



The newsletter of The Enfield Society

“Patience is a virtue great”



2007: the muddy gap



2009: the new footbridge

We are pleased to show a picture of the sturdy new footbridge across the Merryhills Brook in the footpath along the eastern boundary of Trent Park. Walkers now no longer have to pick their way through the muddy horse trail alongside. The original picture from our Winter 2007 *TES News* is a reminder.

Chris Jephcott

Enfield looks to the future

The penultimate stage in the production of the Enfield Plan which will guide the development of the Borough over the next 15-20 years was the publishing of the proposed submission stage for the Core Strategy in December. It can be viewed or downloaded from the Council's website at <www.enfield.gov.uk/ldf>.

The consultation period finished at the end of January. The Enfield Society has submitted comments during the long gestation process. Of particular interest to us are Section 8, with Core Policies for Environmental Protection and Infrastructure and, in Section 9, Core Policies 42 and 43 relating to Enfield Town. Incorporating the work done on the Borough Characterisation Study, the Council's Heritage Strategy strikes a generally positive and welcome note.

Chris Jephcott

Continuing concern over our museum

In our Autumn *TES News* we expressed our concern that the Museum and Museum Service might not be rehoused on the 1st Floor of Thomas Hardy House, which we considered to be the ideal location, alongside the Local History Unit. Our concern was shared by the Enfield Archaeological Society and we both informed the Council of our strongly held views, and we had hoped to be consulted on this before a final decision was made. However the Council has now decided that there will be a museum presence on the ground floor only at Thomas Hardy House. We will reserve judgement on this until it is officially opened and we can see exactly what there is there.

Colin Pointer

Conservation

As its contribution to Enfield Council's Benchmarking Project to be carried out by the local area study groups, the Enfield Society has completed a survey of the Turkey Street Conservation Area, which has no local group of its own. The overall aim is to produce an up to date photographic record of all the properties in our conservation areas as of 2009, quite an exhaustive exercise and now almost complete. This should be invaluable in assessing future development proposals.

The Council's Conservation Advisory Group (CAG) is worried that the latest, non-material changes to the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club development off Whitewebbs Lane are more extensive than seemed at first and deserve careful scrutiny. These include incorporating a strip of land originally behind the properties along Bulls Cross within the site boundary.

In the same general area the CAG, following a presentation by Capel Manor about their masterplan for the College site, was not altogether clear about what is intended and when. We hope a site visit arranged for later this month will clarify matters.

The upgrading of the Central Library in Cecil Road is nearing its conclusion. We understand that the carving on the stone frontage is to be carried out in situ by the long established firm of Rattee and Kett of Cambridge. Unwelcome though not unexpected is the application to fell and replace the large oak tree on the west side of the Library. This has been in decline for many years and it would be unrealistic not to agree with the proposal.

Chris Jephcott

Annual General Meeting for 2010

This year the Society's AGM will be held on Thursday 3rd June, but with a change of venue. The Management Committee was disappointed at the number of members attending the last two AGMs so this year we will use our own premises at Jubilee Hall and as an added attraction Graham Dalling will give an illustrated talk. We hope that the more intimate atmosphere of our own hall will attract more members to come along to sit through the formal AGM and then be rewarded with another of Graham's fascinating talks. Further details and the Notice of Meeting will be included in the next newsletter. Members of the Society are reminded that they may propose candidates for election to the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting. Any proposal must be supported by at least ten members and must be lodged with the Society by 1 May 2010. Any member wishing to propose someone should contact the Honorary Secretary, who will explain the procedures more fully.

Edmonton Group

The Enfield Society has funded the planting of six heavy standard field maple trees to provide some shade in the children's play area at Montagu Recreation Ground. We are considering funding more trees if Craig Park is upgraded as part of the improvements to the Youth Centre there which has recently received a grant of £3 million from the Government. The Society also supported the successful application by the Edmonton-based *Art Start* to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to create mosaics around the Borough on the sites of former cinemas, theatres and music halls. We made a contribution towards the cost of replacing the missing plaque on Gladys Aylward's house in Edmonton.

The Group was represented at the re-naming of a road near Jubilee Park in memory of Councillor Chris Andrew, who was a member of the Edmonton Group from the group's inception until his untimely death at the end of 2008 at the age of 31.

All are welcome at the Joint Meeting with the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society on Friday 26 February at the Charity School Hall, Church Street, Edmonton. Doors open 7.30 for an 8 pm start. The talk will be about the poet, John Keats, who went to school in Enfield and spent part of his short life in Edmonton.

Monica Smith

Publicity Group



Oakleaves : the Local History Bulletin of Southgate District Civic Trust. Number 4, 2009.

This well produced and illustrated issue concentrates on the arts scene with interesting articles on the Intimate Theatre and two of its stars, Margaret Gibson and Flora Robson; Gateway Films; John Davies, the architect of St. Paul's Church, Winchmore Hill; and the artist, Edna Clarke Hall. Other articles are *Snippets of garden history*, courtesy of Henrietta Cresswell and *A woman of the Walkers* by Ruby Galili. (We are looking forward to her volume two of *Arnos Grove and the Walker Family*.)

Copies of *Oakleaves* no.4 may be obtained from Southgate District Civic Trust, 64 Houndsden Road, Winchmore Hill, London N21 1LY, costing £7.20 including postage.

Monica Smith

London Forum

The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies has just celebrated its 21st birthday. Enfield Preservation Society was a founder member and there is now a membership of about 130. Its main aim is to help civic societies, residents' associations and other community groups to work together to protect and improve the quality of life in London. Its current concerns include the replacement of PPGs (*Planning Policy Guidance Notes*) with much less firm and specific *Planning Policy Statements* and the failure to protect World Heritage sites such as Westminster and Greenwich. Many societies suffer the same difficulties as we do and I certainly had "a fellow feeling" for the Tottenham Society which gave a presentation on its current problems with Spurs.

Every two years the London Forum invites member organisations to enter the Walter Bor Media Awards competition. There are four categories:

1. Newsletters – *TES News* received a Highly Commended this time so congratulations to our Editor, Leonard Will, and all contributors.

2. Printed publications – we had nothing new to enter this but have twice won this category, with *Fighting for the Future* and *Treasures of Enfield*, while *Heritage Walks* was highly commended on the previous occasion.

3. Websites

4. Media impact – the articles in the Enfield Advertiser and other local publications won first prize this year so well done, Bob Fowler.

Monica Smith

Trees Group

Progress with planting out the Tree Nursery has been halted by the cold spell after a successful session in November saw a number of saplings planted. Weed control membrane is so far proving effective. Advice from Enfield Council Parks Outreach Officer is that we should be aiming to produce hedgerow species such as wild service tree and hawthorn, also hornbeam and black poplar.

At our December meeting we decided to compile a list of prominent trees growing on private land with a view to checking whether they are covered by Tree Preservation Orders. As I reported last time, there is no data base of TPOs currently available to public inspection. We would be glad to add any suggestions to our list. Trees on public land are not deemed to require protection.

Chris Jephcott, Trees Group Convener

The Society's Christmas Tree



We were delighted to be invited to sponsor a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church of St. James, Enfield Highway, which ran from the 7th to the 12th of December. Christine Finch very kindly offered to decorate our tree and cleverly worked in some of our main achievements over the past 63 years, as the photograph shows; this, together with a table alongside, displaying a selection of our publications, provided an outstanding advertisement for the Society. Our tree was one of 36 in the Festival and attracted a lot of attention in this magnificent Grade II listed church.

Colin Pointer

Jubilee Hall meetings

Tuesday mornings 10.00 for 10.30 am

23rd February

Bees and honey by Pete Burling, with slides.

30th March

The fatal fascination of fungi by Gil Bomber, with slides.

27th April

Discovering historic buildings in Edmonton, Winchmore Hill and Southgate by Stephen Gilburt, with slides.

25th May

Around Dorset by Frank Bayford, with slides.

Thursday evenings 7.30 for 8.00 pm

18th February

39 years at the BBC by Clare McCarthey, with slides.

18th March

Lawrence of Arabia by Maggie Radcliffe, with slides.

15th April

To commemorate the centenary of the extension of the railway from Grange Park to Cuffley by Dave Cockle and Roger Elkin, with slides. (Joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society.)

20th May

Forensic science – Metropolitan Police by Chris Truan, with slides.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Mr. & Mrs. K. Bettelheim,
Ms P. Brand, Mrs. D. Buchanan,
Miss L. Burke, Mr. & Mrs. G. Burns,
Mr. T. Clare-Paule, Ms D. Dewar,
Dr. & Mrs. N. Graham, Mr. H. Jones-Owen, Mrs. C. Lewington,
Mr. R. McNamara, Miss A Miatt,
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Mr. V. Stoke, Mr. J. Syron,
Mr. F. Tackney, Mrs. V. Ward,
Mr. & Mrs. J. Wetherall,
Mr. T. Wordsworth, Mrs. P. Yorke.

Olive Sharman

The President's column



We are delighted to welcome back to the Management Committee Janet McQueen who will be taking a very active part in the Society's affairs.

After its long period of gestation the new Enfield Plan, looking forward over the next ten to fifteen years, is now only one stage from adoption. The 1994 Unitary Development Plan "Enfield into the 21st Century" has served its purpose, but is less and less effective as a planning tool as its policies become outdated. Planning Inspectors are finding the Plan no longer relevant when determining planning appeals. The effort that has gone into formulating the new Plan seems to have been to good effect. Let us hope that future experience bears this out.

At its last meeting the Society's Management Committee was also looking to the future. Our website at <www.enfieldsociety.org.uk> has been operational for a number of years thanks to the efforts of Leonard Will. It is particularly useful as a repository of information about our publications and recent newsletters. The Committee felt that more about the regular activities of the groups should certainly be included. The question arises as to whether a more interactive, day to

day approach is now needed, in line with current trends.

We do have an on-line discussion list, on Yahoo! Groups at <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EnfieldSociety/>>, which people can join from our website, and which allows the option of having messages delivered by email or of reading them on the web. Only a small number of members have joined so far, and we wonder why. Would members welcome more opportunities to communicate in this way with each other and with the Management Committee? If so, are the existing facilities adequate? Should we use email to provide news and information to members between issues of our newsletter? What else would you like to see on the website?

After a full discussion we decided that we needed to know a good deal more about members' views on these issues and we welcome suggestions, either as letters to TES News or, of course, on the discussion list itself.

Chris Jephcott

Diary dates

Until 1st August 2010

Japantastic : Japanese-inspired patterns for British homes, 1880-1930

Exhibition at the Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture, Middlesex University, Cat Hill, East Barnet – open Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays 2-5 pm. Admission free.
<www.moda.mdx.ac.uk/>

Sunday 21st February

Albany Park to Trent Park (London LOOP section 17) (Enfield Council guided walk)*

Thursday 25th February, 8.00 pm

Historic Buildings Group. Graham Dalling on the dos and don'ts of architectural photography. Jubilee Hall. All TES members welcome.

Friday 26th February , 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Joint meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society on John Keats. The poet's association with Edmonton is commemorated by a plaque and a bench in Church Street, and the meeting will be held in the nearby Charity School Hall, Church Street, Edmonton.

Sunday 7th March, 10 am to about 5 pm

Cycle ride: Meet outside Enfield Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield to join Edmonton Cycling Club for a leisurely countryside ride, stopping for a pub or café lunch. Beginners are welcome but the route will be on and off-road, with some hills.

For more details, visit:

<www.edmontoncyclingclub.fsnet.co.uk>

Sunday 28th March

Albany Park to Chingford (London LOOP section 18) (Enfield Council guided walk)*

Saturday 17th April, 11 am to 2 pm

Historic Buildings Group. Guided tours of two Enfield churches. See page 4.

Thursday 3rd June, 8pm

The Enfield Society Annual General Meeting, Jubilee Hall. See page 1.

Saturday 5th June

Coach trip to Salisbury. See page 8.

* These Enfield Council guided walks are organised by The Parks Outreach Team. Phone (020) 8441 8272 or email alan.mitellas@enfield.gov.uk for more information. Details are in their leaflet and will be available on the Council's Web site.

Memories of Slades Hill

We have received an interesting article *Memories of the Slades Hill area in 1938 and the war years* from former Enfield resident Herbert John Brown, who says that he is most likely to be remembered as "Jack Brown". Among other things he discusses rafting on Boxer's Lake, sewage disputes between Enfield and Edmonton, penny fares on the buses, grass snakes in Merryhills Brook, and anti-aircraft guns on Hog Hill. The full article, with illustrations, can be read on our website at

<www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/sladeshill.htm>.

Leonard Will

Historic buildings

Arnos Grove, Cannon Hill, Southgate



1. Arnos Grove (left), previously Arno's Grove, was built between 1719 and 1723 for James Colebrooke, a London banker and mercer, possibly to a design by William Talman. The present portico is 20th century.



2. In 1723 scenes of *The Genius and Triumph of Julius Caesar* were painted on the entrance hall walls by the Flemish artist, Gerard Lanscroon. He was also responsible for the murals at nearby Broomfield House, which was badly damaged by fire in 1984.



3. Julius Caesar is sitting on a cloud holding a lyre and surrounded by the nine muses.



4. *The Apotheosis of Julius Caesar with Jupiter and Juno* is illustrated on the ceiling.

Historic Buildings Group

Meetings and visits

Following Graham Dalling's interesting talk on 3rd December, we will be able to see some of the historic buildings in Islington on a walk he will lead in June. Details will be set out in the summer TES newsletter.

The next meeting of the Historic Buildings Group will be held in Jubilee Hall at 8 p.m. on **Thursday 25th February**. All members of the Society are invited to hear Graham advise on the dos and don'ts of architectural photography. We will also consider how members can help to protect Enfield's architectural heritage from unsympathetic alteration and demolition.

Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on **Saturday 17th April** there will be several guided tours around two of Enfield's finest Victorian gothic revival churches. St. Mary Magdalene Church of 1883 by William Butterfield (listed Grade B, equivalent to II*) lies at the junction of the Ridgeway with Windmill Hill. The chancel has attractive coloured marbles and tiles, and roof and wall paintings. Tours will provide opportunities for the agile to ascend the tower. The adjoining Grade II listed former vicarage of 1883 is also by Butterfield.

The Grade II listed Christ Church United Reformed Church of 1874-5 (extended in 1885) by John Tarring is in Chase Side. It contains Victorian stained glass and a stone carved reredos of the Last Supper. There will be refreshments at Christ Church and historical displays and publications available at both churches.

Stephen Gilbert

Historic buildings



5. In the 1780s Sir Robert Taylor was employed to extend the house with new wings and porticoes.



6. The drawing room was decorated by Sir Robert Taylor in the style of Robert Adam.



7. Arnos Grove in 1784. It was owned by members of the Walker family of Quaker brewers from 1777 to 1918. Isaac Walker made the nearby Walker Cricket Ground one of the principal cricket grounds in the country in the mid 19th century.



8. The entrance hall during the ownership, between 1918 and 1928, of Lord Inverforth, a wealthy shipowner.



9. Lord Inverforth's drawing room.



10. Lamps on the entrance driveway came from the 1924 British Empire Exhibition at Wembley.

In 1928, as Northmet House, Arnos Grove became the headquarters of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company and later, as Southgate House, offices for the Legal and General Insurance Company. It is now the Southgate Beaumont, a residential care centre run by Barchester Health Care. Extensions and alternations have been made by the various twentieth century owners.

The principal historic rooms of this Grade II* listed building are occasionally open by prior arrangement and may be seen on the Southgate Heritage Walk organised from time to time by The Enfield Society. Arnos Grove will be illustrated in *Discovering historic buildings in Edmonton, Winchmore Hill and Southgate*, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday 27th April in Jubilee Hall.

Illustrations numbers 5, 7, 8 and 9 were provided by Enfield Libraries.

Stephen Gilbert

Future walks

Train details are correct at press date but we cannot accept responsibility for last minute changes.

Enquiries: for operating train companies' enquiries and times ring 08457 48 49 50; for TFL London area Tube, DLR, London Overground and bus details, ring (020) 7222 1234.

Reduced price train travel: Groupsave Off-Peak Day Return (previously Cheap Day Return) tickets allow 3 or 4 adults to travel together for the price of 2 adults on First Capital Connect, London Midland, Southeastern, Southern, Chiltern or National Express East Anglia. Even for travel to the start of linear walks Groupsave tickets are usually cheaper than buying a standard price single but you must travel as a group.

Please bring your Freedom Pass / National Bus Pass with you as we might use a bus for access.

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes – trainers are not usually suitable, even for London parks.

Sat 13 Feb. Regent's Canal and Little Venice. Meet **10.00am** at entrance to platform 9, Kings Cross mainline station (9.29am train from Enfield Chase Station) for a linear walk beside the Regent's Canal, and including Camden Lock, Primrose Hill, Regents Park, ending at Little Venice by about 3.30pm. Many shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon and Margaret McAlpine*

Mon 22 Feb. River and Common. Meet **11.00am** Hammersmith Tube Station (Piccadilly and District Lines) by the entrance to Tesco Metro. Maximum 6 to 7 mile walk via River Thames path, nature reserve and Barnes Common although with shorter options. Finish by 4.00pm at a station. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 27 Feb. Queen Hoo Hall and Manor. Meet **10.20am** Watton-at-Stone Station (9.49am train from Enfield Chase Station or 10.07am train from Hertford North Station) for about 7.5 mile linear walk to Hertford North via Bramfield Woods, Bramfield Village and Tewin. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Wed 10 March. Kenwood House. Meet **10.45am** at front door to Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, NW3, (210 bus from Finsbury Park Station) for about 2.5 to 2.75 hour circular walk across the Kenwood Estate and parts of Hampstead Heath. After walk: refreshment facilities available and/or be a tourist and view the splendid paintings and interior of the House itself. *Leader: Ken Cooper*

Sat 13 March. Enfield's Countryside. Meet **2.15pm** at main entrance to Chase Farm Hospital on The Ridgeway for 3 to 3.5 hour walk using some of the rural field footpaths across the Enfield Chase farmland. The return to start may be by bus depending upon which paths are used. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Mon 22 March. Village London. Meet **10.49am** Headstone Lane Station (10.17am London Overground train from Euston mainline station or travel with Stuart on the 9.34am train from Enfield Chase Station). About 6.5 mile

linear walk via Pinner and Eastcote Villages in this semi-rural part of north-west London exploring green spaces, woods and historic conservation areas with ancient buildings. The route ends at the astonishing Manor Farm heritage site in Ruislip with tithe barn, remains of motte and bailey castle and 16th century manor farmhouse. Return from nearby Ruislip Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Sat 27 March. North of Hertford. Meet **10.38am** Hertford North Station (10.19am train from Enfield Chase Station) for about 8 mile circular walk via Bengoe, Chapmore End hamlet, Tonwell Village (lunch stop) and the Beane Valley. Possible to end walk after about 4 miles in Tonwell and return to Hertford by bus. Bring food or pub food available. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Good Friday 2 April. Daffodil Display. Meet **2.30pm** Oakwood Station (121 & 307 buses) for about 3 hour circular walk in Trent Park which we hope will coincide with the annual daffodil display. *Leader: Carol Cope*

Bank Holiday Mon 5 April. North East Hertfordshire. Meet **11.04am** Royston Station or **11.15am** at Royston bus station for car drivers. As you enter Royston from the south on the A10, the bus station is next to The Warren long-stay car park. By train either **9.49am** from Enfield Chase, changing at Stevenage, or direct train at **10.11am** from Finsbury Park or **10.21am** from Potters Bar Stations. This 8.5 to 9 mile circular walk with long distance views will cover contrasting landscape scenery and villages. Lunch stop in Barley – pub food or bring lunch. Details: (020) 8360 0282. *Leader: Roy Nicholls*

Sat 10 April. Thames Chase & Warley Place. Either meet **11.03am** at Harold Wood Station or by no later than **10.25am** at Liverpool Street mainline station next to the entrance barrier to the departure platform (which usually is 11-14) for the **10.30am** Shenfield train. The train frequency to Harold Wood is every 10 minutes. *Please note the possibility of engineering work disruption on Enfield Town line.* If so, Dave will travel on the **9.29am** train from Enfield Chase, changing at King's Cross for Liverpool Street. By car: M25 to junction 28, A12 towards Romford for 1.5 miles and then left along Gubbins Lane for 0.5 mile to the station.

Today's 8.5 mile circular walk (with shorter option) goes through varied Green Belt countryside with long distance views towards Kent, parkland and part of the newly created Thames Chase woodland. Includes a visit to Warley Place Nature Reserve in the afternoon for Spring flowers. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. *Leader: Dave Cockle*

Wed 21 April. River Cray & Petts Wood (N.T.). Meet **10.59am** at Bexley Station (**10.34am** Gravesend train from London Bridge Station – usually from platforms 1-3). Otherwise, travel on the **9.34am** train from Enfield Chase and meet Martin at **10.06am** on this train's terminating platform at Moorgate station for transfer by Northern Line to London Bridge. Today's 7.5 to 8 mile linear walk is based upon the London Loop ending at Petts Wood Station. Shorter options. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader: Martin Langer*

Sat 24 April. River Mimram & Tewin. Meet **10.34am** Welwyn North Station (by ticket office) for 8 mile circular walk via Harmer Green, Tewin (lunch stop) and Mimram Valley. This area often has good bluebell displays in the woods. Bring lunch or pub food available. Option to end at lunchtime and return to start by bus. By train: **10.11am** train from Finsbury Park or at **10.21am** from Potters Bar Stations. By car: Welwyn North is near Digsweil about 1 mile east of A1(M) (junction 6) or follow B1000 from Hertford. *Leader: Christine Fookes*

Bank Holiday Mon 3 May. Chiltern Commons, Woods & Chalk Valleys. Meet **10.37am** Chorleywood Station by ticket office (**10.00am** Metropolitan Line train from Baker Street) for about 8 to 9 mile circular walk through pretty Chiltern scenery with bluebell woods. Bring lunch or pub food available. By car about 45 mins from Enfield via M25 (junction 18) & A404. *Leader: Stuart Mills*

Mon 10 May. From the City towards Westminster. Meet **10.30am** Moorgate Station near ticket office (**9.49am** train from Enfield Chase) for a linear walk via Barbican, City gardens and then following the Thames with some less well known tourist sights. The full route will include a lunch break (bring lunch or food available) and finish by 4.00pm. Many shorter options. *Leader: Brenda Brown*

Sat 15 May. Chiltern Downland & Ivinghoe Beacon. Meet **10.30am** at the main N.T. car park for Ivinghoe Beacon (located at grid ref: SP963160 on OS Landranger Map 165) which is about 0.5 mile from the Beacon on the lane connecting Ringshall to B489. No public transport. By car: *either (i):* M25 to junction 20, A41 to Tring North junction with B4009/B488. Then follow B488 towards Ivinghoe Village and just before village turn right onto B489 towards Dunstable. Then first right after 0.75 mile into Ringshall Lane; *or (ii):* A4146 northwards out of Hemel Hempstead town centre (signposted Leighton Buzzard) for 9 miles to B489 & left for 1.5 miles.

8 mile circular walk on chalk uplands and through beech woods via Bridgewater Monument, Grim's Ditch & Ivinghoe Beacon. Stunning views over Vale of Aylesbury. Moderately hilly in places but possible to shorten route. Bring lunch or pub food available in pretty village of Aldbury. Details: 07703 470 156. *Leaders: Toby Simon & Margaret McAlpine*

Wed 19 May. Enfield's Countryside. Meet **10.30am** Crews Hill Station (**10.21am** train from Enfield Chase) for linear walk via Tingey Tops, Holly Hill Farm & Trent Park ending at Oakwood Station. Options to end earlier, including from lunch stop. Bring lunch or food available. *Leader: Norman Coles*

Sat 29 May. Gobions Estate & Bell Bar. Meet **2.30pm** Potters Bar Bus Station (adjacent to rail station – bus routes 313, 298, 84 & 242) for walk via Swanley Bar & Gobions, with tea break at Bell Bar. Depending upon timings on the day, walk may be linear and end after 2.75 hours in Welham Green with return to Potters Bar by bus, or it may be a circular route of almost 3.5 hours. *Leader: Ken Cooper*

Bank Holiday Mon 31 May. Unspoilt rural Hertfordshire. Meet **10.30am** Bayford Station (**10.19am** train from Enfield Chase) or **10.40am** in Bayford Village for car drivers, but please park considerately. 8 to 9 mile circular walk in this countryside conservation area. Bring lunch or pub food available. *Leader: Brian Frear*

Stuart Mills

Railway Centenary Exhibition

April 4th 2010 will be the centenary of the Great Northern Railway extension from Grange Park to Cuffley. To commemorate the event T.E.S. members Dave Cockle, Roger Elkin and John Rowe, and Cuffley resident Peter Dace, have put together an exhibition of photographs and artefacts plotting the line's history and its effect on the local communities.

The line had been authorised by an act of parliament of 1898 with powers to construct through to Stevenage (Langley Junction), but the construction work did not start until 1906 due to financial constraints. Further financial difficulties and the First World War resulted in Cuffley becoming the temporary terminus of the line. It was not until 1924 that passenger trains began to run regularly beyond Cuffley to Hertford North.

The exhibition dates are as follows:

Cuffley Library, Maynard Place, Station Road, Cuffley – 6th to 16th April

Forty Hall – 28th April to 20th June

Due to space constraints at Cuffley Library, the display will be limited, with the main emphasis being on Cuffley. At Forty Hall more space is available and a wider range of exhibits will be on view covering the route up to Grange Park.

A commemorative plaque donated by Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council will be unveiled at Cuffley Station on 6th April and a similar plaque donated by The Enfield Society will be unveiled at Gordon Hill Station on 27th April.

An illustrated talk about the Grange Park to Cuffley railway extension will be given at Jubilee Hall on 15th April at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

Dave Cockle



A view looking East down Windmill Hill, Enfield Chase in 1906 showing:

1. The forecourt of the old Enfield (G.N.R.) Terminus – Right.
2. The Windmill Public House – Centre.
3. The new bridge erected ready to take the Cuffley extension over Windmill Hill but with the associated earth embankment not yet constructed – Far distance.



A view of Gordon Hill Station footbridge under construction in 1909 with, in the distance, the five span bridge carrying Lavender Hill across the line.

Visit report

Temple Church and Middle Temple Hall



Exterior of the Temple Church, which was restored in 1825, 1841-3 and 1948-58 after extensive war damage.



The roof of the circular nave, built between 1160 and 1185, contains both Norman and Gothic elements.



A view from the nave to the three-aisled chancel, which was constructed in the Early English style, between 1220 and 1240.

Despite the wet weather on 15th September, a group from The Enfield Society had an interesting guided tour of the Temple Church and the Middle Temple Hall, followed by lunch, all very kindly arranged by Brian Pask. Although the hall, built between 1562 and 1570, can only be visited on pre-arranged tours, the church, built for the Knights Templar, is normally open on afternoons.

Stephen Gilbert

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A coach trip to Salisbury has been arranged for Saturday 5th June. The cost is £15 per person for the coach only and £23 if you wish to include a guided tour round Edward Heath's house, Arundells, for which the number of places is limited.

Salisbury is a delightful and fascinating cathedral city, with plenty to see and do. Sited in Cathedral Close are several historic houses open to the public including Mompesson House (National Trust) and Arundells, the residence of former Prime Minister Edward Heath. This will probably be open to the public only for the next two years before being sold to provide musical scholarships as his will requests. It is full of interest, with paintings and objets d'art as well as items relating to his life and political career. It also has a beautiful garden backing onto the river which can be visited separately without the need for booking; this is a lovely place for a picnic. The house can be seen only by guided tour and places are limited, so they will be issued on a first come first served basis.



Salisbury Cathedral

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Arundells, 59 Cathedral Close

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Also in the Close is Malmesbury House, originally a thirteenth century canonry rebuilt in 1704, one of the finest houses in the area. It is not open to the general public but private visits can sometimes be arranged. If anyone would like to do this I can try to book a tour for a small group. Please indicate when booking if you are interested.

Besides the Close and Cathedral there are many other churches and buildings worth a visit, and several museums as well as the shopping centre and river for a walk or boat trip.

We will leave Enfield Town at 8.30 am from Genotin Road bus stop and will be back in Enfield at approximately 7.15 pm.

To book please send a cheque for **£15** (coach only) or **£23** (to include visit to Arundells). Cheques should be made payable to "The Enfield Society" and sent to **Janet McQueen, 3 Gloucester Road, Enfield, EN2 0EX**. Please provide a telephone number and could **everyone** include a SAE for confirmation of booking.

Janet McQueen

Farewell

The year 2009 was the one in which, reluctantly it must be said, I hung up my 'Social Organiser' boots. In future that role is taken on by Janet McQueen and I'm sure that all those who accompanied me on those many trips over the years will join me in wishing her well. Janet, I am quite certain will develop an interesting programme such that many more of TES members will wish to participate.

For the record I should acknowledge the fact that I was 'volunteered' by Velma Byford – she of fond memory who died last year – to arrange the trips. Velma set the standard for quite a number of years of our day trips which enabled us to obtain, albeit a taster only, of this lovely and fascinating country of ours. All that is left for me to say is thanks to all those who joined me on those excursions.

Jim Deamer

Newsletter contributions

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Leonard Will