



London Mayor voices concerns over Enfield's proposals for the Green Belt in the new Local Plan



John West

Our lead article in the Spring Newsletter referred to the Society's views on the new Enfield Local Plan. The consultation period for the plan ended in February and the Society submitted comments relating to the protection of the Green Belt, housing projections, the need for master planning large sites and the need to develop a Pubs Protection Policy. The Society worked closely with Enfield RoadWatch and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) to produce a document identifying all the potential brownfield sites across the Borough. That document formed part of the Society's submission.

The Enfield Local plan has to be compatible with the Mayor's London Plan. We were pleased to see that comments on Enfield's Plan from the Mayor supports the Society's view that the Green Belt should be protected—"Whilst the Mayor supports the majority of the draft Enfield Local Plan's objectives, he does not support the release of the Green Belt".

In the plan, Enfield had suggested that the Green Belt boundaries should be reviewed. The Mayor commented that "the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) does not require a review of the Green Belt. The aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence. The

retention of the Green Belt is also to assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. The Mayor, in his draft new London Plan has set out a strategy for London to meet its housing need within its boundaries without encroaching on the Green Belt".

Enfield's Draft Local Plan suggested that Crews Hill was a potential site for development. The Mayor's observations note that, as well as the issue of the Green Belt, limited public transport at Crews Hill with only 2 trains per hour and the limited bus service together with the distance from the nearest town centre at Enfield Town mean that Crews Hill is not a sustainable location for growth.

We await the Council's response to the full consultation process. We will continue to monitor the progress of the plan carefully. We note that in the examination of the Mayor's London Plan, the Home Builders Federation has questioned the Mayor's unequivocal statement of opposition to any release of the green belt under any circumstances. They argue that given the pressure for new homes there may be circumstances where the Green Belt should be reviewed and that local authorities should have the ability to alter the Green Belt through Local Plans. You can read the Mayor's response at enfieldsociety.org.uk/gla-response

Education at Forty Hall cancelled

Our sponsorship at Forty Hall ends

FOR SIX YEARS from 2012 the Society sponsored the Learning and Education Outreach Programmes at Forty Hall at £5,000 pa. The Management Committee voted to renew this sponsorship for another three years and were very surprised to learn that the Council had decided to abandon these Programmes, as

from this April, as part of its cost cutting proposals for Forty Hall.

This decision is difficult to understand since the net cost, after taking into account our sponsorship and the income provided by schools attending, was not substantial.

During the last six years a total of 74 different schools and educational establishments, and a total of 10,609 students attended sessions at Forty Hall. The Programmes were curriculum based and enabled children also to learn about Forty Hall and its importance historically as a Grade 1 listed building and one of the

foremost assets in our Borough.

In addition the team at Forty Hall ran workshops and events during school holidays, providing outdoor activities for many hundreds of children and raising significant income from the modest charges made.

For six years Enfield schools have benefited from the Learning Outside the Classroom Programmes and it is a great pity that this facility in such a magnificent setting at Forty Hall is now no longer available.

Colin Pointer

Presidents' Column



Monica Smith MBE and Colin Pointer, Joint Presidents

WE WOULD LIKE to add our support to what Dave Cockle wrote in the Spring newsletter. Arising from the draft new Local Plan, in his Chairman's Column he mentioned the attacks on the heritage of our historic area. In addition to those points he mentioned we are worried about the deterioration of the 700 year old market, a shadow of its former self, with many fewer stalls and unattractive sheds selling food. We also feel that with empty space in the square there is no need to park a large catering van on the north pavement, obscuring the historic view of St. Andrew's church. Secondly, it seems likely that there will be no more Enfield Town and Country Shows: these have been a feature of life in Enfield for many decades and it seems strange that Winchmore Hill and Palmers Green are able to arrange successful annual events—we already have their dates for this summer—but Enfield is unable to do so.

The possible building of houses in the Green Belt at Crews Hill is particularly worrying as it could lead to other developments nibbling away at the Green Belt despite Enfield Council and London's Mayor declaring it will be protected. Also it is likely to affect the quality of London's air which is frequently in the news. Besides building on brownfield and former industrial sites and converting office blocks, we feel that some shops should be changed into housing as was done in Forty Hill some years ago. Many of the larger empty ones have spacious living accommodation on the upper floors so could be used for two or three families.

We are very sorry to see the termination of the education project at Forty Hall which the Enfield Society has supported for six years—see article on front page. Helen Hamlyn and her team did an excellent job introducing over 10,000 children to their heritage.

This newsletter contains details of many activities in the summer months—walks, talks, visits, local shows which we hope you will enjoy.

Save our Swifts

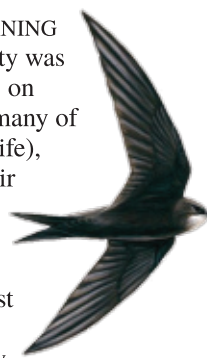
MARCH'S TUESDAY MORNING talk for The Enfield Society was given by Michael Priaulx, on swift conservation. Like many of our birds (and other wildlife), swifts are in decline—their numbers have fallen by 50% in the last 20 years—with half of that loss taking place in the last five years. While Enfield did produce a Biodiversity Action Plan, this has not been updated since it was first published in 2011, and the more recent Local Plan makes no mention of endangered urban species such as house sparrows and swifts.

Swifts are remarkably constant in their habits. In most years they arrive on pretty much the same day: expect to see them arrive on or about the 6th May. And they will return to exactly the same nest site where they have bred in previous years (they can live for up to 20 years). But the problem is that many of the sites where they have bred previously are disappearing as people renovate or extend their homes and block many of the small holes that allowed these iconic birds to enter and nest for the short time they are here.

If you are lucky enough to have swifts nesting in your home already, then undertake any work outside of the swifts nesting season, i.e. avoid May to August, so it will not interrupt the swifts' access to their nest sites. And leave entrance holes undisturbed wherever possible. It is worth knowing that nest sites for all birds have legal protection when active.

Whether you have swifts currently nesting or not, you can undertake a swift-friendly refurbishment for minimal additional cost, which leaves small but waterproof gaps for the swifts to enter. Swift Conservation provide plenty of practical information about this on their web-site swift-conservation.org. If you are doing more extensive building work, then you can buy swift nest bricks, which are simple, cost effective and neat, and some Boroughs are requesting developers install these in all new-build—hopefully Enfield will follow suit on this soon.

A simple way for everyone to help is to install a nest box. There are several companies now that make swift nest boxes and you can find details on the Swift Conservation's site. Don't worry about the potential for



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mess—swifts are just about the cleanest birds around.

The nest box should be placed on the side of the building that gets some shade during the day, and if possible under an overhang or under the eaves. The only difficult part is that they need to be at least 5 metres above the ground, with clear adjacent space beneath to allow the swifts easy access.

We have a special offer to tell you about: if you are interested in having your nestboxes installed, then the Islington Swifts Group may be able to help you install one for the very reasonable fee of £15 per box. Please e-mail your name and address to meetings@enfieldsociety.org.uk and we will forward to Islington Swifts Group who will let you know if your home is suitable.

The speaker also mentioned that at the moment, Enfield does not have a Swift Group, so if you'd be interested in setting one up, get in touch using the e-mail address above and we'll forward your details on to our speaker.

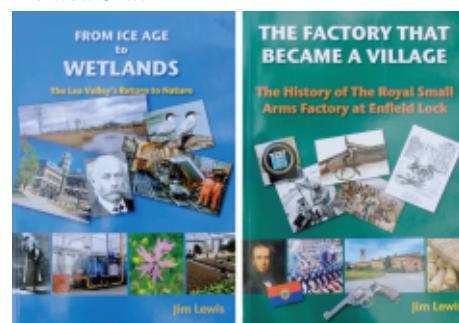
Linda Miller

Sales Table

The newest addition to our sales is Jim Lewis's latest book, "The Factory that became a Village". Sir Terry Farrell writes in the Foreword "In this new book Jim Lewis tells the story of the Royal Small Arms Factory (RSAF) at Enfield Lock and takes us on a fascinating 200 year old trek through the challenges and politics of weapon development that ends in a good news story for a redundant historic building." Sir Terry also mentions "From the Ice Age to Wetlands—the Lea Valley's return to nature" in which Jim Lewis discusses how the Lea Valley was formed and uses the region as an example of the damage that our life styles have created for the planet.

Both books are available to purchase from the Enfield Society at Jubilee Hall meetings or at the events listed on page 4. The RSAF book costs £18 but the Ice Age one is available to members at the special price of £13. If ordering by post please add £3 for post and packing for one book, £4 for two.

Monica Smith



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Jubilee Park Anniversary

JUBILATION, TAKES PLACE ON Sunday 9th July, 11am to 3pm, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Jubilee Park.

“The parks be the lungs of London” is a well-known and surprisingly

modern phrase which actually first dates back to a House of Commons parliamentary debate on 30 June 1808 when the Right Honourable William Windham spoke during a debate on the encroachment of buildings on Hyde Park. Although time has moved on, parks are as precious and important for our health and well being today and the parks of Enfield comprise over 900 hectares of green space.

Among the borough’s parks is Jubilee Park, which in 2019 celebrates its 80th birthday. This is one of my local parks, which I am particularly fond of given its size and variety of facilities. It is also close to my heart because, as with many families, it is part of our daily family life. We regularly spend time with our son and dog in the park.

Prior to its opening, and as recorded on all old maps, the site used to be a brickworks. Jubilee Park, as its name suggests, is named in honour of the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935. However, for reasons unknown, Edmonton’s Jubilee Park, although planned for 1935 did not open until June 1939, just a few weeks before the start of World War Two. The park’s opening was marked by a stylish, minimalist Art Deco arch which dates back to 1937. The official opening was made by Edmonton Borough Mayor George Thomas Wogan Tott and the Council Engineer and Surveyor responsible for the park’s 19 acre layout was Mr E J Willis.

The park’s golden jubilee in 1989, with Mayor Tott’s grandson, Trevor and his wife Anne Tott attending a mayoral ceremony to mark the occasion, included the restoration of the main entrance and wrought-iron gates. The park’s past was also marked on 23 June 2009 on the occasion of its 70th birthday with an “evocation of 1939” and a weekly health walk involving the then Friends of Jubilee

Park, led by Peter Armstrong, alongside pupils from Houndsfield School.

Thanks to the work of E J Willis, the park is beautifully landscaped with an imposing avenue of

maple trees and beautiful cherry trees. In all there are over 200 different varieties of trees planted in Jubilee Park and it is well regarded for this reason.

Initially, in keeping with municipal park design in the 1930s, Jubilee Park comprised a formal ornate flower garden as well as having a number of recreational facilities; a paddling pool (now the ornamental sunken garden), a bowling club (now the Jubilee Park Nursery), and the Memorial Crown Maze was replaced by an orchard in 2014 . A new multi-use games area was built in 2001/2 as well as a new community building.

A wildlife area was established and over recent years, more space has been given over to wildflower planting and less formal planting. A small pond was also built in 2014 with the help of conservation volunteers.

Long-standing park keeper, Stuart, has maintained the park for over 30 years, including seeing the park awarded coveted Green Flag awards over several years and protected as a “Field in Trust” park in March 2013, for benefit of future generations.

Like all municipal parks it faces challenges due to lack of Council funding and a lack of friends; currently there isn’t an active Friends Group for the park, but hopefully that will develop.

2019 sees the launch of London as a National Park City and the *Love Parks Week* campaign is into its 9th year. I hope these initiatives will spill over and motivate more local people to join together to ensure that the park continues to form the centre of the local community long into the future.

The Enfield Society will be present at “Jubilation” on the 9th July where we’d be delighted to meet members.

Edwina Osborne



From our archive: Bramley House, Clay Hill

THE RECORDS AND RESEARCH Group has a considerable collection of images of Enfield, many available through the web-site at enfieldsociety.org.uk/ photographs.

We thought we would share some of those which have produced memories from our members for everyone to enjoy.



This image of Bramley House on Clay Hill brought in comments from two people.

Roger Davis said: Right at the bottom of Hillside Crescent was Bramley House, a home for mentally challenged ladies. Some of the lads from the choir at St. John’s Church made up a band that used to practice at Bramley House and entertain the ladies. I occasionally played a double bass made out of a tea chest and broomstick to keep time with the piano and drums. Many of the ladies from Bramley House used to make the trip up Clay Hill to St. John’s Church for the Sunday services. I also remember a garden party that was organised in Bramley House grounds around 1958.

Trevor Barton also had memories of this building: My Father, Gilbert “Jim” Barton was Head Gardener at Bramley House for many years. He had extensive kitchen gardens which kept the house and its residents self sufficient in fruit and vegetables with the added benefit to my brother and myself that we had more than our fair share of “five a day” at a time in the early 50’s when post war shortages were a daily reality. The formal gardens provided food for the soul with specimen trees, a fine range of flowering shrubs and, of course, cut flowers for the house. A few of the more able ladies were recruited to work as “Garden Girls” and I was allowed to sweep, load the coke boilers for the house hot water and heating systems and pack Autumn apples into the storage racks for the winter. We lived as a family up Clay Hill next to the Fallow Buck which was interesting and my Father augmented his income by working at the Rose and Crown at the foot of Clay Hill.

Hilary Morris

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 annum.

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

Morning meetings, 10am for 10.30am, Jubilee Hall

Tuesday 28th May, *The Pearly Kings and Queens of London* by John Waters, 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 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.

Tuesday 25th June, *Finding Nemon* by Lady Aurelia Young. Oscar Nemon (1906–1985) is one of the twentieth century's greatest sculptors, responsible for iconic portraits of elder statesmen and major figures displayed all over the world.

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Oscar Nemon with his bust of Winston Churchill and Churchill's only work of sculpture—that of Nemon

He was a flamboyant personality who charmed those who came into contact with him, including towering figures such as Winston Churchill, Sigmund Freud and Queen Elizabeth II along with countless politicians and celebrities. His daughter Aurelia will talk to us about her father's life from humble origins as a Jew in (what is now) Croatia to his refuge from the Nazis in southern England, the career of this often infuriating yet charismatic man and his artistic and personal encounters with presidents, prime ministers, royalty and others. The Queen nicknamed him the 'missing Oscar' and he became the subject of the only attempt at sculpture by his friend Churchill, who in turn posed for many likenesses by Nemon including a monumental bronze in the House of Commons.

The morning programme resumes on Tuesday 24th September with a talk by Frank Bayford about Chase Farm Hospital. Full details of our Autumn talks will be included in our next newsletter.

Evening meetings, 7.30pm for 8pm, Jubilee Hall

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.

Thursday 13th June, *The Enfield Society AGM* followed by a talk ***Keeping Enfield Green*** by Carol Fisk of Enfield RoadWatch and Alice Roberts of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The evening programme will resume on Monday 16th September with a talk by Ann Johnson and John Wallington about the The Mayan Trail. Full details of our Autumns talks will be included in our next newsletter.

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 as well as Enfield Council's at new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture

Dugdale Centre

Thursday 6th June, 7.45pm, *Talkies Community Cinema presents Son of the Bride* (Cert 15). At 42, Rafael Belvedere is having a crisis. He lives in his father's shadow, he feels guilty about rarely visiting his ageing mother who's suffering from Alzheimer's, his ex-wife says he doesn't spend enough time with their daughter, he's yet to make a commitment to his girlfriend and his restaurant is losing money. A minor heart attack encourages Rafael to re-evaluate his priorities and help his father give his mother the perfect silver wedding anniversary present. Tickets: £6.50.

Thursday 1st August, 7.45pm, *Talkies Community Cinema presents The Happy Prince* (Cert 15). In this gripping drama, Rupert Everett plays the exiled Oscar Wilde with a kind of poignantly ruined magnificence that makes for riveting viewing. From Dieppe to Naples to Paris, freedom is elusive and Oscar is always moving on, penniless and shunned by his

old acquaintances but revered by the outlaws and urchins to whom he tells the old stories. Tickets: £6.50

Forty Hall

Saturday 1st June, 9.45am for 10am, *Tree walk with the Friends of Forty Hall Park*. The Forty Hall Estate has a large number of ancient and specialist trees such as the Cedar of Lebanon, the ancient Hornbeam and many others. The Friends of Forty Hall Park are fortunate to have Alex Campbell, a local tree enthusiast conducting another walk this summer.

There is no charge for this event but spaces are limited so please call 020 8292 8325 to book your place. Please note that booking is essential. Please dress for the weather and wear footwear suitable for outdoors. The walk will last between 60-90 minutes. Please meet outside the Hall at 9.45am.

Saturday 8th June, 5.30pm, *Romeo and Juliet*. Suitable for children 8 and over. "In a world of fakery, what becomes of true love?" You are invited to an exclusive, glittering red-carpet event attended by notorious celebrity families, The Montagues and the Capulets. With the media reporting their every move and social media abuzz with their escapades, tensions are running high. There's only one question on everybody's lips—will these two families behave? Or will it be another fiery battle at dawn as the fabulous feud continues?

Please dress for the weather as this performance is outside. Tickets: £14, Concession £10, Children £8, Family Ticket £38 (2 Adults and 2 Children). Children under 6 free. Chair Hire: £2.50. Running time: 2 Hours including interval.

Sunday 9th June, 10am – 3pm, *Forty Hall Farmer's Market*. Forty Hall Farm's monthly community farmers' market. A celebration of good local food which takes place on the second Sunday of each month. Dogs are welcome on leads. Free entry.

Sunday 30th June, 11am – 6pm, *Music on the Lawn*. The Friends of Forty Hall Parks present another fantastic day of live music, including Jazz, Blues, Soul and much more. Tickets £7 for adults, with children under 15 going free. You can bring a picnic to enjoy alongside the visiting the Pimms Tent whilst listening to wonderful performances from a variety of bands and performers.

Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm, *Wuthering Heights*. Suitable for children aged 9 and over. Step into the desolate realm of Wuthering Heights, home to the

Other organisations' events

Earnshaw family and the mysterious orphan, Heathcliff. While under the care of the wealthy Mr Earnshaw, Heathcliff's relationship with the gentleman's daughter, Catherine, blossoms into an unruly and passionate romance. Tickets: £14, Concessions £10, Children £8, Family Ticket £38 (2 Adults and 2 Children). Children under 6 are free. Chair Hire: £2.50

Sunday 14th July 10am–3pm, Forty Hall Farmer's Market. Dogs are welcome on leads. Free entry.

Jubilee Hall

Wednesday May 22nd, 2.30pm, Enfield in the 14th century by Joe Studman. The influence of Black Death, 100 years war and 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.

Wednesday 26th June, 2.30pm, 20th Century Enfield women Florence Dugdale and Edna Hall by Joe Studman. Florence has an Enfield Cultural Hub named after her. She had visions of becoming a great writer but had to settle for being the second wife of Thomas Hardy. Edna however was a true artist. £3 per person.

Friday 12th July, 8pm, Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture, Surviving World War II Structures in Enfield by Ian Jones. Joint meeting of Edmonton Hundred Historical Society and Enfield Archaeological Society. Free for members of the EHHS or EAS, visitors welcome £1.50 per person.

Wednesday 24th July, 2.30pm, Early Enfield by Joe Studman. From Ice Age to Saxons a look at what evidence we have for our area. £3 per person.

Wednesday 28th August, 2.30pm, Enfield Entertains by Joe Studman. A look at over 30 theatres and cinemas that once graced the borough. £3 per person.

Festivals and Fairs

Come and meet The Enfield Society at the following:

Sunday 19th May, 11 am to 6 pm, Enfield Charitable Trust, Enfield Marketplace.

Sunday 9th June, Jubilee Park, Edmonton, 80th anniversary festival.

Sunday 6th July, Winchmore Hill Fancy Fair, Winchmore Hill Green.

Sunday 1st September, Palmers Green Festival, Broomfield Park.

Music

Saturday 18th May, 7.30pm, Organ Spectacular to celebrate the refurbishment of the organ. St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill, Enfield. Organists Beniston, Marten, Rippin and Thorndyke. Free.

Sunday 26th May, 3pm, The Children's International Voices of Enfield. Dugdale Theatre, 39 London Road, Enfield EN2 6DS. The Children's International Voices of Enfield return to the Dugdale Centre with their Summer Cabaret Concert. Tickets: £12 Adults, £5 Children under 16.

Wednesday 19th June–Saturday 22nd June, Southgate Opera presents Princess Ida by Gilbert and Sullivan. Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Tickets: £18–£20. Concessions available.

Join Hilarion and his friends Cyril and Florian as they attempt to infiltrate the university to woo his promised bride. Dressed as women hilarity ensues—but some things are not certain. Can Ida, with dignity, resign her post? Will Prince Hilarion's hopes be sadly blighted? And most importantly; what is the thing that's known as man?

Saturday 6 July 7.30pm, Southgate Symphony Orchestra. St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill, EN2 7AJ. An orchestral concert of music featuring Gavin Davies performing Saint-Saens's Violin Concerto No. 3, plus Beethoven's Egmont Overture. The concert concludes with Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. Tickets are £14 (£12 in advance), Concessions £12 (£10 in advance), children £5.

Sunday 21st July 2pm–4.30pm, Broomfield Strings Bandstand, Broomfield Park. Violinist Lynne Baker leads an ensemble of local professional musicians in the premiere park event of 'Broomfield Strings'. Bring a picnic and chill out on a Sunday afternoon by the bandstand lake to great tunes from Bollywood to Borodin, Foo Fighters to Frozen and ELO to Elgar.

Saturday 27th July 2019 12noon to 11pm, Livestock. Forty Hall Farm, Forty Hall, Forty Hill, Enfield EN2 9HA

The Livestock Festival is back bigger than ever. Now in its 8th year, against the picturesque backdrop of Forty Hall Farm and featuring three diverse stages of superb music, children's activities, food vendors, merchandise and three bars, supporting and promoting local talent whilst drawing together some of the country's finest festival bands.

Ticket sales are now restricted to a

maximum capacity of 3000. Once they are gone, they are gone. Make sure you get yours in advance to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are £20 in advance for the first 500, £25 thereafter. On the day, £30. Children under 12 go free. Children of 13–17 are £5.

Evening Pass £15. Tickets for the evening sets, valid for admission only after 7pm

For tickets from livestockuk.com

Friends of Hilly Fields

Come and enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon this Summer with music on the bandstand. All concerts are free to attend with all



proceeds raised going to help local charities.. Dates this Summer are:

Sunday 16th June, Googlies House Band plus Guest Stars (Jazz)

Sunday 7th July, Stereo Queen (Queen tribute band)

Sunday 4th August (to be confirmed)

Sunday 8th September, Bazooka Joe (80s)

More details from hillyfields.info or facebook.com/HillyFields.Enfield

Day Conference on World War 2

Enfield Museum and The Enfield Society will be presenting a Day Conference on World War 2 on **Saturday 14th September 2019, 9.30am–4.15pm** at the Dugdale Centre.

Come and join us for a day of talks, drama, poetry, archives and interactivity based on the Museum's latest exhibition *Enfield at War 1939–45*. Lunch and all refreshments included. More details to follow.

From 20th July the exhibition of the Second World War will run at the Dugdale museum until 19th April 2020. See our last newsletter, page 3, column 2 for more details on this forthcoming exhibition.

Edwardian Housing Estates

Introduction

by Stephen Gilbert

IN 1871 A BRANCH of the Great Northern Railway from Kings Cross was constructed to Enfield with intermediate stations at Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill. When the line was extended to Cuffley in 1910, a station was added at Grange Park at the instigation of the developer Richard Metherill. In 1907 the electric tram route along Green Lanes was extended north from Manor House to the Green Dragon at Winchmore Hill. It finally reached Enfield Town in 1909.

Following the sale of land by the Taylors of Grovelands in 1902 and the Powys family at Broomfield in 1903, there was a substantial development of housing. The population of Southgate Urban District rose from 10,970 in 1891 to 14,993 in 1901 and by 1911 had reached 33,612. People were moving north from older middle class suburbs such as Stoke Newington and Islington to what were seen as more healthy areas on higher ground. In 1905 alone plans were submitted by 40 builders for 645 houses in New Southgate, Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill.

Broomfield Park Estate

An advertisement in 1905 offered houses at prices from £450 (roughly £54,000 today) leasehold on the Broomfield Park Estate between Broomfield Lane and Pymmes Brook “three minutes walk from Palmers Green station and opposite Broomfield Park. . . The houses are semi-detached containing five bedrooms, bathroom, two W.C.s, large dining room, drawing room, lounge hall with fireplace, kitchen, scullery, servants side entrance and paved yard. Good gardens. These houses are very tastefully decorated and fitted with electric bells and gas. Other smaller houses are available upon the estate.”

Old Park Estate, now known as the Lakes Estate



Illustration 1. “The last load of hay from the last of the Fox Lane fields... Today streets of houses—occupied with gardens laid out—a church and a school stand completed on part of the fields. . . Aldermans Hill, a picturesque narrow road which faced a private park, has become in three years a busy shopping thoroughfare, a tribute to the business enterprise of the traders.” [The Recorder for Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Southgate, 1909.]

In 1902 130 acres of the Old Park Estate between Fox Lane and Aldermans Hill in Palmers Green were sold at auction to The British Land Company for £45,000. In 1904 the company laid out roads and sold plots of land to various builders who erected densely packed semi-detached and terraced middle class houses

between 1905 and 1914. The estate also included shops with flats above, built by Edmondson in Aldermans Hill in 1908.

Southgate County School of 1909–10 was designed in the Free Baroque style by H. G. Crothall. In 1984 it was converted into flats now known as Carib Court. Palmers Green Congregational Church hall was built in Fox Lane in 1909, with a church designed in a late Gothic style by George Baines and Son being added alongside in 1913–14. Work began on building St George’s Presbyterian Gothic style church in 1912. Following the joining of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches to form the United Reformed Church in 1972, St George’s church was demolished in 1980.

In 1907 W. J. Edwards offered “substantially built residences in Ulleswater and Conway Roads” at prices between £375 and £1,400 “five minutes from station and electric tram route.”



Illustration 2: Houses on Ulleswater Road Estate.

In 1907 the New London and County Building and Estate Co. had “ideal semi-detached villas” in Derwent Road for sale for between £450 and £550 or for rent for between £36 and £46 per annum. The company also built houses in Conway Road at prices from £575 freehold or £385 leasehold with a ground rent of £7 10s per annum. The brochure described the houses as being in “The highest part of Palmers Green, extending north from the railway to the picturesque and charming village of Southgate with its lovely mansions in their fine old gardens, village green and pond.”



Illustration 3: Two pairs of houses in Derwent Road

In the late 20th century some of the owners of the houses made various alterations, including replacing the slates on the roofs with heavier cement tiles and installing aluminium or uPVC framed windows in place of the original casement windows.

In 2010 ten streets of fine Edwardian houses between Fox Lane and Aldermans Hill were designated the Lakes Estate conservation

in Palmers Green and Grange Park



Illustration 4: Interior views of the Drawing Room and Hall of a house in Derwent Road

area to protect the properties from further unsympathetic alterations. Since then some of the earlier changes have been reversed. The character appraisal, prepared to justify the granting

of conservation area status, mentioned "The architectural and historic interests of the large and cohesive area of high quality Edwardian houses, influenced by the picturesque vernacular revival and Arts and Crafts styles" and "The exceptional decorative quality of the houses, most notably their porch and window joinery, doors and stained glass, as well as decorative plasterwork, tile hanging and fine brickwork."

Illustration 5: Front entrance to a house on the Lakes Estate showing a decorative Arts and Crafts style wooden porch, stained glass panels in the door and tiled path.



Grange Park Estate



Illustration 6: Green Dragon Lane in 1906. In 1909 *The Recorder for Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Southgate* reported that "The old lane has been transformed from a narrow picturesque avenue of trees and high hedges into a fine wide road, flanked on one side by an artistic row of high-class houses."

In the 1880s Richard Metherell had built houses in Muswell Hill and in 1895 he moved into a house in Bush Hill. Between 1905 and 1908 he bought three estates at Old Park Grange, Bush Hill and Chase Park and diverted Hounsden Gutter to reclaim an acre of marshy land. Between 1907 and 1914 he built large well designed detached and semi-detached houses in the Arts and Crafts style for affluent members of the middle classes. Eight

different designs were used and no two adjoining pairs were identical. Each house had five or six bedrooms and two or three reception rooms. Where possible fruit trees from former orchards were retained. Houses in Green Dragon Lane, The Chine, Old Park Ridings and The Grangeway were offered for sale for between £500 and £1,100 leasehold or for rent for between £48 and £70 per annum. A parade of shops with flats above was constructed in The Grangeway. In 1912 Old Park Avenue was opened to link Grange Park with Enfield Town. The provision of sports and social clubs and the proximity to the railway stations and electric trams were mentioned in advertisements for the estate.



Illustration 7: Semi-detached houses in Grange Park built between 1907 and 1914.

Between 1921 and 1935 the Grange Park estate was completed with houses in the central part of The Chine and Old Park Ridings and the area west of the railway line.

In 1938 Grange Park Methodist Church was built in Old Park Ridings to a striking Art Deco design by Charles H. Brightiff. St Peter's Church of 1939–41 by Cyril Farey in Vera Avenue shows Scandinavian and Romanesque influences.

Most of the houses have been well maintained and new work has generally been in keeping with the original designs. Some front gardens have been paved over to provide hard standing for cars and some boundary walls have been replaced.

In 2008 the area comprising the housing along The Chine, Old Park Ridings and the Grangeway was designated the Grange Park conservation area to help preserve the character of the area and prevent further unsuitable alterations.

For more information on Edwardian housing and the estates in Palmers Green and Grange Park see *The Recorder for Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Southgate 1907–16*; *Once upon a time in Palmers Green* by Alan Dumayne 1988; *Fond memories of Winchmore Hill* by Alan Dumayne 1990; *Semi-detached London, Suburban Development, Life and Transport 1900–39* by Alan A Jackson 1991; *A history of Enfield, Volume Two 1837–1914 A Victorian Suburb* by David Pam 1992; *Southgate and Edmonton Past* by Graham Dalling 1996; *The old borough of Southgate* by Alan Dumayne 1998; *The Buildings of England London 4: North* by Bridget Cherry and Nikolaus Pevsner 1998; *The Enfield Book* by Graham Dalling 2007; *No Stone Unturned, A History of the British Land Company 2008 and Rediscovered Utopias, saving London's suburbs 1870–1939* edited by Bridget Cherry and Ann Robey 2010. Many of these publications may be consulted at Enfield Local Studies Library and Archives, which also supplied the black and white illustrations used in this article.

Architecture and Planning Group

The Architecture and Planning Group is looking for members to review planning applications in Enfield. The main task of the Group is assessing whether a proposed development respects the character of an area and does not impact the amenity of the neighbouring residential properties. Examining applications will become even more important as the level of house building continues to grow.

Although Architecture and Planning Group tries to monitor all new applications, of necessity the main focus tends to be on strategic developments; more significant small sites; developments on the Green Belt and developments in Conservation Areas.

If a significant application for planning permission appears on the London Borough of Enfield website weekly list, details of the application are usually referred to the Group as a whole for their thoughts. Applications within Conservation Areas can also be referred to the next meeting of the Council's Conservation Advisory Group on which the Society is represented. If appropriate, comments are sent to Council Planning Officers.

Although some knowledge of the planning system is helpful, members do not need to be experts as advice is available. This worthwhile activity would be interesting for active or retired architects, surveyors, planners, project managers etc.

Bill Wilson

All Saints Edmonton is in need of Friends

The church of All Saints, Edmonton needs friends to help raise money for the urgent repairs



to the roof. In October 2014 a Heritage Lottery Fund grant helped towards the repair of the tower. Now the roof desperately needs repair, especially the south aisle, as water ingress is badly affecting the interior.

The Friends of All Saints (FOASE) have just launched a fund-raising appeal and are asking for your help. Joining FOASE is just £10 a year, see allsaintsedmonton.org.uk/friends-scheme. Send the completed form together with your remittance to FOASE, All Saints Vicarage, All Saints Close, London, N9 9AT.

Please help save this wonderful church!

Joe Studman

Edmonton and Eastern Enfield Group

There will be an illustrated talk by Stephen Heywood, Natural Flood Prevention Officer with Thames21, on Wednesday 19th June at 7.30pm at All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton, titled "Cherishing our local streams". After the presentation there will be an open discussion on activities and plans for the Edmonton Area. All are welcome to attend.

On Saturday 29th June at 10am, the Edmonton & Eastern Enfield Group will be having a further litter pick alongside Boundary Stream, where it runs from the Hertford Road to Cuckoo Hall Recreation Ground. (See the report on page 11.) All TES members are invited to join in. We will meet at the former Boundary House Public House, 3 High Street Ponders End, EN3 4EJ. If you wish to join us we shall be very pleased to see you but please contact Dave Cockle (chairman@enfieldsociety.org.uk) or call 020 8366 2242 in order that we know how much equipment to bring along.

Dave Cockle

Enfield In Bloom

When you walk in Enfield, do you appreciate the flower beds with their colourful displays? They make a cheerful contribution, don't they? Are you a gardener, or do you have some spare time?



Rose bed in Victoria Road, Edmonton, maintained by Enfield in Bloom

Enfield in Bloom plant and tend these beds and are looking for some help in maintaining them. If you are interested, please telephone Mo Cross on 07982 419077 for further information. Plants and tools are provided and a couple of hours a week, or when you could manage, would be of great help.

If you are unable to do this but would like to "adopt" a bed, I'm sure one would be available and a plaque would be placed in the bed with your name on it.

Please think about this, as over the years the Enfield environment is much improved and I'm sure enjoyed by you and your fellow Enfieldians. Thank you very much.

Sadie Isaksson

Loss of mature trees in Cecil Road

During the Spring, a number of TES Members contacted us about the removal of trees in Cecil Road, Enfield Town. The Society keeps in regular contact with the Council's Senior Arboricultural Officer and his team. The trees in Cecil Road have been subject to detailed surveys which can be viewed on the Tree Removal site: new.enfield.gov.uk/services/environment/trees/#4

The results clearly show decay, *Inonotus hispidus* on a number of the trees on Cecil Road. The decay is not always obvious. For example, the London Plane tree on Library Green opposite the Greenfox Garage had decay in the main trunk at about 7 metres above ground level and low in the root ball. Leaving the tree would mean that it is vulnerable to high winds and could easily fall on pedestrians or vehicles. The Council have confirmed that they are committed to replacing the trees, but it is important that the ground settles before new trees are planted. In Cecil Road there are some young trees that were planted too quickly following the removal of older trees and, where the ground has sunk, a trip hazard has developed. Also, now that we are in the growing season, planting new trees is best left until the dormant season later in the year.

The Society continues to monitor tree maintenance, but the most important issue is to ensure that the Council continues to provide adequate funding for tree planting initiatives. Many trees in Enfield were planted in the 1920's and 30's. These trees are nearing the end of their life as street trees live within the harsh urban environment. It is important that long term tree planting is carried out in parks and along the streets. One of the Society's key aims is to protect and enhance the natural environment in Enfield. Tree planting is an important part of our environment and this is a point that the Society made in its response to the New Enfield Local Plan.

John West.



Mature Plane tree being removed in Cecil Road on 28th March

Organised visits

Piccotts End Paintings, Hemel Hempstead, 20th August

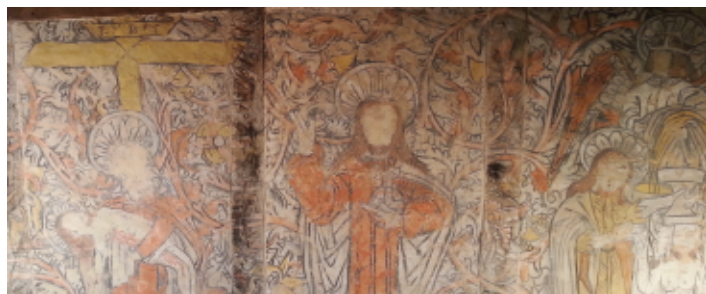
A chance to see the unique pre-reformation wall paintings at Piccotts End near Hemel

Hempstead on Tuesday 20th August at 2.30pm.

The visit will include a talk by one of the current owners of the house who has made an extensive study of them and has many new insights into their significance. The talk will be followed by a cream tea and a chance to look round this Grade 1 listed building.



Piccotts End House



The extensive cycle of religious paintings (see picture) on two rows at the dais end of the hall shows how many houses may have looked prior to the Reformation and how quickly things changed as Protestantism took hold.

You will need to make your own way to the house where limited parking is available. Car sharing would be ideal so please let us know if you need a lift or are prepared to offer one. Cost of the visit is £16, which includes a cream tea and the talk. Please make cheques payable to "The Enfield Society" and send it with a SAE to Piccotts End Visit, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ. You can also book on-line and pay using a credit/debit card at enfieldsociety.org.uk/visit

Janet McQueen

Theobalds Farmhouse Garden, Crews Hill, 3rd September

On Tuesday 3rd September we have arranged for another private visit and tour of the local prize winning organic garden run by Alison Green. It is a garden of many rooms which has been featured in Homes and Gardens and Country Living with both recommending a visit; last year we went in June and it was a wonderful visit. This year the colours will be more autumnal in September but still just as beautiful.

The cost is £14 and this includes entry, tea and cake, and a guided tour. Parking is free but if you need a lift or have a space in your car then please let us know and we will try to arrange some car sharing. Crews Hill station is only a short walk away and if you want to come by train then we may be able to arrange to pick you up there as an alternative. Again, please let us know.

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

To book your place please send a SAE to Theobalds Garden visit, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ enclosing a cheque payable to "The Enfield Society" for £14 per person. If you want to book on-line and pay with a credit/debit card or PayPal then please go to enfieldsociety.org.uk/visit

Janet McQueen



LondonEnergy, Angel Road, 5th & 12th July

LondonEnergy have kindly agreed for Enfield Society members to visit their waste management

plant at EcoPark, Advent Way N18 3AG (Ten minutes walk from 192 bus stop, Glover Drive - Tesco's) on Fridays 5th & 12th July at 10am.

LondonEnergy provides sustainable



energy and recycling and operates from a number of sites across North London to provide an alternative to landfill disposal, recovering energy from waste. According to their web-site, enough to power more than 80,000 homes and in doing so, preventing around 700,000 tonnes going to landfill each year.

The visit to LondonEnergy will provide an insight into what happens to your household waste and recycling collected in North London. The visit will include:-

- ★ Booking in with security and being kitted out with safety equipment,
- ★ A ten minute overview film,
- ★ A tour of some interesting areas within the Energy Centre.

The visit will last ninety minutes and be restricted to ten places on both Fridays for safety reasons, with a maximum of two tickets per applicant. Safety shoes or stout enclosed shoes are required (no trainers). Note that visitors to the Energy Centre may be required to walk up and down many flights of stairs, some areas are warm, so a reasonable degree of physical fitness is required.

To obtain free 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

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 web-site 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.

Saturday 18th 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.

Wednesday 22nd May. Epping Forest. Meet 10.40 Chingford bus station (at newscopy date) 313 buses at 09.42 and 10.00 from Church Street, Enfield Town, arrive 10.13 and 10.31 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 Monday 27th May. Chilterns. Depart 10.40 Amersham Station. Either 09.26 Metropolitan Line from Kings's Cross St Pancras, or 09.57 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from

London Marylebone Station.

7 mile linear walk via Old Amersham and then, after attractive views across the Misbourne Valley, it reaches pretty Chalfont St Giles (of "Dad's Army" fame) for a lunch stop, before ending at Chalfont & Latimer Station. *No shorter option.* Bring lunch or food available. Contact: 07900 286 254. Leader: Mike Cranstone.

Thursday 6th June. Ash Valley. Depart 10.30 St Margaret's Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station and change at Cheshunt for 10.09 Greater Anglia Hertford East train, or catch the latter train at 09.55 from Tottenham Hale Station.

7 to 8 mile circular walk in the conservation countryside of the Ash Valley via Wareside (lunch stop and possible option to end with a bus to Ware). Bring lunch or pub food available. Leader: Mick Spinks.

Saturday 15th June. Rib Valley. Meet 10.10 at entrance to Hertford North Station (09.44 train from Enfield Chase).

About 8¼ mile walk in attractively varied countryside with good views via Chapmore End and Rib Valley. Lunch after about 5 miles in Wadesmill from where option to finish by using 331 bus to Ware or Hertford. Bring lunch or pub food available. Afternoon walk of about 3¼ miles ends in Ware for frequent buses back to Hertford. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07490 480 251 (no voicemails). Leader: Stuart Mills.

Wednesday 19th June. Discovery Walk: Historic Islington. Meet 10.35 Angel Station (Northern Line) for about 6 mile linear walk that links buildings, squares, gardens and outstanding examples of urban architecture with sections of the New River, green spaces and parks. Bring lunch or food available. Full route ends at Stoke Newington Station (London Overground line to Enfield Town) but many shorter options. Leader: Ian Reynolds.

Thursday 27th June. Waterways and Parks. Meet 10.50 Limehouse DLR Station. Either by London Overground from Highbury & Islington, changing onto DLR for one stop at Shadwell, or by DLR from Bank Station.

About 6 mile linear walk that includes various waterways and parks north of Limehouse Basin and then sections of the River Lea and Lee Navigation across Hackney Marshes to end at a station for return travel. Shorter options. Lunch stop near historic Victoria Park. Bring lunch or food available. *Contact on day of walk*

only: 07506 334 019. Leader: Peter Mackey

Saturday 6th July. Three Rivers. Meet 10.38 Watford Metropolitan Line Station (Met Line train at 09.58 from Baker Street—note: all Watford trains start from Baker Street at weekends).

About 7½ mile circular walk in the attractive area where the Rivers Gade, Chess and Colne merge and through which the Grand Union Canal runs. The route includes historic Cassiobury Park (recently voted one of the UK's top 10 parks). Option to end at lunch stop in Rickmansworth. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07973 747 454. Leader: Nigel King.

Thursday 11th July. Broomfield Park Stroll (Part 2). For tea/coffee and a chat before the start, meet 10.00 onwards in Morrisons supermarket café in Alderman's Hill, Palmers Green (opposite station). If not, be at Palmers Green Station for 11.00 start. About 2 mile walk in Broomfield Park with commentary on the geology, landscape and history of the park, the trees and the newly commenced wetlands feature. Please respect Norman's gentle pace. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07984 813 636. Leader: Norman Coles.

Wednesday 17th July. Hitchin Lavender. Meet 10.45 Hitchin Station. Travel by 10.12 Thameslink Cambridge train from Finsbury Park mainline station which is non-stop to Stevenage (arrives Hitchin at 10.38). Otherwise, 10.13 Thameslink Cambridge North multi-stop train from Potters Bar Station (arrives Hitchin 10.43). Buy Off-Peak Day Return from Zone 6 boundary to Hitchin if travelling from Finsbury Park. Note: *do not* travel to Stevenage via Hertford North as now no through trains on weekdays.

About 8 mile circular walk through varied countryside with an extended lunch stop at Cadwell Lavender Farm. Bring lunch or food available from farm café/shop and option to finish by bus return to Hitchin town centre. Afternoon walk of about 4½ miles is via Ickleford Village, River Oughton and Oughtonhead Common. Leader: Mick Spinks.

Saturday 27th July. Green Chain Walk. Meet 10.30 Abbey Wood Station. Travel by 09.32 Thameslink Rainham (Kent) train from St Pancras International mainline station (platform A)—also stops at platform 4 London Bridge mainline station at 09.48. Otherwise, by 09.58 Southeastern Barnehurst train from London Bridge mainline station (platform 1).

7 to 7½ mile linear walk in South-East London via an attractive semi-rural mix of woods, commons, heaths and open spaces with long distance views. Shorter options.

Society Walks

Bring lunch or café food available. Details: 020 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. Leader: Martin Langer.

Saturday 3rd Aug. Darent Valley. Meet **10.30** Otford Station (09.55 Southeastern Ashford International train from Victoria mainline station - usually platform 5). Note: buy Super Off-Peak Day Return from Swanley to Otford, as Freedom Pass boundary is not at usual Zone 6 but at Swanley (Zone 8).

8 mile linear walk through outstanding scenery and historic villages. Hilly in places. Lunch stop in Shoreham with option to end at nearby Shoreham Station. Bring lunch or cafe/pub food available. Details: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West.

Thursday 8th Aug. Epping Forest. Meet **10.50** Wood Street Station. Either 09.52 train from Enfield Town, changing at Hackney Downs for 10.25 train towards Chingford, or, by 313 bus to Chingford for 10.40 train to Wood Street.

About 5½ to 6 mile linear walk via attractive but lesser known areas of the Forest and River Ching Valley. Shorter options including from lunch stop near Woodford Green. Bring lunch or food available. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07425 136 628. Leader: Margaret Redman.

Wednesday 14th Aug. Rural Essex. Depart **10.30** Epping Station (09.45 Central Line train from Liverpool Street or at 09.53 from Stratford—arrives Epping at 10.20).

A **prompt** start for a 9 mile linear walk following the Essex Way and part of the Epping to Ongar heritage railway via woodland, undulating open countryside and the Saxon Greensted log church. Lunch stop at North Weald. Bring lunch or pub food available and option to finish with return to start by bus. Full route ends in Ongar with bus return to start. Details: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West.

Bank Holiday Monday 26th Aug. Historic Parklands. Meet **10.10** at entrance to Hertford North Station (09.47 train from Enfield Chase).

About 8 mile figure of eight walk with lunch stop in Hertford town centre. Morning walk via field paths and tracks to include Repton's Grade II* listed Panshanger Estate, whilst afternoon route includes field paths, waterways and Grade II listed Balls Park Estate. Bring lunch or food available. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07490 480 251 (no voicemails). Leader: Stuart Mills.

Saturday 31st Aug. Hampton Court and Bushy Park. Meet **10.42** Hampton Court

Station (10.06 South Western Railway train from Waterloo mainline station or at 10.10 from Vauxhall).

About 6½ to 7 mile circular walk with River Thames scenes, Hampton Court Parkland, Bushy Park grassland and woodlands. Lunch stop in Kingston with option to finish. Bring lunch or food available. Contact: 07900 286 254. Leader: Mike Cranstone.

Stuart Mills

Heritage Walks

Our heritage walks are an opportunity to explore parts of our Borough's heritage on foot.

Saturday 22nd June, 10.30am, Historic Edmonton. A walk along the conservation



Lamb's Cottage, Church Street

area of Church Street Edmonton with visits to All Saints Church and Lamb's Cottage. The vicar of All Saints will provide a guided tour and there will be an opportunity to visit the inside of Lamb's Cottage.

Sunday 28th July, 2pm, Enfield's Industrial Past. Joe Studman will lead this walk as our industrial heritage is revealed in the eastern extremities of the Borough. Hear about the Crape Works, Wright's Flour Mill, Shell factory, Ediswan and Market Gardens. [Sorry, we cannot visit the inside of Wright's Mill.]

Both walks are free to members. Apply for tickets by sending your name and address, together with a stamped addressed envelope, to Heritage Walks, Enfield Society, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ. Alternatively, e-mail events@enfieldsociety.org.uk. As spaces are limited for both walks, there is a maximum of 4 tickets per applicant.

Sadie Isaksson

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group sets new record

The Boundary Stream footpath runs alongside the Boundary Stream watercourse. It provides a pleasant stream-side walk between Ponders End High Street and the Cuckoo Hall Recreation



Ground. In March the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group organised a litter-picking event to clean up the litter which was blighting this valuable community resource.

Our own records were broken when 27 volunteers turned out and we collected 90 bags of litter. We were pleased to welcome several local residents including some small children accompanied by their parents who all worked alongside our own group members. We do seek to encourage such community participation. The Edmonton & Eastern Enfield Group are planning a further litter pick alongside the Boundary Stream. See page 8 for details.



Litter outside Silver Street Station waiting for the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group

Our next scheduled event will take place on Saturday morning 25th May when we shall attend to the area around The Angel, Edmonton including the Angel Place Conservation Area and the green areas adjoining Silver Street station. The meeting point will be Silver Street station at 10am. The 09.52 train from Enfield Town is scheduled to arrive at Silver Street at 10.00. We expect to be on site for about an hour and a half. If you wish to join us we shall be pleased to see you.

Nigel King

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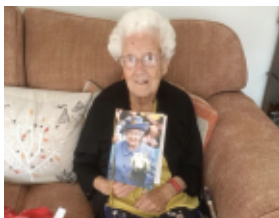
Mrs Vera Shears celebrates 100th birthday

Congratulations to our member Mrs Vera Shears, who celebrated her 100th birthday on 14th September last year.

Born in 1918 and christened Vera Jessie Piner, the family lived in Brigadier Hill, then later in Canonbury Road. During the war her employer evacuated Vera to Morecambe but she was able to marry her husband, Dick, whom she had met before the war at a dance at Lavender Road Junior School, at Jesus Church Forty Hill in 1941.

Vera survived a fractured hip at Christmas 2018 and is now living with her daughter in Thetford, but missing Enfield where she spent 90 years of her life. Vera is still enjoying the benefits of membership, thanks to her son.

Richard Shears



New members

We welcome the following new members to the Society since the last newsletter was published in February:

Mrs J Barry, Mrs A J Bunting, Mr C Chinnery, Mr M F Conran, Mr & Mrs K Dawson, Mr & Mrs J & D S Doncaster, Mrs M J Eustance, Mr P D Fallart, Mr J Ferns, Ms G Green, Mrs K P Gregory, Mr & Mrs J A Heywood, Mr & Mrs C & S G Martin, Mrs J May, Ms E Navin-Jones, Miss H Orthodoxou, Mr R Starling, Mrs J Symonds, Mr & Mrs N L Teare, Ms J Todd, Mrs K Utting, Miss M S Walker, Mrs P S Weald, Ms J West, Ms C H Wilkinson.

Joyce James

Alan Cook memorial tree

The late Alan Cook was an active TES member and used to run the former antique shop on the corner of Chase Side and Horse Shoe Lane. A lime tree has planted in memory of Alan along Chase Green Avenue border to Chase Green within view of his former shop. In the photo by the tree are (left to right) daughter Lyn, son David and daughter Alison.

Dave Cockle



The nearer to Enfield, the further to go

Member John Liffen has a keen eye. He's noticed that the old sign-posts at Avenue Parade (Bush Hill Gardens, pictured below, upper) and at St Stephen's Church (lower), which were refurbished by LBE in the 2000s, had been incorrectly re-assembled. As you can see from the pictures, the distance shown for Enfield is a quarter of a mile further at St Stephen's Church! Our Chairman has reported this to LBE.

Andrew Lack



Publicity Group is looking for a new Chair

After more than ten years undertaking this role, I wish to hand over to a successor. The role involves general co-ordination 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.

You can contact me by e-mail at r.fowler@enfieldsociety.org.uk or phone 020 8363 5732. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Fowler

Autumn 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 July 2019 and it will be published on 13th August.

Andrew Lack