



Stories of Enfield: Council initiative to promote our heritage

Thirteen projects nominated by community groups around the Borough now in line to receive National Lottery Heritage funding

Jan Metcalfe

Local community groups in the Borough are less likely to make grant applications to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) than in other areas of the country. As a result the NLHF have been working with Council Officers for around two years to encourage groups to submit applications. In 2020 £100,000 of funding was awarded to the Council to deliver the programme 'Stories of Enfield'.

Dorian Knight was appointed in early 2021 to manage the project. He explained that Enfield Council would support local people and communities from across the borough in developing and delivering heritage activities. The wider ambition of the programme is to enable residents to get involved in heritage, to show how heritage can make a real difference to people's lives and build a positive sense of place.

A key part of the programme was the appointment of a Steering committee to help Dorian and advise and support the chosen organisations to deliver projects. The steering committee is made up of a wide range of people to advocate for the diverse needs of the communities represented by the projects. The Society is represented by Trustee Jan Metcalfe.

A series of online training courses on themes such as identifying heritage, marketing and evaluation took place during June. These enabled groups to prepare for funding when the formal application process opened in July. By the closing date of 22nd August, thirty-five groups and individuals had made an application.

After some discussion the Society decided not to put in an application itself but instead to offer expertise and funding to any community group who wanted to apply. At present we anticipate providing financial support for the Palmers Green Action Team's project.

Applications were first sifted by Dorian with the help of the NLHF and the Heritage team and a shortlist created. This was presented to the steering committee for discussion and to score each project. A lively meeting on 16th September collated and reviewed members scores and a final list of thirteen projects was agreed. These represent diverse cultures and communities and a wide range of ideas for engaging their own and the wider community.

Some of the successful applicants include groups that are well known in the area such as Enfield Racial Equality Council who want to document their

history, achievements and legacy of activism. Christ Church, Southgate, also have experience in engaging with their heritage and want to deliver a project based on their important Pre-Raphaelite stained-glass windows. Enfield Archaeological Society is proposing a project to explore the forgotten Tudor Palace of Elsyng (below) and allow it to be better known and appreciated and to encourage support for its care.

Less well-known groups include the Sisters' in Islam Muslim Youth Club, who will explore through oral histories the experience of the first generation of Bangladeshis in Enfield. Palmers Green Action Team aims to depict local heritage using art threaded through the High Street with a focus on the poetry of Stevie Smith. The Pymmes BrookERS (sic) will encourage local communities to explore Pymmes Brook and Talkies Community Cinema plan to make a documentary focussing on the life and work of Archbishop Costakis Evangelou, known as 'the boxing Bishop' born in Cyprus and an Enfield resident for over 30 years.

The other funded projects are St Anne's Catholic High School for girls in partnership with Joe Robinson; Forty Hall Vineyard; Turkish Cypriot Community Association; Residents of Edmonton Angel Community Together (REACT) with Fisher Cheng Architects; Pymmes Park Bowling club and MHA Communities.

Successful applicants have until November 2022 to complete their projects. You can find more details of the projects via the news section of our web-site.



Elsyng Palace c1540 based on archaeological excavation of the site, 2004-2019 by Enfield Archaeological Society.
Reconstruction by John Pinchbeck with advice from Dr Martin Dearne

New Trustees

Following the retirement from the Committee of three of our Trustees (Janet McQueen, Anne Osborne and Bill Wilson) we are pleased to report that the Society has co-opted two new Trustees: Alison Yates and John Cole.



Alison Yates

Originally from East Sussex, Alison moved to London to study the Cello and Double Bass at the Royal Academy of Music. In 1981 she moved to Enfield, when her husband became a teacher at Enfield Grammar School. After a busy freelance career as a Double Bass player she became a teacher for the London Borough of Enfield. Alison worked as a peripatetic teacher for Enfield Music Service for 34 years becoming the Strings Co-ordinator in 1999 and retiring in 2015. She has started working with John Cole on projects at Gordon Hill Station and Lancaster Road, with the hope of improving local facilities and contributing to the community that she lives in.

John Cole

John has lived in Enfield for almost 60 years. He went to St. Michael's in Brigadier Hill and then Enfield Grammar School. Up until recently he was Head of Sustainability at the Ministry of Justice and Home Office, following similar previous posts in various other central government departments including the Ministry of Defence. He has previously been a parent governor at Enfield Grammar School and is currently a regular volunteer and advocate for the Thames21 *Restoring Enfield's Rivers* and in particular the Enfield Chase Restoration. He is married to Gill and has two children, one currently a lecturer at York University and the other working in IT.

Membership

A change in personal circumstances means Anna Maria Foster must relinquish the Membership Secretary role at the end of the year and the Society now needs to find a successor. The position is one of our

most important volunteer roles and we very much hope someone will be willing to come forward quickly to allow Anna Maria to hand-over before the end of the year. More information about the role can be obtained by e-mailing the Society at info@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Subscription renewals 2022

We sent out an e-mail to all members last month asking you to renew online if you are able to, as this greatly eases the process. Enclosed with this newsletter is a Renewal Form. Please ignore the form if you choose to renew via our web-site. [The web-site address can be found on the back cover.]

Gift Aid declarations

Gift Aid is a UK Government tax relief scheme that allows charities to claim 25p for every £1 of tax paid on donations. If you sign up to Gift

Aid, The Enfield Society can reclaim the tax you have paid on your membership subscription and additional donations in the future and the previous four years.

You can Gift Aid your charitable donations to as many charities as you like, if you have paid enough Income or Capital Gains Tax to cover all the Gift Aid that will be claimed. To be eligible for Gift Aid you need to be a UK taxpayer. We would appreciate if you could complete and return the enclosed Gift Aid declaration form, even if you completed one in the past, as it may be no longer valid. If you have any questions, please e-mail membership@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Anna Maria Foster

Conservation & Heritage Group

During 2020, the Council decided to cease supporting three well established consultative groups, (Conservation Advisory Group, Transport Users Group and the Green Belt Forum) and to establish a new Environment Forum. The Society is represented on Environment Forum and it creates a valuable opportunity to review a wide range of policies and activities related to the environment. However, it means that there is far less scrutiny of developments in Conservation Areas and no opportunity

for the various Conservation Area Study Groups to meet and focus on local concerns. Last year the Society's Management Committee therefore decided to create the Conservation and Heritage Group to close the gap.

This Group will take on the activities of the former Heritage at Risk Group (HARG) monitoring Listed Buildings (Grade II and Local List) and other heritage assets and provide an opportunity for the Conservation Area Study Groups to meet and review matters of concern that were previously covered by CAG. As we did not want to launch the new group virtually, believing that it's more effective to bring people together, the first meeting was arranged for late October. In future newsletters we will report on the work of the group as it develops.

John West

Trees Group

During the year, many members have given us saplings for which we are very grateful. Our volunteers have been looking after the tree nursery at Trentwood Side (pictured below) and we now have about 100 trees. Many of the trees are now ready for planting out. We hope to plant some trees around the proposed sitting areas on the London Loop between the Ridgeway and Trent Park. We are always interested in supporting Friends of Parks Groups. If you participate in any of the groups and need saplings, please contact trees@enfieldsociety.org.uk and we will try to help. Similarly if you would like to join our working group please use the same e-mail address.

John West



Publications

We have had an inevitably abbreviated but successful season of shows, with lots of interest in our activities and publications. This has been reflected in increased sales during the past month or so.

You will hopefully have seen the publications order form included with this newsletter which gives all our members and wider readership, who may not be online, the chance to order items in time for Christmas. Please note that we shall no longer be offering Christmas cards. Our range of titles make perfect presents for anyone with connections to Enfield, or just an interest in our area.

New titles



We have added five new Godfrey maps of parts of the Borough dating from mid-1930s and two books. *Dispensing Notes* by Frank Bayford expands on his life and *Winchmore Hill, A Woodland Hamlet* by David Pam charts the history of the area.

Sales liaison volunteer

We are looking for someone to keep our shop outlets stocked with our books and maps. Shops include Forty Hall, Myddelton House and Waterstones in Enfield Town. The job doesn't require a lot of time, but will need a computer. If you can help, or want more information, e-mail info@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Alison Parker

Society back on the road

During the late summer and early autumn, the Society attended five events at which we showcased our work, publications and benefits of membership. These occasions are an opportunity to show the public what we have to offer and are generally very successful in gaining new members. During these five events we attracted around fifty new members and handed out many membership invitations, which should result in more new members in due course. The events included Enfield

Council's *A Month of Sundays* at Enfield Town and Edmonton Green, Enfield Market Open House weekend, the Charity School Hall, Edmonton and the Big Green Fair at Christ Church, Chase Side. Sadly, the Winchmore Hill Fancy Fair was cancelled at short notice, but we plan to be at the event next year in July.



We are very grateful to our members who give their time to help organise, transport, assemble and take down our stall, as well as manning this during the event opening hours. If any other members would be interested in volunteering some time to assist in future events, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Bob Fowler

Enfield in Bloom Gold for the Society

The Enfield Society volunteers who look after the flowers at Enfield Chase station (picture, right) have been awarded Gold in this year's Enfield in Bloom *Best Display in a Public Area* category competition. The Station passengers, plus wild life including butterflies, moths and insects have all been enjoying the volunteers' container plants during the Summer months. Work will continue as the planters are a permanent feature at the Station.

Doreen Holtby

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined the Society since our Spring newsletter.

Mr M Alder, Mrs K Andrews, Mrs J Baker, Mr & Mrs S & A Ballam, J Bansal, Ms E Barber, Mr N Barlow, Ms D Barnes, Ms S Beard, Mr R Beaumont, Mr T Behean, Mr U Bilkey, Ms M Blazey, Ms P Bowman, Mr S Britten, Mr S Brown, Ms K de Bruyne, Mr & Mrs A D & H Burgess, Mr T Carter, Mrs B Carver,

Mr J Casey, Mrs M Cattermole, Mr L Chamberlain, L Charles, E Cherrington, T Chowdry, Mr R Cohen, Ms L Coupland, Ms P Craig, Mr B Cunningham, Mr G Cussens, Ms A Dyer, Mr & Mrs A & M Ellis, Ms J Enraght-Moony, Mr R Evans, Mr P Fifield, Mr N Frayng, Mr & Mrs B & N Fry, Mr P George, Ms S Gillett, Ms R Godson, Ms A Grant, Mr S Haslam, Mr A Hatvani, Mr A Hayes, Mr K Haynes, Mr R Herbert, Ms S Heyward, Mrs S M Hopkins, Mr P Howard, Ms L Humphreys, Mr D Ingram, Mr & Mrs D & J Jenner, S Kazim, Mr J Killey, Ms H Kritikos, Mr P Lambert, Mrs R Lavelle, Mr & Mrs A Lord, Mr A Malleson, Mrs C Mann, Mr G Martin, Ms S Maurice, Mr & Mrs J McCaughey, Mrs N McDowall, S Meehan, Ms C Merrifield, Ms J Metcalfe, Mr P Michael, Mr A Moore, Ms R A Moore, Mr S Moore, Ms BP Morgan, A Mortimer, Ms E Nathan, Mr B Nolan, Dr & Mrs P & G O'Mahony, Mr D Peel, Mr A Pelled, Mr M Potter, Ms P Rayner, Mrs S Ricketts, H D Rishi, Dr A Sergis, Ms H Shearman, Mr K Shepard, Ms A Shewring, Mr C Shewring, Mr H Small, Ms A Smith, Mr B Snelgrove, Ms J Springett, Ms D Swadel, S Taner, Mr J Tann, Ms D Togher, Mrs S Varkapshreem, Ms T Waenga, Ms M Watson, Ms L Wheeler, Mrs M Whitbread, Mr M Wilsher, Mr & Mrs C Wing, Mrs C Woolfson, Mr G Wright, Ms M Zazzi

Anna Maria Foster



Presidents' Column



Colin Pointer and Monica Smith MBE

At the AGM on 23rd September, on behalf of every member of the Society, we asked to have recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting the sincere and grateful thanks of us all to the members of the Management Committee. During both the year under review, and the current calendar year, they have had to devote much time and attention on many complex matters to safeguard so much we all hold dear in Enfield.

The Council's plan to sacrilegiously concrete over large swathes of our Green Belt with housing development is not the first time that such a totally unacceptable proposal has been mooted. Only six years ago there was the threat of such development on the Green Belt land south of Enfield Road between Cotswold Way and Lonsdale Drive, which led to the formation of Enfield Roadwatch Action Group.

Far earlier in 1972 the Society, and very many other groups and Enfield residents, were alarmed at the prospect of houses being built in the Green Belt at Crews Hill, when Wates, the housebuilder, submitted a planning application for 405 houses on both sides of Cattlegate Road. The main objector to this controversial proposal was—Enfield Council!

Planning was refused and at the subsequent public inquiry the Council's Planning Officer said "One of the fundamental reasons for the Metropolitan Green Belt is (and still is) to stop the outward spread of development" and "What Wates appear to be advocating is a commuters' village centred on Crews Hill Station and unrelated to the rest of the Borough". The inquiry Inspector recommended that the appeal by Wates be rejected, saying "I am in no doubt that the proposal, if allowed, would generate strong pressure, extremely difficult to resist, for the release of more nursery land, particularly immediately to the south of the Roseland Estate, which would tend to change the character of this mainly rural locality and lead to the coalescence of Crews Hill with Enfield". All very wise words which the present Council would have done well to heed before embarking on its present controversial course to eliminate vast tracts of our cherished and essential Green Belt. It was no surprise when in 1973 the Environment Secretary agreed with the inquiry Inspector and Wates' appeal was rejected.

For decades we have had a representative on the Garden Advisory Group at Myddelton House, mainly to keep an eye on the listed house and stable block as well as the magnificent gardens. For the last 40 years one of the mainstays in the garden has been Bryan Hewitt, known to many of our members for his garden guided tours and intimate knowledge of the plants and all things Edward Augustus Bowles. Bryan has now retired and we wish him well for the future which we know will include regular spells back in the garden as a volunteer.

Enfield Local Plan: next steps

Naira Pitmen

The consultation on the draft Local Plan was the first of two public consultations that the Council is required to undertake in preparing its Local Plan. Getting a Local Plan adopted takes a long time and so we have set out the main steps below.

The Council will review and consider the main planning issues arising from the latest consultation on the initial draft Plan. We have requested that all the responses should be published on the Council's web-site within a matter of weeks for transparency.

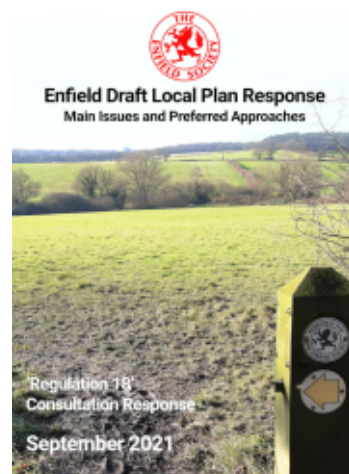
The Council may wish to redraft some parts of the Plan. We fervently hope that the Council will act upon the many objections received and delete the proposed sites in the open countryside of the historic Enfield Chase, as well as revisiting the proposed building heights in or near Conservation Areas.

The Council must publish a final draft Plan for a 'Regulation 19' consultation. Given all the above work, this is unlikely to be before summer 2022. The Council will provide a proforma response form that must be used by any respondents at this stage. It will ask objectors to specify which parts of the plan they think are not 'sound' when considered against the National Planning Policy Framework, and why not. This can be tricky for those not familiar with the planning system, so we will publish guidance early in the consultation to assist members in making a response.

The final draft Plan is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate; an Inspector, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, will be appointed to examine whether the plan is consistent with national policy, is justified, effective ('sound'), and legally compliant. The inspector will review all the Regulation 19 stage proforma responses. The examination could take up to two years.

At the end of the examination the Inspector will issue a report which will detail the findings in relation to all the main planning issues. Usually, a *Schedule of Main Modifications* will be attached as an appendix to the report, which will set out the changes that the Inspector considers necessary to make the Plan 'sound'. Modifications can be quite significant, for example adding or deleting development sites. If the Council does not accept all the Inspector's modifications, the Plan is at significant risk of successful legal challenge.

The Enfield Society has emphasised in its response that the draft Local Plan should not be used as the basis for determination of any planning applications until adoption. No doubt the owners of the identified sites, for example at Vicarage Farm and at Palace Gardens, will be very keen to submit planning applications. But given the seriousness of the objections raised from many quarters, it would be highly irresponsible if the Council were to bring forward premature planning applications at the contentious sites. If the Council were to approve large development sites in the Green Belt before adoption of the Local Plan, the applications would have to be referred to the Secretary of State, who may choose to 'call in' the applications to determine himself.



The Society's response ran to 112 pages and can be found on our website.

Planning report

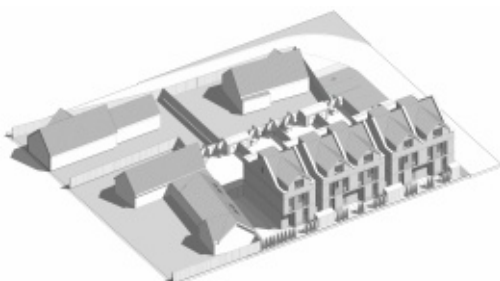
John West

During the summer and early autumn, the Architecture and Planning Group were busy preparing the Society's submission to the draft Enfield Local Plan (see facing page). However, we have been keeping an eye on other planning developments.

Southgate Office Village. During October, a Planning Inquiry took place. Although Council Officers recommended approval to a scheme involving 17 and 10 storey residential tower blocks on a site adjacent to the Southgate Conservation Area, planning committee members unanimously refused the application. The developer appealed and the Planning Inspector's decision is awaited. Southgate District Civic Voice (SDCV) were represented at the Inquiry giving evidence on behalf of the community and setting up site visits for the Inspector. We are all waiting anxiously for the decision as it will have an impact on other tall building proposals in or close to Conservation Areas. The Society has fully supported the evidence submitted by SDCV in objecting to the proposals.

New Southgate. It is understood that the planning application for residential development on the former gas works site should be submitted to Planning Committee shortly. The Society has commented on the planning application and while we continue to have concerns about family homes so close to the North Circular Road we have not objected, accepting that if we are to protect the Green Belt, we have to develop housing elsewhere.

Chapel Street Car Park, Enfield Town. The disused car park has been boarded up for many years and is an eyesore in the Conservation Area. A number of planning applications have been received for this



site in recent years, mainly flats with a high density. A planning application has now been submitted for 5 two storey family houses with rooms in the roof. This seems a welcome development, although the Society has comments on the detailed design, but we consider that the proposal is acceptable and an improvement on previous schemes.

Seaforth Gardens/ Broad Walk, Winchmore Hill. This is a back-land development close to Grovelands Park with poor access. The Society objected to the planning application, and it was refused by the Council. The developer has appealed. We will follow the matter with interest and confirm to the Planning Inspector that our objections still stand.

Arnos Grove TfL Car Park. The Council refused the planning application for residential development on the grounds that there was insufficient affordable housing. TfL has appealed and the Council has decided not to fight the appeal, development is therefore likely to proceed. It will be interesting to see what impact this decision has on the forthcoming planning application for residential development on the Cockfosters TfL car park.

Edmonton Green Shopping Centre. The major planning application for redevelopment of the shopping centre that was submitted in December 2020 is still the subject of discussions between the Council and developer, Crosstree Real Estate. We note that in recent months the developer has submitted further documentation to support the application. The Society has noted the many improvements to the shopping centre that have taken place since Crosstree took over the lease and believe that the proposed scheme will help to regenerate the area and provide new housing.

While many of our readers will be aware of our involvement with significant planning issues such as our response to the Local Plan, we should also like to engage with members who have concerns about potential changes in their local area. We are not able to respond to individual planning concerns such as house extensions, but we would like to hear about more significant proposals that might affect a locality. Changes of use to domestic residences, blocks of flats out of keeping with the local area are examples. Please email architecture.planning@enfieldsociety.org.uk in the first instance with the details of the planning issue and we will advise if it is possible and appropriate for us to get involved.

Finally, in case you were wondering what has happened to the proposals for the redevelopment of Palace Gardens Shopping Centre in Enfield Town, we are not aware of any new developments or revised proposals from the developer, Deutsche Bank. We will continue to monitor any proposals that are submitted.

Society talks

After a gap of twenty two months we are delighted to once again offer talks to members at Jubilee Hall. Our new programme organiser, Carole Todd, has already made bookings for the first half of 2022 and we will bring you more details in future newsletters.

Our talks are free to members, while non-members may attend for just £1.

Monday 17th January, 7.30pm for 8pm, William Morris by Mark Lewis.

The Guardian



Celebrating the life and work of this illustrious poet, artist and social reformer, who pioneered a movement that reacted against the soulless machine production of the Industrial Revolution and attempted to promote joyful labour, the enjoyment of fine craftsmanship and simplicity of expression. [Joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.]

Monday 21st February, 7.30pm for 8pm, Reviewing his situation: The Life and Music of Lionel Bart by Geoff Bowden.

The Jewish Chronicle



A look at the roller coaster life of the songwriter Lionel Bart, covering his poor East End childhood, pop success (Living Doll, From Russia With Love), worldwide fame on the musical theatre stage with shows such as *Oliver!* and *Blitz!* and later his wilderness years.

Spring 2022 newsletter dates

We accept copy by e-mail or paper. Contact the Editor, Andrew Lack, (info@enfieldsociety.org.uk) if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next newsletter is Wednesday 12th January 2022 and it will be published on Tuesday 8th February 2022.

Coade Stone

Dick Bolton

Eleanor Coade (1733–1821) came from Exeter to London in 1769, after the death of her father. With an uncle's help she set up a "manufactory" of artificial stone in Lambeth (where the Festival Hall is). At that time there were a number of others in the business. None had the success of Coade Stone. With meticulous work, good materials and excellent publicity, Eleanor, a trained sculptor, used well known designers and sculptors, such as Benjamin West PRA and John Bacon RA. She knew Josiah Wedgewood and supplied most of the leading architects including Adams, Nash, Repton and Soane. In 1799 an Exhibition Gallery was opened at the Surrey end of Westminster Bridge and illustrated catalogues produced.



Lion at the southern end of Westminster Bridge, close to where Coade Stone was made

Against carved stone, Coade Stone was cheaper and quicker to make and lighter to transport; it has a pleasant warm creamy colour, a hard nonporous surface and very elegant crisp detail that does not corrode.

Mrs Coade called it "Lithodipyra", "clay twice fired". She used "Ball Clay" from Devon, fine sand and "grog": crushed stoneware, finely ground flint and crushed glass.

When mixed, the material was very stiff and hard to put into the moulds. Once it had been removed from the mould, pieces were fixed together with "slip", tidied up by female hands, then, like Wedgewood, delicate detail was stuck on. Because of the rigidity of the clay, even after firing in a large kiln for 4 days, there was very little shrinkage.

Mrs Coade was producing work from 1769 to 1821. On her death the firm was bought by William Croggon who had been her manager. Fashions change and the Victorians preferred Brick and Terracotta! When the Festival Hall site was prepared remains of moulds and

material were discovered. In 1970 detailed examinations gave us the original recipe. Today several firms both restore original items and make new ones such as a fountain in Covent Garden.



Old Father Thames, Ham House

Each piece, was normally stamped "COADE LONDON + (year)". Mrs Coade closely followed the changes of architectural and costume style, so the bulk of her work was Neo Classical, (Greek and Roman), followed by Gothick.

Look for: Coats of Arms, columns and capitals, wall plaques, gateways, and statues for royal palaces, stately homes, civic, military, legal, industrial and charitable buildings. Georgian terraces may have door surrounds and "Key Stones". In churches and churchyards, look for memorials and tombs. It was exported worldwide.

Governors of Orphanages liked to advertise their charitable status by putting statues of children outside. Mrs Coade could easily change details of the uniform for their particular home. The girl, over the door of the Charity School Hall Edmonton (below left), is painted, as are many pieces. Originally they were not. If you were to remove the paint you would be able to see it as it was intended, bright and covered in fine detail, just like my favourite girl at St Botolphs in Bishopsgate! (Below right)



Charity School

John West

This historic building dating from 1784 is an important part of Edmonton's history. It is a Grade II Listed Building and is currently on the Historic England 'At Risk' register. The Society is working with the London Historic Buildings Trust, the Council and other partners to secure the future of the building. Trustees have been appointed for a new Charitable Trust which will allow the property to be properly registered. This will allow us to seek funding from the National Lottery and other sources. An exciting scheme has been developed to create a much-needed community centre, café and opportunities for work experience linked to students from West Lea School.



The Society's stall at the Charity School on 5th September with member Philip Ridley

The Society participated in opening the building for Open House weekend and we were concerned at the overgrown garden at the rear of the property (below) and the fact that saplings are now growing up against the building. The Society has established a working group to clear the vegetation and remove ivy and other growth from the trees and rear of the building. We may need to establish further work groups and if so, we will publicise these in the monthly news e-mails.



Enfield Chase Planting

Nik Cain, Thames21

It's a year since we first reported the plan to restore Enfield Chase (see newsletter 220, Winter 2020, page 10). Although sadly the COVID restrictions meant that many of the volunteer events didn't happen this Spring, the planned tree planting was, nonetheless, completed.



A number of volunteer events were run up to Christmas, and during this time we planted 12,000 trees over 13 hectares (32 acres, or 64 football pitches!). Over a hundred volunteers came to the events, and we only had one wet day.

That took us a third of the way through the season, although only a quarter of the trees were planted. However, we were still on schedule since a large part of the remaining site was deer fenced, and as we wouldn't need to use stakes or tree guards the planting rate of this area would be far faster. Unfortunately, COVID took a turn for the worse and we had to suspend volunteering. All of a sudden, the schedule was in jeopardy.



To assist with the planting events, we had a group of contractors, most of whom had joined us as their first working experience on a new career of conservation. They had been working a couple of days a week, and now with the loss of volunteers they ramped up to a full week, and we were able to put together a team of 14 to push on with the planting.

We were less fortunate with the weather, enduring a once in 10 years rainfall event, a week of sub-zero temperatures (the ground froze too hard to put a spade in!), and lots and lots of mud! As anticipated, the deer fenced areas were very fast to plant up, and we completed the entire 50,000 trees on the 9th of March.

Since then, the Friends of Enfield Chase have been looking after the trees. We have a regular volunteering day on Wednesdays, and have been fixing up broken stakes and guards, weeding, and doing a survey on how many trees survived the planting. I'm pleased to say that 86% survived, with most areas in the high 90's (the average being bought down by just a couple of poor areas). This is an excellent result, and everybody should be very proud of their achievement. In areas with stakes and guards you can see many of trees already poking out the top of the guards



(mostly fast-growing willow and hazel), and now that the grasses are dying back on the deer fenced areas it's easy to see the expanse of trees planted without guards.

The hard path through the site is almost finished (just a dressing layer of hoggins to go), so if you want to see the trees it's now easy to access (and mud free!), and it's also ideal for cycling. There are also some benches now in place along the route. This makes the London Loop section between Trent Park and Clay Hill much easier to walk.



Friends of Enfield Chase

A group has been established to help look after the trees that have been planted as well as get involved with the work needed to complete this ambitious project. Search for *friends of enfield chase* on Facebook to find the Group.

Everyone is very welcome, not just to the group but also to the volunteering days.

Get involved!

This Autumn/Winter we will be planting another 50,000 trees in areas adjoining last year's. Volunteering sessions start again on Saturday the 20th of November, with more sessions on 27th November, 4th December, 6th December and 11th December announced so far. Each of these dates are at Rectory Farm and run between 10am and 3pm.

Sessions are posted on the Thames21 web-site and on the *Friends of Enfield Chase* Facebook group. Please register if you wish to come along to one of our sessions. You can find the registration form and future volunteer dates at thames21.org.uk/events

Hadley Wood circular walk

Stuart Mills



A varied 3½ mile walk from Hadley Wood Station with attractive long distance views across Enfield Chase farmland. Half the walk is along country field paths. There are two shorter options using public transport but please note neither bus route will return you to Hadley Wood Station. As there is no station car park, park at least 200 yards away from the station and shops in either Crescent East or Crescent West (both off Beech Hill).

Hadley Wood did not develop as a community until the late 1800's. The Great Northern Railway Company extended their line south through Duchy of Lancaster land in Enfield Chase with King's Cross opening in 1852. From 1880 Charles Jack, the owner of Beech Hill Park estate, negotiated with the Duchy for permission "to build an elegant upper middle-class estate" with a station. The station opened in April 1885 with 12 stopping trains per day in each direction, but the first two houses only arrived a year later. The number increased to 40 by 1896 and by 1914 there were 100 fine Victorian/Edwardian houses. The majority of those in the conservation area still retain the period character long since lost in most other parts of Enfield.

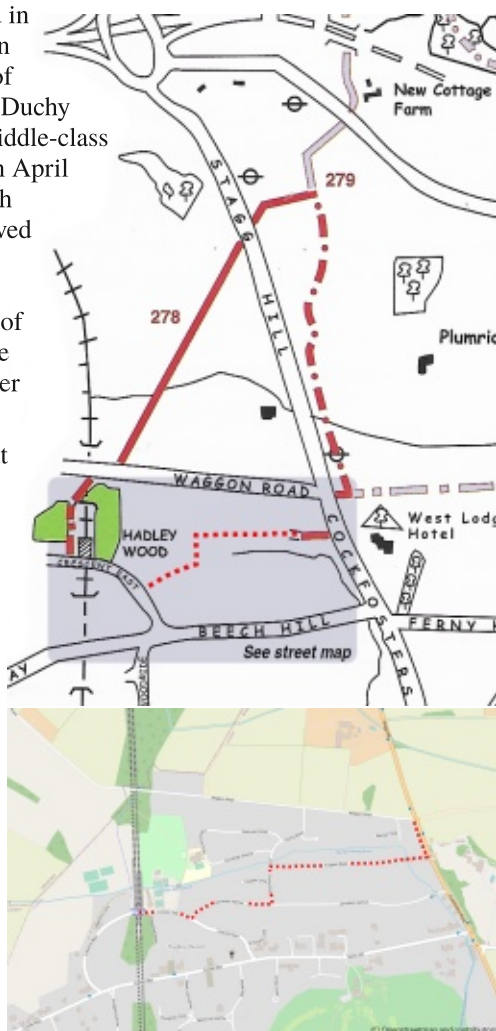
With your back to the station exit, turn right and immediately right again down a cycle path parallel to the railway. In 100 yards either continue ahead uphill next to the railway or turn left into unmade Bartrams Lane and then right into the public open space. Climb the grass field and near the top look back for an attractive view over Monken Mead Brook valley towards the high ground of Monken Hadley Green north of Barnet. In the top right-hand corner of the field join the cycle path within the woodland above the railway tunnels and turn left beside the Enfield/Hertsmere boundary to reach Waggon Road. The tunnels were the unsuccessful target of enemy aircraft in the 1939/1945 war and a large bomb crater can be seen in the trees.

Turn right at Waggon Road (to the left is a view over the railway line) and continue past housing for about 300 yards to reach public footpath 278 on your left next to a modern, highly glazed, house that replaced a Victorian farm estate cottage. Curiously, the spelling of Waggon Road is with only one "g" in the Hertsmere section of the road.

For the next 1¼ miles the paths used were proposed and part built by The Enfield Society. From the start of path 278 there are long distance views eastwards towards the Epping Forest ridge. Crossing the land of Slopers Pond Farm, and near some Enfield

Society tree planting, this path goes downhill and over Salmon's Brook, to then climb and reach Stagg Hill. Although the hedgeline you have followed from Waggon Road forms the current Enfield/Hertsmere boundary, maps of 1658 and 1776 show it represented the boundary between South Mimms Common and Enfield Chase.

Take great care while crossing Stagg Hill and enter path 279. From the seats there are lovely views over Salmon's Brook Valley and Enfield Chase farmland (picture, top).



This is an appropriate location to reflect upon Enfield Council's recent Draft Local Plan which included 28 Green Belt sites including some Enfield Chase land. Much of this threatened land forms an integral part of Enfield Chase farmland, acquired at public expense in the 1930's by far-sighted Middlesex County Council, with the express purpose of protecting it from being developed due to its strategic importance as heritage land. This statement was reinforced in 1989 when the Countryside Commission's report stated "The finest landscapes in the Greater London area are generally acknowledged to be those areas such as the North Downs and Enfield Chase, which have strong visual characteristics."

Continue downhill and, where path 279 turns sharply left to reach the 313 bus stop on The Ridgeway, turn right along the permissive path with the hedge on your left. As the field narrows near Stagg Hill, look for a gap in the left-hand hedge and cross a plank bridge over the ditch. Turn right with the hedge now on your right, cross a farm road, go through a kissing gate and along the right-hand field edge for a short distance and turn right over a large footbridge. Continue ahead in next field parallel to Stagg Hill for 325 yards to reach a small gap in the hedge ahead. Go through and then turn right to exit near the Stagg Hill/Waggon Road/Cockfosters

Road mini-roundabout with nearby 298 bus stop. (about 2¾ miles from start).

Cross Cockfosters Road carefully at the traffic island and turn left for 150 yards to then enter a narrow public footpath between houses. Initially crossing Monken Mead Brook as it flows south to join the Pymmes Brook, this path leads to Kingwell Road. At the end turn left into Duchy Road to reach Lancaster Avenue. Turn right past impressive Victorian and Edwardian houses to reach Crescent East where the station is 200 yards on your right.

Society guided walks

Stuart Mills

Our walks are open to all Society members. Travel details are correct at copy date but you will need to check with train operators closer to the date as changes often take place at short notice. Please always wear suitable footwear.

Thanks to John West, we are also keeping available the e-mail based pre-booked system for "informal" walks that will not appear in the newsletter. This is a facility for anyone who would like to lead a walk with only pre-limited numbers attending and, perhaps, arranged at much shorter notice. If you wish to lead such a walk, or be added to this e-mail walks list, please contact j.west@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Sunday 21st November. Enfield Chase Green Belt. Meet **10.01** Hadley Wood Station (09.42 Great Northern Welwyn train from Finsbury Park).

10 mile circular walk across part of the nationally important Enfield Chase countryside, now threatened by Enfield Council, with fine views, woodland, open farmland and a sense of remoteness rare near London. Shorter options after 1¾ miles and 5 miles when the morning route crosses The Ridgeway and the 313 bus route. Lunch break and also option to finish at Trent Park café after 7½ miles.

The afternoon walk goes via Jack's Lake and part of Monken Hadley Common. Joint walk with Hampstead Ramblers. Contact: 07590 604 391. Leader: Hadi Samsami

Thursday 2nd December. Statues and Monuments. Meet by main exit into Green Park from Green Park Station (Piccadilly/Victoria Lines) for start at **10.30**.

About 5 to 5½ mile walk via outstanding statues, monuments and memorials located in the streets, open spaces and parks of the West End with, possibly, some Christmas lights, ending at a station. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Peter Mackey

Saturday 11th December. The Westbourne River. Meet **10.30** at Whitestone Pond on the edge of Hampstead Heath by Jack Straw's Castle. Access by 210 bus which takes about 33 mins from Wells Terrace bus station, next to Finsbury Park Station. The bus frequency is every 10 mins.

Note: There are no toilets near the start. Allow extra bus travel time to stop en-route at South Grove, Highgate Village High Street, where toilets in nearby Pond Square are 2mins walk from the bus stop.

8 mile linear walk from the source of this London river ending at Paddington Basin. Although the river is almost entirely hidden, there are many interesting features and a musical theme that connects places along the route. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West

Sunday 19 December. City of London. Meet **10.30** Blackfriars Station (District/Circle Lines and there may be a direct Great Northern mainline train running from Finsbury Park).

A 6 mile circular walk via historic buildings and architecture, medieval back-lanes and alleyways, Roman remains, livery companies, Sir Christopher Wren buildings and a section of the River Thames. The walk will frequently stop to view the numerous points of interest en-route. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Joint walk with Hampstead Ramblers. Contact: 07590 604 391. Leader: Hadi Samsami

Thursday 6th January. Enfield's Countryside. Meet **10.20** Gordon Hill Station (10.15 train from Enfield Chase or W8 bus).

A varied and attractive 4 mile linear walk through part of Enfield's Green Belt that is now under threat from Enfield Council's plan to build thousands of homes over it. Shorter option. Ends at Crews Hill Station. Leader: Mick Spinks

Wednesday 12th January. Alexandra Palace and Northern Heights Woods. Meet **10.20** Alexandra Palace Station ticket office (10.03 train from Enfield Chase).

A very green 4½ mile circular walk, that is almost entirely off-road, via the Palace grounds, parkland, Highgate Wood and Queen's Wood. After wet weather the woods may be muddy. On a clear day there are long distance views over London. Shorter options. Leader: Stuart Mills

Saturday 22 January. Exploring Belgravia. Meet **10.05** under the clock in Victoria mainline station.

A 7 mile linear guided walk through the attractive squares of Belgravia, noting the architecture of the Grosvenor Estate and its many famous residents, past and present. The lunch stop will be in Hyde Park and the route will probably end at Notting Hill Gate Station. There are many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact: 07904 193 098. Leader: John West.

Tuesday 1st February. Regent's Canal. Meet **10.30** at the front entrance to King's Cross mainline station and facing the Euston Road.



Feng Shang Princess floating restaurant on Regent's Canal

A 5 mile linear walk based upon and following the Regent's Canal from the recently refurbished area around the Granary Buildings, Coal Yard and gas works before reaching Camden Market. Soon afterwards there is the sight of a Friesian cow on a balcony! Lunch stop will be in the Regent's Park/Primrose Hill area. In the afternoon along the canal to Little Venice, ending at Paddington Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Ian Reynolds

Wednesday 16th February. Hertfordshire Rivers. Meet **10.36** Hertford North Station (10.15 train from Enfield Chase).

About 7 mile circular walk with varied river scenes via the attractive town centre of Ware (lunch stop and option to end). Bring lunch or food available. Leader: Stuart Mills.

Saturday 26th February. Watling Chase Timberland Trail. Meet **10.12** Elstree & Borehamwood Station (09.48 Thameslink St Albans train from St Pancras International mainline station platform B). Otherwise, 307 bus to Barnet and change onto 107 bus but this option has a total journey time of at least 1 hour 20 mins from Enfield Town.

About 7 mile linear walk on field paths and tracks via farmland and woods with long distance views. Lunch stop after 4 miles at Shenley Park café (with option to finish by bus to London Colney). Bring lunch or food available. Afternoon section also ends at London Colney retail park for return by 84 bus to Potters Bar Station.

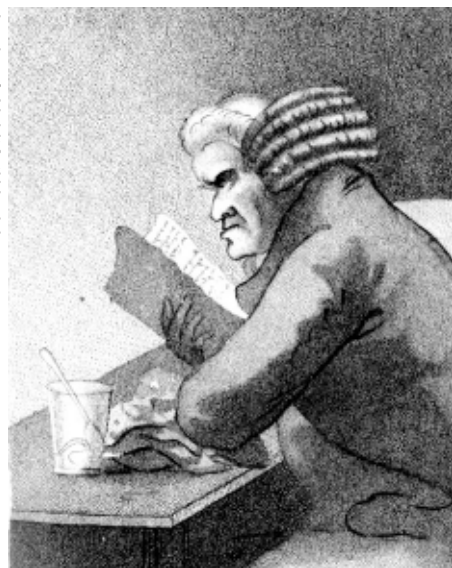
Note: some sections of the morning walk can be very muddy after prolonged rain. Contact: 07900 286 254. Leader: Mike Cranstone

Zion Chapel and Chase Side Chapel, Enfield

Stephen Gilbert

In 1778 Mathias Peter Dupont, a retired innkeeper from the City of London, moved to Enfield where he opened his home in Chase Side for worship. Zion Chapel was opened on 7th January 1780 with seating for 210 people opposite Mathias Dupont's house. The cost of £362, plus £30 for the freehold of the land, was met from various donations and collections. Among the expenses of the opening services were a Bible, Isaac Watts' book of Psalms and Hymns and £3 for a coach and £4 12s 0d for lodgings for the preachers at the George Inn in Enfield Town. The most frequent entries in the early account books were expenses of rum, brandy and wine 'for vestry use' — perhaps the preachers needed alcohol to sustain them through the long sermons which could last an hour and a half!

Those who wanted to become members were requested to relate to the church the dealings of God with their souls, which proving satisfactory, they were admitted. Faults and lapses of members were discussed and dealt with at Church Meetings.



Dr John Ryland

Many people then walked long distances to church, although the more wealthy would come by carriage and a horse-drawn chaise was provided for the minister. The first minister at Zion Chapel, W. Whitefoot, was ordained in 1781. His successor Dr. John Ryland, a noted preacher, was appointed in 1788. He also ran a nonconformist school on a site where Enfield Town station is now. Dr. Ryland had difficulty walking and one Sunday when his coach failed to appear and his servant was unable to catch the pony that was in a field, he had to be pushed in a wheelbarrow to the chapel.

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Dr John Ryland's school which became the first Enfield Town station building

Anglican opposition to John Ryland's Calvinist belief in predestination, whereby only the chosen would be saved, is reflected in John Sherwen's poem which included the following lines:

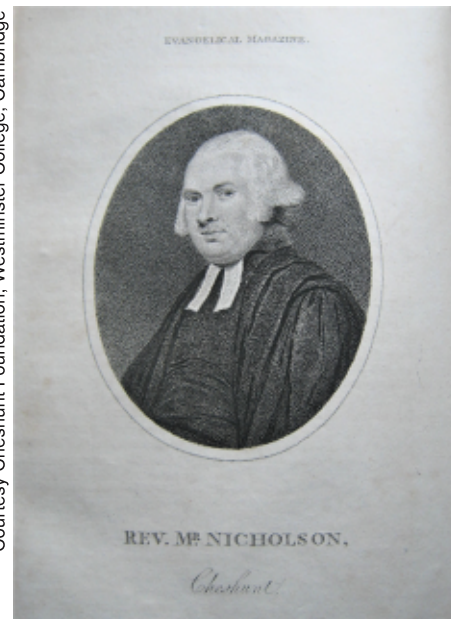
"These all demure, all orderly,
devout,
The chosen few keep all the wicked
out."

In 1791 a proposal to appoint James Chalmers as minister of Zion Chapel caused a split in the congregation as the majority believed that he was a bigamist. The minority supported him and built Chase Side Chapel next to Zion Chapel. However Mr Chalmers' bigamy was established beyond doubt when his first and legal wife appeared "Having indisputable evidence of the immorality of his character, the Church was under the necessity of expelling him, which it did March 31 1793."

Both churches subsequently expressed the desire to re-unite, but could not agree which building to use, so the two congregations remained separate for another 80 years. However the two chapels did share the Protestant Dissenters Burying Ground in front of Zion Chapel, until it was closed in 1854.

After Mr. Chalmers' departure from Chase Side Chapel, William Thomas served as minister from 1794 (when there were 20 full members, 8 men and 12 women) until 1827. Rules for membership and belief were tightened up to require a "Report of the officers and the testimony of their experience." The rules of membership were relaxed somewhat in 1809 when it was agreed that "henceforward members be admitted into this church on the testimony of the pastor and some other member deputed to converse with them and not by a written experience." Visitors were only permitted to take Holy Communion if they could produce evidence that they were members of another church or were true believers.

At Zion Chapel there was a proposal, never finalised, to settle the chapel on the Countess of Huntingdon's Connection. It was instead vested in trustees—Mathias Peter Dupont, Revd. Isaac Nicholson and Cheshunt College where ministers were trained. Revd. Nicholson was the minister of Zion Chapel from 1791 to 1803 and president and tutor at Cheshunt College from 1792 to 1803.



Revd. Issac Nicholson

Isaac Nicholson had previously been an Anglican clergyman until "Through the efforts of some pious Baptist ladies he was brought to the knowledge of the truth. Though a clergyman, he had been ... excessively attached to dancing and card playing and in breaking off from those, he suffered a great conflict." [H. Storer Toms 1873.]

Isaac Nicholson was followed by the return of W. Whitefoot who expanded the congregation between 1805 and 1813, as did his successor William MacDonald between 1816 and 1824. Unfortunately Thomas Thorn, minister from 1825 to 1826, had an imperious and overbearing manner and drove the congregation away, until attendance had fallen to three. The others worshipped in a room which they hired in Parsonage Lane. The trustees of Cheshunt College intervened and Thomas Thorn retired to be succeeded in 1826 by John James, principal Classical tutor of Cheshunt College. He remained as minister until his death in 1830.

Gaps in the ministry at Zion Chapel were filled by visiting preachers, including students from Cheshunt College. It was one of these, John Stribling, who very

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Christ Church



Revd John Stribling

successfully served as minister at Zion Chapel from 1832 to 1871 when Zion and Chase Side Chapels agreed to unite.

A vivid picture of life in Zion Chapel during Revd. John Stribling's period of ministry is given in a 1917 history of the church, written by his son J.S. Stribling, a deacon and Church Secretary at Christ Church. "In the writer's early life our old Zion was a somewhat primitive affair: a plain square building with a small schoolroom in the rear; the high-backed pews, narrow gallery all round and

consequently usually full. The Church (of England) prayers were formerly read at Zion, but Mr. Stribling discontinued the custom. We always stood during prayer, but sat down to sing, ... led by Mr. Betts' bass-viol and other instruments.

It was a great event when we installed an organ. This was played for many years by the Minister's wife, who formed a choir and vastly improved the musical services. The Sunday School was very crudely carried on, the "Super" ruled by the cane, spelling books were used more than the Bible, as so few of us had learned to read."

There were considerable renovations and improvements made to Zion Chapel in 1864 when the roof was raised by two feet. Corinthian columns were added and new pews and a new organ furnished the redecorated interior.

Chase Side Chapel had been too rapidly built in 1791 and by 1830 structural problems had been discovered, so it had to be re-built. During the rebuilding period the congregation met in the afternoon at Zion Chapel and in the evening at the Baker Street Meeting House. The new chapel costing £1,200 could seat 220 people.

Between 1828 and 1871 there were six ministers at Chase Side Chapel. Revd. S.A. Davis served for twenty years until 1848. He was followed by George Wilkinson, an ex-missionary, from 1849 to 1854. Dr. Tidman, minister, from 1855 to 1857 was succeeded by W. Martin who resigned in 1859 complaining of "continual discouragement with various aspects of his work". W Slater, minister from 1860 to 1864, wrote of "the low degree of

spiritual life in the Church." and the want of brotherly union which had brought him discouragement. However Revd. Henry Storer Toms, the last minister of Chase Side Chapel from 1865 to 1871, who also served as the first minister of the united Christ Church Congregational Church from 1871 to 1905, would have a very positive impact on the life of both the church and the local community.

There will be an article on Christ Church in the next Enfield Society News.

Christ Church



Chase Side and Zion Chapels in the mid 19th century

minister's pew curtained off gave it a sombre appearance. The light was from a candle chandelier which the attendant would pull down during the evening service and snuff all the candles. ... On the formation of the Gas Company we were the first church to adopt the new light and thought we had reached the height of civilisation. The Parish Church next followed; they had only a few years previously commenced an evening service, before which ours was the only place open on Sunday evening, and

Talks and events

Talks

Edmonton Hundred Historical Society

Meetings take place at Jubilee Hall. Non-members welcome for £1 each.

Wednesday 17th November, 2.30pm, *The History of the Regent's Canal* by Roger Squires.

Wednesday 15th December 2.30pm, *Christmas in WW2* by Mike Brown.

Monday 17th January 8pm, *William Morris* by Mark Lewis. EHHS joint meeting with the Enfield Society, see page 5.

Wednesday 16th Feb 2.30pm, *The Story of Revd Henry Hunnings* by Alan Swain.

Historical Association (North London Branch)

Meetings normally take place at Jubilee Hall. Note the January and February meetings are on Zoom. Contact the branch Secretary for the Zoom details: robin.blades@outlook.com. Non members welcome at Jubilee Hall for £2 each. Non-members welcome to join the Zoom talks (free of charge).

Tuesday 7th December 2021, 8pm, *Uncivil Peace: Politics, Repression and Memory in Spain since 1939* by Dr David Brydan (King's College, London)

Tuesday 11th January 2022, 8pm, *Joan of Navarre: Infanta, Duchess, Queen, Witch?* by Dr Ellie Woodacre (University of Winchester). *This meeting is being held on Zoom.*

Tuesday 8th February 2022, 8pm, *The Eastern Front 1914-18* by Dr Nick Lloyd (King's College, London) *This meeting is being held on Zoom.*

Other events

Forty Hall Christmas Fayre

2nd-5th December. Visitors will be able to pick up a unique selection of gifts for loved ones ahead of Christmas. This year the range of stands offer high quality and good value products, ranging from gift ideas, stocking fillers and unique handmade crafts including some from local makers.

Booking required: see fortyhallestate.co.uk

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The Old Bakery: secondary phase

Andrew Lack

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Our item about this interesting building in the last issue (back page) prompted the present owner to write to us with more information about the building's history.

Examination of the structure of the oldest section (the farmhouse, on the left when viewed from the street) revealed a date between 1595 and 1620. The original farmhouse was a baffle entry cottage with a central fireplace. It is possible that the chimney was added not long after the cottage was built to what was originally an open fireplace with a hole in the roof. Smoke staining to the roof timbers, visible today, makes this a possibility.

The right hand section (as seen from Hoppers Road) was originally a separate building divided from the farmhouse by a narrow passageway. It appears to have been purpose built as a commercial bakery and the large brick oven (which still exists but in an altered state sadly) is dated 1822.

The two buildings, (farmhouse and commercial bakery) were later linked together with some alteration to the pitch of the farmhouse roof being necessary. The present owners would love to identify when this happened. The Chalkley family bakers ran the business in the bakehouse section while living in the cottage section.

The present owners do not know who purchased the Old Bakery from the Chalkleys, but by 1978 it was in the ownership of Mr Thompson who had a garden landscape business in Crews Hill. Mr Thompson had been living in the farmhouse cottage section while the bakery section was leased to a series of commercial businesses, including an antiques dealer and for a short while an electrical wholesale business.

Mr Thompson was delighted and surprised when the leaseholder of the commercial section handed the lease back. He was then able to get access to the commercial section and combine the two into one family residence. During the years up to 1978, Mr Thompson did a huge amount of work to the commercial section both to conserve it and re-model it as a living area.

In 1978 it passed to Mrs Anstee and her late husband and it has remained a family home since. Between 2011 and up until the pandemic, Mrs Anstee offered B&B accommodation to visitors, many from overseas.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs Nina Anstee for the information regarding this historic building in Winchmore Hill.

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