



Enfield Society News

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The Jephcott Bridge – a tribute to our President



A bridge in Chase Green Gardens was named in honour of Dr Chris Jephcott on 10th April. The picture shows Chris, who is seriously ill, with friends and family, including the Council Leader, Doug Taylor, and the Mayor, Bernadette Lappage, who unveiled the plaque.

This is a shortened version of the speech which Chris's son, Benedict, gave at the event.

We are very grateful to Enfield Council for marking the Jephcott family's quietly remarkable contribution to Enfield, which goes back well over one hundred years, by naming this exceptionally fine listed cast iron nineteenth century bridge. Chris is particularly fond of it and the railings you can see here, the way they are designed – neat, functional but also beautiful. We thank the Council and the Mayor in particular for this proposal and for making it happen so quickly, while we can all celebrate it together.

After studying at Cambridge, Chris finished his training at Barts in 1960 just in time to take over his father's medical practice, continuing single-handed with his mother Mildred and his wife Ursula answering the phone and doing most of the clerical work. In 1965, he joined the White Lodge Practice in Silver Street where he subsequently became senior partner. He retired from General Practice in 1999, after taking just one day off for illness in his career.

Back in the 1960s, the job of a doctor was in some ways different to today, with partners sharing on call duties and a very large number of home visits for anything up to and including deliveries of babies.

This kind of responsibility meant that as the young Dr Jephcott crisscrossed the borough on his Lambretta scooter, he could not fail to notice the way both Enfield and Edmonton

were changing fast. Things of beauty in the townscape or the countryside were steadily disappearing. Already interested in conservation since university, he could not see why 'progress' had to be so often accompanied by degradation.

The Enfield Preservation Society was one of the first of its kind in the country. Before being green was fashionable, people who saw something precious in the distinctive heritage and character of Enfield did not accept that it had to go. So many towns all over Britain surrendered to this consensus of the time, but not Enfield. You visit Droitwich, Stourbridge, Kidderminster, even Hertford, and there is a 1960s ring road cutting a swathe through the medieval heart, but not in Enfield.

Chris was asked to join the Council of Management in about 1961. He took on the Trees Group and launched the Enfield tree planting week. His slogan was 'a guinea buys a tree' – hoping for a thousand trees. Over the years since, Chris and the Trees Group were responsible for the planting of many thousands of trees, not just in Enfield Town but all over the borough. Some are now large enough to have TPOs of their own.

For the next 50 or more years, Chris was a mainstay of the Society's Council of Management. From trees, in 1968 he took over the Architecture and Planning Group, responding to planning applications and representing the Society for many years on the Conservation Advisory Group with

councillors of all political hues. After the death of Valerie Carter he was elected as President, taking responsibility for conservation and the Green Belt.



This picture shows both Chris and Ursula in a working party tidying up Southbury station in 1966. Hardly a day has passed since without Chris doing something to improve the Enfield environment, either by planting a tree, drafting a letter, suggesting a reasoned alternative for a planning application, lobbying a councillor or officer – or just picking up litter, which he does all the time, quite compulsively, wherever he goes. The hallmark of Chris's work and the Society as a whole was not about saying 'No' but more often, 'Why not improve this by doing things differently?' and very often, then taking voluntary action to help make it happen. He worked for hours on alternatives to improve the design of the first phase of the Palace Gardens shopping centre, with the steep tiled roofs which have weathered so well.

Chris has been effective because he was part of a team of committed and talented people running groups across the gamut of civic and environmental policy. And it is to the credit of councillors past and present of right and left that very often they took the opportunity to make it a partnership.

Perhaps his most significant and personal contribution was saving the unique Victorian pavilions of Highlands Hospital, which the GLC finally made a conservation area after years of his patient lobbying. He was also involved in attempts to save Trent Park – leading to the conservation area and country park – and many other campaigns, from Broomfield House to Edmonton.

The Society was only as effective as it has been over 80 years through years of quiet determination and hard voluntary work. In Chris's case, this meant more than five decades of patient, unflagging commitment and action, not pushing himself forward, not seeking the limelight, always committed only to the outcome.

We in the family are all very proud of him. We are very grateful indeed to the decision by the Mayor, Cllr Doug Taylor and the Council to mark his extraordinary contribution to this beautiful town where we stand today, on The Jephcott Bridge.

Benedict Jephcott

Green Belt, planning and conservation

Spurs' development proposals

Members who follow the long-running saga of Spurs' training ground at Bulls Cross will know that Spurs have applied for planning permission to develop the "Western Field", at the west of the site they lease from the Council, as a community sports and nature study facility. This will involve the construction of four multi-purpose sports pitches, spectator seating and a building that will provide classrooms and changing facilities. The main purpose of the development, according to Spurs, is to enable them to offer to every school in Enfield the opportunity to spend at least a day a year at the site, playing football and/or other sports and also exploring a new nature reserve. The nature reserve is to be created on land called "Dickins' Trough", to the west of Spurs' facility: this land is, and will remain part of Forty Hall Farm, leased by Capel Manor from the Council, and Capel Manor will manage the reserve.

We understand that the Council's Education Department have been involved in planning the facility and it is hard to oppose the idea in principle. However, it does seem to exemplify the "mission creep" which has characterised the development of the Spurs' Academy. Members may recall that the Society opposed the original development and supported claims that there were established rights of way across the site. Eventually, in 2009, the Society and another interested party agreed to drop these claims in return for contractual commitments by Spurs, which included the setting aside of the Western Field as a nature reserve. Now Spurs want to extend their activities to Western Field on the basis that they will provide a "substitute" nature reserve on the Capel Manor land. And Spurs make no bones about the fact that they will be using the new facilities for their own training purposes. The current scheme, with the introduction of floodlighting, spectator seating and reserved space in the building for Academy use, is now biased towards the benefit of Spurs. Spurs say that they must have use of the facilities "to justify the millions they are spending on the community", but this is a questionable justification since the community facilities are not a matter of charitable largesse, but reflect conditions of Spurs' original planning consent.

Whatever the merits of the educational facility, the Society's basic view remains that the proposal is an inappropriate use of land which is in the Green Belt and a Conservation Area. We oppose in particular the installation of floodlighting, which we cannot see is relevant to the schools programme. We have made these points in our comments on the planning application.

Planning and conservation areas

The Society's Architecture and Planning Group tries to review all major planning applications across the Borough to see if the Society should provide comments. The Society is also represented on the Council's Conservation Advisory Group (CAG) together with representatives of the various conservation area study groups. CAG considers and advises senior Planning Officers and the Planning Committee on proposals for development which could affect the character or appearance of conservation areas, ancient monuments, listed buildings or their settings, or the architectural or historic interest of key sites in the borough.

Enfield has 22 conservation areas. Each area has a Conservation Area Management Proposal and study groups supported by the Society regularly review whether there are any significant issues such as unsympathetic

development, unsightly advertising hoardings, poor quality signage or any changes that detract from the reasons it was originally declared a conservation area. This review is currently taking place across all the conservation areas.

A number of major planning applications have recently been considered by CAG and the Architecture and Planning Group. There has been considerable discussion concerning the **Trent Park** development and the developer Berkeley Homes has modified many of the housing designs to take account of the comments that have been made. Planning Officers are currently in discussions concerning the final details of the proposal and a planning decision is expected shortly.

The **Bury Lodge Depot** development will see the construction of 50 new homes and the demolition of existing

poor quality buildings. The associated landscaping work has been carefully planned to improve the setting of Salisbury House, a Grade II listed building and we believe that this development will improve a currently neglected area of land and provide a new publicly accessible open space.

John West



Salisbury House



Plan of the proposed development. 1: Western Field; 2: Dickins' Trough; 3: Archers' Wood; 4: Waste management area; 5: Existing training ground; 6: Whitewebbs Lane.

However, Spurs also needs the Society's consent to amend their commitment made in 2009. If planning permission is given, the Management Committee of the Society has indicated that it is minded to give its consent so long as there are clear and binding commitments on the part of Spurs to provide the promised community benefits for at least ten years, and in particular:-

1. To provide free transport to and from the facility so as to ensure that every eligible school is able to attend.
2. To set aside at least 90 days per annum for schools use of the facility, allowing schools to attend more than once a year if others do not wish to take up the opportunity
3. To clarify the details of the "new" nature reserve, including the plans for increasing the biodiversity of Dickins' Trough site and providing interpretation of the site, together with an agreed timescale. It also seems to us important that public access to the reserve should be allowed, even if reasonably restricted, so that the enormous investment in this scheme by Spurs can be enjoyed by the general public, and so that the wider and local community will get some benefit in compensation for the widespread disruption of the area over the past few years.

Richard Stones and Colin Pointer

Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Trees



Members of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group at Albany Park

At the beginning of March the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group took part in The Great British Spring Clean which was organised by Keep Britain Tidy. On Saturday morning, 4th March, a dozen volunteers from the Group met at Albany Park, near Enfield Lock station, and cleared litter from the park itself and along the footpath leading over the railway line towards Mollison Avenue. Twenty six bags of litter were collected along with other more bulky items including abandoned toys and a broken television. On the following day a number of Enfield Society members also took part in a similar event at Forty Hall.

At the end of the month, the volunteers again turned out to clear up an area of Trent Park, including the field and woodland opposite Oakwood station together with Snakes Lane and the car park at the end of the lane. This time we collected thirty seven bags of litter and the more unusual items included an old gas barbeque and a monkey puppet.

The amount of litter on our streets and in our parks shows no sign of abating. At the beginning of April the government published its new anti littering strategy. This proposes, amongst other things, fines of up to £150 for littering, guidance for

councils regarding new designs and better distribution of litter bins, educating children to lead the fight against litter and creating a new expert group to look at further ways to cut the worst kinds of litter including plastic bottles and drinks containers.

The London Assembly's Environmental Committee is urging the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, to look at incentivising the recycling of plastic bottles. Chair of the committee, Leonie Cooper, said "Plastic waste is out of control in London. It litters our parks, pollutes the Thames and adds waste to landfill sites. We have to turn the situation around."

Many countries already operate a deposit return scheme for drinks containers. The deposit, perhaps 10p or 20p, is added to the purchase price of the item, then when the container is empty it is taken to a recycling point, usually a machine located, for example, in a supermarket or busy shopping centre, and when the container is placed in the machine the deposit is refunded, possibly by way of a voucher which can be spent in the store. Such schemes have led to a return rate of between 70% to well over 90%.

Nigel King

The trees of Enfield – beech and hornbeam

In the spring newsletter we described the different types of oak that grow in Enfield and the adjacent Hertfordshire countryside. In this edition we are looking at beech and hornbeam.

Beech

The Common Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) is an impressive native tree growing to a height of 40 metres with a large domed crown. The bark is smooth, thin and grey, often with slight horizontal etchings. The reddish brown, torpedo-shaped leaf buds form on short stalks. The young leaves are lime green with silky hairs, which become darker green and lose their hairs as they mature. They are oval in shape and pointed at the tip, with a wavy edge. In spring, tassel-like male catkins hang from long stalks at the end of twigs, while female flowers grow in pairs, surrounded by a cup. This cup becomes woody once pollinated, and encloses one or two beech nuts (known as beechmast). Beech is wind pollinated.



The beech leaf

It grows throughout southern England but prefers drier, free-draining soils, such as chalk, limestone and light loams. Beech woodland is shady and is characterised by a dense carpet of fallen leaves and mast husks, which prevent most woodland plants from growing. Beech nuts were traditionally gathered and fed to pigs. In autumn the leaves turn a rich brown.

Hornbeam

The Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) another native tree, is often confused with common beech; it is similar in shape, but has a maximum height of about 30 metres. Again the bark is pale grey sometimes with a short, twisted trunk, which develops ridges with age. The twigs are brown-grey and slightly hairy and the leaf buds are similar to beech only shorter, and slightly curved at the tips.

Young hornbeam trees are more conical in shape than the beech and the tree is often found as understory trees on oak woodland. Whereas beech leaves have wavy edges with small hairs, the hornbeam has very prominent parallel veins and serrated edges. After pollination by wind, female catkins develop into papery, green winged fruits, known as samaras. The name hornbeam comes from the hardness of its timber – 'horn' means 'hard' and 'beam' was the name for a tree in old English. Traditionally trees were pollarded for the timber.



The hornbeam leaf

Both trees can be easily found in Trent Park, walking through the woods beyond the café, although there are far more hornbeam than beech. There is a fine beech tree on the grassed area south of the lime avenue. There are also Hornbeam along the New River Loop where it passes Town Park. In Epping Forest there is a both a Beech trail and a Hornbeam trail that you can follow.

John West

Other organisations' events

This list gives a selection of forthcoming events arranged by organisations other than The Enfield Society. Other events and updates may be found on our web site at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk and on the Enfield Council site at new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture/

2nd Wednesday of each month, 12.30-1.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill. Lunchtime music recital
Until 7 January 2018, Dugdale Centre. Terrific Toys: made and played in Enfield: exhibition at Enfield Museum.

Wednesday 17th May, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. A child's war: growing up in WW2, by Mike Brown. [EHHS]

Thursday 8th – Saturday 10th June, 7.30pm, Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Macbeth: Verdi's opera based on the play by Shakespeare. Box Office 01707 645005.

www.southgateopera.co.uk

Friday 9th June, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Liquid assets: interpreting the prehistoric finds from the Thames, by Jon Cotton, EAS Vice-President. [EAS]

Monday 12th to Sunday 18th June, 10am to 4pm daily, in the stable off the cafe courtyard at Myddelton House Gardens. Jill's botanicals: an exhibition of watercolours of plants and flowers in botanical detail, by Jill Kidger. Works and greeting cards for sale. All proceeds will go to projects in Myddelton House Gardens.



17th-18th June. Open Squares Weekend, organised by London Parks & Gardens Trust. Over 230 private, secret and little known gardens and squares, most not normally open to the public, can be visited in 27 London boroughs. Tickets (£13 in advance, £15 on the day) allow an unlimited number of visits on both days and include a colour guidebook. See opensquaress.org for details.

Wednesday 28th June. 7 for 7.30pm at Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17 8NU. Howards & Sons Ltd: from quinine to aspirins, the history of the Howard pharmaceutical company 1797 to 1961, by Richard Morris. (Joint meeting with Friends of Bruce Castle.) [EHHS]

Friday 7th July, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Archaeology up at the Mill (Digs at Upminster Windmill 2016), by Les Capon. (Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture. EHHS/EAS joint meeting.) [EHHS] [EAS]

Saturday 8th July, 10.00 onwards, Winchmore Hill Green. N21 Festival Fancy Fair 2017. See www.n21festival.net for details.

Saturday 15th July, 6.30pm St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Enfield Town. Organ recital. Admission free – donation to Church Fabric Fund.

Friday 8th September, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Forty Hall: hidden secrets – archaeological monitoring of refurbishment work 2012-14, by Neil Pinchbeck, EAS [EAS]

Tuesday 12th September, 8pm, Jubilee Hall. German kings and the Holy Roman Empire – a talk by Robin Blades, followed by light refreshments and the Branch AGM. [HA]

Wednesday 20th September, 7.45 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Chase Farm Schools Part 2 – hospital, by Frank Bayford. [EHHS]

Friday 13th October, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Medieval kremlins and monasteries on Russia's Golden Ring, by Stephen Gilbert, EAS. (EAS and The Enfield Society joint meeting).

EAS: Enfield Archaeological Society. Visitors are very welcome (£1.00 per person). www.enfarchsoc.org/index.html

EHHS: Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. Talks are free to members – there is a charge of £1 per head for visitors. The EHHS website had not been updated with 2017 talks by the time we went to press, but we shall add EHHS meetings to the diary of events on our website at enfieldsociety.org.uk/diary.htm as soon as we have details.

HA: Meeting of The Historical Association, North London Branch. Non-members are welcome (£1 per meeting). More details from the Branch Secretary, Robin Blades (020) 8368 5328, robin.blades@outlook.com. Associate Membership available for £5 a year for an individual or £8 a year for a couple.

New members

We warmly welcome the following new members:

Ms G Allen, Ms J Alleyne, Mr & Mrs C J & L Bird, Mr & Mrs A & L M Bragg, Mr & Mrs J M & F Chesnick, Ms M Cuckson, Mrs J Dawson, Mr & Mrs R & G Deans, Mr & Mrs C & J Drinkwater, Mr & Mrs N F & B Harrington, Mr G Hextall, Mr R E Holford, Mr & Mrs B & H Jephcott, Mr J Kumaran, Mrs J M Mann, Mr M F Palmer, Ms C S Stanley, Mrs J Webber

Joyce James

Books

FIRST STOP NORTH OF LONDINIUM:
THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ROMAN
ENFIELD AND ITS ROADLINE
SETTLEMENT



by Martin J. Dearn

with Geoffrey Gillam and Roger Dormer

Including revised versions of publications by Geoffrey Gillam, and Anne Gentry, John Ivers and Heather McClean



First stop north of Londinium: the archaeology of Roman Enfield and its roadline settlement, by Martin J. Dearn with Geoffrey Gillam and Roger Dormer. Enfield Archaeological Society, 2017. 342pages, 137 figures, 19 plates. 30cm. ISBN 978-0-9501877-8-5 : £30 + £3.50 p&p.

The Enfield Society was pleased to contribute to the costs of publishing this major research report by the Enfield Archaeological Society. This scholarly work pulls together the results of sixty years of digs on the Bush Hill Park Roman settlement, the site of Churchfield in Edmonton and includes information on other possible Roman settlements, burials and casual finds, with full excavation and finds reports for over 45 sites. The book was launched by the Mayor of Enfield in an event at Enfield Museum, where some of the most significant finds are displayed.

The Enfield Society will not stock copies of this book, but it may be ordered through the website www.enfarchsoc.org or by post from EAS, 9 Junction Road, London N9 7JS

Sales table

To clear space for two new publications, the following books, written by Jim Lewis, the well known historian of the industrial Lea Valley, are offered to members at a reduced price:

Regeneration and innovation £7
From Eton Manor to the Olympics £7
The Lea Valley and the Great War £12

These can be purchased at any Enfield Society meeting, including the AGM, at Jubilee Hall or sent by post. In the latter option please add £2 per book as a contribution to postage.

Monica Smith

Enfield Society events

Tuesday mornings 10.00 for 10.30am, Jubilee Hall. No tickets required.

Tuesday 30th May. *The life of a local photographer: exhibitions, commissions and project work*, Elizabeth Devonshire

Local resident Liz Devonshire will talk about her work as a professional photographer and her on-going project 'Childs Play'. She will also show us some of the photographs she has had accepted for exhibitions over the past few years.

Tuesday 27th June. *The secret listeners of Trent Park*, by Helen Fry.

Bugging the Nazis in WWII: a very secret war. During WWII British Intelligence bugged the conversations of over 10,000 German prisoners of war at three clandestine stately houses. Trent Park was reserved for Hitler's Generals and in an astonishing turn of events, they were housed there in luxurious conditions which turned out to be one of the greatest deceptions of the wartime. Lulled into a false sense of security, the Generals relaxed and became unguarded in their conversations. They inadvertently began to reveal some of Hitler's most closely guarded secrets.

For over 60 years the secret listeners never spoke about their work, not even to their families. They died, little knowing that they, alongside Bletchley Park, shortened the war by up to 4 years. Having worked through the declassified files, historian Dr Helen Fry sheds light on one of the little-known, but greatest deception of WWII. See page 9 for more about Trent Park.

July and August. No meetings.

Tuesday 26th September. *The forgotten houses of Tottenham*, by Valerie Crosby.

Summer evening visit to Cattlegate Farm, Crews Hill

The Williams family have kindly agreed for The Enfield Society to visit their farm at Cattlegate Road, EN2 8AU on Tuesday 20th June at 19:15hrs for a couple of hours. The visit will specifically look at two "Green" businesses which have been set up on the farm:

Green waste composting – Twenty five thousand tonnes of garden waste is converted to compost each year after a shredding process.

Food waste processing – Twenty two thousand tonnes of food waste is diverted from landfill to feed an anaerobic digester plant which produces methane gas. This is piped to a generator and turned into electricity which is fed into the National Grid. Biofertiliser is also produced as a byproduct and used on the farm to help produce food crops.

The visit will be restricted to fifteen places for health and safety reasons and a maximum of two tickets per applicant.

To obtain free tickets for the visit please send an email message to heritagewalks@enfieldsociety.org.uk or leave a message on the Jubilee Hall voicemail service at (020) 8363 9495.

Dave Cockle

The Chairman's column



I recently went out on a walk about the Borough specifically to take a look at two new parks that have been created. The first is called "Bowes Meadow" and is located south of the North Circular Road behind Chequers Gardens N13. It occupies the site of a former sports ground which was sold to the developer, Fairview Homes. The Council struck a deal with Fairview Homes in which the developer was committed to paying for a children's playground and a landscaped park in return for being allowed to build some flats on part of the site. The southern boundary of the park is Pymmes Brook and TES has approached the Council to see if the Pymmes Brook Trail, which runs from Monken Hadley to Pickett's Lock can be diverted through the Park. This will reduce road walking by a quarter of a mile, thereby providing a more pleasant route.

The second new park called, "Angel Gardens" has been installed next to Angel Road station in what used to be a derelict plot of land tucked between the railway and an industrial complex. The new facility is part of the large-scale regeneration programme, the "Meridian Water Scheme", aiming to revamp Enfield's former industrial sites. This will allow for the creation of thousands of jobs and homes. It is encouraging to see that in these times of austerity

with pressure on land for housing, it is still possible to provide new parks.

At the last Green Belt Forum meeting at the Civic Centre there was a presentation entitled, "Technical Review of Enfield's Green Belt". This review was undertaken as part of the Local Plan Review and ratings have been given to thirty-four parcels of land within Enfield's Green Belt. The ratings "Strong", "Relatively Strong", "Moderate", "Relatively Weak" and "Weak/No Contribution", have been used to indicate the perceived contribution that the various parcels of land make to each of the five purposes of Green Belt land:-

- 1) Check unrestricted sprawl.
- 2) Preventing neighbouring towns merging.
- 3) Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- 4) Preserve the setting and character of historic towns
- 5) Assist in urban regeneration.

As Green Belts should only be altered in exceptional circumstances, it is hoped that the "Technical Review" will not be used as a mechanism to release land from our Green Belt to the North and East of Enfield.

Dave Cockle

Evening meetings, 7.30 for 8 p.m. at Jubilee Hall. No tickets required

July and August. No meetings.

Monday 18th September. *A palace on the hill: a story of many parts*. An illustrated talk by Dr Jim Lewis on the history of Alexandra Palace.

Special events. For details see the pages shown.

Thursday 8th June, 7.30 for 8pm, Jubilee Hall. Annual General Meeting of The Enfield Society (agenda distributed to members with this newsletter), followed by a talk on *An architectural history of Trent Park Mansion*, by Natasha Brown.

Thursday 15th June. *Morden Hall Park*. TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Monday 19th June. *Epping Forest Stroll*. Short gentle paced TES walk. Page 10.

Thursday 29th June. *Heritage walk around Enfield Town*. Page 11.

Monday 3rd July. *Kensington & Holland Park*. TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Tuesday 18th July. *Notting Hill*. TES Discovery Walk. Page 10.

Thursday 3rd August. *Enfield's waterways and industrial past*. TES Discovery Walk of local interest. Page 10.

Tuesday 8th August. *Monuments and gardens*. TES Discovery Walk. Page 11.

Saturday 23rd September, 2pm. *Visit to Enfield Court (Enfield Grammar Lower School)*. Details in our next newsletter.

Historic buildings

Upper Edmonton

The manor of Delmetone or Adelmetone (Eadhelm's farm), mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, was given by William the Conqueror to Geoffrey de Mandeville and was later purchased by Henry VIII.

In the 17th and 18th centuries Edmonton was more prominent than its neighbours Tottenham and Enfield because of its fairs which finally ceased about 1870. Fore Street was part of the main road north from London to Waltham Cross. Despite later alterations, several Georgian houses have survived from a time when Edmonton was a pleasant village for wealthier Londoners to live in. These houses are listed Grade II and some form part of the Fore Street conservation area. (For information on Millfield House, see TES News no. 181.)

Following the arrival of the Northern & Eastern Railway along the Lea Valley in 1840 with a station called Edmonton (today's Angel Road), and the Great Eastern Railway further west in 1872 with a station at Silver Street, the nature of the area changed. Many working class dwellings were erected when cheap tickets on workmen's trains became available. 1881 saw the introduction of horse-drawn trams along Fore Street and the route was electrified in 1905.

For more information on Upper Edmonton see *Middlesex* by Michael Robbins (1953, reprinted 2003), *Theatres, music halls and cinemas in the London Borough of Enfield* by Geoffrey Gillam (1986), *Southgate and Edmonton past* by Graham Dalling (1996), *Treasures of Enfield* edited by Valerie Carter (2000), *A-Z of Enfield pubs, part 2* by Gary Boudier (2002), and *History of the North Middlesex University Hospital* by Gary Boudier (2003). These books may be consulted at the Enfield Local Studies Centre and Archive, which also provided the photographs marked *.

Stephen Gilbert



236 and 238 Fore Street are a pair of early 18th century three storey houses. The windows were replaced with modern ones in the 20th century (see *Treasures of Enfield*) but since then Georgian-style sash windows with glazing bars have been installed. The entrance to 238 has retained its original Roman Doric pilasters, portico and wrought iron railings.

258 and 260 Fore Street date from the mid-18th century and have been restored fairly recently. Each house is three storeys high with a semi-basement originally for use by the servants. The houses have imposing Ionic door cases with pediments.

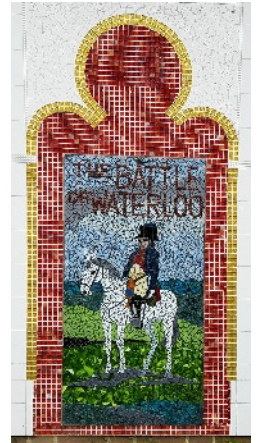


Angel Place, 183-195 Fore Street, comprises three linked pairs of mid-18th century two-storey houses, with dormer windows in the tiled or slated mansard roofs. The door cases are in the Roman Doric style with open pediments. A plaque on the side wall of 183 records the site of the Angel Inn, where the Stamford Hill Green Lanes Turnpike Trust met between 1713 and 1826.

Historic buildings



The Alcazar Cinematograph Theatre, shown soon after its opening in 1913, had seating for 1700 people and a separate dance hall. It had a Moorish style verandah and balcony facing on to Fore Street. In the grounds were Summer and Winter Gardens. In the 1920s and 1930s the Alcazar advertised films, dancing, roller skating, orchestral concerts, illuminations, stage shows, boxing and wrestling. The cinema was rebuilt for sound in 1933 but was destroyed by a bomb in 1940. The opening film in 1913, *The Battle of Waterloo*, is recalled in a mosaic installed by Art Start in Moree Way. Art Start is Enfield's primary community arts provider. Working with local schools, eight now lost places of entertainment were recreated in mosaic. (See *TES news*, no 181, Spring 2011 for details.)



The Regal cinema in Fore Street is seen here in a photograph from 1970. It opened in 1934 with seating for 3000 and standing room for a further 1000. There was also a cafe and a large ballroom. The Architect was Clifford Aish, F.S.I. Sidney Torch was the first organist to play the ten ton Christie four-manual, fifteen-rank organ with grand piano attachment. Productions at the cinema included pantomimes, variety, ice shows, ballet and orchestral concerts. In 1968 the Regal was divided into a smaller cinema and a bingo hall, but it was demolished in 1986 and replaced by a supermarket. In 1984 the organ was dismantled and between 1986 and 2010 was in the Memorial Hall, Barry, South Wales. Since 2013 it has been restored and then installed at Paul Kirner's Music Palace, Porth, South Wales. The cover of the souvenir programme for the first performance at the Regal on 8th March 1934 is illustrated in a mosaic installed by Art Start on the wall of Lidl's in Sterling Way.



The original Pymmes House was built by William Pymme after the estate had been granted by Edward II to the Pymme family in the 14th century. In 1593 it was the home of William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, who was Lord High Treasurer of England. It was substantially rebuilt in the 17th century and the garden front, shown here in an 1895 photograph, was refaced in the Adam style in the late 18th century. In the late 19th century Pymmes was owned by Sir Henry Tyler, MP, a leading opponent of the separation of Southgate from Edmonton in 1881. The interior views date from around 1890. Pymmes Park was officially opened in 1906, although part of it had been accessible to the public since 1897. The house was demolished in 1940, after it caught fire, although the fire is not thought to have been the result of enemy action. The Grade II listed garden walls dating from around 1600 can still be seen.

The forgotten and untold heritage of Ponders End from 1935-1950

Do you have a story to tell about Ponders End or do you recall anecdotes told to you by your grandparents or parents about Ponders End. Can you remember or have stories about buildings or areas that have now been demolished or changed and are unrecognisable.

Ponders End is going through its third major landscape change since World War II and the area will look dramatically different over the next 10 years. With the help of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Niburu Recordings Ltd. has been working with a voluntary group of local elders, schools and community organisations to capture the stories that have characterized the uniqueness of Ponders End from 1935 to 1950.



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We feel it is of vital importance that local people learn to develop the skills to tell, capture and document the stories that make the heritage of Ponders End.

The purpose of this and many other heritage projects is to give those who live in Ponders End a sense of local identity, a sense of pride and a sense of belonging. Heritage projects help educate those who come to live and work in Ponders End by acknowledging the efforts of people from its past. It encourages local councils, architects and construction companies to name buildings and roads after people and events that helped to shape an area.



The large building on the right is the Two Brewers public house, at the junction of South Street and the High Street, which was destroyed by a bomb on 30th September 1940 with the loss of several lives. *The Enfield Society last year paid for a plaque and a memorial seat to commemorate that event.*

You can also get involved in our project in a number of other ways:

- Learn new skills by attending workshops with London Metropolitan Archive or the Oral History Society
- Become a heritage researcher
- Interview people to record oral history
- Work on creative writing
- Help in filming people and places
- Create bomb maps, walks and heritage trails
- Get your local school involved

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TES 80 exhibition retrospective

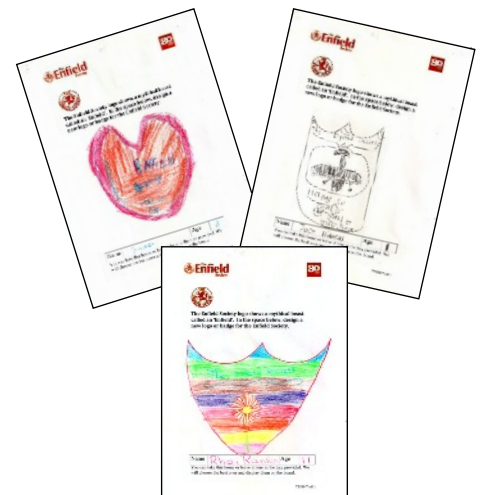
The TES exhibition celebrating eighty years of the Society closed on 29th January, having attracted well in excess of 6000 visitors. In perusing the 'Visitors Book' it was interesting to see comments made by a variety of visitors from the Borough, elsewhere in the UK and some from overseas. In general the observations were very positive and expressed much thanks and admiration for the work of the TES. A few random samples are reproduced below:

"Well done! – very interesting and told me much about Enfield that I didn't know." Margret. *"I love the models that you made."* Josette - 8 years old, Florida. *"What an excellent and well presented exhibition."* David, Enfield. *"This is an amazing exhibition. Well done for all your hard work."* Amber - 10 years old. *"Reinforces how important the role of the Society has been and continues to be, in safeguarding some of the beautiful*

buildings and the environment that we are fortunate to live in." Diane. *"Really great exhibition! Lifelong Enfieldian and I learned loads! Brought my young son and he loved it."* Lauren. *"Delighted to see the exhibition and could only imagine the battles to save this heritage. Well done!"* Flo, Johannesburg, South Africa. *"The video loop was interesting."* S Sellick. *"We came here for our school trip – Hazelbury School."* Jenna and Rabiya. *"Very informative, especially the video."* Tony, Enfield. *"Really informative – so thoughtfully and creatively displayed too! Well done."* Wendy. *"A wonderfully interesting exhibition and video film."* Anne, Bush Hill Park. The final entry was from our President – *"Well done all."* Chris Jephcott, 28th January 2017. But from one disappointed younger visitor – *"We came here – we wer board. Now were more board."*

The Society is always keen to engage with children and younger members of the of the community and to attract some

of them to become members of TES. During the exhibition there were a number of activities for children and these included designing a new logo or badge for the Society. Here are three examples that we received:



Bob Fowler

Trent Park – the history, campaign & establishment of a museum

It is 1942, England. You are a German General, captured in North Africa, flown to Britain and now being driven to an unknown location in a blacked out limousine. After a long and bumpy ride, the doors open. Instead of a grim prisoner camp, your eyes reveal a grand red brick mansion, surrounded by landscaped gardens and renaissance statues. The setting is bucolic, were it not for the barbed wire perimeter, lookout tower, armoured cars and British soldiers patrolling.



Trent Park house and the daffodil lawn

Lord Aberfeldy, your ‘Welfare Officer’, greets you at the front door. You are at an internment centre, Cockfosters Camp, where at the request of the King you will receive a level of generous treatment and hospitality befitting your status as a gentleman of the Officer class.

Once you are shown around the house and your private quarters, you are left free to roam the stately rooms and glorious grounds (within the perimeter fence of course). The Rex Whistler murals on the walls catch your eyes but really what you appreciate most are the enigmatic statues adorning the landscape. You are particularly struck by the one of Samson slaying a Philistine.

You realise that you are not in fact the only war prisoner, or the only admirer of those statues – indeed over a hundred Wehrmacht Generals and Colonels spent time there during the War. You are secretly pleased that you are here, rather than freezing on the Russian front, you are instead dining with your fellow uniformed officers, playing chess in the drawing room, reading newspapers in the Library and toasting your Führer over a Cognac. You wonder whether Allied soldiers captured by your side are being treated in a similar way.

What you did not appreciate, however, is that you were playing a part in one of the greatest intelligence performances of the war – the mansion and even grounds were comprehensively bugged before your arrival by MI 9 (later MI 19) – with microphones in the billiards table, lamp shades and even the trees. That Lord Aberfeldy was not in fact a cousin of the King, but an intelligence officer, who together with stool pigeons, fake newspapers and radio broadcasts conspire to make you ‘sing like a canary’. Every conversation you had with your fellow prisoners was recorded, and fed to the ‘M Room’ in the basement of the mansion where the ‘Secret Listeners’ (mainly German Jewish refugees fluent in the vernacular and thus recruited by the intelligence services for this task) listened to your every word (including your admissions of war crimes),

recording and transcribing the most salient information and sending this up the intelligence chain.

The information you revealed helped shorten the war and lead the Allies to victory (most notably the information you revealed about the V2 missile site at Peenemünde – information that directly led to its bombing three months later by Bomber Command).

You were of course at Trent Park, the estate (until his death in 1939) of Sir Philip Sassoon – one of the most eligible bachelors of the time, scion of the great Sassoon and Rothschild fortunes, and socialite-supremo of the 1920s. At Trent he entertained the Who’s Who of Britain’s social elite – including almost every member of the Royal family (a young Princess Elizabeth, and Edward Prince of Wales together with Wallis Simpson); nearly every Prime Minister from Lloyd George to Churchill (the latter produced numerous paintings of the house and



Winston Churchill in Trent Park’s Wisteria Walk

grounds); showbiz friends like Charlie Chaplin, T.E Lawrence and George Bernard Shaw. A country estate on the fringes of London that saw through the roaring 20s only to take an altogether more critical role during the dark days of the 40s.

Flash forward nearly 70 years . . . Trent Park is derelict, about to be transformed into luxury flats and houses with little attention granted to its historic significance. Middlesex University occupied the site since the 1970s and sold it in 2013 to a soon-to-be bankrupt Malaysian University, who left the buildings fenced off and forlorn – the terrace crumbling and daffodil lawn abandoned.

In 2014, shortly after getting elected as a Cockfosters Councillor, Tony Hillman and the Park’s Conservation Committee asked for my support and suggested I read a short history produced by the former Park ranger Alan Mitellas. What I learnt left me astounded that people knew so little about this site of critical National significance. I discovered that its clandestine history remained totally classified until the previous decade, when files began to be opened up at the National Archives and historians began to pour over the 100,000 or so transcripts produced at a place now considered on a par with Bletchley Park.

The ‘Save Trent Park Campaign’ was launched with a view to establishing a museum on the site. A petition rapidly reached over 5000 signatures and the press grew hungry for news. Historian Dr Helen Fry and Bletchley’s Chief Executive Iain Standen, joined the campaign, and support came from as far as the Unites States (with a

statement of support from former CIA and NSA Director General Michael Hayden noting the significance Trent played in the early days of intelligence sharing). The fact that Damian Collins MP was about to release a book on Sir Philip Sassoon also helped.

Local MPs (David Burrowes and Theresa Villiers) backed the calls, together with leading historians, actors (Sir David Jason included) and local people in their droves. The support of the Prince’s Regeneration Trust was secured – and all parties were united in the belief of the possible, and desire to see this site saved for education and the public benefit.

In mid-2015, the Malaysians went bust, and Berkeley Homes bought the site for the purpose of creating a small village. After two petitions totalling 10,000 signatures; several public meetings, each attracting over 400 people, where one of the last surviving Secret Listeners, 98 year old veteran Fritz Lustig, spoke with extraordinary eloquence (Fritz worked at Trent’s sister site Latimer House during the war); countless meetings with the developer (often accompanied by former Lord Mayor of the City of London and boardroom heavyweight Sir Michael Bear who rallied to the cause); securing cross-party support within Labour-controlled Enfield Council; and a regular stream of press coverage – the Trust has signed a momentous legal agreement with the owners.

The agreement provides that Berkeley Homes will generously hand the Trust a long lease of the (soon to be) restored ground floor and basement of the historic mansion – a substantial space that will make for a magnificent museum.

The Trust is moving full speed ahead – a brilliant team that includes Dr Helen Fry, Lord Cholmondeley, the great-nephew of Sir Philip Sassoon and Lord Great Chamberlain, the Chief Executive of Bletchley Park Iain Standen, *Absolutely Fabulous* star Helen Lederer (whose grandfather Ernst was a Trent Park Secret Listener), architect Winston Newman, barrister Simon Crawshaw and local resident Alan Perkin.

With zero fundraising to date, we are embarking on our task to raise several million to develop a world-class museum and learning centre, establishing Trent Park as an attraction and resource of national appeal and international significance.

Our next and most immediate hurdle, however, is for Enfield Council (with the GLA’s blessing) to grant the scheme planning consent – a decision is due any time now. We await the outcome with anxious trepidation.

It has been a tough yet thoroughly enjoyable couple of years, with many more years and hurdles to cross until we are up and running, and the ribbon is cut. For more information visit our website

www.trentparkmuseum.org.uk and for regular updates join our mailing list, and find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Conservative Councillor for Cockfosters
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Chairman of the Trent Park Museum Trust
and founder member of the Save Trent Park
Campaign*

Future walks

Travel details are correct at press date but TES cannot be responsible for alterations. Always check for rail changes, especially at weekends (either via 03457 48 49 50 or the train company's own website). Use TfL website for tube, DLR, London Overground and TfL buses (or ring 0343 222 1234).

Groupsave discount of about 34% is available on most non-TfL trains but is not usable with any Railcards.

See TfL/National Rail publicity maps for Freedom Pass boundaries and Oyster/Travelcard zones and always bring your card(s). County Council websites display current bus timetables for non-TfL services.

Please wear walking boots or stout walking shoes and, always, either remove muddy boots or cover them with plastic bags before entering a pub or tea shop.

Bank Holiday Mon 29 May. Chiltern Scenes. Meet 10.30 Amersham Station (09.57 Chiltern Railways Aylesbury train from London Marylebone Station).

About 8.5 mile linear walk in attractive scenery via Old Amersham, Misbourne Valley, Little Missenden, beech woods and chalk stream valleys, ending at Chesham. Hilly in places. No shorter option. *NOTE: please bring your lunch as only drinks available.* Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. **Leader: Stuart Mills**

Tues 6 June. Woodland Walk. Meet 10.33 Bayford Station (10.20 train from Enfield Chase). Car drivers can meet group at 10.45 near Farmer's Boy in Brickendon Green, but please park considerably and NOT in pub car park.

About 7.5 mile circular walk via the constantly changing woodland scenes of Cowheath, Broxbourne, Pembridge and Bencroft Woods. Might be muddy in places. No shorter option. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. **Leader: Mick Spinks**

Sat 10 June. North London viewpoints. Meet 14.30 at The Gate P.H., Barnet Road, Arkley (near junction with Hendon Wood Lane). Current 107 bus schedule is every 15 mins and takes 12 mins from Barnet Church to pub.

About 3 hour linear walk through Green Belt countryside and Mill Hill Village, ending at Totteridge Village. Shorter option. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. **Leader: Roy Nicholls**

Thurs 15 June. Discovery Walk: Morden Hall Park. Meet 11.00 Colliers Wood Station (Northern Line). Route follows the River Wandle via sites of medieval industry to enter this 125 acre National Trust green oasis for lunch. Bring lunch or food available.

After an extended lunch stop, you have option of a short guided walk in the parkland and wetland areas. Otherwise,

and independently of the group, you can spend more time in the outstanding rose garden, snuff mill, Victorian stable yard, garden centre etc. For both options, you return from nearby Morden Station (Northern Line). Maximum mileage for today is 4.5 to 5 miles. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. **Leaders: Vanessa & Margaret**

Mon 19 June. Epping Forest Stroll. For tea/coffee before start, meet 10.15 onwards at Café Delice, 141 Station Road, Chingford (about 100 yards from bus/train stations). If not, be at bus station by 11.00. Current 313 bus schedule shows 20 mins frequency and about 30 mins journey time from Enfield Town.

About 2 to 2.5 mile circular walk on the edge of Epping Forest with comments on the landscape and geology. Please respect Norman's pace during this gentle relaxed stroll. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07984 813 636. **Leader: Norman Coles**

Sat 24 June. Mole Valley. Meet 10.35 Leatherhead Station (09.54 South West Trains Dorking train from Waterloo mainline station or at 09.58 from Vauxhall Station). *NOTE: buy Off-Peak Day Return from Boundary Zone 6 to Dorking (or Box Hill & Westhumble if ending at lunch).*

About 7 to 8 mile linear walk in scenic countryside following the River Mole as it cuts through the North Downs near Box Hill, ending at Dorking Station. Option to end after about 4.5 miles at Westhumble lunch break. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: 07973 747 454. **Leader: Nigel King**

Wed 28 June. Back to the Romans. Meet 10.20 Broxbourne Station. Either 09.44 London Overground train from Southbury Station, changing at Cheshunt for 10.09 Greater Anglia Hertford East train, or by direct train from Tottenham Hale at 09.55 which also stops at intermediate stations.

About 8.75 mile circular walk from the New River to Ermine Street via parkland, farmland, Haileybury College, nature reserves and ancient woodland. Possibility of ending at Hertford Heath lunch stop. Bring lunch or pub food probably available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07490 480 251. **Leader: Stuart Mills**

Mon 3 July. Discovery Walk: Kensington & Holland Park. Meet 10.35 Queensway Station (Central Line). About 3 hour linear walk ending at Holland Park Station via Kensington Gardens and Palace, Royal Kensington, Campden Hill and the Japanese Garden in Holland Park. Shorter options. There may be the possibility of visiting the ex-Derry & Toms roof garden. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07931 963 086. **Leader: Monica Smith**

Sat 8 July. Thames Estuary Path (Part 3). Meet 10.27 Pitsea Station. Either join Dave on 08.52 train from Enfield Town, or meet him at Liverpool Street mainline station for 09.43 c2c Shoeburyness train. If Crossrail works occur, Dave will take

group to Fenchurch Street Station to catch 10.02 Shoeburyness train, arriving 10.41 at Pitsea. *NOTE: buy Super Off-Peak Day Return from Upminster to Leigh-on-Sea (or Benfleet if ending at lunch).*

8 mile linear walk with a mix of marshes, country parks, river scenes and wide open spaces, ending at Leigh-on-Sea Station, from where the quaint old fishing village of Leigh is only 5 mins walk away. Bring lunch or food available. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. **Leader: Dave Cockle**

Thurs 13 July. Over the Heath. Meet 10.35 Archway Station. Either Northern Line from High Barnet or Euston or about 17 mins by 210 bus from Finsbury Park Station (Wells Terrace bus station). About 6 mile linear walk via Highgate Village and Hampstead Heath, ending at a convenient point for return travel. Shorter options, including from lunch stop at Kenwood House (café or bring lunch). Details: 07973 747 454. **Leader: Nigel King**

Tues 18 July. Discovery Walk: Notting Hill. Meet 10.40 Notting Hill Gate Station (Central Line). 2.5 to 3 hour linear walk through parts of an increasingly affluent, yet cosmopolitan area, with architectural contrasts and of course Portobello market. Shorter option. Details: roynicholls@btinternet.com or (020) 8360 0282. **Leader: Roy Nicholls**

Sat 22 July. North Downs. Meet 10.23 Guildford Station (09.45 South West Trains Haslemere & Portsmouth via Woking train from Waterloo mainline station or at 09.52 from Vauxhall Station).

About 7.5 to 8 mile circular walk in attractive countryside with good views via Albury (lunch stop) in the Tilling Bourne Valley. Hilly in places. Option to return to start by bus from Albury. Bring lunch or pub food available. Details: (020) 8882 3602 or 07534 433 578. **Leader: Martin Lunger**

Wed 26 July. Summer in the Forest. Meet 10.45 Theydon Bois Station (Central Line – about 33 mins from Liverpool Street).

8.5 mile linear walk through the northern part of the Forest and via Copped Hall Park, Woodredon Estate and the Green Ride, ending at Chingford bus/rail stations. A mix of woodland and open spaces with some rough tracks. No shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Details: 07904 193 098. **Leader: John West**

Thurs 3 Aug. Discovery Walk: Enfield's Waterways & Industrial Past. Meet 10.15 on eastern side of Brimsdown Station level crossing. Either 191 or 307 buses from Enfield Town, or 09.55 Greater Anglia Hertford East train from Tottenham Hale.

2.5 to 3 hour linear walk with industrial history, open spaces, waterways and new footpaths. Then across Rammey Marsh to enter Lee Country Park and end at Cheshunt Station. Shorter options. Details: (020) 8366 2242 or 07948 204 025. **Leader: Dave Cockle**

Tues 8 Aug. Discovery Walk: Monuments and Gardens (Part 2). Meet **10.40** Westminster Station (Jubilee line from Green Park or Circle Line from Liverpool Street). Linear walk viewing more Central London statues and monuments and, with this being summer, those located in both public and limited access gardens (such as Inner Temple), probably ending in The City. Shorter options. Bring lunch or food available. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07506 334 019. **Leader: Peter Mackey**

Sat 12 Aug. Royal Thames. Meet **10.42** Hampton Court Station (10.06 South West Trains Hampton Court train from Waterloo mainline station or at 10.10 from Vauxhall). A varied 7 mile linear walk with wildlife and royal connections via Hampton Court Park, The Thames Path and Teddington Weir, ending at Teddington Station. Option to end at lunch stop in Kingston town centre. Details: 07904 193 098. **Leader: John West**

Thurs 17 Aug. Hadley Common, Trent Park and Merryhills Way. Meet **10.30** outside Waitrose in The Spires shopping centre off High Street, High Barnet – allow 10 mins walk from 307 bus stop near Barnet Church (about 30 mins by 307 from Enfield Town).

6 to 7 mile linear walk via Monken Hadley Common and Hadley Woods with lunch stop in Cockfosters (Church House Café in Chalk Lane or nearby Miracles café). Then Trent Park and Merryhills Way to end on bus route near Jolly Farmers, Enfield Road. Shorter options. Contact on day of walk ONLY: 07946 729 053. **Leaders: Margaret & Vanessa**

Tues 22 Aug. Mid-Herts. Meet **10.44** Watton-at-Stone Station (10.20 train from Enfield Chase) for about 7.5 mile circular walk in attractive countryside with a mix of both woodland paths and Woodhall Estate farmland. Lunch stop in Tewin. Bring lunch or food available (pub or village shop/café). No shorter option. **Leader: Mick Spinks**

Bank Holiday Mon 28 Aug. Chilterns. Details in next newsletter. **Leader: Stuart Mills**

Stuart Mills

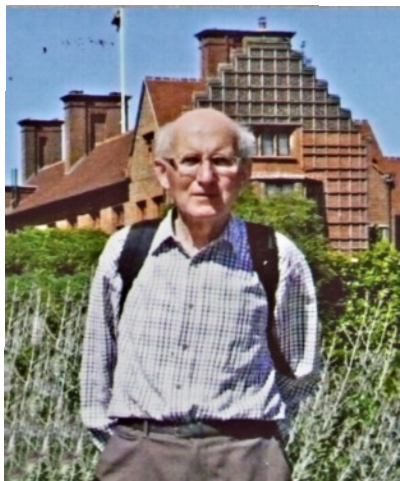
Assets of Community Value

Assets of Community Value (ACVs) are part of the Localism Act 2011. Across Enfield there are buildings, land and amenities that communities may consider are an essential part of their community. These facilities can be a sports club, a public house, a community centre or a library and do not need to be in public ownership. Eligible organisations, such as voluntary and community organisations with a local connection, can nominate an asset to be included on the Council list. At present Enfield has two approved ACVs, The Fox PH, Palmers Green and The Wonder PH, Enfield. The Society has been involved in consultation with the Council and other community groups to update and revise the criteria for nominating an ACV. The revised criteria have now been published on the Council's website and we hope that local community groups will consider submitting applications that they consider are appropriate. If it meets the criteria, the Society will be happy to consider supporting a nomination. Inclusion on the list does not mean that a building cannot be sold or redeveloped but it does mean that if the owner wishes to sell they must notify the Council. This will trigger a moratorium period (a standstill period) during which time the asset cannot be sold and community groups will be given the opportunity to explore other options such as making a bid for the asset.

John West

Information about Assets of Community Value, including the evaluation criteria, is available on the Council's website at <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/property-and-land/assets-of-community-value/>

Colin Adams



Members will be sorry to learn of Colin's death in March.

Although quiet and unassuming, having joined EPS he soon volunteered and led 57 Society walks between May 1996 and November 2009. Perhaps because in his younger days he walked and climbed both in the UK and Europe, he loved organising walks in the Chiltern Hills area, ably supported by his wife, Val, until her sudden death in 2005. His walks were always popular – good scenery guaranteed! Colin and Val had a remarkable knowledge of wild flowers seen on TES walks.

Throughout he was a keen supporter/volunteer for local Groundforce working parties until he was forced to curtail most Society events due to a gradual worsening of life-long medical conditions. Nevertheless, whenever possible he continued to participate until more recent times (this photo was taken on a Society walk to Chartwell House in July 2012).

Stuart Mills

Heritage walk around Enfield Town, 29th June

To obtain free tickets for this evening walk, please send your contact details, including your telephone number and a stamped addressed envelope, to Enfield Town Heritage Walk, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, stating how many tickets you would like (maximum 4) or send an email to heritagewalks@enfieldsociety.org.uk and the tickets will be sent to you by email.

Help needed for Town Show



The Society would like to hear from members who would be interested to assist in the organisation and operation of the Society stand at this year's Enfield Town and Country Show over the weekend of 23/24 September. We need assistance in both setting up and taking down the stand and people prepared to undertake a two hour session on the stand engaging with visitors wishing to purchase Society publications and membership. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Bob Fowler – TES Publicity by telephone on (020) 8363 5732, or email publicity@enfieldsociety.org.uk

“Find my nearest”

Enfield Council have a useful but little-known application on its web site at <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/in-my-area/> allowing you to search for sixteen different types of features or facilities within the Borough, including, for example, allotments, conservation areas, parks, public rights of way, public toilets and recycling centres. The information is presented on a Google map which you can centre on any chosen postcode, zoom in and out and change to a satellite view or street view if desired.

The following extract shows rights of way in the Chase Green area.



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Coach trip to Kelmscott Manor and Buscot Park

Thursday 21st September 2017

Leaving Enfield at 8.30am, we will travel first to Kelmscott Manor in Gloucestershire, a Grade I listed Tudor manor near the Thames. This became William Morris' summer residence from 1871 until his death in 1896 and both the house and its surroundings inspired him. The house contains an outstanding collection of his possessions and work and the garden too is well worth a visit.

Arriving at Kelmscott about 11am we will have an introductory talk and then make a private visit going through the house and gardens in free flow at our own pace. A buffet has been arranged at Kelmscott at a cost of £7.50 to include 2 courses and a soft drink. This will be the only place to get refreshments until we reach Buscot after 2.30pm, so if you decide not to take up the buffet offer you will need to make your own arrangements.



Kelmscott Manor from the east lawn



Buscot Park

The **cost** for both visits and the coach, excluding lunch, is **£35**. If you are a member of either the National Trust or the Historic Houses Association it is **£28** and if you are a member of both then it is **£21**. **If you want the buffet lunch add £7.50 per person to each of these prices.** There will not be any food available at Kelmscott if you do not book the buffet.

You can book and pay online on our website at www.enfieldsociety.org.uk/coachtrip.php. Alternatively you can send a stamped, addressed envelope, with your telephone number and a cheque payable to "The Enfield Society" for the appropriate amount to *Coach trip, Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, EN2 0AJ*. Ensure you confirm the names of those coming, whether you want lunch and any dietary restrictions, and the society each person belongs to if they are paying one of the reduced rates.



Replicas of the Chinese "Terracotta Army", Buscot Park

Janet McQueen

Newsletter contributions

Contributions to the newsletter from members are most welcome. Contributors' views may differ from those of the Management Committee, anonymous items are not published and we reserve the right to shorten or edit items before publication. Copy can be sent as an email attachment to newsletter@enfieldsociety.org.uk, but items on paper can also be accepted. Contact the Newsletter Editor, Leonard Will, at the above email address or by telephone at (020) 8372 0092 if you have any questions about making a contribution. The copy date for the next issue is 21st July, and it will be published on 15th August.

Leonard Will