Bayford. £9.50.



Finally there will be a new version of **The Enfield book – a young explorer's guide** in November. The first edition was published in 1992 and concentrated on Enfield Town and Forty Hall areas but this has been expanded to include all parts of the borough. Some of the chapters are repeated but updated while there are new ones such as "Some Famous People with Connections to the

Enfield Area". Although intended for young people, especially those studying local history or interested in the natural environment, adults also found the original edition, which sold out quickly, of interest. The book will be published in mid-November at a cost of £6.

Enfield Society Christmas cards available at the special price to members of £1.25 for five quality cards are *Whitewebbs House, Registry Office at 1 Gentleman's Row* and *The Crown and Horseshoes*. Also available for £1 are packs of four different view cards. Gray's Newsagents and the main Post Office sell these. Waterstone's bookshop in Church Street, Enfield, stock all books published by the Enfield Society. Forty Hall shop, Myddelton House and Forty Hall Farm Shop stock some books and other items such as footpath maps and guided walks.

If ordering by post, please send a cheque with details of your order to Publications, The Enfield Society, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, EN2 0AJ or order on-line from the Enfield Society website (enfieldsociety.org.uk). The only way we can accept payments by debit or credit card is through PayPal but you do not need to have a PayPal account. This is convenient for those who are not able to visit our sales tables or other outlets 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.

28th November. 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".

12th December. A brief history of pantomime, by Marlene McAndrew.

From the Greek pantomimi through to Marie Lloyd, panto horses, cows and geese, 'orrible pies in 'orrible kitchens, all-join-ins and "He's behind you!" – a lively look at the origins and development of Britain's best-loved entertainment.

30th January. Dabs and DNA catch criminals, by Chris Truran.

Chris joined the Metropolitan Police in 1975 and worked as a Scenes of Crimes Officer (SOCO), in central, north and north west London for over 38 years. During his career Chris examined over 25,000 crime scenes ranging from shop-lifting to murder. When he first started examining crime scenes DNA was in its embryonic stage. This talk will cover the development of fingerprint evidence from the first burglar being arrested using fingerprints to the development and use of DNA in 1984 and will include the Stephen Lawrence, James Hanratty and Brighton Bombing cases. The talk includes 2 short videos.

27th February. Iceland – a circular tour, by Anne and John Wallington.

In this talk Anne and John will show slides of some of the sites and the scenery of the interior plus some of the flora and fauna of this fascinating volcanic island that is characterised by sand and lava fields, mountains and glaciers.

Joining the Enfield Society

Membership of the Society costs just £5 per person per calendar year. Members are sent quarterly newsletters and have the opportunity to participate in walks, talks and other activities, such as those of the special interest groups on topics listed on page 12. Non-members are welcome to come along to one or two events free of charge before deciding whether to join. Why not give a gift membership by paying for somebody else – a welcome Christmas present, perhaps?

You can join or renew membership, or give it as a gift, on our web page www.enfieldsociety.org.uk or by sending your name and address, telephone number and email address to "Membership, The Enfield Society, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ" with payment of £5 for an individual or £10 for a joint membership.

Presidents' column

Following the death of our President, Chris Jephcott, the Management Committee unanimously agreed to nominate two of our Vice-Presidents, who have given distinguished service to the Society over many years, to become joint Presidents, subject to ratification by the next AGM. They may write this column jointly or individually in future issues.

When we were asked by the Society's Management Committee if we would accept its nomination to be Joint Presidents, subject to confirmation by members at the next general meeting, we had to take a little time to consider our responses. Initially, both of us considered that the other nominee was certainly the more deserving and should stand as sole President; but since we could not agree as to which of us that should be, we could at least agree to compromise and accept the nomination of Joint Presidents. Another consideration was how difficult it would be to follow in the footsteps of Chris Jephcott, whose role as President for the past 13 years had been outstanding, and whose contribution to the success of Society for decades was enormous.

However we are confident that together we can provide help and guidance to the Management Committee and to the



Society, and having worked very well together in the past we are sure that this can be repeated in the future.

We will help in trying to increase membership, to attract younger members and to continue the contact with children in schools with our sponsorship of the Education and Learning programmes at Forty Hall, and with our soon to be published revised and updated edition of *The Enfield Book – A Young Explorers' Guide*, a complimentary copy of which will be sent to every primary and some secondary schools in the Borough.

We also hope to pursue new avenues of raising awareness of the important role the Society plays in safeguarding the heritage of Enfield, one example of which could be, perhaps, by giving talks in schools, linking our aims and objects to the current curriculum. Other ideas will hopefully be developed and mentioned in our future Presidents' Columns.

*Colin Pointer and Monica Smith
(Presidents designate)*

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

Monday 20th November. River Lea or Lee from Luton to Leyton, by Richard Thomas.

A journey from the source of the river at Luton to Old Ford lock in London, with various digressions en route. The talk covers the history and development of the Lee Navigation with modern photographs and contrasting early 20th century postcards. That section of the river which flows through eastern Enfield and Edmonton will be covered in more detail.

Monday 15th January. Enfield Power Station: a century of generation, an illustrated talk by Grant Browning, Performance Engineer. (Joint meeting of the Enfield Society with the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society)

Monday 19th February. An introduction to Victorian artists at St Paul's Cathedral, part 2. Stuart Harvey continues his series of illustrated talks with the "respectable" artists G. F. Watts and Lord Leighton, contrasting to some extent their lifestyles with those of the early Pre-Raphaelites.

Monday 19th March. Enfield's railway history, part 3: trams and the Piccadilly Line. An illustrated talk by Dave Cockle.

TES special events. For details see the pages shown.

Wednesday 29th November. Grovelands Stroll. Short gentle paced TES walk. Page 10

Saturday 16th December. Christmas themes in St Albans. 3.75 mile TES walk in morning followed by option to visit Christmas market and Cathedral's "Carols on the Hour" events. Page 10

Thursday 4th January. River Thames and Chelsea Harbour. TES Discovery walk. Page 10

Tuesday 16th January. Eastern Enfield open spaces. Short TES walk. Page 10

Saturday 27th January. Spitalfields and Hoxton. TES Discovery walk. Page 11

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Mrs P Ashman, Mr & Mrs J & L Atkinson, Ms R Barlow, Mrs R Bresson, Mrs J Buckley, Ms S Carrington, Mr & Mrs P & L Carter, Mrs C Clark, Ms A Coelho, Mr J D Cole, Ms A K Cullen, Ms R Dixon, Mr & Mrs R L & L A Dubow, Mr C Duggan, Mr F W Fischer, Mrs E M Flack, Mrs G M Fletcher, Miss H Fontenelle, Mrs S Gerrard, Ms K N Heather, Mrs D Hook, Mr & Mrs S & P Hunnisett, Ms N Hyde, Ms M Jones, Mrs R Keeley, Mr D Knight, Mr V V Konyeaso, Mr D Lansbury, Mr M (Tony) Leach, Mrs T Malakouna, Mrs M Mangin, Mr R Mapleston, Mrs R McCluskey, Miss P S McRae, Mr S Molloy, Miss H Morton, Ms K Norman, Mr & Mrs D & H Osman, Mrs J Phillips, Mrs H Shore, Miss L Wilson, Mrs A Winder, Ms S Wojewodzki, Mr A Younger

Joyce James

Waterways and industry

From River Lea to Lee Navigation

The River Lea rises near Luton, flows through Hertfordshire, and then follows a course which historically marked the boundary between Hertfordshire and Middlesex to the west and Essex to the east, until it finally flows into the Thames at Bow Creek.

In medieval times wheat was transported by barge to watermills on the river. Barley and malt were also taken down the Lea to London breweries. "London manure" (i.e. human waste) and building materials such as timber and bricks were also transported by barge. Brick making was a major industry in Enfield – the last brickfield in Hoe Lane closed in the 1970s. Gunpowder was taken from the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey and rifles and other weapons from the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield Lock.

From the 12th century onwards various improvements were made to aid navigation between Hertford and London. In 1738 trustees were given oversight of navigation on the river. In 1766 the River Lee Act authorised the building of new locks and cuts including a new outlet to the Thames. The building of the Limehouse Cut was supervised by the civil engineer John Smeaton. Further improvements took place in the 19th century, providing links to other canals, and in 1869 the Lee Conservancy Board took over responsibility from the trustees. The Lee Navigation was nationalised in 1948 and control subsequently passed to the British Waterways Board.

Following the construction of the King George V and William Girling reservoirs in the 20th century, the River Lea was diverted to the east from its original meandering course and it now marks the new eastern boundary of the Borough of Enfield.

For more information visit the London Canal Museum near Kings Cross station or see Jim Lewis's comprehensive series of publications on the industries of the Lea Valley, Enfield Archaeological Society's *Industrial archaeology in Enfield*, David Pam's and Monica Smith's four volumes of *A history of Enfield* and Graham Dalling's *Enfield past, Southgate and Edmonton past* and *The Enfield book*. These publications may be consulted at Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, which supplied those illustrations marked *.

At 8pm on Monday 20th November Richard Thomas will give an illustrated talk in Jubilee Hall entitled "River Lea or Lee from Luton to Leyton" and on 15th January there will be a talk on Brimsdown Power Station (see page 5 for details).

Stephen Gilbert



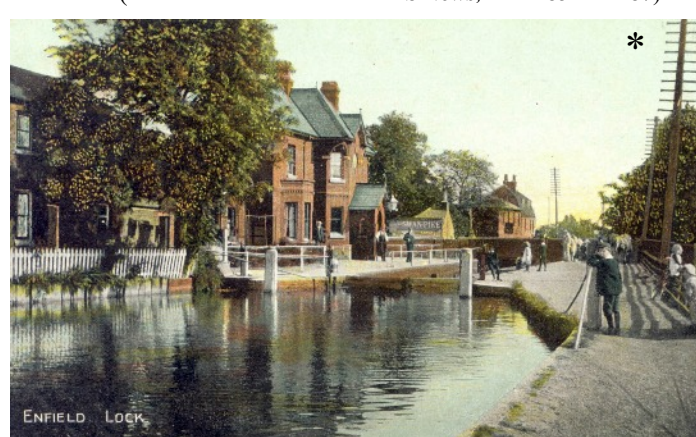
In Enfield there are locks on the Lee Navigation at Rammey Marsh close to the M25, Enfield Lock, Ponders End and Picketts Lock, Edmonton. Lock keepers' houses were built in the 19th century. In 1922-3 locks between Hertford and Enfield, including Rammey Lock shown here, were rebuilt and enlarged.



What was to become the Royal Small Arms Factory opened at Enfield Lock in 1816. The Grade II listed main machine shop of 1854-8 had a direct canal link to the Lee Navigation. This enabled raw materials to be brought in and weapons to be transported out by barge. There was also a rail link to the Lea Valley line and a narrow gauge line to the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey. After the Royal Ordnance Factories were sold to British Aerospace, the Enfield Lock site closed in 1988 and was redeveloped to form Enfield Island Village. Some of the more important buildings were preserved and converted to new uses. (For more information see *TES News*, nos. 185 and 187).



This Edwardian picture postcard shows a passenger ferry at Enfield Lock. 81 cottages were built between 1854 and 1858 in Government Row to house the Royal Small Arms Factory workers. They are listed Grade II for their group value.



This Edwardian picture postcard shows Enfield Lock with the 19th century lock keeper's house. These are now part of the Enfield Lock conservation area, along with the Royal Small Arms Factory cottages in Government Row and the waterways depot.

Waterways and industry



Brimsdown Power Station was built by the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company, initially to provide power for the electric trams. It opened in 1904 and was extended in 1939 to meet the increased demand for electricity from domestic and commercial customers. The availability of cheap electricity encouraged industrial development and many factories were built in the area. The coal used to generate electricity was brought in by train rather than by barge. The power station closed in 1974 and was later demolished along with its cooling towers. In 2000 the American-owned Enfield Energy Centre opened a natural gas fired electricity generating power station on the site.



There has been a water mill at Ponders End since at least the 16th century and possibly since Domesday in the 11th century. This 1910 view shows the Grade II listed 18th century part-weatherboarded Wright's Flour Mill, which is Enfield's oldest working industrial building. Until 1909, when electric power was introduced, the mill was powered by water from a mill stream diverted from the river. The mill buildings, 18th century miller's house (on the left in the photograph) and water meadows make up the Ponders End Flour Mills conservation area. (For more information see *TES News*, no. 180).



Fishing and boating for pleasure on the River Lea on a Sunday in 1951.



This 1950s view, looking north from Ponders End Lock, shows one of the last horses used to pull barges. In the background are various factories. On the centre left is the former Thames Water Authority Pumping Station of 1899, which was converted into the Navigation Inn in 1995. In 1886 a former jute factory in Duck Lees Lane was taken over by the Edison Swan United Electric Light Company (Ediswan) for the manufacture of Sir Joseph Swan's electric light bulbs. Sir James Dewar invented the vacuum flask at Ediswan and in 1904 Professor Sir Ambrose Fleming invented the thermionic diode valve, which marked the beginning of the electronic technological revolution. Britain's first radio valve and television cathode ray tube factories were opened at Ediswan in 1916 and 1936 respectively. The company became part of Thorn-AEI in 1961. The Ponders End factory closed in 1969 and the only remaining building on the site is the 1890 former office block. Because of its historical importance this building has been put forward for listing.



Many of the narrowboats now to be seen on the Lee Navigation are moored at Ponders End. North of here most journeys are now made for pleasure, although even in the 21st century at least one of the narrow boats was offering to transport coal, oil and gas.



This 1964 view south of the Angel Road bridge in Edmonton shows barges laden with planks of timber, ready to be lifted by crane to the furniture factories which then lined the banks. In the background is a gas holder. (The Angel Road gasworks originally opened in 1847.) This area is now part of the Meridian Water housing development.

Walks and architecture

Panorama: town and country



A photo taken by John Bourne, with a telephoto lens, on Dave Cockle's Hainault Forest walk on 16th Sept. It was Open House weekend and TES walkers were able to visit The Bower House, a Grade II listed mansion at Havering atte Bower, which was adjacent to the lunch time pub stop. Located some fourteen miles from London, long distance views from the Dartford Crossing to the City could be enjoyed from the Bower House.

Grange Park Methodist Church



The Methodists in Grange Park are proud to worship in a striking Art Deco building built and opened on June 18th 1938. The architect was Charles H Brightiff, ARIBA.

Art Deco began in Europe but by 1939 there were examples in every continent and almost every city. The inter-war period saw development of large areas of suburbia and Grange Park was one such area.

Art Deco was not a style much associated with religious building, because the 20s and 30s were not a

period of church expansion. However in a series of books written by Arthur Mee about the English way of life and the English people entitled *The King's England* the volume about Middlesex reads;

'At Grange Park there is a fine church building built by the Methodists called THE CHURCH IN THE ORCHARD'. The site was once an orchard and an apple tree carved in stone above the entrance reminds us of that.

A quote from Pevsner's *Architectural Guides London North* says 'A striking Art Deco building on a corner site; brick built with square buttresses, a square west tower and rectangular windows in emphatic surrounds. The plain cubic forms relieved by stone carving of a Tree of Life over south and north doorways. Attractive and consistent interior; with gently ramped nave, ceiling with undulating profile, pretty pierced timber screens above the transepts and lower east end. The windows all have geometric patterns of yellow glass.'

The Church has Sunday morning services each week at 11.00am and is open every Wednesday for visits between 10.00am and 11.30am followed by soup and conversation at 12.00 noon. Classical concerts are held monthly during the spring, summer and autumn, everyone is welcome.

Contact the website;
www.grangeparkmethodistchurch.com

Eileen Nicholls

Walking rings round London – the London Countryway

There are three concentric walking routes which form complete rings around London. Two are well known: the innermost one is the Capital Ring (78 miles, 126 km), which passes through Finsbury Park and crosses the Thames at Woolwich, while the next one, the London LOOP (150 miles, 242 km), goes through Trent Park and meets the Thames at Purfleet and Erith. Details of these are given on the Walk London website at <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/top-walking-routes>.

There is another outer ring, though, which is less known but equally rewarding: the London Countryway. This forms a loop of 217 miles, 350 km, mostly outside the M25, going through St Albans and crossing the Thames by the ferry from Tilbury to Gravesend.

The London Countryway is an unofficial route devised in the late 1970s by Keith Chesterton, who published a guidebook in 1979. That is out of print but an excellent and detailed guide has been published on a website by Des de Moor at desdemoor.blogspot.co.uk/p/london-countryway.html



As he describes it there: "The surroundings are hugely varied, ranging from dead flat fens to rugged chalk hills, rich in cultural and heritage interest and an outstanding showcase for London's protected green belt. The trail is easily walked as a series of day walks from London using public transport."

The route is not waymarked, but uses existing paths, including some sections of major trails such as the North Downs Way. It is easy to follow from Des de Moor's guide, which makes it ideal for those

who, like me, prefer to walk on their own rather than in groups, using a GPS route on a smartphone with maps downloaded from the Ordnance Survey site. I started at Broxbourne and last week reached Box Hill, crossing these stepping stones with great care!



Leonard Will

Plaque to Sir Nigel Gresley unveiled by Michael Portillo

A piece of local railway history was commemorated on Saturday 7th October with the unveiling of a plaque to Sir Nigel Gresley at Hadley Wood station by TV personality (and former local MP) Michael Portillo.

Sir Nigel Gresley lived in a house at Hadley Wood from 1923 to 1929 and commuted from Hadley Wood station to his offices at Kings Cross station. He was the designer of the world-famous "Flying Scotsman" locomotive and "Mallard" which still holds the world speed record of 126mph for a steam locomotive. He also designed the rather humbler workhorses, the N2 steam tank locomotives, which were the mainstay of commuter services out of Kings Cross from the 1920s to 1960.

Before Michael Portillo, in his trademark pink jacket, unveiled the plaque, Philip Benham (Chair of the Gresley Society Trust) told the assembled crowd about Sir Nigel Gresley, and everyone enjoyed a specially-composed song about "Flying Scotsman" sung by a children's choir from Monken Hadley CofE primary



The choir celebrating the journey of the Flying Scotsman

school. After the unveiling Michael Portillo presented certificates to the winners of the children's art competition, with local artist and author Pauline Hazelwood, Chair of the Judges.

The plaque will be located at the entrance to the station, but for the unveiling ceremony it was mounted near a new ramp which provides step-free access to and from the northbound platform. Passengers needing step-free access for a southbound journey can travel north to Potters Bar and return south without paying any extra fare.



Michael Portillo unveils the plaque



The event was organised by the Hadley Wood Rail Users Group under its chair, Francesca Caine, which was instrumental in getting the step-free access arrangements introduced. Among those present were Sir Nigel Gresley's grandson, the mayor of Enfield and the previous mayor of Barnet, as well as members of The Enfield Society and local residents.

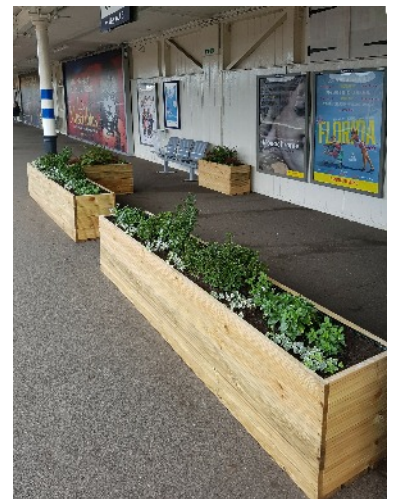
Roger Elkin

TES volunteers win Enfield in Bloom award

TES Volunteers, who maintain colourful planting in containers on the platforms at Enfield Chase station, have received a Bronze Award in the Enfield in Bloom competition. Working in partnership with Great Northern, additional planters have been obtained and filled with evergreen plants/shrubs. These form a compound adjacent to the coffee shop on platform one and partly enclose loose seating and tables thus providing an attractive outdoor seating area for cafe customers.



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 own 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 and, always, either remove muddy boots or cover them with plastic bags before entering a pub or tea shop.

Sat 18 Nov. River Thames and Richmond Park. Meet **10.30** in entrance/ ticket office foyer to Richmond Station. Either by South Western Railway train from Vauxhall Station (frequent service and journey time of 16 to 23 mins) or by London Overground from Highbury & Islington Station (47 mins journey time). Check for engineering works.

About 7 mile walk in the Autumn scenery of Richmond Park and River Thames. Shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Thurs 23 Nov. North Mymms Park. Meet **10.38** by ticket office on Welwyn-bound platform at Brookmans Park Station NOT at car park entrance (10.13 Welwyn train from Finsbury Park or at 10.35 from Potters Bar).

About 6 to 7 mile circular walk through varied farmland with hidden geological features, Royal Veterinary College land and North Mymms woods and parkland. Bring lunch or pub food available in South Mimms Village with option to end by bus returning to Potters Bar station. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Wed 29 Nov. Grovelands Stroll. For tea/coffee before start, suggest meet **10.15** onwards in any of the cafes beside Winchmore Hill Green. If not, be at Winchmore Hill Station by **11.00**.

About 2 mile linear walk through Grovelands Park with comments on landscape and geology, ending at Southgate Station. Please respect Norman's pace during this gentle relaxed stroll. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Wed 6 Dec. Hertfordshire Border. Meet **10.05** Crews Hill Station (10.00 train from Enfield Chase). About 7 mile linear walk (which could be muddy in places) via tracks, field paths and Northaw Village (lunch), ending at

Potters Bar Station. Bring lunch or pub food available. Shorter option by use of 242 bus. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. *Leader: Vanessa & Margaret*

Tues 12 Dec. North-east from Bayford. Meet **09.59** Bayford Station (09.46 train from Enfield Chase). Car drivers can meet group at **10.15** near Farmer's Boy in Brickendon Green – please park considerately and NOT in pub car park.

7.5 to 8 mile circular walk on tracks, minor lanes and some field paths through pleasant countryside and nature reserves. Lunch stop in Hertford Heath (bring lunch or pub food available) from where possible shorter option by using bus to either Broxbourne or Hertford Town (but NOT back to Bayford). *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Sat 16 Dec. Christmas themes in St Albans. Meet **10.30** St Albans City Station. Either by Thameslink trains at 09.54 or 10.04 from St Pancras International Station (platform B). Check for engineering works. Or by 84 bus from Potters Bar Station at 09.25 or 09.39. NOTE: car parking difficult at/ near station.

A day of contrasts. In the morning a semi-rural and parkland walk of about 3.75 miles.

After lunch, the group returns to the Cathedral area because, apart from Christmas lights in the City centre, St Albans has two special events which you will have the opportunity to visit *independently*. The Cathedral grounds have a large colourful festive Christmas market with a wide range of stalls for that last minute gift! The Cathedral itself has "Carols on the Hour" – each carol service is about 30 mins (last one at 16.00) and are led by the Cathedral Choir and local choirs. They are very popular and, with about 1000 attendees at each service, an amazing atmosphere is created in this magnificent building as everyone is encouraged to join the singing.

Note: It is 10 mins walk from the Cathedral to the City centre from where frequent buses to City Station depart and the 84 bus starts. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251 (no voicemail facility). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Thurs 28 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: Check for engineering works - Greater Anglia may be subject to a temporary timetable over this holiday period.

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*

Thurs 4 Jan. Discovery Walk: River Thames and Chelsea Harbour. Meet **10.40** Westminster Station (Jubilee Line from Green Park or Circle Line from Liverpool Street).

About 3 hour linear walk via Chelsea with an attractive mix of gardens, historic buildings, River Thames and the modern development of Chelsea Harbour. Route ends at Imperial Wharf Station (London Overground) from where there are optional lunch facilities, including at a large supermarket café about 400 yards further along the river terrace. Shorter options. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. *Leader: Peter Mackey*

Wed 10 Jan. Panshanger Estate/Hertford. Depart at **10.15** from entrance of Hertford North Station (09.46 train from Enfield Chase).

About 7 to 8 mile circular walk with lunch stop in Hertford Town. Bring lunch or food available. The longer morning section includes paths within Repton's 1799 Panshanger Estate which may be muddy in places, whilst after lunch there will be a shorter route via Hertford's green spaces. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251 (no voicemail facility). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 13 Jan. Architecture, open spaces and River Thames. Meet **10.45** Stamford Brook Station (District Line).

6.5 mile linear walk, initially via Bedford Park Arts & Crafts Estate, then through the grounds of Chiswick House and along sections of The Thames path to end at Barnes Bridge Station. Shorter options. Lunch stop in the Kew Bridge/Green area. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Tues 16 Jan. Short Walk: Eastern Enfield open spaces. Meet **10.30** at entrance to Albany Leisure Centre, Hertford Road, Enfield Wash (buses 121 & 279 stop outside and 191 in nearby Eastfield Road/Bell Lane). 3.5 mile linear walk on good condition paths, initially via Albany Park and Prince of Wales footpath, then along the Lee Navigation to end at Ponders End Lock/Wharf Road for 313 bus return to Enfield. Shorter option. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Sat 20 Jan. Essex Country Parks. Meet **10.14** Brentwood station. Either join Dave on 08.52 train from Enfield Town or meet him at Liverpool Street National Rail station for 09.40 TfL Rail Shenfield train.

A 7.5 mile linear walk to Shenfield via Thorndon Country Parks with a mix of woodlands and undulating farmland. Shorter option to finish at Herongate where the lunch stop will be in The Green Man pub. The final mile, on the outskirts of Shenfield, passes through Hutton Mount, an expensive residential estate of gated mansions. Details (020) 8366 2242 or on the day 07948 204025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Wed 24 Jan. London villages and open spaces. Meet **10.48** Denmark Hill Station (10.39 Southeastern Dartford train from Victoria mainline station).

7 mile linear walk via Ruskin Park, Dulwich Village (one of London's oldest villages having been founded by Saxon charter), Dulwich Park, Horniman Museum (lunch stop), Sydenham Hill Woods, nature reserve and Wells Park, then Victorian dinosaurs in Crystal Palace Park to end at Crystal Palace Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Sat 27 Jan. Discovery Walk: Spitalfields and Hoxton. Meet **10.30** at entrance to Platform 1, Liverpool Street mainline station.

Roy will highlight remarkable changes that have taken place over the last 200 to 300 years on a route full of interest from Spitalfields to Hoxton. Lunch stop near Geffrye Museum (food available). Many shorter options. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Thurs 1 Feb. Royal Parks. Meet **11.05** Teddington Station (10.31 South Western Railway train from Vauxhall mainline station).

About 6.5 mile walk initially via the parkland and woodland gardens of Bushy Park to Hampton Court (lunch stop), then a mix of Thames riverside and Hampton Court Park. Shorter option. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Wed 7 Feb. Winter waterways. Meet near Victoria Line entrance at Tottenham Hale Station for *prompt* start at **10.20**.

About 7 mile linear walk following the River Lea and Lee Navigation towpath northwards to end at Cheshunt Station. The route is on good surface paths for winter conditions and with shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret*

Tues 13 Feb. Enfield's Green Belt. Meet **10.15** at bus shelter on The Ridgeway near entrance to Chase Farm Hospital. About 4.5 mile linear walk on tracks and paths in attractive countryside via Clay Hill and the Whitewebbs/Forty Hall Estate. Walk will end by 13.00 near Forty Hall, from where you could take the opportunity to use the Hall's café and/or visit Myddelton House Gardens to see their snowdrop display. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251 (no voicemail facility). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 17 Feb. North Downs. Meet **10.14** Coulsdon South Station. Either travel with Dave on 08.35 train from Enfield Chase, changing at Highbury & Islington for King's Cross, or meet him at St Pancras International Station (platform A) for **09.24** Thameslink Three Bridges train. Check for engineering works.

7.5 to 8 mile linear walk in lovely downland scenery with long distance views, woodland and hidden valleys, ending at Caterham Station. Hilly in places. No practical shorter option.

Lunch stop at remote pub near Whitehill Tower – bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Sat 24 Feb. Mid-Herts. Meet **10.04** near ticket office at Welwyn North Station (09.40 Peterborough train from Finsbury Park mainline station or at 09.50 from Potters Bar). Check for engineering works.

Note: because you will be travelling on two lines (returning from Hertford), buy a Super Off-Peak Day Return ticket to Stevenage from Boundary Zone 6 and NOT from a specified station. Buy in advance from a staffed ticket office as many ticket machines unable to issue such tickets.

About 8 mile linear walk via a mix of tracks and field paths in pleasant countryside and small villages, ending at Hertford North Station. No shorter option. Lunch stop in either Tewin or Bramfield. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Details: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Thurs 1 March. Chilterns. Meet **10.30** Chalfont & Latimer Station. Either 09.26 Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras or 09.57 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station. Note: Freedom Pass not valid before 09.30 Mon-Fri for travel from a station between Gordon Hill and Finsbury Park.

8 mile linear walk through classic Chiltern scenery, chalk woodland and nature reserves via field paths, tracks and minor lanes in the Chess Valley, ending at Chesham Station. No shorter option. Hilly in places. Some muddy paths after wet weather. Lunch stop at Ley Hill – bring lunch or pub food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Stuart Mills

Enfield Town and Country Show



As usual, TES had its place at the annual Town and Country Show, this year featuring our distinctive new gazebo. We were successful in recruiting 27 new members thanks to Janet McQueen's inspired membership drive. Thanks are due to all TES volunteers who staffed the stand each day and also to John West and the team who erected and dismantled our gazebo and displays.

Bob Fowler

Walks and footpaths

A look back to Summer



On a warm 3rd July Monica Smith led 23 members on a TES Discovery Walk through Kensington Gardens, Royal Kensington and part of Campden Hill with a visit to the Japanese Garden in Holland Park.

For those who have never seen the garden, it is beautifully landscaped and maintained and is an area of peace and tranquillity in a noisy part of London.

Stuart Mills

Merryhills Way footpaths



After almost 10 years, we are pleased to report a successful conclusion to the saga of creating as rights of way those paths over Vicarage Farm land to the north of Enfield Road. On 27th September 2017 Enfield Council published a notice under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980 dedicating these routes as public footpaths (as rights of way on foot only). This creation agreement took immediate effect from that date.

Credit must be given to Dave Cockle who initiated the process by collecting dozens of written witness statements and then during subsequent years co-ordinated contact and TES meetings with involved parties. Also thanks to Enfield Council for persevering with this process against a background of reducing resources.

If you are not familiar with these three paths, do purchase a copy of Enfield Society's Footpath Map (2016 edition). The map shows in colour Merryhills Way and paths throughout Enfield, together with suggested walking routes and is a snip at only £2.50.

Stuart Mills

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Visit to Enfield Court (Enfield Grammar Lower School)

Most of us are familiar with the outside of Enfield Grammar Lower School on the corner of Parsonage Lane and Baker Street in Enfield town, but few of us (apart from those who have been pupils at the school) had ever seen the interior of this historic building before The Enfield Society's tour on Saturday afternoon 23rd September. The tour was a sell-out and those attending were divided into two groups to explore both the grounds and the interior of the school.

The school building was originally a relatively small house built in the late 17th century known as Enfield Court. The house was later extended on both sides and its depth increased to its present size. The first owner was Robert Buckworth and later it was acquired by General John Martin, a Waterloo veteran. When he died in 1852 it passed to his godson Col. Sir Alfred Somerset. After he died in 1915 it was sold to Enfield Grammar School and since the 1920s has been used for the lower forms of the school.

During the tour we were able to see some of the original features still remaining inside the house – fire places, sash windows, panelled doors, and ceiling decoration including the Somerset family crest with the portcullis symbol and the Latin motto "Mutare vel timere sperno" ("I scorn change or fear").



On a tour of the extensive grounds (now mainly sports fields) we were shown the site of the well, the associated donkey house, where the ponds were, the sites of the Second World War air-raid shelters, the grave of Col. Somerset's dog "Nettle", and the mounting steps outside the old stable block. The tour also included the old school sports hall (now a well-equipped gym) and the new sports hall.

Also on display in the music room were old photographs of the school, including ones of the gatehouse (now demolished)



The party of Enfield Society members on the steps of the school



Peter Gross (left) and Stephen Gilburt with a display of historical photographs.

and the large circular riding house (also used for concerts) which was damaged by bombing in the Second World War and then demolished.

It was a fascinating afternoon and thanks are due to Stephen Gilburt for arranging the visit and guiding us round the house and sports halls, and to Peter Gross for taking us round the grounds and giving us an insight into school life. Peter had been both a pupil and teacher at the school in the 1950s/1960s. He arrived, complete with old Grammar school cap and blazer, in a 1950s Morris Minor car!

Roger Elkin

(Photographs above are by Mustafa Reyman, the school's Site Manager)

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Leonard Will