



Are more tower blocks coming to Enfield and Southgate?

John West

In their presentation to the Society's AGM in June (see article *Keeping Enfield Green* on page 2), Carol Fisk and Alice Roberts highlighted the current dilemma facing the Enfield community. How do we protect the Green Belt and other open spaces while creating sites for new homes? The Society's Architecture and Planning Group is currently looking at a number of developments that are in the pipeline. These include the sale of TfL car parks at Arnos Grove and Cockfosters; Colosseum Retail Park on the A10 (currently B&Q and Dunelm); Ross House on Windmill Hill and Southgate Office Village in Chase Road. All these developments are near transport hubs. In the Society's submission on the Enfield Local Plan we agreed that creating residential developments near train and tube stations was sensible as it can support the strategy to reduce car use.

The Society will look at each application to ensure that it is appropriate to the area, provides good quality homes, is a sustainable development with access to open space for residents and that it fits into a master plan with consideration given to local facilities (schools, health centres etc.) and other nearby developments. We want to avoid piecemeal development without any thought to the wider area.

The most advanced of the proposals is the Southgate Office Village development (see below), with three residential blocks, offices on the lower floors and a café. One of the residential blocks is 17 storeys high. The Society has serious concerns about this proposal on the grounds of excessive height, overlooking and over-shadowing of nearby homes and its incompatibility with the adjacent Southgate Circus Conservation Area around Charles Holden's iconic Grade II* Listed tube station. The location of the main tower block on top of a hill seems particularly inappropriate.

Neat Developments/BlackRock



Colosseum Retail Park proposed for the current B&Q site

The Society is also contributing to a number of consultation exercises where schemes are in development stage. At Colosseum Retail Park we are talking to the developer to ensure that the plans fit into the wider area and that the need for an improved train service at Southbury Station is considered as part of the plans. It is often too late to make substantial changes once an application has been submitted so early discussion with developers can be helpful. The Colosseum Retail Park proposals are still being developed prior to a planning application. The proposal involves 1,800 new homes (studio, one, two and three beds) to buy and rent including around 500 affordable homes. At the recent consultation exhibition, the developer referred to the need to make better use of the retail parks as a result of changing shopping patterns and to ensure that land that is available near good public transport links is used efficiently. Inevitably this seems to lead developers to rethink housing densities and heights so that open space can be maximised.

The proposals suggest that one of the residential blocks at the corner of the site where the Great Cambridge Road meets Southbury Road could be a landmark building up to 29 stories high with four other blocks on the site over 15 stories high. The Society will be looking carefully that the homes that are built are those that are needed by local young people.

Planning applications can be refused; the Berkeley Homes development at Trent Park and the Chase Farm hospital development are recent examples where developments have been amended and improved as a result of local pressure. We encourage all our members to submit individual comments to the Council if there is a planning application where they have concerns. We try to seek views from our Members and if you have concerns about a proposed development, please e-mail us on architecture.planning@enfieldsociety.org.uk and we will try to take these into account.

South District Civic Trust



How Southgate Office Village could look

AGM Talk: Keeping Enfield Green

OUR AGM ON 13th June included a talk on the housing challenge faced by the London Borough of Enfield and the pressure on the Green Belt.

Providing homes for London's ever-growing population is a challenge where none of the solutions are unanimously popular. Enfield's new housing target is more than twice the previous target and even larger when compared to the actual historic build-rate. Population projections are best-estimates based on past and current trends but the housing target is a reality that must be addressed.

Local authorities and developers too often turn to the easiest and quickest solution, which is trying to build on Green Belt land. Enfield's draft Local Plan, which was out for consultation from late last year until the end of February this year [see newsletter 213], showed that our Council was also leaning that way. Crews Hill in particular was targeted because of its station, under-serviced and inaccessible as it is.

Space to Build, Enfield is an attempt by The Enfield Society, Enfield RoadWatch and Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE-London) to push back in a positive way by offering an alternative scenario, where the Green Belt, with its many environmental, economic, health and other benefits, is saved in its entirety and the necessary new housing is accommodated on brownfield (previously-built) land. The report is presented with the Government Inspector in mind. The Inspector will ultimately judge Enfield's new Local Plan sound or unsound and our brownfield case needs to be strong or he/she could agree to Green Belt release.

By surveying every street in the borough on Google Earth and listing sites that could be better-used, such as single-storey retail—large and small—surface car parks that could be built over, under-utilised industrial sites and garage sites, and others, we estimated that there is room for at least 36,000 new homes. These would be mostly in mixed-use developments with schools, GP surgeries and other amenities incorporated into them, making cars less necessary. Our report advocates for appropriate densification and enough affordable and specialist housing. It also supports development that will bring benefits and an improved lifestyle for existing residents, by increasing public transport and adding amenities.

A focus of our report is the Southbury area, in particular the Retail Park and some of the industrial land near the station. Properly planned and with improved service on the Southbury Branch line, this area could become a vibrant new

mixed-use centre providing thousands of homes within walking distance of schools, shops, GPs, public transport and other amenities.

Some of the large-scale developments that are already coming forward are addressed in our lead article on page 1, but these and probably many more that will be proposed are inevitably controversial. Given that the new homes must go somewhere, is it better to lose a car park or an open field or a garden centre? If you live nearby, how tall is too tall? How dense is too dense? Can a car-free development be enforced and not impact neighbourhood streets? How can we assure that all parts of the borough accommodate new homes and that development brings improvements?

These are all difficult questions but, if the goal is to keep Enfield green—saving the Green Belt and improving air quality and health—a dispassionate analysis leads to a few conclusions. Having a Master plan is essential so that infrastructure and amenities are co-located with any new developments. Development should be focused close to public transport, which will need equivalent upgrades to accommodate higher usage. And new development should improve the quality of life for all residents, not even it out to a lower standard.

Space to Build, Enfield can be downloaded from enfieldroadwatch.co.uk or cprelondon.org.uk.

Carol Fisk, Enfield RoadWatch & Alice Roberts, CPRE-London

AGM business

The AGM was attended by around 45 members. David James and Richard Stones were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary for another year and four of our Trustees retired by rotation and were re-elected; Bob Fowler, Janet McQueen, Val Munday and Anne Osborne. Two additional Trustees, Hilary Morris and Andrew Lack, who had been co-opted during the past year, had their membership of the Committee confirmed. The meeting also confirmed the nomination of Leonard Will to be a Vice-President, in recognition of his contribution to the Society over many years.

Richard Stones

William E (Bill) Bossom

LONG-TIME Society member Bill sadly died in April this year, aged 77. Bill was a rose breeder for over forty years and created a number of roses for well-known organisations including Enfield in Bloom and the Practice Nurse Association. In the late nineties Bill received the Silver Rose Award from the Royal National Rose Society in recognition of his contribution to the world of roses.

In 1996 Bill created *Preservation* to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Enfield Preservation Society (pictured) and is a cross between Silver Jubilee and Paprika. It is formally registered as BOSiljurka and is available from a number of growers here in the UK. Bill was responsible for several rose beds within the borough and created a rose garden at St Michael's CE Primary School in Brigadier Hill, where his two children attended.

Bill travelled the country speaking about roses and in 2008 he gave a talk to the Society with the title "Gardens and travel".

Andrew Lack



Can you help us?

The Press & Publicity Group is involved in providing many of the benefits that members enjoy. These include production of the quarterly newsletter, press and media liaison, management of society publications and sales, organising attendance at shows and exhibitions, Heritage Walks, the cultural programme of evening and daytime talks, visits, coach outings, membership administration and recruitment and other projects.

After more than ten years leading the Group, I will be standing down this coming Autumn. The Society is, therefore, now looking for a volunteer from our membership to consider taking on this role. Could you be that person? If you are interested in helping to shape the future of TES publicity activities please contact me by e-mail or phone to arrange a chat.

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Chairman's Column

Dave Cockle



ON RECENTLY ATTENDING a meeting of the London Green Belt Council, I gave a report of the project jointly undertaken by The Society with The Campaign to Protect Rural England and Enfield Road Watch. The project was a comprehensive review of brownfield sites in the Borough which could be used to meet housing needs. The Chair of the meeting, Richard Knox-Johnston cited the project undertaken in Enfield as an exemplary example of how councils should be challenged when claiming that it was necessary to build on the Green Belt.

A point of interest raised at the London Green Belt Council meeting was that several London Boroughs have declared a "Climate Emergency", Enfield Council being one of the boroughs concerned. It was stated by the Chair of the meeting that any council declaring a Climate Emergency would be in conflict with current policies if they then planned to build on the Green Belt.

For over a year I have been in correspondence with Enfield's Traffic & Transportation Department on footpath matters. One longstanding issue is to formalise the informal footpath in the north east of The Borough that runs from Rammey Marsh Open Space, under the M25 to New Ford Road (Waltham Cross). At long last a meeting has been planned with the Society, Hertfordshire Countryside Management and Enfield Council to progress matters.

The Society has also formally requested that a pavement or inside field boundary path be provided alongside Cattlegate Road from Crews Hill Golf Club to the M25. This is a missing link in our footpaths network without having to walk on the road, which has become busy with fast moving traffic. As the Mayor for London has some funding specifically allocated to the improvement of access to Green Belt, we have asked Enfield Council to explore tapping into this funding.

Finally, I was pleased to learn that the well-used urban footpath, which runs from Plevna Road at the rear of Edmonton Green Shopping Centre to Montagu Road is to be extended eastwards to link into Meridian Water. This is utilising a section of the former Edmonton – Angel Road railway line.

Cherishing our local streams

IN A BUILT-UP area such as ours, it is easy to be unaware of the topography of the land beneath our feet—the hills and valleys, and the streams which flow through them. The Borough of Enfield is drained by Pymmes Brook, Salmons Brook and Turkey Brook and their tributaries, which in many places flow unseen at the backs of gardens or in culverts under roads. Where they do appear in public spaces however, they have the potential to enrich the environment—for example, how much poorer Trent Park, Arnos, Oak Hill and Grovelands, would be without their lakes and streams.

These same streams can be a threat to the environment. They pose a flooding risk, which is likely to increase as a result of climate change. However it is pollution which is the more constant and insidious risk. Oil and heavy metals from road run-off, and detergents and raw sewage from misconnected drains, go straight into our streams, and eventually into the River Lea. In the open country in the north of Enfield, it is agricultural pollutants which are the main threat. Especially in their lower sections, our brooks are confined within concrete channels which restrict the growth of reeds and other vegetation which can absorb pollutants. The net result is that all our brooks suffer from low water quality.

LBE/Rivers & Drainage Team



Reed beds under construction in Grovelands Park

Fortunately all is not lost! We are lucky in Enfield to have an active and committed watercourse and drainage team at Enfield Council. Working with charity Thames 21, they have promoted schemes which are already improving water quality in our borough. The picture above shows the reed bed under construction in Grovelands Park. The inlet (right) is polluted with road run-off and sewage misconnections but the difference in water quality on the other side of the barrier can be clearly seen. Elsewhere in Grovelands Park and in Houndsden Road reed beds and swales (shallow grass covered channels) are dealing with pollution from local roads. So this stream, which flows through Winchmore Hill to join Salmons Brook in Grange Park, is now somewhat less polluted and is capable of sustaining a wider variety of wildlife.

The Firs Farm wetlands project between Winchmore Hill and Edmonton, has won national awards for transforming an area of Firs Farm Playing Fields from an underused open space into one that enriches the site for people and wildlife, prevents properties from flooding and delivers a dramatic improvement in water quality. A cycleway and network of footpaths, an outdoor classroom, dipping platform, an open bird hide, broadwalks, stepping stones and several seating areas have been created for the public to enjoy.

Further wetland projects are planned in Albany and Broomfield Parks. Rain gardens are being established on wide pavements and verges to help clean up road run-off. All of these sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) directly benefit our environment. Thames 21 has brought together local residents to identify sites where further SUDS might be possible on both Salmons Brook and Pymmes Brook. Our group, the PymmesBrookERS, would like to see the brooks 'rewilded' with concrete culvert sides removed where possible, lakes recreated, meanders restored. This would improve water quality but also reduce flood risk.

What can we, as ordinary householders, do to help to clean up our streams? First, we should not pour any pollutants down surface water drains and we should check our plumbing to ensure foul water from sinks, washing machines and toilets is not getting into these drains. Secondly, support the efforts of our Council, Thames 21, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, community groups and others who are promoting these worthwhile schemes. Finally, get involved! Litter picking, reed planting, wetland maintenance—there are plenty of jobs to be done!

To find out more about the PymmesBrookERS see our Facebook page.

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Firs Farm Wetlands

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 24th September, *Memories of Chase Farm: Part 2, the Hospital*, by Frank Bayford. Frank was Pharmacist at Chase Farm Hospital before retiring. This talk will carry on from part 1, (the Schools), relating how Chase Farm became a hospital during the war years, and its time as a busy General Hospital afterwards. Frank will talk about the hospital in the first half of the talk and then show slides.

Tuesday 29th October, *Northern Vietnam Plus—Hanoi to Chang Rai* by Anne and John Wallington. This talk will feature the people, places and culture found on a journey from Hanoi in North Vietnam, through Laos to Chang Rai in Thailand.

Tuesday 26th November, *Every Contact leaves a Trace* by Chris Truran. Chris joined the Metropolitan Police in 1975 and worked as a Scenes of Crimes Officer, working in central, north and north west London for over 38 years. Chris examined over 25,000 crime scenes ranging from shop-lifting to murder.

Last year Chris spoke to us about the development of fingerprint and DNA technologies. In this second talk he will cover the first use of physical trace evidence in France in 1888 to trap a murderer which marks the birth of the use of Forensic Science in crime detection. The talk will cover the Soham murders of schoolgirls Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman and the kidnap and murder of Sarah Payne.

Evening meetings, 7.30pm for 8pm, Jubilee Hall

Monday 16th September, *The Mayan Trail* by Anne Johnson and John Wallington. Experience the Spanish Colonial influence and the Mayan Heritage through views of local culture and archaeological sites in Guatemala and the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico.

John Wallington



Chichen Itza, one of the places we visit on September 16th

Monday 21st October, *The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan* by Nick Dobson. Illustrated with slides and songs from live performers.

Monday 18th November, *The Suburban home front in the Second World War* by Mike Brown. Illustrated with artefacts ration books, uniforms and clothes.

Talks arranged by Other Societies at Jubilee Hall

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.

Tuesday 10th September, 7.30 for 8pm, *Thomas Sidney of Bowes Manor* by Rachael Macdonald. This meeting will be followed by light refreshments and the Branch AGM. [HA]

Friday 13th September, 7.30 for 8pm, *St James Gardens excavations and the HS2 project* by Caroline Raynor MCIFA, Principal Archaeologist HS2. [EAS]

Wednesday 18th September, 7.45pm for 8pm, *The History of Regent's Canal* by Roger Squires. [EHHS]

Wednesday 25th September, 2.30pm, *The Royal Small Arms Factory* by Joe Studman. Possibly the most important enterprise in Enfield's history and a dominant factor for 150 years. £3 per person.

Tuesday 8th October, 7.30 for 8pm, *American History on Film* by Professor Melvyn Stokes (University College, London). [HA]

Friday 11th October, 7.30 for 8pm, *Finding Enfield's fallen* by Martin Lambert. [EAS]

Wednesday 23rd October, 2.30pm, *Education, Education, Education* by Joe Studman. The battle between church, state and charities to educate our young. £3 per person.

Saturday 26th October, 10am – 4.30pm, *Day Conference "Entertainment in the Edmonton Hundred"*. Talks and

presentations on The Intimate Theatre, stars of the Victorian and Edwardian Music Hall, films of R W Paul and how television took events such as the Coronation into people's homes. £10 per person. More details and booking info@edmontonhundred.org.uk

Friday 8th November, 7.30 for 8pm, *Flints and Mammoths: London N13* by Neil Pinchbeck. [EAS]

Tuesday 12th November, 7.30 for 8pm, *Beyond the Home: Experiences of Female Service in England, 1550 to 1650* by Dr Charmian Mansell (Queen Mary, University of London). [HA]

Wednesday 20th November, 2.15 for 2.30pm, *150th anniversary of Robert Paul* by Ian Christie. [EHHS]

Wednesday 27th November, 2.30pm, *Anglican Churches* by Joe Studman. In 1800 only St Andrews and All Saints existed as parish churches. In 1900 there were 20. £3 per person.

EAS: Enfield Archaeological Society. Visitors welcome, £1.50 each. web-site: enfarchsoc.org

EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. Visitors welcome, £1 each. E-mail: info@edmontonhundred.org.uk

HA: Historical Association (North London Branch). Visitors welcome, £1 each.

Forty Hall

Second Sunday each month, 11am – 3pm, Farmer's Market.

Festivals and Fairs

Sunday 1st September, Palmers Green Festival, Broomfield Park. Come and meet The Enfield Society.

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September—Open House London—over 700 properties will be open to the public. Details available from 20th August.

Music

Second Wednesday of each month, 12.30pm – 1pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Lunchtime music recital.

Sunday 8th September, 3pm to 5.30pm, Hillyfields Bandstand. Bazooka Joe (80s)

Wednesday 9th October 2.30pm. Dugdale Centre, Hits from the Blitz with Five Swing £16.

Saturday 23rd November 7.30pm, Southgate Symphony Orchestra Concert at St. Stephen's Church, Bush Hill Park. Programme Berlioz and Schumann.

Dugdale WWII Events



Enfield at War 1939-1945 exhibition

**Until April 19 2020,
10am-6pm every day**

2019 is the 80th anniversary of the start of the Second World War. 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. Free admission.

In addition, the Museum is running a number of special events in the Autumn related to the exhibition. See below.

Until 31st December 2019, When Peace Broke Out – a small exhibition of photos and images from Enfield's Local Studies and Archives Centre which portrays life and events at the end of World War Two. Dugdale Centre, (First Floor). Free

WWII Day Conference

**Saturday 14th September,
9.30am-4.15pm, Dugdale Theatre**

The World War II conference brings together local historians, actors, poets and museum staff to showcase the history and impact of WWII in Enfield.

Tickets: £15 for members of *The Enfield Society*, £17 for non-members. Includes tea, coffee and a light lunch.

Trent Park: Secrets of WWII Revealed

**Thursday 10th October, 7pm-9pm,
Dugdale Theatre**

Helen Fry has written numerous books on the Second World War with particular

reference to British intelligence and espionage. She appears frequently in documentaries and on radio and is Deputy Chair and a Trustee of Trent Park Museum Trust. Helen will be signing copies of her brand-new book *The Walls have Ears*. There will also an opportunity to view the Second World War exhibition after hours. Tickets: £5 per person.

Secrets & Spies: Helen Lederer in conversation with Trudy Gold

**Tuesday 19th November, 7-9pm,
Dugdale Theatre**

Helen has a secret story to tell... not only was her mother a code breaker at Bletchley Park, but her Czech grandfather was a spy and Secret Listener at Trent Park during World War Two! Helen will share her new discoveries about Big Baba's very secret role at Trent Park. There will be also an opportunity to view the WWII exhibition after hours. Tickets: £10 (includes a small glass of wine or juice).

Secret Wartime Britain

**Wednesday 4th December, 7pm-9pm,
Dugdale Theatre**

During the Second World War, thousands of apparently secret sites across Britain were turned over to the war effort and either requisitioned, repurposed or rebuilt with their precise role often concealed even from those living close by. Author Colin Philpott has studied the stories of these sites for his third book *Secret Wartime Britain* published last autumn, which contains the testimonies of people who worked at these secret sites.

Copies of his book will be available to purchase from the Museum shop for Colin to sign during the event. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Museum of Enfield's Enfield at War exhibition after hours. Tickets: £5

Wartime Walks in Enfield Town with Joe Studman

**Sunday 29th September, meet at 2pm
inside the Dugdale Centre Foyer**

Join us on a tour of Enfield Town discovering War Memorials, bomb sites, ARP posts and other locations relating to Enfield's participation in the 1939-1945 conflict. The walk will last between 90 and 120 minutes at a steady walking pace. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing suitable for all weathers and walking. This walk will be repeated on 26th April 2020. Tickets: £5

From our archive: Rose and Crown



THIS TIME THE Records and Research Group has chosen an unusual image of the Rose and Crown taken from the back of the pub showing Hilly Fields in the distance.

It prompted Roger Davis to recollect life growing up in a nearby street and some of the other buildings there:

The picture, taken from the rear car park looking towards the lower entrance to Hilly Fields, shows the small fence which marked off an area where the Council ran a putting green. Many a game was played there over the 18 holes which cost the princely sum of 3d or about 1p in new money. To the right of the Rose and Crown looking from the road there used to be a shop which I think was called Gaylers where we used to purchase ice cream wafers for 3d and even an ice lollypop for 1d. The shop closed, but I see in one of the photographs eventually became an off licence. When you walked through the shop door a lovely bell tinkled to announce your presence. Just one more aspect of a wonderful post war childhood spent growing up in Hillside Crescent.

Hilary Morris



Southgate gets the Cleaner Neighbourhoods treatment!

A big thank you to all who joined our event in Southgate. We had a total of 27 volunteers and collected 21 bags of litter plus an old bike. Thanks are also due to McDonalds and Nandos who provided free snacks and drinks.

Nigel King

Enfield Town 1870 – 1914

“Ledgers are closed and desks abandoned...we are off on the Great Northern Railway and our destiny is Enfield. Some fifty trains a day on each of two lines of rails make Enfield a place for a ramble and a pleasanter [one] we could not easily find... The air is as virtuous as the place is green... Its nucleus of houses is picturesque as viewed from the brows of adjacent slopes. Its lovers lanes are its charms... and might be rendered still more charming if we could but find an occasional seat, on which to settle our reflections.”

The writer of this 1873 article was enthusiastic about Enfield as a destination for a summer Bank Holiday excursion from London: but many people attracted by its charms, which included cheap workmen's rail fares on the Great Eastern Railway, would decide to come and live in Enfield. The population of the parish (and from 1894 Urban District) of Enfield rose from 19,104 in 1881 to 31,356 in 1891, 42,738 in 1901 and 56,338 in 1911.

The Saturday market flourished and shopping parades were built in Church Street. Several banks opened branches in Enfield Town and the Post Office, after occupying various buildings, moved to its present site in Church Street in 1906. Public houses were rebuilt and the Police station was relocated to London Road in 1873.

The Local Board of Health appointed Dr. John James Ridge as Enfield's first salaried Medical Officer of Health in 1881. He held the post until his death in 1908. He was involved in establishing the voluntary Enfield Cottage Hospital in Chase Side in 1873 and an isolation hospital at South Lodge in 1900. He was also the scourge of slum landlords as he sought to improve living conditions, especially for the poor.

In 1880 a volunteer fire brigade was formed, which in 1883 rented a fire station in Southbury Road, opposite the 1872 Great Eastern Railway station and purchased a new steam-powered water pump. The fire brigade later moved to a new fire station in Little Park Gardens (where the bus stand is now).

Thanks to a campaign led by non-conformists, including Reverend Henry Storer Toms, minister of Christ Church Congregational Church and his deacon George Spicer, Enfield School Board was established in 1894. Nine elementary schools for children up to age 13 were constructed by the Board and its successor Enfield

by Stephen Gilbert

Education Committee between 1896 and 1914. These supplemented the earlier Church of England supported National Schools. In 1909 Enfield County Girls School opened in Holly Walk and Enfield Grammar School for boys was extended. After Chase Side House was demolished in 1901, 23 acres were purchased by Enfield Council to create Enfield Town Park and Enfield Central Library was built in 1912.

New Anglican, Roman Catholic, Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Salvation Army places of worship were established in and around Enfield Town during this period.

A variety of activities and entertainments took place in the 1858 Riding House at Enfield Court in Baker Street and at the 1881 Bycullah Athenaeum on Windmill Hill. These included flower shows, church services and bazaars, dinner dances, plays, band concerts, oratorios, operas and films. Entertainment was also provided at Pleasant Sunday Afternoon branches. These had slate clubs, (which were like credit unions) and were often associated with churches or chapels.

Enfield's first cinemas were the Enfield Empire, which opened in 1909 in a converted hall in Silver Street and the Picturedrome, which opened in 1911 in a converted brewery building in Horseshoe Lane. (They had both closed by the end of the First World War). Enfield's first purpose-built cinema was the 1911 Queen's Hall in London Road. It had 650 seats upholstered in red plush velvet. Sweets and chocolates were sold by the usherettes and initially a free cup of tea was served at matinees. The silent films were accompanied by a pianist and sometimes also by a violinist and cornet player. (The cinema was enlarged with seating for 1,300 when sound equipment was installed in 1928 and then renamed the Florida in 1947, but finally closed in 1976. It was later converted into the Town House supper club but was demolished for the Genotin Road extension).

With thanks to Enfield Local Studies & Archive for the illustrations used. Part 2, covering Church Street, will be published in our next newsletter in November.



1. This colour postcard of The Town around 1905 shows the granite drinking fountain completed in 1885. It has an elaborate gas standard—gas was introduced to Enfield in 1852. The adjoining horse trough can be seen in use. Behind is the 1892 Lloyds bank and, on the other side of Southbury Road, the Nags Head public house, which is first recorded in 1723. It was rebuilt in 1882 with stabling for horses at the rear. Inside, ale and wine were served at two bars and tea and coffee were available in a coffee room. At the back was a parlour for customers to sit and eat a meal. (The Nags Head was rebuilt again in 1932 but finally closed in the 1960s. The building was later extended upwards).



2. This largely traffic free view of The Town in the 1890s shows Gomm the butcher “noted for the best home killed meat... and delivered to all parts, including Clay Hill, Forty Hill and Winchmore Hill.” and Gilbey's wine and spirits. On the right is the 17th century timber-framed, weather-boarded Ebben Steam Bakery which operated between 1850 and 1955. At one time there was a restaurant on the first floor. The cart with a canopy belonged to the the Singer sewing machine company. Behind is the early Georgian brick built The George which is first recorded in 1548.

Part 1: The Town



3. The large entrance to The George allowed coaches to pass through to a yard where there was stabling for horses. Buildings to the side of the yard were timber framed and weather-boarded.



4. The Hironde, with seating for over 20 passengers, offered a regular coach service between Enfield, Luton and Hitchin in the late 1870s. It left The George at 10.45am and arrived at The Sun inn, Hitchin at 1.30pm. The return fare was 9 shillings (45p). The service was run by Col. Sir Alfred Somerset and the Hironde was kept in his coach house at Enfield Court, Baker Street (See TES News 192). One of the buildings to the right of The George served as Enfield Post Office between about 1860 and 1885 when it moved to Southbury Road.



6. In the centre of this 1880s photograph of the north side of The Town, is the 17th century former Greyhound inn with its Dutch Gables. After 1860 the inn was used as local government offices and a court house. After the Enfield Local Board of Health moved to Little Park in Gentlemen's Row, the building was occupied by a photographer's studio and Enfield Building Society. Deposits from horses can be seen in the road. (See Enfield Society News 197).

The 1829 beadle's office to the right contained two lock-up cells. From 1840 it served as Enfield's first Police station. In 1873 a new Police station was opened in London Road. It included stabling for police horses. (The Old Vestry House is now used by The Old Enfield Charitable Trust.)



7. In 1897 the former Greyhound inn was replaced by W. Gilbee Scott's Flemish Renaissance style London and Provincial Bank, which in 1875 had been the first bank to open a branch in Enfield. (It was bought by Barclays bank in 1918.)

An electric tram can be seen outside The George, where the route north from Winchmore Hill to Enfield Town terminated in 1909. A branch from Ponders End, west along Southbury Road, opened in 1911 but stopped short of The Town. (See Enfield Society News 209.) Note the people standing in the middle of the road. The risk to pedestrians from trams is referred to in this rhyme of the period:–

“Pray what is that, Mama, that looks like bread and jam?
It is your dear Papa, run over by a tram.”

← 5. The George was rebuilt in 1895 and then provided a private bar, a serving bar and a saloon. Dinner and teas were also served. A room at the back provided facilities for playing billiards and pool. On the first floor was a large hall, (which later became the Masonic Room) and a club room. This view taken between 1902 and 1911, when the licensee was Charles Andrews, shows a family in an open carriage ready for an outing. (After several recent name changes, the pub is now an O'Neill's.)

Trees Group

THE TREES GROUP aims to support and encourage tree planting in Enfield. As many trees in the Borough reach maturity and need to be replaced we are working together with the Council to provide more trees. We are in contact with various Friends of Parks Groups to help them expand tree provision. The spring of 2019 was very successful for the Group. We started the year with over 110 saplings at the Society's tree nursery in Trentwood Side. Since then we have moved over 80 trees to various parks around the Borough, including Arnos Park, Bush Hill Park, Conway Road Recreation Ground and Firs Farm wetlands. We are very grateful to all our volunteers who have worked at the nursery, the Friends of Parks who have helped lift the trees, transport them and plant them in their new locations and the Council's Arboricultural Officers who have given advice and support.

As a group we have learnt which trees grow best in different locations and the best way to develop healthy specimens. Our priority is now to restock the nursery with new saplings for future planting projects. If any Members have saplings in their garden that they do not want to retain, please let us know. We are looking for Beech, Birch, Blackthorn, Chestnut (Sweet & Horse), Hazel, Hornbeam, Maple, Rowan, Spruce, Walnut & Yew. Please contact trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk

John West.

Edmonton & Eastern Enfield Group

THE GROUP was active with helping staff the Society's gazebo at the Jubilee Park event. Members of the Edmonton group also recently undertook a second litter pick of the Boundary Stream footpath that runs from the Hertford Road through to Cuckoo Hall Recreation Ground.

On **Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm** the group will be holding an open meeting at All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton, where Sue McDaid (Head of Regulatory Services with Enfield Council) is our guest speaker. Sue will give a presentation on the work undertaken by the Council's Enviro Crime unit. All TES members are welcome to attend.

Dave Cockle

Jubilee Park 80th Anniversary

AS REPORTED in our Spring newsletter (page 3), Jubilee Park celebrated its 80th anniversary on 9th July. The Enfield Society presented an oak tree to the Park which was planted by the Mayor of Enfield, Councillor Kate Analoue. Looking on is our Chairman, Dave Cockle.



The chairman of the organising committee, Patricia Jackson, thanked the Society for the tree and said that it would remain a happy reminder of a successful event which brought the community of Jubilee together.

Edwina Osborne



The Enfield Society's gazebo attracted many visitors, including the Mayor who purchased one of our books.

Andrew Lack

All Saints Roof Appeal



THE LAST newsletter included an appeal for more Friends at All Saints Edmonton to help with the roof repair cost. As a result of our item the vicar received a number of generous donations and would like to thank everyone who contributed.

You can become a Friend for just £10 and help the Church. Details of the Friends can be found at allsaintsedmonton.org.uk

Joe Studman

Heritage Walk finds Edmonton haven

ON A SUNNY Saturday morning in June, a group of around twenty members met outside Edmonton Green Station. Led by Monica Smith, we ambled down Church Street, hearing a little about how the arrival of the railway in the 1840s first began the transformation of the sleepy rural village of Edmonton into today's vibrant, multicultural suburb.

We paused outside the 18th century Girl's Charity School building, which despite the efforts of various community groups, currently lies empty and falling into disrepair. A few paces further on, Father Stuart Owen, Vicar of All Saints Church, kindly allowed us to view the inside of the church, and outside, in the churchyard, we visited the grave of writer and essayist Charles Lamb and his sister and literary collaborator Mary (picture below).

Across the road, was, for me, the absolute highlight of the walk; the chance to visit the privately-owned, Grade II* listed, Lamb's Cottage which was built c.1700 and is, in parts, largely unchanged since the 1830s when it was run as a private boarding house for those with mental instability. Mary Lamb suffered psychotic episodes all her life and had been confined to an asylum in 1796 after killing her mother but was eventually released into her brother's care. The Lamb siblings found some peace here in Edmonton and like them, we found it easy to get a sense of calm from the haven that is this lovely old cottage, with its large and flower-filled garden. It was very easy to forget that the bustle of 21st century Edmonton existed just outside the front door.

Our thanks to walk leader Monica Smith, to Fr. Stuart Owen for letting us view All Saints on such a busy weekend for him, and to Helen Walton for special access to her beautiful and historic home.

Emma Halstead



Partnership working with The Museum of Enfield

Saving a piece of railway history

THE SOCIETY has been working closely with the Museum of Enfield at the Dugdale Centre, contributing to exhibitions and providing speakers for some of the lunch time taster talks. Recently through my contacts in the railway industry I managed to obtain one of the platform name signs from Angel Road station on the Lea Valley Line. Angel Road station closed on 31st May, after one hundred and seventy nine years, being replaced by the new Meridian Water station a few hundred metres to the South. The last time a railway station in the London Borough of Enfield closed was in 1939 when Edmonton Low Level Station was closed. The sign has been presented to the Museum of Enfield.



In the photo from left to right is your Chairman, Dave Cackle, David Cherry, Greater Anglia's Project Manager (Meridian Water) and Museum Officer and Curator (Enfield) Stacey Anne Bagdi. Stacey has since moved on to a new job with Harrow Council at Headstone Manor & Museum where she is Collections & Exhibitions Officer (Curator). The Enfield Society wish Stacey well in her new job.

Dave Cackle

Visits: West Lodge Arboretum

ON A SUNNY day in May, 25 Members visited the West Lodge Arboretum. Andrew Beale, Managing Director of the West Lodge Hotel, gave a fascinating and knowledgeable tour of the grounds. The arboretum has over 800 trees including trees of national importance. The conducted tour concluded with tea and scones in the Hotel. Thanks to Andrew for an excellent visit.

John West

Link with the past via rare find

MEMBER BRYAN HEWITT gardens for Mrs Tuson at one of the Model Villas in Bulls Cross. Whilst working in the garden earlier this year he noticed what he first took to be a coin encrusted with soil. He immediately thought it would be a ha'penny from its size. After rubbing the soil off he noticed no "Britannia" and no monarch but discerned a motif of a beast. By now he was thinking from the proximity of Watling Street, that it could be Roman. . .

After washing the object in water he found a boar with an arrow through its breast and instantly recognised it as the crest of the nearby Bowles Family, the grounds of which he has been gardener and historian for the past 33 years. Turning it over, the reverse revealed it to be a button made by the famous company of Firmin and Sons of The Strand and Conduit Street London. Bryan realised he was holding the livery button (and probably the only one so far discovered) of a servant from Myddelton House.

Bryan Hewitt



It is well known that Mr E. A. Bowles's butler, Mr William Morley, lived at Model Villas until his death in 1938. Checking the census returns for the area revealed that Thomas Ealey aged 70, Coachman to the Bowles family, lived there in 1891 and he certainly would have worn livery buttons. However, it more likely to have belonged to "Old Davis", butler to Henry

Carrington Bowles Bowles in 1881, also aged 70 and who lived at the same address.

Livery buttons as part of the accoutrements of every big house in the country were then de rigueur. Indeed the web-site for Firmin and Sons says that they produced livery buttons between 1852 and the early twentieth century. The button found pre-dates 1875 because buttons were impressed with "Firmin and Sons Ltd" after that date.

Bryan imagines one day Old Davis's washed tunic and trousers were drying in the garden in a strong breeze and that a loose button that he had meant to ask his wife, Esther, to re-sew, finally broke off and lay in the soil for over a century waiting to be discovered by someone who would recognise its importance locally. Mrs Tuson has kindly donated it to The Bowles Society of Myddelton House. *Bryan is gardener and historian at Myddelton House Gardens and author of "The Crocus King :EA Bowles of Myddelton House, the garden restored".*

Bryan Hewitt

©The Bowles Society of Myddelton House



Sketch by E.A. Bowles of his butler "Old Davis"

and London Energy

IN JULY, Members visited the London Energy plant in Edmonton (formerly known as North London Waste). If you have ever wondered where all our rubbish goes, this visit showed you how it is dealt with and the way in which it is used to generate electricity. The visit was excellently timed as a major redevelopment project starts shortly and visits will no longer be possible until the rebuilding and enlargement of the plant is completed in 2025. This work will allow the plant to provide energy and heating for the Meridian Water development.



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.

Bank Holiday Mon 26 Aug. Change of walk due to closure of Great Northern lines out of Kings Cross/Moorgate.

Replacement walk is: **Chilterns.** Meet **10.25** Chorleywood Station. Either 09.26 Metropolitan Line train from King's Cross St Pancras, or 09.57 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station.

About 7½ mile linear walk in attractive Chess Valley scenery ending at Rickmansworth Station. No shorter option. Hilly in places. Lunch stop in Sarratt Village. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07490 480 251 (no voicemails). Leader: Stuart Mills

Sat 31 Aug. Hampton Court and Bushy Park. Meet **10.42** Hampton Court Station (10.06 South Western Railway Hampton Court train from Waterloo mainline station or at 10.10 from Vauxhall. Check for engineering works).

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

Wed 4 Sept. Grovelands Stroll. For tea/coffee suggest meet **10.00** onwards in any of the Winchmore Hill Green cafes. If not, be at Winchmore Hill Station by **11.00**. About 2 mile gentle paced linear walk through Grovelands Park with comments on the landscape and geology. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07984 813 636. Leader: Norman Coles

Sun 8 Sept. Lea Valley. Meet **10.22** St Margaret's Station (09.55 Greater Anglia Hertford East train from Tottenham Hale,

also stops at 10.02 Brimsdown, 10.05 Enfield Lock and 10.10 Cheshunt). *Note:* No London Overground trains on Enfield Town/Southbury Loop lines until later. Replacement buses from Southbury Station at 09.03 and 09.33 scheduled to arrive Cheshunt at 09.30 and 10.00.

10½ mile circular walk via Hertfordshire Way, Amwell Nature Reserve, New River and River Lea. 6½ miles in morning over undulating countryside with good views. Lunch stop at "The George IV" pub in Great Amwell. Food available or picnic in churchyard. In afternoon options to end early after ¾ mile near St Margaret's or after 2¼ miles at Rye House Station. Moderate pace joint walk with Hampstead Ramblers. Contact: 07590 604 391. Leader: Hadi Samsami

Thurs 12 Sept. Visit to William Morris Gallery and Walthamstow Wetlands.

Meet **10.30** Walthamstow Central Station (near Victoria Line foyer). After a walk of about 1 mile the group will reach the gallery in Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Walthamstow, for an opportunity to view exhibits and use the tea room. Then on to the Wetlands visitor centre for a lunch break. Food available or bring lunch. Afterwards a walk around the Wetlands ending at Tottenham Hale Station.

Note: if you wish to arrive earlier at the Gallery which opens from 10.00, exit Blackhorse Road Station and catch 123 bus towards Ilford (alight at Lloyd Park/William Morris Gallery stop). *Contact on day of walk only:* 07425 136 628. Leader: Margaret Redman

Thurs 19 Sept "From darkest Soho to a Rose Garden." Meet **10.30** in the ticket machine concourse of Leicester Square Station (Piccadilly/Northern Lines).

About 5 mile linear walk through constantly changing scenes with an interesting mix of squares, gardens, architecture, statues etc before the contrast of Regent's Park to end at Great Portland Street Station. Many shorter options. Lunch stop near Oxford Street. Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Ian Reynolds

Wed 25 Sept. Mimram Valley and village greens. Meet **10.30** Welwyn North Station ticket office (10.00 Thameslink Cambridge North train from Finsbury Park mainline station or at 10.13 from Potters Bar Station).

About 7 to 8 mile circular walk with attractive views, woods, village greens and river valley scenes. Hilly in places. No practical shorter option. Lunch stop at Tewin. Bring lunch or pub food/community shop tea room. Leader: Mick Spinks

Sat 5 Oct. Historic Parklands (postponed from 26 August). Meet **10.15** at entrance to Hertford North Station (09.47 train from Enfield Chase).

About 8 mile circular walk via field paths and tracks with lunch stop in Hertford Town centre. Morning walk includes part of the Grade II* listed Panshanger Estate, whilst in the afternoon we use new rights of way in the Grade II listed Balls Park Estate with outstanding parkland trees and views of the Grade I listed 1640's mansion. Bring lunch or food available. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07490 480 251 (no voicemails). Leader: Stuart Mills

Wed 9 Oct. Discovery Walk: Clubs and Royalty. Meet **10.30** near station exit into Green Park at Green Park Station (Victoria, Jubilee and Piccadilly Lines). 2 to 2½ hour linear walk initially through the Piccadilly area with exclusive shops and historic clubs, then via St James's Palace and St James's Park to end in Trafalgar Square (many lunch facilities nearby). Shorter options. Leader: Sara James

Mon 14 Oct. Two Walks in Enfield's Countryside. *Depart 10.20* Crews Hill Station (09.59 train from Enfield Chase). In morning about 5 mile linear walk via field paths and tracks, with option to leave when route crosses 313 bus route on The Ridgeway, and through part of Trent Park before lunch break near Cockfosters Station. Bring lunch or food available.

Afternoon linear walk of 2½ to 3 miles starts at **14.30** from Cockfosters Station and is through other areas of Trent Park to finish on the Enfield Road for 121 and 307 buses. Leader: Mick Spinks

Sat 19 Oct. Watling Chase Timberland Trail. Meet **10.12** Elstree & Borehamwood Station (09.48 Thameslink St Albans train from St Pancras International mainline station platform B). Also possible to travel to start by 307 bus to Barnet, changing onto 107 bus, but this has a total journey from Enfield Town of at least 1 hour 20 mins.

About 7 mile linear walk on field paths and tracks via farmland and woods with some excellent long distance views. Option to end after about 4 miles from lunch stop at Shenley Park café (with bus to London Colney). Bring lunch or food available. Afternoon section ends at London Colney retail park for 84 bus return to Potters Bar Station. Contact: 07900 286 254. Leader: Mike Cranstone

Sat 26 Oct. River Stort. Meet **10.14** Bishop's Stortford Station (09.40 Greater Anglia Cambridge North train from Tottenham Hale or at 09.48 from Cheshunt — for latter connection use 09.14 London Overground train from Southbury Station).

Society Guided Walks

8 mile linear walk following the scenic River Stort and Stort Navigation via locks, open countryside and parkland. Full route ends at Harlow Town Station but also shorter options from Sawbridgeworth lunch stop and at Harlow Mill. Bring lunch or food available. Contact: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West

Thurs 31 Oct. Hertfordshire Border. Depart **10.20** Crews Hill Station (09.59 train from Enfield Chase). 6¾ mile linear walk via tracks, field paths and Northaw Village (lunch), ending at Tesco's Potters Bar for 298 and 313 buses. Possibility of ending at Northaw by 242 bus but service currently very irregular. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07425 136 628. Leader: Margaret Redman

Thurs 7 Nov. Woods and Rivers. Meet **10.12** Bayford Station (09.59 train from Enfield Chase—buy Off-Peak Day Single ticket). In morning about 4 mile linear walk via woods, tracks and field paths to Hoddesdon town centre for lunch break and option to end. Bring lunch or food available. After lunch a bus will be used to access the afternoon's walk of no more than 3 miles via the waterways of the Lea Valley, ending at Cheshunt Station. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07490 480 251 (no voicemails). Leader: Stuart Mills

Wed 13 Nov. Upper Lea Valley. Meet **09.48** Hatfield Station (09.31 Thameslink Cambridge train from Finsbury Park mainline station or at 09.43 from Potters Bar Station—buy Off-Peak Day Single ticket to Hatfield).

After a short bus ride, today's 8½ mile linear walk follows the River Lea through very pretty countryside via Lemsford (a favourite of Elizabeth I), Brocket Hall Park with Lord Melbourne and Palmerston connections, and then Waterend to reach Wheathampstead in about 5 miles. Bring lunch or food available. Option to finish with return by bus to either Potters Bar or St Albans—from the latter, option of a train into St Pancras or 84 bus to Potters Bar.

From Wheathampstead the route ends in Harpenden town centre, from where choice of a train into St Pancras or a bus to either Potters Bar or St Albans. Contact: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West

Tues 19 Nov. River Thames. Meet **11.15** in entrance foyer to Richmond Station. Either 20 to 30 mins journey by South Western Railway from Waterloo and Vauxhall mainline stations, or 30 mins by District Line from Victoria, or 50 mins by London Overground from Highbury & Islington.

About 3½ mile semi-rural walk with attractive river scenes along the south bank

of The Thames to Kew Bridge/Green for lunch. Bring lunch or food available. Then a short walk of about one mile ending at Kew Gardens Station. *Contact on day of walk only:* 07506 334 019. Leader: Peter Mackey

Sat 23 Nov. Epping Forest. Meet **10.20** at 121 bus terminus in Enfield Island Village (also served by 491 bus). At print date 121 buses at 09.33 and 09.42 from Church Street, Enfield Town, are scheduled to arrive at 10.02 and 10.12. Allow ample time for cycle works in Hertford Road.

A 6½ mile linear walk through the Forest with late Autumn colours. The morning walk of 3¾ miles ends at the Royal Forest Hotel/Butlers Retreat lunch stop—only 10 mins from Chingford bus/train station.

If joining for second half of walk, be at lunch stop by **13.30** (but earlier for lunch!). Afternoon walk of about 2¾ miles ends at Buckhurst Hill Station (Central Line) but with a shorter option. Contact: 020 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. Leader: Martin Langer

Stuart Mills

Doreen Holby



Walkers on the Rib Valley walk in June were treated to this lovely field of poppies

Heritage Walk: Royal Small Arms Factory

Saturday 7th September, 2.30 pm, led by Ray Tuthill, President of the Royal Small Arms Factory (RSAF) Apprentices Association, and Patrick Grey, Heritage Manager of the RSAF Trust. A tour of the site with access to areas not normally open to the public. See Winter 2018 Newsletter for report on last year's "enjoyable and entertaining walk."

To request free tickets (maximum 3 per applicant) either send an e-mail to heritagewalks@enfieldsociety.org.uk or a stamped self-addressed envelope to Enfield Lock Walk, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ. Please include a phone number in case of any last minute changes or queries.

Obituary Roy Nicholls 1930–2019



IT WAS WITH sadness we learnt of Roy's death in May from prostate cancer. Although the onset was sudden with it being discovered only a few months earlier, during those months he maintained a calm pragmatism to the progress of the disease. At his memorial service in June the Society was well represented by a large number of members.

After joining the Society in 1983, and having a personal love of walking, Roy soon volunteered to lead Society walks and became a regular member of the team. He led 123 walks, with the last being a visit to St Pancras Station in June 2018. In recent years many of his walks involved detailed guiding around interesting and historic areas of London with a focus on individual themes.

Roy always enjoyed travelling and was fortunate his work allowed travel, whether as a teacher at Bedford School or representing the British Government, including at various UN conferences worldwide. Mountain walking in France and The Alps was always on his annual itinerary with the last trip being only a few weeks before his 88th birthday. Nothing could dissuade Roy from visiting remote areas. This was illustrated by his response to a colleague prior to walking in the Indian foothills: "in case a tiger is met, always choose a walking companion who runs slower than yourself!"

Roy's company and knowledge on a remarkably wide range of subjects is greatly missed and our thoughts are with his family.

Stuart Mills

Piccotts End Visit: some places still available

We still have a few places left for the visit to see the Piccotts End paintings on 20th August. See the previous newsletter or enfieldsociety.org.uk/visit

Janet McQueen

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Whitewebbs Museum of Transport visit



We have arranged a special "Behind the Scenes" visit for Enfield Society members to The Whitewebbs Museum of Transport, Whitewebbs Road, Enfield, EN2 9HW on 21st September at 2.30pm. The museum is fifteen minutes walk from Crews Hill Station.

The visit will include a talk on the history of the 1898 New River Company Pumping Station and subsequent conversion to a transport museum and a guided tour of the museum and grounds including the well in the basement.

The visit will be restricted to thirty places with a maximum of two tickets per applicant, £5 per person payable on the day, which will include tea, coffee and cakes.

Please note access to the basement and well is by a narrow and steep staircase.

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

Dave Cockle

New members

A warm welcome to the following new members to the Society, who have all joined since our last newsletter published in May;

Mrs C Anyanwu, Mrs J Barker, Mr & Mrs R A & F F Berndes, Mr C Binns, Mr & Mrs R & S M Brown, Miss J E Clarke, Mr C V Cole, Mr B J Darnborough, Mr J Day, Mr P R Dorey, Mrs C Drinkwater, Mr A W Elms, Mr & Mrs D & M R Evans, Mr D Evans, Ms A Farrell, Mr & Mrs T & S Felton, Mrs J Florea, Miss J N Flory, Mrs J I Hegarty, Mr & Mrs C & J Hide, Mr R G Howard, Ms M Jackson, Mr G Jones - Owen, Mr & Mrs M & C Kalinowski, Mr & Mrs A & A MacKinnon, Mr F Maguire, Mrs G Mohan, Mr & Mrs C A Neenan, Ms D Olney, Mrs J Pummell, Miss G Rice, Miss K Singers, Ms H Skinner, Miss J Soulsby, Mr T Tidey, Ms G M Wolfe

Joyce James

Publication Sales

It may seem early to think about Christmas but cards being sent overseas by surface mail have to be posted by early October. We have a limited number of packs of four different Christmas cards (see below) on sale at £1. Books are popular presents for many and this year's new publications include *The Factory that became a Village* by Jim Lewis (£18) and the *Pymmes Brook Trail Guide* by Colin Saunders (£7 to Enfield Society members, £8.99 to others).



We also now stock copies of the Friern Barnet and New Southgate Godfrey Map. Please note two of the maps in this series, Lower Edmonton and SE Edmonton, are out of print but we are negotiating with the company to see if we can get further copies printed.

All items can be purchased at Enfield Society meetings at Jubilee Hall from September and from our stall at Broomfield Park (see page 4). Waterstone's Bookshop and the Dugdale Centre shop stock books and walks guides and maps. Christmas cards are usually available from Gray's Newsagents and the Post Office in The Town.

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

Monica Smith

Winter newsletter dates

We accept copy by e-mail or paper. Contact the Editor, Andrew Lack, (details in the left column) if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next newsletter is Friday 18th October 2019 and it will be published on Tuesday 12th November.