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Award-winning new council houses for Enfield

Two recent projects to provide new council houses for the London Borough of Enfield have won recognition as good examples of modern architecture.

In a feature in *The Times* headed *The ten best buildings of 2017*, including large and imaginative creations such as the Louvre, Abu Dhabi and the Tianjin Binhai Library, China, they listed Dujardin Mews, Enfield, by the architects Karakusevic Carson. (Members may remember that Paul Karakusevic gave us a presentation on this project at one of our Monday evening talks on 18th May 2015.)

The Times said “The first council-led social housing in the London borough of Enfield for 40 years, this careful scheme replaced concrete towers with old-fashioned streets faced by spacious brick houses. At a time when hundreds of cheap towers are being built across the capital – up to 500 in the next few years – this is the perfect reminder that there are perfectly good ways of building homes that people actually want to live in.”

The development has won several awards, including the RIBA National Awards 2017, the American Architecture Prizes 2017 for Residential and for Social Housing, and the Brick Awards 2017 Urban Regeneration Project. Dujardin Mews forms part of the Ponders End regeneration scheme and is named after the Enfield-born Olympic equestrian double gold medallist Charlotte Dujardin.

Mark Hadden / Karakusevic Carson Architects



Dujardin Mews, Ponders End

The new street provides 38 new affordable homes, with an equal split between rented and intermediate (shared equity).

There is a mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed dwellings with ample amenity space and four wheelchair-adaptable units.

More details and pictures are on the architect's site at karakusevic-carson.com/work/dujardin-mews.

Another striking new building is a terrace of council houses designed by Peter Barber Architects and built on the site of the former Kettering Hall at Ordnance Road. This was featured in an article in the *Daily Telegraph* 9th December which said “There was cause for optimism as a number of local authorities reclaimed their role as house builders – most strikingly in the Ordnance Road terrace. Robust and stylish, it sets a high benchmark for 21st-century council housing”

The architects' design proposal describes Ordnance Terrace as an elegant row of eleven 3-storey, 3-bedroom town houses, creating a beautiful backdrop to the southern side of the road. They are constructed in a good quality rustic yellow brick and the facades feature arched entrance ways and a notched profile which articulates each separate house. They have good sized south facing back gardens. The houses avoid any overlooking beyond the site boundary into adjacent gardens to the south and are set back from this boundary line, thus ensuring privacy. The rear portion of the site is arranged as four, single storey courtyard houses along a small mews street. Each house has generous areas of private open space and there are no communal circulation or stair wells, but they should allow everyone to feel part of the street and interact with their neighbours.

Leonard Will

Peter Barber Architects



65-69 Ordnance Road, Enfield Wash

Heritage buildings

Local Heritage List launched



From left to right: John West (TES representative on CAG), Dave Cockle (Chairman TES), Janet McQueen (Chair TES Heritage at Risk Group) and Dennis Stacey (Chairman CAG) at the launch of the Local List.

The Society is very active in working with the Council and the Conservation Area Study Groups to help protect the Borough's 22 Conservation Areas. Through the planning process we support developments that enhance these areas and oppose developments that are unsuitable in a Conservation Area. In a joint project with the Council the last year has seen the publication of the new Local List of Heritage Assets. In November 2017, volunteers organised by TES were thanked at a ceremony with the Mayor for their hard work in creating the Local Heritage List.

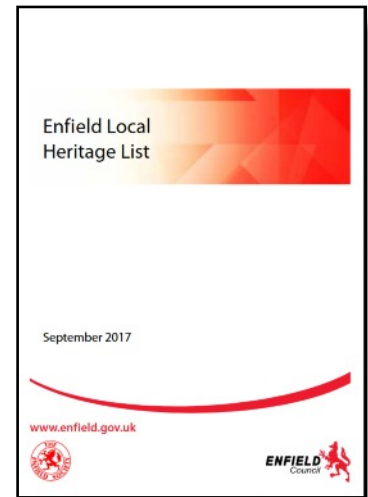
The Local Heritage List contains buildings, archaeological sites, landmarks (such as the Edward VIII pillar boxes) and landscapes that have been identified as having local heritage interest, are important to the community and have a positive benefit to Enfield. A survey of every street in the borough was undertaken and a list was created with the help of over 45 volunteers working

alongside the Council, environment specialists, the Enfield Conservation Advisory Group (CAG), Enfield Local Studies and a representative from Historic England. The Mayor thanked every volunteer for their help in creating the list commenting that "their time and enthusiasm has been invaluable."

The Society has also participated in both the regular conservation area reviews that are taking place and the new Heritage Strategy that is being prepared by the Council. The conservation area reviews are intended to be a health check to ensure that issues are not developing that are being missed as part of the normal planning process. One example would be a proliferation of signs such as unauthorised advertising notices.

The Society also has representation on the Conservation Advisory Group that considers all larger or controversial planning developments within conservation areas.

John West



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Planting trees in Enfield

The Trees Group aims to support and encourage tree planting in Enfield. At the Society's tree nursery in Trentwood Side we have over 100 saplings that are being grown for future planting schemes in parks and open spaces. We are also providing a temporary planting area for the Southgate Green Association who have received a grant of 15 semi-mature trees from the charity 'Trees for Sacred Places'. These are going to be planted within Christ Church Parish area which includes the Southgate Green conservation area.

Recent research suggests that fewer trees are currently being planted in England than at any time since the end of the Second World War even though England has the lowest levels of woodland cover in Europe, with only 10% cover compared to a European Union average of 38%. Many local authorities have been criticised for removing healthy trees to reduce maintenance costs. Sheffield is one of the worst offenders, felling 6,000 mature trees as part of its highway maintenance programme and has spent £250,000 in legal fees defending its operations in the face of enormous public opposition and criticism from central government. Trees are also being attacked by disease, including chalara dieback of ash, horse chestnut bleeding canker, oak processionary moth and massaria of plane trees. One way to combat disease

is to encourage greater tree variety and when a tree dies or has to be removed it should be replaced by one of a different species.

The Society works closely with Enfield Council and where trees need to be removed we generally agree that this is necessary and appropriate. We then encourage the Council to provide replacements wherever possible. We are also working with Friends of Parks Groups across the Borough and are planning to provide trees for planting in Tatem Park, Weir Hall Recreation Ground and Woodcroft Wildspace in Winchmore Hill.



ImranC, via Wikimedia Commons

The Ankerwycke Yew at Runnymede is one of Britain's oldest trees and is believed to be where the signing of the Magna Carta took place in 1215. How many of our trees will be around in 800 years?

If you know of any areas that would benefit from additional tree planting, please let us know. We also need to source new saplings, particularly birch, hornbeam, sweet chestnut, maple or ash. If you have any of these saplings, again please let us know by emailing trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk

John West.

How green is our borough?

Dave Thornton has drawn our attention to an article on the BBC website at www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-41901294 which shows how land is used in each local authority area throughout the country, based on high-definition satellite images and detailed local maps. For Enfield land use was 22% farmland, 6% natural, 22% green urban and 51% built on. (1% discrepancy in the total due to rounding.)

Dave did a little comparative analysis of Enfield versus all the other London Boroughs and comments as follows:

"Putting the first three categories together Enfield comes an excellent fourth in terms of greenness versus all the other boroughs, at 50% green. We are only beaten by leafy Bromley (62%), Havering (62%) and Richmond upon Thames (58%).

This emphasises to me how lucky we are to live in such a green borough and the importance of the work of The Enfield Society in protecting the green belt and other green spaces to maintain our environment.

Britain as a whole is still surprisingly green, with 94.1% farm, natural and green urban and only 5.9% built on.

Dave Thornton"

School places

In the last newsletter (Winter 2017) as part of our comments on the Enfield Town Plan, we referred to the shortage of primary school places in Enfield. The Chair of Governors of one of the local schools has drawn our attention to the fact that the bulge in the number of children coming into primary school appears to have passed and it may be better to focus on the increase in secondary school children. Predicting future school numbers is always challenging, being linked to a range of socio-economic factors, but clearly this issue needs to be kept under review. The proposed residential developments in the Enfield area will, however, increase the need for both schools and other services.

John West

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group and the Great British Spring Clean

As in previous years, the anti-litter charity, Keep Britain Tidy, will be organising its Great British Spring Clean with volunteers from all over the country getting together to clean up their local area. This year's event will be held at the beginning of March and once again The Enfield Society's Cleaner Neighbourhoods group will be taking part.

Our event will take place on Saturday 3rd March and we shall be tackling part of the Pymmes Brook Trail in Edmonton. If you are interested in joining us, please email cleanerneighbourhoods@enfieldsociety.org.uk or telephone the office on 020 8363 9495 and leave a message. We shall get back to you with further details although places might be limited by the amount of equipment available.

During 2017 the Cleaner Neighbourhoods group organised a total of ten major, plus several smaller, events in various parts of the Borough, collecting a total of 238 bags of litter as well as many other dumped items too big to go in the bags. Much of what we find is plastic bottles, drink cans and takeaway food wrappers. There seems now to be a greater awareness of the damage caused to our environment, especially by plastic waste, although we have yet to see any real improvement in the local situation.

Nigel King

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

Thursday 22nd February, 7pm, Forty Hall. *Spring wildlife talk : butterflies*, by Andrew Wood, Hertfordshire and Middlesex branch of Butterfly Conservation. £5.

Wednesday 7 March, 10 to 11.30 am, Myddelton House. *Gardeners' coffee morning : spring bulbs*. £10.

Wednesday 7th March, 7pm, Forty Hall. *Local history talk : lost buildings of Edmonton*. £5.

Friday 9th March, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Fulham Palace revealed – residence of the elite* by Alexis Haslam (MCIFA), Community Archaeologist, Fulham Palace. [EAS]

Tuesday 13th March, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Animals, demons and magic in the Middle Ages* by Dr Sophie Page (University College, London) [HA]

Wednesday 21st March, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *EHHS AGM and The History of Clay Hill from 1850* by Roger Elkin. [EHHS]

Tuesday 10th April, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *The distinctiveness of British Socialism? The Free Churches and the Labour Party* by Professor Peter Catterall (University of Westminster) [HA]

Friday 13th April, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *The excavations and fieldwork of Enfield Archaeology Society 2017* by Dr Martin Dearne and *Annual General Meeting of the EAS*. [EAS]

Monday 16th April, 8pm. *That magic lantern : Dickens and London*, by Tony Williams. (Joint meeting with the Enfield Society. See page 5 for details.) [EHHS]

Friday 11th May, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *The Roman dead and the sarcophagus from Harper Road, Southwark* by Ireneo Grosso – Site Supervisor, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. [EAS]

Wednesday 16th May, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *Copped Hall: the restoration of a Georgian mansion* by Vic Knope. [EHHS]

Friday 8th June, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. *The Enfield Archaeological Society Presidential Address* by Harvey Sheldon [EAS]

Tuesday 12 June, 7.30pm, West Lodge. *Tour of West Lodge Park Hotel and art collection, Hadley Wood*. This meeting will be followed by a buffet. Booking details from the Historical Association Branch Secretary. [HA]

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

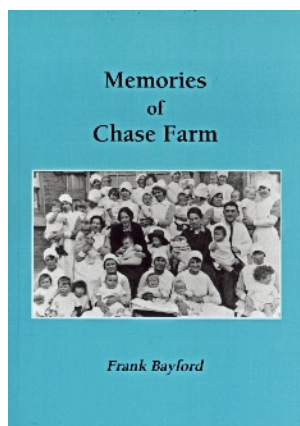
www.enfarchsoc.org/index.html

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

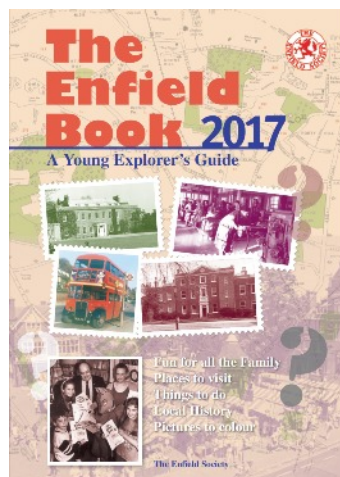
HA: Meeting of The Historical Association, North London Branch. Non-members are welcome (£1 per meeting). More details from the Branch Secretary, Robin Blades (020) 8368 5328, robin.blades@outlook.com. Associate Membership available for £5 a year for an individual or £8 a year for a couple.

Sales Table

Frank Bayford has published another book, *Memories of Chase Farm*. It covers the history of the building from its opening in 1886 as a home for orphan and other poor children with schooling and vocational training, and its use as a general hospital from 1938. Of particular interest are the recollections of some of those who lived there as children. The cost of a copy is £9.50.



The Enfield Book 2017 – a young explorer's guide is now on sale at £6. It would be a welcome gift for children studying or interested in local history and the natural environment.



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 online from the Enfield Society website (www.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

Annual General Meeting: proposal of candidates

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th June at Jubilee Hall, Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ. Doors will open at 7.30 pm and the meeting will start at 8 pm. A formal notice of the meeting will be enclosed with the next Newsletter.

The meeting will be followed by a talk by Richard Knox-Johnston, chairman of the London Green Belt Council, on the many current threats to London's Green Belt and what should be a much more positive future. Refreshments will be served between the formal meeting and the talk.

Any Society member is entitled to propose candidates for election to the Management Committee at the AGM. A 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 2018. 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

Enfield Society events

Meetings are free to members. Non-members are welcome, and are asked to pay £1 per meeting. Alternatively they can join the Society for the current calendar year for £5.

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

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.

27th March. *Albertopolis*, by Stuart Harvey. Stuart presents another of his illustrated talks this time visiting the origins of the science and arts park in SW7 and some of the people associated with this area, including Sir Francis Galton, Bruce Bainsfather and Sir Henry Cole.

24th April. *The Enfield Brewery*, by Rahul Mulchandani. Enfield Brewery is an independent brewery established in Edmonton in 2016, making the Enfield range of craft beers and lagers using ingredients sourced only from within England. Rahul will talk about the challenges and successes in setting up this great new local enterprise – and why the beer is called Enfeld! **Please note there will be a free tasting after the talk**

29th May. *London recorded by camera: street photography in the East End*, by Stefan Dickers, Special Collections and Archives Manager at the Bishopsgate Institute. The East End of London has played a central role in the development of photography and the social conditions of the area and its people have fascinated generations of photographers in their work. This talk will explore the development of street photography from the 1850s, when fledgling photographers attempted to catch the flourishing docks and shipyards of the Isle of Dogs, to the work of their contemporary counterparts, using the extensive collections on London History held at the Bishopsgate Institute.

26th June. *The forgotten and untold history of Ponders End from 1935 - 1950*, by Colin Francis. Colin Francis is undertaking archival and oral history research into the lives and experiences of people living in the Ponders End area of Enfield pre, during and after the Second World War. The focus of this talk will be on developments between 1935 and 1950. Colin is gathering untold and forgotten stories of Ponders End together to add to the stories of people from other parts of the Borough. The project has an intergenerational theme enabling people of different age groups from this culturally diverse area to work together.

Chairman's column



As I regularly walk along sections of the New River Loop in Enfield, I am concerned to see the large volume of green duckweed that covers the entire river surface. Various methods to control the spread of this weed have been tried in the past, with varying degrees of success. A new engineering solution is shortly to be applied to help address the problem: a pump has been installed at the Parsonage Lane end of the Loop to extract water from the culverted Sadlers Mill Stream, which passes beneath it at this point. The extracted water will be piped into the New River Loop to increase the flow, which should prevent the weed from forming. It will also provide a steady supply of water to flow over the spillway from Carr's Basin into the Town Park, feeding the meandering ornamental water course there. We are still lobbying the Council to have the New River Loop scheduled as an ancient monument. If successful, this would give it a better level of protection and would also enable better access to Government funding

At our recent quarterly meeting with Council Officers on matters affecting the civic and natural environment, we had quite a large agenda. This was in part due to our concerns about the deteriorating condition of several Grade II listed buildings in the Borough. We were given assurances that remedial work would be undertaken as funding permits, along with more frequent monitoring of the buildings' condition.

One agenda item, concerning the lengthy emergency closure (since November!) of the footpath from Bulls Cross along the southern border of Myddelton House Gardens brought about the good news that it should be re-opened by Spring 2018. Meanwhile, we have asked for the diversion route, via the south bank of Turkey Brook through Forty Hall Estate, to be displayed on the security fencing at the points of blockage.

Just before Christmas, I represented the Society at two slab unveiling ceremonies for soldiers, born in the Borough, who had been awarded the Victoria Cross in World War I. The memorial slab for Lance-Corporal John Christie of Warwick Road Edmonton is in Pymmes Park and the memorial to Captain Allastair McReady-Diarmid of Grove Road, New Southgate is in a "pocket park" off Grove Road. The Council facilitated providing sites for the memorial slabs which were to be as near as possible to where the men were born. Both ceremonies were efficiently organised, well attended and have left a permanent memorial to the soldiers, whose valiant deeds will live long in the memory and inspire today's generation for many years to come.

Dave Cockle

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

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. See pages 6-7 for more information

Monday 16th April. *That magic lantern – Charles Dickens and London*. In this illustrated talk Tony Williams will explore some of the ways in which this greatest writer of the city found his inspiration in the metropolis. "London", Dickens wrote to fellow-novelist Edward Bulwer Lytton in February 1851, "is a vile place". He also acknowledged how important it was to his creative processes. On 30th August 1846 he wrote to his friend John Forster about the difficulties he was experiencing with his writing of *Dombey and Son*, "in the absence of streets ... A day in London sets me up again and starts me. But the toil and labour of writing day after day, without that magic lantern is IMMENSE!!" (Joint meeting with EHHS)

Monday 21st May. *The secret listeners of Trent Park* by Helen Fry. As many people were unable to get into Jubilee Hall on 27th June 2017 this talk is being repeated as part of the evening programme.

TES special events. For details see the pages shown.

Wednesday 7th March. *Into Barnet*. Local short TES walk. p.10

Tuesday 20th March. *The City and Shakespeare*. TES Discovery walk. p.10

Wednesday 28th March. *Exploring Southwark*. TES Discovery walk. p.10

Tuesday 24th April. *Trent Park stroll*. Short gentle-paced TES walk. p.10

Wednesday 2nd May. *William Morris Gallery and Vestry House Museum*. TES Discovery walk. p.11

Wednesday 23rd May. *Discovery Quiz in Covent Garden area*. Short TES walk. p.11

Thursday 14th June. *The Enfield Society Annual general meeting*. p.4.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Mr J Brigg, Mr C J Dean, Mr P France, Mr M Goodwin, Mr & Mrs R Harris, Ms E C Haydon, Ms J P Hermas, Mrs J F Kent, Ms J A Kirby, Mr M Kohn, Mrs Z Kokkinos, Mr M Lambert, Ms A McQueen, Mr & Mrs P & J M Page, Ms E Price, Mr R F Robinson, Mrs H Scott, Mr & Mrs D & K Selmon, Mrs J Smith.

Joyce James

Tramways and underground stations

Trams



In 1905 Metropolitan Electric Tramways Ltd electrified the 1881 horse-drawn tram route north from Tottenham via Edmonton to a depot at Tramway Avenue. The route was extended from Ponders End to Freezywater in 1906 and to Waltham Cross in 1908. A branch line from Ponders End along Southbury Road to near Enfield Town station opened in 1911 but was never linked to the route along Green Lanes to Enfield Town.

A power station was opened at Brimsdown in 1904 to provide electricity for the trams. This 1930s view shows trams at The Broadway, Edmonton.



The electric tram route north from Wood Green to Winchmore Hill opened in 1907. Because the direct route over Bush Hill, passing between the New River embankment and the Clarendon Arch, was not wide enough to allow for two tram lines as well as other traffic, Ridge Avenue was constructed and parts of Village Road and Park Avenue were upgraded so that the route could be extended to Enfield Town in 1909.

A Feltham tram is shown in 1935 outside Barclays Bank in Enfield Town. The routes along the Hertford Road and Green Lanes were converted to trolley bus in 1938 and then to motor bus in 1961. There were already motor buses along Southbury Road when that tram route was withdrawn in 1938.

The Piccadilly underground line

In 1906 the Piccadilly underground line was constructed to terminate at Finsbury Park. After the First World War complaints about poor public transport facilities further north led the Minister of Transport to set up a Traffic Inquiry in 1925. This recommended an extension to the line. Following government legislation in 1929, which enabled loan capital to be raised, work on a 7.5 mile extension began in 1930. It reached Arnos Grove, where a depot was built, in 1932 and Southgate, Enfield West and Cockfosters in 1933. The line was constructed in twin tunnels to just south of Arnos Grove and then on the surface, in cuttings, on embankments and brick viaducts with a short tunnel section at Southgate. The engineer for the viaducts was Sir Harley H. Dalrymple-Hay.

The driving force behind the extension was Frank Pick (1878-1941) who was managing director of the Underground Group and from 1933 chief executive of the London Passenger Transport Board. Pick supported modern design in architecture, rolling stock, upholstery, light fittings and litter bins. Edward Johnson designed a new typeface for signs, posters were commissioned from leading graphic artists such as E. McKnight Kauffer and in 1933 Harry Beck's diagrammatic underground map was introduced.

The architect Charles Holden (1875-1960) was commissioned to build a series of striking modern stations, which he called "brick boxes with concrete lids". His designs were influenced by buildings he and Frank Pick had seen on a visit to Scandinavia in 1930. Several of the stations have been restored to their original appearance in recent years. Holden also designed the London Transport headquarters at Broadway, the Piccadilly station circular concourse and London University Senate House in Bloomsbury.



Grade II* Arnos Grove station has a brick drum with metal framed windows and a reinforced concrete roof which is supported by a 16-sided central pillar. The original ticket office now has display panels on Charles Holden and London Underground in the inter-war period.



Tramways and underground stations



Grade II* Southgate station is constructed of stock brick with tiled internal wall surfaces. The reinforced concrete tiered flat roof has projecting eaves and the central lantern has a bronze finial illuminated at night. The original ticket office surrounds the central column supporting the roof. Shops and staff quarters are around the edge of the circular ticket hall. The escalators still have their original bronze uplighters. The station, station sign and adjacent listed Station Parade of shops, also designed by Charles Holden, now form the Southgate Circus conservation area (see TES News no. 172).



Grade II Enfield West station, renamed Oakwood in 1946, was designed by Charles Holden with C. H. James. It has a rectangular stock brick ticket hall with large metal-framed vertical windows. The station sign with a pedestrian shelter is also listed.



Grade II Cockfosters station has a long low entrance with a cantilevered reinforced concrete roof. The reinforced concrete platform canopy slopes inwards and has clerestory windows.



For more information visit the London Transport Museum at Covent Garden, or see *A history of London Transport* by T. C. Barker and Michael Robbins, *Tube trains under London* by J. Graeme Bruce, *The story of London's underground* by John R. Day, *Underground official handbook*, compiled by Piers Connor, *The London Underground: an illustrated history* by Oliver Green, *London's underground suburbs* by Dennis Edwards and Ron Pigram, and *The Enfield book, Enfield past and Southgate and Edmonton past*, all by Graham Dalling. Photographs of trams were provided by Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive.

Dave Cockle will give an illustrated talk entitled *Enfield's railway history. Part 3: Trams and the Piccadilly Line* at 8 pm on Monday 19th March in Jubilee Hall (see page 5).

Stephen Gilbert

Enfield Market Royal Charter anniversary



Enfield's Market Charter



2018 represents the 400th anniversary of the issuing of a Royal Charter by King James I for a market in Enfield Town.

Enfield Market is managed by the Old Enfield Charitable Trust. The income received from the market is awarded to the residents living in The Old Parish of Enfield in the form of personal, education and community grants.

The Trust has developed a series of ideas to help commemorate and celebrate this historical event by proposing events in and around the marketplace.

Among their plans is the return of the hugely successful Market Beach in July, Open House London at the Old Vestry Office September 22-23, and various musical and artistic events throughout the year.

The centrepiece will be a Charter Fayre held on May 20th in association with Enfield Town Residents' Association.

As well as featuring a varied ensemble of musical artists performing on the bandstand, this will also encompass craft stalls, art and photographic exhibitions, poetry recitals from local creative talents, a well-being area and a children's grass area in St Andrews Church featuring pony rides, face painting, story telling and the like. A varied selection of food and drink will be available throughout the day.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all throughout 2018 at Enfield Town Market.

Bindya Amin, The Old Enfield Charitable Trust

The Lakes Estate, Palmers Green

There are some fine Edwardian houses in the borough, not least those on the ten streets known as the Lakes Estate in Palmers Green. These were recognised in 2010 as worthy of being designated a Conservation Area due in part to:

- The exceptional decorative quality of the houses, most notably their porch and window joinery, doors and stained glass, as well as decorative plasterwork, tile hanging and fine brickwork.
- The pattern of front gardens throughout the estate, with decorative boundary walls and traditional planting contributing to an archetypal suburban townscape.

The naming of the Lakes Estate was a conservation campaigning device, inspired by the street names. In 1902, when the estate was put up for auction, it was described as "Old Park Estate". The British Land Company laid out the roads between Alderman's Hill and Fox Lane, and immediately sold the land on for building.

Development got underway from 1904/1905 in a piecemeal fashion, often with pairs of houses at a time. These were promoted as "high class" residences benefiting from the healthy fresh air of the hillside roads. An advert for substantially-built houses in Ulleswater Road shows the view into Broomfield Park. This was predominantly a neighbourhood of city commuters, of the growing middle class – people who were



A typical front door on the estate, showing decorative timberwork, stained glass and a tiled path.

making their way up the social scale and wanted to move further along the railway line out of London. Residents can look up the 1911 census to see who was living in their house.

The design of the suburban houses aimed to play safe, being traditional with modern elements. Box sash windows of earlier Victorian houses were replaced by

casements, at least on the front elevation! Arts and crafts design influenced the woodwork and the stained glass and tiles were influenced by Art Nouveau.

By the 1970s grants for home improvements resulted in heavy concrete roof tiles replacing slates and some windows were replaced with plain frames. These materials caused problems over the years. Now residents value the quality of the original materials and their repair and renovation is recommended.

Fortunately, the majority of properties still retain most of the original architectural features and, since the declaration of the Conservation Area, many residents have restored original features and reversed earlier damaging changes. For example, modern draught-excluding products provide comfort and energy efficiency without changing the appearance of the original windows. This involves searching out people who have the right skills and knowledge. A group of neighbours even jointly commissioned Parker's timber yard to run off metres of architrave from the original moulding pattern that they had retained over the decades.

If you live in the area and would like to support the Friends group, please get in touch: contact.lakesestateca@gmail.com You can find out more about the Lakes Estate Conservation Area at: <https://www.palmersgreengreencommunity.org.uk/pgc/friends-of-the-lakes-estate-conservation-area>

Friends of the Lakes Estate

Discussions with Enfield Council

The Society and the Council

Members of our Management Committee have periodic meetings with the Leader of the Council and with Council Officers to discuss matters of concern. Here are a few of the matters we raised at a meeting in January.

TES concern: In September the Council and Historic England had met the Vicar of All Saints Edmonton to discuss the future of the Charity School Hall. Had there been any progress?

Council response: Things were held up by legal problems of ownership of the property, which need to be investigated and resolved. The Council was concerned about the stability of the structure in view of its position adjacent to the highway. There were internal discussions about what to do next.

TES concern: Southgate House on the Minchenden School site was now on Historic England's "at Risk Register". What was the Council doing about maintenance and prevention of further deterioration?

Council response: Work had been done to make the building wind and watertight and to mitigate problems with dry rot. The building was to be put on the market in January.

TES concern: We had pointed out that cars were being stored on Green Belt behind Warmerdam Garden Centre at Crews Hill. We asked for an update.

Council response: An Enforcement Notice was to be served shortly.

TES concern: We had been concerned for some time about the state of repair of the historic Gough Hall Gates on Forty Hill - When would repairs be done?

Council response: The work was out to tender; work was to commence in February.

TES concern: We had been told that the Council was looking at steps that could be taken to stem the ongoing closure of Enfield's pubs. We asked for an update.

Council response: A change in legislation meant that planning consent was needed to change the use of a pub. A specific policy to protect pubs would be included in the Borough's new Local Plan, which was likely to be finalised in 2019. In the meantime the Planning Department would refer to existing policies on community facilities, etc., in considering planning applications. The Council was hoping to make provision for a bar in its Alma Estate development.

TES concern: We had drawn attention before to an unauthorised advertising hoarding on the north east side of the railway bridge at Church Street Edmonton. This was still in situ.

Council response: The hoarding was on Network Rail land, and this meant that the Council could not remove it themselves. Network Rail had responded to complaints by taking down a different hoarding, and the Council were in dialogue with Network Rail about removing the correct one.

TES concern: We were concerned over the deteriorating condition of the Grade II listed former Winchmore Hill Police Station.

There was a planning application pending, but not yet published. A decision on this should be taken by March/April.

TES concern: We asked about the Council's attitude to the proposal to divert the Pymmes Brook Trail through Bowes Meadow; and about progress in renewing illegible signage.

Council response: The Council was happy for there to be a diversion. There were no identified funds for signage, but they would review this once estimates had been obtained.

TES concern: We asked how long Path 332 (along the southern border of Myddelton House Gardens) would be closed.

Council response: The Council were working to get this reopened in early spring. [TES suggested that in the interim notices with a suggested diversion should posted.]

Richard Stones

War Memorial training

On Tuesday 21st November The Enfield Society organised an afternoon of training on War Memorials which was delivered by Anna Wilson from Civic Voice.

Anna explained to us how to conduct a War Memorial Condition Survey. This is an important part of registering memorials on the War Memorials online website as it will ensure funds for repair and conservation goes to those memorials most in need. There is grant funding available throughout the First World War Centenary from the War Memorials Trust, to conserve and safeguard vulnerable memorials.

The name of the monument and its location should be recorded with an accurate description of it and its condition: the state of any stonework: such as cracks, especially around joints, whether it is leaning, whether there is displaced soil or roots, moss or vegetation growth, surface dirt, pollutant deposits and any graffiti or vandalism.

Metalwork may be rusting or corroding, areas may be missing, staining may have occurred due to water run off. What is the condition of the inscription? Good



photographs can help with this process and are a crucial means of recording the monument.

It is also important to discover who is the custodian and whether the memorial is listed and whether it is situated in a conservation area.

Background information can be researched at the Local Studies Library & Archive Centre for the London Borough of Enfield, which is situated in the Dugdale Centre in Enfield Town. For instance a Book of Remembrance created by staff there in 2016 records the names

and addresses of those who lived in the LBE and lost their lives whilst serving their country during WW1. There are also church and school magazines and local newspapers which all potentially contain information relating to war memorials.

After the session on condition surveys we went to look at the War Memorial situated outside the British Legion building on Holtwhites Hill, as shown in the picture, and completed a condition survey form for practice.

When we got back to Jubilee Hall, it was explained how to add your survey results to www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk

There is an estimated 100,000 war memorials in the UK and the aim is to ensure that these memorials are all recorded on the website.

The volunteers from The Enfield Society are currently working on those in LBE, if anyone knows of a memorial which isn't recorded and may need conservation please get in touch with me at v.munday@enfieldsociety.org.uk or telephone Jubilee Hall and leave a message on 020 8363 9495

Val Munday

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 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 work.

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 "The Harrow" pub near Whitehill Tower – bring lunch or food available. (A joint walk with The North London Rambling Club). Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle.*

Sat 24 Feb. CHANGE OF WALK due to engineering work/line closure. Replacement walk is: **London Loop.** Meet **10.00** Cockfosters Station (Piccadilly Line or 298, 299 and 384 buses). 8.5 mile linear walk through Enfield's countryside ending at Enfield Island Village for 121 and 491 buses. Several shorter options including from intended lunch stop at Rose and Crown, Clay Hill, after 5.75 miles. Bring lunch or food probably available. Details: (020) 882 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 sections after prolonged rain. Lunch stop at Ley Hill – bring lunch or pub food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West.*

Wed 7 March. Into Barnet. Meet **10.15** Oakwood Station (Piccadilly Line or 121, 307 and 377 buses). About 2.5 hour linear walk via Trent Park and then the edge of Hadley Woods to join the Pymmes Brook Trail from Jack's Lake to East Barnet Village for 307 bus. Coffee break and option to end in Cockfosters. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07931 963 086. *Leader: Monica Smith*

Thurs 15 March. Lea Valley. Meet **10.00** Cheshunt Station (either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station or 09.44 Greater Anglia Bishop's Stortford train from Tottenham Hale).

About 8.5 to 9 mile circular walk via a varied mix of waterways, sections of the New River, lakes, woodland and historic buildings. Options to end in Broxbourne and from the lunch stop in Hoddesdon. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251 (no voicemail facility). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Tues 20 March. Discovery Walk: The City and Shakespeare. Meet **10.25** in the central concourse area (which has toilets and kiosk shops) near the escalators at Old Street Station (Northern Line or Great Northern trains).

About 2.75 hour linear walk highlighting the connections that the Bard had with the City of London, ending on the South Bank near the southern entrance to Blackfriars Station. Shorter options. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 24 March. Hertfordshire Countryside. Meet **10.33** Bayford Station (10.21 train from Enfield Chase) but buy Super Off-Peak Day Return ticket to Hertford North.

8 mile linear walk on field paths and ancient tracks through pretty countryside, using part of the Hertfordshire Way and Chain Walks, and ending at Hertford North Station. Pub lunch or bring food. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Wed 28 March. Discovery Walk: Exploring Southwark. Meet **10.30** St Paul's Station (Central Line). Note: toilets nearby in One New Change Shopping Centre (corner of New Change and Cheapside).

6 to 7 mile circular walk exploring Southwark, one of the oldest and most fascinating parts of London. Historic buildings, major landmarks and ancient alleyways in an area that was once London's entertainment centre. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Bank Holiday Mon 2 April. Bulbourne Valley. Meet **10.52** Hemel Hempstead

Station (10.21 London Northwestern Railway Milton Keynes service from London Euston mainline station). Note: By car exit A41 at first junction north of M25 (signed Hemel Hempstead) and follow signs for Boxmoor/station.

8 to 8.5 mile circular walk. In morning an attractive and fairly level 3.5 mile route following the Grand Union Canal into Berkhamsted for lunch stop and option to end. Bring lunch or food available. Then about 4.75 to 5 mile fairly hilly but very scenic Chiltern route with a mix of farmland, woods and downland. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Tues 10 April. Thames Scenes. Meet **11.00** at main entrance to platform 1 Kew Gardens Station. Either by London Overground (about 40 mins from Highbury & Islington) or by District Line. Toilets on platform 1.

7 mile linear walk with constantly changing river scenes, historic buildings, open spaces and a bishop's palace, ending at Putney Bridge Station. Shorter options including from the lunch stop in the Hammersmith area. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. *Leader: Peter Mackey*

Sat 14 April. Chilterns. Meet **10.39** Great Missenden Station. Either by direct **09.57** Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station, or by **09.26** Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras changing at Amersham. Buy Off-Peak Day Return from Amersham to Wendover.

7 to 8 mile linear walk through beautiful countryside amongst rolling Chilterns hills, ending at Wendover Station. No shorter option. Hilly in places and some sections muddy after heavy rain. Lunch stop at The Lee – pretty village used in "Midsomer Murder" filming. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Thurs 19 April. Ash Valley. 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 Hertford East train from Tottenham Hale Station, which also stops at intermediate stations.

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

Tues 24 April. Trent Park Stroll. For tea/coffee before the walk, meet **10.00** onwards at Church House Café in Chalk Lane (opposite Cockfosters Station). If not, be at Cockfosters Station for start at **11.00**. NOTE: should this mainly voluntary staffed café be closed, then meet at Miracles café in nearby shop parade.

2 to 2.5 mile circular walk in Trent Park with comments on the landscape and

geology and perhaps seeing some bluebells in the woods. Please respect Norman's pace during this gentle relaxed stroll. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 28 April. River Great Ouse Valley. Meet **10.23** Huntingdon Station (09.28 Great Northern Peterborough train from Finsbury Park mainline station – does NOT stop at Potters Bar). Buy Super Off-Peak Day return from Boundary Zone 6 to Huntingdon. Car drivers can either park at Huntingdon Station (OS Grid Ref TL233716) or at the Clock Tower in Houghton Village (OS Ref TL282722).

Roy will catch a bus from station to Hartford Marina and then walk into Houghton Village (arriving about 11.15-11.30 at Clock Tower).

About 7.5 mile circular walk following the Ouse into St Ives town for lunch stop. River meadows and the pretty villages of Hemingford Abbots and Grey. Option to return by bus from St Ives to Huntingdon. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Wed 2 May. Discovery Walk: Old Walthamstow with visits to William Morris Gallery and Vestry House Museum. Meet **10.30** Walthamstow Central Station (near Victoria Line entrance foyer).

About 3 mile circular walk in this historic London village with visits to these interesting museums. Full route ends mid-afternoon after lunch stop near the Vestry House (nearby cafes etc) but can be ended earlier as Walthamstow station only 10-15 mins away at all times. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret

Bank Holiday Mon 7 May. Chilterns. Meet **10.31** Chorleywood Station ticket office entrance. Either **09.26** Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras or **09.57** Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station.

8 to 8.5 mile linear walk in attractive countryside with good views via Chalfont St Giles village (used in "Dad's Army" filming) for lunch stop, ending at Amersham Station. No shorter option. Hilly in places. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251 (no voicemail facility). *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 12 May. North Downs. Meet **10.33** Guildford Station (10.00 South Western Railway Portsmouth via Woking train from Waterloo mainline station – does NOT stop at Vauxhall).

On a substantially different route and, hopefully, without the incessant rain encountered last year, a 7.5 to 8 mile circular walk with good views via Albury (lunch stop) in the Tilling Bourne Valley. Hilly in places. Option to return to start by bus from Albury. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Thurs 17 May. Knole House and Park. Meet **10.51** Sevenoaks Station (10.15 Southeastern Hastings train from Charing Cross or at 10.23 from London Bridge mainline stations).

A circular walk based upon the ancient parkland of Knole Park (National Trust) and surrounding countryside. Bring lunch or food available from the N.T. café. In afternoon option to either view the house or join a walk. Admission charge to house show-rooms for those who are not N.T. members. If walking AM and PM, then about 7.5 miles in total. Details: 07973 747 454. *Leader: Nigel King*

Wed 23 May. Discovery Quiz in Covent Garden area. *Something for everybody including family groups.*

Meet **10.30** at the main front entrance to St Martin-in-the-Fields overlooking Trafalgar Square (about 5 mins from Leicester Square (Piccadilly & Northern Lines)).

This fun event should last no more than about 2.75 hours and through observation will give you the chance to find places/objects of variety and interest. Walking is limited, so may be time to visit some building en-route or even have a coffee.

Please do not cheat by using the internet!

The party will be divided into smaller groups with a "quiz master", returning to the start for answers and perhaps lunch in the Crypt café. *Coordinator: Mick Spinks*

Bank Holiday Mon 28 May. Contrasts. Meet **10.30** Westferry Station (DLR).

A varied 6 to 7 mile linear walk via some modern developments, including Canary Wharf (for toilets), Heron and South Quays, which contrast with older parts of the Isle of Dogs and on to Greenwich for lunch. Bring lunch or food available. In afternoon John visits Greenwich Park and Blackheath Common, ending at the nearby station for return to London Bridge or Waterloo. Shorter options. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Sat 2 June. Langdon Hills, Essex, and nature reserves. Meet **10.49** Laindon Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.22 train from Enfield Town to Liverpool Street mainline station (arriving 09.55 at platform 2) from where he intends to catch **10.13** c2c Shoeburyness train from Platform 18. Travelcard/ Freedom Pass boundary is Upminster. Note: in event of Crossrail works affecting services, then Dave will take group to Fenchurch Street Station for Shoeburyness train.

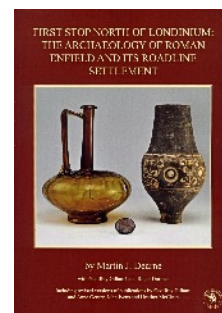
A hilly 6 mile circular walk over the Langdon Hills and Westerly Heights via Plotlands, Lincewood, Willow Park and Marks Hill Nature Reserves (coffee/toilet break at Essex Wildlife Centre). Bring lunch or pub food available at Langdon Hills Country Park. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Stuart Mills

Grants by the Society

Thanks largely to generous donations and legacies from members and supporters, the Society is able to make small grants to help fund projects which will further its aims and objectives as a charity. During 2017 we agreed to provide funding

- For urgent maintenance to the Charity School Hall in Church Street Edmonton, as shown on page 2.



- To assist the Enfield Archaeological Society in publishing "First stop north of Londinium", its definitive book on the archaeology of Roman Enfield.



- As a contribution towards the cost of re-erecting the Lych Gate at St Johns Church Clay Hill.



- To assist in providing a fence and gate which are higher and more secure than this wooden one, to keep vandals out of the Wildlife Garden which is maintained by the Friends of Bush Hill Park.
- To fund a series of information boards which will tell visitors about the history and use of Forty Hall Farm.

We have also continued our sponsorship of the successful education programme at Forty Hall.

More details of our policy on grants, and an application form, are available on our website.

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Visit to Theobalds Farmhouse Garden, Crews Hill

On **Friday 1st June** we have arranged for a private visit and tour of the local organic prize winning garden run by Alison Green. It is a garden of many rooms which has been featured in Homes and Gardens and Country Living last year with both recommending a visit.

The cost is £13, which includes entry, tea and cake, and a guided tour. Parking is free but if you need a lift or have a space in your car then please let me know and I will try to arrange some car sharing. Crews Hill station is only a short walk away and if you want to come by train then I may be able to arrange to pick you up there as an alternative.

The visit will commence at 2pm, and the address is Theobalds Farmhouse, Burnt Farm Ride, Crews Hill, Enfield, EN2 9DY.

To book your place please send a SAE to Theobalds Farmhouse Garden Visit, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN1 0AJ enclosing a cheque payable to "The Enfield Society" for £13 per person.

You can book online and pay with a debit or credit card, or with a PayPal account, by going to this page on our website:

www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/gardenvisit.php

Janet McQueen



Some glimpses of Theobalds Farmhouse Garden

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 events for a charge of £1 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.

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Leonard Will