



# Enfield Society News

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## Helping to make our borough beautiful

The Enfield Society has recently given two grants for planting flowers to keep our borough looking attractive.

As part of the Enfield in Bloom scheme we sponsored the planting of a rose bed at the junction of Church Street and Victoria Road, Edmonton N9. As shown in the picture, it has not yet filled out, but the Enfield in Bloom coordinator, Mo Cross, says that by this time next year it should be blooming beautifully.



We have made a contribution to the cost of hanging baskets in Church Street, The Town and London Road, as part of a scheme organised by the Enfield Town Business Association and also supported by the Old Enfield Charitable Trust. The work of the Association is described in the article below.

The hanging baskets are being watered and maintained weekly by commercial contractors, but many of the flower beds in the borough depend on volunteers to look after them. It is sad when initial enthusiasm to set up a project is not carried through to its long-term maintenance. Enfield in Bloom have an urgent appeal on their web site at [www.enfieldinbloom.org.uk](http://www.enfieldinbloom.org.uk) for volunteer gardeners who can spend a few hours now and then. Both Enfield Town and Southbury stations have been set up with container planting by "Energy Gardens" and are now crying out for local volunteers to look after the plants. Our chairman, Dave Cockle, will liaise with anyone willing to help with station gardens.

*Leonard Will*



Our rose bed at Edmonton



## Enfield Town Business Association

Enfield Town, like many town centres throughout the country, is struggling with empty units resulting in many very tired and rundown vacant shopfronts along the high street.

Many household names have disappeared from our high streets recently, the latest casualty being Maplins in Church Street.

Due to reasons including government cutbacks, Enfield Council has failed to make investment in Enfield Town. For several years we have gone without hanging flower baskets during the summer and Christmas lights to brighten our Town centre during the festive season, when we need to make Enfield more inviting to the local community.

The Enfield Town Business Association, Chaired by Erdal Mehmet of G Mantella Jewellers, and Chris Theodoulou of Emma Claire Hair & Beauty Spa, have revitalized the business association.

They have worked hard to raise funds from local businesses around the Town which has enabled them to employ me, Mark Rudling, as a part time community Town Centre Manager. Apart from donations from smaller retailers, larger organizations who have offices around

the Town and share a genuine concern about its well-being have also given generous support. These businesses include Metaswitch, Kaybridge Construction and Winchmore Brickwork.

We are trying to fight back and make Enfield Town a more attractive place for the local community to visit, and for businesses to want to be in and more importantly, *to invest in*.

Funds have been raised for hanging baskets around Church Street and London Road from local businesses and community organizations. Special thanks go to the Enfield Society for their contribution to brightening up our Town.

Our next main objective is to have Christmas lights back after a break of several years. I fully appreciate that hanging baskets and festive lights won't instantly change the fortune of the area, but it all plays a part on the path to restoring our lovely Enfield Town to the jewel in the borough's crown that it once was and should be again.

*Mark Rudling  
Town Centre Manager for the  
Enfield Town Business Association*





# Conservation and buildings

## Conservation Advisory Group

The Council's Conservation Advisory Group (CAG) meets monthly to consider larger planning applications within the Borough's Conservation Areas and the Society is represented on that group. Views are developed within the Society's Architecture & Planning Group. CAG comments and recommendations are included in the report that is submitted to the Planning Committee. During the last three months there have been some interesting debates on the following projects -

**New Metaswitch building on the Genotin Road car park.** While some members may regret the loss of surface car parking, the proposed new office building will allow Metaswitch to expand in Enfield bringing new employment opportunities to the area. In addition to the discussion at CAG, an exhibition was held at the Dugdale Centre in June. The site was identified for development within the approved Enfield Town Plan and we have therefore concentrated on the design of the building rather than the use of the site. Metaswitch are proposing a high quality design and while we would like to see some improvements to the landscaping we consider that the scheme will be a positive addition to the Town. Enfield Council has recently established a 'Place and Design Quality Panel' where independent professionals review the design of major developments. The new Metaswitch building was the first development to undergo this process and we believe that it will help to raise the standard of new buildings in the Borough.

**Trent Park.** Members who study the Council's planning application weekly lists may be surprised by the number of applications relating to the Trent Park development. The master plan for the site has not changed and we are pleased to see that the landscaping proposals are all unchanged, but the developer, Berkley Homes has been carrying out a design review to many of the proposed properties. These changes require a variation to the planning approval but to a large extent we are satisfied that these changes improve the appearance of the houses and flats. We are keeping the matter under review.

**Bike-hangers.** As part of the Council's plans to encourage cycling in Enfield, they are providing secure on-street cycle parking shared by residents who request it. These 'bike-hangers' provide secure parking for up to six bikes and are designed to help those who have no storage facilities, for example those living in flats. They are located on the highway in place of a street car parking place. Local consultation is carried out with nearby residents before the hangers are provided. The Society has some concerns about their use within Conservation Areas and the Council has agreed to consult CAG before any are provided in sensitive locations.

*John West*

Metaswitch



An impression of Metaswitch's proposed new building at Genotin Road

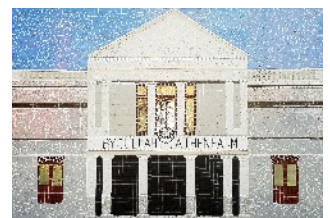


Bike hangers, open and closed  
Space for a bike costs £1 per month

### New flats on Windmill Hill



We understand that this site on Windmill Hill, currently occupied by "Auto 2000 Prestige Cars" has been sold for £5,000,000 and that there are plans to build 48 flats there. This is the site of the Bycullah Athenaeum, commemorated by this mosaic at Enfield Chase station.



## Rose and Crown reopened

Some of our members expressed fears that we were in danger of losing another important local pub, Grade II listed and said to have been frequented by Dick Turpin, because the Rose and Crown, Clay Hill, was closed and boarded up for some months.

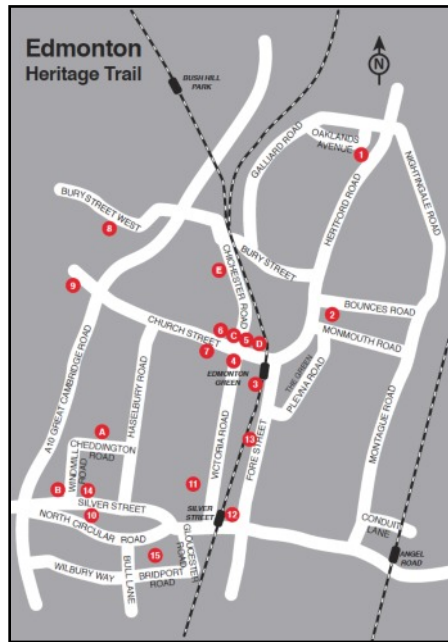
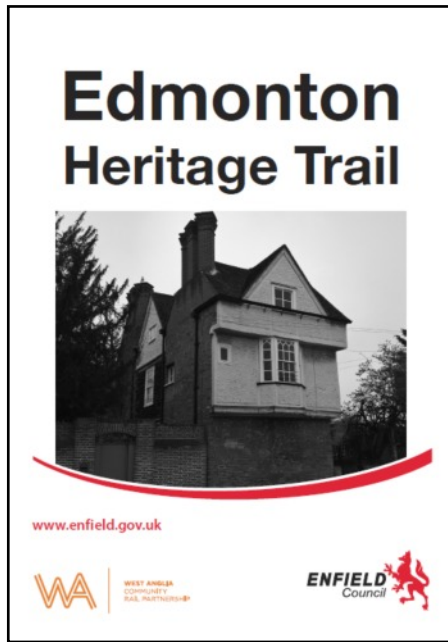
We are pleased to report that the closure was just for refurbishment and that the pub re-opened at noon on 23rd July.





# Edmonton

## Re-launch of the Edmonton Heritage Trail



If you live in Edmonton or the eastern part of the Borough you may have noticed changes to some of the information boards with new plans showing the Edmonton Heritage Trail. The Council, supported by the West Anglia Community Rail Partnership and the Enfield Society, has updated the Heritage trail providing a guide to historic buildings, sites of local interest and commemorative plaques. The trail commemorates people such as Gladys Aylward and Charles Lamb; notable buildings such as The Crescent and Edmonton Girls Charity School and several churches including St Alphege's Church, Hertford Road, recently listed as a Grade II historic building.

Edmonton has a rich and important history in the development of both the Borough and north London and the Society welcomes the re-launch of the trail. Leaflets are available in local libraries and Jubilee Hall and can be downloaded from

[www.dugdalecentre.co.uk/page/enfield-local-history-factsheets](http://www.dugdalecentre.co.uk/page/enfield-local-history-factsheets)

See page 5 for details of an introductory talk about the Edmonton Heritage Trail on 26th September.

John West

## Sales table

It is hard to believe as I write with the temperature in the high 20s that before the next newsletter is published Christmas cards being sent overseas by surface mail will have to be posted. This year we will have on sale packs of four different view cards, Whitewebbs House, Crown and Horseshoes public house, Christmas at Forty Hall and No.1 Gentleman's Row, illustrated below.

Books are welcome presents for many and this year we have three new ones on sale. Frank Bayford's *Memories of Chase Farm* (£9.50) includes the recollections of some who lived there when it was a children's home. Jim Lewis was inspired to write another book about the Lea Valley: *Ice Age to wetlands – the Lea Valley's return to nature* about the Walthamstow Wetlands Project which has transformed the old reservoirs into a nature reserve. Members can purchase this at the reduced price of £13.

For children between 8 and 12 there is the revised edition of *The Enfield Book*. This now covers all parts of the Borough of Enfield and includes a potted history of the whole area, pictures to colour,

places to visit, famous people, how to identify trees, the history of the New River and local industries and more. The price is £6.

All items can be bought at Enfield Society meetings at Jubilee Hall. Unfortunately the Enfield Town and Country Show in the Town Park was cancelled after our order forms were printed but Waterstones bookshop in Church Street, Enfield, stocks all the books, heritage guides and maps. Christmas cards are usually on sale at Gray's Newsagents and the main post office.

If ordering by post, please complete the enclosed form and send it with a cheque made payable to The Enfield Society to Publications, The Enfield Society, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, EN2 0AJ. We can accept payments by debit or credit card through PayPal if you order on-line from our website ([enfieldsociety.org.uk](http://enfieldsociety.org.uk)). You do not need a PayPal account. This is convenient for many people, especially those living overseas as currency conversions are dealt with automatically.

Monica Smith

## Cleaner neighbourhoods

The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group have arranged for a litter pick on Saturday 6th October. We will meet at Turkey Street London Overground Station at 10.00 hrs and clean up the footpath (London Loop) that runs from Winnington Road alongside the Crematorium to the Great Cambridge Road. Depending on the number of volunteers present, we may also litter pick on the footpath that runs along the North bank of Turkey Brook Eastwards from the Station.

All TES members are welcome to join our working party. Personal protective equipment will be provided along with plastic sacks and litter pickers. We expect to be on site for a couple of hours. If you wish to come, please email [cleanerneighbourhoods@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:cleanerneighbourhoods@enfieldsociety.org.uk) or telephone me on (020) 8366 2242 to make sure that we have enough equipment.

Dave Cockle



Whitewebbs House



Crown and Horseshoes



Christmas at Forty Hall



No.1 Gentleman's Row

## 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](http://www.enfieldsociety.org.uk) and on the Enfield Council site at [new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture/](http://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture/)

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

**Until 6th January 2018, Museum of Enfield, Dugdale Centre. Exhibition – Hidden Treasures Revealed – Broomfield House and Park.**

**Sundays 19th and 26th August. 1.30 to 5.30 pm., Broomfield Bandstand. Broomfield Blues. Free**

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

**Sunday 26th August. 10 am to 9 pm. Whitewebbs Museum of Transport. Open Day and American and Custom Car Show (with music). Admission £5,**

**Friday 31st August 10 to 10.45 am, Local Studies Library and Archives, Dugdale Centre. Behind the scenes, a tour of the the Local Studies Centre with John Clark. £3**

**Sunday 2nd September 12 noon to 7 pm, Broomfield Park. Palmers Green Festival. Admission free.**

**Wednesday 5th September, 10.00-11.00, Myddelton House Gardens Gardeners'**

**coffee morning - inside the potting shed. £10.**

**Friday 7th September, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Exploring the material culture of Roman London** by Michael Marshall, Senior Finds Specialist (Prehistoric and Roman), MOLA. [EAS]

**Tuesday 11th September, 8 pm, Jubilee Hall. Charles II – rather a good king.** by Councillor Michael Rye, followed by light refreshments and the Branch AGM [HA]

**Wednesday 12th September, 7 pm, Forty Hall. Local history talk : Industrious Enfield. £5**

**Sunday 16th September 6.45 to 8 pm in the Walled Garden, Forty Hall. Opera at sunset with soprano Lucy Elston.** Tickets (£15) include a glass of Prosecco or soft drink.

**Sunday 30th September, 10 am to 4 pm, Whitewebbs Museum. Open Day and Dinky & Lone Star exhibition plus a Morris Minor themed day. £5**

**Tuesday 9th October, 8 pm, Jubilee Hall. George III as revealed by the Georgian Papers Programme** by Professor Arthur Burns (King's College, London) [HA]

**Friday 12th October, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Bugging the Nazis in WW2: Trent Park's secret history** by Dr Helen Fry, Historian. [EAS]

**Saturday 3rd November, Jubilee Hall. WWI in the Edmonton Hundred.** EHHS day conference. [EHHS]

**Friday 9th November, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Walbrook Mithras Temple reconstruction** by Sophie Jackson, Director of Research and Engagement, MOLA. [EAS]

**Tuesday 13th November, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Has there ever been a British Nation?** by Professor David Edgerton (King's College, London and author of The Rise and Fall of the British Nation: a Twentieth Century History) [HA]

**Thursday 15th November, 10.30 am, Jubilee Hall. The Arts Society Enfield Study Day on "World War I poetry, art and music: Wilfred Owen and his contemporaries".** £36 (£30 for members of the Arts Society Enfield), including lunch and refreshments. For details see [theartsocietyenfield.org.uk](http://theartsocietyenfield.org.uk) or contact Janet McQueen on 020 8367 7374.

**Wednesday 21st November, 2.30pm, Jubilee Hall. They came in their millions: the forest excursionists** by Dr Chris Pond. [EHHS]

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

**HA:** Historical Association, North London Branch. Non-members are welcome (£1 per meeting).

**Myddelton House:** To book events, go to [www.visitleevalley.org.uk](http://www.visitleevalley.org.uk) and scroll down to Myddelton House Gardens.

## The Enfield Town and Country Show 2018 is cancelled

The Enfield Society was sorry to learn that the Enfield Town and Country Show 2018 had been cancelled. The following explanation was posted on the Show's Facebook page by the organisers on 23rd June.

It is with a great deal of sadness that Quintessentially British Events/Classic Festivals and Events have decided to not go ahead with the Enfield Town Show 2018. This decision has not been taken lightly and from a personal point of view, out of all the shows we organise, The Enfield Town Show has always been one of my favourite shows. The Community spirit is exceptional, which is why I love the show and the people of Enfield and surrounding communities. It is something Enfield should be truly proud of. Everybody wants to be a part of the Town Show from the fabulous Community, Community Groups, Kathy Worrall who is truly passionate and Love Your Doorstep which is what made the show what it is. It has been an honour organising it. A lot of people are asking the reasons why it is not going ahead:

1) We have tried since February to speak to anybody more Senior than the Events Assistant from the Council about the situation when finding out on Facebook about the Balloon Festival and what they were offering. The Shows are almost identical apart from the Community

aspect. To date NOBODY from the Council has bothered to come back to us.

2) We have a responsibility to our exhibitors. Although many people might feel 8 weeks between two shows in the same Park which have identical attractions is long enough for people to attend both, from bitter experience it is not. A lot of families also do not have the money to attend both. It would not be fair to take this risk for our exhibitors.

3) We have an email from four years ago stating when we took over the Enfield Town Show that they would not allow another similar large event to be held in the Park. This has quite clearly been ignored but because nobody from the Council would come back to us, we have not been able to discuss this.

4) Two years ago the Council introduced a per person fee on visitors coming to the show. So not only do we pay the Council to rent the land, we pay fee on every single person coming to the show including under 5's who come in for free. This has not been a problem for us due to the Town Shows popularity but it could be a problem should

the Balloon Festival have a detrimental effect on the Town Show.

5) We were contacted by the Council a couple of weeks ago to say, when we were attending the Council led Enfield Town Show meeting at the end of June (only couple of months before the event) to not apply for any licenses as nothing was yet confirmed which was unlike previous years which was extremely concerning for us.

We did not want to cancel the show and we are truly sorry as an Organiser that we have been put in this position as we have worked extremely hard on it for years. We would appreciate your understanding on this decision as this was the last measure we wanted to take as we have put our heart and soul into organising it for the last four years.

All exhibitors are in the process of being contacted and will be fully refunded.

Kind regards

Paula Edmundson



## 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.**

**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 Gilburt. In the 7th century central Asia was conquered by Arabs and the people converted to Islam. In the late 14th century the area was ruled by Tamurlaine. By the late 16th century there were several independent Muslim Khanates. Cities such as Khiva, Bukara and Samarkand still have palaces, mosques with minarets, madrassas (Koranic teaching schools), bazaars and caravanserai (inns where merchants could stay while travelling on the Silk Road between China and eastern Mediterranean ports). These cities grew rich on the manufacture and trade in cotton and silk cloth, carpets, ceramics, artifacts made from metal and wood, and jewellery, which were transported in camel caravans along the Silk Road. Central Asia was conquered by Russia in the 19th century but since 1991 has been split up into independent republics such as Uzbekistan.

**27th November. *Finding Enfield's fallen*** by Martin Lambert. It is 100 years since the end of the Great War and yet there are still more clues to our past that history is giving up. Martin Lambert is a battlefield tour guide and has researched many of Enfield's war dead. In this talk Martin will tell us how we can look deeper into the information we have on our war dead and show us how we can learn about our own relations.

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

## Chairmans' column



We were recently concerned to see the deteriorating condition of the Grade II listed "Rose and Crown" public house in Clay Hill. The windows were boarded up and fly tipping had occurred in the car park to the rear. Additionally, there were signs of break-ins to out-buildings with their contents strewn about the car park. The site bore the appearance of abandoned premises complete with the presence of dead plants in the hanging baskets. A search on social media sites indicated that the pub was closed for several months for refurbishment. Despite several rumours, there was no formal notification on site indicative of its permanent closure.

The Society raised its concern with the Council on the lack of security of the site and consequently some welcome changes occurred. The shutters came off the windows, the fly tipping debris was cleared up and the hanging baskets were re-planted. Furthermore, the building became lived-in whilst the refurbishment work took place. Best news of all is that the pub reopened on 23rd July.

I was saddened to learn about the Town Show being abandoned this year, having many happy memories of the annual event going back to the 1960's. We scouts set up a "model" camp as part of the show. Canoeing demonstrations were given on the New River, jam tarts cooked in an improvised wood fuelled

"oil drum" oven were sold along with a mug of tea for six old pence! In this pre-mobile 'phone age we scouts were used as "runners", taking messages to and from the PA tent. The show was very much a community event presenting an opportunity for local clubs and societies to show-case activities. At least one step has consequently been taken to mitigate the loss of the show: the horticultural events are to take place at Salisbury House, Bury Street West, on 22nd and 23rd September.

The recent hot weather has resulted in low water level in the New River, Town Loop. Consequently, there is a noticeably bad smell by the riverside. At the beginning of July some dead fish were seen floating in the water as result of a pollution incident which is currently being investigated jointly by the Council and the Environment Agency. We have asked the Council to let us know the findings of this investigation.

In closing, I would like to thank those TES members who responded to our plea, in our Summer News, for more volunteers. We are planning to attend the Palmers Green Show on Sunday 2nd September and the presence of extra volunteers makes it much easier to staff our stall.

*Dave Cockle*

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

**August – no meetings**

**Monday 24th September. *Intimate memories***. An illustrated talk by Geoff Bowden on the history of the Intimate Theatre, Palmers Green, since it was established as a professional playhouse in 1935 under the guidance of John Clements. Among the stars who have appeared there are Richard Attenborough, Roger Moore, June Whitfield, Nicholas Parsons, Arthur Lowe, David Bowie, Patricia Hayes, Penelope Keith, Richard Todd, Noele Gordon, Tony Blackburn, Anthony Hopkins, Kenneth Williams, Tyrone Power, Bob Hoskins, Charlie Chester, Stephen Fry, Cleo Lane, Jessie Matthews and June Bronhill.

Geoff has also written a fascinating illustrated book on the various fortunes of the theatre and its performers..

**Monday 15th October. *The Bloomsbury Group***. This illustrated talk by Janet McQueen will explore the lives, loves and humour of a group of artists, writers and intellectuals who gathered at the Bloomsbury home in

London of Thoby Stephen in the early 20th century. They included Vanessa and Clive Bell, Roger Fry, Duncan Grant, Virginia and Leonard Woolf, Lytton Strachey, David Garnett, Desmond and Molly MacCarthy, Maynard and Lydia Keynes and E. M. Forster.

**Monday 19th November. *Markets, fairs and festivals of Enfield***. This illustrated talk by Joe Studman will include the history of the markets and festivals we still enjoy today. We will also discover the "Enfield Bonfire Boys", "The Cheese Fair" and how Enfield drew thousands to its pageants and marts.

**Edmonton and Eastern Enfield Group**

**Wednesday 26th September, 7.30pm, All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton. *A brief illustrated presentation on the Edmonton Heritage Trail*** by Sam Abelman, Heritage Officer, Enfield Council. All are welcome to attend. See more information about the trail on page 3.



## Historic buildings: Broomfield

### Broomfield House, Palmers Green

“Hidden Treasures – revealing Broomfield House and Park” is an interesting exhibition which may be seen at the Dugdale Centre, Enfield town, until 6th January 2019. It has been curated by Stacey Anne Bagdi, from the Museum of Enfield, and the Broomfield House Trust. The exhibition contains prints, photographs, maps, paintings and artifacts from when the house was lived in and from when it was a museum. Views and objects connected with some of the various activities which have taken place in the house and park will bring back many memories.

Named after John Broomfield, Broomfield House was originally a two-storey timber-framed 16th century farmhouse with two or three rooms on each floor. Later in the 16th century it was extended at the northern end with a timber-framed gabled wing over a brick basement and two chimneys were inserted. The house was later owned in turn by Geoffrey Walkaden and Richard Skevington. In the early 17th century it was occupied by Alderman Sir John Spencer, who sold it to Joseph Jackson. Further timber-framed additions were constructed to the south-west and north in the 17th century. By 1624 the house was recorded as having 14 hearths. In the 18th century a brick service wing containing a kitchen, pantry and scullery was added to the south-east. This 1800 watercolour shows the many gabled west front of Broomfield House, which then had a U-shaped plan. There will be a free talk on the early history of Broomfield by Ivor Evans at 1pm on Tuesday 13th November in the Dugdale Centre.



In the early 18th century a fine baroque oak staircase with an ornate balustrade was inserted at Broomfield House. In 1726 the walls and ceiling of the staircase hall were covered with classical mythological paintings by the Flemish artist Gerard Lanscroon. Other murals by Lanscroon can still be seen at nearby Arnos Grove House (now Southgate House), Southgate Green. The ceiling painting at Broomfield showed a female figure holding a carpenter's plane, which may refer to the origins of the Jackson family's wealth. On the wall to the right were four female figures representing the seasons. On the left wall Mercury, messenger of the gods with a winged helmet, was shown kneeling before Cupid. Behind Cupid were his mother, Venus, goddess of love, and father, the craftsman Vulcan, god of fire. Above was Minerva, with an owl behind her symbolising her wisdom.



The murals were damaged by fire in 1984 and the surviving fragments are now held in store by Enfield Council. The head illustrated is that of Minerva. The whole figure of Minerva has now been conserved with a grant from the Enfield Society and an anonymous donations. It is one of the highlights of the exhibition. Examples of the three designs of baluster and a partial reconstruction of the staircase are also on display.

There will be a talk on the Lanscroon murals by Dr Mark Banting at 2pm on Tuesday 11th September in the Dugdale Centre, admission £3.



# Historic buildings: Broomfield



The Jackson family held the estate for nearly 200 years until Mary Jackson married William Tash. At his death in 1816 Broomfield was bequeathed to Henry and Louisa Powys. About 1820 the north end of the house was demolished and rebuilt in brick with two large reception rooms on the ground floor. The roof was rebuilt, the gables were removed and the courtyard was filled in to give a nearly rectangular shape to the plan of the house.

The Powys family remained owners until 1903, although the house was let to tenants including William Rathbone, a deputy of the Corporation of London, who lived at Broomfield House from 1858.



Between 1875 and 1901 the tenant was Sir Ralph Littler. He became a barrister in 1857 and a QC in 1877, specialising in promoting railway bills. From 1875 he led the campaign to separate Southgate, which included Winchmore Hill and Palmers Green, from the Edmonton Board of Health. Despite opposition from Edmonton and from some people in Southgate expressed at public meetings, he succeeded in getting a separation bill passed by Parliament. A new Southgate Board of Health was established in 1881. Southgate subsequently became an urban district in 1894 and a municipal borough in 1933. These photographs show the drawing room and staircase hall at Broomfield House during Sir Ralph Littler's occupation.



In 1903 most of the estate was sold for housing but Southgate Urban District Council purchased the house and 54 acres of grounds for a public park at a cost of £25,000. The house was used by Southgate County School between 1907 and 1910. A maternity centre was opened on the first floor in 1917 and a dental clinic in 1929. This view shows the west front as it appeared before 1928.



The park has been used for a variety of activities including running, football, tennis, netball, swimming and sailing model boats. Here a group of Chelsea Pensioners are shown enjoying a game of bowls in the 1920s.



Between 1928 and 1932 Southgate Urban District Council removed the existing roughcast and covered the exterior of the house with mock-Tudor timberwork. The north wing, rebuilt in brick in the early 19th century, was not refaced. The house was listed Grade II in 1950 and was upgraded to II\* in 1971. The park is also listed. This view shows the west front of the house as it appeared up to 1984.



Broomfield Museum opened on the ground floor in 1925. After wartime use by the RAMC, the museum re-opened in 1949 with a cafe on the ground floor and a health centre on the first floor. The permanent museum collection included stuffed animals and birds, a glass-sided beehive and fossils. There were also various temporary exhibitions, often on local subjects such as Sir Thomas Lipton and the Cresswells. The Dugdale Centre exhibition includes mounted butterflies and a stuffed fox from the Broomfield Museum collection.



# Historic buildings: Broomfield

Broomfield House Trust



In 1984 the top floor and roof of Broomfield House were destroyed by a fire caused by an electrical fault. The structure was further damaged by arson attacks in 1993 and 1994. The remaining part of the building is now supported by scaffolding and covered with sheeting to try to protect the ruin from further damage. In 2003 the house featured in the BBC television series *Restoration*. Various proposals for restoring and bringing the house back into use have been made. The plans have included a banqueting hall, a theatre, a public house/restaurant and sheltered housing between the house and the stable block. However not one of these plans has been carried out.

Visitors to Broomfield Park today can enjoy various activities and see the ponds and the flower beds as well as the listed Garden House, Stable Block and walls dating from the 16th to the 18th centuries.

For more information and illustrations, see:

*Broomfield, Southgate, a souvenir guide* by David Pam.

*Broomfield, an illustrated history of the house and garden* by Steven Brindle, 1994

*Broomfield House, Enfield, the structured development of the house* by Richard Lea, 1994

*Once upon a time in Palmers Green* by Alan Dumayne, 1988

*The old borough of Southgate* by Alan Dumayne, 1998

*Southgate and Edmonton past* by Graham Dalling, 1996

*Treasures of Enfield* edited by Valerie Carter, 2000

*The buildings of England: London 4 north* by Bridget Cherry and Nikolaus Pevsner, 1998

*Restoration: discovering Britain's hidden architectural treasures* by Philip Wilkinson, 2003.

Most of these books are out of print but *Treasures of Enfield* can still be purchased from the Enfield Society or Waterstone's Bookshop, price £13.50. Most of the books may be consulted at Enfield Local Studies Library and Archives, which also supplied the illustrations used in this article.

Stephen Gilbert

## Broomfield Park Conservatory

The Broomfield Park Conservatory is tucked away next to the upper lake. It lies within the walled area of the park close to Broomfield House. Its appearance is Victorian with the typical brick and timber frame construction of that period and fish-scale glazing. In fact it was not built until 1934. It was built on behalf of Southgate Borough Council by Messrs W Richardson of Darlington at a cost of £912. Even then the Council were short of funds and took out a loan from the Ministry of Health which was repaid over 20 years.

According to a report in the *Palmers Green and Southgate Gazette* it opened to the public in October with a wonderful display of chrysanthemums. It was, subsequently, used to bring on bedding plants which could be used in the park. Eventually, the number of gardeners was reduced and the council started to buy in plants. When I first remember the conservatory in the early 1980s it was packed with exotic and ornamental plants for the visitor to admire and was open on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, the conservatory fell on hard times in the late 1990s. The fabric of the building suffered and as is often the case with neglected buildings it became subject to vandalism. It was finally closed to the public, on safety grounds in August 2003.

At the end of 2009 the Council commissioned a major refurbishment of the conservatory which was completed in February 2010. The glass was replaced with polycarbonate to reduce the risk of future vandalism. The Council did not have the funds so the running of the conservatory was given over to the Friends of Broomfield Park. A group of volunteers set about making it a safe and attractive place again. There are deep rainwater collection tanks with an electric pump and an automatic watering system, while fans have been added to increase ventilation.

The stock of interesting sub-tropical plants, such as orchids, cacti, succulents and carnivorous plants has



been increased over the years. The banana plant has been reintroduced and is bearing fruit this summer. One of the plants to survive during the years of neglect was the *Strelitzia* and this has become the signature flower. After the refurbishment the conservatory was secured behind a chain link fence. This temporary measure was still in place in 2015. It was decided to track down the railings which were, originally, around the toilets on the Palmers Green Triangle. With the help of a local blacksmith the railings were refurbished, made safe and installed in a low brick wall. The original metal gates to the toilets were adapted to allow access. A grant from the Enfield Society made this all possible. The appearance of the conservatory has been much enhanced.



In 2016 there was concern that the fabric of the conservatory was deteriorating once more. Fortunately, in November 2017, the principal surveyor for Enfield Council authorised a full refurbishment of the conservatory. This was completed in June 2018 and thanks to new paint technology the conservatory's future is looking bright. The volunteers organise a number of events throughout the year including children's workshops, craft events, plant information talks, musical interludes and a

variety of plant sales. The conservatory is open to the public every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon.

For more information: [www.friendsofbroomfieldpark.org](http://www.friendsofbroomfieldpark.org) or email: [broomfieldparkconservatory@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:broomfieldparkconservatory@hotmail.co.uk)

Geraldine Anwar



## Pymmes Brook Trail relaunched



Back in the 1990s, a much-missed organisation called the London Walking Forum encouraged boroughs around London to come up with

ideas for new walking routes. Sadly, the Forum no longer exists, leaving a cavernous hole in the promotion of walking in the capital, and many of the routes that were developed then have sunk into obscurity.

But one of them, the Pymmes Brook Trail, is to be relaunched in October. Created as a combined initiative of the London Boroughs of Barnet and Enfield, it originally ran for 10 miles across north-east London from Cockfosters Station to Picketts Lock on the Lee Navigation, and naturally followed as closely as possible Pymmes Brook, a tributary of the River Lea.

The relaunch is accompanied by a new and colourfully-illustrated 112-page guide to the route by Colin Saunders, whose guides to the Capital Ring, London Loop, North Downs Way and Vanguard Way are familiar to many ramblers. The book describes a more logical 13-mile route that starts at Hadley Green, where the headwaters of Pymmes Brook rise, near the site of the Battle of Barnet, fought during the Wars of the Roses, and descends gently through East Barnet, Osidge, Palmers Green and Edmonton to finish at Tottenham Hale, where the brook flows into the River Lea.

The route is surprisingly green in such an urban area, passing through Monken Hadley Common, Oak Hill Park, Brunswick Park, Arnos Park, Broomfield Park, Bowes Meadow, Millfield, Pymmes Park and Tottenham Marshes, taking advantage of several new brookside stretches that have been made accessible in recent years. One of London's least well-known beauty spots, Jack's Lake, features early in the route, which also passes many places of historical and cultural interest, all described in the book.

Links with stations at High Barnet, New Barnet, Cockfosters, Arnos Grove, Palmers Green, Silver Street, Northumberland Park and Tottenham Hale, together with excellent bus connections, allow walkers to split the route into as many sections as they want, and there are many opportunities for refreshment.

The relaunch will start with a walk on Saturday 27th October along the first half of the route from High Barnet to Arnos Grove station, followed by another on Sunday 28th October from Arnos Grove station to Tottenham Hale.

*Colin Saunders*

Details of the book are at [www.footlinepress.co.uk](http://www.footlinepress.co.uk), where it can be bought for £8.99, or at the special offer price of £7 for Enfield Society members, plus £2 postage. All profits from book sales will go to The Enfield Society and it can also be bought from our website or from the sales counter at our meetings. This article is published by permission from *South East Walker*, where it will also appear. The photographs on the right are by Colin Saunders.



**Fountain Pond,  
Hadley Green**



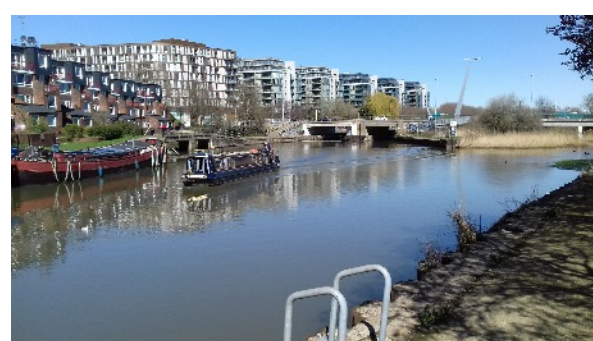
**Jack's Lake**



**Oak Hill Park**



**Millfield House**



**Pymmes End,  
where the brook  
joins the Lee  
Navigation**



## 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.

**Tues 21 Aug. North-East from Bayford.** Meet **10.12** Bayford Station (09.59 train from Enfield Chase but CHECK close to date in case Great Northern have a timetable change). 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. Pub food probably available but, especially if good weather, suggest bring own food as the pub will be extremely crowded. 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*

**Sat 8 Sept. Haileybury and Great Amwell.** Meet **10.21** St Margaret's Station (09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.09 Hertford East Greater Anglia train

7 mile circular walk with fine views via field paths, woods, nature reserves, historic sites and the New River. Bring lunch or pub food available at Hertford Heath from where possible to finish by using bus to either Hertford town or Hoddesdon/Broxbourne. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

**Wed 12 Sept. Bulbourne Valley.** Meet **10.50** Hemel Hempstead Station (10.24 West Midlands Trains Milton Keynes service from London Euston mainline station – usually platform 9).

8 to 8.5 mile circular walk. In morning an attractive and almost level 3.5 mile Grand Union Canal walk to Berkhamsted town for lunch stop and option to end. 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 18 Sept. Trent Park Stroll.** For tea/coffee before the walk, meet **10.00** onwards at House Café in Chalk Lane opposite Cockfosters Station. NOTE: should this mainly voluntary staffed café be closed, then meet at Miracles café in nearby shop parade. Otherwise, be at Cockfosters station for **11.00** start.

About 2 mile circular walk in Trent Park with comments on landscape, geology and trees. Please respect Norman's gentle pace. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07984 813 636. *Leader: Norman Coles*

**Sat 22 Sept. Essex Uplands.** Meet **10.09** Grange Hill Station (Central Line). Either travel with Dave in FRONT carriage of **08.52** train from Enfield Town to Liverpool Street mainline station (arriving 09.25 at platform 2), or join him on Liverpool Street Central Line platform for the **09.34** Central Line train to Chigwell (via Hainault and Grange Hill).

8 mile entirely rural linear walk with stiles through undulating countryside with good views over the Roding Valley via Abridge for lunch. Bring lunch or cafés/pub available. After lunch, a steady climb up from River Roding on the Three Forests Way to Lambourne End and into Hainault Forest Country Park to end with a short bus ride to Hainault Station (Central Line). No shorter option. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

**Sat 29 Sept. Knole Park and Ightham Mote.** Meet **10.35** Sevenoaks Station (**10.00** Southeastern Tunbridge Wells train from platform 6 Charing Cross

mainline station which also stops at **10.07** at platform 6 London Bridge mainline station).

With great views from the Greensand Ridge, this 8 to 8.5 mile circular walk joins two National Trust properties via ancient parkland and woods. Hilly in places. No shorter option. Lunch stop at Ightham Mote café/picnic area (no admission charge) with perhaps time for a quick visit to the gardens or house (bring N.T. ticket).

NOTE: If anyone wants only a short walk, option to leave group near Knole House for visit to house, café etc and then make own way back to Sevenoaks Station.

Details: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. *Leader: Martin Langer*

**Wed 3 Oct. Discovery Walk: Regent's Park and Camden Railway Heritage.** Meet **10.30** Great Portland Street Station (Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City Lines).

A morning walk through Regent's Park and a climb up Primrose Hill for views across London. Bring lunch or eat in one of the many cafes in nearby Regent's Park Road. Then a route following the Camden Railway Heritage Trail ending near Chalk Farm Station (Northern Line). Shorter options. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07425 136 628. *Leader: Margaret Redman*

**Thurs 11 Oct. Lee Valley Country Park.** Meet **10.54** Cheshunt Station (10.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station or 10.40 Greater Anglia Cambridge train from Tottenham Hale).

NOTE: for coffee/tea before the walk, arrive by an earlier train and visit the nearby YHA Lee Valley facility (about 5 mins walk from Cheshunt Station – over level crossing and after 200 yards left into YHA). The Group will then meet you at **11.05** at the YHA's entrance gate.

5.5 to 6 mile circular walk with an attractive mix of waterways, lakes and meadows. Lunch stop in Waltham Abbey, from where option to end. Bring lunch or cafés/pubs. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. *Leader: Peter Mackey*

**Thurs 18 Oct. River Wandle Trail.** Meet **11.00** near ticket office at East Croydon Station. Travel from either London Bridge or Victoria mainline stations by any fast train with destinations such as seaside resorts, Reigate/Three Bridges, Horsham, Uckfield etc – these have journey times of between 15 to 20 mins to East Croydon. The group will then have a short tram ride to start of walk in Wandle Park.

6.5 mile linear walk following the Wandle, via parks, green spaces and sites of early industrial revolution water mills, before entering the National Trust's Morden Hall Park estate (no admission



charge) which has restored mill buildings, stables and gardens, plus a nursery/café. Walk ends at nearby Morden Station (Northern Line). Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*(020)

### Relaunch of Pymmes Brook Trail

In conjunction with the South East Walker newsletter and the issue of an informative book on the route written and published by local resident Colin Saunders, this weekend's two walks cover the full extended route from High Barnet to its new ending at Tottenham Hale. See the article on Page 9.

Colin is well known in the walking community with many titles to his name, including those on the London Loop and Capital Ring.

### Sat 27 Oct. Part 1: High Barnet to Amos Grove.

Either meet Colin at High Barnet Station (Northern Line) from where he will DEPART at 10.00 to join Dave's group in The Spires, or, join Dave near Waitrose/toilets at the rear of The Spires Shopping Centre off High Street, High Barnet, from where the combined group will DEPART at 10.15.

NOTE: allow 30 mins by 307 bus from Enfield Town to either High Barnet Station or the 307 stop near Barnet Church (from where 10 mins walk to the Spires).

About 6 mile linear walk linking Hadley Green and Monken Hadley Common with the open spaces of Oak Hill Park and then the Waterfall Walk beside the Pymmes Brook before ending at Arnos Park and the short link to Arnos Grove Station. Shorter options. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

### Sun 28 Oct. Part 2: Arnos Grove to Tottenham Hale.

Meet 10.30 Arnos Grove Station (Piccadilly Line). About 7 mile linear walk following the Pymmes Brook Trail via open spaces including Arnos and Broomfield Parks, Millfield House and Pymmes Park, before Colin then uses the new section of the trail to enter the Lee Valley Regional Park where the Pymmes Brook joins the River Lee. Walk ends at Tottenham Hale Station. Shorter options. Details: 07768 453 159. *Leader: Colin Saunders*

**Thurs 1 Nov. Beane Valley.** Meet 10.11 Watton-at-Stone Station (09.44 train from Enfield Chase).

7 to 8 mile figure-of-eight walk in unspoilt countryside with an attractive mix of woods, farmland and river scenery. Option to end at lunch stop in Watton village. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Mick Spinks*

**Sat 10 Nov. Bayford.** Meet 10.28 Bayford Station (10.14 train from Enfield Chase).

6 to 6.5 mile circular walk through pretty conservation countryside via Little Berkhamsted. Bring lunch or village shop/pub food available. NOTE: *Please remove muddy boots or cover with plastic bags before entering the pub.* *Leader: Mike Cranstone*

**Thurs 15 Nov. Battersea to Barnes.** Meet 10.34 Battersea Park Station (10.30 Southern Epsom Downs train from Victoria mainline station – usually from platform 9).

7 mile linear walk full of contrasting scenes. From the on-going Thames-side redevelopment areas in Battersea and Wandsworth (including the power station), to the 200 acre Victorian Battersea Park, sections of the Thames Path and finally the Beverley Brook, ending at Barnes Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or many cafes/pubs at Putney lunch stop. Details: 07904 193 098. *Leader: John West*

**Sat 24 Nov. Hampstead Heath.** DEPART at 10.15 from Lauderdale House café, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill. The Waterlow Park bus stop outside Lauderdale House is 5 mins by buses 143, 210 and 271 from Archway Station (Northern Line) or about 20 mins by 210 bus from Finsbury Park Station.

About 7 mile walk across the Heath and environs with an attractive mix of late Autumn scenes, ending at a point convenient for return transport. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

**Thurs 29 Nov. Discovery Walk: Winter Wetlands.** Meet 10.30 near Victoria Line entrance at Tottenham Hale Station.

Depending upon the migratory season in 2018, this 2.5 to 3 hour walk will hopefully give an opportunity to see a variety of North European/Arctic Circle birds stopping over on the Walthamstow Wetlands reservoirs. If required, bring lunch or food available at the information centre or nearby Ferry Boat Inn. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07425 136 628. *Leader: Margaret Redman*

*Stuart Mills*

## Water for the New River Loop

Enfield Council have installed an electric pump to take water from the culverted Saddlers Mill Stream and feed it into the New River Loop at the end of the footpath near Parsonage Lane.

Despite some initial difficulties, and a recent lack of water in the stream, this is now operational and will help to provide some flow of water in the Loop as well as feeding the swale and wetlands area in the Town Park.

*Leonard Will*

## Heritage walk at Enfield Lock

**Saturday 15th September, starting at 2.30pm at the 121 bus terminus.**

This walk will be led by Ray Tuthill (President of the Royal Small Arms Factory Apprentices' Association) and Patrick Grey (Heritage Manager at the RSA Trust). The walk will pass along the River Lea footpath, viewing the power station, cottages and the Greyhound pub, and then visit the RSA site where tea, biscuits and cakes will be provided by the Trust.

The walk is free of charge to Enfield Society members, but as the number of places is limited to 25 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.

You can also book by sending an email message to [events@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:events@enfieldsociety.org.uk), saying how many places you want, and your booking will be acknowledged by email.

## Merryhills Way footpath – status still not yet quite settled

The Merryhills Way leads from Fairview Road, off the Ridgeway, to Trent Park, with link paths providing access from Trentwood Side and from Enfield Road near the Jolly Farmers.

In our Winter 2017 issue we reported that Enfield Council had published a notice in September 2017 dedicating these footpaths as public rights of way, with immediate effect. It now appears that it is not quite as cut and dried as we had thought, and there are a few loose ends to be tidied up. Three further notices were published on 11th July 2018. Dominic Millen, the Council Officer responsible for footpaths has explained the situation as follows:

*"Enfield Council published a notice of their intention to recognise the main east-west section of the Merryhills Way footpath. This alignment was agreed with the landowner after negotiations involving the Western Enfield Residents Association.*

*Following clarification of alignment and land ownership queries, the Council has now published the notice which confirms these paths along with two others relating to the confirmation of separate link paths.*

*These separate link paths provide access from Enfield Road and Fairview Road to the main east-west route. Assuming there are no objections to these notices, the Council will move to recognise all of the paths in the next few months. This will include adding them to the online public right of way map and highway records."*



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# Events and membership

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**Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th October. Relaunch of Pymmes Brook Trail.** TES walks. Page 11.

**Thursday 29th November. Winter wetlands.** TES Discovery walk. Page 11.

## Request for volunteers to follow up on new 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.

If you are interested in volunteering then please contact me via email on [j.mcqueen@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:j.mcqueen@enfieldsociety.org.uk)

Janet McQueen

## New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

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Joyce James

## 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](http://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.

## Legacies

The Enfield Society acknowledges with gratitude the receipt of generous legacies from two of our former members, Katherine Elisabeth Spicer and Frederick John Waller.

## Newsletter contributions

Contributions to the newsletter from members are most welcome. Contributors' views may differ from those of the Management Committee, anonymous items are not published and we reserve the right to shorten or edit items before publication. Copy can be sent as an email attachment to [newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk), but items on paper can also be accepted. Contact the Newsletter Editor at the above email address if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next issue is 12th October 2018, and it will be published on 13th November.

Leonard Will