



Enfield Society News

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Volunteering to help the work of The Enfield Society



The Mayor of Enfield with volunteers who helped create the new Local Heritage List, at its launch in October 2017

In the Presidents' Column on page 5 Monica Smith and Colin Pointer write about the essential contribution volunteers make to the work of the Society. The fact is that since its foundation in 1936 the Society has been entirely dependent on volunteer effort. That is not going to change and to continue taking the Society forward we do need more volunteers. In the following text a number of current requirements are highlighted. If you are interested in getting involved, please make contact with the persons indicated. Contact details are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

Shows and exhibitions

Assistance is always needed to help transport and erect the TES gazebo, displays and publication items for sale and to attend on the day of such shows for usually a two-hour session to help sell our publications and sign up new members to the Society. Events that TES will be attending in 2018 are:

20 May – Enfield Market 400th anniversary

7 July – Winchmore Hill Fancy Fair

22/23 September – Enfield Town and Country Show

Contact – Bob Fowler

Publicity

Assistance needed to take notes in meetings and to deliver TES publicity items such as newsletters, membership application forms and occasional posters to libraries, leisure and community centres.

Contact – Bob Fowler

Membership development

We believe that it is important to continue to attract new members and expand our base to include people of all ages and backgrounds from across the whole London Borough of Enfield. A small working group has been set up in which we identified a number of ways to develop this including: advertising/poster displays, articles in the press, wider distribution of membership leaflet displays, delivering membership invitations to households. Volunteers are needed to help take this forward, so if you would like to help please get in touch.

Contact – Bob Fowler

Community notice boards

TES has use of an increasing number of notice boards located at railway stations around the Borough. These are updated regularly with TES news and other publicity items. We need additional volunteers to manage these.

Contact – Dave Cockle

Audio-visual equipment support

Speakers at our meetings in Jubilee Hall often use PowerPoint presentations from a computer and sometimes show films from DVDs or use 35mm slides. We need someone to assist occasionally in setting up the equipment and screen and helping speakers in using remote controls and our radio microphone system.

Contact – Leonard Will

Local Heritage List

Following on from the successful launch of the Local Heritage List (see our Spring 2018 newsletter) we are now looking for volunteers to do a yearly check of the listed buildings. This would involve the volunteers going around their chosen area once a year and checking on the state of the locally listed buildings and if possible the statutory listed ones too. The results of this survey should then be reported back to TES Heritage at Risk group who would liaise with the Council.

Having achieved an extremely good Local Heritage list we are concerned the it should be regularly followed up and updated so this is an important task.

Contact – Janet McQueen

TES Special Interest Groups

All TES Special Interest Groups welcome additional members: see page 2.

The Enfield Society special interest groups

All TES Special Interest Groups welcome additional member involvement, so if you are interested in becoming involved in any of the following areas please get in touch:

Architecture and Planning – John Davies

The Group aims to monitor local planning applications, development plans and traffic schemes in a constructive attempt to promote good architecture and design.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods – Dave Cockle

The 'Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group' was set up to help tackle some of the litter problems within the London Borough of Enfield.

East Enfield and Edmonton – Val Munday

The group focuses on the East Enfield and Edmonton area. Among other activities, it checks on listed buildings and supports those 'at risk', monitors major planning applications, and finances the planting of trees in parks and open spaces.

Footpaths and Open Spaces – Stuart Mills

Key aims are to promote walking as healthy, enjoyable and sociable activity for all ages, preserve and extend existing footpath network and encourage use of public footpaths and open spaces. The group organises a programme of 60 walks each year.

Heritage at Risk – Janet McQueen

The group reviews the local and national lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest in the Borough and proposes additions and amendments. Draws attention to those parts of the green and built environment in the Borough which currently have no special protection and which are important to the street scene and general ambience of the area. Liaises with and supports the Council regarding the Borough's heritage.

Historic Buildings – Stephen Gilburt

Key activities are to stimulate appreciation of Enfield's architectural heritage, make recommendations for the listing and preservation of local buildings, especially those at risk, and to arrange talks about and visits to buildings of historic and architectural interest.

Press and Publicity – Bob Fowler

Key activities are: production of the quarterly newsletter, organising exhibitions and stands at local shows, organising daytime and evening talks, publishing a range of books, pamphlets, maps and postcards, arranging visits and coach outings to places of interest and maintaining publicity displays on several community noticeboards.

Records and Research – Leonard Will

The group investigates and responds to enquiries about the history of the Society and matters of interest relating to Enfield, maintains the Society's collections of books pamphlets, photographs, slides and pictures, cares for the Society's archives and maintains the Society's website.

Trees – John West

Sponsors tree planting schemes, promotes sponsored planting schemes, recommends trees for preservation and comments on significant planning applications for work on preserved trees or those in conservation areas. Maintains the Society's allotment tree nursery which grows small saplings and donated trees for use in town or countryside planting.

If you can help in any of the any of the Society activities outlined above we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact telephone numbers and email addresses are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Bob Fowler

St Alphege Church is now Grade II listed

On 6th April the Church of St Alphege, in Hertford Road, and the war memorial in front of it, were listed Grade II by Historic England because of their architectural and historic interest. Full details are given on the official site at <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1450583>

This church has loomed over our family since we first moved to Edmonton in 2014. We back onto the church and it dominates views from our house. I recall telling an Irish pastor friend of mine when we moved in that we were so lucky to back onto the church and have nobody overlooking us, to which he replied "No, you've got it all wrong, you're overlooked by angels!".

I first become aware of the importance of the church when I saw it on the Edmonton Heritage Trail, when I discovered that the church was built by Sir Edward Maufe in a modern Swedish Gothic style.

Maufe, who lived from 1882 to 1972, was knighted for services to the Imperial War Graves Commission, constructing, for example, the Runnymede War Memorial. He also constructed in Guildford one of the few great cathedrals of the 20th century.

Maufe was a famous socialite, well known in London social circles. At the time when St Alphege was constructed, in the late 1950s, the church presented a very modern vision combining modernist Scandinavian



and traditional ecclesiastical forms. Think of the popularity of mid-century Scandi styles that remain extremely popular.

Maufe observed that the church "combined freshness without obviously breaking with tradition". This is felt most strongly in this wonderful, dramatic interior that attempts to reach to the heavens with a pure, fresh and dramatic style. Look further above and you can see the original blue wood wool ceiling and golden stars, as if we were open to the elements, staring at the heavens.

The church was also furnished to a very high standard, and some of the original furniture in the Sacristy still remains. The most dramatic elements are the sculptures. The figure of Christ in the east window, the statue of St Alphege on the bell tower, and the font are by the notable sculptor, Estcourt J Clack, who was an award-winning fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors.



The two angels carry the arms of Canterbury, reminding us that St Alphege was an Archbishop of Canterbury. He was also Bishop of Winchester, my home town.

The church is also notable for its contribution to biodiversity, with its majestic eaves providing shelter for a substantial colony of swifts that grace our skies each year.

The last quinquennial review identified over £100k of work as being required. The boundaries and substantial grounds of the church could be enhanced, but it is hoped that this listing protects the building for future generations and encourages investment in the building and community.

*Philip Ridley
MSc (Planning), PGDip (Heritage)*

Trees

Greening Enfield

During April, the Trees Group has been busy moving trees to new locations across the Borough. With the support of the Friends of Tatem Park and the Friends of Weir Hall Recreation Ground, saplings have been moved from the Society tree nursery at Trentwood Side to both sites. The wet weather following the tree planting should help them to become established. In partnership with Enfield Council, trees have also been moved to The Grove (off the Ridgeway) and to Cat Hill, near the Chicken Shed Theatre.

This work has created space for us to bring on new saplings. We are particularly keen to have birch, silver birch and sweet chestnut saplings. If you have any of these saplings growing in your garden that you do not want please let us know. During the summer months work takes place at our tree nursery to keep the area tidy and to transplant trees as required. We try to replant each tree every two years to ensure the development of a strong compact root ball. If you are able to help with our monthly maintenance please let us know by emailing trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk

John West

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 2. 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 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.

Your privacy and the information you give us

The law which protects the personal information you give us is being updated by the General Data Protection Regulation, which comes into effect on 25 May. We are taking this opportunity to summarise your rights and our responsibilities.

- We only use your information to administer the Society and its activities and to keep you updated about what we are doing.
- We do not pass your information on to any third party (except to HMRC if you gift aid your subscription).
- We will not send you unsolicited communications by email unless you have specifically agreed to this.
- The law gives you various rights regarding your personal information. These depend on the circumstances, but may include the right to ask us to give you access to the information we have about you, to tell us to correct, delete this information or to transfer it to someone else, or to restrict or object to our use of it. If you think that we have not dealt properly with any concern you have, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office at www.ico.org.uk.

If you would like more information about how we manage your personal information, you can visit the "Privacy" section of our website or ask the Secretary to send you a paper version of this.

Richard Stones, Hon. Secretary

Obituaries

Roger Elkin, 1947 - 2018



We are sorry to record the sudden death at home, from a heart attack, of Roger Elkin of North Enfield.

Roger, an active volunteer with The Enfield Society recently assisted in the Local Listing project as well as giving several illustrated talks at Jubilee hall.

From Lavender Primary School, Roger went to Tottenham Grammar School before pursuing his career in the Civil Service, his final role being as Head of Road Traffic Signs just prior to retirement.

In addition to the above, Roger was well known in the Scouting movement as a

Group Scout Leader. He received the "Silver Acorn" award for distinguished service.

A keen railway modeller and active member of various railway societies including the Enfield Town and Harrow Model Railway Clubs, he opened his indoor model railways and outdoor garden railway to Enfield Society members a couple of years previously, this event raising money for children's (and other) charities. His own railway layouts attracted many visitors over time.

Roger, a parishioner at St Luke's Church only a few doors away from his home, was an active member of the "Lancastrian Drama Group".

As a tour leader for "Ffestiniog Travel", he led several railway-themed holidays to Switzerland, a country of which he was particularly fond. In fact, he travelled on every railway line in Switzerland.

As Roger was a very public spirited man, he was known by many people. Indeed, the fact that two hundred and thirty mourners attended his funeral at St. Luke's Church was testimony to this.

Dave Cockle

Jim Deamer 1928-2018

Sadly, Jim Deamer died on Sunday 25th February at North Middlesex hospital.

He was a local Edmonton boy who was proud of the area where he came from. He took great pleasure in developing his knowledge of local history through research and collecting postcards, of which he probably had hundreds! He also made many connections with local people, who shared similar interests.

He contributed to both the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society and the (then) Enfield Preservation Society, in whatever way he could. He and his wife, Dorothy, joined the EPS in 1980. He enjoyed attending our meetings and he served on our Publicity Committee, where he organised many annual coach trips until 2009. Like many people, he wished to see the profile of local history and our rich heritage raised, promoted and of course preserved.

*Terry Deamer and
Hilary Cooper (née Deamer)*

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 16th May, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. The North Middlesex Photographic Society and its contribution to the record of London by John Hinshelwood. [EHHS]

Sunday 20th May. Enfield Market Charter Fayre, arranged by the Old Enfield Charitable Trust in association with the 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 churchyard featuring pony rides, face painting, story telling and the like. A varied selection of food and drink will be available throughout the day.

Friday 25 May 10 am, Dugdale Centre (first floor). Archives in focus: maps of Enfield, led by John Clark, Local Studies Officer. £3 Advance Booking advisable.

Wednesday 6th – Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm (Sat Matinee 2.30pm), Wyllott's Theatre, Potters Bar. Die Fledermaus. Southgate Opera presents Johann Strauss's much loved comic operetta. Box Office 01707 645005.

Wednesday 6th June, 10-11am, Myddelton House. Gardeners' coffee morning – seasonal guided tour. £10 includes drink and cake

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

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June, 10am - 5pm, Myddelton House Gardens and elsewhere. Open Garden Squares Weekend organised by London Parks and Gardens Trust; more information at opensquares.org

Tuesday 12th June, 1-1.30 pm, Dugdale Centre. Apples and pears, the Edmonton Green Market painting. Museum Lunchtime Taster Talk by Joe Studman. Free.

Sunday 17th June 3-5.30pm, Hilly Fields. Bandstand concert: Already Legends – Pop/Rock

Friday 29th June 10 am, Dugdale Centre (First floor). Behind the scenes, a private tour of the Local Studies and Archives Centre with Local Studies Officer, John Clark. £3. Advance booking advisable.

Sunday 1st July, 12 noon to 6 pm, Forty Hall. Music on the lawn – a fund raising event for conservation, organised by the Friends of Forty Hall Park. £6.

Wednesday 4th July, 10-11am, Myddelton House. Gardeners' coffee morning – as for 6th June. £10.

Friday 6th July, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. The Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture. Geoffrey of Monmouth's London: from New Troy to Lud's Town by John Clark. (Joint meeting of Enfield Archaeological Society and Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.) [EAS][EHHS]

Sunday 8th July 3-5.30pm, Hilly Fields. Bandstand concert: ENJO – Jazz/Swing.

Tuesday 10th July 1-1.30 pm, Dugdale Centre. Enfield's railway history. Part one: Lea Valley Line. Museum Lunchtime Taster Talk by Dave Cockle, Free.

Saturday 21st July, 2 - 3pm, Myddelton House. Walking in the footsteps of Mr Bowles. £5.

Friday 27th July 10 am, Dugdale Centre (first floor). Archives in Focus: family history sources for Enfield with John Clark, Local Studies Officer. £3. Advance booking advisable.

Wednesday 1st August, 10 - 11am, Myddelton House. Gardeners' coffee morning – as for 6th June. £10.

Saturday 4th August, 6 - 8pm, Myddelton House Gardens. Open Air Theatre: A woman of no importance, by Oscar Wilde, from £12

Sunday 5th August 3-5.30pm, Hilly Fields. Bandstand concert: The Blue Rays – Old School Blues.

Tuesday 14th August 1-1.30 pm, Dugdale Centre. Boys and girls come out to play - Chase Farm tapestry and cup remnant. Museum Lunchtime Taster Talk by Joe Studman. Free

Sunday 19th August, 6 - 8pm, Myddelton House. Music at Myddelton: Classics in the gardens, from £9

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.

Myddelton House: To book events, go to www.visitleevalley.org.uk and scroll down to Myddelton House Gardens.

Hilly Fields Park: Free live music for all ages, supporting local charities. Bring the whole family and a picnic! For music details check www.hillyfields.info and www.facebook.com/HillyFields.Enfield

Edmonton

Illustrated talk about the Hertford Road (Ponders End) and re-launch of the Edmonton Group

Local Historian, Doug Fairhurst will give an illustrated talk about the Hertford Road (Ponders End) on Wednesday 20th June starting at 19:30. This will take place at All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton and afterwards there will be a discussion, led by The Enfield Society's Edmonton Group, on plans to re-launch the Group as the Edmonton and Eastern Enfield Group, with a wider remit.



High Street Ponders End, showing the Two Brewers public house on the right – built in 1896 and destroyed by a bomb in 1940

The Edmonton Group has been in existence for thirteen years and achieved quite a lot with tree planting, joint meetings with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society, litter clearance and getting a conservation area created for The Crescent. We would like to expand the area that the group covers northward along the Hertford Road corridor to include Ponders End. There is much scope to improve the street scene in this enlarged area which has seen many changes over the years. I specially appeal to Society members who live in the Edmonton or Ponders End areas to come along to hear Doug Fairhurst's talk and afterwards join in the discussion to see what voluntary roles they could play in helping improve the area in which they live.

Volunteering need not be an onerous task; it could be something as simple as looking after a local community information notice board or keeping a watching brief on listed buildings/street furniture in their local area. It can be both fun and rewarding. I do appreciate people lead busy lives with family and work commitments but we really do need volunteers out on the ground. The time commitment can be as little or much as you can afford. All TES members are welcome to this summer evening meeting and I look forward to hearing your views.

Dave Cockle

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.

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. The speaker 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.

July and August – no meetings

25th September. *Memories of Chase Farm. Part 1: The Schools* by Frank Bayford. Frank Bayford was Pharmacist at Chase Farm Hospital before retiring. In this talk Frank will describe how schools came to be established in the early days at the Chase Farm site and how the children were looked after. The talk will include anecdotes and reminiscences of people involved with the schools. Frank will talk about the schools in the first half of the talk and follow this with photographs.

30th October. *The Golden Road to Samarkand*, an illustrated talk by Stephen Gilbert.

Tuesday 27th November. *Finding Enfield's fallen* by Martin Lambert.

Tuesday 11th December. *Dickens and Christmas* by Dr Tony Williams, plus post-talk quiz and mince pies.

Presidents' column

After a chilly and damp early Spring, we hope that by the time you read this, the weather will have improved and you will be able to enjoy some of the Society's planned summer activities, such as country walks and visits to places of interest.

While we are sure that most of you will agree that for just £5 p.a. The Enfield Society offers great value with its interesting programme of events, priority must be given to its main aims which include protecting the Green Belt, preserving places of historical or architectural importance and encouraging good design in modern developments. This work is all undertaken by volunteers, many of whom "multitask": by being a member of a TES committee, representing the Society on an outside body such as the Green Belt Council or the Conservation Advisory Group, leading walks, giving talks, serving refreshments or staffing the sales table at meetings, delivering publications, taking part in heritage surveys, regularly clearing litter with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group, tending and planting trees etc.

A rough estimate is that fewer than 10% of the 1700 members make an active contribution to the work of the Society and we do need more volunteers in several areas. You will find specific requests in this newsletter, none of them



demanding. One request is for someone to take notes of a meeting every six weeks, another for a visit once a month to check if outlets such as the Dugdale Centre need further stocks of our membership application form, and a third is for help, usually for two hours, on the Society's stall at events such as the Town and Country Show where new members are recruited and publications sold.

Also, our membership is falling and we wish to ask every member to help to reverse this. If somebody new moves into your neighbourhood, tell them about the Society and give them a copy of the newsletter and a membership application form. Spare copies of both are available from Jubilee Hall. You may also know people socially, or through your membership of other organisations, who would be interested.

For over 80 years The Enfield Society has contributed a great deal to help make Enfield a very good place in which to live and we need to ensure its work continues, helped by an increasing and more active membership.

*Monica Smith and Colin Pointer
(Presidents Designate)*

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

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

July and August – no meetings

Monday 24th September. *Intimate memories*. An illustrated talk by Geoff Bowden on the history of the Intimate Theatre, Palmers Green.

Monday 15th October. *The Bloomsbury Group*, an illustrated talk by Janet McQueen.

Monday 19th November. *Markets, fairs and festivals of Enfield*, an illustrated talk by Joe Studman.

TES special events. For details see the pages shown.

Wednesday 23rd May. *Discovery Quiz in Covent Garden area*. Short TES walk. p.10

Thursday 7th June. *Walthamstow Wetlands*. TES Discovery Walk. p.10

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

Tuesday 19th June. *St Pancras at 150 years*. TES Discovery Walk. p.10

Sat 23rd June. *Benington Flower Festival/Open Gardens Event*. TES walk. p.10

Thursday 5th July. *Broomfield Park Stroll*. Short gentle-paced TES walk. p.10.

Enfield Market and Fair

In 2018 Enfield Market celebrates the 400th anniversary of a Royal Charter being granted by James I. Special events will include a Charter Fayre on 20th May (see page 4 for details), the market beach in July and the opening of the Old Vestry House for Open House London on 22nd and 23rd September, as well as various musical and artistic events.

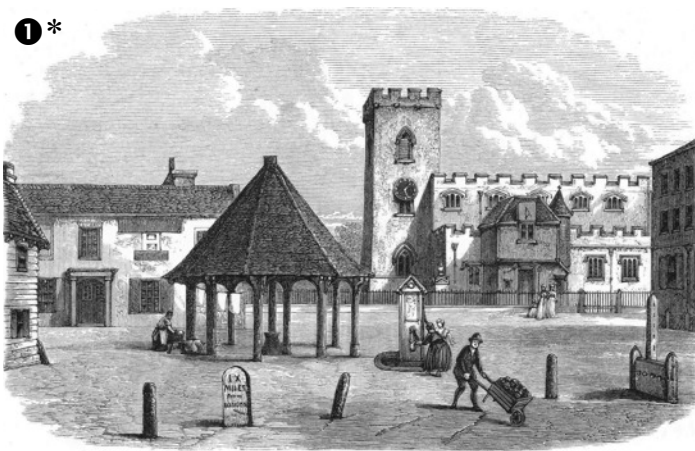
The first Royal Charter was granted by Edward I on 8th April 1303 to Humphrey de Bohun, his wife Elizabeth and their heirs, to hold a market every Monday at their Manor of Enfield. They were also given approval to hold two three-day fairs each year.

No regular market seems to have been established for over 100 years, probably because of harvest failures, disease and famine. However by 1419 stalls for butchers had been set up and by 1470 there was a bakehouse next to St Andrew's church. In the late 16th century there was a Sunday meat market, which the minister (curate) of St Andrew's, Leonard Thickpenny, incited by his vicar, Leonard Chambers, tried to stop in 1585 by attacking the butcher and throwing his meat to the ground.

On 17th April 1618 a Royal Charter was granted to Olive Kidderminster Esq., six others and their heirs, to hold a market each week on a Saturday. A market house and shambles (stalls for selling meat) were to be erected and the income from the market was to be used for the relief of the poor of the parish. The present enlarged market place was created in 1632 and by 1648 there were 21 stalls and 90 trestles for the market traders. A market cross and pump were added, together with a building for the scales and weights to ensure fair trading.

In 1669 the landlord of the King's Head inn paid £25 a year for the lease of the market. There were 24 stalls for butchers and 6 shops where Santander Bank is now. Occupants of workshops in the market place included a glazier, a horse-collar maker, a tailor and a shoemaker, who also had livestock in a nearby yard.

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ENFIELD, IN 1793.

① The market continued to flourish until the 1760s, but an attempt to halt its decline in 1778 failed. By then the market was only open for about one hour on Saturday. This 1793 print shows a milestone indicating 9 miles to London, a whipping post and double stocks, a pump from which women are drawing water and the 8-sided 1632 market house with timber columns, from which washing is hanging out to dry. The market house was demolished in 1810.

St Andrew's parish church was mainly built in the 14th, 15th and early 16th centuries. The muniment room over the south porch was demolished when the south aisle was rebuilt in 1824. Out of sight behind the mid-17th century King's Head inn were the 14th century Pronces House, the 17th century Assembly Rooms and Enfield Grammar School, built in the 1590s.

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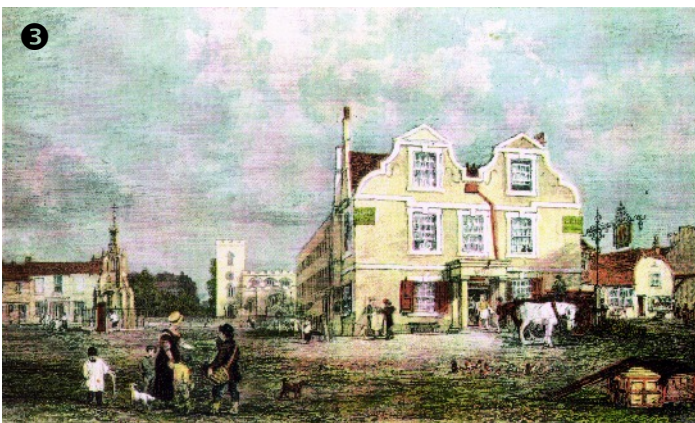


② In the early 19th century, Mr Glover, landlord of the King's Head, ran an omnibus three times a day from outside the inn to Bishopsgate in the City of London. The fare was 2s 6d (12½p) and the journey took 1½ hours. By 1855 this service had ceased, following the opening of a branch railway line from the Lea Valley line at Angel Road, Edmonton to Enfield Town in 1849.

③ After 1800 there was no regular market in Enfield until about 1870. This 1827 view of the market place shows John Hall's 1826 market cross which was constructed as part of an unsuccessful attempt to revive the market.

On the right is the 17th century Greyhound inn with its Dutch gables, which overlooked Enfield Green. After 1860 the inn was used as local government offices and a court house. Later it contained a photographer's studio and the office of Enfield Building Society. The two cottages to the right of the Greyhound were replaced in 1829 by the beadle's office with two lock-up cells. This Old Vestry House, which served as Enfield's first police station, is now occupied by the Old Enfield Charitable Trust.

Charles Lamb is best known as an essayist and the co-author, with his sister Mary, of "Tales from Shakespeare". After he retired from the City of London, they lived in Chase Side, Enfield, between 1827 and 1833. However he missed the sounds, entertainment and shops of London. In 1830 he advised Mary Shelley (the author of Frankenstein) "don't run to a country village which has been a market town but is no longer (where) clowns stand about what was the market place and spit minutely to relieve ennui (boredom)".



Enfield Market and Fair



④ After 1613 an annual fair was held behind the King's Head for three days around St Andrew's Day, 30th November. Cheese was at one time a speciality.

When George Forster painted this view of the fair in 1848, it was being held on Enfield Green (now The Town) for three days in late September. There were stalls selling oysters, mussels, sandwiches, gingerbread and toys. Entertainment included skittles, nut shooting, a wheel of fortune, a steam powered roundabout and swings. However, following protests, when two men were arrested for "singing and selling songs of an indecent tendency", the fair was suppressed in 1869.

After the arrival of direct railway lines from central London to Enfield Chase in 1871 and Enfield Town in 1872, there was a rapid rise in the population of Enfield. In 1879 the Observer commented that "For a long time a few stalls have been erected in the market

place, but not until the last few months have they been of sufficient importance to engage the attention of the authorities". Traders were quarrelling over pitches and crowds were gathering to watch the extraction of teeth! By the 1890s the market had become so crowded that "ordinary traffic could not get through". According to the Observer "the market was lit by the sizzling and fitful yellow flames of the naphtha flares [and] is full of people, mothers and fathers doing their shopping and boys and girls playing and spending their ha'pennies on sweets". There were stalls for provisions, fish, whelks, crockery, hosiery, plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables.

A drinking fountain, installed in The Town in 1885, became a place for political and religious groups to gather, occasionally both at the same time!

⑤ The present King's Head of 1899 by Shoebridge and Rising has tile hung upper storeys and half-timbered gables. This 1902 picture postcard also shows a water pump and the market cross. The cross is shown after its top section had been removed, but before it was completely dismantled in 1904 and re-erected in Myddelton House rose garden.

In 1910 the clock face was replaced by a smaller one near the top of the church tower, with a second face on the west side for the benefit of the staff and pupils at Enfield Grammar School.



⑥ This 1905 photograph, taken from the top of St Andrew's church tower, shows on the right the Universal Penny Bazaar next to a mound of fruit. The 8-sided market house by Sidney M. Cranfield was erected in 1904 to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII in 1902. In front are the entrances to the underground public toilets, which have since been closed.

In 1897 the former Greyhound inn was replaced by W. Gilbee Scott's Flemish Renaissance style London and Provincial Bank (now Barclays Bank).

The surviving part of the mainly mid-16th century Enfield Palace (Enfield Manor House) can be seen behind Pearson Brothers and other shops in Church Street. The Palace was finally demolished along with the shops in 1927 and replaced by Pearsons department store. The magnificent cedar of Lebanon, planted in 1663 by the botanist Dr Robert Uvedale, was cut down at the same time. Dr Uvedale was the headmaster of a boarding school in Enfield Palace.

Enfield Market and Fair



These views show what Enfield Market looked like in 1910. The market was open to late at night when bargains were available to shoppers before it closed.

After the First World War the market only flourished when cheap or scarce items were available for sale. Local shopkeepers were opposed to market trading on any day but Saturday and the police were called when fruit and flower stalls were set up during the week.

From 1930 car parking was allowed. In 1932 electric lighting replaced the naphtha flares on the stalls.

⑨ The market has been open on Thursday since 1974 and on Friday since 1987, when this photograph was taken, showing the stalls with striped awnings. In 2003 HM The Queen visited as part of celebrations for 700 years since the original Royal Charter. In 2011 the number of stalls was reduced, although the market still offers a wide range of items including fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, clothes, jewellery and watches. The stalls have a variety of coloured awnings and some selling freshly cooked food are in huts, trailers or vans. The market house / bandstand has been used by various performance groups and those wishing to display their art or craftwork. Other recent attractions, for limited periods, have included funfair rides, a beach and themed foreign food stalls.

The market is managed by The Old Enfield Charitable Trust and operates on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The market place is run by the Trust as a car park from Sunday to Wednesday. The net income from the market, car park and investments is used to make personal, educational and community grants to individuals and groups in the historic parish of Enfield. A separate charity, which operates in conjunction with The Old Enfield Charitable Trust, lets almshouses to needy local residents.

For more information contact The Old Enfield Charitable Trust or see TES News nos. 178, 186 and 209, transcripts of the 1303 and 1618 charters, David Pam's three volumes of *A history of Enfield*, his *Enfield Town, village green to shopping precinct*, and Graham Dalling's *Enfield past* and *The Enfield book*. These may be consulted at Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, which also supplied those images marked *.

Joe Studman will give an illustrated talk entitled *Markets, Fairs and Festivals of Enfield* at 8pm on Monday 19th November, in Jubilee Hall.

Stephen Gilbert



Modernism in Metro-Land

I run the Modernism in Metro-Land website www.modernism-in-metroland.co.uk that features many buildings in Enfield such as the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium. We have teamed up with Unbound publishing to crowdfund *A guide to modernism in metro-land*, the essential guidebook to discovering the modernist treasures of London's suburbs unbound.com/books/a-guide-to-modernism-in-metro-land/

The guide will cover nine London boroughs, including Enfield, and two counties, with a map for each area, colour photographs and descriptions of each building. One of the aims of the book is to show people the history of the neighbourhoods they live in and the stories behind the buildings they pass every day.

Everyone who supports the book will receive a special edition, and their name will be printed in the back of the book. There are also many different reward levels including art work from the book.

Josh Abbott

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Miss S A Bagdi, Ms J Barrett, Mrs P Bishop,
Mr B Clarke, Mr B Crane, Mr J Crowther,
Ms L Feldman, Mrs S Flockton, Mrs I Grace,
Ms P Hosking, Mr A J Huntingford, Ms J A Kirby,
Mr M Kohn, Ms C Maynard, Mrs ME Page,
Mr S Panting, Mrs A Parker,
Mr & Mrs A & P Peatling, Mr D Percy,
Mr & Mrs J & A Piccirillo, Mrs J Potter, Ms E Price,
Mrs H Scott, Ms C Selley, Mr & Mrs D & K Selmon,
Miss I C Stewart, Mrs S Symons, Mr G C Taber.

Joyce James

Swifts face housing crisis

Our urban heritage is partly bricks and mortar, but also the flora and fauna that have shared our towns and cities for centuries. Some species are doing well and capitalising on our throw-away culture, but others such as house sparrows and starlings are becoming an increasingly rare sight as their garden habitat turns into decking and asphalt. Perhaps the most critically threatened species is the one most tightly intertwined with our built environment. Swifts have exclusively nested in buildings since soon after Roman times, after we replaced their traditional ancient tree holes with structures that were warm, waterproof and replete with convenient empty spaces. In return they brightened up our summer months with their airborne antics (they are the world's fastest bird in level flight). Enfield offered plenty of opportunities for them to colonise Victorian buildings and a few more recent structures which met their needs. But that's changing as older buildings are demolished, or refurbished sealing up every nook and cranny. New buildings offer no opportunities for any creature to make their home except people and the occasional spider.

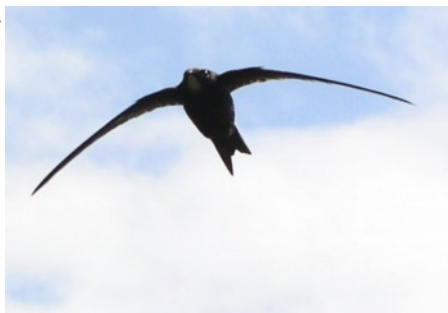
Swifts live for up to about twenty years and return again and again from a 10,000 mile round trip to Africa each May to exactly the same nest site they left the year before. They are increasingly returning to find the site gone without replacement, leading to a nationwide decrease of 50% in 20 years and probably an even greater loss in London. But we can easily help swifts. With only a small amount of planning and almost zero cost, a refurbishment can actually provide more nest sites, for example by providing entrance holes and partitions to make compartments in the soffit box. As swifts nest typically in the eaves outside the thermal envelope of the building – the classic location being on top of the solid wall or on the soffit board, this doesn't conflict with energy regulations. New build and more extensive refurbishments can include Swift bricks, which now include a very low-cost type developed by Barratt Homes that are being installed in hundreds of new-builds, and will remain for the lifetime of the building without any maintenance needed.



A swift brick built into a brick wall

The new nature reserve at Walthamstow Wetlands includes a refurbished pump house, where the chimney has been fitted

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with integrated nesting sites for up to 80 swifts. It will take time to tempt swifts into these new developments as they're gregarious birds and prefer established communities, so it's really essential that we retain and consolidate our existing nest locations.

Enfield has several significant colonies of swifts, including one at St Alphege Church in Ponders End, and another at Shepcot House, New Avenue Estate, in New Southgate N14. The latter has become a news story as the estate, built in the 1960s, is scheduled for regeneration and is being rebuilt rather than refurbished. Unusually for a relatively modern estate, it hosts a significant population of swifts, which nest under the façade cladding panels. Although there is a planning condition for swift bricks to be installed in the new estate, and the swifts' nests will have strong legal protection during the summer months, there may be at least one summer when there is nowhere for the swifts to nest. It will take time for the swifts to discover the new Swift bricks as they are familiar with a different type of nest location – leaving a significant risk that the colony could disperse and be lost. The planning system does not cater well for managing the transition of a population of wildlife from an existing building to a new one, but there are discussions on how this could be done and hopefully with goodwill and some imagination from all concerned a satisfactory solution can be found.

As well as Swift bricks, nestboxes can be successful too, although they do need to be quite high (at least 4m; because of swifts' flying speed they don't like to get too near obstructions on the ground) so are best installed when other work is being undertaken, unless you know someone with a long ladder. Even if you have nowhere suitable for a nestbox, it is also very valuable if you record details of sightings for the RSPB Swifts Survey or comment on planning applications. With raised awareness and a little co-ordinated effort between residents, builders, and local authorities, we can keep swifts the sight and sound of the summer! For more details contact Islington Swifts Group www.islingtonswifts.wordpress.com or Swift Conservation UK www.swift-conservation.org.

Mike Priaulx, Islington Swifts Group

Ordnance Road



65-69 Ordinance Road, Enfield Wash

In our last issue we featured a new terrace of houses at Ordinance Road which had been commended by the Daily Telegraph with the words "Robust and stylish, it sets a high benchmark for 21st-century council housing".

Not every one agrees, though. We have received a letter from one of our members, Mrs K. King, who lives nearby, who writes:

I am quite amazed by the lavish praise that the terrace of 11 houses in Ordinance Road has received. Most local residents regard them as an eyesore. To walk along that section of the road now is to be confronted by a line of 33 dustbins, which is not very attractive.

These houses have been occupied since December with no provision for parking in an area where parking is a constant problem. ...The only space for any parking is in front of the bungalows...

I passed these points to the architects as follows to ask whether they had any comment:

I understand from your design proposal that there were to be communal refuse bins at each end of the block, so I wonder whether this was found to be inconvenient or impracticable. It certainly detracts from the elegance of the arched porches to have them each filled with three wheelie bins.

Again, your proposal shows 16 parking spaces along the service road at the rear, but it does not appear that there is any access from there to the gardens of the town houses. Is that the case? If so I can understand that people would have to park at the front in order to load and unload things, including shopping and children, and it would be difficult then to have to leave them while driving round to the back to put the car away.

Peter Barber, the architect, replied "I was at Ordinance Road yesterday and passers-by were falling over themselves to say how beautiful the building is ..." but he did not comment on bins and parking.

Clearly opinions of beauty differ, and it is often difficult to combine beauty and original design with convenience in the practicalities of everyday living.

Leonard Will

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.

Wed 23 May. Discovery Quiz in Covent Garden area. *Something for all including family groups.* Meet **10.30** at the main front entrance to St Martin-in-the-Fields Church overlooking Trafalgar Square (about 5 mins from Leicester Square Station – Piccadilly & Northern Lines). This fun event of about 2.75 hours gives the chance to find interesting places and objects. Walking is limited, so there may be time to visit a building or have a coffee. 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. *Please do not cheat by using the internet!* Coordinator: Mick Spinks

Bank Holiday Mon 28 May. Contrasts. Meet **10.30** Westferry Station (DLR). A varied 6 to 7 mile linear walk via modern developments, including Canary Wharf (for toilets), Heron and South Quays, which contrast with older parts of the Isle of Dogs and Greenwich (lunch). Bring lunch or food available. Then John visits Greenwich Park and Blackheath Common, ending at 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 or meet him at Liverpool Street mainline station for **10.13** c2c Shoeburyness train (usually from platform 18). Travelcard/Freedom Pass boundary is Upminster. Note: if Crossrail works affect services, then Dave will take group to Fenchurch Street for Shoeburyness train.

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 food available at "The Langdon

Hills" restaurant near the country park. *Note: if using the restaurant you must bring a change of footwear.* Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. Leader: Dave Cockle

Thurs 7 June. Discovery Walk: Walthamstow Wetlands. Meet **11.00** near Victoria Line entrance at Tottenham Hale station.

Only a short distance from the station, we visit part of this recently opened nationally important nature reserve – an area of wildlife, marshes, lakes and waterways accessed by a network of paths. Café and information centre. In afternoon option of self-guided walk to view remainder of wetlands area. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. Leaders: Vanessa and Margaret

Wed 13 June. Epsom Downs. Meet **11.10** Tattenham Corner Station (10.20 Southern train from London Bridge mainline station).

About 7.5 mile circular walk over Epsom and Walton Downs and part of Banstead Heath. An area of downland, farmland, woods, the famous race course and long distance views. Possibility of finishing at lunch stop near Walton on the Hill. Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Mick Spinks

Tues 19 June. Discovery Walk: St Pancras at 150 Years. Meet **10.30** near entrance to East Midlands Trains platforms 1-4 on upper level of St Pancras International Station.

About 2.5 hour gentle walk during which Roy will provide an insight into the fascinating history of this station as it celebrates 150 years of service in 2018. As one of the most elegant stations in the world, this iconic Victorian Gothic building has gone through periods of decay, coming close to demolition and then complete restoration. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 360 0282. Leader: Roy Nicholls

Sat 23 June. Benington Flower Festival and Open Gardens Event. Meet **10.11** Watton-at-Stone Station (09.44 train from Enfield Chase).

About 7.5 mile circular walk in an unspoilt area with an extended lunch stop in village to allow ample time to visit the 6-10 gardens that are expected to be open (£5 charge) and view the themed floral display in the church (donations requested). Bring lunch or light lunches, cake and tea available in village hall. Also pub.

At news copy date possible to return by 384 bus to Hertford at 13.52 and 16.12 but, if intending to use, recommend checking in advance for the latest timetable via HCC Intalink travel website. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251 (no voicemail facility). Leader: Stuart Mills

Sat 30 June. A country walk in South London. Meet **10.34** New Malden Station (10.16 South Western Railway

Kingston train from Vauxhall mainline station).

8.5 mile linear walk based on the Beverley Brook across the open areas of Wimbledon Heath and Richmond Park, ending at Barnes Station for return to Vauxhall/Waterloo. Possible shorter options. Bring lunch or food available at Wimbledon Windmill café. Details: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West

Thurs 5 July. Broomfield Park Stroll. For tea/coffee before the walk, meet **10.15** onwards in Morrisons supermarket café in Alderman's Hill, Palmers Green (opposite station). If not, be at Palmers Green Station for start at **11.00**. About 2 mile walk in Broomfield Park with commentary on the geology and landscape, the trees and history of the park. Please respect Norman's gentle pace. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07984 813 636. Leader: Norman Coles

Sat 14 July. Weald Country Park. Meet **11.17** Brentwood Station. Either travel with Dave on 09.52 train from Enfield Town or meet him at Liverpool Street mainline station for **10.40** TfL Rail Shenfield train. About 6 mile linear walk, initially through quiet residential roads with interesting buildings, to reach South Weald hamlet and the former deer park of Weald Country Park with over 500 acres of woodland, meadows and open grassland. After lunch via Green Belt countryside and the Ingrebourne Way to end at Harold Wood TfL Station. No shorter option. Note: as lunch stop will be at Weald Country Park café which only has a limited range of hot snacks, you may wish to bring your own lunch. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. Leader: Dave Cockle

Thurs 19 July. Rib Valley. Meet **10.05** Hertford North Station (09.44 train from Enfield Chase).

About 8.5 mile walk through scenic and varied countryside with good views via Chapmore End and Tonwell, with a lunch stop after 5 miles in Wadesmill, and then passing Thundridge Old Church to end in Ware (for return by bus to Hertford). Option to finish in Wadesmill by using 331 bus to Ware/Hertford. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251 (no voicemail facility). Leader: Stuart Mills

Tues 24 July. Enfield Countryside. Meet **10.35** Crews Hill Station (10.29 train from Enfield Chase).

About 6.5 mile linear walk via Crews Hill golf course and field paths to Botany Bay (option to end), then along the Jubilee Path to Hadley Road for a lunch stop at Ferny Hill Farm café. *Note: Please ensure you remove muddy boots or cover with bags before entering the café.* After lunch through Trent Park. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. Leader: Roy Nicholls

Sat 28 July. Mid-Herts. Meet **10.00** near ticket office at Welwyn North Station (09.31 Cambridge train from Finsbury

Park mainline station or at 09.43 from Potters Bar Station).

Note: because the walk uses two lines (i.e. returning from Hertford), buy a Super Off-Peak Day Return 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 pretty countryside with small villages, ending at Hertford North Station. No shorter option. Lunch stop in Tewin. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Thurs 2 Aug. 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.

8 mile linear walk through classic Chiltern scenery, woodland and nature reserves via field paths, tracks and small lanes, ending at Chesham Station. No shorter option. Hilly. Some paths muddy after heavy rain. Lunch at Ley Hill – bring lunch or pub food available. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

Wed 8 Aug. Epping Forest – part of The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy. Meet **10.30** Chingford Bus Station (at copy date 313 buses at 09.21 and 09.41 from Church Street, Enfield Town).

About 7.5 mile circular walk through varied Forest landscapes, mainly on paths/tracks. Option to end after 4 miles from lunch stop at The Woodbine, Honey Lane (buses to Waltham Cross). Bring lunch or pub food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. *Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret*

Thurs 16 Aug. River Thames. Meet **11.00** Putney Bridge Station (District Line).

About 6 mile linear walk with Thames scenes via Barnes Elms and Common, Barnes Village (for lunch) and then the riverside path to cross Hammersmith Bridge, ending at Hammersmith Station. Shorter options including from lunch stop. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. *Leader: Peter Mackey*

Tues 21 Aug. North-East from Bayford. Meet **10.12** Bayford Station (09.59 train from Enfield Chase). Car drivers can meet group at **10.25** 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 field paths through pretty countryside and nature reserves. Lunch stop in Hertford Heath (bring lunch or pub food available) from where possible to finish by using bus to either Hertford or Broxbourne (but NOT back to Bayford). *Leader: Mick Spinks*

Bank Holiday Mon 27 Aug. Chess Valley. Meet **10.25** Chorleywood Station near 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 circular walk in attractive Chiltern countryside with a varied mix of farmland, woods and river valley scenes. Hilly in places. No shorter option. Lunch stop in Sarratt Village – bring lunch or pub food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 1 Sept. Essex Country Parks. Meet **10.47** Brentwood Station. Either travel with Dave on **09.22** train from Enfield Town or meet him at Liverpool Street mainline station for **10.10** TfL Shenfield train.

7.5 mile linear walk via Thorndon Country Parks through woodland and undulating farmland with long distance views into Kent, ending at Shenfield Station. Option to finish from lunch stop at The Green Man pub in Herongate. Bring lunch or pub food. The final mile of route goes through the exclusive residential estate of gated mansions in Hutton Mount. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Stuart Mills

Norman Coles

The benefits of exercise and social interaction are frequently mentioned these days and these are surely demonstrated by one of the Society's walk leaders, Norman Coles.

Congratulations to Norman who celebrated his 90th birthday last March and still intends to lead his "strolls" for as long as possible. He led his first Society walk in July 1993 and has now passed 130 walks, visits and strolls. In recent years his walks have included fascinating detail on geological and physical events that have shaped our local environment, hills and valleys.

This photograph, by Shirley Cotton, shows Norman while leading a walk in Enfield's countryside in October 2007.

Stuart Mills



Heritage walks

This summer we have arranged two new walks, led by local historian Joe Studman.

Thursday 7th June, 7pm, starting at Enfield Chase station.

Your guide will take you on a walk along Chase Side and side roads, being told of historical associations including tales of plague pits and murder. It will end with a stroll along Gentleman's Row and a visit to the Tudor Room.

Sunday 29th July, 2pm, starting at Southgate Station

This is a walk dominated by the Walker Family of Arncliffe Grove. We travel from the underground station to Southgate Green via side roads and footpaths, with a visit to Christ Church.

Both walks are free of charge, but as places are limited you will need to obtain a ticket in advance. This will be posted to you if you send your name and contact details, with a stamped addressed envelope, to Heritage Walks, The Enfield Society, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ.

Sadie Isaksson

TES events and walks

(1) If TES needs to cancel or significantly alter events, when possible this will be shown on the Society's website.

(2) Great Northern train timetables are substantially altered with effect from 20th May. We have taken these changes into account for the walks programme, but for regular use we recommend that you either download or obtain copy timetables when they are available.

Stuart Mills

Bush Hill Park wildlife garden now secure



In our last issue we reported that The Enfield Society had made a grant to the Friends of Bush Hill Park to help them to keep vandals and drug users out of the wildlife garden.

The gate shown above has now been installed and the Friends are working to restore and enhance the garden, which will soon be open to the public in the daytime.

Leonard Will

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Coach trip to Ickworth on Saturday 8th September 2018

This year's coach trip is to the National Trust property of Ickworth in Suffolk, with its classical architecture, wonderful garden and interesting contents.

We will leave Enfield at 9.30am and reach Ickworth House about 11.30. The magnificent building and estate reflects the Hervey family's interest in everything Italian with a rotunda and Italianate garden while within the house there are paintings by Gainsborough and Reynolds amongst others and an extensive collection of silver.

As is usual in a National Trust property there is a shop and plant centre and several places to eat. The garden includes some lovely walks as well as an extensive fernery and spending the day here should give us time to eat, shop and explore the house and grounds.

We will leave about 4.30 and be back in Enfield by 6.30pm.

The cost of the trip is **£18** if you are a National Trust or Art Fund member and **£30** if you do not belong to either of these.

To book, please either send a cheque payable to "The Enfield Society" to **Coach Trips, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ**, remembering to include a SAE and your **telephone number**, or use our on-line service to book and pay by debit or credit card, or from a PayPal account, at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/coachtrip.php

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The Summerhouse, Ickworth Park

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The Rotunda, Ickworth

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Leonard Will