

SUMMER 2009



Chairman's Report

In addition to our work in monitoring planning applications that may detract from the historic character of our town, the Epping Society also offers practical help to many local charities that have similar aims to ourselves.

Over the last ten years we have donated almost £6000 to such organisations as - to give some examples - the Friends of Swaines Green, St. Clare Hospice, The Copped Hall Trust and the St. Johns Church appeal. Other causes include window box flowers, and trees in the High Street. Quite often the sums involved may seem trifling, but the recipient charities are able to make every penny count, and the resulting investment can make a real difference. By and large it would be safe to say the Society targets charities where it is clear that the money will be spent to the benefit of Epping and its people.

The Society uses money generated from fund raising events, gifts from well wishers, tax rebates, and interest on bank deposits.

At the time of writing, major proposals, such as The Travellers sites, and the Wintry Park former service station, are still undergoing the

decision making process by the planning authorities. The Epping Society submitted detailed objections in both of these cases and financially supported the Epping Residents Group that took the lead in objecting to the travellers sites. The Society also made, and is still making, numerous objections in the matter of the development at the St Margaret's Hospital.

Although it does not fall within the planning legislation, and is largely exempt, the Society nevertheless took an interest in the engineering projects currently underway at each end of the motorway tunnel, where it passes under the cricket pitch at Bell Common.

As the building is to house ventilation equipment, and was introduced as a result of lane widening and increased traffic levels, it is not subject to planning law. However, in order to ensure the contractors were

aware of our interests and concerns, the Committee member responsible for planning and technical matters did make an approach. The matter is still under review by the committee.

As a result of a drive for new members the Society now has a very high membership, and those who have joined recently are most welcome.

Should any member wish to raise a matter of interest to Epping they are welcome to use the Society's e-mail address, and a committee member will reply promptly.

Finally, I would like to thank Rob Thompson, who recently resigned as Secretary due to other commitments, for his excellent work for the Society, and welcome Mrs Glenys Saunders who will take over the post.

*David Sebire, Chairman
Email: SebiDv@aol.com*



Dates for your Social Diary

Wednesday 16th September 2009

8.00pm for 8.15pm
Pelly Court
Doors open 7.30pm

MEMBERS MEETING

"The History of Epping Forest"
A talk by Stan Newens
Refreshments will be served

Sunday 6th December 2009

12.30pm for 1.00pm
Pelly Court

Our Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 24th February 2010

8.00pm for 8.15pm
Pelly Court
Doors open 7.30pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Refreshments will be served

Wednesday 21st April 2010

8.00pm for 8.15pm
Pelly Court
Doors open 7.30pm

MEMBERS MEETING

"Hill Hall"
A talk by Anne Padfield
Refreshments will be served

PLEASE NOTE THE AGM HAS BEEN CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The Christmas Lunch



This year the Christmas lunch will be held at Pelly Court at 12.30pm for 1.00pm on Sunday 6th December. The Committee is grateful to Jacky and Dennis Smith, who organised the event for many years before retiring from the Society, and will be present with others helping to organise the event.

The lunch will consist of a four course meal, with coffee and one welcome drink. If you would like to book, please send a cheque to me at 8 Lynceley Grange, Epping CM16 6RA as soon as possible, as this event is always over subscribed. The cost this year is £18.00. Wine is on sale,

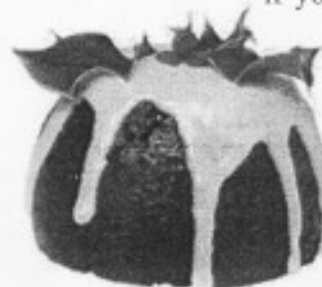
if you require it with your lunch.

We do so hope you will be able to come and join us. It would be a great help

if you could bring your cheque books to the Members Meeting on 16th September and purchase your tickets then.

We have also organised, in the recent past, the Epping Society stall at the Stonnards Hill show, our Christmas Tree display in the Church, and our stall at the 2008 Christmas High Street Market. These events resulted in an increase in membership, and we hope to repeat these successes.

*Doreen Tarling
Events organiser.*





Epping Society Walks

On the last Sunday of each month the Epping Society organises a walk, starting from Epping Tube Station at 10.00am. They are circular, and the route varies from month to month, but the finish time is usually around 2pm back at Epping. An average distance is 10 miles, covered at a brisk pace. There is a stop for drinks only at a public house, lasting about 20 minutes. Boots or strong shoes are recommended. The leaders are volunteers with experience of rambling.

These walks provide the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside around Epping, and enables the Society to help keep the public rights of way open.

The next walks scheduled are:

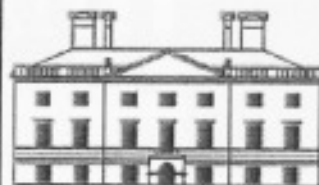
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| 30th August | To the Mole Trap, via Stapleford Tawney. 10 miles. Leader-Rodney WANT |
| 13th September [note 2nd Sunday not the last on this occasion] | To the flood meadows at North Weald, and the Parish Church via the Kings Head.p.h. 10 miles. Leaders Ray and Jan LATHAM |
| 25th October | To Upshire. 10 miles. Leader Cecilia GONZALEZ |
| 29th November | To the Foresters Arms, Loughton. 10 miles. Leader Bola BARUWA. |

*Mavis Ellis
Committee member for walks, trees, and publicity.*

Foresters Arms, Loughton



Events 2009 - Copped Hall



Sunday Morning Tours

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

Refreshments available
Charity Registration No.
1065569/0

THE COPPED HALL TRUST www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk

The Epping Society is pleased to report the future events at Copped Hall, and has always supported the efforts of our President to see the old mansion, which is so closely related to the history of Epping, restored and used for community purposes.

The newly restored wing on the ground floor is now in use for various functions. It has two windows, and a fine fireplace, and was once the study of the original owner, John Conyers. Miriam Kramer, the famous American violinist, recently gave a recital there, and the first carol concerts were held last Christmas.

The Copped Hall Trust is now endeavouring to reconstruct the saloon, the largest room in the mansion, on the second floor, with three large windows and splendid views over the causeway to open countryside. Possibly one of the finest views in the County.

Financing has been provided by a grant from the Grange Farm Trust and also a supplementary grant from a private firm. We hope to have this room completed for the Copped Hall Christmas programme.

The following public events are planned :-

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| Saturday 5th September | Fitzwilliam String Quartet. |
| 6.30 pm for 7.30pm | Cost £12.50 |
| Saturday 26th September | The Hugh Rainey Jazz Band. |
| 6.30pm for 7.30pm | Cost £12.00 |
| Sunday 27th September | Copped Hall Run. |
| Organised by the Rotary Club of Epping. | |
| Contact John Padfield for details on 01992 575762. | |
| Saturday 24th October | Octoberfest. |
| 6.00pm for 7.00pm | Cost £12.50. |
| A celebration of the link between Epping and Eppingen, held in association with the town twinning association. | |

Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th December. Four Carol Concerts, starting at 3.00pm, gates open 2.00pm, cost £8.50. Accompanied children under 14 free. Licensed bar available. Mince pies and mulled punch are included in the price. The carols will be held in the South Room, heated by a roaring log fire.

*Denys Favre - President
Committee member for Copped Hall.*



Epping Society



Life President	Denys Favre	Civic Matters	Ken Miller
Chairman	David Sebire	Walks/Trees/Publicity	Mavis Ellis
Vice Chairman/ Green Belt Council	Arthur Walker	Events Organiser	Doreen Tarling
Hon. Secretary	Glenys Saunders	CPRE Representative	Trevor Roberts
Hon Treasurer	John Hill	Historian	Di Thompson
Membership Secretary	De Spence	Committee Member	Marjorie Roberts
Planning and Development	Iain Wallace	Epping Town Council Representative	Cllr Olive Dunseath

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

eppingsociety@live.com

for general enquiries; the Secretary will check for incoming emails and forward them to the relevant Committee member.

Eppsocmembership@live.com

for membership enquiries, to which De Spence will be pleased to respond.

Eppsocplanning@live.co.uk

where Iain Wallace will deal with planning and technical matters.

Membership News

At the recent Town Council show the Epping Society stall was well supported, and taking into account the new members who signed up at the Christmas market in December, we have seen an increase of 80 plus new members since this time last year.

It is the Committee's hope that those who have recently joined, along with our 'old' Members, are happy with the work the Committee does in their name. All members are advised that we welcome letters to the Chairman at 28 Lynceley Grange, Epping CM16 6RA, or e-mails to the e-mail addresses above, on any subject regarding our town. Remember, your Society needs you !!!

Finally, insofar as membership is concerned, one of our long serving postmen is retiring after the delivery of the next newsletter. The Executive Committee wish to thank Mr Collins for all his help over the years, distributing the newsletters and collecting subscriptions. If any member could help the Society by taking over Mr Collins 'round', it would be greatly appreciated. In this regard please contact De Spence on the website, or by telephone on 01992 577191.

De Spence - Membership Secretary

Treasurer's Corner

Membership of the Society, at £1 for a year, is an absolute bargain and we believe it is a small sum to pay for maintaining our delightful, leafy market town. The Committee are currently supporting a drive to obtain new members and anyone who may be interested, or might know of anyone who is interested, should contact De Spence with the details.

Finally, may I remind all members, or those recruiting new members, to ensure a Gift Aid Declaration is signed. By this means we can reclaim 25p in the pound back from the Inland Revenue and thereby boost our revenue by a quarter.

John Hill - Hon. Treasurer

