



## Coronavirus shuts down The Enfield Society

All Society talks and walks have been cancelled as everyone is required to stay at home

*Andrew Lack*



Major shopping centres almost deserted in the week after the Government lockdown.  
Top left: Edmonton Green, Top right: Enfield Town, Bottom left: Palmers Green, Bottom right: Southgate

Unknown in living memory, the Government ordered people to stay at home on Monday 23rd March, requiring the Enfield Society, along with dozens of other organisations in the Borough to cancel planned events.

Our last talk at Jubilee Hall, just a week earlier on the 16th March, attracted a handful of members to hear John Liffen give a most interesting talk about the history of telephones in the Borough. We will re-book John to repeat his talk at a future date.

Our reduced activities means this newsletter is only 8 pages and we are doubtful that any talks or walks will be possible until July at the earliest, though of course no-one is quite certain. In addition to the cancellation of our regular events, we have also cancelled our planned coach outing this year. Our AGM, planned for June,

has now been moved back to the 17th September and members will receive the formal notice and the Annual Report and Accounts together with the next newsletter. We will continue to keep members updated about our activities by e-mail. If you are not currently receiving our e-mails and wish to, contact us at [info@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@enfieldsociety.org.uk). Our web-site carries up-to-date information on our coronavirus page.

At present everyone is being asked to stay at home and to only go out in exceptional circumstances. If you are in need of help, Enfield Council has set up the *Enfield Stands Together* scheme. Full details can be found via our coronavirus page, [enfieldsociety.org.uk/coronavirus](http://enfieldsociety.org.uk/coronavirus), or you can call 020 3821 1966.

## Presidents' Column



Monica Smith MBE & Colin Pointer

Like Wimbledon, the last time the Enfield Society closed its activities was at the outbreak of World War Two. We are sure many members are enduring self isolation as we are. We hope, however, that you remain well and are not experiencing too many difficulties such as food and medical supplies. We cannot be sure that when our next newsletter is published, or if it will include details of the resumption of some at least of our usual activities, but we live in hope.

Local Studies has always been our main source of information for Society publications, newsletters and exhibitions. It is much valued by all interested in Enfield's past and especially by residents researching their family roots which is why the news (see right) is deeply concerning to us.

We wish, on behalf of all our members, to record our thanks to David and Joyce James, who have had to resign from their posts as Treasurer and Membership Secretary because of ill health. They have been mainstays of the Enfield Society for more than 20 years. David organised the refund of Gift Aid for eight years and continued to do this, together with responsibility for payments, revenue and investments, when he was elected Treasurer in 2001. Joyce organised a varied programme of morning speaker meetings for 15 years and at the same time oversaw the packing and despatch of newsletters. In 2011 Joyce gave up the former role and became the Membership Secretary undertaking all aspects of membership activity very efficiently.

We would also like to record our thanks to members of the management committee, especially Richard Stones and Janet McQueen, who have kept the society running until a new Treasurer and Membership Secretary could be appointed. We now welcome Tony and Anna Maria Foster in these roles.

## Museum & Archive Service to move?

Val Munday

On 5th March all London Borough of Enfield staff were sent an e-mail from Mark Bradbury, LBE's Director of Property and Economy, stating that the first and second floors of the Dugdale Centre were to be converted into offices for Children and Family Services. The proposals make it clear that the whole of the first and second floors will be occupied by the Children's and Youth services. There is no mention of the museum's permanent displays on the first floor, the reading room and storage for the local studies archive, or where these might be located.



Enfield Life Gallery on the 1st floor of the Dugdale Centre

The proposals claim that this will save money. This is difficult to understand given that the museum only moved from Forty Hall into its new home on the ground floor of the Dugdale Centre in 2010 and the local studies archive was moved to its current first floor location from Palmers Green Library in 2009. The archive store was purpose built with reinforced floors to take the specialist custom built roller racking for storing books and documents. This store also has air conditioning controlled to 16°–18°C in line with British Standard BS 5454, the Guide for the Storage and Exhibition of Archival Materials. The permanent displays—the *Enfield Life Gallery* and *People and Places Picture Gallery*—were created on the first floor in 2012.

The Enfield Society, Enfield Archaeological Society and Edmonton Hundred Historical Society together with many local residents are all seriously concerned about the fate of the museum and archive and have written to the Council seeking answers. However, the replies seen are at best unclear. There would be safeguarding issues were the Archive and Museum to remain where they are, given the sensitive nature of the Service proposed to move there. And if it is to be relocated, no new site has been suggested. The present central location

has led to a marked increase in visitor numbers aided by the building's close location to the shops of Enfield Town and bus and train routes.

The museum and archive staff have worked hard to retain their accredited archive and museum status which could be lost if they had to move meaning they would no longer be eligible for grants from the lottery or other bodies.

The oldest item in the archive is a deed from 1277. There is a diary written, between 1841 and 1854 by the vicar of St James, John Fuller Russell, who visited the homes of the workers in the crêpe factory, which produced black mourning cloth in Ponders End. Other resources include the enclosure maps of 1777 and 1802.



Local Studies & Archive reading room

The museum contains unique Roman items from the settlement in Bush Hill Park; Mammoth bones and teeth from Palmers Green; much loved items saved from the fire at Broomfield House Museum and from Edmonton Town Hall. There is an item of 18th century dress and good examples of women's dresses dating from 1860 to 1918 but also clothing up to the present day.

This is just a very small selection of the documents that people can study in the archive and objects that the museum has on display and in store.

The museum and archive hold a valuable resource of documents and objects relating to the history of the London Borough of Enfield. Are these not to be seen and enjoyed by all?



# LBE's Parks and Events Strategy

John West

Earlier this year the Council carried out a review of its Parks and Events Strategy, originally agreed in 2017 for the period 2017–22. Since its introduction a number of festivals, celebrations, concerts and other events have taken place across many of the Council's parks and open spaces.

The Society believes that Enfield's Parks are a vital element in making the Borough a great place to live and work and believes that use of our parks should be encouraged. We want to see best use of our parks by all sectors of the community and all age groups. We believe that young people should be encouraged to use and value the parks so that they continue their enhancement and preservation for future generations. We therefore want the whole community to be involved in using and protecting our parks.



A delivery truck squeezes between the Grade II gates of Trent Park (2019)

Many of the festivals that have taken place such as the Broomfield Park Festival in September 2019 have been extremely well attended and have helped to generate improved community cohesion. There have been many other successful events at Firs Farm, Durants Park, Jubilee Park etc.

The Society recognises that as a result of very significant reductions in the grants that are received from central government, the Council needs to generate income to support services such as maintaining the parks. Consequently, the Parks and Events Strategy includes commercial events that are run for profit.

In some cases, such as the concerts at Trent Park there has been local opposition to some of the events. These objections relate mainly to noise nuisance, large numbers of people attending an event and damage to the park that is often not properly repaired.

The Society believes that there can be a place for commercial events, but that

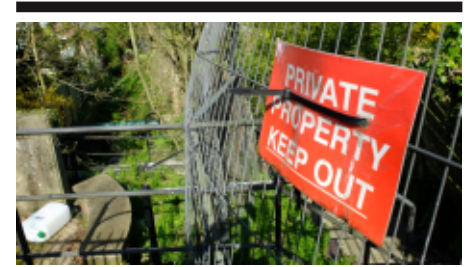
these need to be carefully managed. Three changes to the existing process would ensure that opposition is reduced and that local people see the benefit of any event:–

1. The Council needs to ensure that the correct level of insurance is obtained. Many concert promoters are large international organisations and will be familiar with the need to secure a bond that covers all necessary repairs and damage. Concerts are often held in the Royal Parks. Following reinstatement after an event, the areas concerned are often left in better condition than before. Enfield needs to adopt a similar approach.
2. The reason given for holding large events is that the Council receives income from the licence. Following any event, consideration needs to be given to local improvements. Any tree planting, tree replacement, new seats/benches, resurfacing a pathway etc should have clear temporary signage noting that the improvements result from income secured through a recent event. These visible and long-term benefits would reduce opposition to events and ensure that the community can see the benefits.
3. The commercial promoter should be made responsible for all aspects of pedestrian and traffic management around the concert site, notifying local residents of any access issues in the local area, providing adequate security and ensuring that litter is kept to a minimum and removed immediately after the concert. The licence should have clear timescales for all reinstatement work and the time for setting up and removal of any equipment should be kept to a minimum. The objective must be to ensure that the park or open space is returned to its previous condition or better at the earliest opportunity.



'Portaloos' being delivered to Trent Park, 2019. Despite these, urinating in public has been highlighted as a serious problem by the Cockfosters Local Area Residents Association

## Clarendon Arch, Bush Hill



The Clarendon Arch is an aqueduct carrying the New River over Salmons Brook and is the oldest structure on the New River. It is Grade II Listed. The Society has been raising concerns about its maintenance and access to the arch with both the Council and Thames Water for some time.

In March, a meeting took place on site involving the key parties and Historic England. Following recommendations by Historic England it has been agreed that Thames Water will carry out essential maintenance including the removal of very large self-seeded ash and sycamore saplings growing immediately next to the historic walls.



Clarendon Arch photographed March 2020

Twenty years ago, Thames Water funded a public viewing area overlooking the arch. Due to a lack of maintenance, alleged vandalism and anti-social behaviour, the viewing area was closed and without consulting other parties, Thames Water sold part of the access path to the adjoining property owner. The Society and Historic England believes that people should be able to see this historic structure and is working with the Council and Thames Water to see how the viewing area can be reopened. It is likely that this will have to be by arranged visits such as for Open House Weekend.

The Society has said that if it helps to facilitate reopening of the viewing area it would be willing to act as a keyholder and provide access for organised visits.

John West



# Historic Buildings: The Fox Palmers Green in 1899 (Part 1)

Stephen Gilbert

The Fox was originally a cottage at the end of Fox Lane in the former hamlet of Palmers Green. It was named after the Fox family who were farmers living in the area in the 14th century. It is first mentioned in a will of 1683 and the first landlord is recorded in 1716.

Between 1861 and 1967 the licensees were members of the Davey family. Robert Davey, who was the licensee from 1861, started a two-horse omnibus service from the Fox and on Sundays used a horse-drawn wagonette to provide a home delivery service of ale. His wife Belinda was the licensee from 1870. Their son Arthur, born at the Fox in 1867, was the licensee from 1891 and for 18 years from 1901 was an elected member of Southgate Urban District Council. After 1914 Arthur Davey and his son-in-law Leo Whalen were joint licensees until Arthur's death in 1932.

Due to the limited space in this issue, this article has been split, with Part 2 to be published in the future. Photographs are reproduced by courtesy of Enfield Local Studies & Archive.



1. The Fox shown here in 1899, was a 17th century two-storey brick building with sliding sash windows. It was entered through a portico on the Green Lanes side. A sign and a picture of a fox were illuminated by lanterns fixed to the exterior of the building. On warm days drinks would be served through a hatch to customers who would be able to use the outdoor tables and benches. There was also a sweet dispensing machine.



2. In 1904 The Fox was demolished and replaced with a more methodically laid out and grander three storey red brick Edwardian building. It had a corner turret, projecting half-timbered gables and pargetting (exterior relief plaster decoration) in a band between the ground and first floors. The photograph is from a postcard sent from The Fox in 1909 to Marie Davey, Arthur's daughter, when she was on holiday on the Isle of Wight. The building has now been gutted and 54 apartments are being constructed on the site, with several in the shell.



3. To the right of the entrance in the original building was the serving area with two hatches to the bar area and one to the outside. Beer pumps, jugs, pewter tankards, glasses and bottles of beer can be seen.



4. At the back of the serving area was the landlord's parlour with wooden panelled walls. There is an open fireplace in the wall dividing the parlour from the serving area, which can be seen through the doorway on the left. The mantel above the fireplace has an elaborately decorated cloth hanging, with vases of flowers in front of a large mirror. There are also leather covered settees and a round table. The room is lit by an ornate brass gaselier.



5. The wood panelled public bar is simply furnished with tables and benches on a bare wooden floor. There is a large fireplace and pictures on the walls. The room is lit from a central gas jet.



# Have you seen a Ghost (sign)?

Phil Whittemore

From the 1890s to the 1960s advertising would often be painted on the gable ends of property or occasionally on the slate tiles of a building. These signs would advertise either nationally known firms such as Boots, Gillette and Hovis, or smaller, local business or shops advertising their products and services. In the 1930s home owners could make extra money by renting out the gable end of their home to advertisers. These signs were painted onto the brickwork using an oil based paint which contained an amount of lead which enabled the paint to adhere to the brickwork, hence their survival today. These signs were done by painters who used ladders or trestles to hand paint the signs, while smaller ones could be done free hand using the edge of the bricks as a marker.



436 Hertford Road / Causeyware Road



347 Hertford Road / King Edward Road

I recently noted on the side of Causeyware Road and 436 Hertford Road the word PRINTING (no other wording formed part of the design); nearby on the corner of King Edward Road and 347 Hertford Road is a worn sign, all that can be read are the words THE LEADER /G. . . The third line is now covered by a modern advertising board. Another sign on the corner of Denny Road and 207 Hertford Road, is almost covered by a modern hoarding. All that remains are the ends of what may have originally been two signs. Of the upper all that can be seen is an "E", on the lower, "TE".

In Enfield, on the corner of Lynn Street and 156a Lancaster Road is a large worn sign possibly advertising a bakers. Another worn sign can be seen in Winchmore Hill, at Masons Corner, on the flank wall of 948 Green Lanes, the only word that can be read with any certainty is BARNARD.

One sign that can be read was until recently covered by an modern advertising board in Palmers Green on the corner of



156A Lancaster Road / Lynn Street

Windsor Road and 406 Green Lanes. This sign may well be palimpsest, that is a newer sign has been painted over the older. The original sign read ARMY CLUB and had the head of what was probably a soldier smoking a cigarette. Over this, in white the word THE has been painted.



948 Green Lanes (Mason's Corner)



406 Green lanes / Windsor Road, Palmers Green

Today very few signs survive in the Borough. Because of their fragility the Heritage Group have started to record these signs, as they are now very faint and virtually illegible so if anyone can read them or knows anything about the business concerned, please get into contact. Most importantly do you know of any others? Please forward details to [phil@si-w.co.uk](mailto:phil@si-w.co.uk)



# Enfield North Cricket Club

Society members will be familiar with the general area where North Enfield CC is located within Hilly Fields Park and within range, just about, of a hearty blow of St John's Church and the former Fallow Buck pub, both in Clay Hill. The club has been at Strayfield Road since 1952 but the history dates back considerably further to the first recorded match in 1886 when a team travelled to play at Burton Court, opposite the Royal Hospital Chelsea. That ground is still in existence and used by the Army for officers and their families based in London.

Prior to 1952, North Enfield had a somewhat itant history. A few matches were played at North Enfield recreation ground (Tucker's Field), and sometime in the 1930s a sports ground was developed off Slades Hill where the club took residency—a fact which had been forgotten about until fairly recently when a club member read Enfield Society member Jack Brown's April 2010 article about the area. This site was taken over during the war for an anti-aircraft battery. After the war, the club were offered use of a field within the Claysmore estate, to the north side of Clay Hill. This was shared with Sunnyside Tennis Club. Unfortunately, the landowner had a change of heart and the club were forced out—but taking the wooden pavilion with them to Strayfield Road a few hundred yards up the road! Apparently cricket had been played on the site in the past but it required a year of hard work removing vegetation and laying of the square; members gave their time freely and it was an era without same pressure of work and demands of family life we have today.

The Centenary in 1986 provided a comprehensive record of the history as known then and we have a number of pictures from the 1940s onwards, fixture cards and club playing records. A number of the clubs on the fixture list from the 50s/60s make interesting reading reflecting Enfield's industrial heritage when numerous factories maintained their own sports facilities. The Club is particularly keen to hear from any Society members who may have memories or even photographs of any cricket that involved the Club.

David Malleson

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## Society/Council Leader meeting report

Bob Fowler

A group of four Enfield Society Management Committee members, led by Chairman Dave Cockle, met with Council Leader, Nesil Caliskan at Enfield Civic Centre on 25 February to discuss issues of concern to the Society and its members. We were joined by the Council's Head of Planning, Vincent Lacovara via a Skype internet link. The issues raised included:

**Refuge House: Proposed Conversion to Apartments**—we expressed our concerns about the density of units and the lack of an Article 4 Direction in Enfield. The Council is reviewing the issue of office conversions with a view to determining an approach that can be applied to similar sites elsewhere in the Borough.

**Whitewebbs Golf Course and Park**—our concerns were re-stated and a request made that the woodlands should be removed from the proposed lease. Cllr Caliskan explained that inclusion of the woodlands was intended for investment in improvements, not commercial use.

**Arnos Grove, Cockfosters: station Car Parks**—Arnos Grove: planning application considered in March. Cockfosters: still under consideration with possibility of height to be limited to that of the nearby office Tower Block.

**Enforcement Action: Kingswood Clay Hill:** Felling of Protected Trees—urgent action in hand; **Old Park Ridings/Green Dragon Lane:** Development on Site of Garages—enforcement action taken against developer to return appearance to be in accordance with approved plan;

**Strayfield Road:** Mobile Home Site, Boundary Dispute—Cllr Caliskan agreed to increase level of priority to resolve this case; **South Lodge Farm, Enfield Road**—enforcement action has been taken.



Work in Old Park Ridings re-started in late March following Council intervention

**Open House 2020: Sponsorship**—Confirmed that the Council will be taking part.

**Former Carnegie Library Enfield Highway**—conversion for use by the Council commencing in March with planned completion date in 2020.

**Enfield Lock, Informal Footpath from Ramney Marsh to New Ford Road**—an issue since 2017 and completion only depends on permission from Highways England. The Council have contacted Highways England and are awaiting a response. The Society requested that a target date be agreed.

**The Ridgeway, Botany Bay Farm: Link Footpath (West) to the London Loop**—the Council are considering classification of the path along with others connecting to it.

## Meet our new Membership Secretary and Treasurer

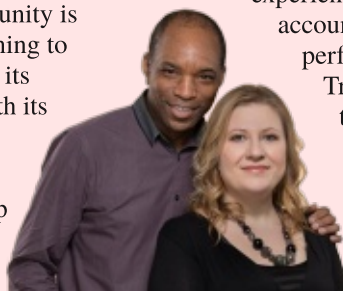
I moved to Enfield in 2009 and loved the area straight away. Commuting every day to central London can take its toll, so being able to enjoy the peace and quiet of Enfield parks as well as its rich heritage at the weekend, it's priceless. So, when I first saw the advert for the Enfield Society's Membership Secretary vacancy, I applied immediately. What the Society does for our community is remarkable, from campaigning to providing opportunities for its residents to get involved with its heritage and environment.

As an arts fundraiser, responsible for Membership at the National Portrait Gallery, I'm not new to

the challenges that charities have to face to continue with their work, so I'm delighted to be able to share my expertise as a Membership Secretary and Trustee of the Society.

My husband Tony has been working within membership of a medical charity for many years. I believe his membership experience together with an accountancy qualification is a perfect fit for the role as Treasurer. We are delighted to join a community that helps preserve the beauty of this borough.

Anna Maria Foster



# News from around the Borough

## The New River

After several months being out of use the pump near Parsonage Lane, that extracts water from Saddlers Mill Stream to feed into the New River Loop, is now back in working order

Recent work to the pump infrastructure was carried out to remediate a split in the hose which runs from the pump to the New River Loop. This split had occurred after the high flows in early winter. The first visit to repair the fault revealed greater damage to the hose than originally observed, and hence a further delay in repair. The pump has now been fitted with a rigid hose more suitable for the performance of the asset in the conditions expected for operation.

The Parsonage Lane pump runs continuously in support of two other pumps at Southbury Road which fulfil Thames Water's obligation to supply 100,000 gallons of water a day from the New River (subject to the availability of water). It serves as a backup for water lost through evaporation and leaking. The pump automatically turns off 4 times in a 24 hour period for approximately 5 minutes in order to self-cleanse and prime. So if it is witnessed not flowing for a short period, that is why.

I am indebted to Graham Campbell, Structures and Watercourses Engineer at Enfield Council for helpfully providing this information.

*Dave Cockle*

## Edmonton

In our last newsletter we highlighted the neglected state of the rose bed at Victoria Road, Edmonton, where the Enfield Society had previously paid for new roses. Following publication we heard that students and staff from the Eco-School Committee at Heron Hall Academy have volunteered to look after the flower bed as part of its work towards the Silver Eco-Schools Award.

The Eco-Schools programme was created as a way for schools to embark on a meaningful path towards improving the environment in both the school and the local community. In England, Eco-Schools is run by the Tidy Britain Group and was established in 1994, following the 1992 UN Rio Earth Summit. Eco-schools currently have 18,600 schools registered in England with the aim of having a lifelong positive impact on the

lives of young people and addressing issues that protect and improve the environment.



Heron Hall Academy students have recently planted trees supplied by the Woodland Trust on its site in Queensway, Ponders End. The School has also worked with the Green Schools Project and Solar for Schools to make an impact on climate change. To assist with the aims of helping the environment the committee came up with the slogan 'one person, one tree' and wish to project this message outward into the community. The school is keen to encourage its students to become involved in voluntary work and activities that will help the local environment and its community.

*Mark Saunders*

## Enfield Town

The Enfield Town improvement project is not going to be a LBE priority for the foreseeable future and the Society expect very few developments will take place for some time. However, an update was received from John Parrott, Enfield Town Consultative Group Chair at the end of March.



The Little Park Gardens project is currently scheduled for substantial completion at the end of April /early May. This, of course, is subject to the current health emergency.

The Phase 1 engagement report has taken longer than expected owing to an under-

estimation of the amount of time it would take to process the data and get the report to a point where it was suitable to share.

The next step is to develop some concepts for the public spaces around the town centre. The Council will be looking to partner with some external landscape architects to progress this work, to involve community co-design workshops. How these are managed and hosted will be subject to the ongoing situation, however the intention is to complete this work over the summer.

Phase 2 engagement, on a wider town centre design proposal, is anticipated late summer/early autumn. The aim is to have an agreed high level design in place next spring, to then enable detailed engineering design required for construction to be able to start.

Over the last few months, traffic data has been collected throughout the town centre. This enables individual vehicles to be tracked through the town centre, to help understand the volume of vehicles that are stopping, and those that are simply passing through. The information can then be used in 'modelling' where the design engineers can then gain insights into how a particular design may impact traffic.

*Bill Wilson*

## Palmers Green



At a ceremony on Thursday 5th March, the newly restored Shell Memorial in Broomfield Park was officially unveiled.

Performing the unveiling were pupils from nearby Broomfield and Hazelwood Schools. Colin Younger of the Broomfield House Trust thanked a number of organisations and people who were involved, including The Enfield Society who donated £800 towards the cost of the work. The Heritage of London Trust were able to support the project and were represented by Nicola Stacey. Bambos Charalambous MP (Enfield, Southgate) was also present.

*John West*



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## 'Greening' the Forty Hall vineyard

Having had another excellent harvest last  
October—11.6 tonnes of grapes picked,  
making approximately 9,500 bottles of  
wine—the volunteers thoughts turned to  
how we could increase the biodiversity of  
the vineyard. The primary aim was attract  
more wildlife and enhance the beauty of  
the vineyard.

In November we planted 30 saplings,  
provided free by The Woodland Trust.  
These are a mixture of silver birch, rowan  
and wild cherry. We have covered an area  
in each of our two fields with a weed  
suppressant sheet in preparation for two  
wildflower meadows. Due to current  
restrictions we might not get to sow these  
meadows until the autumn and hence the  
flowers won't grow until next spring.

In addition we have built log piles in each  
field, and a bug hotel, to shelter  
invertebrates and small animals. We have  
prepared bird box kits, to an RSPB design,  
ready to be built and put up in the  
autumn. All these activities have been  
carried out under our Flourish ecotherapy  
project, to promote physical and mental  
wellbeing through social connection and  
gentle outdoor activity.



Volunteers out planting trees

The vineyard is currently closed to nearly  
all volunteers. Just a scaled down skeleton  
crew of five of us have been tying down  
the pruned vines to the trellis wires to  
ensure this year's crop is protected.

The award winning still and sparkling  
wines are available from the Forty Hall  
Farm Shop, which remains open as usual  
on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from  
11am to 4pm, though the Forty Hall  
public car park is closed. You can also  
buy the wine on-line from  
[fortyhallvineyard.com](http://fortyhallvineyard.com) where there is  
currently an offer of free delivery on  
orders over 6 bottles of still wine or 3 of  
sparkling and a 10% discount on orders  
over £200.

*Dave Thornton.*

## Vice President Lord Ted Graham dies

Photo: [thenews.coop](http://thenews.coop)



It is with great sadness we have to report  
the death of Lord Edward Graham aged  
94. Ted Graham served as MP for  
Edmonton between 1974 and 1983 and  
had strong connections to the co-operative  
movement.

In 1995 the Society felt it was desirable to  
have two local politicians as vice  
presidents and Lord Graham and  
Councillor John Jackson were duly  
elected.

*Andrew Lack*

## Brown waste food bins

The Council said  
last year a bin for  
food waste would  
be delivered to all  
residences in the  
Borough of Enfield by  
November but at least one  
area is still waiting. There are only about  
six brown bins being emptied weekly in  
Gentleman's Row/Holly Walk and these  
were purchased on-line by individuals.  
None were delivered by the company the  
Council appointed to do this.

I asked one of our local Councillors to  
raise this and the reply received from the  
Council was that a bin had been delivered  
to every household. This is clearly not the  
case but before I take the matter further, I  
need some idea of how many bins are  
missing. Please contact me if you live in  
another part of the borough with the same  
problem. You can use e-mail to  
[m.smith@enfieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:m.smith@enfieldsociety.org.uk) or  
by post to Jubilee Hall (address opposite).

Now with fortnightly collections, these  
bins are very necessary. Food waste will  
deteriorate more rapidly in warmer  
weather and it can no longer be put in  
with garden rubbish.

*Monica Smith*

