



EPPING SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

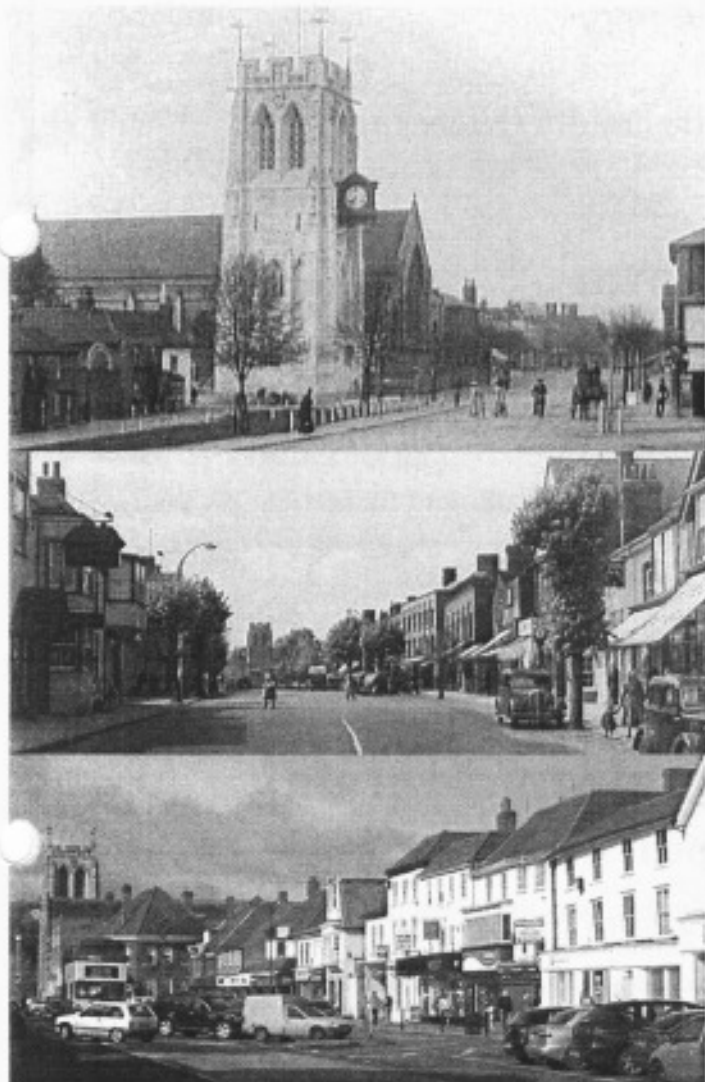
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Chairman's Report

EPPING SOCIETY IN 2008

While it is easy to become gloomy about the intensification of life and work in and around our town, it is essential to remember that these are the problems that go with success.



Epping - 'such a lovely town'

Old Post Office Window Boxes



We are grateful to Society member Mrs Lesley Jackson who has kindly offered to plant and maintain these. Thank you Lesley!

This is such a lovely town that everyone wants to live here, and because of this demand land is very expensive, and some owners, quite understandably, will attempt to make the most of their property.

Our main purpose in the Epping Society is to monitor these attempts to change the use, development or construction with regards to new or existing properties, and make constructive representations where necessary.

With this objective in mind much of the executive committee's time this year has been spent examining major issues, such as the St. Margarets Hospital site development proposals, the imminent arrival of Marks and Spencer within the previous Co op Store site, and current

development trends in the High Street.

Coming a very close second in order of deliberation, is preservation of the Green Belt. We also consider matters arising at North Weald, Epping Upland, Theydon Bois, Epping Green and Loughton where there is a 'knock on effect' that will possibly impact on Epping itself.

All this work on behalf of Epping requires volunteers and vacancies are due to arise shortly for an Honorary Treasurer and Social Secretary. The work is not particularly onerous - we meet as an Executive Committee once a month - so if you have a few hours to spare and a background related to these subjects, please email me, or contact a member of the Executive Committee.

David Sebire, Chairman
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Winston Churchill Plaque

Marks and Spencer have agreed to the installation of this memorial on the facade of their High Street, Epping premises.

This is a replacement of the original inspired and dedicated by Epping Society and the Town Council.



Epping Society Walks

The Epping Society's walks are held on the last Sunday of each month and are organised by Ray Latham - telephone number 01992 560 469. All the walks are circular and commence from Epping railway station at 10am. The route varies from month to month but the walks last for four hours and cover about 10 miles. Boots or strong shoes are recommended. There is a stop of approximately 20 minutes for drinks only at a public house. A team of volunteers take it in turns to lead the walks. Details of the next few walks are as follows:

28th September

Leader Eve Gentilhomme
9 miles The Green Man, Toot Hill
Wintry Farm, Thornwood
Common, Garnon Bushes, Essex
Way to Epping Station.

26th October

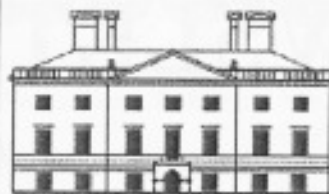
Leader Cecilia Gonzales
9 miles Warlies Park, Upshire and
Copped Hall
Note: British Summer Time ends

30th November

Leader Bela Baruwa
Pub stop A walk to the "Foresters Arms"
Loughton, through Epping Forest
and back. It is 10 miles at a brisk
pace for fairly fit walkers. There
will be a stop of 20 minutes for
drinks only, and return to Epping
should be around 2.00pm. Boots or
strong shoes are recommended

*For further information please phone Ray or Jan
Latham - 01992 560 469.*

Events 2008 - Copped Hall



THE COPPED HALL TRUST

Sunday Morning Tours

The third Sunday of each
month (except December)
Gates open from 10.00am
to 11.00am.

Refreshments available
Charity Registration No.
1063569/0

www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk

Sunday 24th August

11.00am to 4.00pm

Open Day

Saturday 13th September

7.00pm

Bavarian Evening
Epping Forest Band

Sunday 5th October

11.00am to 4.00pm

"Apple Day"

Saturday 11th October

7.00pm

Traditional Jazz
The Hugh Rainey
Band

**For Guided Walks and further details of these
and other events please phone 01992 571 654 or
01992 610 713**

*Vehicle access is only possible via the London entrance
on the B1393 Upshire Road.*

Walking and Musing around Epping

The harassed pedestrian

As a pedestrian I am beginning to feel quite threatened by cars. Twice recently I have been tooted up by cars whilst crossing the road when the cars were at least 100 yards/metres away. I did not run across the road, I never do, it's not a good idea when there are so many natural hazards on which to trip.

The smug driver, I can think of no other description, was probably thinking 'why is this strange looking figure on two legs getting into my roadspace. It's bad enough dealing with people on wheels. Still I am bigger than it - no problem'.

Of course this very same driver is possibly one of those people who not only prize their road space but also prize my walk space. It is not unusual for the pedestrian to have to walk in the road because some thoughtless driver has parked on the pavement.

Further, why the desire for drivers to put their cars on display in the area in front of the house that used to be called the garden, whilst garages are used for other purposes? Is it a case of 'look at me - look what I have got'. It is rare to see an old banger on the forecourt. Particularly such paving of the front garden, so we are told, leads to flooding in some areas.

I hear that due to the insatiable demands of the car less food is being grown for people and more for cars, ie bio-fuels. Is there some Orwellian plot behind the scene I have described for the machine to take us over - technology in general has changed our life style. Roll on the day of the replacement of the car by the horse for our mode of transport - at least the waste product is good for the garden.

Arthur Loy

Dates for your Social Diary

Wednesday 17th September

8.00pm for 8.15pm
Pelly Court
Doors open 7.30pm

MEMBERS MEETING

Our speaker is Mr. Roy Tyzack on the work of the MIT in Essex (Police Major Investigation Team). He will be assisted by Frances Bol.
Refreshments served

Sunday 9th November

3.00pm
Epping War Memorial

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The Society will be laying a wreath.

Wednesday 19th November

8.00pm for 8.15pm
Pelly Court

EPPING SOCIETY AGM

Join us for a glass of wine, tea or coffee from 7.30pm. After the official business the Epping Film & Cine Club are presenting "Epping Forest review 2007".

Friday 5th December

4.00pm to 9.00pm

EPPING TOWN WINTER FAIR

High Street, Epping.

**Friday 5th December to
Monday 8th December**

CHRISTMAS TREES in St. John's Church

promoted by local Societies, etc.
See our entry.

Sunday 7th December

12.30pm for 1.00pm
Pelly Court

Our CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please book early to secure a place.
Comprising 4 courses and a welcome drink.
Tickets are £17.00 (unchanged from last year).
Vegetarians and Turkey haters catered for!
Licensed Bar.
To book please phone Jacky Smith on 01992 573 345.

Friends of Swaines Green



Annual
"LANTERN WALK"

Saturday 18th September

For further details and offers
of help please contact -
01992 574 909

Christmas Carols

**in St. John's Church
with the Salvation
Army Band**



29th November at 8.00pm
In aid of the Cancer Research Campaign
Epping Branch
"An evening not to be missed"

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 19th November 2008
Pelly Court - 8.00pm for 8.15pm

All committee members as shown are due for re-election and have expressed their willingness to continue in office for another term.

The exceptions are Dennis Smith (Treasurer) and Jacky Smith (Social Secretary) who are retiring.

All nominations in writing to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Robert Thompson, 26 Lower Bury Lane, Epping CM16 5HA to be received no later than 14th November 2008.

MEMBERSHIP

Many of you will be aware that Janet Walton, the Society's Membership Secretary for many years, died recently. I only came to know Janet through working as a 'postman' for the Society, and I thought she was a lovely lady, kind and thoughtful. If one can still say in this P.C. world that someone is a gentleman then Janet was certainly a lady. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Do you enjoy going for a stroll and walking around Epping streets?

I was asked to become Membership Secretary, and am still learning the ropes, so hopefully this proposal will work. We have had a 'postman' retire on health grounds and though his round has been allocated to other volunteers, it would be very helpful if we could have one or two stand-in volunteers, who would be prepared to deliver the newsletter and collect subscriptions in the event of holidays or sickness by the regular postman. Not an onerous task, I promise, as the annual subscription has remained at £1 for a number of years and many are life members.

If you feel you can help the society in this way please contact me, De Spence Tel: 01992 577 191.

50 favourite trees

The Society has always been interested in the preservation of trees, so when the District Council introduced a competition of 50 Favourite trees, two of our committee members entered their favourite tree, one being our president Mr Denys Favre who submitted The Copped Hall Holm Oak situated at



The Copped Hall Holm Oak

Copped Hall, and Mrs Doreen Tarling who submitted The Cedar of Lebanon which stands in Lynceley Grange where she lives. She also composed a poem about the tree. Both of these entries were chosen as winners of 50 favourite trees.

The District Council have produced a wonderful book of all the 50 winning trees, which you can receive from the



The Cedar of Lebanon - Lynceley Grange

District Council offices at no charge, but if you enjoy it, they are taking donations for the League of Friends at St Margarets Hospital. The book is very informative.

