

Enfield Society News

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LBE consults on new Local Plan to last until 2036

IN DECEMBER, ENFIELD COUNCIL published an Issues and Options paper as part of the development of a new Local Plan for the Borough. This is an important document that seeks views on the way in which development should proceed over the period 2020 to 2036.

The new Local Plan is required to meet new national legislation and to link with the Mayor's draft London Plan 2017. The Plan has to meet the needs of an everincreasing population, provide a long term

vision for the borough and meet key strategic infrastructure projects such as Crossrail 2 should it be confirmed. The London Plan requires Enfield and other boroughs to provide a significant increase in the amount of new housing that is developed.

The principal challenge for the Plan is more housing. The Council has a borough-wide target of 50% affordable housing and to prioritise social rented homes. "The key function of a successful Local Plan for Enfield, is to accommodate growth in a way that makes the borough better for everyone."

The draft Plan recognises that Enfield's heritage is an asset when it comes to building new communities ("place-making"). The strategy focuses on design to complement the heritage present, as well as acknowledging that it needs to be conserved and enhanced; "Heritage, design and place making therefore have an important role to play in maintaining and building Enfield as a home of distinctive, inclusive communities."

The consultation is a large 216-page document. A summary has also been published by Enfield Council, but this is also substantial at 52 pages. The Management Committee has now had an opportunity to look at the draft and will be raising the following issues;

Green Belt

One of the draft options is to look at

development in the Crews Hill area due to the railway link, the fact the green belt is already partly developed in this area and its strategic location on the London-Stansted-Cambridge Innovation Corridor. The Society believes that the Green Belt needs to remain a complete circle around London to provide essential open space, cleaner air and a wildlife corridor; it has protected London since the mid 20th century. Once you erode the Green Belt that erosion is likely to continue due to pressures on adjacent land.

Provide space to enable local businesses to grow, affact new businesses to the borough and diversity the local space and green infrastructure.

Provide for new and improved open space and green infrastructure.

Provide a range of housing

Preserve statutorily recognised character areas and heritage and historic assets by and readdressing the implications of climate change.

Provide a range of services in our town centres by enhancing them as places, and promoting our right-time economy, will help to increase footfall and promote town centre and high street vitality and viability undustrial land

the challenges facing Enfield

The Society will be supporting Enfield RoadWatch who are identifying brownfield sites and, like us, are trying to protect the green belt.

Housing

In recent years about 800 new homes a year have been built in Enfield, the London Plan seeks to increase that number to 1,876 per year and the Government's Planning Policy Framework (2018) using

a national assessment of need suggests that up to 3,500 new homes per year could be required. Providing for this growth is therefore a key element and the Plan identifies the different ways in which change and development could be accommodated while still protecting the Borough's heritage and the environment.

The Society would like to see the Council fully assess the projected housing need. There is some evidence that the projections overestimate future requirements.

The Society also wishes to see greater effort to maximise the use of brownfield sites including redevelopment of retail parks and low-rise retail sites in town centres and the need to accelerate development at Meridian Water. The Society will be supporting the Save the Green Belt Group who are working to identify brownfield sites across the Borough.

There needs to be comprehensive development plans for specific areas such as Southbury Road east of the Great Cambridge Road, including both the B & Q site and surrounding area.

Protection for Pubs

It is disappointing that although the Society has raised this previously there is no reference to policy in the draft Local Plan. A Pubs Protection Policy similar to that adopted by Waltham Forest is needed to justify enforcement action on unlawful changes of use and to protect those that remain in the Borough.

Adding your voice

You can find the consultation via the Council web-site at enfield.gov.uk/newlocalplan. You can also respond by post to Strategic Planning and Design, Enfield Council, freepost, nw5036, EN1 3BR. Responses are required by 5pm, Thursday 28th February 2019.

John West and Bill Wilson

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Meetings and Events

Enfield Society meetings

These are free to members. Non-members are welcome to attend and are asked to pay £1 per meeting—or join the Society for just £5 per year.

A calendar of talks can be found at enfieldsociety.org.uk/calendar

Morning meetings, 10am for 10.30am, Jubilee Hall

Tuesday 26th February, *The history of quilling* by Judith and Christine Hughes. Quilling is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. Judith and Christine will describe the history of quilling from when paper was first invented through to the modern day. They will talk about some of the famous people who have been involved in this art form and show examples of quilling that they have produced. There will be an opportunity to buy items they have made.

Tuesday 26th March, Endangered Wildlife: urban biodiversity and our disappearing living heritage by Michael Priaulx, Swift Conservation. The wildlife with which we've shared our towns and cities for centuries is disappearing fast. Swifts, sparrows, and starlings are all now officially "endangered" in the UK as we deck our gardens and convert our lofts. But we can easily help these and other species, especially relevant now London is the World's first National Park City.

Tuesday 30th April, Sailing the Adriatic—from the far north down to the Ionian by David Toynbee. David has been sailing the seas for many years in his yacht Kaiku. Today he will share with us time spent in the Adriatic with a voyage from Monfalconi near Trieste and across to Venice. Then through the jewel of the Mediterranean, the 1000 islands of Croatia before heading back across to Italy and on down into the Greek Ionian.

Tuesday 28th May, *The Pearly Kings and Queens of London* by John Walters, pearly king of Finsbury. John is a member of the London Pearly Kings and Queens Society which gives away an average of £24,000 each year to London and home counties' charities. John will talk in part on the history of the City of London and the pearly kings and queens' tradition.

If we are lucky John might give us a couple of songs to bring back the past!

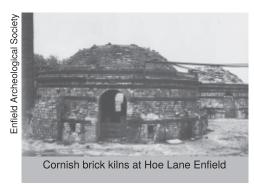
Evening meetings, 7.30pm for 8pm, Jubilee Hall

Monday 18th February, Waterways Wonders by Richard Thomas. A tour of some of the engineering marvels around the waterways system. We visit Foxton inclined plane, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Harecastle Tunnel, Anderton Lift and the Bingley Five Rise Locks among others perhaps not quite so well known.

Monday 18th March, Who was Sir Christopher Wren? by Stuart Harvey. Stuart continues his series of interesting talks with this one on Britain's most famous architect who was responsible for St Paul's Cathedral and many churches in the City of London and other buildings such as those for Oxford University and the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Monday 15th April, *The history of Broomfield House* by Ivor Evans from the Broomfield House Trust. The Trust was involved in curating the exhibition *Hidden Treasures Revealed: Broomfield House and Park* which may be seen at the Dugdale Centre until 22nd April.

Monday 29th April, *Brickmaking in the Borough of Enfield* by David Cufley. This talk gives an idea of working in the brickfields and covers the period from the



1700s to WW1 with an emphasis on the 19th century. It shows how the workforce were organised, their wages and social conditions. The details of local brickfields will be included in the talk. Joint talk with the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.

Monday 20th May, *The London Underground* by Tony Earle. Pictures from its steam-powered inception to modern times will be included together with recollections from the 1950s to the present day. Audience participation will be invited and there will be a light-hearted quiz.

Other organisations

This list gives a selection of forthcoming events arranged by organisations other than The Enfield Society. Details may be found on our web-site and on Enfield Council's web-site at new.enfield.gov. uk/services/leisure-and-culture

Dugdale Centre

See www.dugdalecentre.co.uk

Until Monday 22nd April, Hidden Treasures Revealed: Broomfield House and Park exhibition, Dugdale Centre. Free

Tuesday 12 March 1pm, Lunchtime Taster Talk: Suffragists and Suffragettes in Enfield, Edmonton and Southgate by Joe Studman. Free.

Sunday 24th March 11am to 4pm, *Made in Enfield Craft Market*. Free. Locally made handicrafts, food stalls, live music and craft activities for children.

Forty Hall

See fortyhallestate.co.uk/whats-on

Until Sunday 31st March, Children of Forty Hall exhibition, Free

Sunday 7th April 2pm, "My Home, Forty Hall" in conversation with Andrew and Simon Parker Bowles. £5.

Jubilee Hall

Wednesday 20th February 8pm, *Evacuees in WW2*, *part 2*, by Mike Brown [EHHS]

Wednesday 27th February 2.30pm, *Charles Lamb in Enfield and Edmonton* by Joe Studman. The most genial of the local literati and his love/hate relationship with this area. £3 per person.

Friday 8th March 8pm, Romans to Saxons: results from St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square by Alison Telfer Project Officer, mola [EAS]

Tuesday 12th March 8pm, *Medieval Women* by Professor Virginia Davis (Queen Mary, University of London) [HA]

Wednesday 20th March 8pm, *EHHS AGM and talk by Dr Jim Lewis:* The Factory that became a Village: the history of the RSAF at Enfield Lock.

Wednesday 27th March 2.30pm, *The New River* by Joe Studman. It has made a significant contribution to the topography of Enfield for 400 years but its importance goes way beyond our area. £3 per person.

Friday 5th April 8pm, The Excavations & Fieldwork of Enfield Archaeological Society 2018 and AGM. Dr Martin Dearne. [EAS]

Other organisations' events

Tuesday 9th April 8pm, 'This Disgusting Filth': Censorship in Eighteenth Century France by Dr Louise Seaward (University College, London) [HA]

Wednesday 24th April 2.30pm, *The Lost Buildings of Southgate* by Joe Studman. It is said that the Taylors and Walkers had a policy of buying up property and demolishing it as they couldn't stand to see another man's chimney from Arnos or Grovelands. Was it wanton destruction or the first greenbelt? £3 per person.

Friday 10th May 8pm, Vice Presidential Address by Jon Cotton, Subject to be confirmed. [EAS]

Wednesday 22nd May 2.30pm, Enfield in the 14th century by Joe Studman. The influence of the Black Death, 100 years war and how poor harvests affected our area. David Pam called these "The Hungry Years" and their effect shaped Enfield for the rest of the Middle Ages. £3 per person.

Palmers Green Library

Friday 22 February 1.30 pm, *The Owners of Broomfield Park* talk by Ivor Evans. Free.

Tuesday 26th March 1.30pm, *Trees in Broomfield Park* talk by David March. Free.

Friday 29th March 1.30pm, *The Lanscroon Murals* talk by Dr. Mark Banting. Free.

Music

Second Wednesday of the month 12.30pm–1.30pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. *Lunchtime music recital*. Coffee from 11.30am.

Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd February 7.30pm, Wyllyotts Theatre Potters Bar. *La Traviata*. Southgate Opera presents Verdi's much loved opera. Box office 01707 645005.

Saturday 2nd March 7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene Church. Enfield Choral Society, Handel's Messiah. Charity concert in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Given jointly with the St Mary Magdalene Church and the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers. Tickets are £13 in advance or £15 on the door and available from the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Enfield Choral Society members and eventbrite.co.uk

Saturday 6th April 7,30pm, St. Stephen's Church, Bush Hill Park. Southgate Symphony Orchestra concert: Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto and Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite. Tickets £20 (Concessions £15).

EAS: Enfield Archeaological Society. Talks are free to members, non-members welcome £1.50 per person.

EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. Talks are free to members, nonmembers welcome £1 per person.

HA: Historical Association (North London Branch). Non-members welcome £1 per person.

Enfield at War: 1939–45

An exhibition at the Museum of Enfield, 20th July 2019 until 19th April 2020



The Great War—the 'war to end all wars'—came to an end in 1918 but just over 20 years later a second world war was in progress. Once again, men from all corners of the globe were involved in conflict and everyone was affected by the turmoil it caused.

Civilians who were not in the armed forces and fighting on the various fronts but on the 'Home Front' were affected just as much but in different ways. air raids, rationing of food, clothes and fuel, changes to work patterns, evacuation and a disrupted education were just some of the ways that the lives of the residents of the three former districts of Edmonton, Enfield and Southgate were affected.

2019 is the 80th anniversary of the start of the Second World War and the Museum of Enfield has taken the opportunity to put on this exhibition to show some aspects of the Borough during this period and to mark the enormous contribution that local residents made both at home and abroad. To tell these stories we will use photographs, objects, letters and documents from the museum's collections, memories and loans from individuals and organisations and material from Enfield Local Studies & Archive Centre.

The exhibition will be accessible to all ages and will include a full programme of events and activities to engage with the people of Enfield and highlight the impact and significance of WW2 on the Borough.

Stacey Bagdi & Jan Metcalfe

Christ Church Exhibition "Imago Dei"

During Holy Week (15th to 21st April) Christ Church United Reformed Church in Chase Side will be open daily for an exhibition entitled "Imago Dei". The exhibition will include poetry, music and art around this theme and is a community event. There will also be a display about the history and architecture of the grade II Victorian gothic church built 1874–5.



In the Christian religion, the imago dei (Latin for "the image of God") refers to the unique imprint God placed upon humanity, identifying people as a special creation. What the "image of God" precisely is, and what it implies, has been debated throughout history and is answered differently by various Christian denominations.

The exhibition focuses on images of God plus images of humanity e.g. refugees, people from various parts of the world including our own.

The exhibition will be open from 10 am to 4pm every day from Monday 15th April to Saturday 20th April (1pm to 4pm only on Good Friday, 19th April) and is free. Refreshments will be available every day.

Guided tours of the building will also be available at various times during the week.

Mark Meatcher

Notice of Enfield Society AGM elections

Any Society member is entitled to propose candidates for election to the Management Committee at the AGM. A proposal must be signed by the candidate and by at least ten members supporting the proposal and must be delivered to the Secretary at Jubilee Hall so as to be received not later than 1st May 2019. If you wish to propose a candidate I would encourage you to contact me beforehand to make sure that the correct procedures are followed. The AGM will be on 13th June. A formal notice will appear in the next newsletter. *Richard Stones*

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Chairman's Column

Dave Cockle, Chairman

I HAVE RECENTLY been perusing the lengthy and detailed Enfield Local Plan. [See Lead article.] Whilst it is heartening to learn that respect for heritage will be at the heart of the new plans, I was concerned to read that once more Enfield's Green Belt is coming under attack. The developers have earmarked part of Crews Hill, near the station. Already Wyvale Garden Centre's owners have announced the sale of their site.

As the population of the Borough is set to increase, necessitating the provision of thousands of new homes, so the need for access to open spaces becomes even more important. This is not only for recreation, health and well-being, but also to help tackle air quality issues in the area. A recent report by the London Assembly advocates making better use of London's Green Belt for horticulture and growing food. It suggests the Green belt should be put to productive use as London's "food basket", citing Forty Hall Farm as being a good example.

The view of the Society is that more intensive use should be made of brownfield sites east of the Great Cambridge Road near Enfield Retail Park. The nature of retailing is changing with more purchases being made over the internet. The Retail Park has acres of land used for car parking space and many single story warehouse type buildings, resulting in poor economic use of the land. Living in cities should result in a more

efficient use of land, linked with good public transport. However, current plans are just looking at a small element of Enfield Retail Park (two stores) and, consequently, the proposed housing development there is piecemeal. With the recent closure of the Asda Distribution Depot, near Southbury London Overground Station, it is the Society's view that a Masterplan should be drawn up for the combined sites. Within the Local Plan, certain sites are categorised as Strategic Industrial Land, but there should be flexibility to swap sites, this being necessary to facilitate housing near transport hubs.

On a recent walk along the Enfield Loop of the New River I was glad to see that the pump, which extracts water from Saddlers Mill Stream, near Parsonage Lane, is now back in working order. There is consequently an enhanced flow of water through the Loop towards the Town Park. There was a steady flow over the spillway which feeds the meandering water course through the Town Park. Much work has been undertaken in the South East corner



Town Park Wetlands

of the Park, thereby creating swales at different levels for the water to flow through before finally running back into the culverted Saddlers Mill Stream. There will be a an opportunity to inspect the Town Park Wetlands on my walk planned for 20th March (see page 10).

Grants made in 2018

As a charity, the Enfield Society is required to demonstrate Public Benefit. This is partly achieved through the awarding of grants to organisations whose aims are similar to our own objectives.

In 2018 we made the following grants;

£2,500 to the Broomfield House Trust to support the restoration to parts of the Lanscroon Murals (currently on display at the Dugdale Centre).

£1,500 to help repair the Lych Gate at St John's Clay Hill.

£500 for the hanging baskets in Enfield Town centre.

£500 for Cleanup UK. This is the charity that provides TES with the equipment used by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group (see page 9).

£250 for Enfield in Bloom to replant the rose bed at the junction of Victoria Road and Church Street, Edmonton.

£100 to the Civic Voice who are running a Good Design Campaign to improve buildings

£1,200 has also been pledged to Enfield Roadwatch for their campaign to protect the Green Belt.

See enfieldsociety.org.uk/grants if you wish to apply for a grant.

Andrew Lack

Notice Board volunteer?

Do you live near Winchmore Hill station? If so we are looking for a volunteer to look after our Community Notice Board outside the station. It's not an onerous job—a monthly visit will be sufficient. We use it to promote local events as well as The Enfield Society. Please contact me if you can help.

Dave Cockle 020 8366 2242

TES/Council meeting

THE SOCIETY MEETS with senior Council representatives on a regular basis. Some of the topics raised in December with Sarah Carey (head of Regeneration and Environmental Services) were:

Southbury Road/Cambridge Road retail sites. The Society suggests a Master Plan should be produced for the whole site rather than a piecemeal approach and designate it a Mayoral Housing Zone. This would eliminate the need to build on the Green Belt.

The Council was considering a Masterplan for the combined sites but noted that part of the area was industrial land which could not be used for housing. The Council would be challenging the Mayor at the examination of the London Plan on his housing targets. But against the

background of 3,000 households in temporary housing in the borough, there was a political focus on the borough's actual need not just on London figures. LBE confirmed that they would give priority to the use of brownfield sites.

Charity School, Edmonton. TES is working with Council Officers on ownership and continues to remind lbe about this important building.

Progress on a Pub Protection Policy? LBE said it was intended to cover this in the Local Plan. But see page 1, column 3.

Meridian Water development. LBE explained that a Master Plan would be consulted on in the Spring/Summer 2019 and were in the tender process for development of the site west of the station with approximately 725 homes. They confirmed that some space would be kept

for light industrial use.

Genotin Road car park. The Council confirmed that they were close to reaching agreement for the construction of a new building for Metaswitch on the site; the building would include some parking spaces which would be available to the public on evenings and at weekends. The plans would allow for the future provision of a footbridge over the railway between the site and Tesco's. Once the existing car park was closed, shoppers would be encouraged to use the Civic Centre car park. LBE also confirmed that Section 106 money from the Beavertown Brewery project in Brimsdown (see last newsletter, page 1) would be put towards funding a new footbridge over the Lee at the Navigation Inn.

Andrew Lack

Coach trip to Highclere Castle on Sunday 21st July

THIS YEAR WE are heading for the home of Downton Abbey— Highclere Castle. Owned by the Carnarvon family the building has undergone many transformations from a red brick Tudor



mansion to a classical Georgian structure and then in 1838 the 3rd Earl of Carnarvon asked Sir Charles Barry to transform it into a building which would impress the young Queen Victoria. This, it must have done and it became one of the main centres of political life in the late Victorian era, visited by Royalty and the leading personalities of the day.

It now of course houses one of the finest collections of Egyptian art—who can forget the 5th Earl of Carnarvon and Howard Carter discovering the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922? There are also



wonderful grounds to look round with woodland walks and a summer flower meadow as well as a tea room and gift shop.

We will leave Enfield at 9.30am on Sunday 21st July arriving at about 11am. Our group ticket does not include entry to the Egyptian exhibition but will allow full access to the Castle and grounds. If you want see the exhibition then you should be able to get a ticket on the day, or if you let us know when you book, we may be able to book a timed ticket in advance (cost will be about £7) but we would ask you to give us the money on the day in this case. We will leave the Castle about 4.30pm and be back in Enfield at approximately 6pm.

Tickets are £30 or £18 if you are an Historic Houses member. Janet McQueen

The Trees Group

WE HAVE NEARLY 40 saplings at the Trentwood Side tree nursery that are ready for planting out. We are currently in contact with the Friends of Parks at Arnos Park, Bush Hill Park, Conway Road Recreation Ground, Chase Green and other groups who have

chosen trees to be planted out in the early spring. A couple of hazel trees have already been planted at Bush Hill Park.

Trees Group volunteers and other TES members have also been involved with two major tree planting schemes. At



TES members and friends planting trees at Slopers Pond Farm on 1st December

Slopers Pond Farm off Stagg Hill on a very wet day in December we planted trees on the hillside above Salmons Brook. This project is part of the Thames 21 initiative to green the environment and reduce surface rainwater runoff into Salmons Brook. Further tree planting is planned in this area. Members have also been involved in the 'Trees for Cities' initiative at Montagu Road Recreation Ground. Again, the trees that have been planted will provide much needed wildlife habitats in an area that is currently open and windswept. These trees will also contribute to flood prevention alongside Salmons Brook.

Tulip tree for Chris Jephcott

Members will recall that our President Christopher Jephcott sadly died in July 2017. The Society is proposing to plant a Tulip tree in St Andrew's Churchyard together with a memorial plaque recognising the work that Chris carried out for the Society. It has taken a while to obtain the necessary consents from the Church Authorities, but approval has now been given and an order has been placed with LBE to provide and plant the tree. We hope to be able to confirm that the tree has been planted in the next newsletter.



Visit to West Lodge Park Arboretum

On Tuesday 14th May the Society has organised a guided tour of the West Lodge Park arboretum together with afternoon tea at the West Lodge Hotel. The guided tour will last approximately 1½ hours during this time members will see some 800 species of trees around the 35 acre estate. We will be walking mainly on hard paths but sturdy footwear is recommended.

The tour will start at 2.30pm and will be followed by afternoon tea with warm scones, Devonshire clotted cream and jam with a choice of tea or coffee.

This event is restricted to 25 places with a maximum of two tickets per person. Tickets are £12.75 per person and the price includes the tour and afternoon tea.

John West

See back page for details of how to book these visits

Historic Buildings: Salisbury House

THE GRADE II★ LISTED late 16th century three storey Salisbury House is the only remaining historic building in the former hamlet of Bury Street, which was the most northerly settlement in the parish of Edmonton. Other major houses in the hamlet, including Bury Hall, Warren Lodge and Bury House, have long since been demolished and the two public houses, the Stag and Hounds and the Beehive, were rebuilt in 1925 and 1936 respectively. The surrounding area was developed with private houses in the 1930s.

It has been suggested that the origin of the name of Salisbury House may be linked to the Cecil family, who were Earls and later Marquesses of Salisbury and who owned property, including Pymmes, in Edmonton. Alternatively the name may be a corruption of the former Sayersbury estate which was in the Bury Street area. However the available evidence makes both these ideas unlikely.



Illustration 1: 1798 print of Salisbury House and Bury Lodge from the north-west

by Stephen Gilburt

Salisbury House was originally larger than the present building and had an entrance under a gable on the east side. It was linked to the late 16th century Bury Lodge and was surrounded by a moat, which was filled in at the end of the 19th century.

The building is timber framed with jettied upper storeys of lathe and plaster covered with rough cast and timber weatherboarding. Access to the upper storeys is via a polygonal stair turret built of brick for the ground floor with the upper floors being timber framed. The basement has a 16th century moulded doorcase and a possible priest hole using a false chimney for ventilation. The ground floor has 18th century panelling and was originally divided into a parlour on the north side and a hall on the south side. Timber panelling in the first floor rooms dates from 1625.

Apart from a brief period in the late 19th century, when it was used as a private boys school, the house remained in residential use until it was sold to Edmonton Urban District Council in 1935 for $\pounds 4,500$. The sale included the adjoining Bury Lodge, which was demolished in 1936, and two acres of land down to Salmons Brook. The grounds were laid out as Bury Lodge Recreation Ground.

There were plans, which were never carried out, to establish a museum in Salisbury House and later to convert it into flats. By 1956 the condition of the building had deteriorated and demolition was proposed. However only the south wing was demolished and the remainder of the house was restored with the aid of a grant from the Ministry of Works. It opened as an arts centre in 1957 and has since been used for a variety of activities including meetings, classes, talks, and exhibitions. A new single storey

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Illustrations 2, 3: 1936 photographs of Salisbury House and Bury Lodge from the north-west. The first floor oriel window overlooking the road (left) has 19th century gothic tracery. The present entrance to the house is also 19th century. The south wing, which was linked to Bury Lodge, was demolished in 1956 because of decay. Bury Lodge was demolished in 1936.

Bury Street West, Edmonton



Illustrations 4, 5: Left: Fireplace during restoration in 1956. The tiles in the fireback have various landscape scenes. Right: 1625 carved wood overmantel in the front first floor room.



Illustration 7: The top floor showing the timber-framed internal wall and roof during renovation in 1957.



Illustration 9: View from the south-west, after the 1991/2 renovations were completed. In the centre is the polygonal stair turret. On the right is the 1957 single storey extension.



Illustration 6: This 1625 carved wood overmantel and panelling were sold to the Royal Scottish Museum in 1907. They were returned, on loan from the Royal Museums of Scotland, and installed in 1992 in the newly restored Edinburgh Room on the first floor. The painted words over the fireplace read "He that is warme thynks all soe".



Illustration 8: The top floor, after restoration in 1957. It was used to serve refreshments to those attending activities in the arts centre.



Illustration 10: View from the south-east, after the completion of the 1991/2 renovations. The original entrance to the house was between the two brick chimneys. It became a window when the present entrance was constructed.

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structure was added at the rear, this provided a pottery room and a music practice room. After closure for further restoration the house reopened in 1992. It now houses Art Start and there is a café on the ground floor at the rear. The main hall, Edinburgh room and Tudor suite on the top floor as well as the garden are all available for hire—telephone 020 8887 7333 for details.

Salisbury House may be reached by the 192 bus and routes along Village Road and the Great Cambridge Road and then on foot along Bury Street West. The Enfield Society would like more people to be able to visit the house and for more groups to use it for their activities. We have arranged with the Enfield Museum Service for a guided tour to take place at 2pm on Saturday 11th May (see below).

For more information on Salisbury House see a letter in *Country Life* edition of 21st December 1901; a 1907 sales notice for "The quaint Elizabethan residence known as Salisbury House"; *Salisbury House*, *Bury Street West N9* by WCK 1973; *Salisbury House* by Graham Dalling 1992; *Salisbury House*, a handful of memories by Penny Wilkinson 1993 and *The Buildings of England London 4 North* by Bridget Cherry and Nikolaus Pevsner 1998. All may be consulted at Enfield Local Studies Library and Archives which also provided all the illustrations used in this article.

Behind the Scenes visit to Salisbury House

We have arranged a special "Behind the Scenes" visit for Enfield Society members to Salisbury House, Bury Street West, London N9 9LA on Saturday 11th May at 2pm. The visit will include;

- A talk on the history of the house by Joe Studman,
- **♦** A guided tour of the house and garden including the cellar and priest hole,
- **♦** Tea/Coffee and cakes will be served.

The visit will be restricted to twelve places for health and safety reasons with a maximum of two tickets per applicant, £5 per person, payable on the day. *Please note access to the upper floors is by a narrow and steep staircase.*

To obtain tickets for this interesting visit please send an e-mail message to heritagewalks@enfieldsociety.org.uk or leave a message on the Jubilee Hall voicemail service at 020 8363 9495.

Dave Cockle

The Hadley Wood Treegate Campaign

the story of a David-and-Goliath struggle



Hadley Wood showing the cleared embankment on the western side of the station.

But where's the wood?

TOP MARKS FOR the Hadley Wood Rail User Group and Hadley Wood Association for jointly taking on Network Rail after the latter made the mistake of starting its fencing and "de-vegetation" work at Hadley Wood. Network Rail's contractors had turned up with inadequate notification to residents and representatives. Ugly



'Spin-topped' fencing

spin-topping was installed on all new steel palisade fencing along the pathway, which runs from Crescent West to Waggon Road and through farmland. At the same time, another team of contractors armed with chainsaws, felled a whole copse of mature trees up to sixty metres away from the track, leaving, what looked like a First World War battlefield scene. Thus, the wood had been taken out of Hadley Wood. When Network Rail managers, summoned by the Rail User Group, turned up on site, they were apparently shocked at the mess, which had been created, and that their contractors had been so heavy handed with tree felling.

Network Rail agreed that the fencing was disproportionate and removed it accordingly, except in high security areas such as equipment compounds. They also agreed to pause further tree felling while discussions took place with the joint "Treegate Campaign" representatives.

The representatives contacted the Tree Council and, consequently, Network Rail developed a much improved vegetation management specification for the whole of the East Coast main line. Up until this time, Network Rail seemed to have had an "all or nothing" strategy. Trees on the lineside were often left to grow so close to the tracks that only when train companies complained about their trains' paintwork being scratched was any action taken. Only then, would a team be sent in and a "Scorched Earth" policy instituted. This would often result in tree felling from trackside to boundary fence.

A ministerial investigation into all aspects of Network Rail's line-side management, known as the Varley Review ensued, resulting in a significant change of policy. Network Rail now looks upon the line-side as an environmental asset, rather than an operational nuisance. Network Rail, in connection with the Tree Council, have agreed a five-year "Hadley Wood Trial" with planting of smaller trees and hedgerows to provide a wildlife corridor along the line-side. If successful, it is intended to use the programme throughout the entire rail network.

The expression, "out of small acorns grow big oak trees" springs to mind. And remember, it all started at Hadley Wood.

Dave Cockle

Enfield Exhibition and Display—thank you

On behalf of members who visited the 2018 Broomfield House and Park exhibition in the Dugdale Centre and, prior to the New Year, the atmospheric Forty Hall "Dressed for Christmas" themed event, TES would like to thank the respective teams and volunteers who prepared both activities. A great deal of time and hard work was obviously expended in producing these events.

Stuart Mills

Cleaner Neighbourhoods

ON A WET Saturday morning at the beginning of December the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group went litter picking along the Salmons Brook footpath and through the adjacent Montagu Recreation Ground in Edmonton. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, fifteen Society members took part plus we were joined by two local councillors, Ergin Erbil and Mahym Bedekova, together with Sarah Hayes of Cleanup UK who also



participated. Records were broken as we collected eighty bags of litter having an estimated total weight of nearly half a

Our next scheduled event will take place on Saturday morning 23rd March when we shall turn our attention to the Boundary Stream footpath in Ponders End. The meeting point will be the small car park adjacent to the former Boundary House pub which is at 3 High Street, EN3 4EJ. This can be reached by way of the 191 bus from Enfield Town, alight at the Nightingale Road bus stop and the meeting point is then just a few moments walk back in the direction from which the bus has come. The journey from Enfield Town takes about 25 minutes.

We shall meet at 10am and expect to be on site for between two and three hours. If you wish to join us we shall be pleased to see you. As usual participation will be at your own risk and equipment such as litter grabbers will be provided, but please wear stout footware as the path might be muddy and uneven in places.

Nigel King

Summer newsletter dates

Copy can be sent by e-mail to newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk, but items on paper can also be accepted. Contact the Editor, Andrew Lack, at the above e-mail or by telephone on 07840 288 035 if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next issue is Friday 19th April 2019 and it will be published on 14th May.

Andrew Lack

Look who ate all the crumpets...

ON TWO occasions in November, Warburtons Bakery in Brimsdown were kind enough to offer guided tours of their factory to a group of Enfield Society members.



Founded in Bolton in 1876, the company has expanded greatly over the last few years, now accounting for a quarter of all bread sold in this country. It has 12 bakeries and 14 distribution depots across the country. The Enfield factory in Millmarsh Lane opened in 2003 and runs on a shift basis, 24 hours a day, 364 days per year. It is the main centre for crumpet production across the country and in addition makes loaves of different types on its two bread production lines, each capable of making up to 11,000 loaves per hour!

We had an introductory talk plus question and answer session, before removing any jewellery, watches, sequins or embellishments, donning protective clothing and venturing onto the factory floor for a comprehensive tour of the mixing, proving, baking and packaging processes.

I had never been in an automated industrial production site of any kind before and found the noise, heat, lack of daylight and of course the delicious smells all-enveloping! Noticeable was the lack of human involvement in the process; being almost fully automated, it only requires a handful of workers to keep watch that the machines are functioning properly. At that volume of production, a stoppage or issue can quickly create a problematic backlog! I was especially intrigued to learn that every loaf or packet which leaves the factory floor is x-rayed before it comes off the line to ensure there is no metal contamination.

We each went home with a complimentary loaf and packet of crumpets, as well as a broad knowledge of what it takes to bring fresh, sliced bread to our tables each day. Thank you to Dave Cockle for organising and Warburtons for making us so welcome.

Emma Halstead

Invasion at Mossops Creek Quashed

MOSSOPS CREEK is a short spur off the west bank of the Lee Navigation at Brimsdown. The northern bank of the creek is a linear park and forms a through path to link into the long distance Lea Valley Path.



Over the past five years a non-native invasive plant "floating pennywort" has progressively invaded the creek, clogging up the water, as shown in this picture. Floating pennywort causes a range of problems including changing the availability of oxygen in the water, threatening fish and invertebrates, choking



Clearing the weed to restore the creek



drainage systems and crowding out native water plants. Left uncontrolled it chokes the whole ecosystem.

On a recent TES walk through the adjacent linear park I was delighted to see the Council's Parks department have successfully eliminated the Floating Pennywort after an intensive clear up operation involving working from a small boat. The banks have been treated too and it was gratifying to see the wild fowl was once again able to inhabit the Creek.

Photographs are by courtesy of Steve Rowland, Enfield Council.

Dave Cockle

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Society guided 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 web-site). 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 web-sites display current bus timetables for non-TfL services.

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes and, always, either remove muddy boots or cover them with plastic bags before entering a pub or tea shop.

Sat 23 Feb. London's Rural Thames. Meet 10.30 in entrance foyer to Richmond Station. Either 16 to 26 mins journey by South Western Railway from Vauxhall (but check no RMT strike today), or 50 mins by London Overground from Highbury & Islington Station, or 30 mins by District Line from Victoria.

7 mile walk in the Arcadian scenery of The Thames via Petersham Meadows, Ham and Teddington Lock. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact: 07900 286 254. Leader: Mike Cranstone

Thurs 28 Feb. Discovery Walk:
Gardens and Parks. Meet 10.40 Temple Station (Circle Line from Moorgate/ Liverpool Street and Circle/District Lines from Victoria). About 3 hour linear walk with a mix of gardens and historic buildings via Embankment Gardens, St James's Park and other parks to end near Marble Arch. Shorter options. If required, plenty of lunch facilities close to Marble Arch. Contact on day of walk only: 07425 136 628. Leader: Margaret Redman.

Wed 6 March. River Effra: One of London's Hidden Rivers. Meet 10.40 Crystal Palace Station. Travel with John on 09.55 London Overground train from Highbury & Islington. Otherwise by 10.01 Southern Beckenham Junction train from platform 11 London Bridge mainline station, or by 10.06 Southern West Croydon train from platform 9 Victoria mainline station. 8 mile linear walk from Effra's main source in Westow Park via Crystal Palace, Norwood, Belair and Brockwell Parks to Brixton. Shorter options. The Effra is much altered from the 1820's when it was fished by John

Ruskin. Route passes the 1948 Olympic Games velodrome. Lunch stop in the Herne Hill area. Bring lunch or café/pub food available. Details: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West.

Tues 12 March. Waterways and Parks. Meet 10.30 near entrance to platform 9, King's Cross mainline station. Varied scenes throughout this linear walk, including King's Cross regeneration area, Regent's Canal/Park, picturesque Little Venice (lunch stop), Paddington Basin and Royal Parks. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Mick Spinks.

Sat 16 March. City of London. Meet 10.30 near entrance to platform 1, Liverpool Street mainline station. Today's walk will show contrasting aspects of the City from Roman times to the present day, including buildings old and new, squares, gardens and sculptures, with some river scenes. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Stuart Mills.

Wed 20 March. Enfield Wetlands and Waterways. Meet 10.30 Salisbury House, Bury Street West, N9. *Note:* toilets are in adjacent Bury Lodge Park. On 192 bus route, or short walk along Bury Street West from either 231 bus stop on Great Cambridge Road or 329/W8 stop at Ridge Avenue/Church Street traffic lights. About 2½ mile linear walk using the newly opened Salmons Brook Greenway and Wetlands, then via Edmonton Cemetery to enter Firs Farm Wetlands for a guided tour, before reaching the Winchmore Hill lunch stop. Bring lunch or food available.

Afternoon walk of about 2½ miles *departs* **13.30** from Orange Tree pub in Highfield Road and follows the New River via the Town Park Wetlands site to end in Enfield Town. Shorter option in both morning and afternoon. Details: 020 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. Leader: Dave Cockle

Thurs 28 March. River Lee Country Park. Meet 10.30 Cheshunt Station (10.14 London Overground train from Southbury Station or 10.10 Greater Anglia Cambridge train from Tottenham Hale). About 7 mile circular walk with an attractive mix of waterways, lakes and woodland. Lunch stop in Broxbourne from where possible to end. Bring lunch or café/pub food available. Contact on day of walk only: 07506 334 019. Leader: Peter Mackey.

Wed 3 April. Trent Park Daffodil Stroll. For tea/coffee before the walk, meet 10.00 onwards at House Café in Chalk Lane opposite Cockfosters Station. *Note:* if this mainly voluntary staffed café is closed, then meet at Miracles café in nearby shop parade. Otherwise, be at Cockfosters Station for 11.00 start. 2 mile circular walk that may coincide with the daffodil display, but will give an opportunity to see the works being carried out near Trent

Park Mansion. Please respect Norman's gentle pace. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07984 813 636. Leader: Norman Coles

Sat 6 April. Chiltern Hills. Meet 10.45 Chesham Station. Either 09.42 Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras or 09.57 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone mainline station and change at Chalfont & Latimer. About 7½ mile circular walk in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with excellent views and some steep hills as the route crosses various valleys near Chesham. *No shorter option*. Bring lunch or pub food may be available. Details: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West

Sat 13 April. Epping Forest (South to North). Meet 10.37 Loughton station (10.11 Central Line train from Liverpool Street station). Car drivers could park at Loughton and return to start by train. About 7½ mile linear walk mainly following broad tracks through part of the central core of the Forest with a canopy of majestic trees interspersed by open spaces and commons, ending at Epping Station. *No shorter option*. Lunch stop near Bell Common. Bring lunch or food probably available. Details: 07973 747 454. Leader: Nigel King.

Easter Bank Holiday Mon 22 April. Bayford. Meet 09.58 Bayford Station (09.44 train from Enfield Chase). Car drivers may park in Bayford Village by 10.10 and await Mick but please don't park in either the pub car park nor in the residents' area. A varied 7 to 8 mile circular walk through attractive countryside south of Hertford with lunch stop in Hertford town centre, from where option to end. Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Mick Spinks.

Sat 27 April. Pilgrim's Way. Meet 10.41 Dorking Station. Travel by 09.54 South Western Railway Dorking train from Waterloo mainline station or at 09.58 from Vauxhall station. *Note: check no RMT strike on South Western trains today*. If so, travel by 09.55 Southern Dorking train from platform 11 Victoria mainline station, arriving 10.51 at Dorking. About 7½ mile circular walk in lovely scenery below the North Downs with good views and option to end after about 4 miles from lunch stop at Wotton. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 020 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. Leader: Martin Langer.

Wed 1 May. Woodland Bluebells. Meet 10.10 Watton-at-Stone Station (09.44 train from Enfield Chase). If Nature cooperates, today's 7 to 8 mile walk will coincide with displays of bluebells that carpet many of the woods in this scenic part of mid-Herts. *Note:* the morning walk will be circular with lunch stop in Watton and option to finish but, depending upon the floral display/weather, the afternoon route may return to Hertford North Station. Bring

lunch or food available. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07490 480 251 (no voicemails). Leader: Stuart Mills.

Bank Holiday Mon 6 May. Epping Forest (East to West). Meet 10.15

Theydon Bois Station (Central Line). Either travel with Dave on 08.52 train from Enfield Town or meet him at 09.25 at entrance to platform 1 Liverpool Street mainline station for 09.36 Central Line train towards Epping. About 8 mile linear walk on Forest paths initially climbing the Forest's ridge to reach the High Beach lunch stop, then down into the Lea Valley and Gunpowder Park to end at Enfield Island Village (for 121 and 491 buses). *No shorter option*. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 020 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. Leader: Dave Cockle.

Sat 18 May. London's Seaside: Benfleet to Southend. Meet by 09.35 at entrance to platform 18 Liverpool Street mainline station for 09.43 c2c Shoeburyness train (arrives Benfleet at 10.31). If Crossrail works take place, Stuart will walk group to Fenchurch Street Station to catch 10.02 Shoeburyness train (arrives Benfleet at 10.45) Note: as walk passes Leigh-on-Sea and Chalkwell stations before ending at Southend Central, buy Super Off-Peak Day Return from Upminster to the station where you intend to finish.

7½ to 8 mile linear walk with a mix of river scenes, marshes, country park, wide open spaces and views over The Thames estuary to Kent and the North Sea. Lunch stop after about 4½ miles in the quaint old fishing village of Leigh. Bring lunch or food available. Then along the coast towards Southend and the cliff gardens of restored Clifftown. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07490 480 251 (no voicemails). Leader: Stuart Mills.

Wed 22 May. Epping Forest. Meet 10.40 Chingford bus station (at newscopy date) 313 buses at 09.41 and 10.02 from Church Street, Enfield Town, arrive 10.12 and 10.33 but allow ample time for traffic delays. 6 to 7 mile circular walk through the Forest via Pole Hill, Lippitts Hill (lunch stop) and Bury Wood. Bring lunch or pub food available. *No shorter option. Contact on day of walk only:* 07425 136 628. Leader: Margaret Redman.

Bank Holiday Mon 27 May. Chilterns. Meet 10.35 Amersham Station. Either 09.57 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station or 09.27 Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras. About 7 mile circular walk in attractive scenery. Hilly in places. Bring lunch or food probably available. Possibility of shorter option but full details in Summer newsletter. Contact: 07900 286 254. Leader: Mike Cranstone.

Stuart Mills

Spurs path drainage works

A PUBLIC footpath linking Bulls Cross with Mile and a Quarter footpath was built by Spurs as part of the planning permission granted for their training ground.

However, the section from Bulls Cross to the gate near the alpine rockery of Myddelton House Gardens has always been water-logged and often impassable. In 2017 Enfield Council had to close the path due to unsafe bridges. Although the problems arose due to poor construction by the Spurs contractor, it fell upon Enfield Council to carry out repairs.



LBE contractors have completed an excellent repair, including cleared ditches, four bridges, a 14 metre bridge/boardwalk with gravel drainage channel (pictured) and improved surface texture. A little more work remains, but our thanks go to Dominic Millen and colleagues in LBE for a job well done. Stuart Mills

Walk with TES and see hidden London

ON A beautiful Autumn day TES walkers explored the River Wandle Trail between Wandle Park and Morden Hall Park.

We followed the river through mainly rural and parkland scenery and also visited Carshalton Ponds and the grounds of Carew Manor. Since Medieval times the river has changed from being "the most polluted river in England" with numerous snuff and dye mills to the tranquil scenes of today. We finished the day with tea and cakes at the National Trust tearoom.



Members and friends are always welcome to join TES walks. No need to book—just turn up as detailed in the newsletter. Walks are not route marches and most can be easily reached by public transport. We would be very pleased to see you!

Nigel King

Launch of revised Pymmes Brook Trail

THE LAST weekend of October saw a successful launch of the revised Trail. The full route of 13 miles was divided into two sections with 43 walkers on the Saturday (including some from as far away as Kent) and 31 the following day.





Pymmes Brook begins at Jack's Lake where the walk paused to watch a herron

The revised route has been devised by TES member, Colin Saunders, and now follows a more logical and attractive route from Hadley Green, through surprisingly green areas within an urban landscape, to finish



where Pymmes Brook enters the River Lea near Tottenham Hale.

TES continues to discuss with Enfield Council the necessary upgrading of signing for the route but, in the meantime, we extend our grateful thanks to Colin for his time and effort in devising the route.

Well known for guide books on long distance paths such as the Capital Ring, London Loop and North Downs Way, Colin has published a fully illustrated 112 page guide to the Pymmes Brook Trail. Available on-line, by post or from bookshops at £8.99, it also can be bought for £7 by Enfield Society members from our sales counter at Jubilee Hall meetings. Very kindly, Colin is donating all profits to the Enfield Society.

Stuart Mills

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Volunteers for the Publicity Group?

Volunteers for shows

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our participation in shows and exhibitions. In particular a volunteers co-ordinator to maintain our list of member contacts who are available to assist at these events and to organise a schedule of volunteer attendees for each event.

We would also be pleased to hear from members who could spare a few hours helping to promote the Society. There are a number of events around the Borough that the Society will be attending during 2019. We are always in need of volunteers to assist in setting up our gazebo/stand, transporting Society items for sale and 'staffing' the stand during the event.

Publicity Group Chair

After more than ten years undertaking this role, I wish to hand over to a successor. The role involves general coordination of the Group, arranging and chairing group meetings at approximately six-weekly intervals throughout the year. If you are interested in considering this volunteering opportunity, please contact me for a chat.

Any member interested in volunteering for any of the above please e-mail r.fowler@enfieldsociety.org.uk or phone 020 8363 5732. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Fowler

RSAF workers recognised

At a ceremony on 16th January at the Royal Small Arms Factory (RSAF), a plaque was unveiled to commemorate the contribution to the First World War by the men and women workers at Enfield Lock.



The celebration coincided with the launch of a new book by Dr Jim Lewis entitled *The Factory that became a Village* which charts the history of the RSAF and will be the subject of Jim's talk at Jubilee Hall on March 20th (see page 2). *Andrew Lack*

Memories of 1930s housing estates

We received a lovely letter from member Doreen Ashley who recalled memories of moving to Blakesware Gardens, Edmonton, on one of the newly built 1930s estates after reading Stephen Gilburt's feature article in the last issue. Doreen can remember her mother lighting a coal fire in her bedroom when she was ill.

If you missed the item it can be found on our web-site filed under *Enfield's heritage*, along with other articles by Stephen.

Andrew Lack

New members

We welcome the following new members to the Society since the last newsletter was published in November;

Mr M Alter, Mr W W Bernhaut, Mr & Mrs C & E Campbell, Mr S Collyer, Mr R G Dean, Mr G Dent, Mrs G Ewin, Mr & Mrs M J & G D Garrett, Mr F A Gerardo, Mr R Hammerton, Mrs G Hardcastle, Mr P R Harte, Mr D Harwood, Mrs S Hastings, Ms S Jones, Miss S Krishnaswamy, Mrs P Lorimer, Ms E Lundie, Mr & Mrs B & V Mison, Dr M Patrick, Mr J Prior, Mrs D Rishi, Ms G Russell, Ms C Savage, Ms F Serlin, Mrs M S Solomons, Mr A J Stredder, Mr P Turner, Mr R D Vince, Mr & Mrs D & H Wilcox and Mrs J F Zola.

Joyce James

How to book your TES visit

You can book youir places for the visits shown on page 5 in the following ways;

By post

Send a stamped addressed envelope to Enfield Society Visits, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ. Please include the names in your party, your telephone number and a cheque payable to *The Enfield Society* for the required amount. Please mark the back of the envelope "Highclere" or "West Lodge" as appropriate.

Online

If you prefer you can book through our web-site and pay using PayPal or credit/debit card. Go to enfieldsociety .org.uk/visit and select the trip you wish to book.